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H. B. MUSSELMAN.

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(Last Session)

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(Last Session)

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(Last Session.)

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L. B. Taylor,

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E. T. Shick.

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Secretary, J. C. Roth;

Treasurer, L. B. Taylor.

Gospel Workers Society:

General Superintendent and Treasurer, W. B. MUSSELMAN.

## **Business Rules of the Conference.**

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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.**


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We print here from the Records for convenient reference the following Laws and Regulations, 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 Missionsaries.



(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 plant, 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 on 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.—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.

I.—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.]

J.—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.]

K.—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.]

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

M.—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.]

N.—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.

#### 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.—We will not permit any of our Quarterly Conference License Workers to travel as Evangelist, except by permission of the Annual Conference. [Enacted February 22, 1897.]

D.—The classes shall elect no ministers to any office. [Enacted February 3, 1894.]

E.—The class leaders and stewards shall be elected shortly before and their term of office begin immediately after the last quarterly conference.

F.—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.]

## 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.—All expenses of committees of investigation, appointed by the Presiding Elder, shall be paid out of the conference fund. [Revised October 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.—We 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.—We recommend our ministers not to officiate at Sunday funerals, and use their influence strongly against the same. [Enacted October 29, 1904.]

J.—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.

K.—The editor of the Conference Journal shall arrange a brief report of the Sunday services to be published in the Conference Journal.

L.—The Treasurer of the Home and Foreign Funds shall be authorized to loan money without interest out of these funds to the M. P. E. of the Gospel Worker Society, according to the judgment of the Treasurer and Presiding Elders.

Whenever the Gospel Worker Society turns one or more missions over to the Church, a committee, consisting of Presiding Elders, Treasurer and Missionary Presiding Elder, shall appraise the personal property or real estate belonging to said mission. In case the Church chooses to buy the same, paying the same, paying the same out of the Home Mission treasury.

# Annual Conference Proceedings.

## FIRST SESSION.

The Twenty-second Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, of the Pennsylvania District, convened in the Ebenezer Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, Bethlehem, Pa., 8 a.m., October 12, 1905.

The first session was opened by singing and a very instructive and impressive address on "*The Unity of the Brethren*," Psalm 133, 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, J. G. Shireman, W. J. Fretz, L. Frank Haas, O. S. Hillegas, E. T. Shick, W. Steinmetz, R. L. Woodring, L. B. Taylor, W. W. Zimmerman, W. S. Hottel, J. C. Roth, R. Bergstresser, E. N. Cassel, J. F. Barrall, W. G. Gehman, Wm. Gehman, W. B. Musselman, R. D. Dreisbach and O. Bitting.

PROBATIONERS PRESENT.—H. F. Meltzer, C. J. Edwards, L. Frank Haas, E. E. Kublic, M. P. Zook.

PROBATIONER ABSENT.—T. E. Clewell.

DELEGATES PRESENT.—C. O. Wentz, Allen M. Gehman, O. C. Kistler, A. A. Wismer, Adam B. Keller, E. R. Hartman, O. B. Bartholomew, Wm. H. Billman, G. K. Himmelreich, L. M. Sell, G. O. Billig, J. D. Moyer, H. K. Kratz, W. P. Wehr, B. Engelman, Geo. E. Teel, John L. Sutton.

*Resolved*, That the first two pews on the women's side and the first three pews on the men's side with both amen corners constitute the Conference Bar.

*Resolved*, That R. D. Dreisbach and O. Bitting forfeit their voice in this Conference until they give satisfaction to this Conference, according to Discipline, why they are on the conditional list.

The minutes of the previous Annual Conference were read and received with 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. W. J. Fretz was appointed.

The delegate, W. P. Wehr, and Elder Wm. Gehman gave their excuses for being late, were pardoned, and given seats in this Conference.

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

*Committee on Worship*.—W. G. Gehman, J. D. Moyer.

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

*Committee on Finance*.—J. F. Barrall, Allen M. Gehman, G. O. Billig.

*Committee on Statistics*.—J. G. Shireman, J. D. Moyer.

*Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records*.—L. Frank Haas, E. T. Shick, R. Bergstresser, Geo. A. Campbell, H. K. Kratz, C. O. Wentz, Wm. H. Billman.

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

*Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists and Missionaries*.—J. C. Roth, O. S. Hillegas, L. M. Sell.

*Committee on Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference Licences*.—W. G. Gehman, J. C. Roth, W. Steinmetz.

*Committee on Examination of Applicants for Ordination*.—E. T. Shick, W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner.

*Committee on Resolutions*.—C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel, R. Bergstresser.

*Auditing Committee*.—W. J. Fretz, E. N. Cassel, E. R. Hartman, O. C. Kistler, W. W. Zimmerman, O. B. Bartholomew, John L. Sutton.

*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 C. J. Edwards.

## **Second Session Thursday Afternoon. Oct. 12, 1905.**

Opened by singing and prayer by A. A. Wismer.

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

The following committee reports were read and received:

*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,  
O. S. Hillegas, } Committee.  
L. M. Sell,

*Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records.*—

We examined all Quarterly Conference Records and found them correct, except Phillipsburg report no opening service and no election of Secretary and are not signed by the Secretary for the quarters; Gratersford and Harleysville have no adjournment of First Quarterly Conference and are not signed by the Secretary; Spring City and Royersford have not used the printed Summary Statistical Report blank; also have an error in the dates.

We also found that the Mt. Carmel class recommends C. W. Stine, and the Bethlehem class Frank M. Hottel to this Conference as applicants for the ministry.

We recommend that the Summary Statistical Report be pasted in the minute books at the end of the minutes.

L. Frank Haas,  
E. T. Shick,  
R. Bergstresser,  
H. K. Kratz,  
C. O. Wentz,  
Geo. A. Campbell,  
Wm. H. Billman, } Committee.

*Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders.*—We examined the Traveling Elders through their delegates and have found them all right except T. E. Clewell.

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

*Committee on Reading Course.*—(See Report of Examination.)

*Committee on Worship.*—H. F. Meltzer shall preach to-night, followed by Mrs. C. H. Brunner.

W. G. Gehman,  
J. D. Moyer, } Committee.

*Committee on Communications.*—We have read the letter from E. W. Martin, of Terre Hill, and recommend the same to this Conference.

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



The oral reports of the pastors were continued.

The reports show zeal on the part of the pastors which bore fruit numerically, financially and spiritually on their respective charges.

The Sunday School work is grand. There are new open doors for mission work right on the several fields of labor.

Souls were saved and baptized during the year. Open air work is one special feature of the work. Missionary offerings, both Home and Foreign, were large.

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

C. H. Brunner, M. P. E., of the Gospel Herald Society, reported many converted during the year, also a number baptized. Quite a number have been marvelously healed by the Lord.

Open air services are very interesting and well attended in Pottstown and Norristown especially. About \$4000.00 worth of literature was sold by the Heralds last year. The G. W. S. Herald sells excellently. A number of tent meetings held resulted in a number saved. A hall was opened in Pottstown with a number of good standbys. We have a few very good Sunday Schools that are interested in Foreign Missionary work, and offered through the barrels about \$50.00.

One of the Heralds soon leaves for the Foreign Field. The workers are well united and loyal, willing to work and sacrifice.

H. B. Musselman, P. E., reported the ministry well united. The work is quite large and means especial work on the part of the pastors. A few very good tabernacle meetings were held. The three Camp Meetings were very large and the attendance was very good. The work has been well established and the weaker classes were encouraged. At these Camp Meetings a number of souls were saved and others were cut loose. Some confessed their wrong and received victory.

A number of parsonages have been paid off and all these are in a good condition. The people on every charge are standing by and sacrifice for the work. The brethren in the ministry will stand by any man who may be put in as leader.

W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., and Editor and Publisher of the G. W. S. Herald, reported less halls and few more workers. They have fifty-two workers at present. Halls are hard to rent. Only 3800 meetings were held in halls, but more evangelistic work was done. 16,000 visits were made last year where the workers prayed. 3200 open air meetings were held, during fairs or shows often, in various towns where subscribers for the G. W. S. Herald were solicited. 8100 G. W. S. Heralds are published per week. They expect to have 10,000 by another

year. They receive many encouraging reports from readers of the G. W. S. Herald.

Our stock of supplies is getting larger right along.

They had more conversions during the summer than ever before. The workers are learning to know that the work depends on them.

*Resolved*, That the Conference meet in a Committee of the Whole, at 7 p.m., to consider the letter of E. W. Martin, T. E. Clewell, who is under charges, the number of Presiding Elders, the Mission work, and the Orphanage work.

