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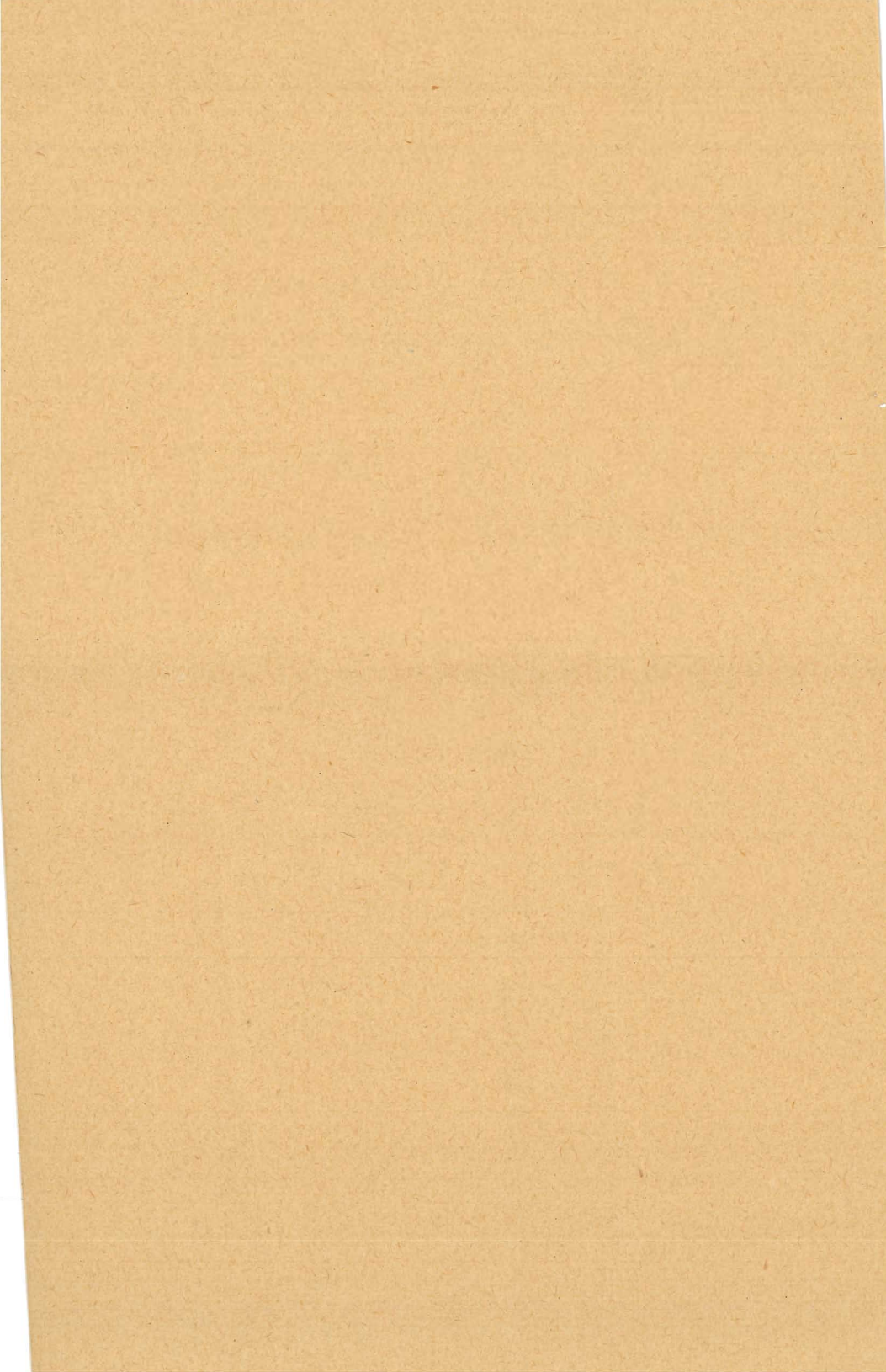
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BUSINESS RULES OF THE CONFERENCE.

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 Elders, 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 print 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 pastors shall have charge of the Foreign and Home Missionary collections until Annual Conference, unless needed sooner. (Enacted September 17, 1900).

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 Ministers 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.—The advisability of having boarding stands at the various campmeetings shall be left to the decisions of the Presiding Elders. (Enacted September 17, 1900).

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.)

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FIRST SESSION.

The Seventeenth Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, of the Pennsylvania District, convened in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, Reading, Pa., at 8.30 A. M., September 14, 1900.

The first session was opened by singing and a very practical and searching address on Ephesians 2d chapter by the Chairman, C. H. Brunner, P. E., followed by a season of earnest prayer for the blessing of God and the guidance of the Holy Ghost during this Conference session.

Ordained Ministers Present.—C. H. Brunner, W. B. Musselman, G. A. Campbell, A. M. Clauser, R. D. Dreisbach, W. G. Gehman, O. S. Hillegass, L. B. Taylor, H. B. Musselman, Wm. Gehman, W. Steinmetz, A. Strawn, W. K. Ziegler.

Ordained Ministers Absent.—O. Bitting, J. E. Fidler.

Probationers Present.—W. J. Fretz, C. M. Layton, J. G. Shireman, R. L. Woodring, E. T. Shick, E. R. Heywood, W. W. Zimmerman.

Delegates Present.—Wm. Shearer, G. K. Himmelreich, Milton Kauffman, J. F. Barrall, W. P. Wehr, A. G. Taylor, Titus G. Taylor, E. N. Cassell, C. H. Kline, J. W. Miller, Charles Wentz, C. R. Heywood, E. W. Martin, Wm. Manney.

Delegate Absent.—H. F. Betz.

RESOLVED, That the Conference bar occupy the first three pews on each side and the Amen corner on the left side.

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

RESOLVED, That R. D. Dreisbach be appointed Reporter.

RESOLVED, That it be a standing rule for the Secretary to appoint his assistants. He appointed Wm. S. Hottel, Recording Secretary; E. N. Cassel, Statistical Secretary; H. B. Musselman, Financial Secretary.

RESOLVED, That the Editor of the Journal shall be elected by acclamation. C. H. Brunner was elected.

RESOLVED, That the rules of last year's Conference be adopted without any change.

Rev. Wm. Weidner, of the Evangelical Association, was received as an advisory member of this body.

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

1. Committee on Worship.—J. G. Shireman and G. A. Campbell.

2. Committee on Communications.—L. B. Taylor, O. S. Hillegass and E. T. Shick.

3. Committee on Finance.—H. B. Musselman, M. Kauffman and R. L. Woodring.

4. Committee on Statistics.—J. G. Shireman and E. N. Cassel.

5. Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records.—W. K. Ziegler, A. M. Clauser and J. F. Barrall.

6. Committee on Examination of Travelling Elders.—William Gehman, H. B. Musselman and M. Kauffman.

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

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

9. Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination.—H. B. Musselman, G. A. Campbell and William Gehman.

10. Auditing Committee.—W. J. Fretz, A. G. Taylor, William Manney and E. W. Martin.

Committee on Resolutions.—J. G. Shireman, W. J. Fretz and W. B. Musselman.

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

Session was closed by prayer by W. B. Musselman.

SECOND SESSION, FRIDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 14.

Opened by singing and prayer by G. A. Campbell, after which the minutes of the previous session were read and received with corrections.

The following committee reports were submitted and received:

Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers and Missionaries:

We examined the Presiding Elders, H. B. Musselman; local preachers and missionaries and found no charges against them. Committee:

GEORGE A. CAMPBELL,
W. STEINMETZ,
R. D. DREISBACH.

Committee on Examination of Travelling Elders:

We examined all the travelling elders and found no charges against them, with the exception of three, who were too careless in visiting. Committee:

WILLIAM GEHMAN,
M. KAUFFMAN,
H. B. MUSSELMAN.

