

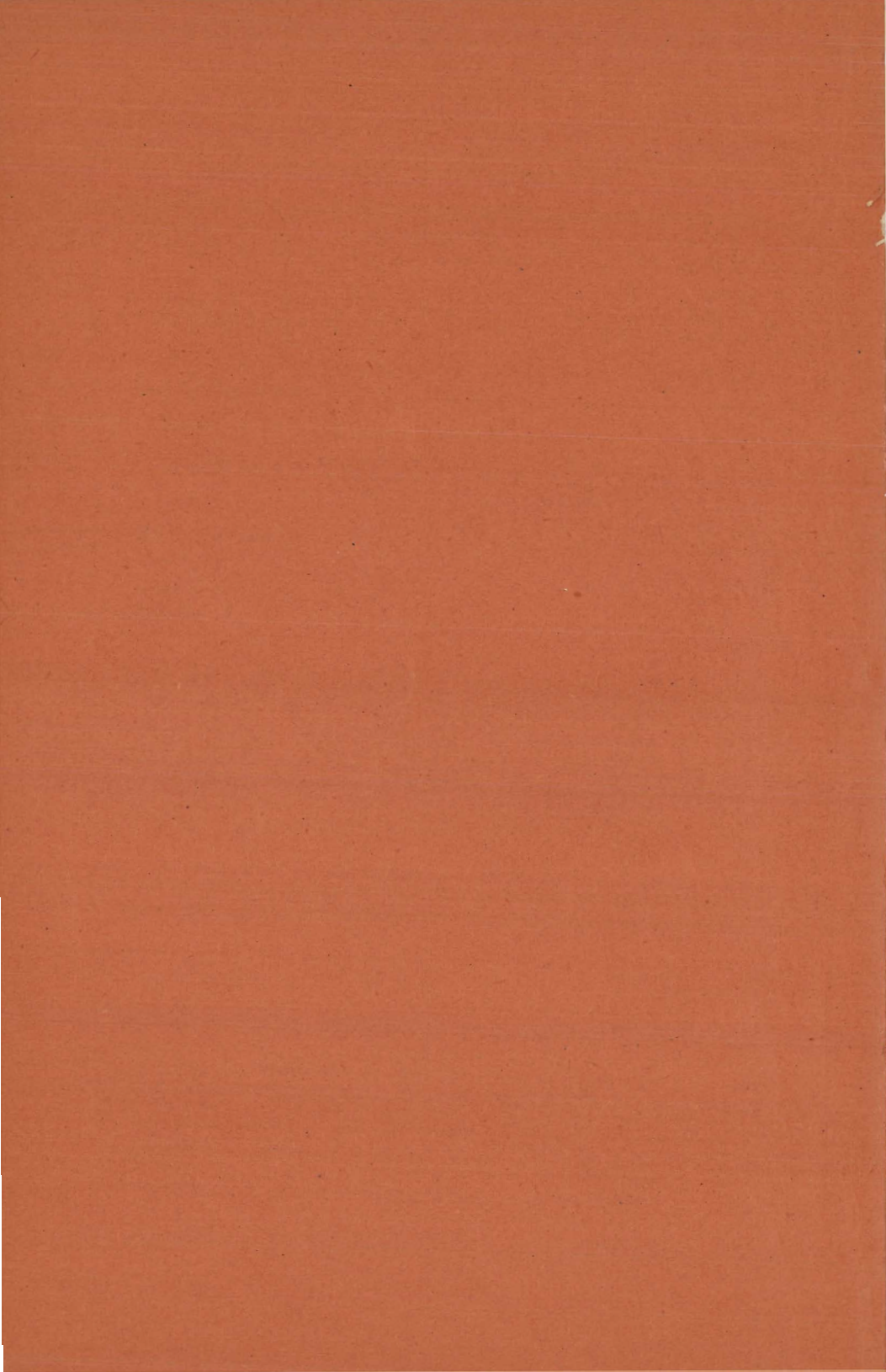
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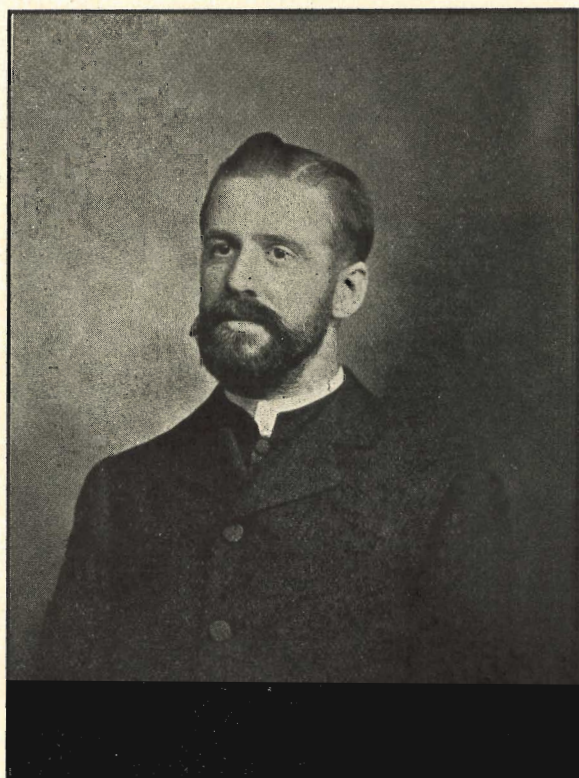
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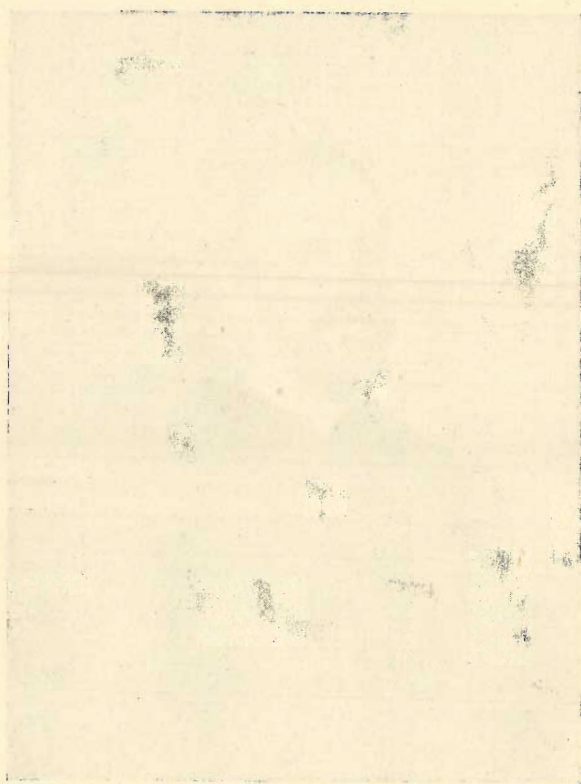
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Business Rules of the Conference.

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 Quartly 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.—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. These services shall be held soon after the Annual Conference, and

a subscription for Foreign Missions shall be taken on this occasion to be collected before February 1st. [Enacted February 3, 1894.]

NOTE.—The members of our Church shall be respectfully recommended to forward their funds for the Foreign Missionaries through the Foreign Missionary Board and not to the missionaries directly, which would lessen or cause to neglect their contributions in the direct channel provided by Conference for the support pledged to our respective missionaries.

C.—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.]

D.—Charity.—The pastor, or somebody appointed by him, shall hold a Special Service at each appointment. On this occasion the Annual Offering for the Poor shall be received. [Enacted February 20, 1897.]

E.—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.]

F.—Conference Fund.—A collection be lifted once a year in a prayer meeting, in each class by their respective class-leaders for the Conference Fund. The pastor in charge shall bring the same to the Annual Conference. [Enacted Oct. 20, 1902.]

G.—Collections.—The pastor shall have charge of the Offerings for the Poor, Foreign and Home Missionary Work, and Conference Fund, 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 Feb. 20, 1897.]

H.—The Lord's Coming.—WHEREAS, We believe that the coming of the Lord is rapidly approaching ; therefore

Resolved, That we recommend our Ministers to 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.]

I.—Class Meetings.—The Minister-in-charge shall hold a class meeting four times a year in each class, and read the general rules or get them read once a year. [Discipline, page 80.]

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

K.—Sunday School Conventions.—One or more Sunday School Conventions shall be held 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 Feb. 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 decision 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

OF THE

Nineteenth Annual Conference

FIRST SESSION.

The Nineteenth Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, of the Pennsylvania District, convened in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, Reading, Pa., at 8 A. M., October 17, 1902.

The first session was opened by signing and a very practical and searching address on "True Love," on I Peter 3: 8-17, by the chairman, H. B. Musselman, 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.—H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, W. G. Gehman, G. A. Campbell, A. M. Clauser, R. D. Dreisbach, W. J. Fretz, O. S. Hillegass, E. T. Shick, J. G. Shireman, W. Steinmetz, R. L. Woodring, W. K. Ziegler, L. B. Taylor, W. W. Zimmerman, Wm. Gehman, W. B. Musselman.

ORDAINED MINISTERS ABSENT.—O. Bitting, A. Strawn; J. E. Fidler and H. L. Weiss, Foreign Missionaries.

PROBATIONERS PRESENT.—R. Bergstresser, E. N. Cassel, E. W. Martin, J. C. Roth, W. S. Hottel, E. E. Kublic, E. R. Heywood, M. P. Zook, J. F. Barrall, F. W. Feldges, H. F. Meltzer, T. E. Clewell.