The reports of the Treasurers of the Sunday School Conventions of the Schuylkill Valley and Lehigh Valley Districts were respectively submitted and received. (See reports.)

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

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

R. W. Zoller and P. J. Musselman, of the Gospel Herald Society, were recommended to the Conference as applicants for Annual Conference Licenses.

The financial reports of the Missionary Presiding Elder of the Gospel Herald Society and of the Presiding Elder of the Church, were respectively submitted and received. (See Reports.)

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

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

Adjourned by prayer by Geo. A. Campbell.

### **Third Session, Friday Morning, Oct. 13, 105.**

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:

*Auditing Committee.*—We examined the accounts of the Schedules, Quarterly Conferences, Camp Meetings, Sunday School Conventions, Poor Committee and Presiding Elder and have found them all correct except the schedules of Allentown, Hatfield, Phillipsburg, Blandon and Fleetwood, and Terre Hill; Hellertown camp meeting accounts, a slight mistake; and in the Quarterly Conference Summary accounts of the following Quarterly Conferences: Allentown in collections for Missions:

Nazareth in Gospel Workers' collections and Sunday School accounts; Blandon in Sunday School and Trustee accounts.

W. J. Fretz,	} Committee.
E. N. Cassel,	
E. R. Hartman,	
O. C. Kistler,	
John L. Sutton,	
W. W. Zimmerman,	
O. B. Bartholomew,	

*Committee on Statistics.*—We examined the Schedules and found them in a good shape.

J. G. Shireman,	} Committee.
J. D. Moyer,	

*Committee of the Whole.*—We recommend the Conference as follows:

(1) WHEREAS, E. W. Martin sent a letter to this Conference signed by several of the Terra Hill class, requesting a pastor under certain conditions; therefore

*Resolved,* That this letter be handed over to the Stationing Committee.

(2) WHEREAS, The Presiding Elder had suspended T. E. Clewell before Conference because of immoral conduct, therefore

*Resolved,* That he be expelled from the Church and Conference.

(3) WHEREAS, The advisability of having two Presiding Elders was discussed, therefore

*Resolved,* That we have two Presiding Elders over the entire work.

(4) *Resolved,* That the Chair appoint a committee of five, including himself, and not including the two elected Presiding Elders, the remaining four to be unconditional ordained men, to divide the districts and assign the Presiding Elders to their districts respectively.

(5) *Resolved,* That the Conference elect a Board of Trustees consisting of six ordained ministers and three lay members, who shall be invested with full power to take possession, and order and arrange all the affairs of the Orphanage.

(6) *Resolved,* That the Conference request the different pastors to take subscriptions for the Orphanage, and that the Presiding Elders likewise do their utmost in assisting and urging

this matter along on the various charges and missions and that all subscriptions be paid not later than March 20, 1906.

(7) *Resolved*, That this Committee pray the Conference to take the office of Deacon from C. J. Shelly, of Allentown.

C. H. Brunner, Chairman.  
W. S. Hottel, Secretary.

*Resolved*, That this Conference lift the office of Deacon from C. J. Shelly, of Allentown, according to the prayer of the Committee of the Whole.

*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. (Standing Rule.)

*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 Annual Conference Fund. (Standing Rule.)

*Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees of the Norristown Church now give their report.

The report was received.

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

*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 Secretary of the next Annual Conference be elected as Editor of the Conference Journal for next year.

*Resolved*, That we sell the Conference Journal next year at twenty-five cents a copy and whatever the Editor pays more for printing, cuts, etc., than this will aggregate, shall be paid for out of the Annual Conference Fund.

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

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

WHEREAS, It is not advisable for the 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 Elders and the Camp Meeting Committees. (Standing Rule; drop whereas and the whole clause and resolved.)

*Resolved*, That the two Presiding Elders shall have charge of the Camp Meeting Equipage and order the repairing of the same.

*Resolved*, That the Financial Secretary of the Annual Conference be Secretary of the Home Mission Fund.

*Resolved*, That the Class Leaders and Stewards be elected shortly before and that their term of office begin immediately after the last Quarterly Conference. (Standing Rule.)

The word "Resolved," on Pages 8 and 9 of the Journal shall be erased.

The applicants for the Ministry, F. M. Hotted, of Bethlehem, Pa., C. W. Stine, of Mt. Carmel, Pa., and R. W. Zoller and P. J. Musselman, of the Gospel Herald Society, expressed the nature of their call.

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

*Resolved*, That L. Frank Hass, candidate for ordination having finished the Reading Course, be referred to the Committee on Ordination.

*Resolved*, That we hear the oral report of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Weiss, returned missionaries from Chile, S. A.

The reports of both were highly appreciated and indicate a marked realization of the blessings of God upon their work. The work is progressing and souls are being saved and baptized right along.

Rev. Wm. Gould, of the Free Methodist Church, of Allentown, was introduced to the Conference.

*Resolved*, That H. L. Weiss be referred to the Committee on Ordination.

*Resolved*, That we refer the last two resolutions on Page 16 to the Committee on Resolutions for revision.

Adjourned by prayer by Rev. Wm. Gould.

### **Fourth Session, Friday Afternoon, Oct. 13, 1905.**

Opened by singing and prayer by O. C. Kistler.

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

The following committee reports were submitted and received:

*Committee on Finance.*—(See Report)—J. F. Barrall, Allen M. Gehman, G. O. Billig.

*Committee on Worship.*—M. P. Zook shall preach to-night, followed by C. W. Stine.

J. D. Moyer, }  
W. G. Gehman, } Committee.

*Committee on Resolutions.*—The Treasurer of the Home and Foreign Mission Funds shall be authorized to loan money without interest out of these funds to the Missionary Presiding Elder of the Gospel Worker Society, according to the judgment of the Treasurer and Presiding Elders.

Wherever the Gospel Worker Society turns one or more of their Missions over to the Church, a committee consisting of the Presiding Elders, Treasurer and Missionary Presiding Elder, shall appraise the personal property or real estate belonging to said Mission in case the Church chooses to buy the same, paying the same out of the Home Mission Treasury.

C. H. Brunner, }  
E. N. Cassel, } Committee.  
R. Bergstresser, }

*Committee on Investigation of Camp Goods.*—We examined the camp goods and mildew proofed some of the tents and repaired the lamps and made boxes for the same.

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

*Committee on Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference Licenses.*—We examined the applicants F. M. Hottel, C. W. Stine, R. W. Zoller and P. J. Musselman and recommend the Conference to receive them according to the discipline.

W. G. Gehman, }  
J. C. Roth, } Committee.  
W. Steinmetz, }

R. D. Dreisbach and O. Bitting gave their excuses for absence which were received, but not having satisfied the Conference entirely as to why they left the active work, therefore

*Resolved,* That they be received only as advisory members.

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. Hillegas, E. T. Shick, J. G. Shireman, W. Steinmetz, R. L. Woodring, W. W. Zimmerman, W. S.

Hottel, J. C. Roth, W. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, R. Bergstresser, J. F. Barrall, E. N. Cassel, C. J. Edwards, M. P. Zook, H. F. Meltzer, E. E. Kublic, F. M. Hottel, C. W. Stine, R. W. Zoller, P. J. Musselman.

*Conditional.*—R. D. Dreisbach, L. B. Taylor, Wm. Gehman, O. Bitting.

The time for the election of Presiding Elders having come, it was

*Resolved*, That the Chair appoint Tellers for the election of Presiding Elders and other officers.

E. N. Cassel and J. F. Barrall were appointed.

W. G. Gehman and C. H. Brunner were elected Presiding Elders.

*Resolved*, That W. G. Gehman be Chairman and C. H. Brunner Secretary of the next Annual Conference respectively.

The Chair now appointed the Committee of five, including himself, as set forth in the report of the Committee of the Whole to divide the districts and assign the Presiding Elders to their districts respectively.

He appointed R. L. Woodring, E. T. Shick, E. N. Cassel, J. C. Roth and H. B. Musselman.

*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 Dividing of Presiding Elder Districts:*

(a) BETHLEHEM DISTRICT. Presiding Elder, W. G. Gehman. Cementon, Northampton, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Plainfield, Phillipsburg, Erwinna, Springtown, Coopersburg, Quakertown, Hatfield, and all the work of the Gospel Herald Society, except Pottstown.

(b) READING DISTRICT. Presiding Elder, C. H. Brunner. Mt. Carmel, Girardville, Weissport, Lehighon, Walnutport, Tripoli, Allentown, South Allentown, Emaus, Macungie, Fleetwood, Blandon, Reading, Alburts, Hereford, Terre Hill, Remps, Royersford, Spring City, Athol, Gratersford, Harleysville, Zionsville and Pottstown Mission.

