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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.
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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 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 October 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 February 20, 1897.]

H.—The Lord's Coming.—Believing that the coming of the Lord is rapidly approaching; therefore 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.—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. [Enacted Oct. 28, 1904.]

J.—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.]

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

L.—Sunday School Conventions.—One or more Sunday School Conventions shall be held annually. The officers shall be elected at the annual conference.

The committee on programme shall meet six weeks before the convention to arrange a programme.

Each Sunday school shall be represented by the Superintendent, and one delegate from the laity.

The superintendents, delegates and essayists shall have their fares paid.

Each superintendent shall take up a liberal collection to defray the expenses of the convention. [Enacted Oct. 29, 1904.]

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 Stewards be from quarter to quarter, and the reports on the schedules from October 1 to October 1.

In case a pastor is changed his allowances shall end with the month of September. [Enacted Oct. 28, 1904.]

IV.—MISCELLANEOUS.

A.—Transfers.—When a good standing member moves from one class to another, his or her name shall be transferred at once. [Enacted Feb. 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 Elder. [Enacted Sept. 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 investigation, 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.

H.—*Resolved*, That recommend each pastor to make special efforts to swell the Beneficiary Fund to assist the worthy widows of the deceased pastors. [Enacted October 29, 1904.]

I.—*Resolved*, That we recommend our ministers not to officiate at Sunday funerals, and use their influence strongly against the same. [Enacted Oct. 29, 1904.]

Annual Conference Proceedings.

FIRST SESSION.

The Twenty-first Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, of the Pennsylvania District, convened in the Bethel Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, Allentown, Pa., at 8 a. m., Oct. 27, 1904.

The first session was opened by singing and a very instructive and heart-searching address on "Unselfishness and Oneness in Christ," Phil. 2, 1-16, 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.

The following members were enrolled:

ORDAINED MINISTERS PRESENT.—H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, Geo. A. Campbell, R. D. Dreisbach, W. J. Fretz, L. Frank Haas, O. S. Hillegass, E. T. Shick, J. G. Shireman, W. Steinmetz, R. L. Woodring, L. B. Taylor, W. W. Zimmerman, W. S. Hottel, J. C. Roth, Wm. Gehman, W. G. Gehman, W. B. Musselman.

ORDAINED MINISTERS ABSENT.—A. M. Clauser, O. Bitting; H. L. Weiss, A. E. Dawson and Niels Gunstad, Foreign Missionaries, Chili.

PROBATIONERS PRESENT—R. Bergstresser, E. N. Cassel, E. W. Martin, E. E. Kublic, M. P. Zook, J. F. Barrall, H. F. Meltzer, T. E. Clewell, C. J. Edwards, L. Frank Haas.

PROBATIONERS ABSENT—H. W. Feldges.

DELEGATES PRESENT.—Allen M. Gehman, Wm. H. Brunner, A. A. Wismer, C. W. Haas, E. R. Hartman, O. B. Bartholomew, G. Ray Klinger, H. L. Musselman, H. H. Bergey, C. J. Shelly, C. O. Wentz, F. M. Gehman, L. M. Sell, A. Deppe, Geo. E. Teel, S. H. Lichtenthaler.

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

The minutes of the previous annual conference were read and received with a slight correction.

The Secretary appointed his assistants as follows: W. S. Hottel, Recording Secretary; J. G. Shireman, Statistical Secretary; J. F. Barrall, Financial Secretary.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a reporter. R. D. Dreisbach was appointed.

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

Committee on Worship.—J. C. Roth, C. J. Shelly.

Committee on Communications.—R. L. Woodring, Wm. Gehman, Geo. A. Campbell.

Committee on Finance.—J. F. Barrall, Allen M. Gehman, H. L. Musselman.

Committee on Statistics.—J. G. Shireman, C. J. Shelly.

Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records.—E. T. Shick, R. Bergstresser, C. W. Haas, Geo. A. Campbell, Wm. H. Brunner, R. D. Dreisbach.

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.—J. C. Roth, W. Steinmetz, L. M. Sell.

Committee on Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference Licenses.—E. T. Shick, J. G. Shireman, C. H. Brunner.

Committee on Examination of Applicants for Ordination.—W. G. Gehman, R. L. Woodring, O. S. Hillegass.

Committee on Resolutions.—C. H. Brunner; E. N. Cassel, C. J. Edwards.

Auditing Committee.—W. J. Fretz, L. Frank Haas, E. N. Cassel, E. R. Hartman, S. H. Lichtenthaler, O. B. Bartholomew.

Resolved, That we postpone the regular time to open the afternoon session till the call by the chair, to give the committees time to sit.

The remainder of this session was devoted to the oral reports of the pastors.

Adjourned by prayer by A. A. Wismer.

Second Session, Thursday Afternoon, Oct. 27, 1904.

Opened by singing and prayer by R. L. Woodring.

The roll was called, after which the minutes were read and received.

The following committee reports were read and received:

Committee on Communications.—We have read the letters from E. R. Heywood, and from the Terre Hill Quarterly Conference, and recommend them to this conference:

R. L. Woodring	} Committee.
Geo. A. Campbell	
Wm. Gehman	

Report of the Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders.—We have examined the Traveling Elders and found them all favorable with the exception of E. W. Martin whom we regard as incapable for pastoral work according to the evidence furnished by his delegate.

A. M. Clauser being absent and having no report from him we could not examine him.

We therefore refer E. W. Martin and A. M. Clauser to this conference for further consideration.

L. B. Taylor	} Committee.
A. A. Wisner	
Wm. Gehman	

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

J. C. Roth	} Committee.
W. Steinmetz	
L. M. Sell	

Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records.—We examined all Quarterly Conference records and found all correct with the exception of Nazareth and Plainfield, no excuses reported for absent officers for first and second quarter; Spring City, no account of secretary for the whole year; Reading, no election of secretary mentioned for the entire year and no revision of church record reported.

E. T. Shick	} Committee.
R. D. Dreisbach	
Wm. H. Brunner	
Geo. A. Campbell	
C. W. Haas	
R. Bergstresser	

Committee on Worship.—W. W. Zimmerman shall preach this evening, followed by Mrs. C. H. Brunner.

J. C. Roth } Committee.
C. J. Shelly }

Resolved, That the Committee on Worship have the privilege to select their speaker presently for Saturday evening.

They reported that Wm. Gehman shall preach on Saturday evening.

Resolved, That the Terre Hill letter, A. M. Clauser, E. R. Heywood and E. W. Martin be referred to the Committee of the Whole to sit tonight at 7 o'clock.

Revs. H. P. Jones, Home Missionary of the Holiness Christian Church; and D. P. Longsdorf, of Catasauqua, Pa., and C. D. Huber, of the U. E. Church, Allentown, Pa., were introduced to conference.

The oral reports of the pastors were continued.

The reports were interesting. With very few exceptions the reports showed an increase in members, finances and spiritually.

The Lord worked marvelously on nearly every charge in saving souls throughout the year, some of them notable characters for wickedness. The success in open air work is grand. The missionary offerings were large.

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

H. B. Musselman, P. E., reported the work well united almost unexceptionally. Pastors are straight and love each other and are loyal to the P. E. God manifests his power in summer as well as in winter in saving souls even on small charges. The finances are marvelous and the members are growing. The camp meetings were largely attended and were spiritual and many saved.

Two parsonages were bought and another is nearly built.

Every preacher is willing to take any charge.

C. H. Brunner, M. P. E., of the Gospel Herald Society, reported the Missionaries well united and willing to die for each other.

In Philadelphia some of the best standbys moved away. A number are standing firmly. At Washington, N. J., the people love the truth. At Bangor a successful tent meeting and now meetings in the hall resulted in quite a number

saved. Herald selling is grand. Many were saved and baptized in the different missions.

At Washington, N. J., and Stroudsburg, Pa., there are flourishing Sunday Schools.

W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., of the Gospel Worker Society, reported the work moving along nicely. We had more converts this year than any previous year. Colportage work is grand. The Gospel Worker Society Herald has a wide circulation. Open air meetings were held in 40 or 50 different towns, besides where we have our halls. The free-will offerings in open air are liberal.

