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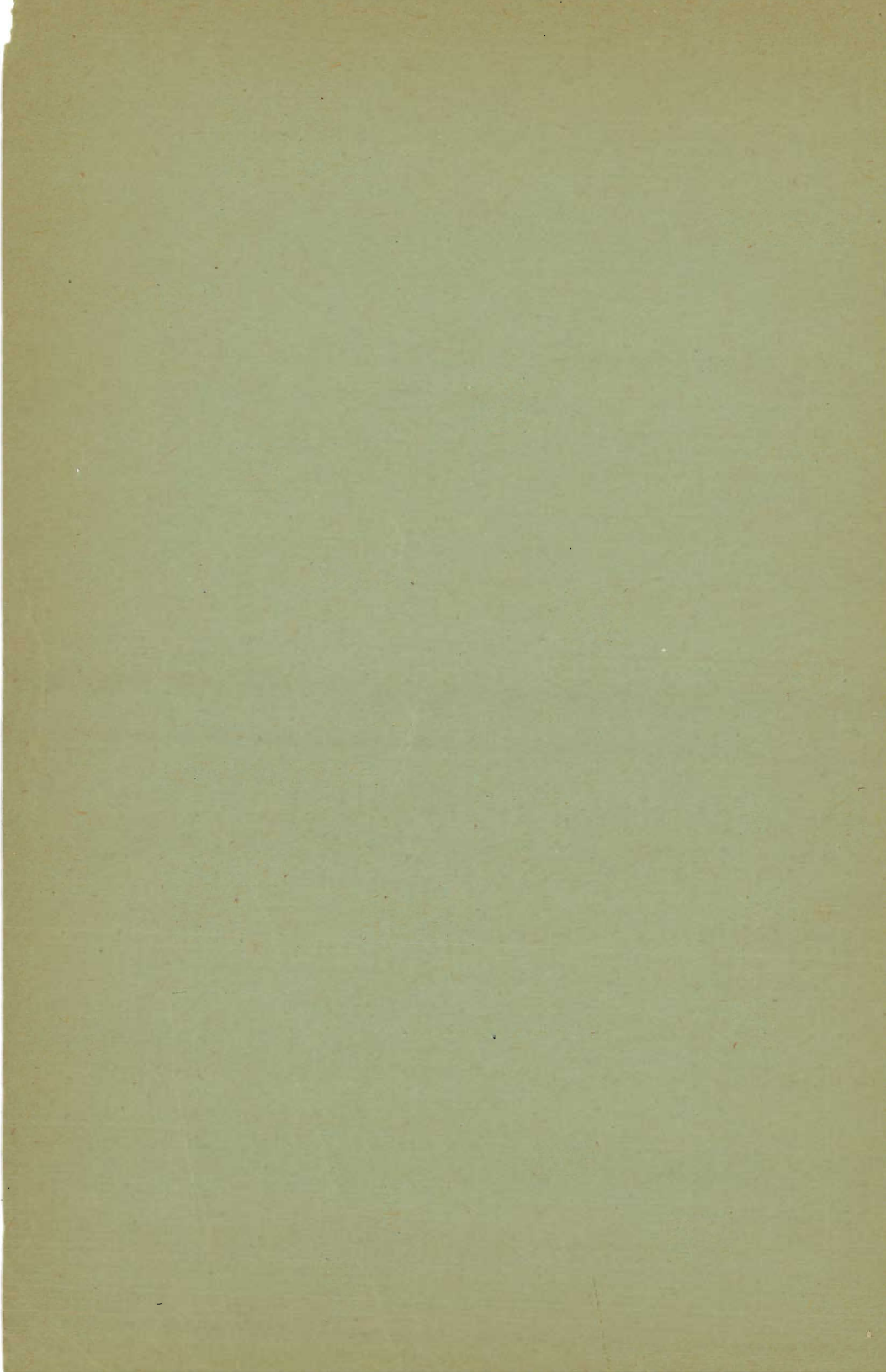
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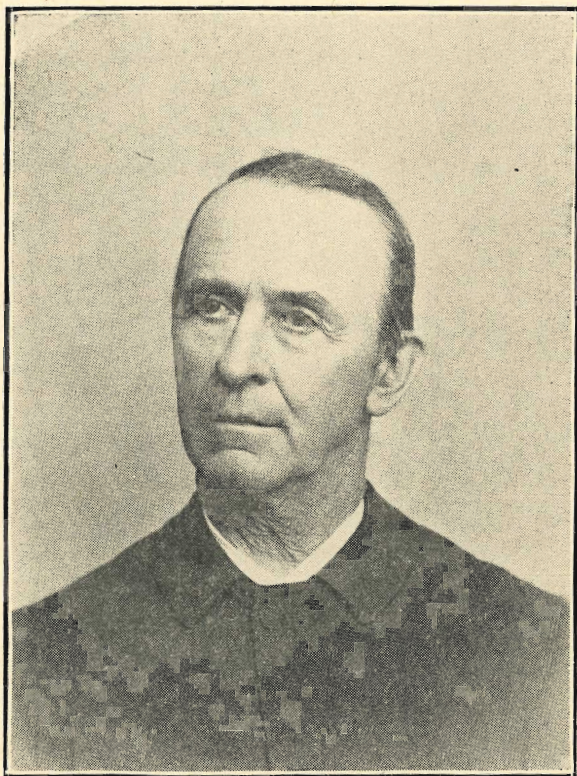
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William Gehman was born in Hereford Township, Berks County, Pa., January 22, 1827. Began his ministry when he was 23 years of age, and is the founder of the Pennsylvania Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, of which Conference he was Presiding Elder for 14 years.

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 or Gospel Herald Society. [Revised October 17, 1903.]

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 Lesson 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 the 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 Mission 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 year, 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 decisions 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 satisfactory excuse. Failing to do this, they shall appear before the next Quarterly Conference. If such are absent the next 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 Evangelist, 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.]

E.—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. [Enacted Oct. 17, 1903.]

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 1, 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.—That all expenses of committees of investigations, appointed by the Presiding Elder, be paid out of the conference fund. [Revised, Oct. 17, 1903.]

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.

Annual Conference Proceedings.

FIRST SESSION.

The Twentieth Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, of the Pennsylvania District, convened in the Ebenezer Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, Mount Carmel, Pa., at 8 a. m., Oct. 16, 1903.

The first session was opened by singing and a very instructive and heart-searching address on "Kindly Affection With Brotherly Love," Rom. 12, 10, 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, Geo. A. Campbell, R. D. Dreisbach, W. J. Fretz, L. F. Haas, O. S. Hillegass, E. T. Shick, J. G. Shireman, W. Steinmetz, R. L. Woodring, L. B. Taylor, W. W. Zimmerman, Wm. Gehman, W. G. Gehman, W. B. Musselman.

ORDAINED MINISTERS ABSENT.—A. Strawn; A. M. Cluaser, O. Bitting, H. L. Weiss, Foreign Missionary.

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, H. F. Meltzer, T. E. Clewell, L. F. Haas.

PROBATIONERS ABSENT.—H. W. Feldges.