H. B. Musselman,	} Committee.
R. L. Woodring,	
E. T. Shick,	
E. N. Cassel,	
J. C. Roth,	

The Chairman was asked to withdraw from the Conference for a while, after which it was

*Resolved*, That this Conference desire the Stationing Committee to station H. B. Musselman to Bethlehem at the beginning of its session, and after that he shall be on the Stationing Committee to help station the remaining ministers.

Rev. J. G. Rosenberger, of Bethany U. E. Church, of town, was introduced to this Conference.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary cast the ballot to elect W. B. Musselman Missionary Presiding Elder.

The following other officers were now elected:

*Treasurer*, Allen M. Gehman.

*Standing Committee over the Presiding Elders*: J. C. Roth, E. N. Cassel, E. T. Shick.

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

*Board of Deacons*: R. Laudenslager, A. A. Wismer, H. G. Musselman.

*Committee on the Reading Course*: J. C. Roth, E. T. Shick, E. N. Cassel.

*Resolved*, That the Presiding Elders of the Church, W. B. Musselman, President of the Gospel Worker Society, the delegates of the circuits and stations, shall constitute the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee, and begin its session to-night at 7.45 o'clock.

*Resolved*, That no preacher be permitted to leave Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon, and 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. He appointed W. G. Gehman and E. N. Cassel.

*Resolved*, That C. H. Brunner preach the Conference Sermon Sunday forenoon.

*Resolved*, That we send a telegram to W. B. Musselman to have him come and preach the ordination sermon on Sunday afternoon.

H. B. Musselman is to preach Sunday night.

W. G. Gehman shall have charge of the ordination service Sunday afternoon.

*Resolved*, That we hold a Ministerial Convention some time in the middle of the year, for one day, the Presiding Elders and one that they 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 shall be extended to the ministers' wives and families.

Adjourned by prayer by Wm. Gehman.



### Fifth Session, Saturday Morning, Oct. 14, 1905.

Opened by singing and prayer by O. B. Bartholomew.

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 Publishing of Conference Sermon.*—We have decided that the Conference Sermon of the last Conference shall not be published for the present.

W. G. Gehman,	}	Committee.
J. C. Roth,		
E. N. Cassel,		

*Auditing Committee.*—We examined the Foreign Mission, Home Mission, Annual Conference Fund accounts and found them correct.

W. J. Fretz,	}	Committee.
E. N. Cassel,		
O. C. Kistler,		
John L. Sutton,		
O. B. Bartholomew,		
E. R. Hartman,		
W. W. Zimmerman,		

*Committee on Ordination:*

(1) WHEREAS, L. Frank Haas has passed the three years Reading Course satisfactorily and during this time has proved himself faithful, loyal and competent to the satisfaction of the Conference, therefore

*Resolved,* That we recommend this Conference to recognize him as an ordained preacher in our Conference.

(2) WHEREAS, H. L. Weiss has labored with exceptional success as a Foreign Missionary in Chile, S. A., for the last eight years and has proved himself worthy of the approval and confidence of this Conference, therefore

*Resolved,* That we recommend this Conference to ordain him.

E. T. Shick,	}	Committee.
C. H. Brunner,		
W. G. Gehman,		

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

*Resolved,* That we fall upon our knees and thank God for the work of the Lord through our Foreign Missionaries on the various fields of labor.

Earnest prayers were offered to God. It was a season of thanksgiving.

Report of the Standing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee:

A. READING DISTRICT. C. H. Brunner, P. E.

- (a) STATIONS.  
Allentown.—J. C. Roth.  
Reading.—E. T. Shick.  
Zionsville.—O. S. Hillegass.
- (b) CIRCUITS.  
South Allentown and Emaus.—R. Bergstresser.  
Macungie, Alburtis and Hereford.—W. J. Fretz.  
Gratersford and Harleysville.—R. L. Woodring.  
Royersford and Spring City.—E. N. Cassel.  
Mt. Carmel and Girardville.—J. G. Shireman.
- (c) MISSIONS.  
Lehighton and Weissport.—J. F. Barrall.  
Walnutport and Tripoli.—Geo. A. Campbell.  
Fleetwood, Blandon and Terre Hill.—W. Steinmetz.  
Pottstown and Athol.—H. F. Meltzer.
- (d) TABERNACLES. To be supplied.
- (e) LOCAL PREACHERS.  
O. Bitting.—South Allentown and Emaus Quarterly Conference.  
Wm. Gehman.—Zionsville Quarterly Conference.  
R. D. Dreisbach.—Lehighton and Weissport Quarterly Conference.
- (f) QUARTERLY CONFERENCE LICENSED WORKERS.  
C. W. Haas, J. H. Moyer, H. M. Gehman, Alfred Dippe, E. W. Martin, O. C. Kistler.

B. BETHLEHEM DISTRICT, W. G. Gehman, P. E.

- (a) STATIONS.  
Bethlehem.—H. B. Musselman.
- (b) CIRCUITS.  
Coopersburg and Springtown.—W. S. Hottel.  
Quakertown and Hatfield.—L. Frank Haas.
- (c) MISSIONS.  
Phillipsburg and Erwinna.—C. W. Stine.  
Northampton and Cementon.—W. W. Zimmerman.  
Norrstown.—C. J. Edwards.  
Nazareth and Plainfield.—To be supplied.
- (d) GOSPEL HERALD SOCIETY MISSIONS.  
Philadelphia.—To be supplied.

Washington, N. J.—To be supplied.  
 East Stroudsburg.—To be supplied.  
 Stroudsburg.—To be supplied.

(e) TABERNACLES.—To be supplied.

(f) LOCAL PREACHERS.

L. B. Taylor.—Coopersburg and Springtown Quarterly Conference.

(g) ANNUAL CONFERENCE LICENSED MISSIONARIES.

E. E. Kublic, R. W. Zoller, P. J. Musselman and F. M. Hottel.

(h) QUARTERLY CONFERENCE LICENSED WORKERS.

H. K. Kratz, F. E. Frey, W. W. Dill and W. H. Garman.

## II.—APPROPRIATIONS.

### A. READING DISTRICT.

Lehighton and Weissport Mission, per month.....	\$ 8.00
Walnutport and Tripoli .....	6.00
Fleetwood, Blandon and Terre Hill.....	7.00
Pottstown and Athol .....	15.00
R. Bergstresser, Moving Expenses.....	20.00
R. L. Woodring, Moving Expenses.....	20.00
J. G. Shireman, Moving Expenses .....	20.00
E. N. Cassel, Moving Expenses .....	15.00
W. Steinmetz, Moving Expenses .....	15.00
O. S. Hillegass, Moving Expenses .....	10.00
To be used at the discretion of the Presiding Elder.....	150.00

### B. BETHLEHEM DISTRICT.

Phillipsburg and Erwinna Mission, per month.....	\$15.00
Northampton and Cementon Mission.....	15.00
Norristown Mission .....	15.00
L. Frank Haas, Moving Expenses.....	20.00
C. J. Edwards, Moving Expenses .....	20.00
C. W. Stine, Moving Expenses .....	15.00
W. W. Zimmerman, Moving Expenses.....	15.00

The balance in the treasury to be used at the discretion of the Presiding Elder.

## III.—GOSPEL WORKER SOCIETY.

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

## IV.—FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

Chile, South America.—A. E. Dawson, Mrs. A. E. Dawson, H. W. Feldges, David Manchilla, Niels Gunstad and Mrs. Niels Gunstad.

Under Appointment.—M. P. Zook.

Home on Furlough.—H. L. Weiss and Mrs. H. L. Weiss.  
Thibet.—C. F. Snyder.

Hadjin, Turkey.—Home on Furlough, Miss Rose Lambert.

C. H. Brunner, Chairman.  
W. G. Gehman, Secretary.

H. B. Musselman, A. A. Wismer, Allen M. Gehman, J. D. Moyer, Adam B. Keller, B. Engelman, L. M. Sell, O. C. Kistler, G. O. Billig, Wm. H. Billman and E. R. Hartman.

*Resolved*, That the Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District, with as many Heralds as he chooses to bring along, take the Home Mission subscriptions on both districts between New Year and the Camp Meeting season, they to pay their own expenses. Dates to be arranged by the Presiding Elder with the approval of the respective pastors.

E. T. Shick and H. B. Musselman were elected Vice-Presiding Elders over the Reading and Bethlehem Districts respectively.

*Resolved*, That the next Annual Conference convene at Reading, Pa., at 8 a.m., the second Thursday in October, 1906.

*Resolved*, That the matter of examining C. J. Edwards on the various studies of the Reading Course be left to the entire discretion of the Reading Course Committee, also the time and place for holding the semi-annual examination for probationers.

