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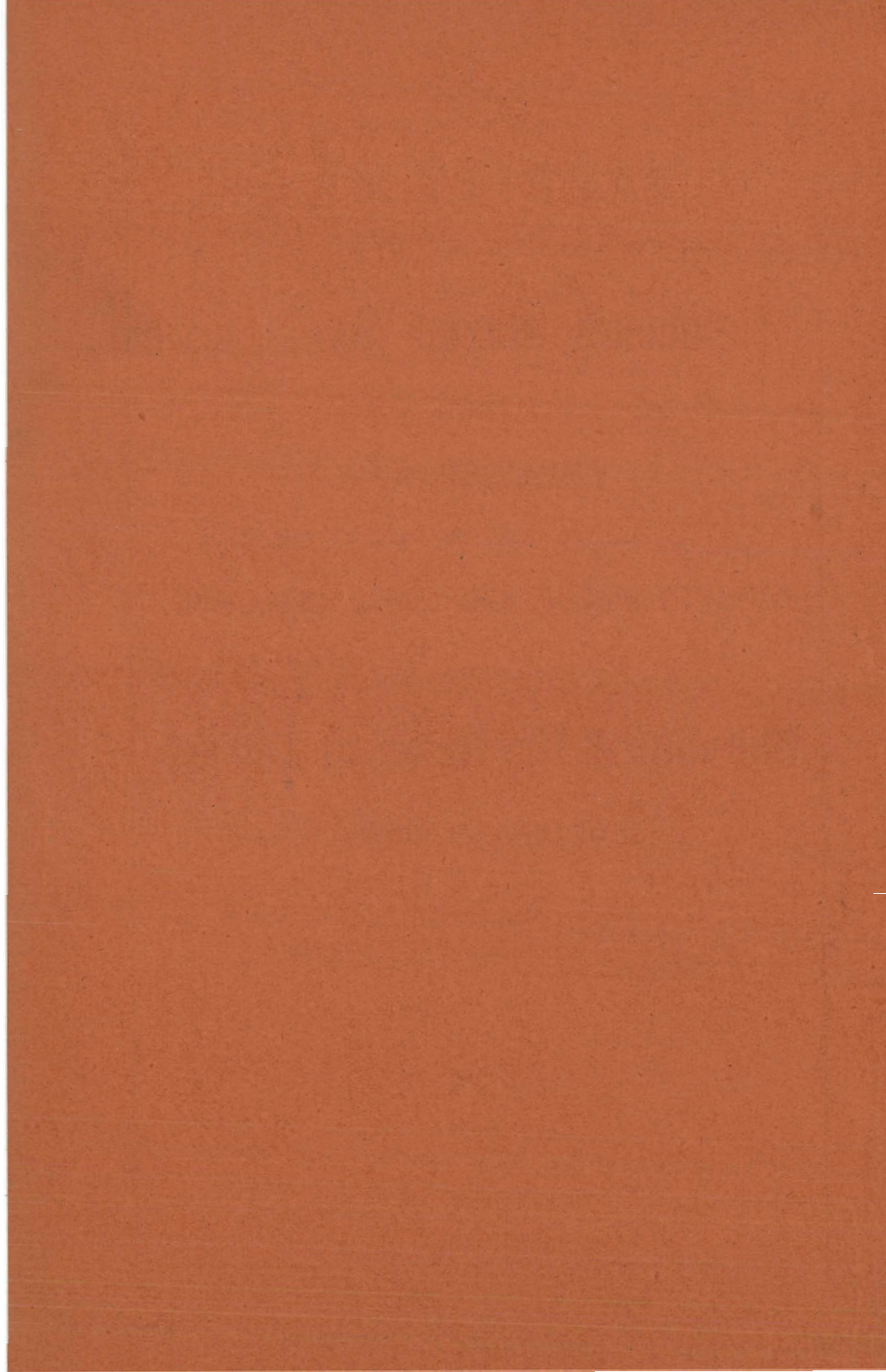
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BUSINESS RULES OF THE CONFERENCE.

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. Stationary, 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.—APPLICANTS AND PROBATIONERS.

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 by their respective Presiding Elders 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.]

III.—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.]

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 im-

pressed 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.]

G.—Missionary Presiding Elder.—Each class shall lift a free-will offering for the Missionary Presiding Elder every quarter. [Enacted February 20, 1897.]

Gospel Workers.—A free-will offering shall be lifted for the Gospel Workers in each class at a monthly prayer meeting held by their respective class leaders. [Enacted February 20, 1897.]

H.—Collections.—The pastors shall have charge of the Offerings for the Poor, Foreign and Home Missionary Work, until the Annual Conference, unless needed sooner. The Offerings for the Missionary Presiding Elder and Gospel Workers shall be delivered to the Presiding Elder at the Quarterly Conference and reported by the pastor to the Annual Conference.

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.]

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.]

K.—Camp Meetings.—Camp meetings shall be held annually according to the decision of the Presiding Elder and Pastors of their respective districts.

L.—Sunday School Conventions.—Each district shall hold a Sunday School convention annually. The Officers shall be elected at the Annual Conference.

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, they 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.—Camp Meetings.—The advisability of having boarding stands at the various camp meetings 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.]

F.—A Board of Foreign Missions consisting of five shall be elected annually. The President shall call and preside over the meetings of the board held annually or oftener. The

Secretary shall communicate with the Foreign Missionaries and report to the Annual Conference. The Treasurer shall report the financial standing of the board to the Annual Conference.

G.—Each Pastor shall bring an itemized report to the Conference, according to the form of the report of the Financial Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

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FIRST SESSION.

The Eighteenth Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of the Pennsylvania District, convened in Ebenezer church, Bethlehem, Pa., at 8 A. M., October 4, 1901.

The first session was opened by the secretary, by singing and prayer, after which it was

RESOLVED, That a chairman for this conference be elected by ballot.

Elder W. B. Musselman was elected, whereupon he gave a very practical and encouraging address on Psalm 133, 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, H. B. Musselman, W. B. Musselman, G. A. Campbell, A. M. Clauser, R. D. Dreisbach, W. G. Gehman, O. S. Hillegas, L. B. Taylor, W. Steinmetz, A. Strawn, W. K. Ziegler, W. J. Fretz, J. G. Shireman, R. L. Woodring, Wm. Gehman.

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

Probationers Present.—E. T. Shick, E. R. Heywood, W. W. Zimmerman, C. M. Layton, J. C. Roth, M. P. Zook, W. S. Hottel.

Delegates Present.—H. L. Musselman, Jacob Purnell, P. Y. Foltz, A. M. Gehman, Jerry Morgan, J. W. Miller, H. H. Bergey, M. Kaufman, C. W. Stine, A. A. Wismer, J. M. Oplinger, O. A. Olewine, Adam Keller, R. T. Laudenslager, A. O. Hill, G. K. Himmelreich.

Delegate Absent—Herbert Shick.

RESOLVED, That the conference bar include the first two pews and the two amen corners of the church.

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

According to the standing rule, the secretary appointed his assistants as follows: Wm. S. Hottel, Recording Secretary; J. G. Shireman, Statistical Secretary; J. F. Barrall, Financial Secretary.

RESOLVED, That the Editor of the Journal be elected by one open vote. C. H. Brunner was elected.

RESOLVED, That W. F. Edmonds be appointed Reporter.

The following committees were then appointed by the chair and confirmed by the conference:

1. Committee on Worship.—R. L. Woodring and W. Steinmetz.
2. Committee on Communications.—W. G. Gehman, R. L. Woodring and L. B. Taylor.
3. Committee on Finance.—J. F. Barrall, M. Kaufman and A. M. Gehman.
4. Committee on Statistics.—J. G. Shireman and R. T. Landenslager.
5. Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records.—E. T. Shick, J. C. Roth, J. M. Oplinger, O. A. Olewine and P. Y. Foltz.
6. Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders.—Wm. Gehman, R. T. Landenslager and A. M. Clauser.
7. Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers and Missionaries.—G. A. Campbell, W. Steinmetz and O. S. Hillegas.
8. Committee on Examination for Applicants for Annual Conference Licenses.—G. A. Campbell, W. K. Ziegler and R. D. Dreisbach.
9. Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination.—Wm. Gehman, W. Steinmetz and A. A. Wismer.
10. Auditing Committee.—W. J. Fretz, H. L. Musselman, M. P. Zook and C. W. Stine.
11. Committee on Resolutions.—C. H. Brunner, H. B. Musselman and R. L. Woodring.