We have thirteen more applicants for the work. The workers are well united.

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

The report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions was submitted and received. (See Report.)

Adjourned by prayer by C. J. Shelly.

Third Session, Friday Morning, Oct. 28, 1904.

Opened by singing and prayer by Wm. Gehman.

The roll was called, after which the minutes of the previous session were read and received.

The following committee reports were submitted and received:

Committee of the Whole—

WHEREAS, A. M. Clauser has been working independently within the limits of the Ohio and Indiana Conference, therefore

Resolved, That we deem it advisable to send him his letter of transfer.

WHEREAS, The Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders examined E. W. Martin through the delegate of the Coopersburg charge, and found that he was incapable to do pastoral work, and

WHEREAS, This matter was referred to the committee, which committee upon closer investigation ascertained through the aforesaid delegate that he was assured that what he said was decidedly the sentiment of the majority of the class, and

WHEREAS, E. W. Martin has likewise stated his convic-

tions concerning his inability of doing pastoral work and kindly asks permission to resign from being a member of the Annual Conference, therefore

Resolved, That we grant him his request and pray that God may bless him abundantly.

WHEREAS, The Terre Hill class has not sent a delegate to this conference but has sent an official notice that they desire no preacher sent them from this conference, stating that they would not accept or stand by any regular pastor, therefore

Resolved, That we recommend the conference to refer Terre Hill to the Stationing Committee to be supplied.

WHEREAS, E. R. Heywood has sent in his resignation from being a member of this conference and church after having left his charge at Girardville in an abrupt and inconsiderate way, without saying a word to the Presiding Elder, or sending in any Sunday School accounts, money, books, etc., before leaving, therefore

Resolved, That his name be dropped from our church records.

R. L. Woodring, Chairman.

W. S. Hottel, Secretary.

Auditing Committee—

We examined the schedule, quarterly conference minute books, and all other accounts and found them all correct with the exception of schedules of Reading, South Allentown, Macungie, Gratersford and Nazareth. The schedule of Nazareth was so poorly arranged that the committee could scarcely audit the same. It was referred back and a new one made which was found correct. A mistake was also found in the Gratersford quarterly conference book in the total of the Presiding Elder's collection, also two slight mistakes in the Hellertown camp meeting accounts. Mount Carmel quarterly conference accounts had no totals, consequently we could not audit the same. We recommend this conference to adopt a form for the summary accounts in quarterly conference minute books.

W. J. Fretz	} Committee.
L. Frank Haas	
E. N. Cassel	
O. B. Bartholomew	
E. R. Hartman	
S. H. Lichtenthaler	

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

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

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

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

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

The reports of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions and of the Home Mission Fund, respectively, were submitted and received. (See Reports.)

Resolved, That all collections received on a charge for the building or purchase of churches, parsonages, or other purposes on another charge shall be reported by the pastor where collected.

C. H. Brunner	} Committee.
E. N. Cassel	
C. J. Edwards	

Resolved, That the minutes be published only in the Conference Journal, and that the secretary be privileged to curtail them as he sees fit and order a supplement printed to be sent to the subscribers of the "Banner," of the other conferences, to be paid for 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 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 Mission treasury.

Resolved, That we elect an editor of the Conference Journal for next year. R. L. Woodring was elected.

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. (Standing Rule.)

Revs. A. J. Brunner and J. H. Sterner, of Allentown, Pa., of the U. E. Church, and Wm. Gould, of Allentown, Pa., of the Free Methodist Church, were introduced to this conference.

Resolved, That the chair appoint a committee of three to form resolutions as to what part of the trustee and other financial accounts be reported on the schedules for each Annual Conference year.

C. H. Brunner, L. Frank Haas and W. G. Gehman were appointed.

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

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

WHEREAS, It is not advisable for a camp meeting committee to figure too closely on the expenses, consequently at times there remains a balance, therefore

Resolved, That in case there is more collected at a camp-meeting than is needed to pay all expenses, the balance shall be paid to the treasurer of the Annual Conference who shall hold it as an equipment fund to be used to buy equipments for camp meeting such as tabernacles, lamps etc., as may be needed from time to time according to the decision of the Presiding Elder and the camp meeting committees.

C. H. Brunner	} Committee.
E. N. Cassel	
C. J. Edwards	

Resolved, That we cheerfully accept the \$34.75, the balance offered by the Wescoesville camp meeting committee for the Camp Meeting Equipment Fund.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to investigate the camp meeting tents and fixtures.

J. G. Shireman	} Committee.
E. N. Cassel	
W. G. Gehman	

WHEREAS, We were greatly interested in reading the letters and reports of our Foreign Missionaries as they appeared from time to time in the Gospel Banner, and

WHEREAS, We were delighted with the encouraging report submitted by the Secretary of our Board of Foreign Missions gathered from these official reports, therefore

Resolved, That with grateful hearts we humbly acknowledge the grace of God bestowed upon this conference to entrust us with a general interest in so noble a cause, and sufficient means to support ten missionaries on the foreign field, and further

Resolved, That we praise the Lord for preserving them all from sickness, accident and death during the past year, and therefore

Resolved, That we appreciate their noble and devoted service and will pledge ourselves to continue their support, praying the Lord to preserve their health, protect their lives and property, keep them from discouragements and erroneous doctrines, waiting for the coming of the Lord.

The Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board shall have this resolution printed and forwarded to each of the Foreign Missionaries, to be paid for out of the Foreign Mission Treasury.

C. H. Brunner	} Committee.
E. N. Cassel	
C. J. Edwards	

Adjourned by prayer by A. J. Brunner.

Fourth Session, Friday Afternoon, Oct. 28, 1904.

Opened by singing and prayer by C. W. Haas.

The roll was called after which the minutes of the previous session were read and received.

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

The Beneficiary Society reported the election of the following officers: J. G. Shireman, Chairman; J. C. Roth, Secretary; L. B. Taylor, Treasurer.

Resolved, That rule E, on page 7 in the Conference Journal, be omitted and the following inserted:

That the Quarterly Conference accounts of Stewards be

from quarter to quarter, and the reports on the schedules from October 1 to October 1.

In case a pastor is changed, his allowance shall end with the month of September.

Resolved, That the class leaders and stewards be elected shortly before and that their term of office begin immediately after the last quarterly conference.

The report of the Committee on Orphanage and Home was submitted and received.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to get a form for summary accounts in the quarterly conference minute books.

The Chair appointed L. Frank Haas, C. H. Brunner and E. N. Cassel.

Resolved, That we adjourn for committees to meet until the call by the Chair.

After the intermission the following committee reports were submitted and received.

Committee on Statistics.—

We have examined the schedules and found South Allentown, Mt. Carmel, Reading, Macungie, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Girardville and Northampton incorrect and corrected them in the presence of the pastors.

J. G. Shireman } Committee.
C. J. Shelly }

Committee on Reading Course.— (See report of examination.)

At the first semi-annual examination of this year the committee decided that E. T. Shick and W. G. Gehman examine C. J. Edwards orally on Sell's Bible Study by Books, and excuse him from being examined on Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, Church History and Lessons in Holiness, on account of his defective eyesight.

W. G. Gehman, Principal.
J. G. Shireman } Committee.
E. T. Shick }
J. C. Roth }

Committee on Forms of the Annual Statistical Report.—

We hereby submit a form to be used for the annual summary statistics in the quarterly conference minute books.

Resolved, That we recommend the conference to discard all the old minute books and have the secretary provide uniform books for all the charges.

Resolved, That the secretary get 150 copies of the accompanying form printed on both sides, uniform in size with the minute books.

C. H. Brunner	} Committee.
L. Frank Haas	
E. N. Cassel	

Resolved, That the candidates for ordination, E. N. Cassel, R. Bergstresser and J. F. Barrall, be referred to the Committee on Ordination.

