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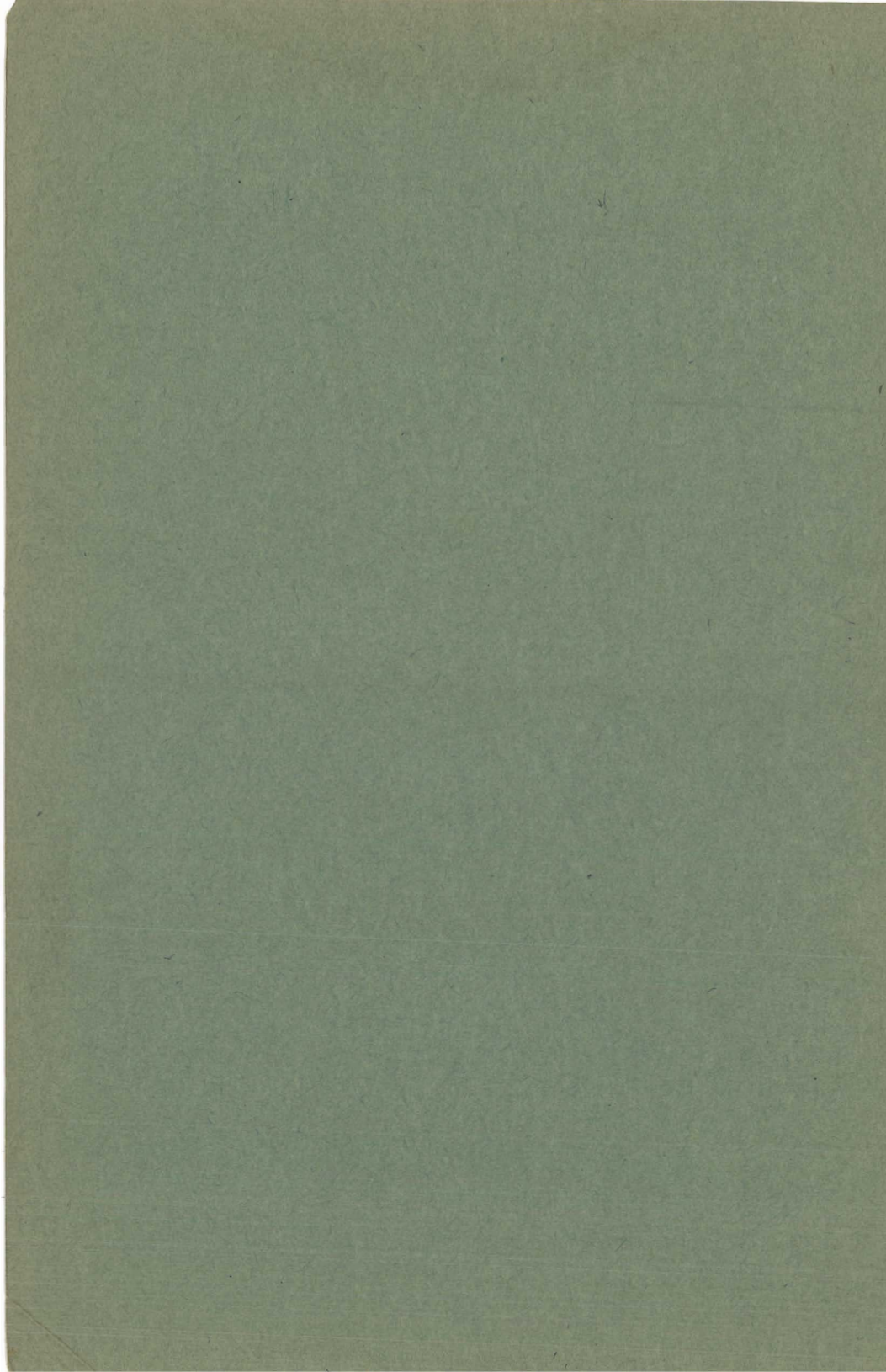
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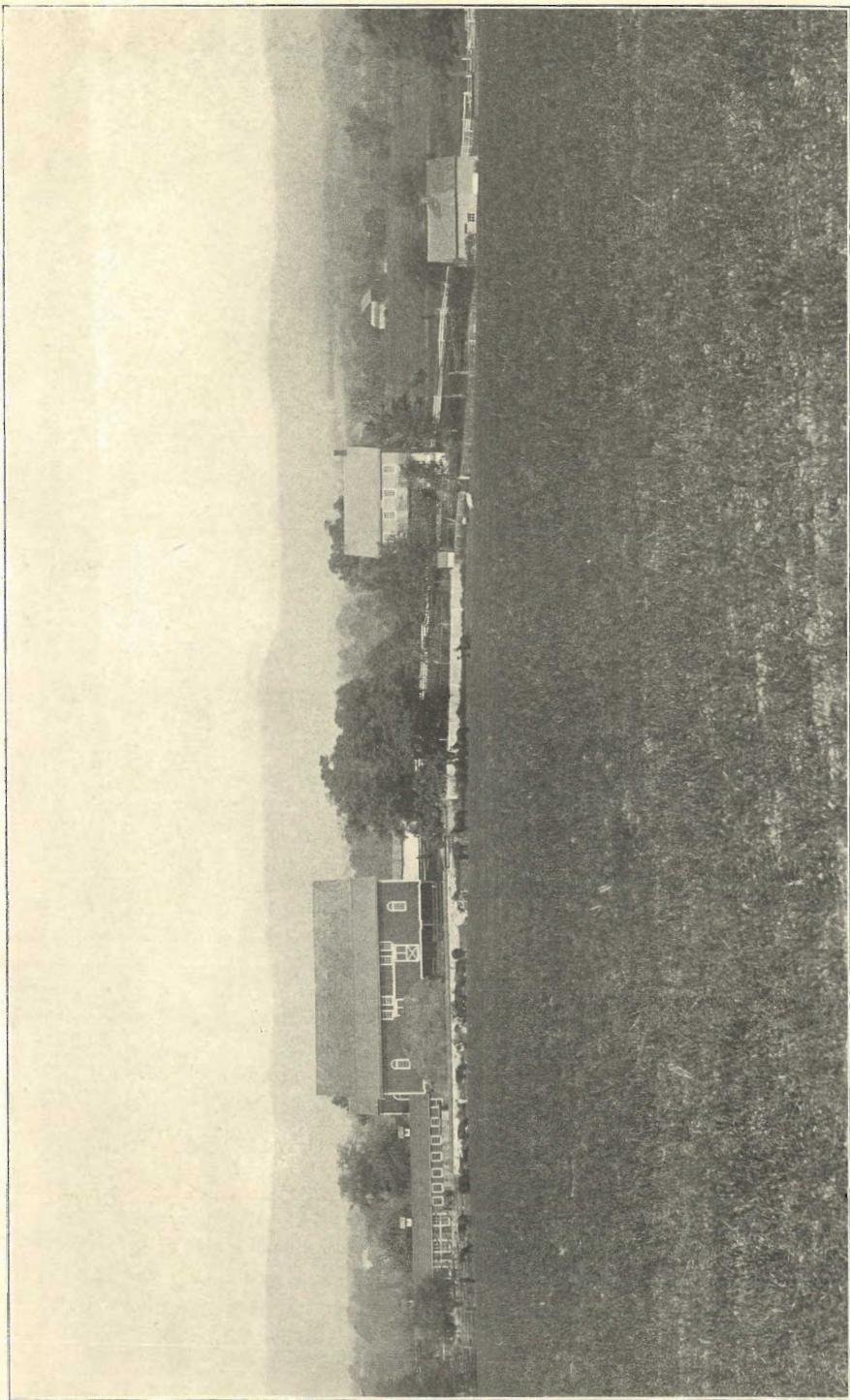












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ALLEN M. GEHMAN, *Treasurer*

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Mt. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN

E. N. CASSEL, *Vice Presiding Elder*

W. B. MUSSELMAN, *Missionary Presiding Elder*

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*Gospel Worker Society*—W. B. MUSSELMAN, General Superintendent and Treasurer.