DELEGATES PRESENT.—Adam Keller, Francis Snyder, H. L. Musselman, A. A. Wismer, G. K. Himmelreich, C. W. Benner, R. T. Laudenslager, A. M. Gehman, Charles Eroh, H. M. Hottel, A. O. Hill, Wm. Brown, Oliver Bartholomew.

ALTERNATE DELEGATES.—W. C. Hale, A. Gaumer.

DELEGATE ABSENT.—Wm. Pittenger.

Resolved, That the conference bar include the first three pews and one amen corner.

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

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

Resolved, That R. D. Dreisbach be appointed reporter.

Resolved, That the Conference resolve itself into a committee of the whole to hold evening sessions on Friday and Saturday.

Resolved, That the editor of the JOURNAL be elected by an open vote for two years. R. L. Woodring was elected.

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

Committee on Worship.—W. K. Ziegler, A. Keller.

Committee on Communications.—W. G. Gehman, R. L. Woodring, E. N. Cassel.

Committee on Finance.—J. F. Barrall, A. M. Gehman, A. Gaumer.

Committee on Statistics.—J. G. Shireman, C. W. Benner.

Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records.—J. C. Roth, P. Y. Foltz, E. W. Martin, R. T. Laudenslager, A. A. Wismer.

Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders.—Wm. Gehman, L. B. Taylor, A. M. Clauser.

Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists and Missionaries.—G. A. Campbell, E. T. Shick, O. S. Hillegass.

Committee on Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference Licenses.—C. H. Brunner, W. K. Ziegler, R. D. Dreisbach.

Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination.—W. K. Ziegler, C. H. Brunner, William Gehman.

Committee on Resolutions.—C. H. Brunner, R. L. Woodring, W. J. Fretz.

Auditing Committee.—W. Steinmetz, W. S. Hottel, H. L. Musselman, Charles Eroh.

The remainder of the forenoon session was devoted to hearing the oral reports of the pastors. Closed by prayer by R. T. Laudenslager.

Second Session, Friday Afternoon, October 17, 1902.

Opened by singing and prayer by C. H. Brunner, 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 of A. Strawn, of Allentown, and deem his excuse for absence acceptable.

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

W. G. GEHMAN,	} Committee.
R. L. WOODRING,	
E. N. CASSEL,	

Committee on Quarterly Conference Records.—We examined the records and found them correct.

J. C. ROTH,	} Committee.
P. Y. FOLTZ,	
E. W. MARTIN,	
R. T. LAUDENSLAGER,	
A. A. WISMER,	

Committee on Examination on Traveling Elders.—We have examined all the Traveling Elders through their respective delegates, and found them all satisfactory.

WILLIAM GEHMAN,	} Committee.
L. B. TAYLOR,	
A. M. CLAUSER,	

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

WHEREAS, H. F. Meltzer failed to be present at the first semi-annual examination, therefore

Resolved, That he present himself at the first semi-annual examination next year.

The oral reports of the pastors were continued.

The reports were encouraging. There is a marked increase in membership, spirituality, and finances in general. The pastors, by realized and anticipated faith obtained good reports. There is a sound missionary spirit predominant for Home and Foreign work. Closed by prayer by O. S. Hillegass.

Third Session, Saturday Morning, October 18, 1902.

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

The following committee reports were submitted and received:

The Report of the Committee of the Whole.—Elder A. M. Clauser who made a missionary trip through the western states, was asked to report. He reported that throughout the year souls were saved, and even a number were baptized at different places.

Resolved, That the Missionary Society be a body by itself, and that the Church elect a president for the Society.

Resolved, That all other charges be under one Presiding Elder.

Resolved, That all collections at Quarterly Conferences be turned over to the Presiding Elder of the Church.

Resolved, That the president of the Home Missionary Society hold an all-day meeting on every charge, and a Missionary Meeting at each appointment, and take up a cash collection and subscriptions, the pastor to collect and bring them to the Annual Conference, and the Stationing Committee divide it as they see fit.

The Executive Committee reported some progress made during the year.

Resolved, That we continue the Executive Committee.

WHEREAS, The Conference has reluctantly accepted the excuses of the absence of the delegates of Allentown and Spring City, therefore

Resolved, That we earnestly desire the delegates to be present hereafter except in cases of impossibility.

G. A. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

W. J. FRETZ, Secretary.

Committee on Statistics.—We have examined the Annual Conference Schedules and found a goodly number of them incorrect, which were corrected.

J. G. SHIREMAN, } Committee.
C. W. BENNER, }

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

The report of the Secretary of the Beneficiary Society was submitted and received. (See Report.)

The report of the Treasurer of the Annual Conference Fund was submitted and received. (See Report.)

The report of the Treasurer of the Home Missionary Society was submitted and received. (See Report.)

The financial reports of the Presiding Elders were submitted and received. (See Reports.)

The report of the Presiding Elder relative to the defraying of the Reading Church debt was submitted and referred to the Committee on Resolutions, to draw up resolutions of congratulation.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Deacons was submitted and received. (See Report.)

WHEREAS, An urgent telegram for J. F. Barrall to come home to attend to business was received, therefore

Resolved, That he be permitted to go home and investigate and return as soon as possible.

The letters of our Foreign Missionaries were read to the Conference and referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Rev. J. H. Von Neida and Rev. H. H. Romig, of the U. B. Church, were received as advisory members of this Conference.

The report of the President of the Board of Trustees of the Norristown Church was received. The Board was exonerated.

Resolved, That we elect the Presiding Elder and two lay members as a Board of Trustees. A. A. Wismer and A. M. Gehman were elected from the laity.

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. [Page 15, Resolution B be inserted in the Standing Rules.]

Resolved, That our single men who apply for the work, shall be referred to the Home Missionary President.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elder of the church proper buy the tabernacle and that the secretary assist him in apportioning the amount according to membership, for the pastors to collect.

Resolved, That Rev. L. F. Haas be received as an advisory member.

Resolved, That the candidate for ordination, E. R. Heywood, be referred to the Committee on Ordination.

Resolved, That the subscription for Home Mission Work be taken between New Year and the camp meeting season.

Resolved, That the subscriptions for Foreign Missions be taken soon after the Annual Conference, to be collected before February 1. (To be incorporated on Page 5—D.)

Resolved, That "In October" be omitted in Article F, page 6,—Special Services.

Resolved, That Article C, page 5, Special Services, be omitted.

Resolved, That we omit Article B, (Temperance) page 5, Special Services.

Revise Article L, page 6, as follows: One or more Sunday School Conventions shall be held annually. The officers shall be elected at the Annual Conference.

WHEREAS, Our classes are well supplied with competent Stewards, therefore

Resolved, That we discourage ordaining Deacons prior to the next General Conference.

Resolved, That the editor of the Conference JOURNAL arrange a brief report of next Sunday's services to be published in the Conference JOURNAL.

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, to be paid for out of the Conference Fund. Closed by prayer by W. Steinmetz.

Fourth Session, Saturday Afternoon, October 18, 1902.

Opened by singing and prayer by H. B. Musselman, after which the minutes of the previous session were read and received with a few alterations.

Resolved, That Revs. A. Lehman, of the United Brethren Church, and J. S. Farnsworth, of the Evangelical Association, be received as advisory members.

The following committee* reports were submitted and received :

Auditing Committee.—We have examined all the books and accounts and found them all correct, with the exception of the Conference Schedules of Coopersburg, Reading, Dillinger, Fleetwood and Walnutport.

We also found a few slight mistakes in a few Quarterly Conference Records which were corrected.

We as a committee would kindly advise the pastors to make plain figures, and also fill out their schedules properly.

W. STEINMETZ,	} Committee.
W. S. HOTTEL,	
H. L. MUSSELMAN,	
CHARLES EROH,	

Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, and Missionaries.—We examined the Presiding Elders, Local Preachers and Missionaries and found all satisfactory.

GEO. A. CAMPBELL,	} Committee.
E. T. SHICK,	
O. S. HILLEGASS,	

Committee on Resolutions.—WHEREAS, our beloved Presiding Elder, H. B. Musselman has served this body so acceptably for the last year in raising sufficient money to pay off the Reading Church debt, therefore

Resolved, That we as a body herewith express our hearty appreciation for the same, and wish him God's speed and blessing.

C. H. BRUNNER,	} Committee.
R. L. WOODRING,	
W. J. FRETZ,	

WHEREAS, This Conference has received very welcome and encouraging letters and reports from our beloved missionaries, Brother and Sister H. L. Weiss, of Chili, South America ; Brother and Sister J. E. Fidler and Rose Lambert, of Hadjin, Turkey, therefore

Resolved, That we as a Conference feel grateful to God for their protection during these troublesome 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, if He shall tarry.

A letter from C. F. Snyder of China, was also expected but failed to come at this time.

C. H. BRUNNER, R. L. WOODRING, W. J. FRETZ,	} Committee.
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Committee on Ordination.—We have examined E. R. Heywood and found his character satisfactory, but for various reasons concerning his capabilities, we would recommend this Conference to postpone his ordination.

W. K. ZIEGLER, C. H. BRUNNER, WM. GEHMAN,	} Committee.
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Resolved, That the Presiding Elders give their oral reports.