The following ministers submitted themselves unconditionally to the Conference:

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

Conditional:—R. D. Dreisbach, L. B. Taylor, Wm. Gehman, O. Bitting, H. L. Weiss, A. E. Dawson and Niels Gunstad, Foreign Missionaries, Chili.

The time for the election of a Presiding Elder having come, the Chair appointed J. F. Barrall and L. B. Taylor as tellers.

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

Resolved, That the Secretary cast the ballot to elect W. B. Musselman and C. H. Brunner as Missionary Presiding Elders, ex officio.

Other officers elected.—

Vice Presiding Elder—W. G. Gehman.

The following were elected by acclamation:

Secretary—W. G. Gehman.

Treasurer—Allen M. Gehman.

Standing Committee over Presiding Elder—Geo. A. Campbell, J. G. Shireman, E. T. Shick.

Resolved, That we extend this session until 5.30 p. m.

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

Board of Deacons—C. J. Shelly, A. A. Wismer and H. G. Musselman.

The election of the Reading Course Committee was laid on the table.

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, and begin its session tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

Resolved, That H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder, preach the Conference sermon on Sunday morning, W. G. Gehman the ordination sermon on Sunday afternoon and C. H. Brunner, M. P. E., preach Sunday evening.

The Presiding Elder shall have charge of the Ordination services.

Resolved, That no preacher be permitted to leave Sunday morning except Wm. Gehman. All preachers shall be present Sunday afternoon.

Resolved, That the Chair be one of the committee of three to decide which, if any, of the preachers shall preach on Sunday night in the respective churches. The chair shall appoint the remaining two.

J. C. Roth and Geo. A. Campbell were appointed.

The Committee on Worship reported that E. N. Cassel preach tonight.

J. C. Roth } Committee.
C. J. Shelly }

Adjourned by prayer by W. Steinmetz.

Fifth Session, Saturday Morning, Oct. 29, 1904.

Opened by singing and prayer by S. H. Lichtenthaler.

The roll was called after which the minutes of the previous session were read and received.

The following committee reports were submitted and received:

Committee on Ordination.—We have examined E. N. Cassel, R. Bergstresser and J. F. Barrall as candidates for

ordination and recommend them to this conference to be ordained Sunday afternoon.

W. G. Gehman }
R. L. Woodring } Committee.
O. S. Hillegass }

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

I.—APPOINTMENTS.

(a) STATIONS.

Allentown—J. C. Roth.
Zionsville—E. N. Cassel.

(b) CIRCUITS.

Quakertown and Coopersburg—W. S. Hottel.
Bethlehem and Springtown—W. G. Gehman.
Phillipsburg, N. J., and Erwinna—C. J. Edwards.
South Allentown and Emaus—L. Frank Haas.
Reading and Athol—E. T. Shick.
Spring City and Royersford—J. G. Shireman.
Gratersford and Harleysville—O. S. Hillegass.
Mount Carmel and Girardville—R. L. Woodring.

(c) MISSIONS.

Hatfield and Souderton—R. Bergstresser.
Nazareth and Plainfield—T. E. Clewell.
Northampton and Cementon—W. Steinmetz.
Walnutport and Tripoli—Geo. A. Campbell.
Lehighon and Weissport—J. F. Barrall.
Macungie, Hereford and Alburtis—W. J. Fretz.
Fleetwood, Blandon, Terre Hill and Rempus—
W. W. Zimmerman.

(d) TABERNACLES. To be supplied.

(e) LOCAL PREACHERS.

L. B. Taylor—Quakertown and Coopersburg Quarterly Conference.
O. Bitting—So. Allentown and Emaus Quar. Conference.
Wm. Gehman—Zionsville Quarterly Conference.
R. D. Dreisbach—Lehighon and Weissport Quarterly Conference.

(f) ANNUAL CONFERENCE LICENSED MISSIONARIES.

E. E. Kublic, H. F. Meltzer and M. P. Zook.

(g) QUARTERLY CONFERENCE LICENSED MISSIONARIES.

C. W. Haas, W. W. Dill, J. H. Moyer, H. M. Gehman,
Alfred Deppe, C. W. Stine, H. K. Kratz, E. W. Martin.

II.—APPROPRIATIONS.

Hatfield and Souderton	- - - -	\$12.50	per month
Nazareth and Plainfield	- - - -	6.00	"
Northampton and Cementon	- - - -	8.00	"
Walnutport and Tripoli	- - - -	6.00	"
Lehighon and Weissport	- - - -	7.00	"
Macungie, Hereford and Alburtis	- - - -	5.00	"
Fleetwood, Blandon, Terre Hill and Remp's	- - - -	7.00	"

The Hatfield, Walnutport and Blandon Missions shall be paid \$12.00 each toward the moving expenses of their pastors.

III.—GENERAL MISSIONARY DISTRICTS.

(a) GOSPEL HERALD SOCIETY.

C. H. Brunner, Missionary Presiding Elder, in charge.

(b) GOSPEL WORKER SOCIETY.

W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder, in charge.

IV.—FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

Chili, South America—H. L. Weiss, Mrs. H. L. Weiss, H. W. Feldges, A. E. Dawson, Mrs. A. E. Dawson, David Mancilla, Nields Gunstad and Marie Gunstad.

Thibet—C. F. Snyder.

Hadjin, Turkey—Miss Rose Lambert.

We recommend that C. H. Brunner shall take the Home Missionary subscriptions 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 at least two services at each regular church appointment and pay their own fares.

H. B. Musselman, Chairman	S. H. Lichtenthaler
C. H. Brunner, Secretary	A. A. Wismer
Allen M. Gehman	Wm. H. Brunner
C. W. Haas	G. Ray Klinger
L. M. Sell	F. M. Gehman
E. R. Hartman	H. L. Musselman
C. J. Shelly	H. H. Bergey

Committee.

Resolved, That the subscriptions for the home mission work be taken between New Year and the camp meeting season.

Resolved, That we privilege W. B. Musselman to authorize our preachers as agents for the Gospel Worker Society Herald, and collect the subscriptions for the same.

C. H. Brunner }
E. N. Cassel } Committee.
C. J. Edwards }

Resolved, That we hold two Sunday School Conventions and that the Chair appoint a committee of five who shall divide the districts and appoint the time and place of the conventions respectively.

He appointed J. C. Roth, E. T. Shick, R. L. Woodring, W. G. Gehman and L. Frank Haas.

The election of the Reading Course Committee having been laid on the table was now taken up and J. C. Roth, E. T. Shick and E. N. Cassel were elected.

Resolved, That the Reading Course Committee examine C. J. Edwards on Bible and Sell's Bible Study by Books according to the discipline and that they excuse him from all other branches, on account of his weak eyes.

Resolved, That H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder, be Chairman of the next Annual Conference.

Resolved, That the time and place for holding the semi-annual examination for probationers be left to the discretion of the Reading Course Committee.

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. (Standing Rule.)

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

Resolved, That we recommend our ministers not to officiate at Sunday funerals, and use their influence strongly against the same. (Standing Rule.)

Resolved, That we print 275 Conference Journals to sell at 25 cents a copy and insert the photos of David Mancilla, of Chili, and C. F. Snyder, of China.

Resolved, That the secretary send Conference Journals to our Foreign Missionaries to be paid for out of the Foreign Mission treasury.

Resolved, That H. B. Musselman, L. B. Taylor, Wm. Gehman, J. G. Shireman and W. G. Gehman be re-elected a

Committee on Orphanage and Home.

Adjourned by prayer by O. Bitting to meet in private session at 12:30 p. m.

Sixth Session, Saturday Afternoon, Oct. 29, 1904.

(Private Session.)

Opened by singing and prayer by E. W. Martin.

The roll was called after which the minutes of the previous session were read and received.

The report of the committee on the division of the Reading Course was submitted and received. (See Report.)

The report of the Treasurers of the Sunday School conventions were submitted and received. (See Report.)

Resolved, That the Treasurers of the Sunday School Conventions buy uniform account books to record the collections and expenses in detail and submit the books for the annual conference to audit.

