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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 over the Presiding Elders.
2. Committee on Examination of Probationers on the Reading Course.
3. Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.
4. Board of Foreign Missions.
5. Board of Deacons.
6. Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home.

SPECIAL LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

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 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.]

The Annual Lessons for Probationers on the Reading Course for each class shall be divided into two parts. Probationers shall be examined semi-annually by a written examination by a committee to be appointed annually by the Annual Conference for this purpose. [Enacted February 1, 1895.]

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.]

III.—QUARTERLY CONFERENCE RULES.

A.—The Minister-in-charge shall see that the Summary Financial Report be correctly compiled and appended to the proceedings of the last Quarterly Conference of the current year.

B.—The Presiding Elder shall nominate the Secretaries of the Quarterly Conferences and the Quarterly Conferences shall elect them. [Enacted October 16, 1906.]

C.—All officers of Quarterly Conference who are absent from Quarterly Conference shall submit a written report and a satisfactory excuse. Failing to do this, they shall appear before the next Quarterly Conference. If such are absent the next time without submitting a written report and statement of the cause of absence, they shall be removed from office. [Enacted February 3, 1894.]

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

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

F.—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.]

G.—The class leaders and stewards shall be elected shortly before, and their term of office begin immediately after, the last Quarterly Conference. [Enacted October 28, 1904.]

H.—The Quarterly Conference accounts of the Stewards shall 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 October 28, 1904.]

I.—The former pastor shall see that the rent is paid for the month of October before he moves from his charge. [Enacted October 15, 1905.]

J.—The pastors shall leave their former charge as soon as possible after Conference. [Enacted October 15, 1905.]

IV.—OFFERINGS.

A.—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.]*

B.—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.]

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

D.—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.]

E.—Beneficiary Fund.—We recommend each pastor to make a special effort to swell the Beneficiary Fund to assist the worthy widows of our deceased pastors. [Enacted October 29, 1904.]

*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.

F.—Poor Fund.—The pastor, or somebody appointed by him, shall hold a Special Service at each appointment, on which occasion the Annual Offering for the Poor shall be received. 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.]

G.—Conference Fund.—An offering shall 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.]

H.—Equipment Fund.—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. [Enacted October 28, 1904.]

I.—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 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. [Enacted October 28, 1904.]

J.—The money paid to any pastor for our Orphanage and Home shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees through the Secretary. The Secretary shall credit it on the Records and the Treasurer shall acknowledge it. [Enacted October 12, 1906.]

V.—SPECIAL SERVICES.

A.—Matrimony.—Each pastor shall preach a sermon on Matrimony at each appointment on his charge in the first year.

B.—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.]

C.—As the Scriptures contain a number of instances where children of Godly parents were formally and publicly dedicated to the Lord, (1 Sam. 22-28; Mark 10, 13-16,) we heartily encourage our people to dedicate their children to the Lord by prayer and laying on of the hands of the Elders, who shall then furnish proper certificates. [Enacted October 28, 1904.]

D.—Class Meetings.—Each pastor 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.]

E.—Camp Meetings.—Camp meetings shall be held annually according to the decision of the Presiding Elder and pastors of their respective districts. The advisability of having boarding stands at the various camp meetings shall be left to the decision of the Presiding Elder. [Enacted September 17, 1900.]

F.—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 October 29, 1904.]

G.—Funerals. We recommend our ministers not to officiate at Sunday funerals, and use their influence strongly against the same. [Enacted October 29, 1904.]

H.—The editor of the Conference Journal shall arrange a brief report of the Sunday services to be published in the Conference Journal. [Enacted October 13, 1905.]

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

C.—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.

D.—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.

E.—Whenever the Gospel Worker Society turns one or more 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 said property, paying the same out of the Home Mission treasury. [Enacted October 28, 1904.]

F.—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.]

G.—All expenses of committees of investigation, appointed by the Presiding Elder, shall be paid out of the Conference Fund. [Revised October 17, 1903.]

H.—The minutes shall be published only in the Conference Journal. The Secretary shall 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. [Enacted October 28, 1904.]

I.—The pastors shall pay their Conference Journals within one week after they receive them. [Enacted October 13, 1905.]

J.—The Financial Secretary of the Annual Conference shall be Secretary of the Home Mission Fund. [Enacted October 13, 1905.]

Annual Conference Proceedings

FIRST SESSION

The Twenty-third Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania convened in the M. B. C. Church, Tenth and Oley Streets, Reading, Pa., at 8 a.m., October 11, 1906.

The first session was opened by singing and prayer by H. B. Musselman, and a very earnest and practical address on Ps. 133 by the Chairman, W. G. Gehman, P. E. This was followed by a season of earnest prayer for the blessing of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit during these Conference sessions.

The following members were enrolled:

ORDAINED MINISTERS PRESENT.—W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, H. B. Musselman, Wm. Gehman, G. A. Campbell, J. C. Roth, E. T. Shick, J. G. Shireman, J. F. Barrall, L. F. Haas, E. N. Cassel, R. L. Woodring, W. S. Hottel, W. J. Fretz, O. S. Hillegass, R. Bergstresser, W. Steinmetz, L. B. Taylor, W. W. Zimmerman, W. B. Musselman.

PROBATIONERS PRESENT.—H. F. Meltzer, C. J. Edwards, E. E. Kublie, P. J. Musselman, R. W. Zoller, F. M. Hottel.

DELEGATES PRESENT.—H. L. Musselman, G. O. Billig, Adam Keller, W. D. Evert, H. H. Bergey, E. R. Hartman, M. M. Ziegler, Leidy Sell, Allen M. Gehman, B. Engelman, F. P. Bobst, G. K. Himmelreich, J. A. Kern, C. W. Teel, J. M. Oplinger, R. D. Hollenbach, O. C. Kistler, Jacob C. Sassaman.

DELEGATE ABSENT.—J. H. Rittenhouse.

Resolved, That the Amen Corners and the first three pews through the church constitute the Conference Bar.

Resolved, That the minutes of the last Annual Conference shall not be read. The Chair shall appoint a committee of three to examine the minutes.

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

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a Reporter and a Time-keeper. He appointed R. Bergstresser and C. J. Edwards respectively.

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

Committee on Worship.—E. T. Shick, Adam Keller.

Committee on Communications.—R. L. Woodring, Wm. Gehman, W. Steinmetz.

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

Committee on Statistics.—J. G. Shireman, Leidy Sell.

Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records.—E. N. Cassel, L. Frank Haas, E. T. Shick, C. W. Stine, M. M. Ziegler, R. D. Hollenbach, W. W. Zimmerman, O. C. Kistler.

Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders.—L. B. Taylor, Wm. Gehman, H. H. Bergey.

Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists, and Missionaries.—J. C. Roth, O. S. Hillegass, C. W. Teel.

Committee on Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference License.—H. B. Musselman, J. C. Roth, Geo. A. Campbell.

Committee on Examination of Applicants for Ordination.—H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel.

Committee on Resolutions.—H. B. Musselman, E. N. Cassel, C. H. Brunner.

Auditing Committee.—J. C. Roth, W. J. Fretz, E. R. Hartman, W. D. Evert, B. Engelman, Jacob C. Sassaman, H. L. Musselman, H. H. Bergey, G. O. Billig.

Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Minutes.—E. N. Cassel, J. C. Roth, H. B. Musselman.

Resolved, That the time allowed for the oral reports of each pastor be limited to eight minutes.

The oral reports of the pastors were then heard.

These reports were very encouraging and spoke well for the zeal, devotion and untiring labors of the pastors. A large number were saved and baptized. A number of remarkable cases of healing were reported. The offerings were larger than ever before, signifying an increase of consecration and interest in the Lord's work. The Sunday School work is very promising.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to revise the valuation of church property. He appointed C. H. Brunner, H. B. Musselman and E. N. Cassel.

Resolved, That the pastors hand in their class books with their schedule for the work of the Statistical Committee.

Resolved That the orphanage money on hand not paid in shall go into next year's account.

Revs. H. B. Jones, A. J. Dolbow and Adam Sommer, of the Holiness Christian Church, and Rev. W. H. Smith, pastor of the Covenant M. E. Church, were introduced to the Conference.

Resolved, That we postpone the regular time of the opening of the afternoon session to the call of the Chair, for committee work.

Adjourned by prayer by L. B. Taylor.

SECOND SESSION

Thursday Afternoon, October 11, 1907

Opened by singing and prayer by W. Steinmetz.

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

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. Hillegass, } *Committee.*
C. W. Teel,

Committee on Worship.—R. W. Zoller shall preach to-night, followed by P. J. Musselman.

E. T. Shick, } *Committee.*
Adam Keller,

Committee on Statistics.—We examined the Schedules and found them all correct with the exception of the one from Northampton; a Presiding Elder was reported and had none to report.

J. G. Shireman, } *Committee.*
Leidy Sell,

Committee on Finance.—(See Report of the Financial Secretary.)

J. F. Barrall, } *Committee.*
Allen M. Gehman, }
G. O. Billig,

Committee on Communications.—We have examined the letters of W. B. Musselman and J. H. Rittenhouse and recommend them

to be read to this Conference. Also the letters from our Foreign Missionaries, and recommend the Conference to refer the same to the Committee on Resolutions.

Wm. Gehman,
R. L. Woodring,
W. Steinmetz, } Committee.

Committee on Revision of Valuation of Church Property.—We have revised the valuation of the various Church properties and noted the same on the respective schedules.

C. H. Brunner,
H. B. Musselman,
E. N. Cassel, } Committee.

Committee on Reading Course.—(See Report of Examination.) This Committee also reported that,

WHEREAS, F. M. Hottel has not appeared at the examination, but has sent a letter stating his excuse, we therefore submit his letter with this report to the Conference for consideration.

J. C. Roth,
E. T. Shick,
E. N. Cassel, } Committee.

Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records.—We have examined the Quarterly Conference records and found them all correct with the exception of,

(1) No record of the annual election of officers in the Bethlehem, Athol, Northampton, Norristown, Harleysville, South Allentown, Walnutport, and Mount Carmel records.