C. H. Brunner reported unity among the ministers, a few halls opened, tabernacle meetings held, a goodly number saved, baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit. The pastorates and missions are in a good condition financially and spiritually. Several churches were built or are being built. Open air meetings are held and largely attended and people are getting healed and prepared for the Lord's coming.

W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder, gave a very interesting report of the Gospel Worker Society. Financially the Lord provides in a most marvelous manner. Many were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost during the past year. The colportage work is grand. Many banners and books were sold, and the sale of Gospel Worker Calendars is marvelous. In his report he plainly showed the approval of God in all things.

H. B. Musselman reported the work united and an increase in membership and growth in spirituality and a goodly number saved in tabernacles and the work getting more sound right along. The open air meetings are grand, a few new churches built and even colportage work increasing.

A collection was taken up for the labor and expenses of the Secretary, amounting to \$8.81. Thanks.

The following ministers submitted themselves unconditionally to the Conference.

H. B. Musselman, W. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, W. G. Gehman, R. Bergstresser, G. A. Campbell, E. N. Cassel, A. M. Clauser, T. E. Clewell, R. D. Dreisbach, W. J. Fretz, O. S. Hillegass, E. W. Martin, J. C. Roth, E. T. Shick, J. G.

Shireman, W. Steinmetz, R. L. Woodring, W. K. Ziegler, W. S. Hottel, W. W. Zimmerman, H. F. Meltzer.

Conditionally :—O. Bitting and A. Strawn, absent ; Wm. Gehman, A. M. Clauser.

The time for the election of a Presiding Elder having come, the Conference ordered the chair to appoint tellers. He appointed A. M. Clauser and L. B. Taylor.

H. B. Musselman was elected unanimously as Presiding Elder, for the ensuing year.

C. H. Brunner was elected as the president of the Missionary Society. It was afterward made unanimous by a rising vote.

Resolved, That we recognize W. B. Musselman as Missionary Presiding Elder *ex-officio*.

Other Officers Elected.—Vice Presiding Elder, R. L. Woodring ; Secretary, W. G. Gehman ; Treasurer, A. M. Gehman.

The following committees were elected by acclamation :

Standing Committee over the Presiding Elders.—W. K. Ziegler, J. G. Shireman and W. Steinmetz.

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

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

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

Resolved, That H. B. Musselman preach the Conference sermon on Sunday morning. C. H. Brunner shall preach Sunday afternoon and R. L. Woodring Sunday evening.

Resolved, That we grant W. B. Musselman leave of absence from Conference after the session of the Committee of the Whole.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elder, the President of the Home Missionary Society, the delegates of the circuits and stations, constitute the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.

Resolved, That the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee begin its session Sunday at 7 P. M.

Resolved, That C. H. Brunner, president of the Home Missionary Society be recognized as Missionary Presiding Elder *ex-officio*.

Closed by prayer by Wm. Brown.

Fifth Session, Sunday Afternoon, October 19, 1902.

(Extra Session.)

Opened by singing and prayer by W. K. Ziegler, after which the minutes of the previous session were read and received.

The following Committee reports were submitted and received :

Committee of the Conference of the Whole.—WHEREAS, Bro. L. F. Haas presented himself to this Conference as a candidate for the ministry, and after coming to a thorough understanding, it was

Resolved, That we recommend him to this Conference to be received as a probationer.

W. K. ZIEGLER, Chairman, } Committee.
W. J. FRETZ, Secretary, }

Resolved, That L. F. Haas be examined orally by the Conference on the Doctrinal part of the Discipline and on the Forms and Rules of the Discipline by a written examination by the Presiding Elder between now and Spring.

L. F. Haas was examined on Doctrine and was found satisfactory. Closed by prayer by Wm. Gehman.

Services Sunday, October 19.

M. P. Zook had charge of the praise meeting, at 9.30 A. M.

At 10 o'clock H. B. Musselman preached the Conference sermon from I Tim. 4 : 16. Take heed unto thyself and to the doctrine. The duties and responsibilities, as well as the character of the true pastor, were brought out very practically.

At 3 P. M. C. H. Brunner preached a stirring and practical sermon from Eph. 1 : 15, 23. The address was especially portraying the life of true apostleship to which the church is recommended.

W. W. Zimmerman opened the evening services at 7 P. M. with a praise service, after which R. L. Woodring delivered an address from Col. 3 : 3, 4, followed with an altar service after which a number of the brethren were anointed and claimed healing. The church was crowded all day and the Lord's presence was manifested in power and glory.

Sixth Session, Monday Morning, October 20, 1902.

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

The following committee reports were submitted and received :

Committee on Resolutions.—As the scriptures contain a number of instances where children of Godly parents were formally and publicly dedicated to the Lord, 1 Sam. 22, 28, Mark 10, 13-16, we heartily encourage our people to dedicate their children to the Lord, by prayer and laying on of the hands of the Elders, who shall then furnish proper certificates.

C. H. BRUNNER,	} Committee.
R. L. WOODRING,	
W. J. FRETZ,	

Resolved, That whenever the Gospel Worker Society or the Home Missionary Society turn one or more of their Missions over to the church, a committee consisting of the Presiding Elder, Treasurer and Missionary Presiding Elder of the Society in question, shall appraise the personal property belonging to the said Mission, in case the church chooses to buy the same, such property to be paid for out of the Home Missionary Treasury.

C. H. BRUNNER,	} Committee.
R. L. WOODRING,	
W. J. FRETZ,	

Report of the Building Committee of the Macungie church was submitted and received. The committee was exonerated.

Report of the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.—H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder.

(a) *Stations.*

1. Bethlehem—W. G. Gehman.
2. Allentown—E. T. Shick.
3. Mt. Carmel—R. L. Woodring.

(b) *Circuits.*—

1. Quakertown and Hatfield—J. C. Roth.
2. Coopersburg and Springtown—E. W. Martin.
3. South Allentown and Emaus—W. Steinmetz.
4. Gratersford and Harleysville—O. S. Hillegass.
5. Dillinger and Hereford—E. N. Cassel.
6. Royersford, Spring City and Norristown—W. J. Fretz.

7. Blandon, Fleetwood and Macungie—J. G. Shireman.
8. Reading and Athol—W. K. Ziegler.

(c) *Missions.*

1. Nazareth and Plainfield—W. S. Hottel.
2. Northampton and Cementon—L. F. Haas.
3. Walnutport and Tripoli—R. Bergstresser.
4. Lehighton and Weissport—R. D. Dreisbach.
5. Girardville and Mahanoy City—E. R. Heywood.

(d) *Tabernacles.*—To be supplied.

(e) *Local Preachers.*

- L. B. Taylor, Coopersburg Quarterly Conference.
 A. Strawn, Allentown Quarterly Conference.
 O. Bitting, South Allentown Quarterly Conference.
 Wm. Gehman, Dillinger Quarterly Conference.

(f) *Annual Conference Licensed Missionaries.*

- J. F. Barrall, M. P. Zook, H. F. Meltzer, E. E. Kublic,
 H. W. Felges, W. W. Zimmerman, T. E. Clewell.

(g) *Quarterly Conference Licensed Missionaries.*

- J. H. Moyer, W. W. Dill, O. B. Adam, Norman Gehret,
 H. M. Gehman, Alfred Deppe, C. M. Layton, A. O. Hill,
 Mrs. J. G. Shireman, Mrs. R. D. Dreisbach.

(h) *Appropriations for the Ensuing Year.*

Nazareth and Plainfield.....	\$10.00 per quarter.
Northampton and Cementon.....	20.00 per quarter.
Walnutport and Tripoli.....	20.00 per quarter.
Lehighton and Weissport.....	15.00 per quarter.
Girardville and Mahanoy City.....	15.00 per quarter.

II. *General Missionary Districts.*

- (a) W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder of the Gospel Worker Society.
- (b) C. H. Brunner, Missionary Presiding Elder of the Home Missionary Society.

III. *Foreign Missionaries.*—Chili, South America, H. L. Weiss and Mrs. H. L. Weiss; Thibet, C. F. Snyder; Hadjin, Turkey, J. E. Fidler and Mrs. J. E. Fidler and Rose Lambert.

Resolved, That L. F. Haas be paid the sum of \$30 for moving expenses.

Resolved, That Bro. E. R. Heywood's moving expenses be paid.

Resolved, That after the above appropriations and the moving expenses of L. F. Haas and E. R. Heywood are paid, the sum of \$125 be used by the Presiding Elder and the remainder be used by the Home Missionary Presiding Elder, C. H. Brunner.

Committee :—C. H. Brunner, chairman ; H. B. Musselman, Secretary ; A. Gaumer, Allen M. Gehman, Francis Snyder, Adam Keller, G. K. Himmelreich, A. A. Wismer, P. Y. Foltz, C. W. Benner, H. M. Hottel, W. C. Hale, H. L. Musselman, and R. T. Laudenslager,

WHEREAS, Brother C. H. Brunner served so faithfully in this Conference as Pastor and Presiding Elder, proving himself a self-sacrificing man, therefore

Resolved, That we further congratulate him in his newly assigned field of labor and office, and that we give him our sympathy, aid and much praying.

Resolved, That hereafter the probationers meet for examination at 8 A. M.

Resolved, That the first semi-annual examination be held in Bethlehem during the first week in April, 1903.

Resolved, That we recommend the pastor of the Bethlehem Class to hold a convention with the first semi-annual examination and pay the expenses of the examiners and probationers.