## BUSINESS RULES OF THE CONFERENCE.

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1. Two sessions shall be held daily, as follows: From 8 to 11.30 a. m., and from 1 to 5 p. m.

2. The Chairman shall take his seat precisely at the time to which the Conference adjourned, open and conduct the devotional exercises. The Secretary shall call the roll, and read the minutes of the preceding session, after which business shall proceed as follows:

(a) Committee Reports. (b) Petitions. (c) Unfinished Business. (d) Miscellaneous Business.

3. Anyone wishing to speak shall rise 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 ballott 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 begining 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.— Each Pastor shall see that the Summary Financial Reports are 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 15, 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 Evangelists, 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 Pastor 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 Pastor 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 Elders 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 its 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 judgement 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 has 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 have them published in the Gospel Banner. [Revised October 14, 1907.]

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.]

K.—The Annual Conference shall 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. [Enacted October 15, 1906.]

L.—Each pastor shall record the mailing lists of the subscriber 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. [Enacted October 15, 1906]

# Annual Conference Proceedings

## FIRST SESSION

The Twenty-fourth Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania convened in the Church, Sixth and Walnut Streets, Royersford, Pa., at 8 a.m., October 10, 1907.

The first session was opened by singing and prayer by the Secretary, C. H. Brunner, and a very earnest and practical address on the thirteenth chapter of first Corinthians, by the Chairman, W. G. Gehman. 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, J. C. Roth, J. G. Shireman, E. N. Cassel, R. L. Woodring, J. F. Barrall, E. T. Shick, W. J. Fretz, L. Frank Haas, Geo. A. Campbell, R. Bergstresser, W. S. Hottel, O. S. Hillegass, W. Steinmetz, L. B. Taylor and W. W. Zimmerman.

*Absent.*—W. B. Musselman and H. L. Weiss.

### PROBATIONERS.

*Present.*—C. W. Stine, E. E. Kublic, P. J. Musselman, F. M. Hottel and H. K. Kratz.

*Absent.*—H. F. Meltzer, C. J. Edwards and R. W. Zoller.

### DELEGATES.

*Present.*—H. L. Musselman, G. O. Billig, John Ziegler, W. D. Evert, H. H. Bergey, E. R. Hartman, F. H. Gehman, J. H. Baus, O. C. Kistler, John Flickinger, M. M. Ziegler, Allen M. Gehman, C. W. Teel, J. A. Kern, O. B. Bartholomew, H. E. Gackenbach, G. K. Himmelreich and S. S. Geil.

*Absent.*—None.

### ADVISORY MEMBERS.

*Present.*—V. H. Reinhart, C. A. Parson.

*Resolved,* That the seats to the right and left of the pulpit and the first three pews throughout the church constitute the Conference Bar.



*Resolved*, That the minutes of the previous Conference shall not be read. The Chair shall appoint a committee of three to examine the minutes. He appointed E. N. Cassel, J. C. Roth and H. B. Musselman.

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

*Resolved*, That the Chair appoint a Reporter and a Time-keeper. He appointed R. L. Woodring and E. T. Shick, respectively.

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

*Committee on Worship*.—E. N. Cassel and E. R. Hartman.

*Committee on Communications*.—R. L. Woodring, Wm. Gehman and W. S. Hottel.

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

*Committee on Statistics*.—J. G. Shireman and P. J. Musselman.

*Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records*.—E. N. Cassel, L. Frank Haas, E. T. Shick, R. Bergstresser, M. M. Ziegler, H. E. Gackenbach, W. W. Zimmerman, E. E. Kublic, and O. C. Kistler.

*Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders*.—Wm. Gehman, L. B. Taylor and J. H. Baus.

*Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists and Missionaries*.—J. C. Roth, O. S. Hillegass and G. K. Himmelreich.

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

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

*Committee on Resolutions*.—H. B. Musselman, E. N. Cassel, C. H. Brunner and W. S. Hottel.

*Auditing Committee*.—J. C. Roth, W. J. Fretz, E. R. Hartman, W. D. Evert, F. M. Gehman, S. S. Geil, H. L. Musselman, H. H. Bergey, G. O. Billig, C. W. Teel, O. B. Bartholomew and John Ziegler.

*Committee to Audit Schedules*.—J. G. Shireman and J. F. Barrall.

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

The pastors now began to submit their oral reports.

*Resolved*, That we adjourn to the call of the Chair. Prayer by H. B. Musselman.

Adjourned.

## SECOND SESSION

Thursday Afternoon, October 10, 1907

The session opened at 3 p.m., at the call of the Chair. Prayer by W. S. Hottel.

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

The following committee reports were submitted and received:

*Auditing Committee.*—We have audited the following accounts:—Orphanage, Board of Deacons, Camp Meetings, Presiding Elder's Reports, Quarterly Conference Records, Foreign and Home Mission accounts, Sunday-school Conventions accounts, Conference and Camp Meeting Equipment Fund and Miscellaneous papers, and have found the following errors in the Quarterly Conference Records:—

Sunday-school accounts:—Northampton, page 62; Walnutport, page 46.

Steward's accounts:—Weissport, page 64; Harleysville, page 49; Reading, page 50; and Coopersburg, page 45.

Rent accounts:—Macungie, page 42.

Gospel Worker's Offerings:—Gratersford, page 53.

Building Committee Reports:—South Allentown, page 66.

J. C. Roth,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
W. J. Fretz,		
H. H. Bergey,		
G. O. Billig,		
H. L. Musselman,		
O. B. Bartholomew,		
John Ziegler,		
W. D. Evert,		
S. S. Geil,		
C. W. Teel,		
F. M. Gehman,		
E. R. Hartman.		

*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,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
O. S. Hillegass,		
G. K. Himmelreich.		

*Committee on Quarterly Conference Records.*—We have examined the Quarterly Conference Records and found them all correct except the following:—

Philadelphia Record.—No revision of the class records, and election of delegate and alternate.



South Allentown Record.—No reading of minutes in fourth quarter.