*Resolved*, That C. W. Stine and H. F. Meltzer be given seats in the Conference, being they were stationed by the Stationary Committee.

*Resolved*, That we hold one Sunday School Convention in each district on Decoration Day, May 30, 1906.

*Resolved*, That we print 250 Conference Journals to sell at twenty-five cents a copy and whatever the editor pays more for printing, etc., to be paid for out of the Annual Conference Fund, and further that we donate \$10 to him out of the Conference Fund for his labors.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary send Conference Journals to our Foreign Missionaries, to be paid for out of the Foreign Mission Treasury.

Adjourned by prayer by H. B. Musselman.

### **Sixth Session, Saturday Afternoon, Oct. 14, 1905.**

Opened by singing and prayer by H. L. Weiss.

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 Worship.*—E. N. Cassel shall preach to-night, followed by O. S. Hillegas.

W. G. Gehman, } Committee.  
J. D. Moyer, }

Report of Sunday School Convention for Reading District.  
Chairman, R. L. Woodring; Secretary, J. F. Barrall;  
Treasurer, Geo. A. Campbell.

C. H. Brunner, } Committee.  
J. C. Roth, }  
E. N. Cassel, }

*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 this Convention be held at Allentown.

*Resolved*, That we extend a hearty invitation to the Missionary Presiding Elder of the Gospel Worker Society to be present at this Convention.

*Report of Sunday School Convention for Bethlehem District.*—Chairman, W. S. Hottel; Secretary, C. W. Stine; Treasurer, L. B. Taylor.

L. Frank Haas, } Committee.  
H. B. Musselman, }  
C. J. Edwards, }

*Resolved*, That we hold two sessions, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon. The Committee on Programme also to arrange for special services in the evening. No pastor shall be permitted to leave.

*Resolved*, That this Convention be held at Coopersburg, Pa.

*Resolved*, That we extend a hearty invitation to the Missionary Presiding Elder to be present at this Convention

The oral report of the Secretary of the Executive Board was given to the Conference.

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

The Foreign Mission Board report the election of the following officers:

Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, W. G. Gehman; Treasurer, Allen M. Gehman.

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

*Resolved*, That the Chairman and Secretary see to the print-

ing of the "Essay on Sanctification," by C. H. Brunner, and pay for it out of the Annual Conference Fund.

*Resolved*, That the Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention be held at Royersford.

J. C. Roth was elected Chairman and R. L. Woodring, Secretary of this Convention.

The Presiding Elders appointed E. N. Cassel the third man on Committee to Arrange Programme.

Since the Stationing Committee added the name of M. P. Zook to the list of Foreign Missionaries, therefore

*Resolved*, That we drop his name from the list of probationers.

*Election of Board of Trustees for the Orphanage and Home.*— From the Ministry: H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, L. B. Taylor, J. G. Shireman, C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel. From the Laity: H. L. Musselman, O. B. Bartholomew, Allen M. Gehman.

Elder A. M. Clauser, of Berne, Ind., was introduced to Conference.

A liberal collection was lifted for the labor and expenses of the Secretary, amounting to \$11.62. (Thanks.)

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

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

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

*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.

*Resolved*, That we authorize the Chairman and Secretary of this Conference to sign the necessary papers for the Committee on Sewerage for the Borough of Mt. Carmel, if they deem the same advisable upon their due investigation.

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

*Resolved*, That we adjourn to meet in session on Monday morning at 8 a.m.

Adjourned by prayer by R. Bergstresser.

## Services Sunday October 15, 1905.

At 10 o'clock, Sunday morning, C. H. Brunner preached the conference sermon, basing his remarks on Acts 20:28; Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he has purchased with his own blood.

At 2.00 p.m. W. B. Musselman preached the ordination sermon, (selecting no special text), which indeed made the sermon not the less effective; it was full of thought for God's ministers, and was received with many amens. A real melting time prevailed. H. L. Weiss, of Chili, South America, was ordained.

At 7.30 p.m. H. B. Musselman gave us a very practical address from 1 Sam. 27:1; very profitable seasons were spent during these services, the church being filled to overflowing with eager admirers of God's truth. The reward of our worthy leaders is a well united Conference.

## Seventh Session, Monday Morning, Oct. 16, 1905.

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

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

The following committee reports were submitted and received:

### *Committee on Resolutions:*

WHEREAS, we have received very gratifying and encouraging reports from all our Foreign Missionaries through the Gospel Banner and official communications to our Foreign Mission Board, and

WHEREAS, We have been highly privileged to have Brother and Sister H. L. Weiss, missionaries from Chili, present at this conference on their furlough, and have listened with great pleasure to their earnest addresses as well as to the touching messages of Miss Rose Lambert, of Turkey, who also is home on furlough, therefore

*Resolved,* That we appreciate the earnest and selfdenying service of these, as well as of the rest of our beloved fellow laborers in the "regions beyond," and pledge ourselves to continue their support, and pray God that their future lives as well as the lives of their members may be spared from the hands of their enemies and be used to the glory of God and the salvation of many souls, and that they may be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be printed and sent to each of the missionaries, to be paid for out of the Annual Conference Fund.

C. H. Brunner,  
E. N. Cassel,  
R. Bergstresser, } Committee.

The election of the officers of the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home: H. B. Musselman, Chairman; C. H. Brunner, Secretary; E. N. Cassel, Treasurer.

*Resolved*, That the balance of money in the treasury of the two Sunday School Conventions be divided equally.

*Resolved*, That the Chairman and Secretary of the next Annual Conference print new Summary Financial Report Blanks.

*Resolved*, That the former pastor is to see that the rent is paid for the month of October before he moves from his charge.

*Resolved*, That the pastors leave their former charge as soon as possible after Conference.

WHEREAS, We highly appreciated the oral report given by W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder, 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, and would greatly appreciate the presence of W. B. Musselman during the whole of the next Conference session, if convenient.

C. H. Brunner,  
E. N. Cassel,  
R. Bergstresser, } Committee.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary get four Conference Journals and send them to the different railroad companies, to be paid for out of the Conference Fund.

*Resolved*, That the money paid to any pastor for the Orphanage shall be paid to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, who shall acknowledge the same by receipt and forward it to the Treasurer.

*Resolved*, That the Chair appoint a committee of five, including himself, to draw up resolutions concerning the matter of H. L. Weiss and the South American work.

He appointed W. G. Gehman, W. B. Musselman, J. C. Roth, E. N. Cassel.

*Resolved*, That we adjourn and have a private session to open at the call by the Chair.

Adjourned by prayer by L. Frank Haas.



**Eighth Session Monday Afternoon, Oct. 16, 1905.****(Private Session.)**

Opened by singing and prayer by Adam Keller.

The Committee on H. L. Weiss and the South American work reported as follows:

WHEREAS, The work of Chili, South America, under the Superintendency of H. L. Weiss has been owned and blessed of God in the past, therefore

*Resolved*, That we heartily endorse the manner and method of work as conducted by Bro. Weiss, under the Superintendency of the Christian and Missionary Alliance and therefore deem it unwise to take further steps for the present.

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

*Resolved*, That the Presiding Elder nominate the Secretaries of the Quarterly Conferences and the Quarterly Conferences elect them.

Adjourned by prayer by W. B. Musselman.

Attest:

H. B. Musselman, Chairman.

W. G. Gehman, Secretary.

Signed:—C. H. Brunner, Presiding Elder; W. B. Musselman, M. Presiding Elder; W. S. Hottel, J. C. Roth, W. J. Fretz, J. G. Shireman, E. T. Shick, E. N. Cassel, O. S. Hille-gass, H. F. Meltzer, Geo. A. Campbell, J. F. Barrall, W. W. Zimmerman, C. J. Edwards, John L. Sutton, A. A. Wismer, R. Bergstresser, W. Steinmetz, L. Frank Haas, C. W. Stine, J. D. Moyer, G. O. Billig, Allen M. Gehman, W. P. Wehr, O. B. Bartholomew, L. M. Sell, G. K. Himmelreich, Adam Keller, B. Engelman, C. O. Wentz, E. R. Hartman, Wm. H. Billman, H. K. Kratz, H. L. Weiss, Geo. E. Teel, William Gehman, L. B. Taylor, O. C. Kistler, R. L. Woodring.

**Report of Secretary of Board of the Foreign Missions**

**For the Conference Year Ending October 12, 1905.**

CHILI, S. A.