Committee on Communication:

We read the letter of Brother H. F. Betz, delegate of Erwinna, and did not deem his excuse worthy of acceptance. Therefore we recommend him to the mercy of this Conference. Committee:

L. B. TAYLOR.
E. T. SHICK,
O. S. HILLEGASS.

Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records:

We examined the books and found them all correct, with these exceptions: Walnutport and New Tripoli, last Quarterly minutes not recorded in Quarterly Conference book and Secretary's name not properly signed; Erwinna and Bridgeton, some reports found wanting.

Recommendations:

The Reading class recommends J. C. Roth, and the Home Missionary Society M. P. Zook and William S. Hottel to this Conference for Annual Conference Licenses. Committee:

A. M. CLAUSER,
J. F. BARRALL,
W. K. ZIEGLER.

Examining Committee on the Discipline and Reading Course: (See Report).

Since Brother C. M. Layton, probationer, was absent at each of the four examinations the past Conference year, to the grief of the Examining Committee, we kindly ask this Conference for advice in this matter. Committee:

W. G. GEHMAN,
R. D. DREISBACH.

Note.—J. L. Boyer served on this committee for one examination and was succeeded by A. B. Musselman, who served until his decease.

Auditing Committee:

We examined the Quarterly Conference books and find all correct with the exception of Reading, a mistake in adding summary financial report on page 89. Erwinna had no summary report. There was a slight mistake in adding the accounts of the Home Missionary Society. Committee:

W. J. FRETZ,
E. W. MARTIN,
A. G. TAYLOR,
WILLIAM E. MANNEY.

Committee on Statistics:

We examined the schedules and found only four that were correct. Committee:

J. G. SHIREMAN,
E. N. CASSEL.

Elder Horace Trumbauer, of the Holiness Christian Church, was received as an advisory member.

The Pastors' oral reports were continued.

The reports were very encouraging. The work, in general, is in a prosperous condition, spiritually and financially. A real missionary spirit is dominant in nearly all the classes.

RESOLVED, That C. H. Brunner, Presiding Elder, report the Home Mission work, and W. B. Musselman, the Missionary Presiding Elder, report the work of the Gospel Workers' Society.

The report of the Presiding Elder showed good work accomplished for the Lord. A great number were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost through his Home Mission workers in halls and tabernacles. The report of the Missionary Presiding Elder was very interesting. Financially, the Lord does provide marvelously that they always pay their rent in advance. Many were saved, baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost during the past year. A spirit of unity exists between the Church and the Gospel Workers' Society more than ever before.

WHEREAS, The Erwinna class had no pastor for some time, and had many discouragements in various ways for unavoidable lack of pastoral care; therefore

RESOLVED, That in view of these considerations, we excuse H. F. Betz for his absence, and express our sympathy for them.

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

The following applicants for the ministry expressed the nature of their call: J. C. Roth, M. P. Zook, W. S. Hottel.

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

RESOLVED, That the candidates for ordination, R. L. Woodring, J. G. Shireman and W. J. Fretz, be referred to the Committee on Ordination.

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

The Lord touched hearts, and a real glory-cloud of the missionary spirit hovered over the Conference.

Adjourned by prayer by W. K. Ziegler.

THIRD SESSION, SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 15.

Opened by singing and prayer by W. B. Musselman, after which the minutes of the previous 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 Elders R. L. Woodring, J. G. Shireman and W. J. Fretz, on Sunday afternoon. Committee:

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

RESOLVED, That C. H. Brunner preach the Conference sermon on Sunday morning, and that W. B. Musselman preach the Ordination sermon in the afternoon.

Committee on Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference Licenses:

We have examined the applicants, Wm. S. Hottel, J. C. Roth and M. P. Zook, and recommend the Conference to receive them according to the discipline. Committee:

W. B. MUSSELMAN,
JOHN W. MILLER,
W. STEINMETZ.

Committee on Plainfield and Bangor Church Property:

We have considered the subject of the Plainfield Church property and did not deem it advisable to sell the same at the present time.

We have also examined the affairs of the Bangor Church property and found that the rights of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ terminated in the death of the late Elder David Henning some 12 years ago. Committee:

C. H. BRUNNER,
WM. GEHMAN,
A. STRAWN.

The committee was exonerated.

After the Presiding Elder read his report of the Reading Church account, it was

RESOLVED, That the report be referred to the former Committee on the Liquidation of the Reading Church Debt. (See report.)

The financial reports of the Presiding Elder, in connection with the Home Mission work, were read and received, giving him the privilege to arrange it for the Conference Journal according to his discretion. (See report.)

RESOLVED, That the charges of the Reading Course Committee against C. M. Layton be referred to the Committee on Ordination, including the Presiding Elder.

Brother A. M. Clauser, who had made a missionary trip through the Western States, gave an interesting report of his journey.

RESOLVED, That we elect a Committee on Appeals to the General Conference, consisting of Wm. Gehman, C. H. Brunner and L. B. Taylor.

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

RESOLVED, That the Committee on Resolutions draw up memorials concerning the deaths of Elders G. A. Wentz and A. B. Musselman.

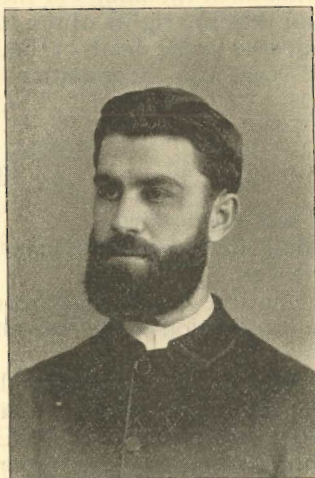
WHEREAS, We, as a Conference, clearly see the evil effect of any preachers of the Gospel speculating in real estate or personal property; therefore

RESOLVED, That this Conference desire the Committee on Appeals to draw up a resolution as an appeal to the General Conference to enact a law to prohibit Presiding Elders from any speculations whatever.

RESOLVED, That we, as a Conference, unitedly protest against higher percentages, as well as against more books of theories, arts, etc., in our Reading Course. We rather advise more study on the Bible.

RESOLVED, That the advisability of retaining Field's Theology in the Reading Course be referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Closed by prayer by C. H. Brunner.



A. B. GEHRET.

(For obituary see last year's Journal.)

FOURTH SESSION, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 15.

Opened by singing and prayer by W. J. Fretz, after which the minutes of the forenoon session were read and received.

The following committee reports were submitted and received:

Committee on Ordination with the Presiding Elder:

WHEREAS, C. M. Layton has stated the reasons for his neglect to study the reading course; therefore

RESOLVED, That we forgive him once more, on condition that he take up the study next year or revert back to Quarterly Conference license.

Committee:

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

Committee on Resolutions:

MEMORIAL.

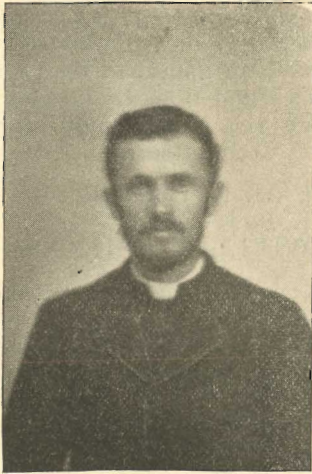
WHEREAS, It hath pleased our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well, to take from our midst, so early, during the past year, Elders G. A. Wentz, of Nazareth, and A. B. Musselman, of Reading, Pa.; therefore

RESOLVED, That we confess that we keenly feel the loss of two faithful co-workers, ministers and brethren in the Lord, who both died in the faith, knowing that our loss is their eternal gain, and, as an expression of sympathy, we hereby ask the Secretary of this body to send a letter of condolence to the bereaved families of the departed. Committee:

J. G. SHIREMAN,
W. J. FRETZ,
W. B. MUSSELMAN.

GEORGE A. WENTZ.

Brother George A. Wentz was born April 13, 1867. Married to Ellamina Metzger, 1889, and entered the ministry in 1898. He held tabernacle meetings in Washington, N. J., Ottsville, Pa., etc., and was stationed at Nazareth, Pa., shortly before his death, May 6, 1899.