The remainder of the session was devoted to hearing the oral reports of the Pastors. Closed by prayer by Elder R. D. Dreisbach.

SECOND SESSION, FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 4, 1901.

Opened by singing and prayer by C. M. Layton, after which the minutes of the previous session were read and re-

ceived.

The following committee reports were submitted and received:

Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records:

We examined the records and found them correct.

Recommendations:

The Bethlehem class recommends J. F. Barrall; the Nazareth class, W. F. Edmunds; the Terre Hill class, E. W. Martin; the Royersford class, R. Bergstresser; the Blandon class, E. N. Cassel; the Allentown class, Theodore Clewell; and the Home Missionary Society, H. F. Meltzer, E. E. Kublic and H. W. Feldges, to this Conference for Annual Conference Licenses. Committee:

E. T. SHICK,
J. C. ROTH,
P. Y. FOLTZ,
J. M. OPLINGER,
O. A. OLEWINE.

The Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders:

We examined all the Traveling Elders and found them all satisfactory. Committee:

WM. GEHMAN,
R. T. LAUDENSLAGER,
A. M. CLAUSER.

The Committee on Statistics:

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

J. G. SHIREMAN,
R. T. LAUDENSLAGER.

The oral reports of the Pastors were continued.

The reports were very encouraging. The work, in general, is in a prosperous condition, spiritually and financially. The Pastors have good courage.

A real missionary spirit is dominant in nearly all the classes as proved by the sacrifice of the dear ones.

Auditing Committee:

We examined the Quarterly Conference accounts and have found the following mistakes: Coopersburg, in pastor's salary; Allentown, in trustee's report; Blandon, in pastor's salary; Girardville, no Sunday School report, and mistake in the hall expenses; Bethlehem, in the Sunday School report; Weissport, in the trustee's report and minister's salary; Walnutport, no money collected for the poor; Upper Milford, in total of miscellaneous collections; Home Missionary

Society, in expenses of the third quarter, Nazareth, no summary report; Mistake in Mohnsville Camp Meeting accounts. We advise that the secretary of the Quakertown Quarterly Conference use the system in back of book to make out summary reports. Committee:

W. J. FRETZ,
H. L. MUSSELMAN,
M. P. ZOOK,
C. W. STINE.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Deacons was submitted and received. [See Report.]

The report of the Secretary of the Beneficiary Society was submitted and received. [See Report.]

RESOLVED, That the Presiding Elders, H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner and W. B. Musselman report. H. B. Musselman reported a few missions and classes organized through tabernacle meetings and commented on the work done through camp meetings and stated that the work looks bright. C. H. Brunner reported that the missions in the Home Missionary Society were progressive spiritually and financially. Large crowds are easily gathered in open air to hear the Gospel and many get saved and filled with the Spirit. On both districts there are places ready to build houses of worship.

RESOLVED, That the Conference resolve itself into a committee as a whole, to sit at 7.30 P. M., and that W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder, report the work of the Gospel Worker Society to this committee.

The following applicants for the Ministry expressed the nature of their call: J. F. Barrall, W. F. Edmunds, E. W. Martin, R. Bergstresser, E. N. Cassel, Theodore Clewell, H. F. Meltzer, E. E. Kublic, H. W. Feldges.

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

RESOLVED, That the candidates for Ordination, E. T. Shick, E. R. Heywood, and W. W. Zimmerman, be referred to the committee on Ordination.

Closed by prayer by Elder W. K. Ziegler.

THIRD SESSION, SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 5, 1901.

Opened by singing and prayer by E. N. Cassel, after which the minutes of the previous session were read and received.

The following committee reports were submitted and received:

Committee on Communications :

We read the letter concerning the absence of Herbert Shick, delegate of Erwinna, and do not deem his excuse for absence acceptable. Therefore we recommend him to this Conference to deal with him as they see fit.

We recommend the letters of J. E. Fidler and Rose Lambert, of Armenia, C. F. Snyder, of China, and H. L. Weiss, of South America, to be read to this Conference. Committee:

W. G. GEHMAN,
R. L. WOODRING,
L. B. TAYLOR.

Auditing Committee :

We have examined the accounts of Conference schedules and found them correct, with the exception of Weissport, Walnutport and Spring City. Committee :

W. J. FRETZ,
H. L. MUSSELMAN,
M. P. ZOOK,
C. W. STINE.

Committee on Applicants for Annual Conference Licenses:

We have examined R. Bergstresser and found him satisfactory in Doctrine and Discipline. One hindrance is his family. Therefore we recommend him to this body for consideration. Committee :

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

RESOLVED, That the chair appoint another committee to examine R. Bergstresser.

He appointed H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, W. J. Fretz, L. B. Taylor and A. Strawn.

The Committee on Examination of Applicants for the Ministry did not unanimously recommend the remainder of the applicants, but after a discussion by the Conference, it was unanimously agreed by a rising vote to receive them into the Conference according to the Discipline.

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

We have examined the Presiding Elders, Local Preachers and Missionaries and found them all satisfactory. Committee :

G. A. CAMPBELL,
W. STEINMETZ,
O. S. HILLEGAS.

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

Since Brother C. M. Layton was absent again at the examinations during the Conference year, we refer him to the consideration of the Conference. Committee :

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

The Report of the Committee as a Whole :

Brother A. M. Clauser who made a missionary trip through some of the western states, was asked to report. This report was encouraging, showing the goodness of God in the saving and filling of souls with the Holy spirit.

W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder, gave a very interesting report of the Gospel Worker Society. Financially the Lord does provide in a most marvelous manner. Many were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost during the past year. In his report he plainly showed the approval of God in all things.

RESOLVED, That we give the Home Missionary Society the privilege of becoming a Gospel Worker Society, Division No. 2.

RESOLVED, That the Conference elect a board of Trustees for the Norristown church.

A. A. Wismer, C. H. Brunner and the Presiding Elder of the Schuylkill Valley District were elected.

RESOLVED, That the trustees elected for the Norristown church act shortly after Conference.

RESOLVED, That we have an executive committee.

The following were elected : Wm. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, H. B. Musselman, G. A. Campbell, and W. K. Ziegler.

RESOLVED, That the tent committee report to the Presiding Elders as to the getting of tents no later than November 15, 1901.

Chairman, C. H. Brunner; Secretary, R. L. Woodring.

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

The Missionary Presiding Elder read the Statistical Report of the Gospel Worker Society which was received. (See Report.)

The remainder of the session was devoted to hearing the letters of the Missionaries, C. F. Snyder, J. E. Fidler, Rose Lambert and H. L. Weiss. They were referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

RESOLVED, That a question box be placed on the table

and the questions be answered by the chair at the beginning of the afternoon session. Closed by prayer by W. J. Fretz.

FOURTH SESSION, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 5, 1901.

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

The following committee reports were submitted and received :

Committee on Ordination :

We have reconsidered the candidates for ordination and recommend E. T. Shick and W. W. Zimmerman to this Conference for Ordination. E. R. Heywood shall travel the coming year as the Conference may direct. Committee :

WM. GEHMAN,
W. STEINMETZ,
A. A. WISMER.

RESOLVED, That the candidates for Ordination be ordained on Sunday afternoon.

Committee on Resolutions :

(a) WHEREAS, The excuse received from Brother Herbert Shick, delegate from Erwinna, concerning his absence has not been deemed satisfactory, therefore,

RESOLVED, That this Conference is displeased with the absence of said delegate.

(b) RESOLVED, That we would respectfully recommend the members of our church to encourage the Foreign Missionary Board in forwarding their funds through the aforesaid Board, and not to forward their money direct to the Missionaries, thereby lessening or neglecting their contributions in the direct channel, provided by Conference, for the support pledged to our respective Missionaries.

(c) WHEREAS, We have in the inspired record a number of instances where the children of Christian parents were formally and publicly dedicated to the Lord. 1 Sam. 22-28. Mark, 10:5, 14.16.

THEREFORE, We heartily encourage our people to dedicate their little children to the God by prayer and laying on of the hands of the pastors.