H. L. Weiss and Mrs. H. L. Weiss, of Valdivia, left Chili in January and arrived in New York in February on furlough. They have visited the Church appointments and Camp Meetings where their presence was appreciated. They have also been busy traveling through the West to Kansas and Nebraska. They expect to sail for Chili the beginning of No-

vember. M. P. Zook, under appointment, will sail with them. H. L. Weiss has charge of 14 Foreign Missionaries and 8 Spanish workers and a field of seven circuits extending over 300 miles or more.

The missions are being well established.

Likely over 100 were baptized during the present year. The whole membership last year was 570. They publish 4000 small Spanish papers, distributed by the Missionaries and through the mail. We support 8 missionaries in Chili.

A. E. Dawson has charge of the financial affairs during the absence of H. L. Weiss. He is also in charge of the work at La Union and Rio Bueno. He baptized several. Many tracts were distributed and many books sold.

Mrs. A. E. Dawson is studying language and spending much time in prayer.

Neils Gunstad and Mrs. Neils Gunstadt live at Valdivia, where he has charge of the work and also teaches a school. Here they have over 100 members. A number were baptized. They are perfecting the language.

H. W. Feldges is in charge of the Spanish work in Temuco, and oversees the German work in that section, visiting the German appointments once a month. The Germans like him well. He has a fair knowledge of the language.

David Mancilla is stationed at Osorno, where quite a number were saved and baptized.

#### LANCHEO, CHINA.

C. F. Snyder's field has few encouragements, but the Lord. His health is perfect. He is satisfied. He took a two months' trip to see about opening a station at Kueiteh, and distributed gospels and tracts and preached along the way.

He with three others were set apart for Thibetan work at their last Conference. He is the Secretary of the Executive Committee. Missionary work in Kansuh province among the Mohammedans is very slow. Among few others, two intellectual, literary men, of the degree B. A., were gloriously saved and often walk four miles to hear the Gospel. Many more inquirers now. The time of ingathering of Chinese has come. The Thibetans visit him much. God is giving him the language. He makes a strong plea for young men especially.

#### HADJIN, TURKEY, ASIA.

Miss Rose Lambert left her field in May and came to New York in June on furlough. She visited our Camp Meeting, presenting the needs of Hadjin Orphanage and Armenian work impressively. She travels through the West at present.

They have over 300 orphans in their home. Their health is well preserved. She does some nursing beside the work in the Orphanage. Much work left undone for lack of workers.

# REPORTS.

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## I.--Report of Committee on Reading Course.

### A.—DIVISION FOR 1905-1906.

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#### (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 Examinations.

##### 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 Reading, Pa., the second Monday of March, 1906, 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.**

C. H. Brunner,  
W. G. Gehman, } Examiners.

**B.--REPORT OF EXAMINATIONS.**

**(a)--Applicants for Annual Conference License.  
Discipline.**

C. W. Stine, 89  
P. J. Musselman, 88  
R. W. Zoller, 80  
F. M. Hottel, 78  
H. B. MUSSELLMAN, P. E. Examiner.

**(b)--REPORT OF PROBATIONERS.**

	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										
R. W. Zoller.....	81	61		54		53	93			68
P. J. Musselman.....	80	66		81		77	87			78
SECOND YEAR										
H. F. Meltzer.....	76	33		62			78		70	64
C. J. Edwards.....	62						63			63
THIRD YEAR										
L. F. Haas.....	94	68	68	79	67		78	72		75
T. E. Clewell.....		52		64			71	65		63

Committee { J. C. ROTH,  
E. T. SHICK,  
E. N. CASSEL.

## II.--Report of Financial Secretary.

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

INCOME.	EXPENDITURES.
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 26, '04 \$1140 40	Supt. of H. L. Weiss and family, rents, printing, etc . . . . . \$ 700 00
Received Oct. 27, '04 . . . . 2843 62	“ of A. E. Dawson and wife . . . . . 600 00
Received Oct. 12, '05 . . . . 3604 85	“ C. F. Snyder . . . . . 300 00
Contributions year '05 . . . . 352 55	“ H. W. Feldges . . . . . 300 00
Total . . . . . \$7941 42	“ Rose Lambert . . . . . 250 00
	“ David Mancilla . . . . . 200 00
	“ Niles Gunstadt and wife . . . . . 100 00
	Sundry expenses . . . . . 126 57
	Contributions . . . . . 352 55
	\$2929 12
	BAL. in Treas. Oct. 13, '05. 5012 30
	Total . . . . . \$7941 42

ALLEN M. GEHMAN, Treasurer.

For Contributions Expended see Sec. Account.

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

INCOME.	EXPENDITURES.
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 27, '04 \$ 220 24	H. B. Musselman, P. E. . . \$ 898 44
Received Oct. 27, '04 . . . 1677 99	C. H. Brunner, M. P. E. . . 839 00
Received Oct. 12, '05 . . . . 1930 02	
Total . . . . . \$3828 25	\$1737 44
	BAL. in Treas. Oct. 13, '05 2090 81
	Total . . . . . \$3828 25

ALLEN M. GEHMAN, Treasurer.

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

INCOME.	EXPENDITURES.
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 27, '04. \$161 48	Paid out during year . . . \$178 25
Receipts during year . . . . 189 04	BAL. in Treas. Oct. 13, '05 172 27
Total . . . . . \$350 52	Total . . . . . \$350 52

A. A. WISMER Treasurer.

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

INCOME.	EXPENDITURES.
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 27, '04. \$127 46	Paid out during year . . . . \$ 50 00
Receipts at Annu'l Conf. . . . 51 76	BAL. in Treas. Oct. 13, '05. 180 23
Receipts from Pastor . . . . . 51 01	
Total . . . . . \$230 23	Total . . . . . \$230 23

L. B. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

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

INCOME		EXPENDITURES.	
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 27, '04..	\$ 89 86	Paid out during year.....	\$ 33 95
Receipts during year.....	47 98	BAL. in Treas. Oct. 13, '05..	103 89
Total.....	<u>\$137 84</u>	Total.....	<u>\$137 94</u>

W. J. FRETZ, Treasurer.

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

INCOME		EXPENDITURES.	
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 27, '04..	\$ 34 75	BAL. in Treas. Oct. 13, '05.	\$154 31
Receipts from Hellertown			
C. M. Committee...	55 88		
Receipts from Spring City			
C. M. Committee...	17 08		
Receipts from Wescoesville			
C. M. Committee...	46 60		
Total.....	<u>\$154 31</u>		

ALLEN M. GEHMAN, Treasurer.

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

INCOME.		EXPENDITURES.	
Bal. in Treas. Oc. 27, '04...	\$ 1 74	Paid out for Convention..	
Receipts from S. V. Dist...	8 25	Expenses .....	\$17 88
Receipts at last Convention	30 07	BAL. in Treas. Oct. 13, '05.	22 07
Total.....	<u>\$40 05</u>	Total.....	<u>\$40 05</u>

J. F. BARRALL, Treasurer.

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

INCOME.		EXPENDITURES.	
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 27, '04..	\$18 22	Paid out for Covention....	
Receipts at last Convention	36 98	Expenses.....	\$30 46
Total.....	<u>\$55 20</u>	Paid to L. V. District.....	8 24
		BAL. in Treas. Oct. 13, '05.	16 50
		Total.....	<u>\$55 20</u>

E. N. CASSELL, Treasurer.

### III.--Financial Report of Presiding Elder.

(a) Appropriations,

Walnutport and Tripoli....	\$72 00
Nazareth and Plainfield....	72 00
Northampton and Cementon	96 00
Weisport and Lehighton...	84 00
Hatfield.....	150 00
Macungie, Herford and....	
Alburtis.....	60 00
Blandon, Fleetwood and...	
Terre Hill.....	84 00
Phillipsburg, N. J.....	96 00
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Total.....	\$714 00

(b) Tabernacle Meetings.

Phillipsburg, N, J.....	\$ 8 97
Lederachsville, Pa.....	2 86
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Total.....	\$11 83

(c) Miscellaneous.