A. B. MUSSELMAN.

Brother Allen B. Musselman was born December 29, 1872. Became a Christian in his early years; married Alice Baus in 1892, entered the ministry in Canada in 1894, ordained in 1898. Entered the Pennsylvania Conference in 1899 and was stationed at Reading until the time of his death, May 2, 1900.



Committee on Appeals:

(a) WHEREAS, The evil results of preachers of the Gospel speculating in real estate or personal property are clearly seen; and

WHEREAS, The teachings of Jesus are to those He sent out "Lay not up treasures upon earth," and Paul says, "He that preaches the Gospel shall live of the Gospel;" therefore

RESOLVED, That we make an earnest appeal to the next General Conference to enact a law to prohibit our Presiding Elders from speculation, in any form, in real estate or personal property, buying cattle, houses, lands and stocks, by which they make financial gain. Committee:

(b) RESOLVED, That we make an appeal to the General Conference to exclude Field's Hand Book of Theology from the Reading Course. We recommend not more theology, but rather more Bible. Committee:

C. H. BRUNNER,
L. B. TAYLOR,
WILLIAM GEHMAN.

After a lengthy discussion, opened in the forenoon and continued in the afternoon, it was finally

RESOLVED, That we elect two Presiding Elders for the church proper, and recognize W. B. Musselman as Missionary Presiding Elder, ex-officio.

RESOLVED, That we elect the Presiding Elders first and assign each one's territory later.

WHEREAS, Presiding Elder C. H. Brunner has vacated the Chair, and, before vacating the same, has very humbly stated to what degree he felt his insufficiency, thanking the Conference and Mission Workers for their tender forbearance and his tender love toward all; therefore

RESOLVED, That, in reply to the same, the Conference, with one accord, hereby manifest their appreciation of his increasing and unrelenting service and vigilant care over the flock, and we thank God for the great and wonderful advancement the Conference has made in many different directions during the time of his office.

The Vice-Presiding Elder, H. B. Musselman, now took the chair.

A collection was taken up for the labor and expenses of the Secretary, amounting to \$6.26. Thanks.

The following ministers submitted themselves unconditionally to the Conference:

C. H. Brunner, W. B. Musselman, G. A. Campbell, R. D. Dreisbach, W. J. Fretz, W. G. Gehman, O. S. Hillegass, C.

M. Layton, H. B. Musselman, J. G. Shireman, W. Steinmetz, R. L. Woodring, W. K. Ziegler, E. T. Shick, E. R. Heywood, W. W. Zimmerman, Wm. S. Hottel, M. P. Zook, J. C. Roth.

Conditional: A. M. Clauser, Wm. Gehman, A. Strawn, L. B. Taylor.

The time of election of Presiding Elders having come, by order of the Conference the Vice-Presiding Elder appointed A. M. Clauser, L. B. Taylor and J. F. Barrall as the tellers.

C. H. Brunner and H. B. Musselman were elected Presiding Elders for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED, That C. H. Brunner take the chair and preside during this Conference.

After he took the chair the following officers were elected:

Vice-Presiding Elders, W. G. Gehman and G. A. Campbell; Secretary, W. G. Gehman; Treasurer, M. Kauffman.

Standing Committee Over the Presiding Elders: R. D. Dreisbach, O. S. Hillegass and W. Steinmetz.

RESOLVED, That the Foreign Missionary Board, Poor Committee and Committee on the Reading Course be elected by acclamation.

Foreign Missionary Board elected C. H. Brunner, Wm. Gehman, W. G. Gehman, H. B. Musselman and M. Kauffman.

Poor Committee elected H. B. Musselman, C. J. Shelly and A. A. Wismer.

RESOLVED, That the election of the Reading Course Committee be laid on the table.

WHEREAS, We highly appreciated the oral and statistical reports given by W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder, about the labor of the Gospel Workers' Society; 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.

(a) RESOLVED, That the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Home Missionary Society shall be recognized as a part of the district of Presiding Elder C. H. Brunner by virtue of his office.

(b) RESOLVED, That C. H. Brunner is authorized to appoint his wife, Mrs. C. H. Brunner, to any office in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Home Missionary Society as he sees proper, and is privileged to make any rules which may be beneficial to the work of God and the church.

Adjourned by prayer by Rev. J. G. Shireman.

FIFTH SESSION, SATURDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 15.

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

Elders W. G. Gehman and J. G. Shireman and Brother A. A. Wismer were elected as delegates to the next General Conference.

RESOLVED, That the fares of the delegates to the General Conference be paid by the various charges throughout the Conference according to the apportionment made by Presiding Elder C. H. Brunner.

The Beneficiary Society reported the election of the following officers: President, W. Steinmetz; Secretary, L. B. Taylor; Treasurer, M. Kauffman.

RESOLVED, That a committee of five be appointed by the Secretary to arrange the districts of the Presiding Elders.

He appointed C. H. Brunner, H. B. Musselman, W. Steinmetz, William Gehman and W. B. Musselman.

The Committee on Presiding Elder Districts reported as follows:

We, as a committee, divided the districts as follows:

(a) Schuylkill Valley District, H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder—Plainfield, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Coopersburg, Springtown, Quakertown, Hatfield, Norristown, Upper Milford, Hereford, Gratersford, Blandon, Reading, Athol, Terre Hill, Royersford, Spring City, with the tabernacles belonging to this district.

(b) Lehigh Valley District, C. H. Brunner, Presiding Elder—Allentown, South Allentown, Emaus, Erwinna, Northampton, Lehigh, Weissport, Walnutport, Tripoli, Girardville, Mount Carmel and all the missions through New Jersey. All the other tabernacles and one new one to belong to this district. The camp chairs shall be divided between these two districts.

(c) Central Pennsylvania District, W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder—This district comprises the various missions in charge of the Gospel Workers' Society. Committee:

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

RESOLVED, That the Presiding Elders and the delegates of the circuits and stations constitute the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.

RESOLVED, That we grant C. R. Heywood leave of absence.

Adjourned by prayer by H. B. Musselman.

SIXTH SESSION, MONDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 17.

Opened by singing and prayer by C. H. Brunner, after which the minutes of the previous session were read and received.

RESOLVED, That W. G. Gehman be Vice-Presiding Elder of the Lehigh Valley District and G. A. Campbell of the Schuylkill Valley District.

RESOLVED, That C. H. Brunner, Presiding Elder, report to the next General Conference.

RESOLVED, That the Secretary send a blessed reminder to the Poor Committee for neglecting to send their report to this Conference, and ask them to send it at once to the Editor of the Conference Journal for publication.

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 shall be refunded to them out of the Home Mission treasury 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.

RESOLVED, That the Campmeetings be left to the Presiding Elders and the preachers of the campmeeting districts.

RESOLVED, That we erase Rule B, Sec. VI, page 7 of last year's Journal and insert the following:

(b) Campmeetings.—The advisability of having boarding stands at the various campmeetings shall be left to the decision of the Presiding Elders.

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

I. Schuylkill Valley District, H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder.

(a) Circuits.

1. Coopersburg and Springtown—L. B. Taylor.
2. Dillinger (Upper Milford) and Hereford—J. G. Shireman.
3. Gratersford, Harleysville and Trappe—G. A. Campbell.
4. Royersford and Spring City—W. J. Fretz, R. Bergstresser, helper.

(b) Stations.

1. Bethlehem—R. L. Woodring.
2. Reading—W. K. Ziegler.
3. Terre Hill—O. S. Hillegass.

(c) Missions.

1. Quakertown and Hatfield—J. C. Roth.
2. Athol—To be supplied.
3. Blandon—To be supplied.
4. Nazareth and Plainfield—To be supplied.

II. Lehigh Valley District, C. H. Brunner, Presiding Elder.

(a) Circuit.

1. Allentown, South Allentown and Emaus—W. Steinmetz.

(b) Station.

1. Mt. Carmel—W. G. Gehman.

(c) Missions.