(2) No Missionary Presiding Elder's collection recorded for the first quarter in the Athol records.

(3) No record for what church the trustees were elected in the Nazareth, Gratersford and Walnutport records.

(4) Balance in Summary Financial Report not in red ink in the Athol, Norristown, Harleysville and Walnutport records.

(5) Name of appointment not given in Summary Financial Report in the Athol records.

(6) No annual report of the Board of Trustees in the Allentown, Fleetwood, Reading and Mt. Carmel records.

(7) No record of officers passed in the four quarters in the Reading and Norristown records.

(8) No record of the revision of church records in the Nazareth records.

(9) Report of Trustees not signed in the Zionsville and Walnutport records.

(10) Sunday School report not signed in the fourth quarter in the Norristown records.

(11) No report of the Presiding Elder's collection for the fourth quarter in the Gratersford records.

(12) The name of the Secretary not given in the first Quarterly Conference in the South Allentown records.

(13) No record where the next Quarterly Conference is to be held in the Quakertown records.

(14) Summary financial report not signed by the Secretary in the Walnutport, Reading, Bethlehem, Northampton, Macungie, and Phillipsburg records.

We also found Quakertown and Hatfield Quarterly Conference recommend H. K. Kratz to this conference as an applicant for the ministry. We recommend that the secretaries record more definitely how the Quarterly Conferences were opened, also whether the Presiding Elder spoke on the duties of the Officers in the first Quarterly Conference and on the duties of the members toward their pastor sometime during the year.

E. N. Cassel,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
L. Frank Haas,		
E. T. Shick,		
C. W. Stine,		
M. M. Ziegler,		
R. D. Hollenbach,		
W. W. Zimmerman,		
O. C. Kistler,		

After an extension of the time was decided upon, the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home, prepared by the Superintendent, was read and received. (See Report.)

Resolved, That we meet in the basement of the church at 7.45 this evening, in a Committee of the Whole, to consider work relative to the Orphanage and Home, the Conference Journal, several church buildings, the letters referred to the Conference by the Committee on Communications, and such other business as shall present itself. The Chair appointed H. B. Musselman as Chairman of this Committee.

Brother H. K. Kratz, of Hatfield, who was recommended to the Conference by his respective Quarterly Conference, expressed the nature of his call and was referred to the Committee on Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference License.

WHEREAS, E. E. Kublic, C. J. Edwards and H. F. Meltzer have passed the Reading Course, therefore

Resolved, That we refer them to the Committee on Ordination. Adjourned by prayer by W. D. Evert.

THIRD SESSION

Friday Morning, October 12, 1906

This session was opened by prayer by Geo. A. Campbell, after which the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Resolved, That we reconsider the Report of the Committee on Quarterly Conference Records.

This report was referred back to the Committee for correction. The report appears on the minutes now as corrected by the Committee.

The Auditing Committee reported and the report was referred back to the Committee.

The following committee reports were read and received:

Committee on Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference Licenses.—We examined the applicant H. K. Kratz and recommend the Conference to receive him according to the discipline.

H. B. Musselman, J. C. Roth, G. A. Campbell,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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Committee on Ordination.—We have met the brethren C. J. Edwards, H. F. Meltzer and E. E. Kublic, and whereas they preferred not to be ordained for the present so that they might more fully show their efficiency to the satisfaction of the Conference, therefore we recommend that they be not ordained for the present.

H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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Committee of the Whole.—We wish to submit the following recommendations to the Conference:

(1) WHEREAS, J. H. Rittenhouse is absent from this conference, sending an excuse, stating that he is not well enough to be present, therefore

Resolved, That this Committee is grieved at the absence of Bro. Rittenhouse and pray God for his health, so that in the future he may be able to attend if he is elected.

(2) WHEREAS, We received a letter from Brother W. B. Musselman stating that he could not be present at once but expected to be present some part of this Conference, therefore,

Resolved, That we are very glad to hear from him. We are, however, sorry that he cannot be with us all the time, as we would greatly enjoy his presence and wise counsel during the entire Conference.

(3) WHEREAS, Brother F. M. Hottel has not appeared at the Reading Course Examinations this year, therefore

Resolved, That we are displeased with his absence and find his excuse somewhat unsatisfactory. We hope he will do better in the future.

(4) *Resolved*, That we recommend the Conference to appoint a committee to look after the church properties at Norristown, Erwinna and Hereford and deal with them as they see fit.

(5) *Resolved*, That we ask the Conference to procure a photograph of the whole Conference and secure a half-tone cut for the Conference Journal.

(6) *Resolved*, That we recommend the Conference to donate \$85.00 to our worthy Superintendent of the Orphanage as a slight token of his faithful supervision of the building and repairing as well as his devotion and untiring labors in the management of the farm.

(7) *Resolved*, That we recommend the Conference to elect a Superintendent of the Orphanage and Home.

(8) *Resolved*, That we recommend the Conference to elect a Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home, consisting of six ordained ministers and three lay members. Two ordained ministers and one lay member to be elected for three years, two ordained ministers, and one lay member to be elected for two years, and two ordained ministers and one lay member for one year, and thereafter all to be elected for three years.

The above Board of Trustees shall have full charge of the Orphanage and Home with complete authority to govern the temporal and financial arrangements of the same.

H. B. Musselman, *Chairman*.

W. S. Hottel, *Secretary*.

The Presiding Elders now reported.

C. H. Brunner, Presiding Elder of the Reading District, reported that he found the work in an excellent condition when put in office. There were no deaths in the ranks of the brethren and not even serious illness. There were camp meetings held at Reading and Wescoesville. The latter consisted of 136 tents, the largest one we ever held. Many souls were saved and baptized at both. Successful and glorious tent meetings were held at Vernfield, Weissport and Royersford. All the offerings were grand, as the reports will show. The ministry is united to the

man. The brethren have preached the truth without reserve from the pulpits and at the camp meetings, resulting in the salvation of many souls, cutting loose the honest ones and cleaning out quite some of the rubbish. Of the nineteen churches in this district all are free from debt except one on which \$75.00 is due yet.

W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District, reported the ministry united. Tent meetings were held at Nazareth, Catasauqua and Bingen, where souls were saved and much good done. The camp meeting at Hellertown was grand, large, and many souls were saved and baptized. The missions were well represented there. There was one parsonage bought and quite some paid on it. The Gospel Herald Society is doing nicely.

The missions at Washington, N. J., and Stroudsburg have been making progress. The mission in Philadelphia is doing finely. We held a few good tent meetings in this large city. The brethren have a large route where they sell 400 *Heralds* weekly. We have fully organized a Mennonite Brethren in Christ class of thirty members including the *Heralds*. This class is ready to be received into the Conference. They desire to be self-supporting.

W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder, reported: We enjoyed our visit at your camp meetings this summer. We have a number of good, strong missions, while others need a little lift yet. Many souls have been saved during the year.

We have remodeled the building where we are in, quite extensively, and have at the present time a fully equipped printing plant. We bought a large new up-to-date Babcock Optimus printing press, besides smaller presses, cutter, stitcher, etc. We are printing 10,700 copies weekly of our twenty page paper, *The Gospel Herald*, though we have not been pushing the paper very hard of late. We are also publishing a twenty-four page religious monthly for a party in Pittsburg. We are also printing a great many tracts. We printed 200,000 for one party. We buy our paper at bottom rates by the car load. The whole work on these papers, tracts, etc., from beginning to end, except the linotype work, is all being done by our workers. In Pittsburg we sell 1000 *Gospel Herald*s weekly and often hundreds more. We are still launching out by faith and are aiming at a larger permanent home and plant in some large city.

The following reports were read and received:

Report of the Treasurer of the Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention.—L. B. Taylor, Treasurer. (See Report.)

Report of the Treasurer of the Reading District Sunday School Convention.—G. A. Campbell, Treasurer. (See Report.)

Report of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Society.—L. B. Taylor, Treasurer. (See Report.)

Report of the Treasurer of the Camp Meeting Equipment Fund.—A. M. Gehman, Treasurer. (See Report.)

Report of the Treasurer of the Orphanage and Home.—E. N. Cassel, Treasurer. (See Report.)

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Deacons.—A. A. Wismer, Treasurer. (See Report.)

Report of the Treasurer of the Conference Fund.—W. J. Fretz, Treasurer. (See Report.)

Report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund.—Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer. (See Report.)

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions.—Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer. (See Report.)

Resolved, That the Editor of the Conference Journal arrange a brief report of next Sunday's services.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the next Annual Conference be elected Editor of the Conference Journal for next year.

Resolved, That we sell the Conference Journal at twenty-five cents a copy and whatever the extra cost will be, including cuts, printing, etc., be paid out of the Annual Conference Fund.

Resolved, That the pastors pay for their Conference Journals within one week after they receive them. (Standing Rule.)

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of three including himself, to look after the churches designated by the Committee of the Whole. He appointed H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, W. G. Gehman.

Rev. C. T. Eisenberger, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. James D. Kistler, of the United Evangelical Church, Rev. C. D. Dreher, Presiding Elder of the Evangelical Association, and Revs. J. A. Wiegand and W. L. Bollman, of the Evangelical Association, all of Reading, were introduced to the Conference.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to make arrangements for a cut for the Conference Journal.

He appointed the Editor of the Conference Journal, E. N. Cassel and E. T. Shick.

The Report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions was read and received. W. G. Gehman, Secretary. (See Report.)

Resolved, That the money paid to any pastor for our Orphanage and Home shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Board of

Trustees through the Secretary. The Secretary shall credit it on the Records and the Treasurer shall acknowledge it. (Standing Rule.)

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 consider the same advisable, upon their due investigation.

Resolved, That we hold a Ministerial Convention some time in the middle of the year, for one day. The Presiding Elders and one whom 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. A hearty invitation shall also be extended to the ministers' wives and families.

Adjourned by prayer and benediction by Rev. C. D. Dreher.

FOURTH SESSION

Friday Afternoon, October 12, 1906

This session was opened by prayer by E. T. Shick, after which the minutes were read and approved.

The Report of the Auditing Committee was read and received and referred to a committee consisting of J. C. Roth and E. N. Cassel to be condensed.