DELEGATES PRESENT.—Adam Keller, C. O. Wenk, P. Y. Foltz, C. H. Kline, A. Deppe, W. C. Hale, Jacob Purnell, A. A. Wismer, C. W. Teel, L. M. Sell, H. H. Bergey, A. Gaumer, Allen M. Gehman, W. H. Brunner, F. L. Zimmerman, J. D. Moyer.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE.—J. M. Oplinger.

Resolved, That both amen corners and the first three pews on both sides of the church constitute the conference bar.

The minutes of the last Annual Conference were read and received with a few slight corrections.

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

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

Resolved, That we hold evening sessions on Friday and Saturday.

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

Committee on Worship.—R. L. Woodring, F. L. Zimmerman.

Committee on Communications.—E. N. Cassel, Wm. Gehman, W. Steinmetz.

Committee on Finance.—J. F. Barrall, Allen M. Gehman, J. D. Moyer.

Committee on Statistics.—J. G. Shireman, A. Gaumer.

Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records.—W. J. Fretz, E. W. Martin, E. T. Shick, P. Y. Foltz, R. Bergstresser.

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

Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists and Missionaries.—Geo. A. Campbell, W. Steinmetz, O. S. Hillegass.

Committee on Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference Licenses.—W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman, Geo. A. Campbell.

Committee on Examination of Applicants for Ordination.—C. H. Brunner, E. T. Shick, R. L. Woodring.

Committee on Resolutions.—R. L. Woodring, C. H. Brunner, R. D. Dreisbach.

Auditing Committee.—J. C. Roth, L. F. Haas, L. M. Sell, E. N. Cassel.

The remainder of the forenoon session was devoted to hearing the oral reports of the pastors. Closed by prayer by C. H. Brunner.

Second Session, Friday Afternoon October 16, 1903.

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 Quarterly Conference Records.—We have examined the records and found them all correct with the exception of Walnutport, Girardville and Coopersburg.

W. J. Foetz,	} Committee.
E. W. Martin,	
R. Bergstresser,	
E. T. Shick,	
P. Y. Foltz,	

Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders.—We have examined all the Traveling Elders through their respective delegates, and found no charge against any except E. R. Heywood, who failed to read the Discipline on his charge.

L. B. Taylor,	} Committee.
Wm. Gehman,	
A. A. Weismer,	

Committee on Statistics.—We have examined the Schedules and found them all incorrect, except those of W. G. Gehman, E. N. Cassel, J. C. Roth, J. G. Shireman and that of the Reading charge.

J. G. Shireman,	} Committee.
A. Gaumer,	

Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, and Missionaries.—We examined the Presiding Elders, Local Preachers and Missionaries and found them all satisfactory except A. Strawn who is charged with disloyalty to the church and Pastor, circulating untruthful reports about the work and Pastor, and sowing dissension among the classes.

Geo. A. Campbell,	} Committee.
W. Steinmetz,	
O. S. Hillegass,	

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

The report of the Secretary of the Reading Course Committee was submitted and received. (See Report.)

WHEREAS, Bro. E. W. Martin has failed to make his per-

centage, we recommend that he take up the same studies for the ensuing year.

WHEREAS, H. F. Meltzer who passed on the Discipline, T. E. Clewell on the First year course, and M. P. Zook on the Second year course, have not appeared at their respective examinations for some reasons, but now desire to resume their studies, therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend the Conference to grant their desire.

W. G. Gehman, }
R. D. Dreisbach, } Committee.

Resolved. That the Candidates for Ordination, J. C. Roth, and W. S. Hottel, be referred to the Committee on Ordination.

Mr. Chas. D. Martz, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., of Mt. Carmel, Pa., Misses A. C. Spellman, S. J. Haupt, A. W. Smith and L. M. Musselman, of the Gospel Worker Society, were introduced to the Conference.

The oral reports of the pastors were continued.

The reports were encouraging. The work in general appears prosperous, in numbers and spirituality. A marked feature is the missionary spirit manifested in all the classes.

Resolved, That the Missionary Presiding Elders and the Presiding Elder of the church give their oral reports.

C. H. BRUNNER, Missionary Presiding Elder of the Gospel Herald Society, reported severe tests, had the more blessed victories. Many were converted and baptized right along. One worker died on the battle field.

The finances were better than ever before. New missions were opened at Philadelphia and Stroudsburg. The mission at Philipsburg is ready to be turned over to the church. We wish to gratefully acknowledge the liberal appropriations received from the last Annual Conference.

W. B. MUSSELMAN, Missionary Presiding Elder of the Gospel Worker Society, gave a very spicy and interesting report. At present they have more than a dozen applicants for the work. They had more converts this summer than ever before. Finances are on the increase. The colportage work is marvelous. They expect to print about 2500 Gospel Worker calenders this year. Many of their newly published G. W. S. S. Heralds are being sold. The Lord leads wondrously.

H. B. MUSSELMAN, Presiding Elder, reported the ministry more united in love than ever before. Small hindrances existing for years have been wiped out. Many tent meetings were held with blessed results. Camp Meetings were large gatherings with glorious spiritual results. The officers in the church are loyal and stand by their different pastors.

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

Closed by prayer by W. Steinmetz.

Third Session, Friday Evening, October 16, 1903.

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

The following committee reports were submitted and received.

Auditing Committee.—We have audited all the books and accounts and found them all correct except the Conference Schedules of Coopersburg, Gratersford and Harleysville, Nazareth and Plainfield. We also found a slight mistake in the Northampton Camp meeting accounts which we corrected. We found mistakes in the Coopersburg and Reading Quarterly Conference summary accounts. We found no Quarterly Conference summary in the Nazareth and Plainfield Quarterly Conference minute book, consequently could not audit it.

J. C. Roth,	} Committee.
L. F. Haas,	
E. N. Cassel,	
L. M. Sell,	

Committee on Communications.—We have read the letters from H. L. Weiss, of Chili, S. A., and C. F. Snyder, of Thibet, and recommend to have them read to this conference. We also read a letter from A. Strawn of Allentown, which we hold under advice.

E. N. Cassel,	} Committee.
Wm. Gehman,	
W. Steinmetz,	

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

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

Resolved, That E. R. Heywood whose ordination has been postponed be referred to the Committee on Ordination.

Resolved, That the Conference resolve itself into a committee of the whole, except F. L. Zimmerman and W. W. Zimmerman, to consider the Home Missionary Work. Adjourned for the Committee of the whole to meet.

Fourth Session, Saturday Afternoon, Oct. 17, 1903.

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

The following committee reports were submitted and received.

Committee on Communications.—We have read the letter of A. M. Clauser, of Groveland, Ill., and recommend to have it read to this Conference.

E. N. Cassel,	}	Committee.
Wm. Gehman,		
W. Steinmetz,		

The letters of our Foreign Missionaries, and A. M. Clauser, of Groveland, Ill., were read and referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The report of Sister Rose Lambert came too late for Conference.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Conference Fund pay the expenses of the committees which served during the past year.

The report of the Committee of the Whole was submitted and received.