Mt. Carmel, Walnutport, Easton and Allentown Records.—No mention of the Presiding Elder speaking on the duties of the officers.

Walnutport Record.—No record of the Missionary Presiding Elder's collection in the second quarter.

Nazareth Record.—No record of election or appointment of auditors in first quarter and the summary report pasted in wrong.

Blandon Record.—No record of devotional exercises in second and third quarters.

Coopersburg Record.—No record of any financial and statistical reports except the report of the trustees.

E. N. Cassel,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
L. Frank Haas,		
E. T. Shick,		
R. Bergstresser,		
M. M. Ziegler,		
H. E. Gackenbach,		
W. W. Zimmerman,		
E. E. Kublic,		
O. C. Kistler.		

*Committee on Worship*—We recommend that V. H. Reinhart preach to-night, followed by H. K. Kratz.

E. N. Cassel,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
E. R. Hartman,		

*Committee on Communications*—We have examined the letters of Rose Lambert, missionary to Hadjin, Turkey, and of H. W. Feldges, and wife, missionaries to Chili, South America, and recommend the Conference to refer the same to the Committee on Resolutions.

R. L. Woodring,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
Wm. Gehman,		
W. S. Hottel,		

*Committee to Audit Schedules*—We have audited the schedules and found them correct with the exception of the Macungie schedule, where the total of the Alburdis account was not carried back to the total column; on the schedule from Fleetwood, a mistake in the totaling of the Blandon collections.

J. G. Shireman,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
J. F. Barrall,		

*Committee on Finance.* (See report of the Financial Secretary.)

*Committee on Examination of Travelling Elders*—We have

examined the Travelling Elders through their respective delegates and found them all satisfactory with the exception of W. Steinmetz. On account of nervous affection we deem it advisable to recommend the Conference to relieve him of the duties of taking charge of a work for the present.

*Committee on Statistics.*—We examined the Schedules and found them all correct with the exception of the following:—

Mt. Carmel, in the total value of church property; Lehighon schedules, only one ordained minister was reported where two should have been; Walnutport and Zionsville schedules in totaling of membership; Coopersburg schedule, one ordained minister was reported, where there should have been three; Northampton schedule, in totaling up the membership and valuation of church property; Philadelphia schedule, in reporting a Presiding Elder, and totaling up membership; Nazareth schedule, Secretary did not sign name to schedule.

J. G. Shireman, }  
P. J. Musselman, } *Committee.*

The rest of the oral reports of the pastors were heard.

These reports were very interesting and encouraging. A large number were saved and baptized. Many were healed; some very remarkable cases. The special offerings were larger than ever. The attendance at nearly all places has been very good. The Sunday Schools are in a flourishing condition. There is a very noticeable progress in the loyalty, devotion and spiritual condition of the classes in general.

The Report of Superintendent and Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home was read and received. (See Report.)

*Resolved*, That we meet in the basement of the church, at 8 p.m., this evening, as a Committee of the Whole, to consider the work of the Orphanage and Home, and such other business as may present itself.

Adjourned with prayer by Wm. Gehman.

### THIRD SESSION

Friday Morning October 11, 1907

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

The following reports were submitted and received:—

*Committee of the Whole.*—We wish to submit the following recommendations to the Conference:

*Resolved*, That upon the request of Bro. W. Steinmetz, we recommend the Conference to relieve him from taking charge of a work for the present.



*Resolved*, That C. J. Edwards be expelled from being a member of the Church and Conference.

*Resolved*, That H. F. Meltzer be expelled from the Conference.

*Resolved*, That we drop R. W. Zoller from the Church and Conference.

*Resolved*, That we get a cut or cuts of the Orphanage and Home Farm for the Conference Journal and that W. G. Gehman, H. B. Musselman and C. H. Brunner, constitute a committee to procure the same.

*Whereas*, The Board of Trustees has done so nobly in managing the affairs of our Orphanage and Home and,

*Whereas*, The Superintendent has given us such a complete statement of the financial standing of the same, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we, as a Conference, highly appreciate the untiring labors of said Board, 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, *Chairman*.

C. W. Stine, *Secretary*.

*Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions.* (See Report.)

*Report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund.* See Report.)

*Report of the Treasurer of the Orphanage and Home.* (See Report.)

*Report of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund.* (See Report.)

*Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Deacons.* (See Report.)

*Report of the Treasurer of the Annual Conference Fund.* (See Report.)

*Report of the Treasurer of the Camp Meeting Equipment Fund.* (See Report.)

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

*Report of the Committee on the Reading Course.* (See Report.)

*Report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.* (See Report.)

## REPORTS OF THE PRESIDING ELDERS.

A. Reading District, C. H. Brunner, P. E. The Lord had been leading during the year. Quite a number have been saved, baptized and added to the church, on the various fields.

The offerings have been very good throughout. The Home Mis-

sion Meetings were very well attended and the subscriptions for the Home Mission work were excellent, exceeding those of last year at nearly every place.

The Camp Meeting at Reading was owned of the Lord. It was larger than last year. Souls were saved and a number baptized. The Camp Meeting at Wescoesville was large, well attended and a number saved and baptized.

The debt on the last of the nineteen churches in this district has been paid. Two parsonages were built, one of which is fully paid. The pastors stood by nobly and are very loyal and obedient. (For financial report, see reports.)

B. Bethlehem District, W. G. Gehman, P. E. The Lord greatly blessed and prospered the work throughout the year, both spiritually and financially. A very valuable property for church and parsonage purposes has been purchased in Philadelphia. A very desirable parsonage property has been bought at Northampton.

We held a grand camp meeting of 132 tents at Hellertown; the largest in the Conference this season. Many were saved and baptized. The Gospel Herald Society missions were well represented. We call it a successful camp meeting in every sense of the word. Tabernacle meetings were held at Centre Valley and Philadelphia.

We wish to state that the spirit of disloyalty dominant at Coopersburg for years has been conquered and loyalty and harmony prevail in general. In fact progress has been noticed over the entire district, especially at Bethlehem. To Him be all the praise.

#### C. General Missionary District.

W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder, was not present, but reported by letter.

"We are steadily moving on. One year ago we said, in substance, "We are launching out by faith and are aiming for a larger permanent home and plant in some large city." To-day our headquarters, comprising large buildings, is in Cleveland, Ohio, and we are laying the foundation for a permanent work there.

Our Missions throughout are getting along splendidly.

We are having more applicants for the work than ever.

We can only thank God and His own for the support and encouragement in every way."

D. Gospel Herald Society, W. G. Gehman, Pres. The work has been making steady progress. The Gospel Worker Society Missions at Sunbury and Shamokin have been turned over to us and are now supplied by Gospel Heralds.

At Shamokin we purchased a very valuable lot at a suitable location, containing a large dwelling in the rear. On the front we built a nice chapel, which is almost finished.



We held the first Gospel Herald Society camp meeting at Shamokin in September. There were 85 tents. Far beyond our expectation. All the Gospel Heralds were present; also nearly all the ministers of the Conference. It was glorious indeed. Souls were saved every day with one exception.

Successful tent meetings were held at Sunbury, Stroudsburg, Scranton, Washington, N. J., and Norristown.