Resolved, That we privilege the Church Presiding Elder and the Missionary Presiding Elder of the Home Missionary Society to hold a union camp meeting if they choose.

Resolved, That the Sunday School Convention Districts be divided as follows :

Schuylkill Valley District—Spring City, Royersford, Harleysville, Gratersford, Athol, Reading, Macungie, Fleetwood, Blandon, Terre Hill, Remps, Mt. Carmel, Girardville and Mahanoy City.

Lehigh Valley District—Quakertown, Hatfield, Coopersburg, Springtown, Bethlehem, Allentown, South Allentown, Walnutport, Tripoli, Northampton, Cementon, Lehighon, Weissport, Dillinger, Hereford, Nazareth and Plainfield.

Resolved, That these Sunday School Conventions be held on Ascension Day.

Resolved, That these districts resolve themselves into separate bodies, to elect their officers. They reported as follows :

I. *Schuylkill Valley District*.—Chairman, W. J. Fretz ; Secretary, R. L. Woodring ; Treasurer, G. A. Campbell.

H. B. MUSSELMAN,
R. L. WOODRING,
W. K. ZIEGLER, } Committee.

Resolved, That this Convention convene at Macungie.

Resolved, That we pay the fares of the superintendents, delegates and essayists.

Resolved, That we have two sessions—one in the morning and one in the afternoon, a special meeting in the evening. Programme to be arranged by the committee. No pastor permitted to leave.

II. *Lehigh Valley District*.—Chairman, E. T. Shick ; Secretary, R. D. Dreisbach ; Treasurer, E. N. Cassel.

L. F. HAAS,
H. B. MUSSELMAN,
R. D. DREISBACH, } Committee.

Resolved, That this Convention convene at Walnutport.

Resolved, That each school be represented by the superintendent and one delegate elected from the laity.

Resolved, That the fares of the superintendents, delegates and essayists be paid by the convention.

Resolved, That we hold two sessions—one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon, with special services in the evening, requesting all pastors to remain for the same.

Resolved, That the committee meet six weeks before the Convention to arrange a programme. Also to arrange for the evening services.

Resolved, That we extend a hearty invitation to the two Missionary Presiding Elders to be present at this Convention.

Resolved, That we publish 225 Conference Journals and sell them at 25 cents a piece.

Resolved, That the pastors pay their Conference Journals to the editor within one week after they receive them.

Resolved, That G. A. Campbell be treasurer of the Annual Conference Fund.

Resolved, That a collection be lifted once a year in a prayer-meeting in each class by their respective class leader, for the

Conference Fund. The pastor in charge shall bring the same to the Annual Conference.—[Standing Rule.]

WHEREAS, We highly appreciated the oral report 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.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to loan money without interest, out of the Conference funds, to the Missionary Presiding Elder of the Gospel Worker Society, according to the judgment of the Treasurer, Presiding Elder and Missionary Presiding Elder of the Home Missionary Society.

Resolved, That the next Annual Conference convene in Mt. Darmel, at 8 A. M., the third Friday in October, 1903.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered the brethren and sisters of the Reading Class for their kindness and the hospitable entertainment the Conference received during its session.

Resolved, That Presiding Elder H. B. Murselman be chairman of the next Annual Conference.

Resolved, That the Quarterly Conference accounts of the Stewards be from quarter to quarter and the reports on the schedules from Annual Conference to Annual Conference.

Closed by prayer by W. K. Ziegler.

Seventh Session, Monday Afternoon, October 20, 1902.

Opened by singing and prayer by R. L. Woodring, after which the minutes of the previous session were read and received with few corrections.

Resolved, That the delegate looks after the pastor's moving expenses.

The Beneficiary Society reported the election of the following officers: President, J. G. Shireman; Secretary, R. L. Woodring; Treasurer, L. B. Taylor.

The Foreign Mission Board elected the following officers:

President, H. B. Musselman; Vice President, C. H. Brunner; Secretary, W. G. Gehman; Treasurer, A. M. Gehman.

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.

WHEREAS, The delegate elected by the Nazareth and Plain-field Quarterly Conference has failed to be present at the Annual Conference, and not even sent in an excuse of absence, therefore

Resolved, That this Conference is grieved with the actions of said delegate and asks the pastor to investigate the cause of his absence and instruct this class to send a reliable representative in the future.

C. H. BRUNNER,	} Committee.
R. L. WOODRING,	
W. J. FRETZ,	

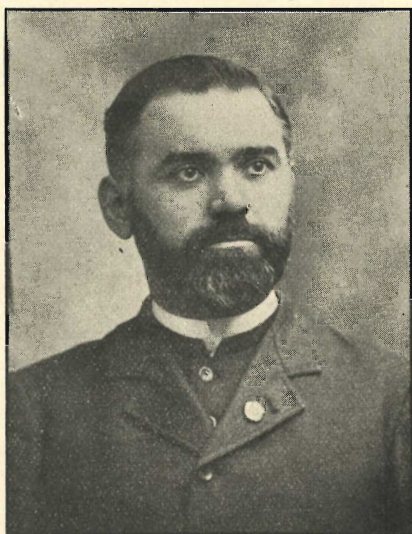
The Annual Conference which had been announced to convene at Mt. Carmel has been changed to Reading by a mutual agreement of the Presiding Elders and the pastors of Mt. Carmel and Reading, although the Mt. Carmel class was desirous to have the same convene at their place, and reluctantly yielded to the change, yet on account of the present financial depression in the coal regions and the unfinished condition of the new church, it was deemed advisable to make the above change.

C. H. BRUNNER,	} Committee.
R. L. WOODRING,	
W. J. FRETZ,	

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and received. Adjourned by prayer by H. B. Musselman.

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

C. H. Brunner, R. L. Woodring, J. C. Roth, L. B. Taylor, E. T. Shick, W. S. Hottel, G. A. Campbell, R. D. Dreisbach, O. S. Hillegass, P. Y. Foltz, A. A. Wismer, W. W. Zimmerman, O. B. Bartholomew, E. W. Martin, A. Gaumer, T. E. Clewell, E. R. Heywood, W. Steinmetz, W. Brown, W. C. Hale, Charles Eroh, R. S. Laudenslager, A. O. Hill, R. Bergstresser, H. L. Musselman, Adam Keller, J. G. Shireman, G. K. Himmelreich, L. Frank Haas, Francis Snyder, H. M. Hottel, E. N. Cassel, A. M. Clauser, Wm. Gehman, W. J. Fretz, Allen M. Gehman, C. W. Benner, W. K. Ziegler.



ELDER C. H. BRUNNER,
Home Missionary Presiding Elder.

REPORTS.

Report of Committee on Reading Course.

DIVISIONS FOR 1902—1903.

(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.

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

(c)—Applicants for Annual Conference License. Discipline.

H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E., Examiner.

II. Report of Examinations.

	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.
FIRST YEAR'S COURSE.											
H. W. Feldges	77	77	77	75	86	82	79				
E. N. Cassel	78	85	97	84	98	88					
R. Bergstresser	36	62	77	41	73	56					
W. F. Edmonds	34	38		40							
E. E. Kubic	68	72	71	39	86	67					
T. E. Clewell	32	65	81	38	86	60					
J. F. Barrall	21	53	68	24	67	47					
E. W. Martin	29	27	48	24	70	40					
SECOND YEAR'S COURSE.											
W. S. Hottel	57	53		69	74	47	60				
M. P. Zook	68	62		69	85	56	64				
J. C. Roth	71	69		66	66	73	69				

W. G. GEHMAN,
 R. D. DREISBACH, } Examiners of Probationers.
 W. K. ZIEGLER, }

III. Report of Financial Secretary.

A.—Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURES.	
Balance in treasury October 4,		Support of H. L. Weiss and family	\$ 600 00
1901.....	\$2616 93	Support of J. E. Fidler and family	350 00
Offerings in Church during year,	1249 02	Support of Rosa Lambert.....	200 00
Offerings in Sunday School during year.....	1317 74	Support of C. F. Snyder.....	300 00
Donations during year.....	365 93	Sundry expenses.....	418 70
Total.....	\$5549 62		\$1868 70
		Bal. in treasury Oct. 17, 1902.....	3680 92
		Total	\$5549 62

A. M. GEHMAN, Treasurer.

B.—Report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURES.	
Balance in treasury Oct. 4, 1901.....	\$ 978 53	Schuylkill Valley District.....	\$ 260 39
Offerings during the year—		Lehigh Valley District.....	550 06
Schuylkill Valley District.....	551 87	Balance in treasury October 17,	
Lehigh Valley District.....	276 20	1902.....	996 15
Total	\$1806 60	Total	\$1806 60

ALLEN M. GEHMAN, Treasurer.

C.—Report of the Board of Deacons, (Poor Fund.)

INCOME.		EXPENDITURES.	
Balance in treasury October 4,		Paid out during the year.....	\$ 92 67
1901.....	\$104 28	Balance in treasury October 17,	
Offerings during the year.....	133 91	1902.....	145 52
Total.....	\$238 19	Total	\$238 19

A. A. WISMER, Treasurer.

D.—Report of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURES.	
Balance in treasury October 4,		Paid out	\$ 72 76
1901.....	\$ 103 15	Balance in treasury October 17,	
Receipts during the year.....	39 50	1902.....	128 58
Extra contributions.....	58 69	Total	\$201 34
Total	\$201 34		

A. M. GEHMAN, Treasurer.

IV. Financial Report of the Presiding Elders.

(A) Schuylkill Valley District.