Resolved, That W. G. Gehman read the essay which he had read before the Ministerial Convention, on "The Relation of Our Church to the Home Missionary Society."

Resolved, That a committee of seven be elected to form articles of mutual agreement, between the Gospel Herald Society and the church proper, which articles shall be submitted to the Gospel Herald Society for each one of them to sign.

Resolved, That W. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, H. B. Musselman and W. G. Gehman be four of these men, the last three each to appoint another man. E. N. Cassel, J. G. Shireman and R. L. Woodring were appointed.

WHEREAS, W. W. Zimmerman has proven himself incapable financially showing a lack of ability to do pastoral work, therefore

Resolved, That this committee recommend the conference not to give him a charge for the present.

Resolved, That we appreciate the publishing of the Gospel Worker Society Herald, and deem it the proper paper in every particular, for its intended mission.

WHEREAS, Charges have been brought against E. R. Heywood, therefore

Resolved, That these charges be referred to the Committee on Examination of applicants for ordination.

WHEREAS, A. Strawn is charged with disloyalty to church and pastor, circulating untruthful reports about the work and pastor, sowing dissension among the classes, which charges have been sustained against him, therefore

Resolved, That we expel him.

The report of the sub committee of seven, on the articles of mutual agreement between the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Conference, and the Gospel Herald Society, was submitted and received.

Geo. A. Campbell, Chairman.

W. S. Hottel, Secretary.

The report of the Board of Trustees of the Norristown Church was submitted and received.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elder, A. A. Wismer and A. M. Gehman be re-elected as a Board of Trustees of the Norristown Church.

Resolved, That we erase Standing rule, Page 8, E. Insert the following: That all expenses of committees of investigation, appointed by the Presiding Elder, be paid out of the Conference Fund.

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 sub-

scribers of the "Banner," of the other Conferences, to be paid for out of the Conference Fund.

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

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

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, or "Gospel Herald Society," (Standing Rule.)

Resolved, That the Conference accept the written excuse for absence of O. B. Bartholomew, of Siegsfried, as satisfactory, on account of sickness.

The applicant for the Ministry, C. J. Edwards, of the Gospel Herald Society, expressed the nature of his call. He was referred to the Committee on Examination of applicants for Annual Conference Licenses.

Rev. W. J. Marks, of the Holiness Christian Church was introduced to this Conference.

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 Gospel Herald Society.

Resolved, That whenever the Gospel Worker Society or the Gospel Herald 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 said Mission, in case the church chooses to buy the same, such property to be paid for out of the Home Missionary Treasury.

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 Elders, who shall then furnish proper certificates.

WHEREAS, This Conference has received official letters from Elder H. L. Weiss, of Chile, South America, and C. F.

Snyder, of Thibet, which were read with interest, speaking well for the faithful labors of our dear co-workers in the regions beyond, therefore

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the devoted labors of our beloved Missionaries, and in view of the dark and dangerous times which threaten our missionaries especially in Thibet, we sincerely pledge ourselves to uphold them as also our Missionaries in Armenia, by our prayers and gifts.

R. L. Woodring, }
R. D. Dreisbach, } Committee.
C. H. Brunner, }

The following ministers submitted themselves unconditionally to the Conference:

H. B. Musselman, W. B. Musselman, R. Bergstresser, Geo. A. Campbell, E. N. Cassel, W. J. Fretz, L. F. Haas, E. E. Kublic, E. R. Heywood, O. S. Hillegass, M. P. Zook, W. S. Hottel, E. W. Martin, J. F. Barrall, J. C. Roth, E. T. Shick, H. F. Meltzer, J. G. Shireman, W. Steinmetz, T. E. Clewell, R. L. Woodring, W. G. Gehman and W. W. Zimmerman.

Conditional:—C. H. Brunner, R. D. Dreisbach, L. B. Taylor, Wm. Gehman, A. M. Clauser, H. W. Feldges, O. Bitting, H. L. Weiss, Foreign Missionary.

The time for the election of a Presiding Elder having come, the chair appointed J. F. Barrall and E. T. Shick as tellers.

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

Resolved, That we recognize W. B. Musselman and C. H. Brunner as Missionary Presiding Elders, *ex officio*.

Other officers elected.—Vice Presiding Elder, W. G. Gehman; Secretary, W. G. Gehman.

The following were elected by acclamation:

Treasurer, Allen M. Gehman.

Standing Committee over Presiding Elder.—O. S. Hillegass, J. G. Shireman, R. L. Woodring.

Foreign Missionary Board.—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, A. M. Gehman, E. T. Shick.

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

Reading Course Committee.—W. G. Gehman, Principal; J. G. Shireman, E. T. Shick, J. C. Roth.

Resolved,—That H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder, preach the Conference sermon on Sunday morning. W. G. Gehman shall preach Sunday afternoon, and E. T. Shick Sunday evening.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elder, President of the Gospel Herald Society, President of the Gospel Worker 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.

WHEREAS, A letter from A. M. Clauser to this Conference was read, therefore

Resolved, That we rejoice to hear that the blessing of God has been attending his labors during the past year and pray God for still greater blessings upon him in the future.

R. L. Woodring,	}	Committee.
R. D. Dreisbach,		
C. H. Brunner,		

Resolved, That the President of the Gospel Herald Society, hold an all day meeting on each charge, and a Missionary meeting at each appointment, and take up collections and subscriptions, the pastor to collect and bring the same to the Annual Conference, and the Stationing Committee divide it as they see fit.

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 subscriptions for the Home Mission work be taken between New Year and the Camp meeting season.

Resolved, That H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder, 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. (Made Standing Rule.)

Resolved, That R. L. Woodring be elected Editor of the Conference Journal for next year.

Resolved, That W. J. Fretz be Treasurer of the Conference Fund.

Resolved, That Pastors pay for Conference Journals to the Editor within one week after they receive them.

Resolved, That the first semi-annual examination be held in Allentown the first Tuesday in April, 1904.

Resolved, That the probationers meet for examination at 8 a. m.

Closed by prayer by Wm. Gehman.

Fifth Session, Saturday Evening, October 17, 1903.

Opened by singing and prayer by L. F. Haas, after which the minutes of the previous session were read and received.

The following Committee reports were submitted and received:

Committee to Examine Applicants for Annual Conference Licenses.—We have examined C. J. Edwards and found him satisfactory in Doctrine and Discipline, therefore we recommend him to the Annual Conference for the Ministry.

W. G. Gehman,	}	Committee.
J. G. Shireman,		
Geo. A. Campbell,		

Committee on Ordination.—We have examined W. S. Hottel, J. C. Roth and E. R. Heywood as candidates for ordination and recommend W. S. Hottel and J. C. Roth to this Conference for ordination. We cannot recommend E. R. Heywood for ordination as we do not believe that he possesses the characteristics of a pastor as set forth in 1. Tim. 3.

C. H. Brunner,	}	Committee.
R. L. Woodring,		
E. T. Shick,		

The Beneficiary Society reported the election of the following officers:

J. G. Shireman, Chairman.
J. C. Roth, Secretary.
L. B. Taylor, Treasurer.

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

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 J. C. Roth and W. S. Hottel be ordained on Sunday afternoon. H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder, shall have charge of the services.