1. Walnutport and Tripoli—C. M. Layton.
2. Lehighton and Weissport—R. D. Dreisbach.
3. Girardville—Home Missionary Society.
4. Northampton—Home Missionary Society.
5. Cementon—Home Missionary Society.
6. Washington, N. J.—Home Missionary Society.
7. Belvidere, N. J.—Home Missionary Society.
8. Hackettstown, N. J.—Home Missionary Society.
9. Erwinna—To be supplied.

III. Central Pennsylvania District, W. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder.

All the missions of the Gospel Workers' Society.

(d) Tabernacles—To be supplied.

(e) Local Preachers—A. Strawn, Allentown Quarterly Conference—William Gehman and O. Bitting, Dillinger Quarterly Conference.

(f) Annual Conference Licensed Missionaries—E. T. Shick, W. W. Zimmerman, E. R. Heywood, W. S. Hottel, M. P. Zook, J. C. Roth.

(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, Robert Bergstresser, H. M. Gehman, F. E. Frey, Alfred Deppe, Jacob H. Moyer, W. W. Dill, E. W. Martin, O. B. Adam, Theo. Clewell, W. F. Edmonds, J. F. Barrall, H. Walter Feldges, H. F. Meltzer, E. E. Kublic, W. F. Sheets, Norman Gehret, E. N. Cassell, W. H. Merrill.

(h) Foreign Missionaries.—Chile, South America, H. L. Weiss and Mrs. H. L. Weiss; Thibet, C. F. Snyder; Hadjin, Turkey, Rose Lambert, J. E. Fidler and Mrs. J. E. Fidler.

A. M. Clauser shall have the privilege to travel like last year.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1900 AND 1901.

Walnutport and Tripoli.....	\$15.00	per quarter
Lehighton and Weissport.....	15.00	“ “
Quakertown and Hatfield.....	15.00	“ “

RESOLVED, That after the new Tabernacle has been purchased two-thirds of the balance shall be at the disposal of Presiding Elder C. H. Brunner, and the balance at the disposal of Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, to be used for Home Mission work at their discretion.

Committee: H. B. Musselman, Chairman; C. H. Brunner, Secretary; W. B. Musselman, C. H. Kline, John W. Miller, Milton Kaufman, E. W. Martin, Wm. E. Manney, E. N. Cassell, Geo. K. Himmelreich, J. F. Barrall, A. G. Taylor, Wm. Schearer.

RESOLVED, That the moving expenses of W. J. Fretz and half of the moving expenses of J. C. Roth to their fields of labor be paid out of the Home Mission Fund.

RESOLVED, That the next Annual Conference convene in Bethlehem at 8 A. M. the first Friday in October, 1901.

The following committee was elected on the Reading Course:

On the Discipline.—Presiding Elders C. H. Brunner and H. B. Musselman.

Other Studies.—W. G. Gehman, R. D. Dreisbach and R. L. Woodring.

RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Secretary draw up resolutions approving the work of our Foreign Missionaries and send them to their respective fields of labor.

RESOLVED, That we hold one Sunday-School Convention in each of the Presiding Elder districts of the Church, and hold a forenoon and afternoon session in each of the Conventions instead of three as heretofore.

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

I. Schuylkill Valley District—Chairman, R. L. Woodring; Secretary, J. G. Shireman; Treasurer, W. K. Ziegler; Committee, H. B. Musselman, J. H. Barrall, L. B. Taylor.

RESOLVED, That this Convention convene at Dillinger on Ascension Day.

RESOLVED, That we extend a hearty invitation to the Presiding Elders of the other two districts to be present at our Convention.

RESOLVED, That we pay the fares of the Superintendents, Delegates and Essayists.

II. Lehigh Valley District—Chairman, W. G. Gehman; Secretary, R. D. Dreisbach; Treasurer, W. Steinmetz; committee, E. T. Shick, W. G. Gehman, William S. Hottel.

RESOLVED, That this convention convene in Allentown on Ascension Day. Each Sunday-School shall be represented by the Superintendent and one Delegate elected from the laity, the fares of each to be paid out of the treasury.

RESOLVED, That we invite the three Presiding Elders and A. M. Clauser and heartily desire the presence of all the Quarterly Conference licensed workers.

The committees shall meet six weeks before the convention to arrange programmes.

Committee on the Liquidation of the Reading Church Debt:

WHEREAS, C. H. Brunner, Presiding Elder, has been an agency and influence exceeding all previous movements toward obliterating the Reading church debt (assumed by the Annual Conference); and

WHEREAS, Said Brother Brunner has again manifested a marked interest by reducing said debt in the past Conference year; and

WHEREAS, There is still a small debt existing; and

WHEREAS, This Conference has been divided into two Conference Districts; therefore.

RESOLVED, That we recommend each Conference member to personally congratulate said Brother Brunner for the effort made by him and, above all, thank the Lord for the success; and

WHEREAS, Brother Brunner is not Presiding Elder in this district; therefore

RESOLVED, That we exonerate him from collecting the remaining church debt, and, further, that H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder, shall proceed in the noble effort so successfully executed by his predecessor in the past. Committee:

J. G. SHIREMAN.

W. B. MUSSELMAN.

RESOLVED, That we change Article G, page 6, in the Journal, to read thus:

The pastors shall have charge of the Foreign and Home Missionary money until Annual Conference, unless needed sooner.

RESOLVED, That each pastor shall bring to the Conference an itemized report according to the form of the "Report of the Financial Secretary."

RESOLVED, That the Treasurer be authorized to loan money out of the Conference funds to the Missionary Presiding Elder according to the judgment and arrangements of the Treasurer and Presiding Elders, to be used in his mission work.

RESOLVED, That the price of the Conference Journal be fifteen cents, and that the Editor shall insert as many illustrations as possible.

RESOLVED, That the minutes be published only in the Conference Journal, and that a supplement be sent to the subscribers of the Banner of the other Conferences.

RESOLVED, That the pastors pay their Conference Journal to their respective Presiding Elders at the first Quarterly Conference.

Committee on Resolutions:

Inasmuch as the ministers frequently labor very hard, often before and after the campmeetings, wearing both shoes and clothing, therefore

RESOLVED, That, in case any money is left, it be permissible for the respective Presiding Elders to divide a sum amongst the ministers according to the amount of work done by each one, the said sum not exceeding \$40.00 (of remainder of camp collections after all expenses are paid).

In case more is left it shall be paid to the Home Missionary Treasurer. Committee:

W. B. MUSSELMAN,
J. G. SHIREMAN,
W. J. FRETZ.

WHEREAS, Our beloved missionaries, Brother and Sister H. L. Weiss, Chile, South America; Brother C. F. Snyder, Thibet; Sister Rose Lambert and Brother and Sister J. E. Fidler, of Turkey, 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, and ask Him to keep them in the future, pledging ourselves to uphold them with our prayers and gifts.

C. H. BRUNNER,
W. G. GEHMAN.

The minutes of the forenoon session were read and received with corrections.

RESOLVED, That we tender a rising vote of thanks to the Brethren and Sisters and Friends of Reading for their kindness and hospitality shown us during the session of this Conference.

RESOLVED, That we appreciate the loyalty and the untiring efforts of the Reading Class in standing by their late pastor and his family, and also in reducing the debt on their Church.

Adjourned by prayer by C. H. Brunner.

Attest: C. H. Brunner, P. E., Chairman; H. B. Musselman, P. E.; W. B. Musselman, M. P. E.; W. G. Gehman, Secretary.

Signed: O. S. Hillegass, R. L. Woodring, A. M. Clauser, R. D. Dreisbach, W. J. Fretz, John W. Miller, A. G. Taylor, Wm. E. Manney, M. Kaufman, E. W. Martin, Wm. Gehman, L. B. Taylor, C. M. Layton, E. R. Heywood, E. N. Cassell, E. T. Shick, C. Wentz, W. Steinmetz, W. K. Ziegler, Geo. K. Himmelreich, C. H. Kline, Titus G. Taylor, J. F. Barrall.