(d) WHEREAS, We have frequently been asked for certificates of birth or baptism, and

WHEREAS, We do not believe in the sprinkling of infants, therefore

RESOLVED, That we will have proper certificates printed

substituting the word "Dedicated to the Lord," for "Baptized," to be given when children are formally dedicated to the Lord by prayer and the laying on of hands of the minister in charge.

Committee :

C. H. BRUNNER,
R. L. WOODRING,
H. B. MUSSELMAN.

RESOLVED, That the Chair appoint a committee to arrange Birth Certificate.

He appointed the two Presiding Elders and Secretary.

RESOLVED, That last year's decision concerning the failure of C. M. Layton, to take up his studies, be carried out.

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

RESOLVED, That the Presiding Elders, C. H. Brunner and H. B. Musselman address the Conference before the election of Presiding Elders.

They expressed their gratitude towards the Conference and Mission Workers for their forbearance and prayers and recognize the leadings of the Lord during the past years and expressed their willingness to go where ever the Lord calls them to go.

The following ministers submitted themselves unconditionally to the Conference :

H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, W. B. Musselman, E. T. Shick, R. D. Dreisbach, W. K. Ziegler, J. G. Shireman, R. L. Woodring, O. S. Hillegas, W. J. Fretz, G. A. Campbell, W. Steinmetz, W. S. Hottel, J. C. Roth, W. G. Gehman, M. P. Zook, W. W. Zimmerman, H. F. Meltzer, H. W. Feldges, E. E. Kublic, E. R. Heywood, Theodore Clewell, J. F. Barrall, W. F. Edmunds, E. W. Martin, E. N. Cassel.

Conditional :

L. B. Taylor, C. M. Layton, A. Strawn, Wm. Gehman, R. Bergstresser, A. M. Clauser.

The time of election of Presiding Elders having come, the Conference ordered the Chair to appoint tellers. He appointed A. M. Clauser, L. B. Taylor and J. F. Barrall.

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

H. B. Musselman was elected Chairman of the next Annual Conference.

Other officers elected :

Vice Presiding Elders, W. G. Gehman and R. L. Woodring ; Secretary, W. G. Gehman ; Treasurer, A. M. Gehman.

Standing Committee over the Presiding Elders: G. A. Campbell, O. S. Hillegas and J. G. Shireman.

A collection was taken up for the labor and expenses of the Secretary, amounting to \$4.22. Thanks.

The following Committees were elected by acclamation:

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

The Board of Deacons.—M. Kaufman, A. A. Wismer and C. J. Shelly.

Reading Course Committee.—W. K. Ziegler, W. G. Gehman and R. D. Dreisbach.

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

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

Adjourned by prayer by W. S. Hottel, to 7.30 P. M.

FIFTH SESSION, SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 5, 1901.

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 Resolutions.

WHEREAS, Our beloved Brother Milton Kaufman, has served this Conference so nobly for the last eighteen years, in the capacity of Treasurer, therefore

RESOLVED, That we as a body herewith express our hearty appreciation for serving this body so acceptably for such a number of years, and also wish him an abundance of His peace and joy the future days of his life. Committee:

H. B. MUSSELMAN,
C. H. BRUNNER,
R. L. WOODRING.

WHEREAS, This Conference has received very welcome and encouraging letters and reports from our beloved Missionaries, Brother and Sister H. L. Weiss, of Chile, South America; Brother and Sister J. E. Fidler and Rose Lambert, of Hadjin, Turkey, and C. F. Snyder, of China, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we as a Conference feel grateful to God for their protection during those troublous days and will pledge ourselves to support them with our prayers and gifts, trusting the Lord to make real to them Phil. 4:19; open new doors of service, give them glorious victories and many souls; if He should tarry.

Committee :

C. H. BRUNNER,
R. L. WOODRING,
H. B. MUSSELMAN.

Committee on Examining Applicant R. Bergstresser.

We have examined Brother Robert Bergstresser as an applicant for the ministry in his relation to his family and upon his promise to be faithful to the Conference and Presiding Elder, we hereby recommend him to this Conference as a Probationer. Committee :

L. B. TAYLOR,
W. J. FRETZ,
C. H. BRUNNER,
H. B. MUSSELMAN,
A. STRAWN.

RESOLVED, That the Stationing Boundary and Appropriating Committee shall begin its session Sunday at 9 P. M.

RESOLVED, That the Presiding Elder Districts be divided as follows :

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

(b) Lehigh Valley District, C. H. Brunner, Presiding Elder,—Allentown, South Allentown, Emaus, Erwinna, Washington, N. J., Northampton, Lehighon, Weissport, Walnutport, Tripoli, Girardville, Mount Carmel and all the missions through New Jersey.

(c) General Missionary District, W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder,—This district comprises the various missions in charge of the Gospel Worker Society.

RESOLVED, That we recommend each Pastor to make a special effort to swell the Beneficiary Fund to assist the worthy widows of the deceased Pastors.

RESOLVED, That persons of one district shall not be permitted to go into another district to collect money without the permission of the respective Presiding Elders.

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

When the subject of the Reading Church Debt was brought up the sum of \$102.50 was collected in a few minutes, after which H. B. Musselman assumed the responsibility of collecting the rest.

RESOLVED, That H. L. Musselman be granted leave of absence on Monday morning, providing the Stationing Committee is finished. Closed by prayer by C. H. Brunner.

SERVICES SUNDAY OCTOBER 6.

W. G. Gehman addressed the Sunday School at 9.30 A. M. At 10 o'clock H. B. Musselman preached the Conference sermon from 1 Cor. 4: 1, 2. The duties and responsibilities of the Pastor were brought out very prominently. How he is to devote his time in saving souls and edifying the body of Christ.

At 2.30 P. M. C. H. Brunner preached the Ordination sermon from Rom. 1: 14, 16. The address was fraught with practical thoughts, especially portraying the life of the Apostle Paul. E. T. Shick and W. W. Zimmerman were ordained "by the laying on of the hands of the presbytery". This part of the service was very touching. The Lord melted their hearts as well as many others.

After a praise meeting in the evening led by W. K. Ziegler, W. B. Musselman preached a stirring and practical sermon on the New Commandment from John 13: 34.

The church was crowded all day and the Lord's presence was manifested in power and glory.

SIXTH SESSION, MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 7, 1901.

Opened by singing and prayer by J. W. Miller, after which the minutes were read and received with a few alterations.

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

The Report of the Stationary, Boundary and Appropriating Committee was read and received as follows:

I. SCHUYLVILLE VALLEY DISTRICT, H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder.

(a) Circuits.

1. Coopersburg and Springtown—E. W. Martin.
2. Dillinger, Hereford and Macungie—J. G. Shireman.
3. Graterstord and Harleysville—G. A. Campbell.

4. Royersford, Spring City and Norristown—W. J. Fretz.
5. Terre Hill and Remps—O. S. Hillegas.
6. Blandon, Athol and Fleetwood—E. N. Cassel.
- (b) Stations.
 1. Bethlehem—R. L. Woodring.
 2. Reading—W. K. Ziegler.
- (c) Missions.
 1. Quakertown, Hatfield and Souderton—J. C. Roth.
 2. Nazareth and Plainfield—E. R. Heywood.
- (d) Tabernacles—To be supplied.
- (e) Local Preacher—L. B. Taylor, Coopersburg Quarterly Conference.

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

(f) Annual Conference Licensed Missionaries—W. F. Edmonds and J. F. Barrall.

(g) Quarterly Conference Licensed Missionaries—Mrs. W. K. Ziegler, Mrs. J. G. Shireman, Mrs. James Kichline, J. H. Moyer, W. W. Dill, O. B. Adam and Norman Gehret.

(h) Appropriations for ensuing year :

Quakertown and Hatfield	\$15.00 per quarter
Nazareth and Plainfield	15.00 " "

II. LEHIGH VALLEY DISTRICT, C. H. Brunner, Presiding Elder.

(a) Stations.

1. Allentown—E. T. Shick, Wm. Gehman, Assistant.
2. Mt. Carmel—W. G. Gehman.

(b) Missions.