Resolved, That the Committee on Orphanage and Home be invested with power to select and buy a place according to their own judgment, having power to appoint one of their number to collect the necessary funds to purchase the same.

The report of the Presiding Elder relative to the expenses of the general conference delegates was submitted and received.

The report of the Executive Committee was submitted and received.

Resolved, That Wm. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, W. G. Gehman, H. B. Musselman and Geo. A. Campbell be continued an Executive Committee.

WHEREAS, The matter of absent ones of the extra Ministerial Convention was referred to the Annual Conference, to deal with them as they see fit, therefore

Resolved, That after due consideration they be forgiven.

The session adjourned for committees to sit to meet again at the call of the Chair.

After an intermission the Chairman called the Conference to order after which the following committees reported:

Committee on the Division of Sunday School Convention Districts.—

1. SCHUYLKILL VALLEY DISTRICT—Spring City, Royers-

ford, Gratersford, Reading, Macungie, Fleetwood. Blandon, Terre Hill, Remp, Hatfield, Coopersburg, Quakertown and Zionsville.

2. LEHIGH VALLEY DISTRICT—Allentown, South Allentown, Mount Carmel, Bethlehem, Springtown, Walnutport, Northampton, Leighton, Weissport, Nazareth, Plainfield and Phillipsburg, N. J.

Resolved, That these conventions be held at Reading and Allentown, respectively, on Decoration Day, May 30, 1905.

The following committees elected the following officers:

Executive Committee—Wm. Gehman, Chairman; W. G. Gehman, Secretary; Geo. A. Campbell, Treasurer.

Foreign Mission Board—H. B. Musselman, Chairman; W. G. Gehman, Secretary; Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer.

Orphanage and Home Committee—L. B. Taylor, Chairman; W. G. Gehman, Secretary; Wm. Gehman, Treasurer.

Committee on Trustee Accounts—

Resolved, That the accounts of the Board of Trustees reported on the Annual Conference Schedule shall close with the last quarterly conference of the conference year.

W. G. Gehman	} Committee.
C. H. Brunner	
L. Frank Haas	

Resolved, That we hold a Ministerial Convention some time in the middle of the year, for one day, the Presiding Elder and two that he shall appoint shall constitute a committee to arrange a programme and set the date. All ordained ministers or probationers having charge of a work shall be present, also a hearty invitation to be extended to the minister's wives and families.

Resolved, That this convention be held at Allentown, Pa.

The Chair appointed J. C. Roth and E. N. Cassel on programme.

R. Bergstresser and W. S. Hottel were elected as Chairman and Secretary, respectively.

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

Resolved, That we drop the name of H. W. Feldges from the list of probationers and add it to the list of Foreign Missionaries.

Resolved, That we donate \$20.00 out of the conference fund to the editor of the Conference Journal.

Resolved, That the Sunday School Districts resolve themselves into separate bodies to elect their officers.

They reported as follows:

1. SCHUYLKILL VALLEY DISTRICT—Chairman, E. T. Shick; Secretary, J. G. Shireman; Treasurer, E. N. Cassel.

H. B. Musselman	} Committee.
E. N. Cassel	
O. S. Hillegass	

Resolved, That we hold two sessions—one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon. The committee on programme also to arrange for special service in the evening. No pastor shall be permitted to leave.

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

2. LEHIGH VALLEY DISTRICT—Chairman, Geo. A. Campbell; Secretary, C. J. Shelly; Treasurer, J. F. Barrall.

R. L. Woodring	} Committee.
J. C. Roth	
W. G. Gehman	

Resolved, That we hold two sessions—one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon. The committee on programme also to arrange for the special evening service. All pastors to remain for the same.

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

A liberal collection was lifted for the labor and expenses of the secretary, amounting to \$9.08. Thanks.

Adjourned by prayer by Geo. A. Campbell.

Services Sunday, October 30, 1904.

At 10 o'clock Sunday morning H. B. Musselman preached the Conference Sermon, basing his remarks on 2 Tim. 4-1, 5; and Luke 4-18, 19, 20. One could indeed say we never heard it in this fashion. The words were spoken in power, God's presence melting and united the hearts of His people.

At 2:00 p. m. W. G. Gehman preached the ordination sermon, choosing his words from 1 Tim. 4-14, and 1 Cor. 9-14.

J. F. Barrall, E. N. Cassel and R. Bergstresser were ordained. The message had no uncertain sound at this time, and was very instructive.

At 7:30 p. m. C. H. Brunner delivered a very practical address from Eph. 1-7, 14; 4-30, and Heb. 2-14, 15. This was a day of feasting for God's people, the church being filled to the door during each service. The labors of our worthy leaders is highly appreciated, and as a result the work stands more united than ever.

Seventh Session, Monday Morning, Oct. 31, 1904.

Opened by singing and prayer by G. Ray Klinger.

The roll was called after which the minutes of the previous session were read and received.

Resolved, That H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and Allen M. Gehman and their successors in office shall constitute a Board of Trustees for the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Orphanage and Home.

Resolved, That the next Annual Conference convene at Bethlehem, Pa., at 8 a. m., the second Thursday in October, 1905.

Resolved, That H. B. Musselman and C. H. Brunner constitute a committee to arrange a form of certificate for the Reading Course Committee, to fill out for those who have passed the Reading Course satisfactorily.

Resolved, That the following be added to paragraph K, page 7, Standing Rules:

The Committee on Programme shall meet six weeks before the convention to arrange a programme:

Each Sunday School shall be represented by the superintendent and one delegate from the laity.

The superintendents, delegates and essayists shall have their fares paid.

Each superintendent shall take up a liberal collection to defray the expenses of the convention.

C. H. Brunner	} Committee.
E. N. Cassel	
C. J. Edwards	

Resolved, That the Presiding Elder, the pastor in charge, with the three trustees of Terre Hill, Pa., have charge of the parsonage at that place

Resolved, That the Secretary apportion the amount apportioned this Conference by General Conference for O. B. Henderson's moving expenses, according to membership, for the pastors to collect.

Resolved, That the Secretary apportion the General Conference Journals according to membership, the pastors to pay for them to him within one week after they receive them.

Resolved, That we urge our pastors to secure as many new subscribers to the Gospel Banner as possible.

The report of the Committee on Form of Certificate for Probationers who have passed the Reading Course was submitted and received.

Resolved, That we privilege the Gospel Workers to canvass our districts and get all the subscribers they can for the Gospel Worker Society Herald.

WHEREAS, We highly appreciate the oral report given by W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., concerning the work 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.

C. H. Brunner	} Committee.
E. N. Cassel	
C. J. Edwards	

A rising vote of thanks was tendered the brethren and sisters of Allentown class for their kindness and hospitable entertainment the conference received during this session.

Resolved, That one copy of the Conference sermon be secured and sent to the Presiding Elder for revision, and afterward be handed to a committee of three who shall decide whether or not it shall be published.

Resolved, That the Secretary be one of the committee and that he appoint the other two.

He appointed J. C. Roth and E. N. Cassel.

The minutes were then read and received with corrections.

Adjourned by prayer by W. B. Musselman.

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

Signed:—C. H. Brunner, M. P. E., W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., W. S. Hottel, E. T. Shick, J. C. Roth, R. D. Dreisbach, R. Bergstresser, J. G. Shireman, J. F. Barrall, W. J. Fretz, H. H. Bergey, C. J. Edwards, L. B. Taylor, S. H. Lichenthaler, A. A. Wismer, O. S. Hillegass, L. Frank Haas, S. M. Sell, A. M. Gehman, C. W. Haas, A. Deppe, G. Ray Klinger, C. J. Shelly, Geo. E. Teel, W. W. Zimmerman, O. B. Bartholomew, Wm. H. Brunner, C. O. Wentz, Wm. Gehman, F. M. Gehman, W. Steinmetz, Theo. Clewell, H. L. Musselman, Geo. A. Campbell, E. N. Cassel, E. R. Hartman, E. W. Martin, R. L. Woodring.

Report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

For the Conference Year Ending October 26, 1904.

CHILI.