Resolved, That this Conference grant the Secretary the privilege to curtail the minutes, providing he does not change the meaning.

Closed by prayer by H. B. Musselman.

Services Sunday, October 18.

E. N. Cassel had charge of the praise meeting at 9:30 a. m. At 10 o'clock H. B. Musselman preached the Conference sermon from Col. 4-17 and Acts 20-27. In his discourse he said this was an age of "New Things." "It is not new things we want, but old. God's word is old and yet ever new. The character of true apostleship was presented in power, and God's presence melted the hearts of many."

M. P. Zook addressed the Sunday School at 1:30 p. m. At 2:00 p. m. W. G. Gehman preached the Ordination sermon and based his remarks on Amos 3-7 and 1 Tim. 4-13:16. J. C. Roth and W. S. Hottle were ordained. God's power was again manifested. The evening meeting opened with a song service and glowing testimonies from many. At 7:30 E. T. Shick delivered a practical address, followed with an invitation by Mrs. C. H. Brunner.

Sixth Session, Monday Morning, October 19, 1903.

Opened by singing and prayer by L. B. Taylor, after which the minutes of the previous session were read and received.

The following Committee reports were submitted and received:

Report of the Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Board.—J. E. Fidler and Mrs. J. E. Fidler, having returned from Hadjin, Turkey, of their own accord, and after due consideration have been transferred to the Canada Conference.

H. W. Feldges, who had been laboring in the Gospel Herald Society for nearly four years, was accepted by this board as a Missionary to Chili, South America, and having held farewell services throughout the Conference, expects to sail in October of this year.

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

I.—APPOINTMENTS.

(a) *Stations.*

Allentown—J. C. Roth.
Mt. Carmel—R. L. Woodring.
Coopersburg—E. W. Martin.
Phillipsburg, N. J.—C. J. Edwards.

(b) *Circuits.*

Hatfield and Quakertown—W. S. Hottel.
Bethlehem and Springtown—W. G. Gehman.
South Allentown and Emaus—L. F. Haas.
Macungie, Fleetwood and Blandon—W. J. Fretz.
Dillinger and Hereford—E. N. Cassel.
Reading and Athol—E. T. Shick.
Terre Hill and Rempes—G. A. Campbell.
Spring City, Royersford, Norristown—J. G. Shireman.
Gratersford and Harleysville—O. S. Hillegass.

(c) *Missions.*

Nazareth, Plainfield and Bath—T. E. Clewell.
Northampton—W. Steinmetz.
Walnutport and Tripoli—R. Bergstresser.
Weissport and Lehighton—J. F. Barrall.
Girardville and Mahanoy City—E. R. Heywood.
Erwinna—To be supplied.

(d) *Local Preachers.*

L. B. Taylor, Coopersburg Quarterly Conference.
R. D. Dreisbach, Weissport Quarterly Conference.
Wm. Gehman, Dillinger Quarterly Conference.
O. Bitting, South Allentown Quarterly Conference.

(e) *Annual Conference Licensed Missionaries.*

E. E. Kublic, H. F. Meltzer, M. P. Zook, W. W. Zimmerman.

(f) *Quarterly Conference Licensed Missionaries.*

C. W. Haas, W. W. Dill, J. H. Moyer, Norman Gehret, H. M. Gehman, Alfred Deppe, Charles Eroh.

II.—APPROPRIATIONS.

Nazareth, Plainfield and Bath	- - -	\$6.00 per month
Northampton	- - - - -	6.70 "
Walnutport and Tripoli	- - - - -	8.00 "
Weissport and Lehighton	- - - - -	7.00 "
Girardville and Mahanoy City	- - -	6.00 "

L. F. Haas shall be donated \$20.00 for moving expense, etc.

III.—GENERAL MISSIONARY DISTRICTS.

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

IV.—FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

Chili, South America—H. L. Weiss and Mrs. H. L. Weiss.
Thibet—C. F. Snyder.

Hadjin, Turkey—Miss Rose Lambert.

H. W. Feldges is under appointment as missionary to Chili under H. L. Weiss.

J. E. Fidler and Mrs. J. E. Fidler, who returned from Hadjin, Turkey, in Spring were transferred to the Canada Conference some time ago.

Resolved, That \$650 be donated to the Gospel Herald Society out of the Home Mission fund.

WHEREAS, C. H. Brunner shall collect the Home Missionary money during the ensuing year, therefore

Resolved, That we recommend that 50 per cent. of the money collected the coming year be donated to the Gospel Herald Society, on condition that C. H. Brunner with some of his workers hold one all day meeting at each regular appointment, and pay their own fares.

H. B. Musselman, Chairman,	Adam Keller,
C. H. Brunner, Secretary,	C. H. Kline,
W. C. Hale,	W. H. Brunner,
F. L. Zimmerman,	W. B. Musselman,
A. A. Wismer,	A. Gaumer,
P. Y. Foltz,	L. M. Sell,
H. H. Bergey,	Allen M. Gehman,
J. D. Moyer,	

Committee.

The Foreign Missionary Board elected the following officers: H. B. Musselman, President; W. G. Gehman, Secretary; Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer.

Resolved, That we hold two Sunday School Conventions this year, and that the Conference divide the districts, and appoint the places.

The Districts were divided as follows:

1. *Schuylkill Valley District*.—Spring City, Royersford, Gratersford, Reading, Macungie, Fleetwood, Blandon, Terre Hill, Quakertown, Hatfield, Allentown, Remps, South Allentown, Dillinger.

2. *Lehigh Valley District*.—Mt. Carmel, Girardville, Mahanoy City, Coopersburg, Springtown, Bethlehem, Walnutport, Northampton, Cementon, Lehighnton, Weissport, Nazareth, Plainfield, Phillipsburg, N. J.

Resolved, That the Conventions be held at Royersford and Lehighnton, respectively.

Resolved, That the money in the respective Treasuries be divided equally.

Resolved, That these districts resolve themselves into separate bodies, to elect their officers.

They reported as follows:

1. *Schuylkill Valley District*.—Chairman, L. F. Hass; Secretary, W. S. Hottel; Treasurer, Geo. A. Campbell.

H. B. Musselman,	}	Committee.
E. N. Cassel,		
J. C. Roth,		

Resolved, That this Convention be held on Decoration Day, May 30, 1904.

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

Resolved, That each superintendent be instructed to take up a liberal collection for the expenses.

Resolved, That we hold two sessions—one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon—with special services in the evening. No pastor shall be permitted to leave.

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

Resolved, That the committee meet six weeks before the

convention to arrange a program. Also to arrange program for the evening services.

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

2. *Lehigh Valley District*.—Chairman, W. G. Gehman; Secretary, R. L. Woodring; Treasurer, J. F. Barrall.

W. G. Gehman, }
R. Bergstresser, } Committee.
R. L. Woodring, }

Resolved, That this Convention convene on the fourth day of July, 1904.

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 program, also to arrange for the evening services.

Resolved, That we extend a hearty invitation to the Presiding Elder, and the two Missionary Presiding Elders.