The Committee on Worship reported as follows: J. G. Shireman shall preach to-night, followed by O. S. Hillegass.

E. T. Shick,
Adam Keller, *Committee.*

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

(1) WHEREAS, Our Missionaries in Chili, China and Turkey reported good health, excellent courage and God's marvelous protection through tests by sickness and fire and

WHEREAS, God has wonderfully blessed their efforts in the salvation of many souls, healing the sick, etc., on the various places, therefore

Resolved, That we appreciate the devotion, self-denial and untiring service of these of our beloved brethren and sisters in the "Regions Beyond," and that we pledge ourselves to continue their support as well as to pray more earnestly that their lives may be protected from the hands of their enemies, that they may be kept in the hour of discouragements and temptations, that they may be used more efficiently and successfully than ever for the salvation of souls, the preparation of the Bride and the hastening of the coming of the Lord.

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

(2) WHEREAS, This Conference has resolved to donate \$85.00 to the Superintendent of our Orphanage and Home, and

WHEREAS, He stated that he highly appreciated the expression of satisfaction and kindness offered, and

WHEREAS, With tears yet firmly he declares that he cannot conscientiously receive the same, therefore

Resolved, That we as a Conference express our entire satisfaction with his services during the past and greatly appreciate his devotion and sacrifice in this noble cause.

H. B. Musselman,	} Committee.
E. N. Cassel,	
C. H. Brunner.	

The Oral Report of the President of the Board of Trustees of Norristown Church was heard and received.

Resolved, That the Financial Secretary of the Annual Conference be Secretary of the Home Mission Fund. (Standing Rule.)

The time for the election of Presiding Elders having come, the roll of conditional and unconditional ministers was called with the following result:

Unconditional.—W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, W. B. Musselman, H. B. Musselman, G. A. Campbell, J. C. Roth, E. T. Shick, J. G. Shireman, J. F. Barrall, L. F. Haas, E. N. Cassel, R. L. Woodring, W. S. Hottel, W. J. Fretz, O. S. Hillegass, R. Bergstresser, W. Steinmetz, E. E. Kublic, C. W. Stine, H. F. Meltzer, W. W. Zimmerman, C. J. Edwards, P. J. Musselman, R. W. Zoller, F. M. Hottel and H. K. Kratz.

Conditional.—Wm. Gehman and L. B. Taylor.

Revs. B. W. Luckenbill, F. D. Geary and James Tonkin, of the Evangelical Association, were introduced to the Conference.

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

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

The Chairman, W. G. Gehman, then vacated the chair and the Vice Presiding Elder, H. B. Musselman, took the chair, whereupon C. H. Brunner and W. G. Gehman were re-elected Presiding Elders on the first ballot.

Resolved, That C. H. Brunner shall serve on the Reading District and W. G. Gehman on the Bethlehem District.

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

Resolved, That the other officers be nominated and elected by ballot.

Resolved, That the Secretary cast the ballot for the election of W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder.

Resolved, That the Secretary cast the ballot for the election of Allen M. Gehman as Treasurer of the Annual Conference.

Other officers were elected as follows:

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

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

Board of Deacons.—R. Laudenslager, A. A. Wismer and H. G. Musselman.

Committee on the Reading Course.—J. C. Roth, E. N. Cassel and E. T. Shick.

Superintendent of the Orphanage and Home.—W. G. Gehman.

Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home.—For three years, H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and Allen M. Gehman; for two years, C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel, H. L. Musselman; for one year, L. B. Taylor, J. G. Shireman, O. B. Bartholomew.

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

Adjourned by prayer by H. B. Musselman.

FIFTH SESSION

Saturday Morning, October 13, 1906

This session was opened by singing and prayer by R. Bergstresser.

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

The Auditing Committee submitted the following report, condensed by J. C. Roth and E. N. Cassel. The report was received.

We have audited the accounts and found the schedules of Norristown, Coopersburg and Phillipsburg incorrect. A mistake in Reading Camp Meeting accounts on page 45, and in the Quarterly Conference records, Financial Summary of Walnut-

port, Gratersford, Royersford, Coopersburg, Nazareth, Zionsville, Macungie, Quakertown, Mt. Carmel and Phillipsburg. On pages 20 and 23 in Zionsville record. On pages 18, 19, 21, 27 and 28 of Bethlehem record. On page 23 South Allentown record, on page 20 in Phillipsburg record, and page 20 Mt. Carmel record.

J. C. Roth,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
W. J. Fretz,		
E. R. Hartman,		
W. D. Evert,		
B. Engelman,		
Jacob C. Sassaman,		
H. L. Musselman,		
H. H. Bergey,		
G. O. Billig,		

The election of officers was continued as follows:

Vice Presiding Elders.—Reading District, E. N. Cassel.

Bethlehem District, H. B. Musselman.

Treasurer of the Annual Conference Fund.—W. J. Fretz.

Trustees of the Norristown Church.—H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner and W. G. Gehman.

Officers of the Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention.—Chairman, H. B. Musselman. Secretary, J. F. Barrall.

Committee.—W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner and J. C. Roth.

Resolved, That the next Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention be held in Reading, Pa.

The Beneficiary Society reported the election of the following officers:

President.—E. N. Cassel.

Secretary.—W. J. Fretz.

Treasurer.—E. T. Shick.

The Board of Foreign Missions reported the following officers:

President.—H. B. Musselman.

Secretary.—W. G. Gehman.

Treasurer.—Allen M. Gehman.

Adjourned by prayer by E. E. Kublic.

SIXTH SESSION

Saturday Afternoon, October 13, 1906

This session was opened by singing and prayer by O. C. Kistler.

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

The Reading Sunday School Convention District reported the

election of the following officers and other business: Chairman, W. J. Fretz; Secretary, R. L. Woodring; Treasurer, J. F. Barrall; Committee on Programme, C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel and J. C. Roth.

Resolved, That this convention be held at South Allentown.

Resolved, That we have two sessions, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon, and a special service in the evening. The pastor shall arrange for the special service in the evening and report to the committee. No pastor shall be allowed to leave except by consent of the committee.

The report was received.

The Bethlehem Sunday School Convention District reported the election of the following officers and other business: Chairman, L. Frank Haas; Secretary, P. J. Musselman; Treasurer, L. B. Taylor; Committee on Programme, H. B. Musselman, C. W. Stine and W. S. Hottel.

Resolved, That this convention be held in Bethlehem.

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

Resolved, That we extend a hearty invitation through the Secretary to the Missionary Presiding Elder, W. B. Musselman, to be present at this Convention.

The report was received.

Resolved, That both Sunday School Conventions be held on Decoration Day, 1907.

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

Resolved, That the Chairman, W. G. Gehman, preach the Conference Sermon to-morrow morning at 9.45. C. H. Brunner shall preach at 2.30, and W. B. Musselman in the evening, if he arrives.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a Committee of three, including himself, to decide who shall preach tomorrow evening in case W. B. Musselman shall not arrive. He appointed J. C. Roth, L. Frank Haas and W. G. Gehman.

Resolved, That no preacher shall be permitted to leave to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Secretary, with the privilege of appointing some one to assist him, shall revise and print new Summary Financial Report Blanks, new Schedules and new Sunday School Statistical Report Blanks. He appointed H. B. Musselman.

Resolved, That this year the traveling and other expenses of the Reading Course Committee and Probationers at the spring examination shall be paid out of the Conference Fund.

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 the Secretary send Conference Journals to our Foreign Missionaries and Railroad Companies, to be paid for out of the Conference Fund.

The Committee on Worship reported that G. A. Campbell shall preach to-night, followed by L. Frank Haas.

E. T. Shick,
Adam Keller,
Committee.

Resolved, That the Editor print 400 Conference Journals.

Resolved, That we donate \$10.00 to the Editor for his services.

Resolved, That each Presiding Elder shall hold his own Home Missionary meetings and take the subscription with the assistance of the respective pastors.

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Resolutions, page 18 in the Journal, be adopted as a standing rule. Also Resolutions 4 and 5, page 28, and that Paragraph B, Section III, Page 5, be erased.

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

A liberal collection was lifted for the labor and expenses of the Secretary, amounting to \$9.00. (Thanks.)

Adjourned by prayer by Wm. Gehman.

SERVICES

Sunday, October 14, 1906

At 9.45 a.m., the Chairman, W. G. Gehman, preached a very instructive and impressive Conference Sermon from 1 Timothy 3:14-15, emphasizing very strongly the definite calling and characteristics of the minister of God.

At 2.30 p.m., C. H. Brunner, Presiding Elder of the Reading District, gave an address on the difference between the true and false professors from the Epistle of Jude.

After a stirring Praise Meeting in the evening, H. B. Musselman, Vice Presiding Elder, gave us an earnest address on the possibilities of Faith, from Heb. 11:35-36. The interest and attendance during the day was excellent.

SEVENTH SESSION

Monday Morning, October 15, 1906

This session was opened by singing and prayer by Wm. Gehman.

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

The Committee on the Reading Course submitted the divisions of the course of study for 1907, which was received. (See Report).

J. C. Roth
E. N. Cassel *Committee*
E. T. Shick

The following report of *The Committee on Resolutions* was read and received.

WHEREAS, The different classes have so nobly contributed toward the Orphanage and Home work so that funds were available to pay for the property, stock, implements and a number of repairs and improvements, far above our expectation; therefore

Resolved, That we acknowledge the blessing of God in this work and herewith express our appreciation of the interest and self-sacrificing spirit manifested in this cause, and further

Resolved, That for the present we make no definite arrangements for the future but that we proceed as the Lord may open the way.

H. B. Musselman, }
E. N. Cassel, } *Committee.*
C. H. Brunner, }

Resolved, That we have a General Camp Meeting Committee, consisting of the two Presiding Elders and the Chairman of each Camp Meeting Committee, to which matters that may refer to Camp Meetings in general may be referred.

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

Resolved, That we have a committee of three, including the two Presiding Elders and one appointed by them, to secure an "Act of Incorporation" of the Pennsylvania Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church. H. B. Musselman was appointed.