All the workers are very loyal, obedient and open-hearted to their leaders. Throughout the Society there were very many saved and a large number baptized.

*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.

*Whereas*, We highly appreciate the untiring labors and faithful management of the Superintendent of our Orphanage and Home Farm, 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.

*Whereas*, Bro. P. J. Musselman has passed the Reading course satisfactorily, therefore

*Resolved*, That he, and also Bro. E. E. Kublic be referred to the Committee on Ordination.

*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.

The brethren V. H. Reinhart and C. A. Parson, members of the Gospel Herald Society, expressed the nature of their call and were referred to the Committee on Applicants.

*Report of the Executive Board.*—The Executive Board wishes to state that they have nothing to report at this time.

W. G. Gehman,	} <i>Board.</i>
C. H. Brunner,	
Wm. Gehman,	
H. B. Musselman,	
Geo. A. Campbell,	

Bro. C. F. Snyder, our returned missionary from Thibet, being present, therefore,

*Resolved*, That he be received as an advisory member.

The delegates who were absent at the time of the morning roll call offered their written excuses, which were received.

*Resolved*, That we elect two Presiding Elders. The roll of conditional and unconditional ministers was called with the following result:—

*Unconditional*.—W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, H. B. Musselman, J. C. Roth, E. N. Cassel, E. T. Shick, J. G. Shireman, J. F. Barrall, W. S. Hottel, R. L. Woodring, L. Frank Haas, O. S. Hillegass, W. J. Fretz, R. Bergstresser, C. W. Stine, E. E. Kublic, W. W. Zimmerman, and P. J. Musselman.

*Conditional*.—Wm. Gehman, Geo. A. Campbell, W. Steinmetz, and L. B. Taylor.

*Resolved*, That the Chair appoint tellers for the election of the Presiding Elders. He appointed E. N. Cassel and J. F. Barrall.

H. B. Musselman and W. G. Gehman were elected Presiding Elders.

*Resolved*, That the Chair appoint a Committee of five, including the two Presiding Elders, to divide the districts and appoint the Presiding Elders. He appointed J. C. Roth, J. G. Shireman, E. N. Cassel, H. B. Musselman, and W. G. Gehman.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair. Prayer by C. F. Snyder.

#### FOURTH SESSION

Friday Afternoon, October 11, 1904

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

The roll was called with all present. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The following Committee Reports were read and received:—

*Committee on Worship*.—We recommend that E. E. Kublic preach tonight, followed by O. S. Hillegass.

E. N. Cassel,  
E. R. Hartman, } *Committee.*

*Committee on Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference License*.—We examined the applicants, V. H. Reinhart and C. A. Parson, and recommend the Conference to receive them according to the discipline.

H. B. Musselman,  
J. C. Roth,  
Geo. A. Campbell, } *Committee.*

*Committee on Resolutions*.—Whereas, Our Missionaries in Chili, China, and Turkey, reported good health, excellent courage and God's gracious protection through tests in sickness, railroad accidents, earthquakes, etc., and

Whereas, God has wonderfully blessed their efforts in the sal-



vation of many souls, healing the sick, etc., in the various places, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we appreciate the devotion, self-denial, and untiring service of those 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 by the Secretary, to be paid for out of the Conference Fund.

H. B. Musselman,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
E. N. Cassel,		
C. H. Brunner,		
W. S. Hottel,		

*Report of the Committee on Presiding Elder Districts:*

A. Bethlehem District—H. B. Musselman, P. E., Bethlehem, Allentown, South Allentown and Emaus, Zionsville, Gratersford and Harleysville, Spring City and Royersford, Reading and Athol, Blandon, Fleetwood and Terre Hill, Macungie, Alburtis and Hereford, Northampton, Weissport and Lehighon, Coopersburg and Springtown, Quakertown and Hatfield.

B. Mt. Carmel District—W. G. Gehman, P. E., Mt. Carmel, Shamokin, Sunbury, Scranton, East Stroudsburg, Washington, N. J., Easton and Erwinna, Nazareth and Plainfield, Walnutport and Tripoli, Norristown, Philadelphia.

J. C. Roth,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
E. N. Cassel,		
J. G. Shireman,		
H. B. Musselman,		
W. G. Gehman,		

We proceeded with the election of officers:

*Chairman of the next Annual Conference*, H. B. Musselman;  
*Secretary*, C. H. Brunner.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary cast the ballot for the election of W. B. Musselman as Missionary Presiding Elder. Also Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer.

*Vice Presiding Elders*, C. H. Brunner and E. N. Cassel.

*Committee over the Presiding Elders.*—J. C. Roth, E. T. Shick and J. G. Shireman.

*Board of Foreign Missions.*—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, Allen M. Gehman and J. C. Roth.

*Committee on the Reading Course.*—W. S. Hottel, E. N. Cassel and E. T. Shick.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary cast the ballot for the election of R. T. Laudenslager, A. A. Wismer and H. G. Musselman, as Board of Deacons.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary cast the ballot for the election of W. G. Gehman, Superintendent of the Orphanage and Home.

*Trustees of the Orphanage and Home for three years.*—J. G. Shireman, E. T. Shick and O. B. Bartholomew.

*Conference Fund.*—Secretary, J. G. Shireman; Treasurer, W. J. Fretz.

*Camp Meeting Equipment Fund.*—Secretary, J. F. Barrall; Treasurer, Allen M. Gehman.

*Resolved*, That the Executive Board be re-elected for the coming year.

The Board of Foreign Missions hereby recommends this Conference to ordain Bro. C. F. Snyder.

H. B. Musselman,	} <i>Committee.</i>
W. G. Gehman,	
C. H. Brunner,	
Allen M. Gehman,	
E. T. Shick,	

The following reports were submitted and received:

*Committee on Communications.*—We have read a letter from Bro. R. D. Dreisbach, and recommend the same to be read before the Conference.

R. L. Woodring,	} <i>Committee.</i>
Wm. Gehman,	
W. S. Hottel,	

*Committee on Resolutions.*—(a) WHEREAS, Bro R. D. Dreisbach expressed his desire to withdraw from being a member of the Annual Conference on account of his present circumstances and with no immediate outlook for a change, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Conference grant him his request.

(b) WHEREAS, Bro. C. F. Snyder, our returned missionary from China, who has faithfully labored there for the last nine years, was in our midst and gave us an interesting and encouraging report, and

WHEREAS the Lord has been blessing the work in saving a number of souls who stand for the Lord, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we highly appreciate the labors and sacrifice on his part and pray God's blessing upon the work in a more abundant measure.

H. B. Musselman,	} <i>Committee.</i>
E. N. Cassel,	
C. H. Brunner,	
W. S. Hottel,	



*Report of the President of the Gospel Herald Society.*—(See Report.)

*Report of Treasurer of Sunday School Convention of Bethlehem District.*—(See Report.)

Adjourned with prayer by R. L. Woodring.

## FIFTH SESSION

Saturday Afternoon, October 12, 1907

The session was opened by singing and prayer by E. N. Cassel.