Moving exp. of W. W. Zim-	
merman.....	\$ 12 00
Moving exp. G. A. Campbell	12 00
Moving exp. of Robert	
Bergstresser.....	12 00
Moving exp. of E. W. Martin	32 57
Hall rent, Souderton, Pa.	16 40
E. N Cassel, tr. tabernacles	19 34
J. Greasley, lights.....	30
Freight on lights.....	25
T. E. Clewell, fare.....	2 64
J. G. Shireman, fares,....	2 66
W. F. Price, lights and fixt.	35 85
F. M. Hottel, fares.....	1 60
A. M. Gehman, rent for	
storing tabernacles,	
and camp goods. up	
to Oct. 18, 1906.....	25 00
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Total.....	\$172 61

Grand Total.....\$898 44

H. B. MUSSLEMAN, P. E.

### IV.--Report of the Gospel Herald Society.

(a) Statistical

Ordained Ministers of Annual	
Conference.....	1
Probationers of Ann'l Conf.	3
Applicants for ".....	2
Church Members.....	16
Missions.....	6
Sunday Schools.....	3
Officers and Teachers Enrol.	14
Children's Meetings and Sun-	
day Schools held....	130
Baptised.....	7
Scholars Enrolled.....	198
Open Air meetings.....	422
Prayer Meetings.....	55
Sermons and Addresses....	2184
Pastoral Visits.....	1819
Heralds Sold.....	20976

(b) Receipts

For Rents.....	\$ 495 92
" Sundry Expenses....	834 41
" President and Dis-	
trict Leader.....	362 78
" Sunday Schools.....	114 56
" Foreign Missions in	
Sunday Schools... ..	48 07
Donations.....	507 45
Literature Sold, retail... ..	1762 89
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Total.....	\$4126 08

(c) Expenditures.

Opening New Missions..	
homes and halls... ..	\$140 77
Printing, Sign Painting etc	27 55
Fares and Expressage in	
changing workers.	90 05
Household Goods.....	68 84
Fares and Freights at Tent	
Meetings.....	47 99
Mileage Book.....	20 00
Home Mission Meetings	
fares.....	114 90
Philadelphia Mission 2310	
Germantown Ave.	54 00
Philadelphia Mission 518	
Lehigh Ave.....	93 00
New Tents, Living tent,	
Freight etc.....	136 90
Donation to workers.....	45 00
Received from	
Annual Confer-	
ence Treasurer	\$839 00
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	\$839 00
	\$839 00

C. H. BRUNNER, Pres. and Treas.





# Statistical Report from October 27, 1904 to October 12, 1905.

APPOINTMENTS	PASTORS	Parsonages	Value of Church Property	Increase of Church Property	Decrease of Church Property	Total Increase of Church Property	Total Decrease of Church Property	Collected for Church Property	Parsonage and Hall Rent	Collected for Sunday School	Collected for Foreign Mission in Sunday School	Collected for Ministers in Cash	Other Contributions	Collected for Home Missions	Collected for Foreign Mission	Collected for Repairing Church	Sexton and Sundry Expenses
Allentown.....	J. C. Roth.....	2	\$7800	\$1200		\$1200	\$1267 59	\$150 71	\$116 77	\$268 46	\$482 21	\$135 95	\$330 25	\$354 75	\$354 75	\$243 75	552 57
Bethlehem.....	W. G. Gehman.....	2	4500			1500	250 00	150 71	71 10	285 34	34 50	144 62	397 25	485 60	485 60		298 12
Springtown.....	R. L. Woodring.....	1	5500	2000		2000	411 75	41 10	60 21	5 37	278 00	3 85	19 51	55 15	55 15	4 16	4 16
Mt. Carmel.....	W. S. Hottel.....		2000								60 00	17 00	57 75	33 50	33 50		95 05
Gardenville.....	L. Frank Haas.....		3500					66 00	55 64	87 62	208 23	68 49	105 39	114 15	114 15	179 44	62 54
Coopersburg.....	E. N. Cassel.....		2018				130 00	33 00	33 14	65 04	173 20	33 86	94 55	69 55	69 55		37 49
South Allentown.....	R. Bergstresser.....	1	1500					64 00	54 06	79 19	266 20	24 30	78 00	112 00	112 00		137 45
Quakertown.....	E. T. Shirk.....	1	3000					33 00	39 96	16 52	130 05	14 50	27 65	17 00	17 00		47 28
Emaus.....	J. G. Shireman.....	1	1500					66 00	46 69	200 76	193 40	75 67	92 30	16 25	16 25		97 77
Zionsville.....	W. Steinmetz.....	1	5200				60 00	107 55	37 06	13 22	157 39	16 00	52 80	30 50	30 50		29 06
Hatfield.....	Alburtes.....		500						61 32	72 97	255 74	71 52	130 64	10 00	10 00		109 23
Reading.....	Graters Ford.....		3700					58 55	41 47	27 10	176 55	136 45	57 47	39 25	39 25		131 68
Athol.....	Harleysville.....		4800				300 00	78 00	60 59	40 54	270 18	77 40	76 70	37 00	37 00		120 38
Royersford.....	W. J. Freiz.....	1	1100					24 00	58 14	28 28	91 00	28 80	42 60	37 00	37 00		40 86
Spring City.....	Alburtes.....		1800					69 00	41 51	63 26	381 20	67 28	63 75	49 55	49 55		191 65
Northampton.....	O. S. Hilllegass.....		1200						39 28	70 75	122 35	46 48	35 25	35 25			66 83
Macungie.....	Harleysville.....		1200					33 50	33 50	28 47	22 44	28 47	22 44	32 05	32 05		
Mercur.....	W. F. Barrall.....		1650					33 50	31 97	28 98	61 00	58 17	34 65	29 55	29 55		51 97
Alburtus.....	Lehighton.....		1000	200			173 17	70 00	36 64	37 42	125 80	16 10	22 10	22 10			25 79
Graters Ford.....	Walnutport.....		1000					77 00	70 00	19 34	127 89	11 06	42 86	43 75	43 75		
Harleysville.....	Tripoli.....		500						11 00	38 50	60 16	60 16	13 71	15 09	15 09		
Wellsport.....	Nazareth.....		1000						77 00	152 85	14 25	14 25	34 34	60 75	60 75		
Lehighton.....	Plainfield.....		500							2 38	76 30	20 53	18 25	11 00	11 00		14 19
Walnutport.....	Blandon.....		1000							28 82	105 05	10 39	35 00	40 00	40 00		31 40
Tripoli.....	Fleetwood.....		500							28 22	16 25	69 85	12 90	11 85	11 85		20 00
Plainfield.....	Tere Hill.....		3500							60 39	2 35	59 08	45	12 00	23 02		49 73
Blandon.....	Phillipsburg.....	1	500							2 35	59 08	45	12 00	23 02	23 02		
Fleetwood.....	Harleysville.....		1000							28 54	4 00	74 39	201 62	22 25	2 00		
Tere Hill.....	C. J. Edwards.....		1000							28 54	4 00	74 39	201 62	22 25	2 00		
Phillipsburg.....	G. H. Society.....		1000							28 54	4 00	74 39	201 62	22 25	2 00		
Fleetwood.....	G. W. Society.....		1000							28 54	4 00	74 39	201 62	22 25	2 00		
Tere Hill.....	G. W. Society.....		1000							28 54	4 00	74 39	201 62	22 25	2 00		
Phillipsburg.....	G. W. Society.....		1000							28 54	4 00	74 39	201 62	22 25	2 00		
Harleysville.....	G. W. Society.....		1000							28 54	4 00	74 39	201 62	22 25	2 00		
G. H. Society.....	G. W. Society.....		1000							28 54	4 00	74 39	201 62	22 25	2 00		
G. W. Society.....	G. W. Society.....		1000							28 54	4 00	74 39	201 62	22 25	2 00		
Total.....	Total.....	9	\$61968	\$3400	\$100	\$4700	\$100	\$1253 51	\$1079 69	\$1462 28	\$4767 69	\$1567 76	\$1930 02	\$2094 50	\$863 44	\$2293 80	

Statistical Report from October 27, 1904 to October 12, 1905.