REPORTS.

I. FOURTH ANNUAL (1½ YEARS) REPORT OF BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

A.—SECRETARY'S REPORT.

With grateful hearts we wish to acknowledge the goodness of the Lord in this difficult work during the past. It is worthy of mention also how the dear ones at home have

cheerfully, without any pressure, contributed ample funds for the support of this work so that the quarterly allowances could always be sent in advance.

August 26, 1899, the Board met at the Quakertown camp-meeting to consider Elder J. E. Fidler and Elder A. M. Clauser as missionary candidates. After much prayer it was decided that Elder J. E. Fidler and wife be recommended to the Armenian Relief Committee as a missionary to Turkey, pledging their support. Elder A. M. Clauser and wife were recommended to Sprunger's Bible School for a course of training.

The following is an abstract of reports received for this Conference:



C. F. SNYDER.

Thibet: Brother C. F. Snyder has been writing very faithfully and encouragingly, although not being able to report much visible success as conversions, baptisms, etc. God has marvelously preserved his life and health in these perilous times. He and Brother William Christie held some tent meetings, preached the Gospel to many Chinese and Thibetans, and sold many portions of the Scriptures. They had opened a station at Paongan, Thibet, in 1898, but

were forced to abandon it and return to Taocheo, on the eastern borders of Thibet, where he has charge of a station now.

Turkey: Very encouraging letters have come from Sister Rose Lambert, who, in company with Sister M. Gerber, arrived at Hadjin Dec. 17, 1898. May 15, 1899, having received an offer from the pastor of a church in Switzerland for the support of 100 orphans (they support 200 now), they opened their orphanage and by this time they have a family of 80 boys and 120 girls. For the greater part of the year they had been giving employment to from 50 to 100 poor widows, who gladly worked for from 4 to 10 cents a day, on which they supported themselves and 4 to 6 children.

One young man donated his beautiful vineyard, garden and fruit trees to the orphanage, besides giving his whole

time teaching the boys the carpenter's trade. Three other young men gave their whole time without taking wages. Twelve native helpers are employed. They also have their own shoemaker and baker. Quite a large number of the orphans have been saved already, and three have fallen asleep in Jesus, leaving a bright evidence of their conversion. A number of young men who have also been saved have been earnestly desiring the opening of a Bible School. April 1, 1900, they opened another orphanage at Sis, two days' journey from Hadjin, where they have 50 orphans. The Lord has marvelously provided the means through friends from America, South America, England, Germany, Russia and Africa to the amount of \$6,365 up to April 1, 1900. Elder J. E. Fidler and wife and daughter Bertha, under appointment of the Armenian Relief Committee, sailed from New York April 18, 1900, for Antwerp, thence by rail to Marseilles, where, after a delay of 15 days, they sailed for Mersina, arriving May 31. A two-days' journey brought them to Sis, and two days more to Hadjin, June 4.



MR. AND MRS. H. L. WEISS.

Chile: H. L. Weiss writes: "While we would enjoy to meet with you at your campmeetings and Conference, we could not wish to stay, so we are content, for our lot has fallen on pleasant places. We are neither afraid nor discouraged. We held two conferences over the holidays—the German Conference at Victoria and the Chileno Conference

at Quillem. We have organized the work in North Chile into a German Missionary Society, which is self-supporting, besides assisting the work in the south. I visit these churches several times a year, hold their Conferences and Conventions.

"We have now taken possession of the unoccupied southern part of Chile, having a parish of 200,000. Our work here is Spanish. We have our own printing press and print 1,000 copies of our Spanish paper, 'La Alianza Cristiana,' weekly for free distribution, besides a large number of tracts."

Under date of Jan. 6, 1900, Brother Weiss writes: "Several of our converts died triumphant in the faith. Three of the brethren have been put to jail for the Gospel's sake. Another, a Chileno convert, was compelled to kneel down and pray, and was then shot and killed."

Brother Weiss submits the following statistics from Jan. 1, 1899, to Jan. 1, 1900:

Number of members.....	228
Number baptized during year.....	34
Number of converts not baptized yet.....	60
Number of appointments.....	14
Number of native helpers.....	11
Number of Sunday-Schools.....	5
Number of Sunday-School Scholars.....	100
Number of stewards.....	18
Number of class leaders.....	7
Collected from native churches.....	\$ 178 35
Collected for the poor.....	26 55
Collected for printing.....	21 60
Donations.....	42 00
Received from the Alliance (personal).....	433 00
Received from the Alliance (for helpers).....	147 00
Value of Mission property (Chilino money).....	1,500 00
Value of printing outfit (Chilino money).....	150 00
Value of horses and saddles (Chilino money).....	60 00

Note.—\$1.00 of our money is worth \$3.00 in Chilino money.

B.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in treasury March 3, 1899.....	\$1,474	32	
To A. E. Funk, support of C. F. Snyder, 18 months.....		450	00
To A. E. Funk, support of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Weiss, 18 months.....		900	00
To A. E. Funk, for Christian and Mis- sionary Alliance.....		17	00
To Rose Lambert, support for 18 months.....		300	00
To Rose Lambert, gift.....		5	00
To Rose Lambert, support of orphans..		321	03
To J. E. Fidler, support for 6 months...		150	00
To J. E. Fidler, gift.....		5	00
To J. E. Fidler, disciplines, etc.....		1	00
To C. F. Snyder for horse and saddle...		31	50
To Miss Fannie Birdsall for Indiafamine		83	00
To expenses of Board.....		3	00
Collected and paid J. E. Fidler at fare- well meetings towards expenses to Hadjin.....	203	41	203 41
Miscellaneous.....		10	97
Collected in church from March 3, 1899, to September 14, 1900.....	1,581	32	
Collected in Sunday-Schools from March 3, 1899, to September 14, 1900.	1,592	36	
Balance in treasury September 14, 1900.		2,370	50
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	\$4,851	41	\$4,851 41

Besides the above, the Allentown class has made and shipped to Rose Lambert, of Armenia, clothing to the amount of \$60 and the West Bethlehem Mission Band to the amount of \$20.15.

C. H. BRUNNER, Secretary.
M. KAUFMAN, Treasurer.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON READING COURSE.

Divisions for 1900-1901.

A.—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—chapters 6-12 inclusive.

Handbook of Christian Theology—chapters 4-10 inclusive.

Church History—pages 240-484.

Third Year's Course.

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation—chapters 13-19 inclusive.

Handbook of Christian Theology—chapters 11-14 inclusive.

Church History—page 484 to end.

Jesus is Coming (Blackstone.)

B.—Second Semi-Annual Examination.

First Year's Course.

Bible—I and II Timothy.

Lessons in Holiness (Doty.)

Second Year's Course.

Bible—Acts of the Apostles.

Reformed Pastor (Baxter.)

Third Year's Course.

Bible—I and II Peter, and Hebrews.

Nelson on Infidelity.

Fletcher's Appeal.

Examiners:

W. G. GEHMAN,

R. D. DREISBACH,

R. L. WOODRING.

C.—Applicants for Annual Conference License—Discipline.