Resolved, That the next Annual Conference convene in Allentown, at 8 a. m., the fourth Thursday in October 1904.

Resolved, That we elect delegates to the General Conference. W. B. Musselman and W. G. Gehman were elected from the Ministry and Allen M. Gehman and J. D. Moyer from the laity.

Resolved, That we elect two alternate delegates from the Ministry and two from the laity, to serve in the order of their election in case either one of the delegates cannot serve.

R. L. Woodring and J. G. Shireman, C. W. Stine and O. B. Bartholomew, were elected.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Conference, E. N. Cassel and R. L. Woodring be a committee to formulate appeals to be sent to the next General Conference.

Resolved, That the delegate see that the pastor's moving expenses be defrayed.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elder and Secretary of the

Conference apportion the fares of the General Conference members for the pastors to collect on their charges, and hand them to the Presiding Elder in good time.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elder find out the cheapest route to the General Conference, and those who will have their fares paid travel that route.

Closed by prayer by E. N. Cassel.

Seventh Session, Monday Afternoon Oct. 19, 1903.

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

The following Committee reports were submitted and received:

The report of the Committee on the Division of the Reading Course, was submitted and received. (See Report.)

Committee on Appeals to General Conference.—WHEREAS, We, as a Conference, see the inconsistency of denying young converts the privilege of becoming members of the church as long as they are not fully enlightened in reference to the evils of Secret Societies and life insurance, yet acknowledging their conversion, therefore

Resolved, That we recommend the General Conference to modify these rules.

Resolved, That we as a Conference unitedly protest against higher percentages as well as against more books of theories, arts etc., in our Reading Course and to substitute some book on the deeper life in Christ instead of "Lessons in Holiness."

Resolved, That we recommend the General Conference to omit the time limit of the Presiding Elder.

W. G. Gehman,	}	Committee.
E. N. Cassel,		
R. L. Woodring,		

Resolved, That we recommend our Ministers not to officiate at Sunday Funerals, and use their influence strongly against the same.

Resolved, That we greatly appreciate and thankfully acknowledge the sacrifice and services rendered this Conference

by our Missionary Presiding Elder W. B. Musselman in giving us so much of his precious time and valuable advice.

C. H. Brunner, }
R. L. Woodring, } Committee.
R. D. Dreisbach, }

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

Resolved, That we continue the Executive Committee and that the Chair appoint one member to fill the vacancy.

W. G. Gehman was appointed.

Resolved, That we elect a committee of five men, to look after the matter of buying an Orphanage and Home, investing them with power to buy the same, if they see fit to do so. They shall also have the power to appoint one of their number to collect the necessary funds if they purchase the same.

Resolved, That H. B. Musselman be one of the Committee on Orphanages and Homes, and that he appoint the remaining four.

He appointed L. B. Taylor, Wm. Gehman, J. G. Shireman, W. G. Gehman.

Resolved, That we get 260 Conference Journals printed to sell at 25 cents a piece and donate \$25 to the Editor to be paid out of the Conference Fund.

Resolved, That we privilege the Editor of the Gospel Worker Society Herald, W. B. Musselman, to publish in his paper whatever he desires of the Conference minutes.

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

Resolved, That an extra Ministerial Convention be held in Reading, the middle of the year for two days, the ministers to bring their families along. The Presiding Elder and Pastor of Reading shall arrange a program.

Resolved, That the advisability of C. J. Edwards passing through the Reading Course be left to the discretion of the Reading Course Committee and the Presiding Elder.

Closed by prayer by R. L. Woodring.

Attest: { H. B. Musselman, Chairman.
 { W. G. Gehman, Secretary.

Signed.—C. H. Brunner, M. P. E., W. B. Musselman, M.

P. E., R. L. Woodring, J. C. Roth, R. D. Dreisbach, C. J. Edwards, W. J. Fretz, Allen M. Gehman, J. G. Shireman, L. Frank Haas, E. N. Cassel, E. W. Martin, H. H. Bergey, Adam Keller, W. C. Hale, E. R. Heywood, O. S. Hillegass, S. M. Sell, F. L. Zimmerman, E. T. Shick, Jacob Purnell, L. B. Taylor, A. A. Wismer, Geo. A. Campbell, A. Gaumer, P. Y. Foltz, W. S. Hottel, R. Bergstresser, A. Deppe, James M. Oplinger, C. H. Kline, J. D. Moyer, W. H. Brunner, Charles W. Teel, W. Steinmetz, William Gehman, Theo. Clewell, C. O. Wentz, W. W. Zimmerman.

REPORTS.

1. Report of Committee on Reading Course.

DIVISIONS FOR 1903—1904.

(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—I and II Timothy 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, Principal,	} Examiners.
J. G. Shireman,	
E. T. Shick,	
J. C. Roth,	

(c)—Applicants for Annual Conference License. Discipline.
 H. B. Musselman, P. E., Examiner.

II. Report of Examinations.

	Discipline	Bible	Church History	Nelson on Infidelity	Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation	Fletcher's Appeal	Lessons on Holiness	Sell's Bible Study by Books	Jesus is Coming	Reformed Pastor	Average
C. J. Edwards.....	58										
L. F. Haas ..	90										
FIRST YEAR'S COURSE.											
L. F. Haas.....		83	65		60		90	78			75
SECOND YEAR'S COURSE.											
E. N. Cassel.....		92	91		82			71		70	81
E. Bergstresser.....		72	38		59			48		64	56
E. E. Kublic.....		85	41		69			52		81	66
J. F. Barrall.....		60	31		20			61		43	43
E. W. Martin.....		52	18		32			28		35	33
THIRD YEAR'S COURSE.											
W. S. Hottle.....		91	41	77	45	88		82	83		73
J. C. Roth.....		91	52	90	56	89		77	71		75

W. G. GEHMAN,
R. D. DREISBACH,
Examiners of Probationers.

III. Report of Financial Secretary.

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

INCOME.		EXPENDITURES.	
Balance in treasury October 17, 1902.....	\$3680 92	Sup't. of H. L. Weiss and fam.	\$ 600 00
Offerings in church during year	1150 97	J. E. Fidler "	175 00
Offerings in Sunday School during year	1191 01	" Rosa Lambert.....	200 00
Donations during year.....	283 35	C. F. Snyder.....	300 00
		Sundry expenses	563 96
Total.....	\$6306 25		\$1838 96
		Bal. in treas. Oct. 16, 1903.....	4467 29
		Total.....	\$6306 25

A. M. GEHMAN, Treasurer.

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

INCOME.		EXPENDITURES.	
Bal. in treas. Oct. 17, 1902.....	\$ 996 15	H. B. Musselman, P. E.....	\$ 486 17
Offerings during the year.....	1382 26	C. H. Brunner, M. P. E.....	506 15
Total.....	\$2378 41	Bal. in treas. Oct. 17, 1903.....	1386 09
		Total.....	\$2378 41

A. M. GEHMAN, Treasurer.

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

INCOME.		EXPENDITURES.	
Bal. in treas. Oct. 17, 1902.....	\$ 145 52	Paid out during the year.....	\$ 130 03
Offerings during the year.....	135 50	Bal. in treas. Oct. 17, 1903.....	150 99
Total.....	\$ 281 02	Total.....	\$ 281 02