APPOINTMENTS	PASTORS	Collected for Presiding Elders	Collected for Tabernacle Work	Collected for Evangelistic Work	Collected for Missionary Work	Collected for Camp Meetings	Poor Fund	Sunday School Conventions	Annual Conference Fund	Beneficiary Fund	Missionary Presiding Elder	Gospel Workers Society	Amount of Literature Sold	Collected for Annual Conference Delegates	Collected for Gospel Banner	Collected for Orphanage	
Allentown.....	J. C. Roth.....	\$ 144 25			\$ 54 70	\$ 845 18	\$ 33 50	\$ 5 00	\$ 6 70	\$ 10 00	\$ 64 60	\$ 117 82	\$ 373 41	\$ 6 06		\$ 5170 67	
Bethlehem.....	W. G. Gehman...	189 66			81 10	727 36	37 48	5 36	5 21	22 26	89 37	107 17	733 59	5 08	\$46 25	4853 28	
Springtown.....	"						2 40	6 64	5 50	1 25	6 44	5 30	2 00	20	3 75	150 97	
Mt. Carmel.....	R. L. Woodring...	87 75		\$37 06	4 50		10 28	4 00	1 40		16 24	21 22	300 00			1604 81	
Girardville.....	"						2 22					14 99				109 04	
Coopersburg.....	W. S. Hottel.....	44 31		8 00	31 50	10 60	10 60	3 26	1 67	2 52	9 22	16 87	47 64	56		1124 65	
Quakertown.....	"	38 68		27 85	12 75	5 70	3 06	9 11	3 27	3 27	11 92	19 13	66 80	1 57		731 18	
South Allentown..	L. Frank Waas....	33 11			43 84	2 90	2 66	1 18	8 71	7 52	7 52	18 74	77 53			1153 55	
Emaus.....	E. N. Cassel.....	29 41			28 82	4 30	1 05	6 65	1 65	6 65	3 47	5 26	1 02			397 50	
Zionsville.....	R. Bergstresser..	63 26			50 00	11 00	3 00	2 62	2 72	2 72	16 02	25 47	60 00	2 70		1262 61	
Hatfield.....	E. T. Shick.....	33 45		1 35	76 00	3 00	4 59	1 50	1 25	4 35	7 10	15 00	1 85		\$50 00	551 18	
Reading.....	"	86 79				11 98	5 25	1 58	3 51	10 77	12 60	24 97	90 00	5 28		1377 99	
Athol.....	J. G. Shireman...	43 65			26 50	3 80	2 55	1 36	1 36	2 85	5 24	11 89		3 50		133 68	
Koysersford.....	"	45 00			1 51	711 33	2 75	3 11	1 20	1 50	5 01	18 65	157 98	4 68		760 86	
Spring City.....	W. Steinmetz....	23 70					2 40	2 09	8 11	1 43	4 99	8 72				2037 41	
Northampton....	W. J. Fretz.....	61 27					3 37	4 00	1 86	1 51	12 49	22 86	47 25	2 00		384 87	
Macungie.....	"															1089 77	
Hereford.....	"																
Alburtis.....	"																
Graters Ford.....	O. S. Hillgass....	22 97			16 45	7 72	2 37	2 37	47	2 31	5 66	9 09	22 67			542 72	
Harleysville.....	"	8 75	\$18 64		3 39	12 42	2 85	7 8	7 8	9 46	4 20	9 46				271 12	
Weissport.....	J. F. Barrall....	21 00			3 68	2 02	2 36	1 00	6 90	6 90	8 42	17 37	104 05	1 05		505 49	
Lehighton.....	"	21 75			68	1 64	4 00	7 51	7 65	13 20	7 65	13 20	110 17			381 90	
Walnutport.....	G. A. Campbell...	21 66				1 80	6 65	1 16	1 16	4 10	4 10	6 49	4 35			568 80	
Tripoli.....	"	10 27				85		85								157 95	
Nazareth.....	{ W. G. Gehman } { acting Pastor }	13 33				5 42	1 20	45	1 25	1 25	3 38	10 09	89 43	3 50		436 87	
Plainfield.....	W. W. Zimmerman	3 25			68	1 82	1 20	60	6 61	5 45	5 45	12 80	17 87			394 50	
Blandon.....	"	21 94		2 06		1 68	1 30	3 33	1 33	1 33	4 62	8 00	16 85			370 50	
Fleetwood.....	"	8 84		3 10		1 41	3 00	5 1	2 92	2 92	5 14	4 00				334 32	
Tere Hill.....	"												1 00			240 35	
Remps.....	C. J. Edwards....	31 18				1 75		1 20	1 11	1 98		4 60				476 58	
Phillipsburg.....	"															2 50	
Erwinne.....	"															40 15	
G. H. Society.....	"																
G. W. Society.....	"																
Total.....		\$1109 26	\$18 64	\$79 42	\$ 431 19	\$2283 87	\$ 189 04	\$64 96	\$37 06	\$68 66	\$ 322 21	\$ 566 58	\$2338 25	\$43 10	\$50 00	\$50 00	\$7557 45

## SUMMARY.

## Report of the Financial Secretary.

Collectons from October, 1904, to October, 1905.

APPOINTMENTS	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Foreign Mission in S. S.	For the Poor	Conference Fund	Beneficiary Fund	Collected for Orphanage	Total on each Field
Allentown.....	\$330 25	\$354 75	\$268 46	\$33 50	\$6 70	\$10 00		\$1003 66
Hatfield.....	52 69	30 50	13 22	3 00	1 50	1 25		102 16
Macungie.....	63 75	49 55	63 26	3 37	1 86	1 51		183 30
Zionsville.....	92 30	160 25	200 76	11 00	2 62	2 72	\$50	519 65
Bethlehem.....	367 25	455 60	285 34	37 47	5 21	22 26		1173 14
Springtown.....	19 51	55 15	5 37	2 40	50	1 25		84 18
Royersford.....	57 47	39 25	27 10	3 80	1 36	2 85		131 83
Spring City.....	76 70	61 10	40 54	2 75	1 20	1 50		183 79
Mt. Carmel.....	57 75	33 50		10 28	1 40			102 93
Girardville.....	6 00	8 50		2 22	33			17 05
So. Allentown....	78 00	112 60	79 19	2 90	1 18	87		274 14
Emaus.....	27 65	17 00	16 52	4 30	65	65		66 77
Coopersburg.....	105 39	114 15	87 62	10 60	1 67	2 52		321 95
Quakerstown....	94 55	69 55	65 04	5 70	91	3 27		239 02
Reading.....	130 64	100 00	72 97	11 98	1 58	3 51		320 68
Athol.....	29 00	37 00		3 83				69 83
Gratersford.....	35 25	38 57	70 75	7 72	47	2 31		155 07
Harleysville.....	22 44	32 05		12 42	78	2 85		70 54
Weissport.....	34 65	29 55	28 98	2 02	1 00	69		96 87
Lehighon.....	16 10	22 30	37 42	1 64	74	41		78 61
Walnutport.....	42 86	43 75	19 34	1 80	65	1 16		109 56
Tripoli.....	13 17	15 00		85	85			29 87
Northampton....	42 60	37 00	28 28	2 40	81	1 43		112 52
Blandon.....	35 60	40 00	27 14	1 82	63	61		105 80
Fleetwood.....	11 85	22 25	16 25	68	30	1 33		52 66
Terre Hill.....	12 00	23 02	2 35	1 41	51	1 35		40 64
Remps.....		2 00						2 00
Plainfield.....	18 25	11 60	2 38	5 42	45	1 25		39 35
Phillipsburg, N. J.	22 25	6 00	4 00	1 75	1 20	1 11		36 31
Erwinna.....		12 81						12 81
Gosp'l Her'ld So'y			48 07					48 07
Nazareth.....	34 10	60 75						94 85
Total.....	\$1930 02	\$2094 50	\$1510 35	\$189 04	\$37 06	\$68 66	\$50	\$5879 63

## 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	1905	South Allentown, Pa.
Brunner, C. H. ....	1893	1896	P. E.	Emaus, Pa.
Campbell, G. A. ....	1887	1890	1904	Walnutport, Pa.
Cassell, E. N. ....	1901	1904	1905	Spring City, Pa.
Edwards, J. C. ....	1901		1905	Norristown, Pa.
Fretz, W. J. ....	1898	1900	1903	Macungie, Pa.
Gehman, W. G. ....	1896	1899	P. E.	517 N. 8th St., Allentown, Pa.
Haas, L. F. ....		1882	1905	Quakertown, Pa.
Hillegass, O. S. ....	1889	1892	1905	Zionsville, Pa.
Hottell, W. S. ....	1900	1903	1905	Coopersburg, Pa.
Meltzer, H. F. ....	1901		1905	Pottstown, Pa.
Musselman, H. B. ....	1890	1893	1905	112 Laurel St., Bethlehem, Pa.
Musselman, W. B. ....	1983	1886	M. P. E.	Williamsport, Pa.
Roth, J. C. ....	1900	1903	1903	819 Gordon St., Allentown, Pa.
Shick, E. T. ....	1899	1901	1993	632 Locust St., Reading, Pa.
Shireman, J. G. ....	1898	1900	1905	Mt. Carmel, Pa.
Steinmetz, W. ....	1893	1896	1905	Fleetwood, Pa.
Stine, C. W. ....	1905		1905	Phillipsburg, N. J.
Woodring, R. L. ....	1898	1900	1905	Gratersford, Pa.
Zimmerman, W. W. ....	1899	1901	1905	Northampton, 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.

Hottell, F. M. ....	1905	
Kubic, E. E. ....		
Musselman, P. J. ....		
Zoller, R. W. ....		