Examiners:

H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.,

C. H. BRUNNER, P. E.

III. REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

A. Collections, March 3, 1899, to September 14, 1900.

APPOINTMENTS.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Foreign Missions in S. S.	Collection for Poor.	M. P. E. at Love Feasts.	Gospel Workers in Prayer Meetings.
A.—CIRCUITS.						
1. Coopersburg	\$ 120 25	\$ 165 25	\$ 138 81	\$ 17 95	\$ 19 47	\$ 41 63
Springtown	1 50	1 50		1 00		
2. Bethlehem	296 13	272 50	80 25	21 75	129 25	160 09
West Bethlehem						
South Bethlehem						
3. Upper Milford	112 15	69 95	252 36	7 42	48 91	36 63
Hereford	1 00	4 30		1 70		
4. Gratersford	35 85	20 65	145 40	9 34	9 89	50 20
Harleysville	21 25	5 00				
Trappe						
5. Roversford	30 75	15 00	25 06			
Spring City	106 10	44 05	81 12	4 50	17 15	34 20
				4 50		
6. Reading	39 27	242 50	60 96	5 36	35 81	48 48
7. Allentown	2 3 85	175 95	155 00	10 20	56 53	65 10
Emaus	5 50	54 55		2 40		
B.—STATIONS.						
1. Blandon	20 25	28 70	192 45	3 32	14 23	34 11
2. Terre Hill	7 65	7 37	84 02	5 00	13 89	15 38
3. Mt. Carmel	16 65	32 15	82 38	4 75	40 82	35 10
C.—MISSIONS.						
1. Quakertown	35 87	103 36	24 00	4 88	10 59	19 40
Hatfield	2 41	2 15	12 61	3 41		
2. Erwinna	50					
Bridgeton		5 00				
3. Nazareth	12 00	75 39				7 60
Plainfield	1 25	8 55				
4. Walnutport	10 00				50	15 22
Tripoli	20 50	10 85				
5. Girardville	7 25	25 00	20 00	1 80	16 90	19 40
6. Northampton	48 00	38 05	70 03	8 91		
7. Lehighton	42 10	71 20	52 75	3 67	10 51	19 32
Weissport	46 85	16 50	52 79	4 93	9 09	16 64
8. Washington			25 75			8 69
Hockettstown			16 62			12 46
10. Athol	1 00	10 00				16 19
11. Glen Gardner						1 59
Gospel Workers' Society..		5 50				
H. M. Society		8 00				
Donations C. M., etc....	37 15	62 35				
W. Bethlehem Mis. Band.			20 00			
Farewell col., J. E. Fidler		203 41				
Total	\$1,313 03	\$1,784 73	\$1,592 36	\$126 79	\$433 54	\$657 43

B. Report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund, from March 4, 1899, to September 14, 1900.

Balance in treasury March 4, 1899	\$ 31 48	\$
Collected from March 4, 1898, to March 4, 1899	746 14	
Paid out to Presiding Elder during Conference year		1,090 54
Collected from March 4, 1899, to September 14, 1900	1,313 03	
Balance in treasury, September 14, 1900		1,000 11
Total	\$2,090 65	\$2,090 65

M. KAUFMAN, Treasurer.

C. Report of the Treasurer of the Poor Fund, from March 4, 1899, to September 14, 1900.

Balance in treasury, March 4, 1899	\$ 76 57	\$
Expended during Conference year		94 03
Collections received during year	117 45	
Balance in treasury, September 14, 1900		99 99
Total	\$194 02	\$194 02

A. A. WISMER, Treasurer.

D. Report of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund, March 3, 1899, to Sept. 14, 1900.

Balance in treasury March 4, 1899	\$ 11 71	
Received for Beneficiary Fund March 4, 1899, to Sept. 14, 1900	97 44	
Expenditures		40 00
Balance in treasury Sept. 14, 1900		69 15
Total	\$109 15	\$109 15

MILTON KAUFMAN, Treasurer.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER.

	Moving Expenses.	H. M. Appropriations.	Mission Outfitting.	Tabernacle Meeting.	Miscellaneous.
A.—Home Mission Work.					
Terre Hill.....	\$ 9 80	\$	\$	\$	\$
Girardville.....	18 74	90 00	19 15	5 46	
Mt. Carmel.....	18 42				
Bethlehem.....	26 54			7 93	
Nazareth.....	11 84	64 50			
Erwinna.....		52 70			
Glen Gardner.....		13 82			
Quakertown and Hatfield.....		75 00			
Plainfield.....		47 50			
Northampton.....		30 00			
Walnutport and Tripoli.....		60 00			
Leighton and Weissport.....				9 86	
Hackettstown, two Tab. meetings.....			23 65	13 45	
Washington, two Tab. meetings.....			23 14	11 82	
Belvidere.....			52 02	3 00	
Cementon.....			44 36		
Athol.....			29 13	2 46	
Shelly.....				6 36	
Riegelsville.....				2 00	9 00
Ottsville.....				4 50	
Little Gap.....				1 64	
Hereford.....				4 15	
Harleysville.....				5 00	
Lederachsville.....				1 85	
Trappe.....				80	
Salfordville.....				2 00	
Souderton.....				7 97	
Tabernacle cover, balance.....					15 00
Two tabernacle tents, fly, etc.....					47 08
Oiling old tabernacle.....					19 08
100 yards duck for chairs.....					13 50
Repairing, freights, fares, changing mis- sionaries.....					41 82
G. W. Soc., rents refunded.....					37 50
Pews, stoves, etc., bought.....					40 00
Total.....	\$75 34	\$510 52	\$191 45	\$90 25	\$222 98
Total expenditures.....					\$1,090 54
Received from Treasurer.....					1,090 54
B.—Reading Church Account.....					
Balance due on note March 4, 1899.....					\$216 68
Interest up to date.....					15 62
Amount.....					\$232 31
Paid on note during Conference year.....					94 91
Balance due on note September 14, 1900.....					\$137 40
Unpaid subscriptions.....					106 84

C. H. BRUNNER, P. E.

V. STATISTICAL REPORT. (CHURCH).

Presiding elders.....	2	Churches	25
Ordained ministers.....	15	Parsonages	3
On probation.....	7	Value of church property....	\$44,700 00
On probation to be ordained..	3	Increase in church property..	3,090 00
Applicants for the ministry..	3	Literature sold (retail).....	1,993 40
Q. C. licensed preachers and evangelists	23	COLLECTIONS.	
Deacons	9	Collected for church property..	\$ 1,754 00
Stewards	36	Collected for parsonage rent..	654 44
Baptized	284	Collected for Sunday-schools..	1,101 10
Received into church fellow-ship	188	Collected in Sunday-schools for Foreign Missions.....	1,592 36
Received by letter of recom- mendation and transfer....	68	Collected for ministers in cash	4,609 02
Members died during the past year	18	Collected for ministers in other contributions.....	1,623 02
Members withdrawn.....	44	Collected for assistants.....	59 60
Members expelled.....	13	Collected for Home Missions..	1,313 03
Members moved away.....	12	Collected for Foreign Missions	1,784 73
Members transferred.....	91	Collected for repairing church property	169 37
Increase of members.....	78	Collected for sexton and sun- dry expenses.....	2,435 07
Whole number of members, including G. W. Soc.....	901	Collected for hall expenses..	721 77
Appointments	34	Collected for Presiding Elder	880 68
New appointments.....	1	Collected for Missionary P. E.	433 54
Sermons preached.....	7,185	Collected for the Gospel Workers	657 43
Pastoral visits.....	9,555	Collected for tabernacle work	364 30
Prayer meetings visited....	1,110	Collected for evangelistic work	64 93
Sunday-schools visited.....	1,014	Collected for missionary work	248 92
Classes	34	Collected for camp-meetings..	1,678 30
New classes organized.....	2	Collected for the poor.....	126 79
Class leaders	35	Collected for Sunday-school conventions	69 95
Sunday-schools	20	Collected on Reading church debt (Conf. Acct).....	94 91
New Sunday-schools organ- ized	3	Total amount collected....	\$22,469 86
Officers and teachers.....	266	E. N. CASSEL, Stat. Sec.	
Scholars on roll.....	1,532		
Average attendance.....	946		
Union Sunday-schools.....	1		
Subscribers to Gospel Banner	238		
New subscribers received dur- ing past year.....	27		

VI. REPORT OF HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

From March 4, 1899, to September, 1900.