(a) APPROPRIATIONS.		Athol.....	8 00
Quakertown and Hatfield.....	\$ 60 00	Total	\$33 00
Nazareth and Plainfield	60 00		
Total	\$ 120 00	(d) MISCELLANEOUS.	
		Freight and hauling, camp chairs	

(b) TABERNACLE MEETINGS.		(d) MISCELLANEOUS.	
Blandon	\$ 6 89	Freight and hauling camp chairs and poles.....	\$1 74
Nazareth	7 99	Moving expenses, etc. of E. R. Heywood.....	11 25
Philadelphia	17 40	Nazareth hall fixtures	9 25
Mohrsville	4 00	J. G. Musselman, storage	1 00
Pottstown	6 77	Rent for storage	10 00
Bethlehem	5 00	W. F. Edmonds, moving.....	10 00
Bath	6 50	Oil Cloths.....	60
Total.....	\$54 55	One-half camp-meeting outfit.....	9 00

(c) HALL RENT.		Total	
Philadelphia.....	\$20 00		\$52 84
Bath	5 00	Grand Total.....	\$260 39

H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.

(B) Lehigh Valley District.

(a) APPROPRIATIONS.

South Allentown	\$ 60 00
Walnutport	100 06
Weissport	60 00
Girardville	60 00
Washington, N. J.	15 00

Total\$295 00

(b) TABERNACLES.

Hackettstown, N. J.	\$ 6 00
Washington, N. J.	3 82
Phillipsburg, N. J.	9 65
Trenton, N. J.	14 62
Easton	7 22
Coplay	3 15

Total.....\$44 46

(c) HALLS, OUTFITTING, ETC.

Hackettstown, N. J.	\$ 19 71
Washington, N. J.	16 65
Phillipsburg, N. J.	7 16

Trenton, N. J.	67 73
Easton	15 02
Cementon	22 14
Doolittle	6 75

Total.....\$155 16

(d) MISCELLANEOUS.

Balance on camp chairs	\$ 7 34
Girardville, moving expenses J. E. Clewell.....	8 00
Repairing tabernacle	9 10
One-half camp-meeting outfit....	9 00
Freight on new tabernacle.....	10 00
Tabernacle tent.....	12 00

Total\$55 44

Grand Total.....\$550 06

Collections for new tabernacle....\$146 60

Paid out for new tabernacle.....140 00

Balance paid into Home Mission

Treasury6 60

C. H. BRUNNER, P. E.

V. Report of Home Missionary Society.

From October 1, 1901 to October 1, 1902.

(a) STATISTICAL.

Full members.....	11
Probationers	2
Transferred to church appointments	1
New Missions opened	1
Missions open at present.....	6
Converted	84
Baptized	65
Mission members enrolled....	150
Sunday Schools.....	5
Officers and teachers enrolled....	35
Scholars enrolled.....	251
Average attendance	202
Children's meetings and S. S. held..	345
Open air meetings held	168
Prayer meetings held	219
Sermons and addresses	2040

Pastoral visits	2477
Gospel Banners sold	10,103

(b) FINANCIAL.

Literature sold (retail).....\$1154 16

RECEIPTS.

For Gospel Workers	4 39
" President, Dist. Leader, etc.	254 21
" Sunday School work	150 00
" Foreign Missions in the S. S.	41 74
" Conference Fund	7 85
" hall and home rents	385 00
" hall expenses and workers...	710 22
" workers and donations	708 95

Total receipts\$2263 20

C. H. BRUNNER, Pres. & Treas.

VI. Report of the Treasurer of the Annual Conference Fund.

Receipts from the sale of Chestnut Hill camp-meeting lumber.....	\$75 00	
Paid out for Reading Course Examination in 1899 and 1900.....		\$26 13
Deficit on General Conference expenses		2 55
2000 Birth Certificates and expressage.....		43 09
500 Schedules for Annual Conference,	}	
300 Oral Reports,		
50 Financial Secretary's Report Blanks.		
30 Statistical Secretary's Report		12 00
300 Financial Reports,		
1200 Sunday School Reports,		
Expressage, postage.....		50
Balance in Treasury October 17, 1902		20 73
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		\$75 00 \$75 00

C. H. BRUNNER, Treasurer.

Statistical Report from October 4, 1901, to October 17, 1902.

APPOINTMENTS.	PASTORS.	MEMBERSHIP, ETC.																														
		Presiding Elders.	Ordain'd Ministers.	On Probation.	Probation to be Orained.	O. C. Licensed	Deacons.	Stewards.	Class Leaders.	Baptized.	Received into Church Fellowship	Recommended and Transfer.	Died.	Withdrawn.	Expelled.	Not Baptized.	Moved Away.	Transferred.	Increase.	Decrease.	Whole Number of Members.	Appointments.	Sermons Preached.	Pastoral Visits.	Prayer Meetings Visited.	Sunday Schools Visited.	Classes.	Classes Organized.	Sunday Schools.			
SCHUYLKILL VALLEY DISTRICT.																																
1 Quakertown.....	J. C. Roth.....						2	1	1	4	3	1	1				3				22	1	68	129	6	24	1	1	1			
2 Hatfield.....	"						1	1	21	1	16	8								20	1	92	236	23	26	1	1	1				
3 Coopersburg.....	E. W. Martin.....		2	1			1	3	4	1	1								23	1	78	125	44	49	1	1	1	1	1			
4 Springtown.....	"						1	3	3	5	15	3							2	1	94	205	430	36	24	2	1	1	1			
5 Bethlehem.....	R. L. Woodring.....		1	1			1	3	3	8	15	3							2	1	94	205	430	36	24	2	1	1	1			
6 Nazareth.....	W. S. Hotel.....						1	3	3	5	2	1							2	1	14	121	50	10	2	1	1	1	1	1		
7 Plainfield.....	"						1	3	3	5	2	1							2	1	14	121	50	10	2	1	1	1	1	1		
8 Dillinger.....	J. G. Shireman.....		2				1	2	10	3									8	1	65	135	44	6	1	1	1	1	1	1		
9 Hereford.....	"						1	2	10	3									8	1	65	135	44	6	1	1	1	1	1	1		
10 Macungie.....	"						1	2	10	3									8	1	65	135	44	6	1	1	1	1	1	1		
11 Gratersford.....	G. A. Campbell.....		1				1	2	12	14	6								13	1	26	125	40	48	1	1	1	1	1	1		
12 Lederachville.....	"						1	2	12	14	6								13	1	26	125	40	48	1	1	1	1	1	1		
13 Royersford.....	W. J. Fretz.....						1	2	6	1	1								2	1	25	115	25	21	1	1	1	1	1	1		
14 Spring City.....	"						1	2	6	1	1								2	1	25	115	25	21	1	1	1	1	1	1		
15 Fleetwood.....	E. N. Cassel.....						1	2	7	3	2	3							1	1	32	104	35	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
16 Blandon.....	"						1	2	7	3	2	3							1	1	32	104	35	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
17 Athol.....	"						1	2	7	3	2	3							4	1	16	125	395	47	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	
18 Reading.....	W. K. Ziegler.....		1	2			1	3	13	1	25	2	3						19	1	85	365	485	100	49	3	1	1	1	1	1	
19 Terre Hill.....	O. S. Hillegass.....		1	1			1	3	13	1	25	2	3						19	1	85	365	485	100	49	3	1	1	1	1	1	
20 Remp's.....	"						1	3	13	1	25	2	3						19	1	85	365	485	100	49	3	1	1	1	1	1	
21 Norristown	"						1	3	13	1	25	2	3						19	1	85	365	485	100	49	3	1	1	1	1	1	
Total.....		1	10	5		5	6	28	100	98	27	5	25	18	4	31	70	28	642	21	2129	483	2698	483	371	24	2	13	2	13	2	
LEHIGH VALLEY DISTRICT.																																
1 So. Allentown.....	W. Steinmetz.....		1			1	2	2	18	9	5	1							5	1	43	154	414	37	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	
2 Emmaus.....	"		1			1	2	2	18	9	5	1							5	1	43	154	414	37	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	
3 Allentown.....	E. T. Shick.....		1	1			2	4	22	27	11	2	1	3					7	25	115	238	590	55	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	
4 Northampton.....	H. M. Society.....						1	4	4	22	11	2	1	3					7	25	115	238	590	55	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	
5 Walnport.....	R. Bergstresser.....						2	1	1	11	7	6	3						8	31	169	237	28	46	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
6 Tripoli.....	"						2	1	1	11	7	6	3						8	31	169	237	28	46	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
7 Lehighton.....	R. D. Dreisbach.....			1				1	1	6	6								3	30	2	166	135	78	41	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8 Weissport.....	"							1	1	6	6								3	30	2	166	135	78	41	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
9 Grardville.....	T. E. Clewell.....			1		2	1	1	1	1	4	2	1	4					1	3	23	77	103	45	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10 Mahanoy City.....	W. G. Gehman.....			1			1	1	1	1	4	2	1	4					1	3	23	77	103	45	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
11 Mt. Carmel.....	"			1			1	1	1	1	4	2	1	4					1	3	23	77	103	45	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
12 Washington, N. J.....	E. R. Heywood.....			1	1		1	1	16	12	1	2	8						3	2	16	166	450	50	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
13 Erwinna.....	"			1			1	1	16	12	1	2	8						3	2	16	166	450	50	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
14 H. M. Society.....	"			1			1	1	16	12	1	2	8						3	2	16	166	450	50	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
15 G. W. Society.....	"			1	4		1	1	1	2									4	12	95	166	8	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
16 Miscellaneous.....	"			1			1	1	65										4	12	95	166	8	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total.....		2	10	7	1	5	3	16	154	80	22	6	31	9	2	18	51	70	441	14	1758	392	321	266	12	32	266	12	10	10	10	10
Grand Total.....		3	20	12	1	10	9	44	254	178	49	11	62	27	2	4	121	38	1083	35	3887	804	637	36	804	637	36	2	23	23	23	23