1. South Allentown and Emaus—W. Steinmetz.
2. Lehighton and Weissport—R. D. Dreisbach.
3. Girardville—Theodore Clewell.
4. Northampton—To be supplied.
5. Walnutport and Tripoli—To be supplied. R. Bergstreser was assigned to this place afterward.
6. Erwinna—To be supplied.
7. Washington, N. J.—To be supplied.

(c) Tabernacles—To be supplied.

(d) Local Preachers—A. Strawn, Allentown Quarterly Conference; O. Bitting, South Allentown Quarterly Conference.

(e) Annual Conference Licensed Missionaries—M. P. Zook, W. S. Hottel, H. F. Meltzer, E. E. Kublic, H. W. Feldges and W. W. Zimmerman.

(f) Quarterly Conference Licensed Missionaries—H. M. Gehman, Alfred Deppe Mrs. C. H. Brunner, Mrs. R. D.

Dreisbach, Anna Wesley, C. J. Edwards, W. H. Stutzman, J. H. Rauch, R. W. Zoller and C. M. Layton.

(g) Appropriations for ensuing year :

South Allentown and Emaus	\$15.00	per	quarter
Lehighton and Weissport	15.00	"	"
Girardville	15.00	"	"

Walnutport and New Tripoli, to be decided upon by Presiding Elders. This was decided to be \$25.00 per quarter.

III. GENERAL MISSIONARY DISTRICT—W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder of Gospel Worker Society.

IV. FOREIGN MISSIONARIES—Chile, South America, H. L. Weiss and Mrs. H. L. Weiss; Thibet, C. F. Snyder; Hadjin, Turkey, J. E. Fidler, Mrs. J. E. Fidler and Rose Lambert.

After the Appropriations are taken out of the Home Missionary Treasury two thirds of the balance shall be at the disposal of Presiding Elder C. H. Brunner, and the rest at the disposal of Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, to be used for Home Mission work at their discretion.

Committee: W. B. Musselman, Chairman; H. B. Musselman, Secretary; C. H. Brunner, P. Y. Foltz, G. K. Himmelreich, J. W. Miller, A. A. Wismer, H. L. Musselman, Adam Keller, A. M. Gehman, R. T. Laudenslager, Milton Kaufman and C. W. Stine.

WHEREAS, We highly appreciated the oral and statistical reports given by W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder, concerning the labor of the Gospel Worker 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 be authorized to appoint his wife, Mrs. C. H. Brunner, to any office in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Home Missionary Society that he may see proper, and is privileged to make any rules which may be beneficial to the work of God and the church.

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 Worker 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, 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 ninety 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 we publish 200 Conference Journals and sell them at 25 cents a piece.

RESOLVED, That the Secretary arrange a brief report of last Sunday's services to be published in the Conference Journal.

Resolution Concerning our Foreign Missionaries.—Having listened with great interest to the reports sent to the Conference by our beloved missionaries, Brother and Sister J. E. Fidler and Sister Rose Lambert of Turkey, Brother and Sister H. L. Weiss of Chili and Brother C. F. Snyder of China, therefore

RESOLVED, We as a Conference greatly appreciate their labor and self-denial and pledge our prayers for their protection as well as our gifts for their support.

H. B. MUSSELMAN, Chairman F. M. Board.

W. G. GEHMAN, Secretary “ “

RESOLVED, That we buy a new rectangular tabernacle for the camp meetings and that the Presiding Elders apportion the amount according to membership, for the Pastors to collect.

RESOLVED, That the Chair appoint a committee of three, including the Secretary, to decide which of the resolutions, if any, shall be standing rules.

RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Board draw up resolutions approving the

work of our Foreign Missionaries and send them to their respective fields of labor.

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.

RESOLVED, That the Treasurer be authorized to loan money, without interest, out of the Conference funds, to the Missionary Presiding Elder, according to the judgment of the Treasurer and Presiding Elders.

RESOLVED, That it be a standing rule for each Pastor to bring to the Conference an itemized report according to the form of the "Report of the Financial Secretary."

RESOLVED, That each Presiding Elder shall issue the licenses to their respective preachers.

RESOLVED, That the next Annual Conference convene in Mt. Carmel, at 8 a. m., the third Friday in October, 1902.

RESOLVED, That it be a standing rule that the Presiding Elders examine their respective applicants on the Discipline.

RESOLVED, That we hold a Sunday School Convention in each of the Presiding Elder Districts of the Church.

RESOLVED, That the Conference resolve itself into two committees, each comprising the members of their respective Presiding Elder Districts for the election of officers for the Sunday School Conventions.

Adjourned by prayer by J. G. Shireman.

SEVENTH SESSION, MONDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 7, 1901.

Opened by singing and prayer by J. C. Roth.

The Committee on Sunday School Conventions reported as follows:

1. Schuylkill Valley District—Chairman, W. K. Ziegler; Secretary, R. L. Woodring, Treasurer, W. J. Fretz.

Committee:

H. B. MUSSELMAN,
R. L. WOODRING,
J. G. SHIREMAN.

RESOLVED, That this Convention convene at Coopersburg, on Decoration day May 30, 1902.

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.

RESOLVED, That the Committee on Programme meet six weeks previous to the Convention and that the different Pastors of the District send subjects to the Chairman if they have any.

II. Lehigh Valley District—Chairman, R. D. Dreisbach ; Secretary, Wm. S. Hottel , Treasurer, E. T. Shick.

Committee :

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

RESOLVED, That this Convention shall convene in Lehighton on Ascension day.

RESOLVED, That each School shall be represented by the Superintendent and one Delegate elected from the Laity.

RESOLVED, That the fares of the Superintendents, Delegates and Essayists shall be paid by the Convention.

RESOLVED, That we have two sessions, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon.

RESOLVED, That the Committee shall meet six weeks before the Convention also to arrange the programme for the evening service.

The Report of the Committee on Standing Rules was submitted and received as follows :

We recommend the following Resolutions to be added to the Standing Rules.

(a) RESOLVED, That each class shall lift a free will offering for the Missionary Presiding Elder, each quarter.

(b) Add to Miscellaneous on page 7, paragraph 7,—Each Pastor shall bring to the Conference an itemized report according to the form of the report of the Financial Secretary.

(c) That we insert the words "by their respective Presiding Elders," between the words "examined" and "on our articles" under Applicants for the Ministry. Paragraph B, page 5.

(d) A Foreign Missionary Board consisting of five shall be elected annually. The President shall call and preside over the meetings of the board held annually or oftener. The Secretary shall communicate with the Foreign Missionaries and report to the Annual Conference. The Treasurer shall report the financial standing of the board to the Annual Con-

ference. Committee :

W. G. GEHMAN,
G. A. CAMPBELL,
R. L. WOODRING.

RESOLVED, That the respective Presiding Elders of our church meet the proper officials of the different railroads, and present to them a list of such pastors and workers, who devote all their time to the Ministry, and arrange that the suitable ones receive their clerical orders. Committee :

C. H. BRUNNER,
H. B. MUSSELMAN,
R. L. WOODRING.



DISTRICT LEADERS OF THE GOSPEL WORKER SOCIETY.

Miss R. J. Rote, Miss D. B. Rote, Miss A. C. Spellman,
Miss L. M. Christman, Mrs. Lucy Musselman, Miss R. R. Kuntz.

RESOLVED, That we have a Conference Fund into which we put the balance of money left from the sale of lumber at the Chestnut Hill camp meeting.

RESOLVED, That the fares of the probationers and examiners on the Reading Course at the spring examination be paid out of the Conference Fund. Committee :

H. B. MUSSELMAN,
C. H. BRUNNER,
R. L. WOODRING.

RESOLVED, That the Conference Secretary be appointed to get Annual Conference Schedules and forms for Oral and Statistical Reports printed, to be paid out of the Conference Fund.

RESOLVED, That the Conference appoint a Building Committee for the proposed church building at Macungie. J. G. Shireman and A. M. Gehman were appointed.

An article concerning Camp Meetings and Sunday School Conventions shall be inserted in the Standing Rules.

As a token of the appreciation of the services and wise counsel of our beloved Chairman during this Conference a rising vote of thanks was tendered him.