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

The following reports were submitted and received.

The committee appointed to look after the church properties at Norristown, Erwinna and Hereford, and deal with them as they see fit, reports that they deemed it advisable not to take any action in the matter up to this time.

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

The Committee appointed to secure an "Act of Incorporation" of the Pennsylvania Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, hereby reports not much progress made thus far, on account of awaiting the future action of the Executive Board.

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

*Resolved*, That this year the travelling 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 to the Railroad Companies to be paid for out of the Conference Fund.

*Report of the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee was read and received.*—(See Report.)

*Resolved*, That H. B. Musselman preach the Conference sermon, and W. G. Gehman, the Ordination sermon.

*Resolved*, That C. H. Brunner be Vice-Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District and E. N. Cassel, Vice-Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District.

*Resolved*, That Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman hold all the

Home Missionary meetings throughout the Conference and take the subscriptions with the assistance of the respective pastors.

*Resolved*, That the Chair appoint a committee of three, who, under the direction of the Presiding Elders, shall have charge of the Camp Meeting equipage. The matter of erecting a building for the storage of the Camp Meeting equipage shall be left to this committee.

The Chair appointed J. C. Roth, E. N. Cassel and E. T. Shick as the above committee.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary 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. (Standing Rule.)

*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. (Standing Rule.)

*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 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.

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

C. H. Brunner was appointed as the third person on this Committee.

The Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund reported.—(See Report.)

The Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions reported.—(See Report.)

The Board of Foreign Missions reported the election of officers, as follows: President, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; Treasurer, Allen M. Gehman.

*Resolved*, That we have two Sunday School Conventions, and that the members of the Conference Districts resolve themselves into two respective committees to organize.

*Resolved*, That the next Annual Conference convene at Bethlehem, Pa., at 8 a.m., on the second Thursday of October, 1908.

Adjourned to the call of the Chair. Prayer by L. B. Taylor.



## SIXTH SESSION

Saturday Afternoon, October 12, 1907

The 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 following Reports were submitted and received:

*Committee on Communications.*—We have read the telegram of W. B. Musselman stating that he could not be present at this Conference on account of much work, and asks to be excused.

R. L. Woodring,	} <i>Committee.</i>
Wm. Gehman,	
W. S. Hottel,	

*Committee on Resolutions.*—WHEREAS, W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder, could not be present at this Conference, therefore,

*Resolved,* That we are sorry that we are deprived of his presence and wise counsel, and further,

*Resolved,* That we appreciate the noble work in which he and the Gospel Worker Society are engaged and the spirit of true self-denial manifested, and pledge ourselves to uphold them with our prayers and support.

H. B. Musselman,	} <i>Committee.</i>
E. N. Cassel,	
C. H. Brunner,	
W. S. Hottel,	

*Committee on Ordination.*—We have examined the brethren E. E. Kublic and P. J. Musselman, and recommend them to the Conference for ordination.

H. B. Musselman,	} <i>Committee.</i>
C. H. Brunner,	
E. N. Cassel,	

The Committee on the Reading Course reported the divisions of the studies for 1908.—(See Report.)

*Committee on Worship.*—We recommend that C. H. Brunner preach this evening, followed by J. G. Shireman, and that J. C. Roth preach on Sunday evening.

E. N. Cassel,	} <i>Committee.</i>
E. R. Hartman,	

*Reports of the Committees to Organize and Arrange for the Sunday School Conventions.*



A. Bethlehem District—Chairman, C. H. Brunner; Secretary, J. F. Barrall; Treasurer, R. Bergstresser.

*Committee on Programme.*—H. B. Musselman, E. N. Cassel, and J. C. Roth.

*Resolved*, That we have two sessions, one in the forenoon, and one in the afternoon, with special services in the evening. The committee shall arrange for the evening service. No pastor shall leave without the consent of the Committee.

*Resolved*, That the Convention be held at Allentown on Ascension Day, 1908.

*Resolved*, That we extend a hearty invitation to the Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District and the Missionary Presiding Elder.

J. C. Roth, *Chairman*,  
E. N. Cassel, *Secretary*.

B. Mt. Carmel District—Chairman, C. W. Stine; Secretary, H. K. Kratz; Treasurer, E. E. Kublic.

*Committee on Programme.*—W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman, and P. J. Musselman.

*Resolved*, That this convention be held at Walnutport, on Ascension Day, 1908.

*Resolved*, That we hold two sessions, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon. The Committee on Programme shall 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.

J. G. Shireman, *Chairman*,  
P. J. Musselman, *Secretary*.

*Resolved*, That the next Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention convene at Coopersburg, Pa. The following officers were elected: Chairman, L. Frank Haas; Secretary, W. J. Fretz; Committee, H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, J. F. Barrall.

Upon their request, G. K. Himmelreich and S. S. Geil were excused from further attendance at this Conference.

*Resolved*, That the candidates for ordination be ordained to-morrow afternoon, and that the Chairman have charge of the service.

The Beneficiary Society reported the election of the following officers: Chairman, J. C. Roth; Secretary, W. S. Hottel; Treasurer, J. F. Barrall.

*Resolved*, That none of the Conference members be absent from the services to-morrow, excepting the two members excused previously.

A liberal offering was lifted for the labor and expense of the Secretary, amounting to \$10.58. Thanks.

*Resolved*, That we have 500 Conference Journals printed.

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

*Resolved*, That each delegate shall see that the moving expenses of their pastor be paid.

Adjourned by prayer by J. G. Shireman and benediction by L. Frank Haas.

## SERVICES

Sunday, October 13, 1907

Each service was opened by a song service, in charge of R. L. Woodring. At 10 a.m., H. B. Musselman, P. E. of the Bethlehem District, preached a very instructive, practical Conference sermon from Acts 6:4. Our hearts burned within us as the word was preached in the demonstration of power and the Holy Ghost. It will not be without fruit among the ministry.

At 2 p.m., Bro. W. G. Gehman, P. E. of the Mt. Carmel District, preached the Ordination sermon from 1 Timothy 3:10; 2 Timothy 4:5. The meaning, object and benefits of ordination were clearly and forcibly set forth. The proper characteristics of a candidate for ordination, including loyalty, faithfulness, obedience, etc., were clearly defined. The brethren C. F. Snyder, B.A., of China; E. E. Kublic, and P. J. Musselman were ordained amidst the manifest presence of the glory of God.

At 7.30 p.m., J. C. Roth preached a stirring sermon on Abraham's question relating to Sodom, "Shall God destroy the righteous with the wicked?" He depicted clearly the difference between the end of the righteous and the unrighteous. An invitation and altar service followed, ending with a praise meeting. The church was crowded all day and God's blessing rested upon every service. This was by many termed the best Conference they ever attended.

## SEVENTH SESSION

Monday Afternoon, October 14, 1907

This session was opened by singing and prayer by L. B. Taylor.

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

The following reports were submitted and received:

*Committee on Communications*.—We have read a letter from W. B. Musselman, and recommend the same to be read to this Conference.