STATISTICAL.			
Full members.....	0	Collected for Sunday Schools..	67 90
Probationers	3	Collected for helpers.....	21 20
Withdrawn	1	Collected for Foreign Mis- sions	\$ 38 74
Baptized	71	Collected for Foreign Mis- sions in Sunday Schools and Children's Meetings	132 48
Class members.....	106	Collected for Home Missions..	48 00
Church members.....	59	Collected for poor.....	8 91
Sermons and addresses.....	2,651	Collected for rents, (special).	105 87
Open air meetings.....	287	Collected for workers (special)	153 44
Children's meetings.....	178	Collected for hall expenses...	1,193 41
Visits	3,281	Out of Home Mission fund...	81 75
Banners sold.....	10,405	Received in donations.....	546 61
Literature sold, total (retail).\$	1,293 40	Total receipts	\$2,738 64
FINANCIAL.		C. H. BRUNNER, President.	
Collected for gospel workers..\$	61 40	E. T. SHICK, Secretary.	
Collected for district leader..	174 89		
Collected for President.....	104 06		

VII. REPORT OF THE GOSPEL WORKERS' SOCIETY.

For 18 months ending August 1, 1900. (Condensed).

A.—STATISTICAL.		Amount raised for officers and workers	
Number of Gospel Workers	39		2,066 94
New missions opened....	8	Amount raised at camp meeting	260 53
Sermons or talks.....	9,963	Amount raised for workers' fares	127 06
Different families visited	28,638	Amount raised for foreign missions	41 02
Open air meetings.....	1,650	Amount raised for G. W. fund	1,017 52
Hall meetings.....	7,527	Amount raised for sinking fund	50 32
Cottage meetings.....	127	Amount raised for G. W. Home	91 21
Class meetings.....	68	Amount raised for outfitting department	170 36
Children's meetings.....	536	Sundry percentages.....	108 86
Total	9,908	Sundry collections (special)..	123 45
B.—FINANCIAL.		Free will offering for G. W. Society from M. B. C. Ch..	657 43
Literature sold (retail)..	\$5,820 59	Free will offerings for Gen. Supt. from M. B. C. Church	433 54
Uniform sundries sold (retail)	959 27	Total income.....	\$11,436 23
Total value sold.....	\$6,779 86	Note.—At the last Annual Conference Mt. Carmel, Girardville, Washington, and Hackettstown Missions have been turned over to the M. B. C. Church.	
INCOME.		W. B. MUSSELMAN, Gen. Supt.	
Literature and Uniform Dept.	\$ 2,650 00		
Amount raised for rents....	1,637 71		
Amount raised for table (money)	148 35		
Value of donations received..	1,226 59		
Amount raised for sundry expenses	625 34		

VIII. REPORT OF READING COURSE COMMITTEE.

APPLICANTS.	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.	99									
William S. Hottel.....	94										
M. P. Zook.....	94										
J. C. Roth.....	98										
First Year's Course Probationers.											
E. T. Shick.....	54		75		82			87		75	
W. W. Zimmerman.....	24		66		85			90		66	
E. R. Heywood.....	46		31		63			79		55	
Second Year's Course.											
J. G. Shireman.....	35		70			55		82	67	62	
R. L. Woodring.....	31		37			51		74	71	53	
W. J. Fretz.....	34		38			42		86	60	52	
E. T. Shick.....	56					82		90	84	78	
W. W. Zimmerman.....	40					46		60	68	54	
E. R. Heywood.....	47					51		84	67	62	
First Year's Course Probationers.											
J. G. Shireman.....	38	62		56				76	63	59	
R. L. Woodring.....	39	76		49				69	63	59	
W. J. Fretz.....	38	30		66				82	82	60	

W. G. GEHMAN.
R. D. DREISBACH.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FROM MARCH 3, 1899, TO SEPTEMBER 14, 1900.

FIELD.	PASTOR.	MEMBERSHIP.										PROPERTY.						COLLECTIONS.					
		Baptized.	Total Gain.	Total Loss.	Increase.	Decrease.	Whole Number of Mem- bers.	Sabbath Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Sub. to Gospel Banner.	Churches.	Value of Church Prop- erty.	For Parsonage Rent.	For Sabbath Schools.	For Ministers in Cash.	For Ministers in Other Contributions.	For Presiding Elder.	Total Collections.				
A—Circuits.		10	10	10	9	9	62	12	22	93	23	2	\$ 4,500	\$ 42 46	\$ 84 94	\$ 278 40	\$ 7 00	\$ 63 22	\$ 1,236 17				
Coopersburg ..	L. Taylor ..	22	18	9	9	9	91	1	17	109	34	1	3,500	75	101 45	488 30	156 28	2,268 65					
Bethlehem ..	R. L. Woodring ..	2	3	23	1	16	54	30	3	50	7	1	3,500	85	65 54	280 76	86 72	1,448 19					
Upper Milford ..	F. E. Frey ..	1	12	19	1	15	97	7	1	104	1	1	3,500	23	78 02	315 12	122 60	1,799 96					
Greading ..	A. B. Musselman ..	2	20	1	16	20	140	21	2	161	1	1	3,500	23	78 74	277 99	34 00	1,036 57					
Georgetown ..	R. D. Campbell ..	13	6	2	4	13	130	27	3	157	1	3	3,500	00	129 87	314 15	96 50	1,664 60					
Roadsford ..	R. D. Dreisbach ..	6	18	42	133	2	36	35	3	40	6	3	4,000	00	88 12	402 45	49 24	1,159 08					
R—Stations.	W. Stehmetz ..	25	7	7	7	14	50	6	1	57	1	1	1,000	65	51 09	245 70	144 51	2,368 37					
Allentown ..	J. G. Shiveaman ..	4	3	7	39	4	15	15	208	12	1	1	4,000	65	136 77	344 95	89 62	1,227 37					
Blandon ..	O. S. Hillegas ..	71	44	5	39	50	1	14	100	1	1	1,000		51 31	380 45	60 00	2,178 75						
Terre Hill ..	H. B. Musselman ..	3	4	19	15	33	2	19	70	16	3	3	5,000		68 27	209 56	100 00	878 00					
Qtakertown ..	W. K. Ziegler ..	7	2	1	1	8	20	1	10	30	4	1	1,000		6 03	56 15	6 10	100 28					
Erwinna ..	J. L. Boyer ..	15	4	1	3	9	1	1	9	1	1	1	500	49 50	269 79	20 00	7 00	424 43					
Wazareth ..	Wentz, Merrill et. al. ..	17	19	24	9	22	1	8	50	12	1	2	800	00	19 77	137 67	65 69	5 86	418 35				
Lebanon ..	W. M. Layton ..	17	19	24	9	22	1	8	50	12	1	2	800	00	19 77	137 67	65 69	5 86	418 35				
Lebanon ..	W. G. Lehman ..	17	19	24	9	22	1	8	50	12	1	2	800	00	19 77	137 67	65 69	5 86	418 35				
Glengriffie ..	W. G. Preitz ..	17	19	24	9	22	1	8	50	12	1	2	800	00	19 77	137 67	65 69	5 86	418 35				
Stegfried ..	H. W. Society ..	17	19	24	9	22	1	8	50	12	1	2	800	00	19 77	137 67	65 69	5 86	418 35				
	G. W. Society ..	17	19	24	9	22	1	8	50	12	1	2	800	00	19 77	137 67	65 69	5 86	418 35				
		284	256	178	154	76	901	20	266	1,532	238	25	\$44,700	\$654 44	\$1,101 70	\$4,009 02	\$1,623 02	\$80 08	\$22,469 86				

ROLL AND DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES

I. ITINERANTS.

NAME.			Received the Present Charge.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
	Licensed.	Ordained.		
Brunner C. H.	1893	1896	P. E.	Allentown, Pa.
Campbell G. A.	1887	1890	1898	Gratersford, Pa.
Clauser A. M.	1893	1896		
Dreisbach R. D.	1892	1895	1900	Weissport, Pa.
Fretz W. J.	1898	1900	1900	Royersford, Pa.
Gehman W. G.	1896	1899	1900	Mt. Carmel, Pa.
Hillegas O. S.	1889	1892	1897	Terre Hill, Pa.
Layton C. M.	1897		1898	Seagersville, Pa.
Musselman W. B.	1883	1886	M. P. E.	Williamsport, Pa.
Musselman H. B.	1890	1893	P. E.	753 Lance Place, Reading, Pa.
Roth J. C.	1900			
Shreman J. G.	1898	1900	1900	Dillinger, Pa.
Steinmetz W.	1893	1896	1898	528 N. 10th Street, Allentown, Pa.
Taylor L. B.	1894	1897	1899	Coopersburg, Pa.
Woodring R. L.	1898	1900	1899	112 Laurel Street, Bethlehem, Pa.
Ziegler W. K.	1895	1898	1900	616 Locust Street, Reading, 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 Street, Allentown, Pa.