H. L. Weiss and Mrs. H. L. Weiss of Valdivia, Chili, state how marvelously the Lord leads. Their little boy who was nigh unto death by double curvature of the spine, was miraculously healed by the Lord that he is now plump and fat.

Their field of labor over which Bro. Weiss has the oversight extends over 300 miles. Up to this time the work was more of an evangelistic nature, but now they occupy important centers. He has opened missions in Pt. Montt and Ancud Chiloe.

They suffer much opposition by the Roman Catholic priests. He expects that till New Year they will have baptized at least 100 persons during the past year. The whole membership now is nearly 500. He prints 2500 copies of their Spanish paper. Mrs. Weiss visits and does considerable individual work. Some of the converts are cruelly treated by their relatives.

H. W. Feldges is reported to work well among the natives. He is stationed at Ancud, Chiloe, and is assisted by David Mancilla, a native of the island, who has considerable experience in the work, and bold for Christ, the result of which he has suffered much persecution.

Mr. A. E. Dawson sailed to Chili with H. L. Weiss in 1897. The Lord used him with Bro. Weiss in evangelizing parts of the country and in colportage work for nearly six years, when he returned on a furlough to America. He married and returned to Chili, March 1904. His wife is a real stand-by and is also reported to be much used by the Lord. They labor at La Union, where a chapel is being built for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Niels Gunstad of Norway, came to Chili in April 1903, as Missionaries, under the Church of England. They soon saw that they could not conscientiously follow the ritual of that Church, and obey the Scriptures. They became acquainted with our doctrine and discipline and joined in fellowship with us agreeing perfectly with us in doctrine, and endured hardship for Christ. They came well recommended by H. L. Weiss. They stay at Valdivia at present to study Spanish. There are others laboring under H. L. Weiss whom we do not support.

CHINA.

C. F. Snyder, Taocheo, New City, China, is well in body, and enjoys the abiding presence of the Lord. He helps to erect a building for them to live in. At every big market day he preaches the gospel to a goodly number who are very attentive. Although the Chinese are difficult to reach he has a few sincere inquirers into the truth at the new place. He is awaiting the opening of Thibet.

TURKEY.

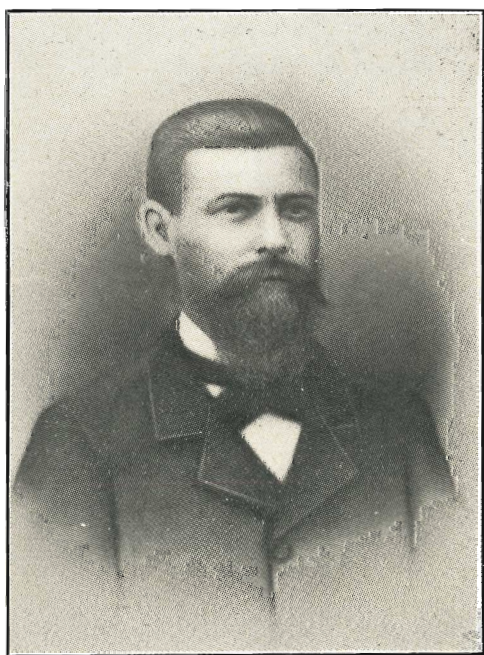
Rose Lambert, Hadjin, Turkey, took a trip to Europe in the interest of the Orphanage, God wonderfully interests his European children in this sphere. The work is moving forward. Young Armenian men and women filled with the spirit lead others to the life abundant. Such doctrine was much opposed five years ago. A Bible woman teaching the fourfold gospel is supported by a family in America. A long felt need supplied. The heaviest burden is not the work we do, but the work we constantly see remain undone.



C. F. SNYDER



H. W. FELDGES



DAVID MANCILLA

REPORTS.

1.—Report of Committee on Reading Course.

A.—DIVISIONS FOR 1904-1905.

(a)—First Semi-Annual Examinations.

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 on the Plan of Salvation—chapters 6-12 inclusive.

Sell's Bible Study by Books—chapters 18-32 inclusive.

Church History—page 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—page 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. chapters 1 to 3.

Nelson on Infidelity.

Fletcher's Appeal.

The first Semi-Annual Examination to be held at Quakertown, Pa., the second Monday of March, 1905 at 1:00 p. m.

The second Semi-Annual Examination to be held at the

same place as the Annual Conference, and one day previous to the Ministerial Convention, at 8 a. m.

J. C. Roth
E. T. Shick
E. N. Cassel } Examiners.

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

H. B. Musselman, P. E., Examiner.

B.—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
FIRST YEAR'S COURSE.											
H. F. Meltzer.....		88	46		53		66	90			69
C. J. Edwards.....		50						65			58
SECOND YEAR'S COURSE.											
L. F. Haas.....		77	82		67			77		63	73
E. W. Martin.....		65	20		38			55		35	43
T. E. Clewell.....		66	29		43			47		50	47
THIRD YEAR'S COURSE.											
E. N. Cassel.....		100	81	99	68	74		93	97		87
R. Bergstresser.....		78	52	66	51	49		80	74		66
E. E. Kubie.....		85	52	66	65	57		83	80		70
J. F. Barrall.....		52	38	70	33	62		78	85		60
M. P. Zook.....		93	89	86	60	62		95	85		81

W. G. GEHMAN, Principal.
J. G. SHIREMAN
E. T. SHICK
J. C. ROTH

Examiners.

II.—Report of Financial Secretary.

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

INCOME.	
Bal. in treas. Oct. 16, 1903.....	\$4467 29
Contributions during year.....	320 00
Total.....	\$4787 29

EXPENDITURES.	
Sup't. of H. L. Weiss and fam..	\$ 675 00
" A. E. Dawson and wife	450 00
" H. W. Feldges.....	300 00
" C. F. Snyder.....	300 00
" Rose Lambert.....	200 00
" David Mancilla.....	200 00
" Niels Gunstadt and wife..	400 00
Sundry expenses.....	1121 89
	\$3646 89
BAL. in treas. Oct. 26, 1904,	1140 40
Total.....	\$4787 29

ALLEN M. GEHMAN, Treasurer.

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

INCOME.	
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 17, 1903.....	\$1386 09

EXPENDITURES.	
H. B. Musselman, P. E.....	\$ 515 85
C. H. Brunner, M. P. E.....	650 00

	\$1165 85
BAL. in Treas. Oct. 27, '904.....	220 24
Total.....	\$1386 09

ALLEN M. GEHMAN, Treasurer.

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

INCOME.	
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 17, 1903.....	\$ 150 99
Receipts during year.....	85 00
Receipts at Conference.....	110 64
Total.....	\$ 346 63

EXPENDITURES.	
Paid out during year.....	\$ 185 15
BAL. in Treas. Oct. 27, 1904.....	161 48
Total.....	\$ 346 63

A. A. WISMER, Treasurer.

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

INCOME.	
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 17, 1903.....	\$ 162 24
Receipts during year.....	42 00
Total.....	\$ 204 24

EXPENDITURES.	
Paid out during year.....	\$ 76 78
BAL. in Treas. Oct. 27, 1904.....	127 46
Total.....	\$ 204 24

L. B. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

E.—Report of the Treasurer of the Annual Conference Fund.

INCOME.	
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 17, 1903.	\$ 30 45
Receipts during year.....	42 86
Total.....	\$ 73 31

EXPENDITURES.	
Paid out during year.....	\$ 26 25
BAL. in Treas. Oct. 27, 1904.....	47 06
Total.....	\$ 73 31

W. J. FRETZ, Treasurer.

F.—Report of the Treasurer of the Camp Meeting Equipment Fund.

INCOME.	
Receipts during year.....	\$ 34 75

EXPENDITURES.	
BAL. in Treas. Oct. 27, 1904.....	\$ 34 75
ALLEN M. GEHMAN, Treasurer.	

G.—Report of the Treasurer of the S. S. Convention (L. V. Dist.)