ELD. W. B. MUSSELMAN,
Chairman of the Conference.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered the brothers and sisters of Bethlehem for their kindness and the hospitable entertainment the Conference received during its session. Truly we must confess that the Lord led the Conference. Many precious lessons were learned. The officers, pastors and workers were more united than ever, and in the name of the Lord we will go to our field of labor, suffering, testing, as well as victory and blessing with better courage than ever, endeavoring to stand true to each other, lift up the standard until He that shall come, will come. Amen.

The minutes of this session were read and received.

Adjourned by prayer by C. H. Brunner.

Attest : { W. B. MUSSELMAN, Chairman.
W. G. GEHMAN, Secretary.

Signed :—J. C. Roth, Milton Kaufman, W. J. Fretz, H. B. Musselman, W. Steinmetz, Wm. S. Hottel, A. A. Wismer, C. H. Brunner, O. S. Hillegas, E. T. Shick, Jacob Purnell, Chas. W. Stine, H. H. Bergey, J. W. Miller, H. W. Feldges, R. D. Dreisbach, Alfred M. Clauser, Adam Keller, O. A. Olewine, Jas. M. Oplinger, Jerry Morgan, J. G. Shireman, W. K. Ziegler, L. B. Taylor, R. L. Woodring, E. N. Cassel, E. R. Heywood, Geo. K. Himmelreich, William Gehman, Geo. A. Campbell, Allen M. Gehman, R. T. Laudenslager, A. O. Hill,

REPORTS.

I. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON READING COURSE.

Divisions for 1901-1902.

A.—First Semi-Annual Examination.

First Year's Course.

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation—chapters 1-5 inclusive.
Sell's Bible Study, by Books—chapters 1-17 inclusive.
Church History—to page 240.

Second Year's Course.

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation—chapters 6-12 inclusive.
Sell's Bible Study, by Books—chapters 18-32 inclusive.
Church History—pages 240-484.

Third Year's Course.

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation—chapters 13-19 inclusive.
Sell's Bible Study, by Books—New Testament Section.
Church History—484 to end.
Jesus is Coming—Blackstone.

B. Second Semi-Annual Examination.

First Year's Course.

Bible—St John, chapter 14 to the end and Titus.
Lessons in Holiness—Doty.

Second Year's Course.

Bible—Leviticus and Hebrews.
Reformed Pastor—Baxter.

Third Year's Course.

Bible—I and II Peter., Rev. chapter 1 to 3.
Nelson on Infidelity.
Fletcher's Appeal.

Examiners :

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

C.—Applicants for Annual Conference License.
Discipline.

Examiners :

H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.,
C. H. BRUNNER, P. E.

II. REPORT OF READING COURSE COMMITTEE.

	Discipline.	Church History.	Nelson on Infidelity.	Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation.	Fletcher's Appeal.	Lessons on Holiness.	Sell's Bible Study.	Jesus is Coming.	Bible.	Reformed Pastor.	Average.
(a) Applicants on the Discipline.											
E. W. Martin	84										
W. F. Edmonds	91										
Robt. Bergstresser	95										
E. N. Cassel	100										
J. F. Barrall	97										
H. F. Meltzer	95										
E. E. Kubic	89										
H. W. Feldges	89										
T. E. Clewel	88										
(b) Probationers, First Year's Course.											
J. C. Roth		35		51		90	64			77	63
M. P. Zook		60		58		96	81			87	73
W. S. Hottel		47		46		94	62			84	67
(c) Probationers, Third Year's Course.											
E. T. Shick		57	67	60	87		65	61		78	68
E. R. Heywood		49	45	46	67		69	60		50	56
W. W. Zimmerman		39	48	67	65		40	60		44	52

Examiners of Applicants.—H. B. MUSSELMAN, C. H. BRUNNER.

Examiners of Probationers.—W. G. GEHMAN, R. D. DREISBACH, F. L. WOODRING.

III. REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

A. Collections.—September 14, 1900, to October 4, 1901.

I. Schuylkill Valley District, H. B. Musselman, P. E.

APPOINTMENTS.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Foreign Missions in S. S.	Collection for Poor.	M. P. E. at Love Feasts.	Gospel Workers.
A. CIRCUITS.						
1. Coopersburg	\$ 91 50	\$ 73 50	\$ 82 29	\$ 5 55	\$ 19 05	\$ 23 82
Springtown	13 52		17 71	135	1 80	2 00
a. Bethlehem	112 00	145 00	87 10	1320	75 00	92 28
South Bethlehem						
3. Upper Milford	89 35	47 25	162 53	5 00	22 56	20 66
Hereford	7 25	10 25		1 42	7 84	7 26
4. Gratersford	24 64	22 10	59 65	5 25	5 06	11 14
Harleysville	17 00	15 70		2 55	3 89	12 36
5. Royersford	28 11	19 00	48 85	3 10	10 00	8 75
Spring City	41 65	32 10	60 93	3 40	8 50	18 01
B. STATIONS.						
1. Reading	19 00	13 25	33 34	2 85	11 12	22 94
2. Terre Hill	6 00	10 11	33 09	3 00	7 23	9 49
C. MISSIONS.						
1. Quakertown	21 40	22 90	46 70	1 70	6 69	8 23
Hatfield	22 10	17 10	20 76	2 15	9 93	7 04
2. Blandon	25 10	45 50	51 24	2 33	8 09	17 52
Athol	19 25	62 75			3 05	6 60
3. Nazareth	6 63	49 57		8 39	7 19	14 43
Plainfield, Pa	5 00	12 25		5 00	2 11	7 74
Received from other sources	3 00	53 00				
Total, S. V. District	\$ 552 50	\$ 651 33	\$ 704 19	\$ 66 24	\$ 209 91	\$ 290 72

II. Lehigh Valley District, C. H. Brunner, P. E.

A. CIRCUITS.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Foreign Missions in S. S.	Collection for Poor.	M. P. E. at Love Feasts.	Gospel Workers.
1. Allentown	194 40	52 15	158 32	5 50	34 04	77 21
South Allentown	20 40	9 45	27 52	1 50	8 43	26 77
Emaus	15 60	26 30		3 00	4 09	12 84
B. STATIONS.						
1. Mt. Carmel	63 15	141 02	78 17	4 98	19 58	52 29
C. MISSIONS.						
1. Walnutport	12 50				1 10	5 35
Tripoli	16 00					5 55
2. Leighton	4 25	15 75	13 40	1 00	3 25	5 27
Weissport	12 96	22 86	19 58	1 00	3 25	6 79
3. Girardville	29 50	34 70	13 68	2 87	6 73	12 73
4. Northampton	36 63	41 50	33 32	6 05		8 25
Cementon			10 69			
5. Washington, N. J.			18 00			3 79
6. Hackettstown, N. J.			8 00			5 31
From W. G. Gehman		200 00				
From H. W. Feldges		50 00				
From other sources	11 00	97 42				
Total L. V. Dist	\$ 366 49	\$ 691 15	\$ 300 78	\$ 25 90	\$ 80 47	\$ 222 15
Sum Total	\$918 99	\$1342 48	\$1084 97	\$ 92 14	\$ 290 38	\$ 512 42

B. Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions.

INCOME.	
Balance in treasury Sept. 14, 1900.....	\$ 2370.50
Offerings in church during year	1342.48
Offerings in Sunday school during year	1084.97
Total	\$ 4797.95

EXPENDITURES.	
Support of H. L. Weiss and family	\$ 750.00
Support of J. E. Fidler and family.....	375.00
Support of C. F. Snyder.....	375.00
Support of Rose Lambert.....	210.00
Support of Armenian orphans.....	183.00
H. L. Weiss, work in Chile.....	
Gift from W. G. Gehman	\$ 200.0
Gift from H. W. Feldges.....	50.00

To H. S. Hallman, gift account	
Bro. Fidler's children.....	50.00
To A. E. Funk, India sufferers	5.00
Bank drafts, merchandise, etc	8.67
For Armenia and China (Northampton C. M.)	24.35
Balance in treasury October 4, 1901	2616.93
Total	\$ 4797.95

NOTE.—The various payments have been squared up so that they all become due quarterly, viz: January 1, April 1, July 1, October 1, and as there were two October payments due in this conference year, hence the reason why some receive more than one year's allowance

M. KAUFMAN, Treasurer.

C Report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund.