III. ANNUAL CONFERENCE LICENSED MISSIONARIES.

Heywood E. R.	1899			
Hottel W. S.	1900			
Shick E.	1899			
Zimmerman W. W.	1899			
Zook M. P.	1900			

IV. QUARTERLY CONFERENCE LICENSED MISSIONARIES.

Bergstresser Robert.	1894			Royersford, Pa.
Brunner Mrs. C. H.	1892			Allentown, Pa.
Deppe Alfred.	1897			Weissport, Pa.
Dill W. W.	1897			Norristown, Pa.
Dreisbach Mrs. R.	1892			Weissport, Pa.
Feldges H. W.	1899			
Frey F. E.	1898			Bethlehem, Pa.
Gehman H. M.	1897			Allentown, Pa.
Kichline Mrs. James.	1896			Bethlehem, Pa.
Kublic E. E.	1898			
Meltzer H. F.	1899			
Merrill W. H.	1899			Washington, N. J.
Moyer J. H.	1893			Morwood, Pa.
Sheets W. F.	1899			
Wesley Mrs. J. H.	1896			
Ziegler Mrs. W. K.	1894			Reading, Pa.

V. FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

- Snyder C. F., Thibet. Arrived on the field in 1897. Present address Wuchang, via Hankow, China, care C. & M. A.
- Weiss H. L. and Mrs. H. L. Weiss, Chili, South America, Arrived on the field in 1897. Address, Valdivia Casilla, 49 Chili, S. A.
- Fidler J. E. and Mrs. J. E. Fidler. Arrived on the field in 1900. Address, Hadjin, Turkey, Asia Minor.
- Lambert Rose, Armenia. Arrived on the field in 1898. Address, Hadjin, Turkey, Asia Minor.

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.
1900.	Berlin, Ont.....	{ C. H. Brunner, P. E., H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman, A. A. Wismer.

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 3	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. Zyrer.
1886	Feb. 1	Upper Milford, Pa.	Wm. Gehman	M. A. Zyrer.
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. Zyrer.
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.
1900	Sept. 14	Reading, 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."

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ELEVENTH ANNUAL MINISTERIAL CONVENTION.

The Eleventh Annual Ministerial Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, of the Pennsylvania District, convened in Reading Church, 10th and Oley streets, on September 13, 1900.

The Chairman, W. B. Musselman, opened the convention at 9.15 A. M. by singing, prayer and appropriate remarks, and was followed by the enrollment of members, after which the minutes were read and received.

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

The Convention Bar shall occupy the first two pews of the Church, 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 Chair.

Upon request of the Convention the Chairman appointed Elders O. S. Hillegass and W. G. Gehman a committee to decide which of the essays, if any, shall be published in the "Gospel Banner."

The following essays were then read and discussed:

1. An essay on "The Believer's Attitude Towards Laying Up Earthly Treasures," by Elder W. Steinmetz.

By laying up we mean accumulating for future use. The Word says, "Lay not up for yourselves earthly treasures upon the earth." I Tim. 9:10 we read that they that would be rich fall into temptations, snares, etc. If desires for riches bring forth such fruit, what will the obtaining and holding fast of them result in. The rich man's money has not been the means of evangelizing the world. God is not hard up for money—He owns all things. We are God's stewards, and privileged characters to work with our hands, for the purpose of giving to others.

2. An essay on "The Minister; His Home and Family," by Elder J. G. Shireman.

The minister is one ordained of God, to be about the Master's business only, and should be too busy to find time for a vacation, for fishing, hunting, or animal recreations, etc. In his home he is supposed to be master of the situation, and worthy of being called lord by his wife, and should command the respect of his children. His home should be a sample of cleanliness and purity, and void of all questionable literature. The wife should live up to the doctrine preached, and carry out the pastor's discipline in the Lord, and make the home a pleasant place for all.

3. A discussion on "Secrecy," opened by Elder W. K. Ziegler.

An offering was lifted, and the forenoon session was closed by prayer by Elder R. L. Woodring.

SECOND SESSION, 1.30 P. M.

Opened by singing and prayer by Elder W. Steinmetz.

The questions were answered by Elder W. G. Gehman.

1. An essay on "Our Home Mission Work," by Elder C. H. Brunner.

Home mission work begins right at home. The Home Missionary will never amount to anything unless his heart is in the work. The preacher who cannot find enough mission work on his own charge would make a very poor home missionary. The idea of a mission is to have it worked up and established, same as a self-supporting circuit or station. A good home mission worker should make a good worker for the foreign field.

Revs. Leopold, Weidner, Wentz, Farnsworth and Von Neida, of the several Churches, were received as advisory members.

2. An essay on "The Shepherd and His Flock," by Elder R. D. Dreisbach.

A true shepherd is one that cares for and gives his life for the sheep. A shepherd will not feed his flock on stones, clubs, etc.; even the one that uses paper to feed his flock might reflect suspicion as to the quality of his flock, as goats are well known to feed on paper from ash-heaps. If sheep, they will follow their shepherd.

3. A discussion on "Is it Advisable to Have a General Superintendent Over Our Conferences?" was opened by Elder G. A. Campbell.

An offering was lifted and the afternoon session closed by prayer.

EVENING SESSION, 7.00 P. M.

Opened by singing and prayer by Elder O. S. Hillegass.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Elder R. L. Woodring; Secretary, Elder W. G. Gehman; Committee on Programme, Elders W. K. Ziegler, H. B. Musselman and C. H. Brunner.

The questions were answered by Elder H. B. Musselman.

1. An essay on "Adoption," by Elder E. T. Schick.

Scripture plainly teaches that there is none good, no not one. The whole head is sick—all have gone astray. Man is desperately, incurably wicked—all flesh is as grass. Being born of the flesh is flesh. Souls are brought into God's family by being born into it. Not patched up—but made new. Begotten again. Being born again, and receiving the spirit of adoption. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God. Because ye are sons, He has given us the spirit of adoption." Adoption also means attaining his majority—becoming of full age. We shall finally be adopted publicly before worlds, as such who have suffered, labored and been disciplined to rule and reign forever.

2. An essay on "War in the Old and New Testament Times," by Elder R. L. Woodring.

War is defined as a contest between nations and states for territory, destruction and dominion. The first-born of man, Cain, manifested the spirit of war upon his brother. In the Old Testament God raised up men and nations to root up and plunder for disobedience to His law.

War in the New Testament: A sign of the times—wars and rumors of wars—permitted by a Supreme God to fulfil His wrath.

So-called Christendom is honey-combed with scepticism, animosity, rebellion to God—mockers of the last days—ripening for the great slaughter and garner of the great God.

The spirit of war pervades the air—strife and dissatisfaction everywhere—all bound in bundles for the great threshing time to come. It is our duty to pull men out of the fire, and run men out of this dangerous world into the heavenlies—Christ our eternal safety and refuge.

The following essays were recommended to be published in the "Gospel Banner" by the Committee on Publication: "The Minister; His Home and Family," by Elder J. G. Shireman; "War in Old and New Testament Times," by Elder R. L. Woodring, and "Adoption," by Elder E. T. Schick.

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

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

An offering amounting to \$2.05 was lifted for the labors and expenses of the Secretary. Thanks.

RESOLVED, That the minutes be published in the "Gospel Banner" and in the Conference Journal.

Closed by prayer by Elder C. H. Brunner.

W. B. MUSSELMAN, Chairman.

H. B. MUSSELMAN, Secretary.

Committee:

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