INCOME.	
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 17, 1903.	\$ 14 42
Receipts at last Convention.....	31 74
Total.....	\$ 46 16

EXPENDITURES.	
Paid out for Convention exp....	\$ 44 42
BAL. in Treas. Oct. 27, 1904.....	1 74
Total.....	\$ 46 16
J. F. BARRALL, Treasurer.	

H.—Report of the Treasurer of the S. S. Convention (S. V. Dist.)

INCOME	
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 17, 1903.	\$ 14 42
Receipts at last Convention.....	46 65
Total.....	\$ 61 07

EXPENDITURES.	
Paid out for Convention exp....	\$ 42 85
BAL. in Treas. Oct. 27, 1904.....	18 22
Total.....	\$ 61 07
GEO. A. CAMPBELL, Treasurer.	

III.—Financial Report of Presiding Elder.

(a) APPROPRIATIONS.	
Nazareth and Plainfield.....	\$ 72 00
Walnutport and Tripoli.....	96 00
Lehigh and Weissport.....	84 00
Northampton and Cementon..	80 00
Total.....	\$ 332 00

(b) TABERNACLE MEETINGS.	
Soudertown.....	\$ 4 45
Quakertown.....	4 00
Mount Carmel	10 41
Tripoli.....	7 28
Reading.....	1 00
Total.....	\$ 27 14

(c) MISCELLANEOUS.	
Storage rent from Oct. 1903 to Oct. 1904.....	\$ 25 00
Moving exp. of L. F. Haas.....	20 00
Girardville Mission.....	4 00
Hall fixtures at Bath. Pa.....	6 00
Lamp fixt., J. G. Shireman.....	2 90
Tabernacle boxes and freight....	17 31
Fares for sewing Tabernacles....	2 41
Phillipsburg wk., C. J. Edwards	15 00
Phillipsburg hall fixtures, C. H. Brunner.....	32 25
Fares for asst's, Nazareth chg..	2 00
Fares for Coopersburg work....	3 38
W. J. Fretz, hauling tabernacle	1 00
Storage rent from Oct 1904 to Oct. 1905.....	25 00
Total.....	156 31
Grand total.....	\$ 515 85

H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.

IV.—Report of the Gospel Herald Society.

From October 1, 1903, to October 1, 1904.

(a) STATISTICAL.

Ordained Ministers of Annual Conference.....	2
Probationers of Ann'l. Conf.....	3
Church members.....	15
Full members.....	9
Probationers.....	2
Applicants.....	4
Missions.....	6
Sunday Schools.....	3
Scholars enrolled.....	170
Children's meetings and Sunday Schools held.....	136
Baptized.....	29
Open air meetings.....	385
Prayer meetings.....	51
Sermons and addresses.....	2064
Pastoral visits.....	1953
Heralds sold.....	18021

(b) RECEIPTS

General collections for rents....	\$ 533 70
Gen. col. for sundry exp., sup. of workers, etc.....	901 86
Special col. for Pres't., Dist. leaders, Sunday schools, etc..	474 51
For foreign missions.....	20 04
Donations.....	557 93
Literature sold, retail.....	1596 47
Total receipts.....	\$4084 01

(c) FINANCIAL.

Paid for household goods.....	\$ 79 37
Receiving and ex-workers.....	81 34
Fgt. on Tab. and hall goods.....	38 76
Printing signs, cards.....	13 85
Provisions (new missions).....	15 55
Home mission meeting fares...	120 50
Tent.....	44 00
Bedding.....	31 40
Opening, Norristown.....	34 11
“ E. Stroudsburg.....	42 28
“ Bangor.....	43 15
Phila. Mission rent.....	118 00
Sundries.....	20 04
Total.....	\$ 682 35

Recd. from H. M. Teas. \$650 00
 Recd. for mission prop.. 32 35

\$682 35 \$682 35

C. H. BRUNNER, Pres. and Treas.

Statistical Report from October 16, 1903, to October 27, 1904.

APPOINTMENTS	PASTORS	Collected for Presiding Elder	Missionary Presiding Elder	Gospel Workers' Society	Tabernacle Work	Evangelistic Work	Missionary Work	Camp Meetings	Poor Fund	S. S. Conventions	Conference Fund	Beneficiary Fund	General Conference Delegates	Literature Sold	Annual Conference Delegate	
Allentown.....	J. C. Roth.....	134 40	38 95	96 81	14 00	30 60	50 00	831 87	25 00	5 87	6 13	8 10	26 50	214 13	7 92	4327 08
Behlenthum.....	W. G. Gehman.....	163 72	70 02	93 36	14 50	107 88	107 88	699 43	329 81	5 01	5 01	17 46	26 00	673 82	7 79	3776 82
Springtown.....	W. G. Gehman.....	77 50	13 21	3 00	8 00	30 00	30 00	699 43	2 75	1 00	3 43	1 05	2 66	18 85	7 77	200 32
Mt. Carmel.....	R. L. Woodring.....															1604 80
Grandville.....	W. S. Hottel.....	40 10	9 65	13 75	21 88	6 26	18 00		3 14	2 15	2 30	1 25	4 47	33 50	4 17	112 57
Quakertown.....	W. S. Hottel.....	43 05	13 73	21 75	25 36	6 74	18 00		3 20	3 20	1 40	1 15	6 05	42 25	2 35	590 19
Koyersford.....	J. G. Shireman.....	37 75	14 61	9 66			25 00		5 50	1 36	7 00	1 36	7 00	21 73		680 46
Spring City.....	"	43 35	9 62	22 09			105 00	656 21	3 25	1 05	1 05	6 5	7 00	4 00		574 18
Norristown.....	"															1904 93
Macungie.....	W. J. Fretz.....	52 50	12 50	25 50	3 90	3 98			3 18	5 40	1 15	2 85	8 00	18 75	1 10	763 52
Feetwood.....	"	47 50	7 94	15 03	2 10	3 15			2 85	2 50	1 68	1 00	3 00	11 25	7 55	246 69
Blandon.....	"	82 86	14 43	26 28	17 34	1 23			1 85	2 72	5 00	1 10	3 00	18 73	7 72	441 41
Reading.....	E. T. Shick.....								14 39	5 30	1 85	2 21	12 00	97 00	3 05	1397 51
Athol.....	"								10 95	1 82	7 7	7 75	3 00	17 90	1 36	155 38
Gratersford.....	O. S. Hillegass.....	26 98	4 65	12 74	3 50	3 50	11 50		8 81	2 90	7 75	5 77	5 00	42 56	1 28	287 87
Harleysville.....	"	14 12	4 42	10 62	5 75	5 75	3 00		2 07	2 90	7 75	5 77	5 00	42 56	1 28	404 27
Weissport.....	J. F. Barrall.....	24 10	7 20	8 41					1 53	2 90	7 75	5 77	5 00	42 56	1 28	475 51
Lehighton.....	"	26 65	7 94	8 41					4 23	2 90	7 75	5 77	5 00	42 56	1 28	663 91
Northampton.....	W. Steinmetz.....	30 68	4 71	11 29	2 40	2 40			3 72	1 46	1 06	1 06	6 00	184 50	2 42	662 01
Walnutport.....	R. Bergsesser.....	26 39	5 41	10 03	1 53	1 53	13 08		3 00	1 40	1 40	1 35	6 00	45 00	1 85	107 36
Tripoli.....	"	15 39	2 96	1 53	0 00	0 00			3 02	5 00	1 44	3 00	3 00	8 75		307 50
Terre Hill.....	Geo. A. Campbell.....	19 48	2 65	6 93	3 50	3 50			2 38	5 00	1 44	3 00	3 00	8 75		85 28
Rempus.....	"								2 05	5 00	5 00	25 4 50	4 50	56 30	60	357 86
Nazareth.....	T. E. Clewell.....	14 75	4 55	12 24	3 12	3 12			5 75	5 00	5 00	25 4 50	4 50	56 30	60	217 68
Plainfield.....	"	3 10	8 87	8 87												37 00
Bath.....	"															
South Allentown.....	L. F. Haas.....	30 88	8 83	29 90	8 50				10 00	3 84	1 77	1 77	10 75	43 75	2 72	1020 30
Enaus.....	"	28 75	3 55	31 14					8 00	3 14	1 91	2 51	4 25	50 00	2 38	239 74
Dillingert.....	E. N. Cassel.....	13 50	2 18	4 16	9 75		25 00		9 38	3 14	1 91	2 51	4 25	50 00	2 38	1291 81
Hereford.....	"	13 50	2 18	4 16					1 10	2 14	2 25	2 25	4 00	215 42	2 08	46 07
Phillipsburg.....	C. J. Edwards.....	13 84	3 52	2 47					2 33	2 14	2 25	2 25	4 00	215 42	2 08	719 20
Erwinna.....	"								2 33	2 14	2 25	2 25	4 00	215 42	2 08	2 33
Coopersburg.....	E. W. Martin.....	38 92	11 55	15 77			32 00	9 50	22 39	1 58	1 56	2 19	13 00	54 00	1 15	888 21
G. H. Society.....	"															
G. W. Society.....	"															
Total.....		1101 06	322 13	565 27	145 65	51 91	420 46	2197 01	195 72	65 78	42 80	51 76	205 08	2285 08	47 60	25355 53