Resolved, That the above Committee be invested with power to examine the different deeds and charters and correct the same if necessary.

The President of the Executive Board reported. Not much can be reported as the work assigned to us is still unfinished.

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

The Executive Board was again re-elected, as follows: W. G. Gehman, President; C. H. Brunner, Secretary; Wm. Gehman, Treasurer; H. B. Musselman, G. A. Campbell.

Resolved, That Resolution 2, Page 29, be made a Standing Rule.

Resolved, That we excuse Jacob C. Sassaman from being present at the Conference because of his own plea of being physically and mentally disabled.

The following report of the Committee on Resolutions was read and received:

WHEREAS, We highly appreciate the oral report given by W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder, concerning the work of the Gospel Worker's 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 Annual Conference session if convenient.

H. B. Musselman,	} Committee.
E. N. Cassel,	
C. H. Brunner.	

Resolved, That we ask the Editor of the *Gospel Herald* to send each pastor a copy of the mailing list of the subscribers on his charge.

Resolved, That each pastor record the mailing lists of the subscribers of the *Gospel Banner* and *Gospel Herald* in a book, together with an accurate statement of the account of each subscriber, to be transferred, to their successor.

Resolved, That from henceforth the Annual Conference supply class books, stewards' books, rent books, trustee books and all the other account books for the different charges, to be paid for out of the Conference Fund.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees have charge of all the old account books.

Resolved, That the next Annual Conference convene at Royersford, Pa., at 8 a.m., on the second Thursday in October, 1907.

Resolved, That we tender a rising vote of thanks to the brothers and sisters of the Reading Class for their kindness and the

hospitable entertainment the Conference received during this session.

Adjourned by prayer by W. B. Musselman.

W. G. Gehman, *Chairman*,
 C. H. Brunner, *Secretary*,
 Allen M. Gehman, *Treasurer*,
 H. B. Musselman, *Vice P. E.*,
 E. N. Cassel, *Vice P. E.*,
 W. B. Musselman, *Missionary P. E.*,
 W. S. Hottel, *Recording Sec'y*,
 J. G. Shireman, *Statistical Sec'y*,
 J. F. Barrall, *Financial Sec'y*.

J. C. Roth,	R. Bergstresser,
W. Steinmetz,	L. B. Taylor,
E. E. Kublic,	Leidy Sell,
H. F. Meltzer,	James M. Oplinger,
C. W. Stine,	O. S. Hillegass,
C. J. Edwards,	Adam Keller,
G. A. Campbell,	Julius A. Kern,
W. J. Fretz,	M. M. Ziegler,
R. L. Woodring,	B. Engelman,
William Gehman,	F. P. Bobst,
H. H. Bergey,	C. W. Teel,
G. O. Billig,	W. D. Evert,
G. K. Himmelreich,	H. L. Musselman,
W. W. Zimmerman,	O. C. Kistler,
P. J. Musselman,	R. D. Hollenbach,
E. T. Shick,	E. R. Hartman,
	L. Frank Haas.

REPORTS

I. Report of the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.

(A) APPOINTMENTS

READING DISTRICT—C. H. Brunner P. E.

- (a) STATIONS.
 - Allentown.—J. F. Barrall.
 - Reading.—J. C. Roth.
 - Zionsville.—O. S. Hillegass.
 - Mt. Carmel.—J. G. Shireman.
- (b) CIRCUITS.
 - Gratersford and Harleysville.—R. L. Woodring.
 - Royersford and Spring City.—E. N. Cassel.
 - South Allentown and Emaus.—R. Bergstresser.
 - Macungie, Alburtis and Hereford.—E. T. Shick.
- (c) MISSIONS.
 - Lehighton and Weissport.—W. J. Fretz.
 - Walnutport and Tripoli.—G. A. Campbell.
 - Fleetwood, Blandon and Terre Hill.—W. Steinmetz.
 - Athol and Birdsboro (temporary).—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.
 - J. H. Moyer, H. M. Gehman, E. W. Martin, W. W. Dill, Wm. Manny, M. W. Ettinger.

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

(a) STATIONS.

Bethlehem.—H. B. Musselman.
Philadelphia.—P. J. Musselman.

(b) CIRCUITS.

Coopersburg and Springtown.—W. S. Hottel.
Quakertown and Hatfield.—L. Frank Haas.

(c) MISSIONS.

Nazareth and Plainfield, E. E. Kublic.
Phillipsburg, N. J., and Erwinna.—C. W. Stine.
Northampton.—W. W. Zimmerman.
Norristown.—C. J. Edwards.

(d) GOSPEL HERALD SOCIETY MISSIONS.

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

(e) TABERNACLES.

To be supplied.

(f) LOCAL PREACHERS.

L. B. Taylor, Coopersburg Quarterly Conference.

(g) ANNUAL CONFERENCE LICENSED MISSIONARIES.

R. W. Zoller, F. W. Hottel, H. K. Kratz.

(h) QUARTERLY CONFERENCE LICENSED WORKERS.

F. E. Frey, W. H. Garman.

(B) APPROPRIATIONS

READING DISTRICT

Walnutport and Tripoli, per month.....	\$ 6 00
Lehighon and Weissport, per month.....	6 00
Fleetwood, Blandon and Terre Hill, per month.....	6 00
Athol and Birdsboro (temporary).....	15 00
J. C. Roth, Moving Expenses.....	15 00
E. T. Shick, Moving Expenses.....	15 00
J. F. Barrall, Moving Expenses.....	15 00
W. J. Fretz, Moving Expenses.....	15 00
To be used at the discretion of the Presiding Elder....	150 00

BETHLEHEM DISTRICT

Nazareth and Plainfield, per month.....	\$ 5 00
Phillipsburg and Erwinna, per month.....	15 00
Northampton, per month.....	15 00
Norristown, per month.....	15 00

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

(C) GOSPEL WORKERS SOCIETY

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

(D) FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA.—H. L. Weiss, Supt; Mrs. H. L. Weiss, H. W. Fledges, A. E. Dawson, Mrs. A. E. Dawson, Niels Gunstadt, Mrs. Niels Gunstadt, M. P. Zook, Mr. Orellano, Mrs. Orellano, Joseph Schmiedlin, Mrs. Joseph Schmiedlin.

CHINA.—C. F. Snyder.

TURKEY.—Rose Lambert.

W. G. Gehman, Chairman.
C. H. Brunner, Secretary.
Allen M. Gehman,
H. H. Bergey,
H. L. Musselman,
M. M. Ziegler,
G. O. Billig,
Adam Keller,
Leidy Sell,
Frank Bobst,
E. R. Hartman,
B. Engelman,
W. D. Evert.

II. Report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions

We must again thank the Lord for opening the hearts and treasuries of His people to supply enough means to support our ever increasing family of Missionaries in benighted heathen lands. Notwithstanding our other extra offerings this past year, the dear people have not cut down their Foreign Mission offerings, but rather increased them considerably over a thousand dollars. The liberality and interest of the Sunday school scholars is shown by the delight with which they bring in their barrels on Missionary Day, filled with their precious little earnings and savings.

The Board held four meetings during the year.

M. P. Zook, of the Gospel Herald Society, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schmiedlin, natives of Chile, have been adopted and are supported by our Conference, making fourteen missionaries supported by us on the various fields.

CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA.

Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Weiss and family, after spending a year in the homeland on furlough, sailed from New York last November, accompanied by M. P. Zook, and reached Chile in safety. They found the work in good condition.

At their Annual Conference, held in Valdivia, January 10, 1906, sixteen Foreign Missionaries and four native helpers were present. Of these the Pennsylvania Conference supports eight foreign and three native workers, five of whom were adopted

in the past year. Upon the advice of the Superintendent, H. L. Weiss, we have decided to support Mr. and Mrs. Orellano, instead of David Mancilla. Their Conference report shows 175 baptized last year and a total membership of 736. To God be the glory. However, they are not without tests and persecutions. At Osorno the enemies burned down the mission, the missionaries barely escaping with their lives. The earthquake, though quite a scare at the various missions, did not damage their property.

A. E. Dawson has charge of the work at La Union. Mrs. Dawson does considerable visiting, etc. They were sorely afflicted with smallpox, but the Lord delivered them. They lost their child, but the Lord comforted them. These trials will make the gold shine the brighter.

Niels Gunstadt has charge of the work at Ancud, Chiloe Island, a Catholic stronghold, with manifold persecutions. Mrs. Gunstad is engaged in visiting from house to house. Both of them are very untiring laborers.

M. P. Zook is helper to Bro. Gunstadt, and lives with them. He made good progress with the language so that after being in the field seven months he could preach quite well in Spanish. He feels well at home and knows he is where the Lord wants him.

H. W. Feldges has charge of the work at Temuco, and holds meetings at three other outstations. The Lord greatly blesses his labors. The hall has long since been too small to hold the people. They have a lot across the street where they expect to build a larger chapel and have it finished by Christmas.

TAOCHEO, CHINA.

C. F. Snyder has been itinerating, distributing Gospels and tracts, speaking to the people, principally Thibetans, wherever he had an opportunity. The Thibetan door opens more and more to the Gospel. The visible results are not so plentiful, yet a few of the converts are faithful. He rejoices in the Lord who preserves his spirit, soul and body. He expects to be with us on his furlough by next spring.

HADJIN, TURKEY, ASIA MINOR.

Miss Rose Lambert, who had been home on a furlough, left from New York, September 11, 1906, for her work in Hadjin, so near to her heart, and in the opening of which she was one of the principal instruments. We received word from her that so far they had smooth sailing, longing with desire to get to her work in Hadjin. Miss Adeline Brunk, of Elkhart, Ind., accompanies her, to assist in the Orphanage at Hadjin.

May the coming year be the most fruitful one in gathering benighted sinners into the fold, establishing the believers, and hastening the coming of the Lord.

W. G. Gehman, *Secretary*.

III. Report of the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home

On March 28, 1906, we purchased the eighty-five acre farm at Centre Valley, Pa., which the Committee of 1905 had agreed in the fall to purchase this spring. The farm is nicely located on a rolling plain in close proximity to the P. & R. Railroad Station and the Philadelphia Division of the Lehigh Valley Transit Line. A never failing spring or springs from which a large volume of water flows even through drought are found on the premises, which greatly add to the beauty and value of the farm, and to the comfort of both man and beast.