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NINETEENTH SESSION

MEMBERSHIP, ETC.—Continued				PROPERTY.		COLLECTIONS.																
APPOINTMENTS.		PASTORS.		Schools Organized	Officers and Teachers on Roll.	Scholars Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Subscribers to Gospel Banner.	New Subscribers.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Church Property.	Increase of Church Property.	Church Property.	Repairs and Sundry Expenses.	For Rent.	For Ministers in Cash.	Other Contributions.	Collected for Assistants.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	In Sunday School.
SCHUYLKILL VALLEY DISTRICT.																						
1	Quakertown.....	J. C. Roth.....	11 46	32	10	2	1	\$ 3500	\$ 1670	\$ 1670	\$ 1670	\$ 1670	\$ 1670	\$ 26 80	\$ 45 50	\$ 92 48	\$ 12 20	\$ 30 75	\$ 47 75	\$ 50 00		
2	Hatfield.....	E. W. Martin.....	11 56	20	4	2	1	1500						59 30	45 50	152 05	30 80	30 50	30 50	50 00		
3	Coopersburg.....		15 63	15	20	1	1	2000						90 70	55 00	176 13	67 52	88 45	73 00	154 00		
4	Springtown.....	R. L. Woodring.....	6 23	15	1	1	1	1500						32 30	12 00	40 25	1 32	10 00	7 25	3 00		
5	Bethlehem.....	W. S. Hottel.....	17 84	63	37	4	1	4500						205 40	50 00	404 45	96 00	139 50	138 00	136 00		
6	Nazareth.....		5 18	15										20 40	91 46	141 68	79 77		57 25			
7	Plainfield.....	J. G. Shireman.....	5 33	20				500						2 80		17 10	15 72		81 50	198 00		
8	Dillinger.....		18 77	44	30	1	1	2000						80 92	208 24	57 84	6 75		6 25	20 00		
9	Hereford.....		11 33	27	2	1	1	1500						66 67	39 00	150 70	16 61	31 00	21 65	20 00		
10	Macungie.....	G. A. Campbell.....	17 104	49	12	2	1	1200						48 80	36 02	124 60	27 35	17 50	22 35	78 83		
11	Gratersford.....	W. J. Fretz.....	14 55	30	6	1	1	3700						87 13	39 85	114 70	21 30	20 92	30 50	51 00		
12	Ledersachville.....		15 68	37	15	3	2	1800						64 57	36 00	124 40	36 32	58 50	71 26	28 73		
13	Royersford.....	E. N. Cassel.....	11 38	26	3	1	1	500						24 49	22 12	41 25	30 24	19 00	3 40			
14	Spring City.....		14 40	27	5	1	1	1000						39 96	23 10	144 30	24 82	20 92	30 50	51 00		
15	Fleetwood.....		16 139	107	12	3	1	500						36 35	9 25	57 00	28 52	7 50	58 50	51 00		
16	Blandon.....	W. K. Ziegler.....	17 170	114	9	1	1	5200						344 24	105 25	307 01	133 92	20 00	71 26	47 67		
17	Athol.....	O S. Hillgass.....	11 25	25	2	1	1	4000						43 05		225 41	51 74		5 76	26 73		
18	Reading.....															53 15	3 10		3 40			
19	Terre Hill.....		214 1082	700	166	14	19	2315						\$ 1290 21	\$ 607 05	\$ 2843 20	\$ 741 60	\$ 74 57	\$ 553 87	\$ 781 32	\$ 877 69	
20	Rempus.....							\$ 37215	\$ 1670	\$ 2455 57	\$ 347 10											
21	Norristown.....																					
LEHIGH VALLEY DISTRICT.																						
1	So. Allentown.....	W. Steinmetz.....	13 92	61	11	1	1	2000						99 50	64 00	174 40	65 40	31 00	6 34	56 46		
2	Emmaus.....		20 140	106	27	2	2	1500						88 90	32 00	370 30	40 00	113 55	22 35	150 46		
3	Allentown.....	E. T. Shick.....	13 46	32	9	1	1	4500						100 70	72 00	160 70	29 75	24 00	44 25	20 00		
4	Northampton.....	H. M. Society.....	14 100	76	7	1	1	1100						87 90		100 00	52 44	14 00	17 10	46 12		
5	Walnutport.....	R. Bergstresser.....	11 76	38	2	1	1	800						19 82	34 75	48 40	13 70	12 00	15 85	18 45		
6	Tripoli.....		12 58	46	3	1	1	1600						13 12	48 75	43 85	32 02	9 75	12 25	12 20		
7	Lehighton.....	R. D. Dreisbach.....	5 15	14	1	1	1	1200						111 00	111 00	97 40	70 00	8 00	10 85	3 45		
8	Weissport.....	T. E. Clewell.....	15 135	75	1	1	1	4150						115 42	144 00	331 05	93 42	3 93	103 10	105 45		
9	Girardville.....		8 50	40				1000						4 22	24 00	68 00				15 81		
10	Manayunk City.....	W. G. Gehman.....						500														
11	Mt. Carmel.....	E. R. Heywood.....																				
12	Erwinna.....																					
13	Erwinna.....																					
14	H. M. Society.....																					
15	G. W. Society.....																					
16	Miscellaneous.....																					
Total.....																						
Grand Total.....																						

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COLLECTIONS—Continued

APPOINTMENTS.	PASTORS.	Collected for Sunday School.	Collected for Presiding Elders.	Missionary Presiding Elder.	Gospel Worker Society.	Tabernacle Work.	Evangelistic Work.	Missionary Work.	Camp Meetings.	Poor Fund.	Sunday School Conventions.	Beneficiary Fund.	For Delegate.	Total.
SCHUYLKILL VALLEY DISTRICT.														
1 Quakertown.....	J. C. Roth.....	\$ 26 07	\$ 37 45	\$ 9 51	\$ 11 25	\$ 3 50	\$ 2 20			\$ 2 75	\$ 1 35		\$ 1 38	\$ 401 04
2 Hatfield.....	".....	30 91	35 53	7 75	10 65	3 50	4 70			2 15	1 50		1 38	508 62
3 Coopersburg.....	E. W. Martin.....	54 94	54 94	16 21	20 32	13 43	18 66	\$ 35 00		11 66	1 97			896 57
4 Springtown.....	R. L. Woodring.....	37 74	127 31	66 66	70 05	40 75	36 57	26 00		21 00	5 00			100 12
5 Bethlehem.....	W. S. Hotel.....	5 00	134 25	3 77	11 66	77 27				3 47				1 684 03
6 Nazareth.....	".....	4 00								5 00				595 62
7 Pottsville.....	J. G. Shireman.....		26 06	28 59	26 95	15 50				5 35	3 02	3 10		845 42
8 Dillinger.....	".....		20 10	4 65	7 97					1 63		3 95		100 44
9 Macungie.....	".....		40 33	15 01	8 44					2 02	2 89	2 88		2 461 63
10 Graterford.....	G. A. Campbell.....	57 31	31 66	4 99	15 27			\$414 31		5 18		2 60		1500 00
12 Ledersville.....	".....		13 99	4 81	13 01					4 50				231 21
13 Royersford.....	W. J. Fretz.....	41 19	42 15	9 10	6 13	30 00		35 00		1 83	2 60		3 00	583 01
14 Spring City.....	E. N. Cassel.....	41 76	43 76	10 25	14 03	40 00				2 47	4 00		3 10	788 73
15 Pottsville.....	".....	24 53	13 27		9 49	1 33	6 87			81 40	2 40			479 81
16 Pottsville.....	".....	38 29	11 17	7 81	14 41	15 72				2 25	1 80			372 83
17 Attol.....	".....		26 02	7 80	24 02	3 14				2 39	4 80			309 83
18 Reading.....	W. K. Ziegler.....	92 77	67 34	16 51	17 67	20 00		564 76		1 50	3 68			2 571 46
19 Terre Hill.....	O S. Hillegass.....	85 88	33 32	4 43	7 43					1 00				490 33
20 Remp.....	".....	8 29		4 70										73 64
21 Norristown.....	".....													
Total.....		\$ 493 74	\$ 658 74	\$ 222 53	\$ 290 75	\$ 264 14	\$ 69 00	\$ 96 00	\$ 979 07	\$ 78 69	\$ 34 11	\$ 11 53	\$ 8 86	\$13,779 34
LEHIGH VALLEY DISTRICT.														
1 So. Allentown.....	W. Steinmetz.....	40 22	19 48	8 77	18 73					4 25	2 23	10 50	4 86	2,390 88
2 Emaus.....	".....	27 34	27 34	4 15	11 50					3 56	5 87	5 00		322 98
3 Allentown.....	E. T. Shick.....	71 02	100 51	37 54	84 78			59 00	412 00	25 75	17 75	5 00		2,867 68
4 Northampton.....	H. M. Society.....	29 76	42 07	6 97	18 32					5 81	2 51	1 56		528 18
5 Walnutport.....	R. Bergstresser.....	32 25	12 97	3 80	9 27	2 00				2 15	1 45	1 05		526 69
6 Tripoli.....	".....	13 19	4 05	9 11	1 25					67 10				137 12
7 Lehighton.....	R. D. Dreisbach.....	18 76	21 42	5 47	4 64	3 25				1 00	1 00	50		278 56
8 Weissport.....	T. E. Clewell.....	18 31	21 40	3 15	3 20	4 00				1 60	84			222 89
9 Mahanoy City.....	".....	17 70	23 37	2 84	5 18	4 00				75 19	1 43		1 00	357 49
10 Girardville.....	W. G. Gehman.....	6 47	59 13	22 03	44 02	10 50	17 91	57 50		27 22	4 77			24 15
11 Mt. Carmel.....	".....	70 73	2 15		1 05									1,895 30
12 Washington, N. J.....	E. R. Heywood.....	12 04												119 27
13 Erwinna.....	".....													68 00
14 H. M. Society.....	".....													9 50
15 G. W. Society.....	".....											9 50		6 60
16 Miscellaneous.....	".....													
Total.....		\$ 317 26	\$ 343 03	\$ 98 77	\$ 209 80	\$ 24 00	\$17 91	\$116 50	\$ 412 00	\$ 73 01	\$22 05	\$47 16	\$ 8 74	\$ 9,754 29
Grand Total.....		\$ 811 00	\$ 1,001 77	\$ 321 30	\$ 500 55	\$ 288 14	\$86 91	\$212 50	\$1391 07	\$ 151 70	\$56 16	\$68 69	\$17 60	\$23,533 63