SUMMARY.**Report of the Financial Secretary.****Collections From October, 1903, to October, 1904.**

APPOINTMENTS	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Foreign Mission in S. S.	For the Poor	Beneficiary Fund	Conference Fund	Total on Each Field
Allentown.....	\$ 252 75	265 25	156 96	25 00	8 10	6 13	714 19
Coopersburg.....	99 20	85 40	80 00	22 39	2 19	1 56	290 74
Phillipsburg, N. J.....	17 95	12 00	5 71	1 10	2 25	2 25	41 26
Zionsville.....	103 83	140 45	216 49	9 38	2 51	1 91	474 57
Hereford.....		4 51					4 51
South Allentown.....	60 25	46 50	146 73	10 00	2 32	1 77	267 57
Emaus.....	26 51	23 50		8 00			53 01
Terre Hill.....	8 25	8 00	4 60	4 40	50	1 44	27 19
Rempus.....		1 50					1 50
Macungie.....	68 90	45 25	54 10	3 18	2 85	1 15	175 43
Fleetwood.....	17 60	24 75	12 60	2 85	1 10	63	59 53
Blandon.....	30 30	52 65	28 33	1 35	90	50	114 03
Quakertown.....	47 95	28 25	68 00	3 23	1 15	1 40	149 98
Hatfield.....	34 85	31 25	20 00	3 14	1 25	2 30	92 79
Bethlehem.....	338 45	258 25	149 23	32 31	17 46	5 01	800 71
Springtown.....	18 50	65 80	6 90	4 27	1 05	1 00	97 52
Royersford.....	45 75	29 60	23 25	5 50	1 36	50	105 96
Spring City.....	90 85	53 00	46 50	3 25	65	1 05	195 30
Athol.....	29 25	26 50		1 95			57 70
Reading.....	147 20	99 73	76 85	14 30	2 21	1 85	342 14
Mount Carmel.....	34 75	28 25		2 75		3 43	69 18
Grardville.....		8 65				1 77	10 41
Gratersford.....	18 10	20 37	63 07	10 88		77	118 19
Harleysville.....	25 80	32 65		1 81		76	61 02
Walnutport.....	39 32	43 95	19 35	4 72	1 00	75	109 09
Tripoli.....	15 00	15 34		2 0	1 35	1 40	35 09
Weissport.....	18 12	28 40	19 33	2 07		75	68 67
Lehighton.....	11 46	16 60	30 07	1 53		1 10	60 76
Nazareth.....	16 10	20 00	3 05	2 05	25	50	41 95
Plainfield.....	14 25	10 00	4 52	5 75	25	50	35 27
Northampton.....	46 75	29 50	27 10	4 23	1 06	63	109 27
Doolittle.....		7 25	8 25				15 50
Washington, N. J.....			4 53				4 53
Erwina.....				2 33			2 33
Total.....	1677 99	1568 10	1275 52	195 72	51 76	42 80	4809 56

Roll and Directory of Ministers and Missionaries.

I. Itinerants.

NAME.	Licensed	Ordained	Received Present Charge	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Barrall, J. F.	1901	1904	1903	Weissport, Pa.
Bergstresser, R.	1901	1904	1904	Hatfield, Pa.
Brunner, C. H.	1893	1896	M. P. E.	2310 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
Campbell, G. A.	1887	1890	1904	Walnutport, Pa.
Cassell, E. N.	1901	1904	1902	Zionsville, Pa.
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., So. Allentown, Pa.
Hillegass, O. S.	1889	1892	1902	Gratersford, Pa.
Hottell, W. S.	1901	1903	1904	Richland Centre, 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	819 Gordon St., Allentown, Pa.
Shick, E. T.	1899	1901	1903	632 Locust St., Reading, Pa.
Shireman, J. G.	1898	1900	1903	Spring City, Pa.
Steinmetz, J.	1893	1896	1903	Northampton, Pa.
Woodring, R. L.	1898	1900	1902	Mount Carmel, Pa.
Zimmerman, W. W.	1899	1901	1904	Fleetwood, 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.

Kublic, E. E.	1901
Meltzer, H. F.	1901
Zook, M. P.	1900

IV. Quarterly Conference Licensed Missionaries.

Deppe, Alfred.	1897	Weissport, Pa.
Dill, W. W.	1897	Norristown, Pa.
Gehman, H. M.	1897	Allentown, Pa.
Kratz, H. K.	1904	Souderton, Pa.
Martin, E. W.	1901	Terre Hill, Pa.
Stine, C. W.	1904	Mount Carmel, Pa.

V. Foreign Missionaries.

(a) CHINA.

SNYDER, C. F. Arrived on the field in 1897. Present address—Lanchoo via Hsi Ngan, China, care C. & M. A.

(b) CHILI, S. A.

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

FELDGES, H. W. Arrived on the field January, 1904. Stationed at Aneud, Island of Chiloe. Address in care of H. L. Weiss.

MANCILLA, DAVID. Native of Island of Chiloe, helps at Aneud. Adopted in January, 1904. Address in care of H. L. Weiss.

DAWSON, A. E. and Mrs. A. E. Dawson Arrived on the field in March, 1904. Stationed at La Union. Address in care of H. L. Weiss.

GUNSTAD, Niels and Mrs. Niels Gunstad. Came to Chili from Norway, April, 1903. Adopted in August, 1904. Address in care of 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. C. H. Brunner, M. P. E. W. G. Gehman A. M. Gehman J. B. Moyer