A few very important repairs were made last fall, but soon after possession was taken in spring repairs were resumed on a larger scale. The farm house was papered, and painted inside and outside at quite an expense, which adds to the comfort of the farmer's family, and an iron fence was erected along the front of the yard

We sawed the small piece of woodland on the premises and realized about Three Hundred Dollars worth of lumber, which will be used for building purposes. We built an overshoot to the barn, completely changed the stabling, cemented the entries and gutters, and somewhat renovated the upper portion of the barn, also pointed the east gable end. We built a milk house with cement floor and water trough, pig stable and chicken house with cement floors, roofs all joined together so that we can feed the live stock without getting into the weather. The barn and all the other out buildings were painted and now present an almost new appearance.

While trucking shall be the main occupation ultimately, yet we decided that for the present farming should be the principal industry. The farm is equipped with nearly all new, up-to-date implements and machinery. We have five excellent working horses, six nice cows, fifty-eight fine chickens and nine geese.

The crops were favorable so that we harvested 162 bushels of wheat, 158 bushels of rye, 605 bushels of oats, more than 600 bushels of potatoes, and about 35 tons of hay. A large crop of pears was sold for a neat sum of money.

The Lord has wondrously enlarged the hearts of His people in promptly contributing to this noble work even beyond our expectation so that the cash contributions amount to more than 9½ Thousand Dollars.

Geese valued at 18½ Dollars, white leghorn chickens valued at 13½ Dollars, and rose bushes and celery plants valued at 3 1-5 Dollars were donated.

The expenses were high, but we feel that the money has been

necessarily and profitably spent. All the feed had to be bought up to harvest time, which greatly increased the expenditures. This we trust need not be the case another year.

Brother Edwin Fehnel, the farmer, and Brother Thomas L. Knauer, the hired man, have rendered excellent service and seem to enjoy working for the Lord on this wise.

No provision is yet made for the accommodation of Orphans and Old Folks. We trust the Lord will soon open the way for the erection of a suitable building.

We acknowledge the Lord's goodness and inscribe upon the work, "Ebenezer,"—"Hitherto the Lord hath helped us."

The following is a form of bequest adopted by the Trustees:

I give and bequeath to the Orphanage and Home of the Men-
nonite Brethren in Christ Church, in Eastern Pennsylvania,
located in Centre Valley, Pa., the sum of..... Dollars
.....Signed.

We Submit the Following Financial Report :

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURES.
Contributions from the	Farm\$ 6000 00
Church.....\$ 9741 10	Recording title, surveying 14 55
Milk sold 294 34	Live stock, horses, cows,
Live stock sold 32 16	Chickens 1135 75
Grain sold 147 96	Farming implements.... 722 30
Fruit and vegetables sold 107 18	Lumber 459 38
Loans @ 5%..... 1040 00	Hardware 87 40
Total,.....\$11362 74	Paints, oil..... 111 66
	Lime, sand, cement.... 108 74
	Slate 65 00
	Cutting and sawing grove 68 35
	Roofing paper 20 10
	Iron fence put up complete 79 71
	House repairs 116 39
	Harness 147 45
	Carpenter work..... 493 49
	Painting..... 104 88
	Mason work..... 48 35
	Mill work 38 77
	Furniture 25 99
	Labor 348 27
	Freight, express, hauling 72 52
	Fares, toll, telegrams ... 82 39
	Seed 123 57
	Feed 426 65
	Board, hired man, other
	help..... 95 65
	Fertilizers 44 23
	Provisions 28 27
	Grass and grain..... 50 00
	Thrashing 56 45
	Blacksmithing..... 21 50
	Tax 20 48
	Account and minute books 11 15
	Iron posts for overshoot 24 14
	Balance in treasury Oct-
	ober 2nd, 1906.... 109 21
Total,.....\$11362 74	Total,.....\$11362 74

Board of Trustees :

H. B. MUSSELMAN, Chairman,
 C. H. BRUNNER, Secretary,
 E. N. CASSEL, Treasurer,
 W. G. GEHMAN,
 J. G. SHIREMAN,
 L. B. TAYLOR,
 ALLEN M. GEHMAN,
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 O. B. BARTHOLOMEW.

Compiled by order of the Board of Trustees by

W. G. GEHMAN, Superintendent.

IV. Report of the Committee on the Reading Course

(A) EXAMINATIONS 1906

(a) Applicants for Annual Conference License on the Discipline

H. K. KRATZ, 95
W. G. GEHMAN, Examiner

(b) PROBATIONERS ON THE READING COURSE

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										
C. W. Stine -----	76	64		83		86	80			77
SECOND YEAR										
P. J. Musselman -----	71	66		83			76		63	72
R. W. Zoller -----	75	54		62			64		54	62
THIRD YEAR										
H. F. Meltzer -----	71	52	65	55	64		83	87		68
C. J. Edwards -----	68						70	61	69	67

J. C. ROTH,
E. N. Cassel, } Committee.
E. T. Shick }

(B) DIVISIONS FOR 1907

(a) FIRST SEMI-ANNUAL STUDIES

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 STUDIES

FIRST YEAR'S COURSE.

Bible—I and II Timothy and Titus.
 Lessons in Holiness—Doty.

SECOND YEAR'S COURSE.

Bible—I and II Peter, Rev. chapters 1 to 3.
 Reformed Pastor—Baxter.

THIRD YEAR'S COURSE.

Bible—Romans.
 Nelson on Infidelity.
 Fletcher's Appeal.

The first Semi-Annual Examination shall be held in Allentown, Pa., March 20, 1907, at 7.30 a.m.

The second Semi-Annual Examination shall be held in Royersford on October 7, at 7 p.m.

E. T. Shick,	} Committee.
E. N. Cassel,	
J. C. Roth,	

V. Report of the Financial Secretary. (Part I.)

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

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 13, '05—\$ 5012 30	Support of H. L. Weiss
Contributions (Special)— 972 93	and family, rents,
Offerings (Regular) ----- 4447 30	printing, etc.-----\$ 700 00
	“ of A. E. Dawson
	and wife----- 600 00
	“ Niels Gunstadt and
	wife ----- 400 00
	“ Joseph Schmiedlin
	and wife----- 300 00
	“ H. W. Feldges----- 300 00
	“ M. P. Zook----- 300 00
	“ David Mancilla----- 180 00
	“ C. F. Snyder----- 300 00
	“ Rose Lambert ----- 250 00
	Sundries----- 1053 14
	Contributions forwarded . 972 93
	Bal. Oct. 11, 1906----- 5076 46
Total-----\$10432 53	Total-----\$10432 53

For account of Contributions Expended see Secy's. Account.

ALLEN M. GEHMAN, Treasurer.

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

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 13, '05. \$2090 81	C. H. Brunner, P. E. ---- \$ 558 75
Received Oct. 11, '06 ---- 2143 00	W. G. Gehman, P. E. ---- 1389 50
	Bal. in Treas. Oct. 11, '06. 2285 56
Total ----- \$4233 81	Total ----- \$4233 81

For Itemized Accounts see Reports of P. E's.

ALLEN M. GEHMAN, Treasurer.

C. Report of the Treasurer of the Orphanage and Home.

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
Contributions from the	Farm, Stock, Repairs, etc. \$11,253 53
Church ----- \$ 9741 10	Bal. in Treas. Oct. 2, '06. 109 21
Produce from Farm ---- 581 64	
Loans at 5% ----- 1040 00	
Total ----- \$11,362 74	Total ----- \$11,362 74

E. N. CASSEL, Treasurer.

D. Report of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund.

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 13, '05. \$180 23	Paid out during year ----- \$ 85 00
Rec'd at Annual Conference 68 60	Bal. in Treas. Oct. 11, '06. 213 83
Rec'd from Pastors. ----- 50 00	
Total ----- \$298 83	Total ----- \$298 83

L. B. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

E. Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Deacons.

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 13, '05. \$172 27	Paid out during year ----- \$172 07
Received Oct. 11, '06. ----- 263 03	Bal. in Treas. Oct. 11, '06. 263 23
Total ----- \$435 30	Total ----- \$435 30

A. A. WISMER, Treasurer.

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

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 13, '05. \$103 89	Paid out during year ----- \$ 31 64
Receipts during year ----- 53 38	Bal. in Treas. Oct. 11, '06. 125 63
Total ----- \$157 27	Total ----- \$157 27

W. J. FRETZ, Treasurer.

G. Report of the Treasurer of the Camp Meeting Equipment Fund.

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 13, '05...\$154 31	Lights, fixtures, dishes,--
Hellertown C.M. Committee 67 05	stoves, etc.\$159 65
Wescoesville " " 19 95	Account book 30
Sundries..... 75	Bal. in Treas. Oct. 11, '06... 82 11
Total.....\$242 06	Total.....\$242 06

A. M. GEHMAN, Treasurer.

H. Report of the Treasurer of the Sunday School Convention.
(Reading District.)

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 13, '05...\$19 29	Convention Expenses\$45 58
Rec'd at last Convention --- 52 58	Bal. in Treas. Oct. 11, '06... 26 29
Total.....\$71 87	Total.....\$71 87

G. A. CAMPBELL, Treasurer.

I. Report of the Treasurer of the Sunday School Convention.
(Bethlehem District.)

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 13, '05...\$22 07	Convention Expenses\$28 54
Rec'd at last Convention --- 31 79	Bal. in Treas. Oct. 11, '06... 25 32
Total.....\$53 86	Total.....\$53 86

L. B. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

J. F. BARRALL, *Financial Secretary*

VI. SUMMARY OFFERINGS.

Report of the Financial Secretary. (Part II.)

Collections from October 12th, 1905 to October 11th, 1906.