R. L. Woodring,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
Wm. Gehman,		
W. S. Hottel,		



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

*Resolved*, That the Secretary cast the ballot for the election of H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, H. L. Musselman, Oscar Baer and H. H. Bergey as trustees of our churches at Norristown, Hereford and Erwinna.

*Resolved*, That we reconsider Standing Rule H, on page 7, of last year's Journal.

*Resolved*, That the above be referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

*Resolved*, That the Reading Sunday School Convention accounts be transferred to the Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention.

*Committee on Resolutions* reported the following: (a) *Resolved*, That the minutes shall be published in the Conference Journal. The Secretary shall be privileged to curtail them as he sees fit, and have them published in the *Gospel Banner*.

(b) WHEREAS, The Conference, having later received a letter from W. B. Musselman, stating more fully his reason for being unable to be present at this Conference, and are perfectly satisfied that the relationship is ever the same, and further,

WHEREAS, W. B. Musselman has presented to this Conference a good, substantial safe during the year, wherein to preserve Conference records and documents, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we therefore appreciate the donation and expect to make good use of the same.

H. B. Musselman,	} <i>Committee.</i>
E. N. Cassel,	
C. H. Brunner,	
W. S. Hottel,	

The Committee on Annual Conference Records, not being able to report, they were excused.

*Resolved*, That all financial accounts of the different Boards and Committees shall be submitted to the Annual Conference by the Secretary and signed by the Secretary and Treasurer of the respective Boards.

*Resolved*, That the word "Church" be dropped from our records wherever it appears in connection with "Mennonite Brethren in Christ."

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to make the above corrections on all deeds, charters, and other documents wherever and whenever advisable.

*Resolved*, That the Editor be permitted to add to the Official Record all committees he may decide on.

*Resolved*, That the two Presiding Elders and one appointee by



the Chair constitute a committee to buy a parsonage for the Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District if they deem it advisable. He appointed C. H. Brunner.

*Resolved*, That we tender a rising vote of thanks to the brothers and sisters of the Royersford and Spring City classes for their kindness and the hospitable entertainment the Conference received during this session.

Adjourned by prayer by H. B. Musselman.

W. G. Gehman, <i>Chairman</i> ,	
C. H. Brunner, <i>Secretary</i> ,	
Allen M. Gehman, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	
H. B. Musselman, <i>P. E.</i> ,	
W. B. Musselman, <i>M. P. E.</i> ,	
E. N. Cassel, <i>Vice P. E.</i> ,	
C. W. Stine, <i>Recording Sec'y.</i> ,	
J. G. Shireman, <i>Statistical Sec'y.</i> ,	
J. F. Barrall, <i>Financial Sec'y.</i> ,	
J. C. Roth,	R. Bergstresser,
R. L. Woodring,	L. B. Taylor,
Wm. Gehman,	W. Steinmetz,
W. J. Fretz,	G. A. Campbell,
W. S. Hottel,	P. J. Musselman,
O. S. Hillegass,	E. T. Shick,
L. Frank Heas,	F. M. Hottel,
W. W. Zimmerman,	H. H. Bergey,
H. K. Kratz,	F. M. Gehman,
G. O. Billig,	John Flickinger,
H. L. Musselman,	M. M. Ziegler,
John Ziegler,	O. B. Bartholomew,
E. R. Hartman,	J. H. Baus,
O. C. Kistler,	H. E. Gackenbach,
W. D. Evert,	C. W. Teel,
J. A. Kern.	

## REPORTS

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

#### (A) APPOINTMENTS

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##### BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. Musselman, P. E.

- (a) STATIONS.
  - Bethlehem—J. C. Roth.
  - Allentown—E. N. Cassel.
  - Zionsville—O. S. Hillegass.
- (b) CIRCUITS.
  - South Allentown and Emaus—R. Bergstresser.
  - Macungie and Hereford—E. T. Shick.
  - Reading and Atol—C. H. Brunner.
  - Coopersburg and Springtown—J. F. Barrall.
  - Quakertown and Hatfield—L. Frank Haas.
  - Royersford and Spring City—W. S. Hottel.
  - Gratersford and Harleysville—R. L. Woodring.
- (c) MISSIONS.
  - Lehighton and Weissport—W. J. Fretz.
  - Northampton and Cementon—W. W. Zimmerman.
  - Fleetwood, Blandon and Terre Hill—F. M. Hottel.
- (d) TABERNACLES.
  - To be supplied.
- (e) LOCAL PREACHERS.
  - L. B. Taylor, Coopersburg and Springtown Quarterly Conference.
  - O. Bitting, South Allentown and Emaus Quarterly Conference.
  - Wm. Gehman, Zionsville Quarterly Conference.
  - G. A. Campbell, Quakertown and Hatfield Quarterly Conference.
  - W. Steinmetz, Fleetwood, Blandon and Terre Hill Quarterly Conference.
- (f) QUARTERLY CONFERENCE LICENSED WORKERS.
  - J. H. Moyer, H. M. Gehman, E. W. Martin, W. W. Dill, F. E. Frey, M. W. Ettinger.

## MT. CARMEL DISTRICT--W. G. Gehman, P. E.

- (a) STATIONS.  
Mt. Carmel—J. G. Shireman.  
Philadelphia—P. J. Musselman.
- (b) MISSIONS.  
Nazareth and Plainfield—E. E. Kublic.  
Walnutport and Tripoli—H. K. Kratz.  
Easton and Erwinna—C. W. Stine.
- (c) GOSPEL HERALD SOCIETY MISSIONS.  
Washington, N. J.—To be supplied.  
East Stroudsburg, Pa.—To be supplied.  
Scranton, Pa.—To be supplied.  
Sunbury, Pa.—To be supplied.  
Shamokin, Pa.—To be supplied.  
Norristown, Pa.—To be supplied.
- (d) TABERNACLES.  
To be supplied.
- (e) ANNUAL CONFERENCE LICENSED WORKERS.  
C. A. Parson and V. H. Reinhart.
- (f) QUARTERLY CONFERENCE LICENSED WORKERS.  
William Manney.

## (B) APPROPRIATIONS.

## BETHLEHEM DISTRICT

Lehighton and Weissport, per month.....	\$ 8 00
Northampton and Cementon, per month.....	15 00
Fleetwood, Blandon and Terre Hill, per month.....	6 00
J. C. Roth, moving expenses.....	15 00
J. F. Barrall, moving expenses.....	15 00
W. S. Hottel, moving expenses.....	15 00
E. N. Cassel, moving expenses.....	15 00
F. M. Hottel, moving expenses.....	15 00
C. H. Brunner, moving expenses.....	15 00
To be used at the discretion of the Presiding Elder.....	\$125 00

## MT. CARMEL DISTRICT

Nazareth and Plainfield, per month.....	\$ 5 00
Easton and Erwinna, per month.....	12 00
Norristown, per month.....	12 00
Walnutport and Tripoli, per month.....	12 00
H. K. Kratz, moving expenses.....	15 00

The balance in the treasury to be used at the discretion of the Presiding Elder and President of the Gospel Herald Society.