NOTE.—These items don't include any of the Gospel Workers and Home Missionary Society's statistics except baptism and membership.

Special Notice.—Pastors will please be careful that their next year's report on the schedule corresponds with the above records.

J. G. SHIREMAN, Statistical Secretary.

Roll and Directory of Ministers and Missionaries.

I. ITINERANTS.

NAME.	Licensed.	Ordained.	Received Present Charge.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Bergstresser, R.	1901		1901	Walnutport, Pa.
Brunner, C. H.	1893	1896	M. P. E.	2310 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.
Campbell, G. A.	1887	1890		Terre Hill, Pa.
Cassel, E. N.	1901		1902	Dillinger, Pa.
Clauser, A. M.	1893	1896		Groveland, Ill.
Dreisbach, R. D.	1892	1895	1900	Weissport, Pa.
Fretz, W. J.	1898	1900	1900	Spring City, Pa.
Gehman, W. G.	1896	1899	1902	Bethlehem, Pa.
Haas, L. F.		1882	1902	Northampton, Pa.
Heywood, E. R.	1899		1902	Girardville, Pa.
Hillegass, O. S.	1889	1892	1902	Gratersford, Pa.
Hottel, W. S.	1902		1902	Nazareth, Pa.
Martin, E. W.	1901		1901	Coopersburg, Pa.
Musselman, H. B.	1890	1893	P. E.	753 Lance Place, Reading, Pa.
Musselman, W. B.	1883	1886	M. P. E.	Williamsport, Pa.
Roth, J. C.	1900		1900	Hatfield, Pa.
Shick, E. T.	1899	1901		1216 Turner Street, Allentown, Pa.
Shireman, J. G.	1898	1900	1902	Macungie, Pa.
Steinmetz, W.	1893	1896	1901	836 Hellertown Avenue, South Allentown, Pa.
Woodring, R. L.	1898	1900	1902	Mt. Carmel, Pa.
Ziegler, W. K.	1895	1898	1900	632 Locust Street, Reading, Pa.

II. LOCAL PREACHERS (ORDAINED.)

Bitting, O.	1885	1888	Lanark, 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.
Clewell, T. E.	1901	1902	Washington, N. J.
Feldges, H. W.	1901		
Kubic, 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		2310 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.
Deppe, Alfred	1897		Weissport, Pa.
Dill, W. W.	1897		Norristown, Pa.
Dreisbach, Mrs. R. D.	1892		Weissport, Pa.
Edwards, C. J.	1891		
Gehman, H. M.	1897		Allentown, Pa.
Gehret, Norman	1899		Reading, Pa.
Hill, A. O.	1901		Slatington, Pa.
Layton, C. M.	1897		Saegersville, Pa.
Moyer, J. H.	1893		
Shireman, Mrs. J. G.	1898		Macungie, Pa.
Stutzman, W. H.	1901		
Wesley, Mrs. Anna	1896		Reading, Pa.
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.

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### Delegates to the General Conference.

| TIME. | PLACE.                 | DELEGATES.                                                                                                                               |
|-------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1885. | Upper Milford, Pa..... | { Wm. Gehman, P. E.,<br>A. Strawn.                                                                                                       |
| 1888. | Berlin, Ont. ....      | { Wm. Gehman, P. E.,<br>A. Strawn,<br>W. B. Musselman.                                                                                   |
| 1892. | Harrisburg, O.....     | { W. B. Musselman, P. E.,<br>Wm. Gehman,<br>Noah Detweiler,<br>M. A. Zyner.                                                              |
| 1896. | Coopersburg, Pa.....   | { W. B. Musselman, P. E.,<br>Wm. Gehman,<br>C. H. Brunner.                                                                               |
| 1900. | Berlin, Ont. ....      | { C. H. Brunner, M. P. E.,<br>H. B. Musselman, P. E.,<br>W. B. Musselman, M. P. E.,<br>W. G. Gehman,<br>J. G. Shireman,<br>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.....       | "                      | "                |
| 1862  | June 3    | Upper Milford, Pa..... | William N. Shelly..... | A. W. Stauffer.  |
| 1862  | Nov. 4    | Haycock, Pa.....       | E. Hershey.....        | "                |
| 1863  | June 2    | Upper Milford, Pa..... | "                      | David Gehman.    |
| 1863  | Oct. 1    | Haycock, Pa.....       | William Gehman.....    | "                |
| 1864  | June 7    | Upper Milford, Pa..... | William N. Shelly..... | "                |
| 1864  | Nov. 3    | Haycock, Pa.....       | David Henning.....     | "                |
| 1865  | June 6    | Upper Milford, Pa..... | "                      | "                |
| 1865  | Nov. 7    | Flatland, Pa.....      | William Gehman.....    | "                |
| 1866  | June 6    | Upper Milford, Pa..... | "                      | "                |
| 1866  | Nov. 3    | Mount Joy, Pa.....     | William N. Shelly..... | "                |
| 1867  | June 4    | Flatland, Pa.....      | David Henning.....     | "                |
| 1867  | Nov. 5    | Upper Milford, Pa..... | William Gehman.....    | Joseph Romig.    |
| 1868  | June 2    | Flatland, Pa.....      | William N. Shelly..... | "                |
| 1868  | Nov. 5    | Upper Milford, Pa..... | William Gehman.....    | David Gehman.    |
| 1869  | June 1    | Flatland, Pa.....      | David Henning.....     | "                |
| 1869  | Nov. 1    | Upper Milford, Pa..... | Wm. N. Shelly.....     | "                |
| 1870  | June 7    | Coopersburg, Pa.....   | Wm. Gehman.....        | "                |
| 1870  | Oct. 31   | Upper Milford, Pa..... | David Henning.....     | "                |
| 1871  | June 5    | Coopersburg, Pa.....   | E. Hershey.....        | "                |
| 1871  | Nov. 6    | Upper Milford, Pa..... | David Henning.....     | "                |
| 1872  | June 3    | Coopersburg, Pa.....   | William Gehman.....    | Jonas Musselman. |
| 1872  | Nov. 6    | Quakertown, Pa.....    | Wm. N. Shelly.....     | David Gehman.    |
| 1873  | June 3    | Upper Milford, Pa..... | David Henning.....     | "                |
| 1873  | Nov. 11   | Coopersburg, Pa.....   | Wm. N. Shelly.....     | "                |
| 1874  | June 1    | Quakertown, Pa.....    | Wm. Gehman.....        | "                |
| 1874  | Nov. 10   | Upper Milford, Pa..... | David Henning.....     | "                |
| 1875  | June 5    | Coopersburg, Pa.....   | Wm. N. Shelly.....     | "                |
| 1875  | Nov. 6    | Quakertown, Pa.....    | Wm. Gehman.....        | "                |
| 1876  | *March 30 | Coopersburg, Pa.....   | "                      | "                |
| 1876  | June 3    | Upper Milford, Pa..... | David Henning.....     | Jonas Musselman. |
| 1876  | Nov. 11   | Mount Joy, Pa.....     | Wm. N. Shelly.....     | "                |
| 1877  | June 2    | Coopersburg, Pa.....   | William Gehman.....    | "                |
| 1877  | Nov. 10   | Upper Milford, Pa..... | E. Hershey.....        | "                |
| 1878  | June 3    | Quakertown, Pa.....    | A. Kauffman.....       | "                |
| 1878  | Oct. 7    | Coopersburg, Pa.....   | J. Rosenberger.....    | "                |
| 1879  | March 22  | Upper Milford, Pa..... | William Gehman.....    | S. M. Musselman. |
| 1879  | Oct. 6    | Quakertown, Pa.....    | "                      | "                |
| 1879  | **Nov. 8  | Upper Milford, Pa..... | S. Eby.....            | "                |
| 1880  | March 15  | Coopersburg, Pa.....   | William Gehman.....    | "                |
| 1881  | March 7   | Quakertown, Pa.....    | "                      | "                |
| 1882  | Feb. 13   | Upper Milford, Pa..... | "                      | "                |
| 1883  | Feb. 5    | Coopersburg, Pa.....   | "                      | A. Kauffman.     |
| 1884  | Feb. 4    | Terre Hill, Pa.....    | "                      | Wm. H. Gehman.   |
| 1885  | Feb. 2    | Quakertown, Pa.....    | "                      | M. A. Zyner.     |
| 1886  | Feb. 1    | Upper Milford, Pa..... | "                      | "                |
| 1887  | Feb. 7    | Reading, Pa.....       | "                      | A. Kauffman.     |
| 1888  | Feb. 6    | Coopersburg, Pa.....   | "                      | "                |
| 1889  | Feb. 4    | Terre Hill, Pa.....    | "                      | "                |
| 1890  | Feb. 3    | Bethlehem, Pa.....     | "                      | M. A. Zyner.     |
| 1891  | Feb. 2    | Quakertown, Pa.....    | "                      | C. H. Brunner.   |
| 1892  | Feb. 1    | Upper Milford, Pa..... | W. B. Musselman.....   | "                |
| 1893  | Feb. 6    | Coopersburg, Pa.....   | "                      | "                |
| 1894  | Feb. 2    | Terre Hill, Pa.....    | "                      | "                |
| 1895  | Feb. 1    | Reading, Pa.....       | "                      | "                |
| 1896  | Feb. 7    | Allentown, Pa.....     | "                      | "                |
| 1897  | Feb. 19   | Royersford, Pa.....    | "                      | "                |
| 1898  | March 4   | Bethlehem, Pa.....     | "                      | "                |
| 1899  | March 3   | Upper Milford, Pa..... | C. H. Brunner.....     | W. G. Gehman.    |
| 1900  | Sept. 14  | Reading, Pa.....       | "                      | "                |
| 1901  | Oct. 4    | Bethlehem, Pa.....     | W. B. Musselman.....   | "                |
| 1902  | Oct. 17   | Reading, Pa.....       | H. B. Musselman.....   | "                |