A. A. WISMER, Treasurer.

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

INCOME.		EXPENDITURES.	
Bal. in treas. Oct. 17, 1902.....	\$ 128 58	Paid out.....	\$ 49 00
Receipts during the year.....	38 66	Bal. in treas. Oct. 17, 1903.....	162 24
Extra Contributions.....	44 00	Total.....	\$ 211 24
Total.....	\$ 211 24		

A. M. GEHMAN, Treasurer.

IV. Financial Report of Presiding Elder.

(a) APPROPRIATIONS.		(c) MISCELLANEOUS.	
Girardville and Mahanoy City.....	\$ 60 00	W. S. Kern, light and fixtures... ..	\$ 30 00
Nazareth, Plainfield and Bath..	40 00	L. F. Haas, moving expenses... ..	30 00
Seigfried and Cementon	80 00	E. R. Heywood's "	14 86
Weissport and Lehighton.....	60 00	R. L. Woodring's "	18 01
Walnutport and Tripoli.	80 00	Freight on chairs from Phila... ..	50
Total.....	\$ 320 00	C. W. Haas, hauling tabernacle ..	50
		J. E. Fidler, "	5 00
		W. K. Ziegler's mov'g expenses ..	17 25
		J. G. Shireman, ex. light.....	11 50
		Total	\$ 127 62
(b) TABERNACLE MEETINGS.		Grand total.....	\$ 486 17
Pen Argyl.....	\$ 20 81		
Slatington	3 60		
Lehighton.....	2 57		
Souderton.....	11 57		
Total.....	\$ 38 55		

H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.

V. Report of the Gospel Herald Society.

From October 1, 1902, to October 1, 1903.

(a) STATISTICAL.

Full membership (workers).....	10
Transferred to the church.....	1
Workers died during year.....	1
Probationers.....	2
Applicants.....	2
Missions.....	7
Baptized.....	31
Sunday Schools.....	5
Scholars Enrolled.....	310
Children's meetings and Sunday Schools held.....	262
Open air meetings held.....	577
Prayer meetings held.....	188
Sermons and addresses.....	2437
Pastoral visits.....	2986
Papers sold.....	14511

(b) FINANCIAL.

Literature sold (retail).....	\$ 1521 00
Special collection for President, Dist. Leader, Sunday Sch. &c	598 71
General collections and rent...	727 25
Sundries, workers' sup't., &c..	930 96
Donations.....	753 53
Total.....	<u>\$ 4531 95</u>
Hackettstown Mission.....	15 54
Washington ".....	27 42
Phillipsburg ".....	3 63
Trenton ".....	53 85
Easton ".....	16 78
Doolittle ".....	6 65
Philada. No. 1 ".....	205 97
Philada. No. 2 ".....	59 20
Stroudsburg ".....	29 12
T. E. Clewell, mov'g. exp. &c..	30 50
Home rent, 3 mos.....	30 00
Sundries.....	17 67
Total.....	<u>\$ 506 15</u>
Church appropriations.....	\$ 506 15
C. H. BRUNNER, Pres. and Treas.	

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

Balance.....	\$ 55 19
Paid out during year.....	24 74
Balance in treasury.....	<u>\$ 30 45</u>

GEO. A. CAMPBELL, Treasurer.

Statistical Report from October 17th, 1902, to October 16th, 1903.

PROPERTY		COLLECTIONS													
APPOINTMENTS	PASTORS	Parsonages	Value of Church Property	Increase of Church Property	Collected for Church Property	Repairing Church Property	Sexton and Sundry Expenses	For Parsonage Rent	For Ministers in Cash	Other Contributions	Collected for Assistants	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Foreign Missions S. S.	Collected for Sunday School
Allentown	E. T. Shick	1	\$ 4500 00	\$ 350 00	\$1700 00		\$ 171 72	\$ 16 00	\$ 387 80	\$ 52 64		\$ 200 79	\$ 191 56	\$ 173 62	\$ 95 65
Bethlehem	W. G. Gehman		4500 00				178 43	46 00	371 82	176 82		100 12	168 25	147 96	38 95
Mt. Carmel	R. L. Woodring		4150 00		2509 72			142 32	395 60	75 00	\$25 00	38 75			30 85
Hatfield	J. C. Roth		1500 00				67 75	42 00	195 00	17 05		38 00	25 25	17 06	30 38
Quakertown			3500 00				68 43	42 00	114 80	11 95		31 50	24 00	44 00	15 98
Roysersford	W. J. Fretz		3700 00				42 64	38 40	117 20	14 71		36 25	30 00	30 00	40 36
Spring City	"		3700 00	35 00		\$ 48 70	50 85	33 00	221 10	17 55		66 30	36 00	51 00	45 62
Norristown	"		2515 00												
Macungie	J. G. Shireman		1670 00	130 00			74 75	20 00	150 05	56 49		42 12	44 00	44 00	22 18
Fleetwood	"		300 00	150 00		13 97	12 19	11 00	64 00	18 70		12 00	15 50	33 75	22 44
Blandon	"		1000 00			100 25	27 83	20 00	165 10	11 00		35 80	57 25	50 02	42 98
Reading	W. K. Ziegler	1	5200 00				256 63	99 26	303 10	60 00		80 52	75 00	65 96	93 99
Athol	"		300 00						51 30	15 00	1 24	23 50	36 00		
Coopersburg	"		2000 00				71 12	60 00	198 55	107 36		101 73	74 45	75 78	
Springtown	E. W. Martin		1500 00				85 24	12 00	33 00	2 58		20 70	8 50	6 65	65 74
Gratersford	O. S. Hillegass		1200 00					36 05	132 90	72 89		42 50	43 20	78 05	
Ledersachs-ville	"							35 75	101 56	18 42		23 50	30 01		
Lehighton	R. D. Dreisbach		1600 00	50 00	10 00		16 36	39 00	154 45	21 39		6 50	3 60	26 57	17 06
Wessport	"		1200 00			7 35	14 18	40 00	35 35	47 26		6 00	6 00	6 87	16 06
Northampton	L. F. Hoas		1700 00	100 00	64 00		66 86	131 00	140 10	50 64		42 15	46 74	31 15	56 15
Warrington	R. Bergstresser		800 00		65 75		113 79	59 00	139 37	23 34		27 71	20 17	31 24	37 56
Thioli	"							12 00	47 50	18 96		13 23	23 37		
Terre Hill	C. A. Campbell		3500 00				47 80	40 00	177 86	26 35		18 88	9 15	4 60	125 01
Remp's	"		500 00						43 20	1 00		1 25	1 75	6 61	6 61
Nazareth	W. S. Hottle						11 21	57 13	149 28	40 93	30 71	25 18	29 47	12 31	7 46
Painfield	"		500 00				3 95	51 31	80 00	99 63		8 56	11 50	1 14	11 82
Bath	"						34 18	69 48	69 48	53 15		66 61	23 00		39 78
Girardville	E. R. Heywood						48 09	112 92	126 25	77 01			23 00		17 06
Mananoy City	"							38 00	36 95	36 95			4 50		22 57
South Allentown	W. Steinmetz		2000 00				64 90	54 00	166 25	25 00		47 75	18 50	48 06	39 42
Emaus	"		1500 00				85 31	24 00	85 00	8 00		26 31	18 50		18 50
Dillingen	E. N. Cassel	1	2000 00		1000 00		68 22		203 11	97 53		105 05	78 25	211 22	42 39
Hersford	"		1500 00				11 49		36 90	10 15		9 00	5 30		
Total		3	\$ 35635 00	\$ 815 00	\$ 5349 47	\$ 381 66	\$ 1617 66	\$ 1263 14	\$ 4645 03	\$ 1365 51	\$ 883 95	\$ 1375 20	\$ 1150 97	\$ 1191 01	\$ 995 04

Statistical Report from October 17th, 1902, to October 16th, 1903.