Yr	Time	Place	Chairman	Secretary
1858	Sept. 24	Upper Milford, Pa.		
1859	Nov. 1	Haycock, Pa.		
1860	May 28	Upper Milford.		
1860	Nov. 6	"	David Henning	David Gehman
1861	June 4	"	"	"
1861	Nov. 5	Haycock.	"	"
1862	June 3	Upper Milford	William N. Shelly	A. W. Stauffer
1862	Nov. 4	Haycock	E. Hershey	"
1863	June 2	Upper Milford.	"	David Gehman
1863	Oct 1	Haycock	William Gehman	"
1864	June 7	Upper Milford	William N. Shelly	"
1864	Nov. 3	Haycock	David Henning	"
1865	June 6	Upper Milford	"	"
1865	Nov 7	Flatland, Pa.	William Gehman	"
1866	June 6	Upper Milford	"	"
1866	Nov 3	Mount Joy	William N. Shelly	"
1867	June 4	Flatland.	David Henning	"
1867	Nov 5	Upper Milford	William Gehman	Joseph Romig
1868	June 2	Flatland.	William N. Shelly	"
1868	Nov 5	Upper Milford	William Gehman	David Gehman
1869	June 1	Flatland.	David Henning	"
1869	Nov 1	Upper Milford	William N. Shelly	"
1870	June 7	Coopersburg	William Gehman	"
1870	Oct 31	Upper Milford	David Henning	"
1871	June 5	Coopersburg	E. Hershey	"
1871	Nov 6	Upper Milford	David Henning	"
1872	June 3	Coopersburg	William Gehman	Jonas Musselman
1872	Nov 6	Quakertown	William N. Shelly	David Gehman
1873	June 3	Upper Milford	David Henning	"
1873	Nov 11	Coopersburg	William N. Shelly	"
1874	June 1	Quakertown	William Gehman	"
1874	Nov 10	Upper Milford	David Henning	"
1875	June 5	Coopersburg	William N. Shelly	"
1875	Nov 6	Quakertown	William Gehman	"
1876	*March 30	Coopersburg	"	"
1876	June 3	Upper Milford	David Henning	Jonas Musselman
1876	Nov 11	Mount Joy	William N. Shelly	"
1877	June 2	Coopersburg	William Gehman	"
1877	Nov 10	Upper Milford	E. Hershey	"
1878	June 3	Quakertown	A. Kauffman	"
1878	Oct 7	Coopersburg	J. Rosenberger	"
1879	March 22	Upper Milford	William Gehman	S. M. Musselman
1879	Oct 6	Quakertown	"	"
1879	**Nov 8	Upper Milford	S. Eby	"
1880	March 15	Coopersburg	William Gehman	"
1881	March 7	Quakertown	"	"
1882	Feb 13	Upper Milford	"	"
1883	Feb 5	Coopersburg	"	A. Kauffman
1884	Feb 4	Terre Hill	"	Wm. H. Gehman
1885	Feb 2	Quakertown	"	M. A. Zyner
1886	Feb 1	Upper Milford	"	"
1887	Feb 7	Reading	"	A. Kauffman
1888	Feb 6	Coopersburg	"	"
1889	Feb 4	Terre Hill	"	"
1890	Feb 3	Bethlehem	"	M. A. Zyner
1891	Feb 2	Quakertown	"	C. H. Brunner
1892	Feb 1	Upper Milford	W. B. Musselman	"
1893	Feb 6	Coopersburg	"	"
1894	Feb 2	Terre Hill	"	"
1895	Feb 1	Reading	"	"
1896	Feb 7	Allentown	"	"
1897	Feb 19	Royersford	"	"
1898	March 4	Bethlehem	"	"
1899	March 3	Upper Milford	C. H. Brunner	W. G. Gehman
1900	Sept 14	Reading	"	"
1901	Oct 4	Bethlehem	W. B. Musselman	"
1902	Oct 17	Reading	H. B. Musselman	"
1903	Oct 16	Mt. Carmel	"	"
1904	Oct 27	Allentown	"	"

*Special Session concerning the sale of certain church property to the "Church or 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

Fifteenth Annual Ministerial Convention.

The proceedings of the Fifteenth Annual Ministerial Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of the Pennsylvania Conference convened in Bethel Church, Gordon Street, Allentown, Pa., Oct. 26, 1904.

The Chairman, Elder J. G. Shireman, opened the Convention at 9 a. m., by singing and prayer followed by enrollment of members and roll call, after which the minutes were read and received.

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

Resolved, That the Convention bar consist of the first two pews and Amen corners.

Resolved, That no speaker be allowed more than ten minutes nor speak the second time except by permission of the Chair.

Resolved, That Elder W. S. Hottel serve as time keeper.

Resolved, That Elder R. L. Woodring act as reporter.

The following essays were then read discussed and received.

"Call to the Ministry,"—By Elder W. S. Steinmetz.

The Ministers call is of God, it is a supernatural call, and a powerful call to one who will not shrink when persecuted or tortured. A call that is distinctive and definite. Paul could say, "Woe is Unto Me If I Preach Not the Gospel." It requires Heaven born men—such are often not understood by the world.

Second, "Deacons, Their qualifications and Influence For Good,"—By Elder Geo. A. Campbell.

The Deacon is an officer in the Church of Jesus Christ to assist the pastor in temporal affairs so he can give more of his time to the word. A man of sound judgment in financial affairs, not double tongued or two sided, and should have a home to entertain strangers. It is a permanent office. First proven, and then ordained.

Resolved, That we receive this essay to be published in the Gospel Banner.

Third, "The Pastor in the Pulpit,"—By Elder J. G. Shireman.

This may imply names, words, dress and jestures; his face beaming in every look; voice quivering with emotion; his language shall not be barroom or smutty talk, but divinely inspired messages—simple, plain effective; not looking for praise or applause, but deliver his message in the fear of the Lord.

Adjourned by prayer by Elder C. H. Brunner. Benediction by Elder H. B. Musselman.

Second Session, 1.30 p. m.

Opened by singing and prayer by Elder L. B. Taylor.

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

The questions were answered by Elders W. J. Fretz and R. Bergstresser.

Resolved, That we hold another Ministerial Convention next year, a day prior to the Annual Conference and at the same place.

The following officers were elected: J. C. Roth, Chairman, W. J. Fretz, Secretary.

Committee to arrange program: H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner.

First. An essay by Elder E. N. Cassel—"Tact in Pastoral Work."

He is a pattern to his flock and not to Lord over God's heritage. By living close to the Lord he will become more efficient for the work. Should have judgment in visiting the flock, think and speak about the good in people. The object of visiting is to feed the flock.

Second, "The Pastor's Wife, Her Influence For Good or Evil"—By Elder E. T. Shick.

She should be in subjection to her own husband, she shall be a house wife to keep the house, and dress plain, not dressing her children for show. In bossing the pastor she will have a very bad influence upon the work.

A collection for the labor and expence of the secretary amounting to \$4.96. Thanks.

Third, "The Pastor in his Home and Study,"—By Elder W. S. Hottel.

The pastor is one that ruleth well his own house. A man of his word in his home. He should not be unkind. The home is the place to be equipped for the work. Study to show thyself approved, not to read the word but to study it. Everyone can become a student of the word. The object of study is to rightly divide the word. It is all inspired

Adjourned by Benediction by Elder R. L. Woodring.

Third Session, 7 p. m.

Opened by singing and prayer by Elder E. T. Shick.

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

The questions were answered by Elders L. Frank Haas and W. G. Gehman.

First, "God's Pattern for the Pastor in Sacrifice and Long Suffering,"—By Elder R. L. Woodring.

Pastors according to Gods heart, which shall feed you with knowledge, should know the need of his people, he is out to administer grace. Two classes in the church; first, the active, those that pay, pray and persevere. Second, the nominal, who sit and sleep, slide and criticise.

Second, "The Home Missionary Work,"—By Elder C. H. Brunner.

An open door for service for young men. It is the duty of the society to prepare the best material possible for the church. Uniforms are a benefit in opening new missions and saloon work. Good music is a great help as well as good singing.

Resolved, That we tender a rising vote of thanks to the

members of the Allentown class for their kindness and hospitality shown us during this Convention.

Resolved, That the minutes be printed in the Conference Journal if we print one.

Adjourned by prayer by Elder L. Frank Haas.

J. G. Shireman, Chairman.

E. T. Shick, Secretary.

W. G. Gehman,	} Committee.
L. Frank Haas,	
H. B. Musselman.	

Third Session, 7 p. m.

opened by singing and prayer by Elder E. T. Shick.
 After roll call the minutes of the afternoon session were
 read and recorded.
 The questions were answered by Elders L. Frank Haas
 and W. G. Gehman.
 First "God's Pattern for the Pastor in Sacrifice and Love"
 Shick, "By Elder R. L. Woodring."
 Pastor according to God's heart, which shall feed you
 with knowledge should know the need of his people, he is not
 to administer grace. Two classes in the church first the
 mature, those that pay, pray and persevere. Second, the non-
 mat, who sit and sleep, slack and criticize.
 Second, "The Home Missionary Work,"—By Elder L. H.
 Freeman.
 An open door for service for young men. It is the duty
 of the society to prepare the best material possible for the
 church. I believe are a wealth in opening new missions and
 school work. Good music is a great help as well as good
 singing.
 Resolved, That we tender a ringing vote of thanks to the