\*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

# Thirteenth Annual Ministerial Convention.

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The Thirteenth Annual Ministerial Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of the Pennsylvania Conference, convened in Faith Chapel, Tenth and Oley Streets, Reading, Pa., on October 16, 1902.

The Chairman, Elder W. K. Ziegler, opened the convention at 9 A. M. by singing and prayer, followed by the enrollment of members, after which the minutes of last year's Convention were read and received.

Elder W. K. Ziegler gave an address of welcome.

*Resolved*, That all members of the Annual Conference be voting members, and all other members present advisory members.

The Convention bar shall occupy the first three pews and one amen corner of the church.

Upon request the chairman appointed Elders H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner and P. Y. Foltz 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:

"The Characteristics of an Applicant for the Ministry," by Elder W. K. Ziegler."

An applicant must have a call of God, definite, clear as the noonday sun. This call does not change, even if he is set back for three years, or rejected by his brethren. Having a spirit of sacrifice for God's work, contented, waiting upon God; as God sees fit, place or no place to preach, he will not back-slide. If one is called to the ministry, the class will find it out. They are men who are boss, not the wife. Raise their children according to the Bible, having principle for God's work all through, not entangled with the affairs of this life. He shall be the husband of one wife. He is called forever, called to stay in the harness;

a character contented if put to the hardest place. He is not supposed to be soft, but stable in the Lord.

"The Pastor in his Study and Home," by Elder E. T. Shick.

The pastor is to study as Paul writes to Timothy, Study to show thyself approved unto God ; a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of God. He is to study to show himself approved unto God ; must know God's will before he can do it and in order to know His will he may have to study or meditate until God reveals His will and His smiles of approbation. I am afraid many of the so-called pastors are studying to show themselves approved by men instead of unto God. One approved of God is one who seeks to glorify God. The Bible instead of the daily paper first in the morning. He is not to be a religious bum, to bum on his people to get out of them what is in them.

Timothy maybe could not preach a text, but he could rightly divide the Word of God, which was far better. Let the Bible be the most prominent book in the study, and secondarily might study men's expositions. A pastor should be sober, manly, pleasant in his home to his wife and family. He is not to pick out a house for his own taste, so that the class is almost unable to make up the rent; especially if he preaches self-denial from the pulpit. He is to depend upon God for wisdom and have control of the entire family. The forenoon session closed by singing the Doxology.

### Second Session, 1.45 P. M.

Opened by singing and prayer by Eld. R. D. Dreisbach.

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

The questions were answered by Elders H. B. Musselman and G. A. Campbell.

An essay by Elder W. G. Gehman, on "The Model Pastor's Wife." By a Model we understand anything of a particular form, shape, or construction ; intended imitation, something to be copied ; a pattern, a mold. (Webster.) Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. Prov. 31; 10. This proves the scarcity of the Model kind.

The single woman in a class gets so intensely spiritual upon



receiving a single minister, and lags behind upon receiving a married minister, will not make model wives for pastors.

Those who become so unduly modest and reserved, and jealous of those forward ones, who perhaps engage the attention of the single ministers, are very apt to become jealous wives.

One too easily persuaded and pressed into any sort of a mold, being too confidential; loving at first sight, sticking to any masculine object like a leech, are not commendable.

A model pastor's wife, should be a pattern to the women of a class and community.

For some qualities of a model wife, turn to Prov. 31: 11-31. She ought to be economic, a house-keeper. She need not be a professional cook, confining half loaves of bread and quarters of pies to swill pails; but she should look well to the ways of the household. A wife who says it is cheaper to buy bread than to bake it, must have a tired feeling.

She ought to make her own clothes, trim her hats as nice as a Christian's hat needs to be. She fixes the clothes of her husband. It is the wife's part to get breakfast and not the husband.

She desires the husband's assistance in household duties as little as possible, but encourages him to attend pastoral work.

She must not be double minded, she has to take a stand with him. She ought not to be afraid to Amen the truth her husband preaches. She must not get too intimate with people readily.

She must pleasantly accept the people without Partiality.

The pastor's behavior and Work among saved and unsaved  
by R. D. Dreisbach.

He is to behave, not to loaf and lounge around, but be straight for God; a pattern for the class as well as for those who are out of Christ. A collection was taken for the expenses of the Convention.

A discussion opened by Elder J. G. Shireman on "Our Home Missionary Work.

A discussion opened by Elder E. N. Cassel on "The Foreign Missionary Work of our Church."

*Resolved*, That a man be appointed by the chairman on the question box instead of W. B. Musselman who was absent. Elder W. J. Fretz was appointed in his stead. The session closed with Benediction by W. K. Ziegler.

## Evening Session, 7.30 P. M.

Opened by singing and prayer by Eld. R. D. Dreisbach. After roll call the questions were answered by Presiding Elder C. H. Brunner and Elder W. J. Fretz.

*Resolved*, That Bros. Farensworth and Fehr be received as advisory members.

*Resolved*, That we elect the Officers for the next Ministerial Convention this evening.

The following were elected : E. N. Cassel. Chairman, and R. L. Woodring, Secretary.

Committee to arrange program : C. H. Brunner, H. B. Musselman and E. T. Shick.

*Resolved*, That the next Ministerial Convention be held a day prior to the next annual Conference and at the same place.

A liberal collection for the labor and expenses for the secretary was lifted amounting to \$3.26. Thanks.

An Essay by Elder R. L. Woodring on the "Signs of the Times", was read, received and discussed. Speaking of Signs (Biblically) we say first. A remarkable event produced by divine or supernatural power ; miracle, wonder. Second, a miraculous deed as a mark of proof of divine commission. As many signs and wonders were done by the apostles. People are willingly ignorant concerning the "Signs of the Times." "Physical signs:" The powers of heaven will be shaken, the sun and moon clouded the earth swept by cyclones and storms. A record breaking of famines, pestilence and earthquakes in divers places. Statistics of 1902 give 1,482,000 souls killed and destroyed through earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, of which 754,000 being killed in the last two centuries.

"Intellectual or Scientific Signs," see Daniel 12:4 Amos 3: 7, an age of Locomotion, Navigation, Exploration, Discovery, Inventions, knowledge increased, Railway from Joppa to Jerusalem, been put on paying business.

Construction of trolley lines. Inventions of winning ways to moralize people. Political schemes. Societies causing distress and misery in thousands of homes. "Social Signs." Lawlessness against authority in family, church and state, and treasonable combination. "Jewish Signs." A great revival of Evangelistic



zeal in speaking the Gospel Restoration of the Jews in part. All a sign of the day approaching.

*Resolved*, That we tender hearty thanks, by a rising vote to the members of the Reading class for their kindness and hospitality shown us during this convention session. The minutes of the afternoon and evening session were read and received. The committee on Publication recommended that the following essays be published in the Gospel Banner: W. K. Ziegler, W. G. Gehman, R. L. Woodring. The report was received.

The session was closed by prayer by E. W. Martin.

W. K. ZIEGLER, Chairman.

J. G. SHIREMAN, Secretary.

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