APPOINTMENTS	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Foreign Mission in S. S.	For the Poor	Beneficiary Fund	Conference Fund	
READING DISTRICT							
Allentown, Pa.	\$ 406 50	\$ 443 40	\$ 323 00	\$ 56 00	\$16 00	\$ 9 05	\$1253 95
Athol, Pa.	29 50	38 50		1 36		36	69 72
Mt. Carmel, Pa.	86 57	120 87	130 25	10 50	6 00	3 50	357 69
Girardville, Pa.	5 00	15 00					20 00
Reading, Pa.	121 00	179 05	77 27	16 22	2 60	4 94	401 08
Spring City, Pa.	82 20	49 50	42 61	2 90	1 52	1 10	179 83
Royersford, Pa.	30 95	24 75	18 31	3 62	1 07	1 05	79 75
So. Allentown, Pa.	91 94	122 75	100 05	12 89	2 51	2 53	332 67
Emaus, Pa.	22 25	25 75	24 72	12 00	1 32	43	86 47
Weissport, Pa.	47 35	21 50	24 65	4 90	1 00	75	100 15
Lehighton, Pa.	32 18	23 50	45 48	4 30	90	75	107 11
Walnutport, Pa.	38 50	55 20	20 16	2 01			115 87
Tripoli, Pa.	13 55	14 70		1 00			29 25
Macungie, Pa.	77 95	49 90	84 94	6 08	3 10	1 65	223 62
Harleysville, Pa.	34 50	45 50	14 99	4 65	1 55	2 65	103 84
Zionsville, Pa.	95 85	277 31	238 00	15 00	1 27	1 60	629 03
Blandon, Pa.	31 25	59 29	43 11	1 75	1 09	75	137 24
Fleetwood, Pa.	30 85	17 74	48 50	2 25	75	51	100 60
Terre Hill, Pa.	13 50	11 40	10 00	1 55		75	37 20
Gratersford, Pa.	27 57	21 00	43 51	12 35	1 20	1 35	106 98
Total on District ..	\$1318 96	\$1616 61	\$1289 55	\$171 33	\$41 88	\$33 72	\$4472 05

BETHLEHEM DISTRICT							
Bethlehem, Pa.	\$ 412 55	\$ 424 42	\$ 333 18	\$ 51 26	\$24 77	\$ 6 02	\$1252 20
Norristown, Pa.	10 00	6 25	6 00	75	53	60	24 13
Coopersburg, Pa.	105 46	116 45	83 28	9 61	3 78	1 86	320 44
Springtown, Pa.	20 70	40 00		1 63	1 47	75	64 55
Philipsburg, N. J.	74 68	49 33	36 19	10 70	4 00	4 75	179 65
Quakertown, Pa.	63 05	93 75	47 32	4 49	1 49	1 62	211 72
Hatfield, Pa.	31 12	30 50	9 42	1 51	56	60	73 71
Northampton, Pa.	37 00	64 00	32 00	3 00	1 38	1 08	138 46
Nazareth, Pa.	52 75	68 00	1 75	2 50	1 25	1 00	127 25
Plainfield, Pa.	16 73	21 00	1 82	6 25	1 25	1 38	48 43
Gospel Herald Soc.			76 48				76 48
Total on District ..	\$ 824 04	\$ 913 70	\$ 627 44	\$ 91 70	\$40 48	\$19 66	\$2517 02
Grand Total ..	2143 00	2530 31	1916 99	263 03	82 36	53 38	6989 07

J. F. BARRALL, Financial Secretary.

VII. Financial Reports of the Presiding Elders.

A. Reading District.

(a) Appropriations.		(c) Miscellaneous.	
Lehighton and Weissport	\$ 96 00	R. Bergstresser Moving	\$ 20 00
Walnutport and Tripoli	72 00	R. L. Woodring	20 00
Fleetwood, Blandon and		J. G. Shireman	20 00
Terre Hill	84 00	E. N. Cassel	15 00
Athol	150 00	W. Steinmetz	15 00
		O. S. Hillegass	10 00
Total	\$402 00	J. F. Barrall, Paraffining	
		Tabernacle and Tent	8 34
(b) Tabernacle Meetings.		A. M. Gehman, Storage for	
Vernfield	\$ 7 14	Tabernacle and Camp	
Royersford	14 55	Goods until Oct. 18, '07	16 00
Weissport	10 52	Shipping Tags	20
Total	\$32 21	Total	\$124 54
		Grand Total	\$558 75
		Rec'd from Treasurer Home Mission Fund	558 75
		C. H. BRUNNER, P. E.	

B. Bethlehem District.

(a) Appropriations.		(c) Miscellaneous.	
Norristown	\$180 00	Moving Exp. of L. Frank	
Northampton	180 00	Haas	\$ 20 00
Nazareth and Plainfield	120 00	Moving Exp. of C. J. Edwards	20 00
Phillipsburg, N. J.	180 00	Moving Exp. of C. W. Stine	15 00
Total	\$660 00	Moving Exp. of W. W. Zimmerman	15 00
(b) Tabernacle Meetings.		J. Kern, Nazareth Storage	1 00
Nazareth	\$ 8 62	C. J. Edwards, for Lamps	
Catasauqua	4 58	etc., Philipsburg, N. J.	6 00
Bingen	2 26	Paid Trustees Norristown	
Philadelphia	13 15	Church for water insertion	20 00
Total	\$28 61	Paraffine, Gasoline, Treating Tents	5 11
		Allen M. Gehman, rent for	
		storing Tabernacles and	
		Camp goods up to Oct. 1907	9 00
		Total	\$111 11
		Grand Total	799 72
		Rec'd from Treasurer Home Mission Fund	799 72
		W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.	

VIII. Report of the President of the Gospel Herald Society.

(a) Statistical

Ordained Ministers of Annual Conference	1
Probationers of Annual Conference	2
Church Members	37
Missions	3
Sunday Schools	3
Officers and Teachers Enrolled	33
Children's Meetings and Sunday Schools held	158
Baptized	26
Scholars Enrolled	192
Open Air Meetings	553
Prayer Meetings	149
Sermons and Addresses	1539
Pastoral Visits	970
<i>Gospel Herald</i> s	19745

(b) Receipts

For Rents	\$ 468 00
“ Sundry Expenses	765 90
“ President	407 47
“ Sunday Schools	155 33
“ Gospel Workers	17 18
“ Missionary P. E.	9 63
“ Sis. Lambert on her trip ..	9 35
“ Foreign Missions in S.S. ..	76 48
“ Orphanage and Home	10 00
Donations	517 73
Literature sold retail	1487 84
Total	\$3924 91

(c) Expenditures.

Furniture	\$ 62 96
Old Missions, Repairs and Supplies	36 09
Furnishing and Opening New Missions	106 84
Hauling	44 05
Freights and Expressage ..	31 42
Home Mission Meetings fares	97 65
Sign Painting & Stationary ..	4 11
Fares, Telegrams, Changing workers, etc.	89 66
Rents, Opening New Missions	49 00
Donations to Workers	68 00
Total	\$589 78
By Bal. Oct. 11, '06	19 31
Total	\$609 09
Rec'd from Treasurer Home Mission Fund	\$609 09

W. G. GEHMAN, Pres. and Treas.

IX. Statistical Report from Oct. 12, 1905 to Oct. 11, 1906, —READING DISTRICT—C. H. BRUNNER, PRESIDING ELDER.

APPOINTMENTS	PASTORS	APPPOINTMENTS																																			
		Subscribers to Gospel Banner	Average Attendance	Scholars Enrolled	Officers and Teachers	New M. B. C. S. S. Organized	M. B. C. S. Schools	Class Leaders	Classes	S. S. Visited	Prayer Meetings Visited	Pastoral Visits	Sermons Preached	Appointments	Whole No. of Members	Total Decrease	Decrease	Total Increase	Increase	Transferred	Moved to other Conferences	Dropped	Expelled	Withdrawn	Died	Received by Transfer	Received into Church Fellowship	Baptized	Stewards	Deacons	Quarterly Conference Preachers and Evangelists	Applicants for Ministry	Probation to be Ordained	On Probation	Ordained Ministers	Presiding Elders	
Allentown.....	J. C. Roth.....	38	165	150	26	4	4	1	1	127	439	1	227	1	132	8	12	23	1	12						10	13	4	15	1							
Mt. Carmel.....	J. G. Shireman.....	101	165	139	21	2	2	1	1	96	322	1	258	1	67	10	5	12	5	5	4					6	16	2	28	2							
Grandville.....	E. T. Shick.....	12	80	98	21					63	15	18	205	270	73	3	4	13	3	2	2					2	11	3									
Reading.....	E. N. Cassel.....	9	46	56	16					42	104	152	130	167	35	9	9	4	10	10					7	2	2	1									
Spring City.....	R. Bergstresser.....	12	80	98	21					58	217	141	175	242	22	17	8	3	3	9	8					6	11	2	1								
So. Allentown.....	J. F. Barrall.....	9	80	150	18					27	176	141	231	112	60	10	2	12	3	2	5					5	1	2	1								
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Wenona.....	W. J. Fretz.....	9	80	150	18					21	176	141	231	112	60	10	2	12	3	2	5					5	1	2	1								
Wenona.....	W. J. Fretz.....	9	80	150	18					21	176	141	231	112	60	10	2	12	3	2	5					5	1	2	1								
Wenona.....	W. J. Fretz.....	9	80	150	18					21	176	141	231	112	60	10	2	12	3	2	5					5	1	2	1								
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Wenona.....	W. J. Fretz.....	9	80	150	18					21	176	141	231	112	60	10	2	12	3	2	5					5	1	2	1								
Wenona.....	W. J. Fretz.....	9	80	150	18					21	176	141	231	112	60	10	2	12	3	2	5					5	1	2	1								
Wenona.....	W. J. Fretz.....	9	80	150	18					21	176	141	231	112	60	10	2	12	3	2	5					5	1	2	1								
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Wenona.....	W. J. Fretz.....	9	80	150	18					21	176	141	231	112	60	10	2	12	3	2	5					5	1	2	1								
Wenona.....	W. J. Fretz.....	9	80	150	18					21	176	141	231	112	60	10	2	12	3	2	5					5	1	2	1								
Wenona.....	W. J. Fretz.....	9	80	150	18					21	176	141	231	112	60	10	2	12	3	2	5					5	1	2	1								
Wenona.....	W. J. Fretz.....	9	80	150	18					21	176	141	231	112	60	10	2	12	3	2	5					5	1	2	1								
Wenona.....	W. J. Fretz.....	9	80	150	18					21	176	141	231	112	60	10	2	12	3	2	5					5	1	2	1								
Wenona.....	W. J. Fretz.....	9	80	150	18					21	176	141	231	112	60	10	2	12	3	2	5					5	1	2	1								
Wenona.....	W. J. Fretz.....	9	80	150	18					21	176	141	231	112	60	10	2	12	3	2	5					5	1	2	1								
Wenona.....	W. J. Fretz.....	9	80	150	18					21	176	141	231	112	60	10	2	12	3	2	5					5	1	2	1								
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BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, PRESIDING ELDER.