**(C) GOSPEL WORKER'S 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. Feldges, 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.  
H. B. Musselman, Secretary.  
Allen M. Gehman,  
J. H. Baus,  
G. O. Billig,  
H. H. Bergey,  
M. M. Ziegler,  
S. S. Geil,  
H. L. Musselman,  
John Ziegler,  
E. R. Hartman,  
W. D. Evert,  
O. C. Kistler,  
F. M. Gehman.

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

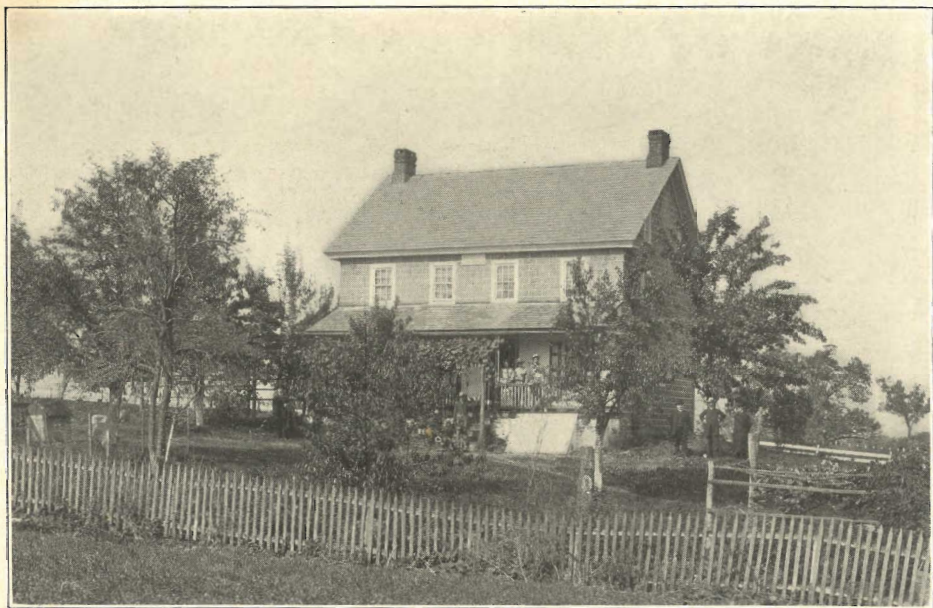
We can not praise the Lord enough for His leadings during the past year. For opening the hearts of our dear people at home to provide adequate means for the support of our family of fellow-laborers in the "regions beyond." For preserving the life and health of our missionaries. For the blessing of God upon the converts and work on the different fields.

The Lord has sent us enough money to support fourteen missionaries during the past year.

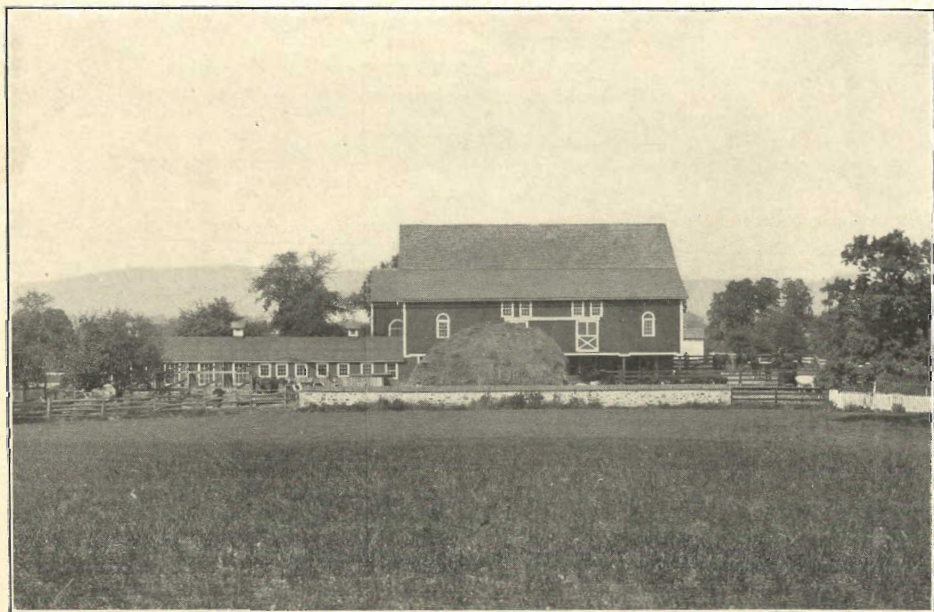
**CHILE.**

Bro. H. L. Weiss, Superintendent of the work in Chile, writes: "This has been a most blessed year for us financially. There has been raised in Chile for the support of helpers, buildings, etc., about \$2,000.00, besides a donation of \$7,000.00. The work has been undergoing some severe tests in some respects, though the Lord has graciously kept us. We had several severe earthquakes lately, which have ruined many houses, but the Lord has wonder-





FARM HOUSE, ORPHANAGE AND HOME



CHICKEN HOUSE, HOG STABLE, MILK HOUSE AND BARN, ORPHANAGE AND HOME



fully protected both our lives and property. Bros. Schmiedlin and Orellano, native workers, are doing excellent service."

Bro. A. E. Dawson writes that souls have been saved and are faithful under severe insults and persecutions from the Church of Rome.

Bro. H. W. Feldges writes that a number were saved, that he baptized 32, that they were miraculously preserved in a railroad wreck.

Bro. Niels Gunstadt writes that "the Lord has been healing the sick and blessing the work at Ancud. We built a chapel, for which a man donated the land, also for a graveyard and garden."

M. P. Zook writes, "My time at present is pretty much occupied by studying the language and chapel building. We have several very spiritual people among the colonies on the Island, Chiloe. It is easier for me to preach in Spanish than in German."

#### THIBET.

Bro. C. F. Snyder, who has been laboring on the frontier of Thibet for eight years, is here on furlough and has been greatly used of the Lord in conventions throughout the United States, and expects to visit our churches and missions after the Conference.

#### HADJIN, TURKEY.

Miss Rose Lambert writes that "the Lord has enabled us to purchase a plot of ground just outside of the city. We have been very fortunate to secure the permission of the Turkish Government to build a Boys' Home on this land, which we hope to be able to build as soon as possible."

W. G. Gehman, *Secretary*.

### III. Report of the Superintendent and Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home, from Oct. 2, 1906 to Oct. 2, 1907

We continued to make quite extensive improvements throughout the year. The water trough was moved under the overshoot and the pipes so arranged that the surplus water runs into the cement trough of the milk house, thence in pipes and wooden gutter through the chicken pens.

A strong fence was built around the barn yard, painted red.

The chicken house and hog stable were finished. A large feed box was built for each of the entries, and a large feed bin was constructed to the right of the thrashing floor.