INCOME.	
Balance in treasury, Sept. 14, 1900.....	\$1000.11
Offerings during the year—Schuylkill Valley District	552.50
Lehigh Valley District	366.49
Total	\$1919.10

EXPENDITURES.	
Schuylkill Valley District.....	\$ 349.39
Lehigh Valley District.....	591.18
Balance in Treasury Oct. 4, 1901.....	978.53
Total	\$1919.10

M. KAUFMAN, Treasurer.

D. Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Deacons, (Poor Fund.)

INCOME.	
Balance in treasury Sept. 14, 1900.....	\$109.33
Offerings during the year	92.14
Total	\$201.47

Paid out during year.....	\$ 97.19
Balance in treasury Oct. 14, 1901.....	104.28
Total	\$201.47

A. A. WISMER, Treasurer.

E. Report of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund.

INCOME.	
Balance in treasury, Sept. 14, 1900	\$ 69.15
Receipts	24.00
Contributions	10.00

Total	\$103.15
NO EXPENDITURES.	
Balance in treasury Oct. 4, 1901.....	\$103.15

M. KAUFMAN, Treasurer.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDERS.**(A) Schuylkill Valley District.**

(a) APPROPRIATIONS.	
Quakertown and Hatfield.....	\$ 60.00
Nazareth and Plainfield.....	40.00
Blandon & Athol.....	40.00
Total	\$140.00
(b) TABERNACLE MEETINGS.	
Tatamy	\$ 9.00
Souderton	7.25
Macungie	1.00
Fleetwood	4.95
West Reading	8.42
Total	\$30.62

(c) MISCELLANEOUS.	
New Tabernacle 26x44	\$ 90.00
New living tent 14x14.....	16.00
Freight, outfit, etc.....	9.66
Fitting up old tabernacle.....	11.22
100 Camp chairs.....	30.00
Moving expenses, J. C. Roth.....	9.55
Moving expenses, W. J. Fretz.....	12.34
Total	\$178.77
Grand total	\$349.39

H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.

(B) Lehigh Valley District.

(a) APPROPRIATIONS.

Walnutport and Tripoli.....	\$ 60.00
Lehighton and Weissport.....	60.00
Girardville.....	30.00

Total\$150.00

(b) TABERNACLE MEETINGS.

Athol, (Sept. 1900).....	\$ 3.56
Easton.....	6.08
Phillipsburg, N. J.....	3.53
East Mauch Chunk.....	2.93
New Mahoning.....	4.85
Mahanoy City.....	3.26
Girardville.....	6.70
Hackettstown, N. J.....	4.00
South Allentown.....	7.29
Mt. Carmel.....	3.78
Doolittle.....	14.88

Total..\$60.86

(c) MISSIONS.)

Girardville.....	\$ 26.39
Cementon.....	13.21
Easton.....	59.62
Phillipsburg, N. J.....	28.85
Washington, N. J.....	17.99
Hackettstown, N. J.....	18.00

Belvidere, N. J.....	27.09
Erwinna.....	1.75

Total\$192.90

(d) MISCELLANEOUS.)

New tabernacle, 31x40.....	\$ 90.00
Second hand tabernacle.....	35.00
New living tent, 9x19.....	19.00
Freight, stove, etc.....	13.42
100 camp chairs.....	30.00

Total\$187.42

Grand total.....\$591.18

GEN. CONF. DELEGATES.

Expenses.....	\$82.25
Supplements, postage, etc.....	2.20
Expenses Berne Gen. Conf. Delegates.....	5.00

Total 89.45

Received from whole—	
Conference.....	\$86.90
From other sources.....	2.55

Total\$89.45

C. H. BRUNNER, P. E.

V. REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

Presiding Elders.....	3
Ministers, Ordained, Total.....	30
Ministers Ordained at this Conference.....	2
Ministers on Probation 2 years or more.....	1
Ministers on Probation 1 year or more.....	3
Ministers on Probation received at this Conference.....	9
O. C. Licensed Preachers.....	18
Deacons.....	9
Stewards.....	41
Class Leaders.....	41
Baptized.....	311
Received into Church Fellowship.....	193
Received by Letter of Recommendation and Transfer.....	60
Members died during year.....	10
Members withdrawn.....	41
Members expelled.....	22
Members moved away.....	6
Members transferred.....	73
Increase of Members.....	101
Whole number of Members, including G. W. Society.....	1002
Appointments.....	37
New appointments.....	8
Sermons preached.....	6080
Pastoral visits.....	8940
Prayer meetings visited.....	944
Sunday Schools visited.....	934
Classes.....	35
New classes organized.....	5
Sunday Schools.....	26
New Sunday Schools organized.....	7
Officers and Teachers.....	341
Scholars on Roll.....	1992
Average attendance.....	1572

Union Sunday Schools.....	1
Subscribers to Gospel Banner.....	254
New subscribers received during past year.....	19
Churches.....	24
Parsonages.....	3
Value of Church property.....	\$44,900.00
Increase in Church property.....	250.00

COLLECTIONS.

For Church property.....	\$ 225.17
For Parsonage and hall rent.....	1346.92
For Ministers in cash.....	4155.86
For Ministers in other Contributions.....	1611.75
For Assistants.....	52.93
For Home Missions.....	918.99
For Foreign Missions (in Church).....	1342.48
For Foreign Missions (in S. S.).....	1084.97
For Sunday Schools.....	931.14
For Repairing church property.....	229.36
For Sexton and sundry expenses.....	1797.48
For Presiding Elders.....	926.74
For Missionary P. E.....	290.38
For Gospel Worker Society.....	513.84
For Tabernacle work.....	264.87
For Evangelistic work.....	37.35
For Missionary work.....	82.73
For Camp meetings.....	1254.72
For The Poor.....	92.14
For Sunday School Conventions.....	56.23
For General Conference Delegates.....	86.90

Total\$17302.95

J. G. SHIREMAN,
Statistical Secretary.

NOTE.—This Report includes the statistics of the Church and Home Missionary Society.

VI. REPORT OF THE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1900, TO OCTOBER 1, 1901.

(a) STATISTICAL.		(b) FINANCIAL.	
Full members	9	Pastoral Visits.	2438
Probationers	3	Gospel Banners sold	10365
Withdrawn, (left the work).....	1	(b) FINANCIAL.	
Withdrawn (received church work)	2	Literature sold (retail).....	\$1102.95
Baptized	75	Receipts—	
Missions abandoned.	1	For Gospel Workers	9.10
New Missions opened	3	For President.	63.81
Missions open now.	6	For District Leader	154.16
Sunday Schools organized	5	For Sunday School Work	94.44
Sunday Schools total	6	For Conference Fund	28.57
Officers and teachers enrolled...	50	For Foreign Missions	58.07
Scholars enrolled	305	For Foreign Missions in Sun- day Schools	36.69
Sermons and addresses.....	2408	For Tabernacle Helpers	30.74
Open Air Meetings.	249	For rents	405.12
Children's Meetings and Sunday Schools held	294	For Hall Expenses and Workers	713.51
Prayer Meetings held	234	Donations received.....	622.35
		Total collected.....	\$2216.56
		C. H. BRUNNER, Pres. Treas.	

VII. REPORT OF GOSPEL WORKER SOCIETY.

(a) STATISTICAL.		(b) FINANCIAL.	
Sermons and talks	7545	Value of Literature sold by	
Families visited	12439	Bands only (retail)	\$4134.71
Open Air Meetings.....	1963	Amount raised by collections	
Hall Meetings.	5503	for rents, etc., etc.....	5104.46
Cottage Meetings	80	Amount raised for India Fa- mine Sufferers	470.44
Children's Meetings.	56	Total money raised	\$5574.90
Gospel Banners sold weekly....	1075	W. B. MUSSELMAN, M. P. E.	

Statistical Summary from September 14, 1900, to October 4, 1901.