COLLECTIONS--CONTINUED

APPOINTMENTS	PASTORS	Collected for Presiding Elder	Missionary Presiding Elder	Gospel Workers' Society	Tabernacle Work	Evangelistic Work	Missionary Work	Camp Meetings	Poor Fund	Sunday School Conventions	Conference Fund	Beneficiary Fund	For Delegate	Total
Allentown.....	E. T. Shick.....	\$ 111 60	\$ 27 67	\$ 71 75	\$ 46 50		\$ 50 00		\$ 20 88	\$ 5 50	\$ 5 08	\$ 7 00	\$ 5 85	\$ 3341 61
Bethlehem.....	W. G. Gehman.....	123 14	73 89	70 33	71 19		41 73		21 75	7 81	8 68	20 00	7 55	1765 55
Mt. Carmel.....	R. L. Woodring.....	68 00	25 20	32 00	6 50	\$ 0 00	26 33		4 00	7 00	2 75			3364 02
Hatfield.....	J. C. Roth.....	42 50	9 51	13 35	62 60	1 00			4 03		1 95		3 75	586 05
Quakertown.....	W. J. Fretz.....	35 70	9 53	14 84			21 98		1 40	3 12	7 75		3 75	392 60
Royersford.....	".....	46 39	9 52	9 50			23 07		2 20	4 00	4 00		7 00	437 07
Spring City.....	".....	55 00	12 10	17 62					3 09	2 50	2 05	2 85	2 70	691 38
Norristown.....	J. G. Shireman.....	37 25	13 65	20 08	3 95	4 38	2 82	\$ 731 22	3 09	2 50	2 05	2 85	2 70	1286 01
Macungie.....	".....	15 50	4 01	10 10	1 51	10 35			1 85	3 34	5 00	1 00	1 00	226 39
Pleatwood.....	".....	18 60	6 89	16 77	2 00		72		2 75	2 45	1 36	1 32	1 32	477 83
Blandon.....	W. K. Ziegler.....	86 12	14 47	27 44	30 00			1019 01	2 89		7 74		4 03	2318 68
Reading.....	".....								1 01					139 31
Athol.....	E. W. Martin.....	38 98	11 13	23 47			36 27	10 27	4 42	1 62				318 26
Coopersburg.....	".....	15 00		2 00			30	1 25	1 87					100 44
Springtown.....	O. S. Hillegass.....	38 50	5 87	12 96	7 50	6 25			4 78	7 72	1 70			668 01
Gratersford.....	".....	18 60	6 89	16 77	2 75	3 31	30 82		2 60	3 06	1 36			240 78
Ledersachsville.....	R. D. Dreibach.....	25 17	2 00	3 40	21 81	3 00			1 65	1 50	4 45			349 01
Lehighton.....	".....	26 75	2 23	2 40	2 50	3 00			1 65	2 33	6 65			218 81
Weissport.....	L. F. Haas.....	37 60	2 98	11 59	2 15			588 10	4 25	2 93	1 10		4 52	1521 84
Northampton.....	R. Bergtresser.....	17 52	3 34	5 80	2 15				5 02	7 75	1 10		2 25	583 62
Walnutport.....	".....	10 00	1 65	2 26	85				1 10	4 69	7 75			133 67
Tripoli.....	C. A. Campbell.....	21 80	3 23	4 70					2 31					487 13
Terre Hill.....	W. S. Hottle.....	29 84	8 20	13 60	49 72				2 03			2 00	3 00	55 84
Remps.....	".....	4 51	7 52						4 95	1 17		1 87	2 87	453 89
Nazareth.....	".....	5 43	12 17	2 50	1 57		4 00		10 15	1 12		1 87	1 80	266 31
Plainfield.....	E. R. Heywood.....	38 17	9 73	24 73	9 43	10 18			3 14	2 50	5 2			208 12
Bath.....	W. Steinmetz.....	34 52	20 49	19 88	1 23				8 80	1 75	1 00	1 00		565 55
Gilardville.....	E. N. Cassel.....	39 20	4 62	5 19					2 45	3 41	3 85	1 62	4 45	539 66
Mahanoy City.....	".....	26 46							9 34	3 41	1 85	1 62	4 45	1925 62
South Allentown.....	".....								1 40		3 35		7 2	113 01
Emmaus.....	".....													
Dillingersford.....	".....													
Hereford.....	".....													
Total.....		\$1048 89	\$ 219 36	\$ 482 14	\$ 327 69	\$ 51 54	\$ 238 04	\$ 23349 85	\$ 135 50	\$ 60 44	\$ 314 46	\$ 38 66	\$ 60 07	\$ 24495 28

Items Missed in the Statistical Report.

	Ordained Ministers	Whole Number of Membership
Erwinna.....		19
Gospel Herald Society.....	1	26
Gospel Worker Society.....	1	
Total.....	2	45
	15	1058
Grand Total.....	17	1103

Roll and Directory of Ministers and Missionaries.

I. ITINERANTS.

NAME.	Licensed.	Ordained.	Received Present Charge.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Barrall, J. F.	1901		1903	Weissport, Pa.
Bergstresser, R.	1901		1901	Walnutport, Pa.
Brunner, C. H.	1893	1896	M. P. E.	2310 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
Campbell, G. A.	1887	1890	1902	Terre Hill, Pa.
Cassel, E. N.	1901		1902	Dilinger, Pa.
Clauser, A. M.	1893	1896		Groveland, Ill.
Clewell, E. T.	1901		1903	Nazareth, Pa.
Edwards, J. C.	1901		1903	Phillipsburg, N. J.
Fretz, W. J.	1898	1900	1903	Macungie, Pa.
Gehman, W. G.	1896	1899	1902	Bethlehem Pa.
Haas, L. F.		1882	1903	683 Hellertown Ave., S. Allentown, Pa.
Heywood, E. R.	1899		1902	Girardville, Pa.
Hillegass, O. S.	1889	1892	1902	Gratersford, Pa.
Hottel, W. S.	190	1903	1903	Hatfield, 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	1903	1903	323 N. 9th Street, Allentown, Pa.
Shick, E. T.	1899	1901	19 3	682 Locust Street, Reading, Pa.
Shreman, J. G.	1898	1900	1903	Spring City, Pa.
Steinmetz, W.	1893	1896	1903	Seigfried, Pa.
Woodring, R. L.	1898	1900	1902	Mt. Carmel, Pa.