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Statistical Report from Oct. 12, 1905 to Oct. 11, 1906,—READING DISTRICT—C. H. BRUNNER, PRESIDING ELDER.

APPOINTMENTS	PASTORS	New Subscribers	Churches	Parsonages	Janitor's Home	Value of Church Property	Collected for Church Property	Parsonage and Hall Rent	Collected for S. Schools	Collected for Foreign Miss. in S. Schools	Collected for Ministers in Cash	Other Contributions	Collected for Helpers	Collected for Home Missions	Collected for Foreign Missions	Collected for Repairing Church Property	Sexton and Sundry Expenses	Collected for Presiding Elder
Allentown	J. C. Roth	1	1	1	1	\$ 8500 00	\$1208 16		\$ 138 24	\$ 323 00	\$ 594 90	\$ 190 23		\$ 406 50	\$ 443 40		\$ 519 29	\$ 148 00
Mt. Carmel	J. G. Shreeman	1	1	1	1	7500 00			110 60	130 25	386 41	147 49		86 57	120 87		500 69	88 50
Girardville	E. T. Shick	1	1	1	1	8000 00	\$ 56 25	\$ 119 82	87 86	77 27	322 24	100 00		5 00	15 00		177 05	75 63
Reading City	E. N. Cassel	1	1	1	1	4800 00		66 00	52 81	42 61	262 90	34 29		82 20	49 50		107 49	45 40
Roversford	R. Bergstresser	1	1	1	1	4000 00		63 50	36 26	18 31	188 40	39 08		30 95	24 75	\$125 00	99 72	44 75
So. Allentown		1	1	1	1	3000 00		82 50	63 56	100 05	274 85	66 20		91 94	122 75	91 67	138 09	39 99
Emas	J. F. Barrall	1	1	1	1	2000 00		25 50	53 48	24 72	110 30	6 07		22 25	25 75	136 00	67 47	30 39
Wellsport		1	1	1	1	1500 00		47 10	29 58	24 65	105 55	72 20		47 35	21 50		22 41	23 50
Lehighton	G. A. Campbell	1	1	1	1	2000 00	75 00	42 90	27 21	45 48	128 35	33 65		32 18	23 50		49 23	23 00
Wainport		1	1	1	1	1500 00		95 89	45 97	20 16	130 06	45 82		38 50	55 20		105 58	25 72
Tripoli	W. J. Fretz	2	1	1	1	1500 00		12 11			43 00	10 63		13 55	14 70			15 60
Macungie		1	1	1	1	2000 00		65 00	40 54	84 94	291 05	55 00		77 95	49 90		202 49	71 18
Hereford						600 00												
Alburtis																		
Blandon	W. Steinmetz	1	1	1	1	1200 00		40 00	30 08	43 11	70 15	11 93		31 25	59 29		25 29	23 28
Fleetwood		1	1	1	1	7500 00		40 00	38 02	48 50	75 95	21 40		30 85	17 74	92 90	28 20	11 00
Terre Hill		1	1	1	1	3500 00		40 00	29 91	10 00	74 03	4 80		13 50	11 40		50 65	12 50
Kemps		1	1	1	1	500 00												
Gratersford	R. L. Woodring	1	1	1	1	1500 00		30 00	47 69	43 51	172 90	24 00		27 57	21 00		51 41	39 41
Harleysville		1	1	1	1	30 00		30 00		14 99	146 03	31 00		34 50	45 50		191 09	12 00
Zionsville	O. S. Hillegrass	1	1	1	1	5000 00			47 50	238 00	231 51	53 03		95 85	277 31		28 81	72 29
Athol	H. F. Meltzer	1	1	1	1	500 00		89 37	10 20		76 08	82 86		29 50	38 50			23 50
Total		42 50	51	1	\$59850 00	\$1339 41	\$ 889 69	\$ 889 51	\$1289 55	\$3713 16	\$1050 63			\$1318 96	\$1616 61	\$481 43	\$2364 96	\$ 825 84

BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, PRESIDING ELDER.

Bethlehem	H. B. Musselman	1	1	1	1	\$ 7200 00	\$ 443 87		\$ 84 80	\$ 333 18	\$ 616 69	\$ 75 14		\$ 412 55	\$ 424 42		\$ 374 34	\$ 216 97
Coopersburg	W. S. Hottel	1	1	1	1	4000 00		\$ 81 43	62 72	83 28	249 85	120 16		105 46	116 45		377 10	74 71
Springtown		1	1	1	1	1500 00		8 00	9 61		33 75	1 09		20 70	140 00		49 01	
Quakertown	L. Frank Haas	2	1	1	1	4500 00		51 25	41 08	47 32	173 25	53 50	\$ 5 10	63 05	93 75	\$ 77 05	131 92	43 00
Hatfield		1	1	1	1	1500 00		43 50	47 68	9 42	149 05	28 40		31 12	30 50		83 86	43 08
Nazareth	E. E. Kublic	3	1	1	1	1500 00		246 10	6 65	1 75	54 05	126 82	108 10	52 75	68 00		15 95	35 64
Plainfield		1	1	1	1	500 00			17 14	1 82	21 83	37 78	43 66	16 73	21 00		248 30	55 25
Phillipsburg	C. W. Stine	5	1	1	1	900 00		156 40	51 92	36 19	127 50	184 58	3 20	74 68	49 33		7 65	
Erwina		1	1	1	1	900 00					7 50							
Northampton	W. W. Zimmerman	1	1	1	1	1500 00		80 00	64 47	32 00	109 97	75 00	8 00	37 00	64 00		74 01	26 39
Norristown	C. J. Edwards	1	1	1	1	3500 00			13 63	6 00	49 40	5 00		10 00	6 25	12 00	103 05	9 02
G. H. Society								468 00	155 33	76 48		517 75					765 90	407 47
G. W. Society																		
Total		10 10	2	1	\$25100 00	\$ 443 87	\$1134 68	\$ 554 99	\$ 703 92	\$1592 84	\$1225 20	\$168 06	\$ 824 04	\$ 913 70	\$ 89 05	\$2228 09	\$ 920 05	
Grand Total		14 30	7	2	\$4950 00	1782 28	2024 37	1444 50	1993 47	5306 00	2275 83	168 06	2143 00	2530 31	570 48	4593 05	1745 89	

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APPOINTMENTS	PASTORS	Collected for Tabernacle Work	Collected for Evangelistic Work	Collected for Missionary Work	Collected for Camp Meetings	Collected for Poor Fund	Sunday School Conventions	Annual Conference Fund	Beneficiary Fund	Missionary Presiding Elder	Gospel Worker Society	Collected for Gospel Banner	Collected for G. W. S. Herald	Delegate to Annual Conference	Amount of Literature Sold	Collected for Orphanage	Total Collections
Allentown	J. C. Roth	\$ 8 00	\$122 40	\$1282 55	\$ 56 00	\$ 5 50	\$ 9 05	\$16 00	\$ 85 00	\$132 52	\$40 65	\$21 00	\$ 8 47	\$ 11 57	\$ 246 90	\$2020 00	\$ 7057 85
Mt. Carmel	J. G. Shireman	24 54			10 50	5 75	3 50	6 00	18 54	37 54						269 06	3413 44
Grandville	E. T. Shick	18 25		681 45	2 90	4 22	4 94	2 52	1 50	5 84							66 79
Reading City	E. N. Cassel	100 00			16 22	5 06	1 10	1 60	12 11	24 14							2988 62
Royersford	So. Allentown	25 00			3 62	3 50	1 05	1 07	6 78	10 47							1155 54
So. Allentown	R. Bergstresser	23 81			12 89	3 00	2 53	2 51	7 76	30 65							932 93
Emans	W. Weissport	14 56			12 00	80 43	1 32	5 79	7 77	7 27							1358 55
Weissport	J. F. Barrail	3 05			4 90	3 25	75	1 90	10 43	13 38							616 87
Lehighton	G. A. Campbell	2 40			4 30	3 01	75	90	3 24	6 63							741 60
Walnutport		6 00			2 01	1 85			2 65	4 65							752 02
Tripoli	W. J. Fretz	18 22			6 08	3 52	1 65	3 10	12 97	21 49	10 00						701 50
Macungie					1 00				2 65								129 54
Hereford																	1405 03
Alburtis																	
Blandon	W. Steinmetz	3 81			1 75	1 60	75	1 09	3 14	9 65							447 17
Fleetwood					2 25	1 78	51	75	3 93	8 57							452 35
Terre Hill					1 55	1 31	75		2 70	5 45							300 55
Remps.																	
Gratersford	R. L. Woodring	25 00			12 35	4 00	1 35	1 20	6 98	9 78							753 15
Harleysville					4 65	2 65	1 55	6 87	17 64								403 38
Zionsville	O. S. Hillegass	100 71			15 00	1 95	1 60	1 27	13 14	23 70							2301 12
Athol	H. F. Meltzer	10 45			1 36	1 75	36		2 53	9 00							519 13
Total		\$ 65 62	\$ 8 00	\$498 20	\$1964 00	\$171 33	\$52 18	\$33 72	\$41 88	\$222 68	\$415 00	\$50 65	\$21 00	\$49 56	\$1706 93	\$5416 63	\$26497 13

BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, PRESIDING ELDER.