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 and Hall	For Sabbath Schools.	For Ministers in Cash	For Ministers in other Contributions.	For Presiding Elders	For General Conference	Delegates.	Total Collections.			
A—Stations.	W. K. Ziegler.....	18	22	12	10	2	67	1	16	128	12	1	\$ 5,200	\$ 103 40	\$ 73 38	\$ 223 69	\$ 90 00	\$ 52 38	\$ 3 00	\$ 148 87				
Reading.....	O. C. Hillegas.....	5	12	10	2	37	37	1	15	208	11	2	4,000	109 24	199 24	335 38	19 54	35 12	3 00	537 16				
Terre Hill.....	W. G. Gehman.....	32	19	11	8	58	58	1	10	105	1	1	1,000	162 80	42 99	324 75	121 63	70 77	3 00	1451 24				
Mt. Carmel.....	B.—Circuits.																							
Coopersburg.....	L. B. Taylor.....	4	10	5	5	67	2	23	88	21	2	3,500	50 00	62 34	201 87	4 01	51 07	7 50	749 00					
Bethlehem.....	R. L. Woodring.....	23	13	17	2	93	1	17	95	39	1	4,500	50 00	38 21	315 56	50 00	119 23	11 00	1358 08					
Upper Milford.....	J. G. Shireman.....	25	2	7	28	93	1	17	75	30	2	3,500	78 00	20 61	275 25	194 60	63 56	0 53	130 08					
Gratersford.....	G. A. Campbell.....	19	11	8	3	67	1	19	14	20	1	1,200	81 00	11 68	186 78	17 50	142 14	6 50	649 70					
Royersford.....	W. J. Fretz.....	11	11	14	3	70	2	20	118	23	3	5,500	66 75	81 00	287 60	82 25	69 23	9 00	1077 99					
Allentown.....	W. Steinmetz.....	33	19	10	9	142	2	30	220	39	2	4,000	96 00	109 64	389 10	26 72	108 27	12 50	1722 55					
C.—Missions.	J. C. Roth.....	12	14	4	10	43	2	21	114	14	3	5,000	84 00	44 46	181 62	36 88	43 80	5 00	732 04					
Quakertown.....	E. N. Cassel.....	26	20	7	23	43	1	14	40	11	1	1,000	37 25	40 60	166 68	28 95	41 12	1 00	763 10					
Blandon.....	W. F. Edmonds.....	7	6	1	1	15	1	7	55	12	1	500	06 00	153 81	20 26	43 07	50 13	500 13						
Nazareth.....	C. M. Layton.....	1	1	1	1	23	1	7	55	12	1	500	06 00	153 81	20 26	43 07	50 13	500 13						
Walnutport.....	R. D. Dreisbach.....	4	10	13	3	27	2	23	147	8	2	2,800	77 50	38 50	101 68	43 00	38 59	1 50	479 04					
Lehighton.....	E. T. Shick.....	17	4	3	11	27	1	30	110	1	1	1,000	120 00	34 89	141 49	123 77	48 91	1 50	475 86					
Girardville.....	H. W. Feldges.....	10	18	11	7	20	30	11	44	6	1	1,000	405 12	23 42	102 70	28 30	1 87	640 46						
Northampton.....		75	14	26		11	25	6	305	7	1	300	405 12	94 44	713 51	622 35	63 81		2216 50					
Erwinna.....						1	27																	
Home Missy Soc.						1	27																	
Gospel Worker Soc						1	27																	
Total.....		311	253	152	122	211	1002	26	341	1992	262	24	\$44,900	\$13,469.24	\$931.14	\$4,155.86	\$1,617.75	\$926.74	\$86.90	\$17,302.95				

NOTE.—Pastors will please be careful that their next year's reports on the Schedule will correspond with items 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, in above Report.

ROLL AND DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES

I. ITINERANTS.

NAME.			Received Present Charge.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
	Licensed.	Ordained.		
Bergstresser, R.....	1901		1901	Walnutport, Pa.
Brunner, C. H.....	1893	1896	P. E. 1899	Allentown, Pa.
Campbell, G. A.....	1887	1890	1899	Gratersford, Pa.
Cassel, E. N.....	1901		1901	Fleetwood, Pa.
Clauser, A. M.....	1893	1896		
Clewell, T. E.....	1901		1901	Girardville, Pa.
Dreisbach, R. D.....	1892	1895	1900	Weissport, Pa.
Fretz, W. J.....	1898	1900	1900	Spring City, Pa.
Gehman, W. G.....	1896	1899	1900	Mt. Carmel, Pa.
Heywood, E. R.....	189		1901	Nazareth, Pa.
Hillegas, O. S.....	1889	1892	1899	Terre Hill, Pa.
Martin, E. W.....	1901		1901	Coopersburg, Pa.
Musselman, H. B.....	1890	1893	P. E. 1900	753 Lance Place, Reading, Pa.
Musselman, W. B.....	1883	1886	M. P. E. 1900	Williamsport, Pa.
Roth, J. C.....	1900		1900	Hatfield, Pa.
Shick, E. T.....	1899	1901	1901	1216 Turner street, Allentown, Pa.
Shireman, J. G.....	1898	1900	1900	Dillinger, Pa.
Steinmetz, W.....	1893	1896	1901	836 Hellertown Ave., South Allentown, Pa.
Woodring, R. L.....	1898	1900	1899	112 Laurel street, Bethlehem, Pa.
Ziegler, W. K.....	1895	1998	1900	616 Locust street, Reading, Pa.

II. LOCAL PREACHERS (ORDAINED).

Bitting, O.....	1885	1888		Lenark, Pa.
Gehman, Wm.....	1849	1849		Vera Cruz, Pa.
Strawn, A.....	1859	1860		344 North Eighth street, Allentown, Pa.
Taylor, L. B.....	1894	1897		Coopersburg, Pa.

III. ANNUAL CONFERENCE LICENSED PREACHERS.

Barrall, J. F.....	1901			Bethlehem, Pa.
Edmunds, W. F.....	1901			
Feldges, H. W.....	1901			
Hottel, W. S.....	1902			
Kublic, E. E.....	1901			
Meltzer, H. F.....	1901			
Zimmerman, W. W.....	1899		1901	
Zook, M. P.....	1900			

IV. QUARTERLY CONFERENCE LICENSED MISSIONARIES.

Adam, O. B.....	1900			Blandon, Pa.
Brunner, Mrs. C. H.....	1892			Allentown, Pa.
Deppe, Alfred.....	1897			Weissport, Pa.
Dill, W. W.....	1897			Norristown, Pa.
Dreisbach, Mrs. R. D.....	1892			Weissport, Pa.
Edwards, C. J.....	1901			
Gehman, H. M.....	1897			Allentown, Pa.
Gehret, Norman.....	1899			Reading, Pa.
Kichline, Mrs. James.....	1896			Bethlehem, Pa.
Layton, C. M.....	1897			Saegersville, Pa.
Moyer, J. H.....	1893			
Stutzman, W. H.....	1901			
Wesley, Mrs. Anna.....	1896			Reading, Pa.
Ziegler, Mrs. W. K.....	1894			
Zoller, R. W.....	1901			

V. FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

(a) China.

Snyder C. F. Arrived on the field in 1897. Present address Wuchang, via Hankow, China, care C. & M. A.

(b) Chili.

Weiss H. L. and Mrs. H. L. Weiss. Arrived on the field in 1897. Address, Valdivia, Casilla 49, Chili, S. A.

(c) Armenia.

Fidler J. E. and Mrs. J. E. Fidler. Arrived on the field in 1900. Address, Hadjin, Turkey, Asia Minor.