II. LOCAL PREACHERS (ORDAINED.)

Bitting, O.	1885 1888	Lanark, Pa.
Gehman, Wm.	1849 1849	Vera Cruz, Pa.
Taylor, L. B.	1894 1897	Coopersburg, Pa.
Dreisbach, R. D.	1892 1895	Weissport, Pa.

III. ANNUAL CONFERENCE LICENSED PREACHERS.

Kubic, E. E.	1901	
Meltzer, H. F.	1901	
Zimmerman, W. W.	1899 1901	
Zook, M. P.	1900	

IV. QUARTERLY CONFERENCE LICENSED MISSIONARIES.

Brunner, Mrs. C. H.	1892	2310 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
Deppe, Alfred.	1897	Weissport, Pa.
Dill, W. W.	1897	Norristown, Pa.
Eroh, Chas.	1903	
Gehman, H. M.	1897	Allentown, Pa.
Gehret, Norman.	1899	Reading, Pa.
Haas, C. W.	1903	
Moyer, J. W.	1893	

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.

H. W. Feldges is under appointment as missionary to Chili under H. L. Weiss.

(c) ARMENIA.

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. Brunner.
1900.	Berlin, Ont.	{ C. H. Brunner, M. P. E., H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman, A. A. Wismer.
1904.	Nappanee, Ind.	{ H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., W. G. Gehman, A. M. Gehman, J. D. Moyer.

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...	William N. Shelly...	"
1870	June 7	Coopersburg, Pa...	William 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...	William N. Shelly...	David Gehman
1873	June 3	Upper Milford, Pa...	David Henning.....	"
1873	Nov. 11	Coopersburg, Pa...	William N. Shelly...	"
1874	June 1	Quakertown, Pa...	William Gehman....	"
1874	Nov. 10	Upper Milford, Pa...	David Henning.....	"
1875	June 5	Coopersburg, Pa...	William N. Shelly...	"
1875	Nov. 6	Quakertown, Pa...	William Gehman....	"
1876	*March 30	Coopersburg, Pa...	"	"
1876	June 3	Upper Milford, Pa...	David Henning.....	Jonas Musselman
1876	Nov. 11	Mount Joy, Pa.	William 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....	"
1903	Oct. 16	Mt. Carmel, Pa.	"	"

*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

Fourteenth Annual Ministerial Convention.

The Fourteenth Annual Ministerial Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of the Pennsylvania Conference convened in the Ebenezer Church, Fourth street, Mt. Carmel, Pa., on Oct. 15, 1903.

The Chairman Elder E. N. Cassel opened the Convention at 9 a. m. by singing and prayer, followed by the enrollment of members, after which the minutes of last years Convention were read and received.

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

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

That the Convention bar consists of the first three pews through the church and the Amen corner on the men's side.

Upon request the Chair appointed Elders, H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner and O. S. Hillegass 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 Relation of Our Church to the Home Missionary Society," by Elder W. G. Gehman.

That there should be a connecting link between our Church and the Home Missionary Society, is implied by the subject.

It is manifest that unless there is confidence of either one in the other, the Lord's expectations are hampered.

There ought to be some rules and regulations between the two bodies mutually agreed upon, and made out by the

president of the Society and the Presiding Elder of the Church with support of the rest connected with either body.

The Society might occasionally call the Church to hold conventions at missions to be turned over to the Church, a considerable length of time beforehand, to get the mission members acquainted with the Church, and vice versa. The Church should not urge the young men to marry to qualify them as pastors, for they may be pastors without the wife making them so, if they be called to God for such work. While some who marry may never become pastors. The Society should not urge them to remain single in order to retain them as Missionaries, for married men might possibly be used in the Home Missionary Society.

“The Pastor and His Relation to His Flock,” by Elder E. T. Shick. The pastor is one who has charge of a Church or congregation whose duty it is to watch over and instruct them. Paul said in Rom. 10-15., and how shall they preach except they be sent. A divine commission is of the greatest importance to any one that will labor for the Master, if he is called, he is called forever. A pastor is as closely related to his flock as to his own family, and will suffer and die for them.

Resolved, That we elect officers for the next Ministerial Convention.

The following were elected: J. G. Shireman, Chairman, and E. T. Shick, Secretary. Committee to arrange program: W. G. Gehman, H. B. Musselman and L. F. Haas.

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

The forenoon session closed by prayer by W. J. Fretz.

Second Session, 1.30 p. m.

Opened by singing and prayer by Elder William Gehman.

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

A discussion, “The Advisability of Having Two Presiding Elders,” was opened by Elder G. A. Campbell.

An essay by Elder J. G. Shireman. “The Advisability of Having Orphanages and Homes.”

The Apostles no doubt preached that it was necessary for those that had too much should share, not be selfish, but give to the poorer class and have all things common.

The time has come for us to have an orphanage and home. The subject was one of great interest and recommended to the Conference for consideration.

An essay by Elder W. J. Fretz, "Present Day Dangers and Temptations for Pastors." One of the dangers for pastors is to preach smooth in order to have the respect of the world, and seek favor of rich men. The bread and butter temptation also is a great one. Another is to become heady and have no respect for their superiors, some are even tempted to preach Mackintosh, Spurgeon, Moody, Simpson and others. We should preach the word of God.

The afternoon session closed by prayer by G. A. Campbell.

Evening Session, 7.00 p. m.

Opened by singing and prayer by Elder J. G. Shireman.

After roll call, the reading of the minutes of the afternoon session. The questions were answered by Elders R. D. Dreisbach and J. C. Roth.

An essay by R. Bergstresser, "Camp Meetings, and How to Conduct Them."

A camp meeting should be conducted by the Presiding Elder or one appointed by him who is very spiritual and should be for no other purpose than for the salvation of souls. Camp meetings of last year were conducted in a very good manner by our Presiding Elder. A volume of voices arose in praise to God for the noble work done.

An essay by Elder R. L. Woodring, "An Outline of Bible Doctrine." Salvation by faith in Lord Jesus Christ is our standard. True repentance is called for first, second, sanctification or deeper life in Christ follows. Baptism is the sealing of our profession, feet washing is also a command. And such who fully obey God in all things, trust him for body and soul constitute the bride of Christ at his coming.

A liberal collection for the labor and expense of the Secretary was lifted amounting to \$5.36. Thanks.

The Committee on Publication ordered the essays of J. G.

Shireman and R. L. Woodring to be published in the Gospel Banner. The report was received.

Resolved, That these minutes be printed in the Conference Journal.

Resolved, That we tender hearty thanks, by a rising vote to to the members of the Mount Carmel Class for their hospitality shown us during this Convention Session.

The session closed by prayer by R. D. Dreisbach.

E. N. Cassel, Chairman.

R. L. Woodring, Secretary.

H. B. Musselman, }
E. T. Shick, }
C. H. Brunner, } Committee.