Bethlehem	H. B. Musselman	\$ 71 37	\$1027 06	\$ 51 26	\$ 5 58	\$ 6 02	\$24 77	\$11 20	\$122 81	\$35 75	\$22 50	\$13 44	\$ 4 53	\$ 60 95	\$2138 00	\$ 7251 66
Coopersburg	W. S. Hotel	\$ 32 56	\$ 4 23		9 61	6 10	1 86	3 78	17 98	24 30						
Springtown		62 95			1 63	7 09	1 37	1 47	5 50	5 24						
Quakertown	L. Frank Haas	4 40			4 49	1 16	1 62	1 99	9 99	13 90						
Bathfield		13 80			1 31	1 16	1 60	56 07	12 50	17 00						
Nazareth	E. E. Kubie	52 59			2 50	1 47	1 00	1 25	3 38	10 48						
Plainfield					6 25	1 38	1 25	3 94	10 02	14 02						
Phillipsburg	C. W. Stine	3 02			10 70	5 00	4 75	4 00	10 74	17 87						
Erwinna																
Northampton	W. W. Zimmerman	22 23			3 00	2 21	1 08	1 38	6 07	12 73						
Norristown	C. J. Edwards	3 14			75	1 80	60	53	1 23	2 34						
G. H. Society		9 35							9 63	17 18						
G. W. Society																
Total		\$107 38	\$ 9 25	\$353 20	\$1027 06	\$ 91 70	\$25 19	\$19 66	\$40 48	\$183 73	\$249 37	\$35 75	\$22 50	\$27 12	\$2776 20	\$4273 75
Grand Total		173 00	17 25	851 40	2991 06	263 03	77 37	53 38	82 36	406 41	664 37	86 40	43 50	76 68	4483 13	9690 38

Roll and Directory of Ministers and Missionaries

I. Itinerants

NAME	Licensed	Ordained	Received Present Charge	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Barrall, J. F.	1901	1904	1906	819 Gordon St., Allentown, 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.
Cassel, E. N.	1901	1904	1905	Spring City, Pa.
Edwards, C. J.	1901		1905	Norristown, Pa.
Fretz, W. J.	1898	1900	1906	Weissport, Pa.
Gehman, W. G.	1896	1899	P. E.	517 N. 8th St., Allentown, Pa.
Haas, L. Frank.		1882	1905	Quakertown, Pa.
Hillegass, O. S.	1889	1892	1905	Zionsville, Pa.
Hottel, W. S.	1900	1903	1905	Coopersburg, Pa.
Kublic, E. E.	1901		1905	Nazareth, Pa.
Meltzer, H. F.	1901		1905	Birdsboro, Pa.
Musselman, H. B.	1890	1893	1905	112 Laurel St., Bethlehem, Pa.
Musselman, W. B.	1883	1886	M. P. E.	Williamsport, Pa.
Musselman, P. J.	1905		1906	2310 Germantown Ave., Phila.
Roth, J. C.	1900	1903	1906	632 Locust St., Reading, Pa.
Shick, E. T.	1899	1901	1906	Macungie, 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.

Hottel, F. M.	1905
Kratz, H. K.	1906
Zoller, R. W.	1605

IV. Quarterly Conference Licensed Missionaries.

Dill, W. W.	1897	Norristown, Pa.
Ettinger M. W.	1906	Macungie, Pa.
Frey, F. E.	1906	Bethlehem, Pa.
Garman, W. H.	1906	
Gehman, H. M.	1897	Allentown, Pa.
Manny, Wm.	1906	Mt. Carmel, Pa.
Martin, E. W.	1901	Terre Hill, Pa.
Moyer, J. H.	1893	Vernfield, Pa.

Foreign Missionaries

(a) CHILE, S. A.

WEISS, H. L., Superintendent. Arrived on the field in 1897. Address—Valdivia, Casilla 49, Chile, S. A.

WEISS, MRS. H. L. (see above.)

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

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

DAWSON, MRS. A. E. (see above.)

GUNSTADT, NIELS. Arrived from Norway, in April, 1903. Adopted in August, 1904. Stationed at Ancud, Chiloe Island. Address in care of H. L. Weiss.

GUNSTADT, MRS. NIELS. (see above.)

ZOOK, M. P. Arrived on the field in December, 1905. Stationed at Ancud, Chiloe Island. Address in care of H. L. Weiss.

ORELLANO, MR. Native of Chile. Adopted in October, 1906.

ORELLANO, MRS. Native of Chile. Adopted in October, 1906.

SCHMIEDLIN, JOSEPH, Native of Chile. Adopted in 1906.

SCHMIEDLIN, MRS. JOSEPH. Native of Chile. Adopted in 1906.

(b) CHINA.

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

(c) TURKEY, (Armenia)

LAMBERT, ROSH. Arrived on the field in 1898. Arrived for second term after furlough, November, 1906. Address—Hadjin, Turkey, Asia Minor.

General Conferences

TIME	PLACE	DELEGATES FROM PA. CONFERENCE
1879.	Zionsville, Pa.	{ A Union Conference including 16 members of the Pa. Conference.
1882.	Elkhart, Ind.	{ Wm. Gehman. John Traub.
1883.	Harrisburg, O.	{ (Union Conference) Wm. Gehman. A. Strawn.
1885.	Zionsville, Pa.	{ Wm. Gehman, P. E. A. Strawn.

General Conferences (continued)

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, P. E. { H. B. Musselman, P. E. { W. B. Musselman, M. P. E. { Wm. 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.
1908.	Announced for Brown City, Mich.	

Yr.	Time	Place	Chairman	Secretary
I. EVANGELICAL MENNONITES, (Semi-Annual)				
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 2	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		
II. EVANGELICAL UNITED MENNONITE, (Annual)				
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
III. MENNONITE BRETHREN IN CHRIST, (Annual)				
1884	Feb. 4	Terre Hill	William Gehman	W. 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. 7-10	Allentown	"	"
1897	Feb. 19-22	Royersford	"	"
1898	March 4-7	Bethlehem	"	"
1899	March 3-6	Upper Milford	C. H. Brunner	W. G. Gehman
1900	Sept. 14-17	Reading	"	"
1901	Oct. 4-7	Bethlehem	W. B. Musselman	"
1902	Oct. 17-20	Reading	H. B. Musselman	"
1903	Oct. 16-20	Mt. Carmel	"	"
1904	Oct. 27-31	Allentown	"	"
1905	Oct. 12-16	Bethlehem	"	"
1906	Oct. 11-15	Reading	W. G. Gehman	C. H. Brunner

*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

Seventeenth Annual Ministerial Convention

Reading, Pa., October 10, 1906

FORENOON SESSION, 9 A. M.

The Seventeenth Annual Ministerial Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania convened in the M. B. C. Church, Reading, Pa., October 10, 1906.

The Chairman, J. F. Barrall, opened the Convention at 9 a.m. with singing, and prayer by J. C. Roth, followed by the roll call, after which the minutes of the last Annual Ministerial Convention were read and approved.

Resolved, That the Convention Bar consist of the two Amen Corners and the first two pews throughout the church.

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

Resolved, That no one be allowed to speak longer than ten minutes on any one subject and only once except by permission of the Chairman.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a Timekeeper and a Reporter. He appointed C. J. Edwards and R. L. Woodring respectively.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a Committee on Publication. He appointed H. B. Musselman, J. C. Roth and G. A. Campbell.

The following essay was then read, discussed and received: "Winning People to Christ versus Winning them to Ourselves," E. T. Shick.

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

Resolved, That Brother D. E. E. Vishanoff, of Macedonia, be received as an advisory member and be asked to give a five-minute address to this Convention.

The address was highly appreciated.

An essay on "The Proper Characteristics of a Pastor's Wife" was then read by W. J. Fretz. The essay was discussed and received.

Adjourned by prayer by C. H. Brunner.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1.45 P.M.

This session was opened by prayer by W. S. Hottel, after which the roll was called, the minutes read, corrected and approved.

Resolved, That we appreciate the presence of the Delegates who were present at this Convention in good time.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to deal with the ministers who are absent from this Convention.

He appointed C. H. Brunner, W. G. Gehman and H. B. Musselman.

An essay on "The Proper Characteristics of a Pastor" was read by J. F. Barrall. The essay was discussed and received.

An offering was lifted for the labor and expenses of the Secretary, amounting to \$3.50. (Thanks.)

W. S. Hottel then read an essay on "The Power of the Word," which was discussed and received.

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

The following officers were elected for the next Annual Convention: Chairman, J. G. Shireman; Secretary, C. W. Stine; Committee on Programme, W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, H. B. Musselman.

The Committee appointed to deal with the absent ministers reported as follows:

WHEREAS, The brethren W. B. Musselman, Wm. Gehman and L. B. Taylor are not in attendance at this Convention and not having learned the cause of their absence, therefore

Resolved, That we as a Convention hereby express our sorrow at their absence and commend them to the love and mercy of God, who knoweth the hearts of all men.

C. H. Brunner,	} Committee.
H. B. Musselman,	
W. G. Gehman,	

The questions in the box were answered by G. A. Campbell and J. C. Roth.

Adjourned by prayer by W. G. Gehman.

EVENING SESSION, 7.15 P. M.

This session was opened by singing and prayer by Wm. Gehman, after which the roll was called and the minutes of the afternoon session read and approved.

The following essays were then read, discussed and received:

"The Ministry of Prayer," C. W. Stine.

"Worldly Entanglements to be Shunned by the Ministers of To-day," E. N. Cassel.

The Committee on Publication reported as follows: We recommend the essay on "Worldly Entanglements to be Shunned by the Ministers of To-day," by E. N. Cassel, to be published in the *Gospel Banner*.

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

Resolved, That the Minutes be published in the Conference Journal, privileging the Editor to exclude the extracts from the essays.

Resolved, That we invite all strangers to join with us in a rising vote of thanks to the Reading Class for their kindness and hospitality shown us during this Convention.

Adjourned by prayer by H. B. Musselman and benediction by C. H. Brunner.

J. F. Barrall, *Chairman*,
R. Bergstresser, *Secretary*.

W. G. Gehman,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
H. B. Musselman,		
C. H. Brunner,		