Lambert Rose. 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. Branner.
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.	William N. Shelly	A. W. Stauff. r.
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.	William Gehman	David Gehman.
1864	June 7	Upper Milford, Pa.	William 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.	William Gehman	David Gehman.
1866	June 6	Upper Milford, Pa.	William Gehman	David Gehman
1866	Nov. 3	Mount Joy, Pa.	William N. Shelly	David Gehman.
1867	June 4	Flatland, Pa.	David Henning	David Gehman.
1867	Nov. 5	Upper Milford, Pa.	William Gehman	Joseph Romig.
1868	June 2	Flatland, Pa.	William N. Shelly	Joseph Romig.
1868	Nov. 5	Upper Milford, Pa.	William 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.	William Gehman	Jonas Musselman.
1872	Nov. 6	Quakertown, Pa.	William N. Shelly	David Gehman.
1873	June 3	Upper Milford, Pa.	David Henning	David Gehman.
1873	Nov. 11	Coopersburg, Pa.	William N. Shelly	David Gehman.
1874	June 1	Quakertown, Pa.	William Gehman	David Gehman.
1874	Nov. 10	Upper Milford, Pa.	David Henning	David Gehman.
1875	June 5	Coopersburg, Pa.	William N. Shelly	David Gehman.
1875	Nov. 6	Quakertown, Pa.	William Gehman	David Gehman.
1876	March 30	Coopersburg, Pa.	William Gehman	David Gehman.
1876	June 3	Upper Milford, Pa.	David Henning	Jonas Musselman.
1876	Nov. 11	Mount Joy, Pa.	William N. Shelly	Jonas Musselman.
1877	June 2	Coopersburg, Pa.	William 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.	William Gehman	S. M. Musselman.
1879	Oct. 6	Quakertown, Pa.	William Gehman	S. M. Musselman.
1880	**Nov. 8	Upper Milford, Pa.	S. Eby	S. M. Musselman.
1880	March 15	Coopersburg, Pa.	William Gehman	S. M. Musselman.
1881	March 7	Quakertown, Pa.	William Gehman	S. M. Musselman.
1882	Feb. 13	Upper Milford, Pa.	William Gehman	S. M. Musselman.
1883	Feb. 5	Coopersburg, Pa.	William Gehman	A. Kaufman.
1884	Feb. 4	Terre Hill, Pa.	William Gehman	Wm. H. Gehman.
1885	Feb. 2	Quakertown, Pa.	William Gehman	M. A. Zyner.
1886	Feb. 1	Upper Milford, Pa.	William Gehman	M. A. Zyner.
1887	Feb. 7	Reading, Pa.	William Gehman	A. Kaufman.
1888	Feb. 6	Coopersburg, Pa.	William Gehman	A. Kaufman.
1889	Feb. 4	Terre Hill, Pa.	William Gehman	A. Kaufman.
1890	Feb. 3	Bethlehem, Pa.	William Gehman	M. A. Zyner.
1891	Feb. 2	Quakertown, Pa.	William 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.
1901	Oct. 4	Bethlehem, Pa.	W. B. Musselman	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. Now 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

TWELFTH ANNUAL MINISTERIAL CONVENTION.

The Twelfth Annual Ministerial Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of the Pennsylvania Conference convened in Ebenezer Church, Laurel street, Bethlehem, Pa., on October 3rd, 1901.

The Chairman, Elder R. L. Woodring, opened the Convention at 9 A. M. by singing, a few appropriate remarks on Psalm 46, and prayer, followed by the enrollment of members, after which the minutes of last year's Convention were read and received.

Elder R. L. Woodring gave an address of welcome.

RESOLVED, That all members of the Annual Conference shall be voting members, and all other members present advisory members.

The Convention bar shall occupy the first two pews and the two amen corners of the church.

Upon request the Chairman appointed Elders W. B. Muselman, C. H. Brunner, and E. T. Shick, a committee to decide which of the Essays, if any, shall be published in the Gospel Banner.

The following Essays were then read, discussed and received:

1. An Essay on "The Benefits of Our Reading Course," by Elder R. D. Dreisbach.

A preacher of the Gospel shall study.—2 Tim. 2:15. 1 Tim. 4, tells us to read and meditate. God does not us if we don't study. Christ said, search the Scriptures. Apollos learned of Acquilla and Priscilla. To know divine wisdom we must study, meditate. The Bible has by far the most prominent part in our Reading Course. The action of last Conference recommending a change from Theology to a Book on Bible study, was a wise one. Other books like Thatcher's appeal, showing the fall of man; Nelson on Infidelity, how a man was rescued from infidelity; Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, showing how God led his people in olden times and led them up to redemption in Christ; Jesus is Coming, which is very practical and Scriptural; Church History, showing how many false doctrines came to be taught

and how the Holy Spirit leads His church ; Reformed Pastor gives very practical points on doing pastoral work. The various books of the Reading Course give teaching from redemption from Sin to our presence with the God in glory.

2. "The Relation of our Church to the Widows of our Deceased Pastors," by Elder J. G. Shireman.

Acts 6.—Widows were neglected in the daily ministration. Deacons were appointed for their care. This subject however includes only widows of our Pastors.

These stood by their pastors, having forsaken their positions and suffered with them. Now they are left without support and we can say we pity them, but if we shut our bowels of compassion, how dwelleth the love of God in us.

A good way would be to found an orphanage, make these widows workers or teachers in the Orphanage and have a Spiritual man as Superintendent over them. This would benefit the orphans and would support the widows.

An offering was taken and the forenoon session closed by prayer by C. H. Branner.

SECOND SESSION, 1.45 P. M.

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

After the roll call the minutes of the forenoon session were read and received.

The questions were answered by Elders W. Steinmetz and E. T. Shick.

1. An Essay, by Elder G. A. Campbell, on "The Necessary Qualifications of an Applicant for the Ministry." A call of God and studious habits to study the word are necessary. He needs qualifications of an ambassador in Christ's stead beseeching men to become reconciled to God.

A certain man said, if a man can stay in the home land let him not go to the Foreign field. So with the call to the ministry. Paul said, "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel."

Aptness to teach and instruct in order to perfect God's people here below is necessary. Illiteracy is no excuse, as Peter and John did much work and people saw God with them. An applicant with too much forwardness and desire of recognition and lack of willingness to teach a class of Sunday School scholars, collect Pastor's salary, etc., should have more humility, patience and judgment. A desire for a fat living is not a quality of God's called ministers.

2. "How to Win Souls and How to Keep Them," by Elder R. L. Woodring.

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life and he that wins the souls is wise. Anarchism, powder and dynamite, assails God and his word and all other higher powers and sink people into debauchery and recklessness. If all preachers, bibles, books, were destroyed, there would be after all people who would rise and preach and win souls to Christ. Vulture said, "If there be no God it is necessary to invent one." We are to win souls. How shall they preach except they be sent. Christ called base things and filled them with zeal to fish for souls. They cast the net into the waters. Fishermen take great pains and endure perils and so preachers, and they must have the wisdom of God. God calls pastors who feed them on knowledge and wisdom from above. David's soul panted for the living God. A man who feeds on the word of God will bring forth fruits of the spirit such as love, joy, peace, long suffering, meekness, gentleness, qualities to win and keep souls.

3. An Essay on "The Dangers and Temptations to which the Faithful Preacher of the Present Day is Exposed," by Elder W. G. Gehman.

We are living in the last perilous times; men are lovers of themselves, proud heady, high-minded.

The bread and butter temptation is a great temptation of to-day yet. Paul worked for his support but asked forgiveness for the wrong. Praying night and day and working for the interests of the people and then be criticised, is a great temptation to impatience. There is danger of preaching either too smooth or too rough in order to have applause of man; also danger for a preacher not to be in close fellowship with the Lord. The temptation is to shrink from suffering and take the easy, popular route.

The world lieth in the wicked one, but he that is in us is greater than he that is in the world.

The offering was lifted after which it was

RESOLVED, That we elect the officers for the next Ministerial Convention this afternoon.

The following were elected:—W. K. Ziegler, Chairman; J. G. Shireman, Secretary.

Committee to Arrange Programme:—C. H. Brunner, H. B. Musselman, E. N. Cassel.

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

The session was closed by prayer by Elder W. Steinmetz.

EVENING SESSION, 7.15 P. M.

Opened by singing and prayer by Elder A. M. Clauser.

The questions were answered by Elders W. B. Musselman and W. J. Fretz.

The Committee on Publications of Essays recommend the publication of the Essays :—“The Relation of the Church to the Widows of our Deceased Pastors,” by Elder J. G. Shireman, and “The Dangers and Temptations to which the Faithful Preacher of the Present Day is Exposed,” by Elder W. G. Gehman.

The report was received.

The following subject for discussion was opened by Elder W. K. Ziegler.—“The New Birth, Salvation and Glorification.”

An offering was lifted for the labor and expenses of the Secretary, amounting to \$3.86. Thanks.

The minutes of the afternoon and evening sessions were read and received.

RESOLVED, That we tender hearty thanks by a rising vote to the members of the Bethlehem class for their kindness and hospitality shown us during this Convention session.

This was followed by an invitation during which several were anointed and healed according to the word of God.

The session was closed by prayer by Elder G. A. Campbell.

R. L. WOODRING, Chairman.

W. G. GEHMAN, Secretary.

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