### IV. Quarterly Conference Licensed Missionaries.

Deppe, Alfred ....	1897	Weissport, Pa.
Dill, W. W. ....	1897	Norristown, Pa.
Frey, F. E. ....		Bethlehem, Pa.
Garman, W. H. ....		
Gehman, H. M. ....	1997	Allentown, Pa.
Haas, C. W. ....	1903	Reading, Pa.
Kistler, O. C. ....		
Kratz, H. K. ....	1904	Soudertown, Pa.
Martin, E. W. ....	1901	Terre Hill, Pa.
Moyer, J. H. ....	1893	Vernfield, Pa.

**V. Foreign Missionaries.**

(a) CHINA.

SNYDER, C. F. Arrived on the field in 1897. Present address—Lan-  
cheo 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 in January, 1904. Stationed at  
Ancud, Island of Chiloe. Address in care of H. L. Weiss.

MANCILLA, DAVID. Native of Island of Chiloe, helps at Ancud.  
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 Nor-  
way, April, 1903. Adopted in August, 1904. Address in care of H. L.  
Weiss.

ZOOK, M. P. 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. C. H. Brunner, M. P. E. W. G. Gehman. A. M. Gehman. J. D. Moyer.

## PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

Y.	Time	Place	Chairman	Secretary
1858	Sept. 24	Upper Milford, Pa. ....	.....	.....
1859	Nov. 1	Haycock, Pa. ....	.....	.....
1860	May 28	Upper Milford .....	.....	.....
1860	Nov. 6	" .....	.....	.....
1861	June 4	" .....	David Henning .....	David Gehman
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 .....	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 .....	" .....
1875	*March 30	Coopersburg .....	" .....	" .....
1876	June 3	Upper Milford .....	David Henning .....	Jonas Musselman
1876	November 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 .....	" .....	" .....
1888	Feb. 6	Coopersburg .....	" .....	A. Kauffman
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 .....	" .....	" .....
1905	Oct. 12	Bethlehem .....	" .....	" .....

\*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

## Sixteenth Annual Ministerial Convention.

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Proceedings of the Sixteenth Annual Ministerial Convention.

The Sixteenth Annual Ministerial Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, of the Pennsylvania Conference convened in the Ebenezer Church, Laurel Street, Bethlehem, Pa., October 11, 1905.

The Chairman, J. C. Roth, opened the Convention at 9 a.m., with singing and prayer, followed by the roll call, after which the minutes of the previous Annual Ministerial Convention were read and received with few corrections.

*Resolved*, That the Convention bar consist of the two first pews through the church and the two amen corners.

*Resolved*, That all Annual Conference members be voting members and all workers present advisory members of this Convention.

*Resolved*, That no speaker be allowed to speak more than ten minutes and only once, except by permission of the Chairman.

*Resolved*, That the Chair appoint a Time-keeper and Reporter. He appointed J. F. Barrall and R. L. Woodring respectively.

*Resolved*, That we have a Committee on Publication, the same to be appointed by the chairman.

He appointed H. B. Musselman, Geo. A. Campbell and R. Bergstresser.

The following essays were then read, discussed and received.

First.—“Christian Courtesy to be shown among the Ministry,” by E. T. Shick. Courtesy, Webster says, is politeness of manner, especially politeness connected with kindness. There is no doubt a first cause why so little courtesy is manifest in the ministry.

With many it may only be a careless and indifferent spirit, while with others it is envy or jealousy, and to treat them kindly would perhaps cause them to rank above ourselves, and such a thought would cause a lot of discomfort. Courtesy to be shown to young pastors. Young pastors who may not be able to interest their congregation as some others and yet say some good things, and when they speak at Camp Meeting then to see an old pastor study his Bible or look around so he does not need to hear what is being said, and some pastors do all their Amening when their man speaks or some one speaks that they can get rattled or excitable.

There should be special kindness shown to the young pastors if they are expected to show kindness to others.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chairman to investigate the cause of some pastors being tardy at the morning session, and that they have power to reprimand with courtesy said pastors if necessary. And that said committee bring in their report at the afternoon session. W. G. Gehman, H. B. Musselman and E. N. Cassel were appointed.

*Resolved*, That all delegates be left over to above committee.

Second.—“Tact in Pastoral Work outside of the Pulpit,” by W. S. Hottel. This subject contains two main thoughts. First, The Pastor’s work outside of the Pulpit; Second, The Pastor’s tact in performing said work. Among one of the many gifts bestowed upon the Church through the gift of the spirit, is the gift of the Pastor, Eph. 4:7, 12. His work is manifold and diversified. It is set forth under various figures throughout the scriptures: A Sower, Psa. 126:6; A fisher of Men, Matt. 4:19; A Watchman, Heb. 13:17; A Builder, 1 Cor. 3:10; A Steward, 1 Cor. 4:1; A Shepherd, 1 Peter, 5: 2, 4.

*Resolved*, That the motion of receiving the essay be laid on the table until the afternoon session.

*Resolved*, That a collection be lifted to defray the expenses of this Convention, printing of programmes, etc.

After which the session closed with the Benediction by H. B. Musselman.

## Second Session, 1.45 p. m.

Opened by singing and prayer by L. Frank Haas. Followed by roll call, after which the minutes of the morning session were read and received.

Report of the Committee on Tardiness:

WHEREAS, A few of the ministering brethren arrived about an hour late, thereby causing somewhat of a disturbance in the Convention, therefore

*Resolved*, That we express our deepest sorrow and regret for their tardiness, and upon their earnest plea for mercy, recommend this Convention to forgive them, and that the Chairman welcome them in a courteous manner by a hearty hand shake, to a place in the Convention bar.

AND WHEREAS, A number of our Annual Conference Delegates were present at this Convention in good time, therefore



*Resolved*, That we appreciate their interest shown in the work very much and also express our deepest sorrow for those who were not present. Committee, W. G. Gehman, H. B. Musselman and E. N. Cassel.

The essay that was laid on the table at the forenoon session was then taken up, further discussed and received.

First.—“Dangerous Characters among Christians, according to God’s Word,” by J. C. Roth.

This subject implies that there are Christians according to God’s Word and that according to the same Word there are dangerous characters among them. Some of the dangerous Characters are, first, Heretics, second, Disloyal, third, Jealous, fourth, Treacherous, fifth, Sowers of Dissension, and last of all are the most dangerous and these are the Dishonest Ones.

An offering was lifted for the labor and expense of the Secretary, amounting to \$4.54. (Thanks.)

Second.—“Suggestions and Plans concerning our Orphanage,” by W. G. Gehman.

The inspired essays and discussions at previous Conventions, the Conference electing a Committee on Orphanage, investing them with the power to buy a place, which power they exercised and bought a farm of eighty-five acres of fertile soil, good buildings and many other favorable features, situated near the Allentown and Philadelphia Traction line and still nearer to the P. & R. R. Station at Centre Valley, Pa.

Concerning this home for orphans some plans and suggestions were given. First, The Temporal Economy; Second, Spiritual Economy; Third, Trades Economy.

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

The following officers were elected: J. F. Barrall, Chairman; R. Bergstresser, Secretary.

Committee to Arrange Programme: W. G. Gehman, H. B. Musselman and C. H. Brunner.

The questions were answered by H. B. Musselman and Geo. A. Campbell. After which the session closed with the Benediction by Geo. A. Campbell.

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### Third Session, 7.15 p. m.

Opened with singing and prayer by W. S. Hottel. After the roll was called, the minutes of the afternoon session read and received.

The following essays were then read, discussed and received:

First.—“Justification as Taught by the Word of God,” by E. N. Cassel.

By Justification, that is in the sense that we now want to examine it, that is theological, we understand the judicial or gracious act of God by which the sinner is declared righteous or justly free from obligation to penalty and fully restored to divine favor. It is the absolution of a sinner from the guilt of sin and death.

Second.—“Sanctification as set forth in God’s Word,” by C. H. Brunner. The term is applied in Scriptures, First, To Days; Second, To Annuals; Third, To Places; Fourth, To Worship.

Report of the Committee on Publication: We, the following committee, herewith recommend the essay on “Sanctification, as set forth in God’s Word,” by C. H. Brunner, to be published in pamphlet form.

H. B. Musselman,	} Committee.
R. Bergstresser,	
Geo. A. Campbell,	

*Resolved* That we tender a rising vote of thanks to the members of the Bethlehem class for their kindness and hospitality shown us during this Convention.

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

*Resolved*, That the Secretary send a report of this Convention to the Gospel Banner for publication.

*Resolved*, That the matter of publishing the essay, “Sanctification, as set forth in God’s Word,” be referred to the Annual Conference.

Adjourned with prayer by H. B. Musselman and Benediction by C. H. Brunner.

J. C. Roth, Chairman.	} Committee.
W. J. Fretz, Secretary.	
H. B. Musselman,	
W. G. Gehman,	
C. H. Brunner,	