A nice grape arbor was substituted for the dilapidated one in front of the house, greatly improving the appearance around the house. The old log wash house was weather boarded and painted

at a small cost, but improves it very much. The dwelling house was cement-washed and nicely striped in blocks. The iron fence along the front yard is painted a beautiful green with bronzed aluminum tops. A splendid cement floor was put in the cellar and half of the cellar partitioned off for a potato bin. Much money was saved in nearly all of these improvements by purchasing lumber at a bargain and through the untiring gratuitous labors of Bro. L. B. Taylor with a fine set of tools purchased by the Board. If I had the say, I would be agreed to employ him another year at the same rates.

The Nadig gasoline engine and grist mill do grand service. We wouldn't be without them. A substantial cement foundation was erected for the gasoline engine. We purchased a good threshing outfit, second hand, cheap, which gives good service.

We bought up-to-date machinery for the culture of potatoes, including an Iron Age Potato Planter and a Sprayer, and have a good digger, a low wheel wagon with strong splendid potato rack, L. B. Taylor's make. We have many potato crates.

Among other things donated during the year are Atlas wagon scales (pitless), a shed at the Coopersburg Church, a cow and \$251.95 in money. For which we praise the Lord and thank the donors.

Except a few small articles, our stock of implements and machinery is complete. However, we need a strong four-horse farm wagon and a heavy two-horse spring market wagon.

We have five head of nice horses, good workers. We have thirteen fine cows which were very profitable all spring and summer long. The milk industry is a profitable one, several months one-half the milk yielded being profit. We bought a splendid stock bull and a fine heifer and are raising two calves. We fed the cows in the stable all summer. The meadow grass and ensilage and field corn comprised the green feed largely. Fattening bulls was not very profitable, but we lost no money in the transaction.

We have a nice lot of hogs and pigs, which seem to be profitable. Also some very nice rose comb brown Leghorns and silver laced Wyandottes, cockrels and young chickens, some of which we want to sell.

Our large lot of live stock has been producing a great deal of manure, which, besides some that we bought, and a considerable lot of commercial fertilizer, has already improved the fertility of the soil quite some.

We want to lay stress on raising hay, corn, wheat, potatoes, sweet corn and onions. We planted 177 bushels of potatoes on ten acres. They are not all dug yet, but the crop is a good one. We planted one-thirteenth of an acre of winter and spring onions, which brought a net gain at the rate of \$338.52 per acre.



This we notice is profitable. Sweet corn yielded well, considering the weather conditions.

We planted a new orchard of 22 apple trees and 45 peach trees, nearly all of which are growing. We also planted 13 plum trees, 6 grape vines, and a number of raspberry stalks.

For next year, we decided on 17 acres of wheat and rye, 6 acres of oats, 15 or 16 acres of corn, 17 acres of hay and 10 acres of potatoes.

Our farmer, Edwin Fehnel, and our hired men, Thomas Knauer and Albert Rotherham, are busy and seem to be well satisfied in the main.

In general the Lord has been smiling upon this undertaking and giving the increase, which we trust He will continue to His glory.

A widow has bequeathed \$1200.00 after her death, which we invested and for which we pay 5 per cent. interest. Others are being stirred up along this line and we hope ere long to be able to build a home for the fatherless and widows in their affliction and remember the poor which always was the burden of the Lord and His apostles.

A Committee of Appraisal of five, appointed by the Board of Trustees from among their number, took the following account of stock, which we consider conservative. In fact since then some has been marketed for more than it had been estimated.

## STOCK ACCOUNT.

Farm .....	\$8920 00	2 Ts. rowen @ 10..	20 00
Implements .....	1233 38	15 " straw @ 8..	120 00
Horses .....	904 60	1200 bu. potatoes @ 50c..	600 00
Cattle .....	714 71	420 bu. corn @ 60c..	252 00
Hogs and pigs.....	171 70	100 sheaves corn fodder..	
Poultry .....	80 43	(old) @ 2c.....	2 00
600 bu. wheat @ 95c .....	570 00	80 bu. pears .....	50 00
100 bu. oats @ 52c .....	52 00	Furniture, hired man's	
14 Ts. field hay @ \$18..	252 00	room.....	25 00
6½ " meadow hay@ 15..	97 50	Total.....	\$14,065 32

## STATEMENT.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
Contributions to Oct. 2,		Farm .....	\$ 8920 00
'06 .....	\$9741 10	Implements .....	1233 38
Contributions since Oct.		Produce .....	2015 50
2, '06.....	229 95	Horses .....	904 60
Loans .....	2240 00	Cattle .....	714 71
Surplus .....	1854 27	Pigs .....	171 70
		Poultry .....	80 43
		Furniture .....	25 00
Total .....	\$14,065 32	Total.....	\$14065 32



## Financial Report from Oct. 2, 1906 to Oct. 2, 1907

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
Donations from church	\$ 214 45	Livestock	\$1094 82
"          "          other		Feed	656 72
sources	37 50	Freight on milk etc.	189 70
Milk	1252 62	Labor	690 35
Live Stock	883 22	Implements	387 90
Beef	56 54	Lumber	123 28
Hides	13 67	Gasoline Engine	250 00
Eggs	36 57	Grist mill	22 50
Potatoes	235 59	Fertilizers	257 63
Wheat	71 47	Hardware	99 32
Vegetables	131 45	Board	149 85
Fruit	25 89	Tax	50 81
Labor	6 25	Provisions	46 81
Miscellaneous	10 98	Blacksmithing	34 64
		Oils and Paints	51 42
		Fares and Toll	60 92
		Seeds	68 27
		Carpentering	33 40
		Painting	11 56
		Tinsmithing	34 05
		Interest	74 73
		Furniture	2 25
		Trees	13 05
		Spraying Material	27 36
		Printing	3 05
		Gravel and Cement	21 80
Total	\$2976 20	Total	\$4456 19

W. G. Gehman, *Superintendent.*

H. B. Musselman, Chairman.  
 C. H. Brunner, Secretary.  
 E. N. Cassel, Treasurer.  
 W. G. Gehman,  
 J. G. Shireman,  
 L. B. Taylor,  
 Allen M. Gehman,  
 O. B. Bartholomew,  
 H. L. Musselman,  
*Board of Trustees.*

## IV. Report of the Committee on the Reading Course

## (A) EXAMINATIONS 1907

## (a) Applicants for Annual Conference License on Discipline

C. A. PARSON 67

V. H. REINHART 64

W. G. GEHMAN, *Examiner*

## (b) PROBATIONERS ON THE READING COURSE

Probationers	Bible	Church History	Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation	Lessons in Holiness	Sell's Bible Study by Books	Reformed Pastor	Fletcher's Appeal	Nelson on Infidelity	Jesus is coming	Average
FIRST YEAR										
H. K. Kratz.....	99	88	70	95	89					88
F. M. Hottel.....	86	34	51	78	50					60
V. H. Reinhart.....	66	49	42	63	68					58
SECOND YEAR										
C. W. Stine.....	93	69	83		87	85				83
THIRD YEAR										
P. J. Musselman.....	86	70	79		85		65	52	74	73

J. C. ROTH,  
E. N. CASSEL,  
E. T. SHICK, } *Committee*

## (B) DIVISIONS FOR 1907

## (a) FIRST SEMI-ANNUAL STUDIES.

## FIRST YEAR'S COURSE.

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, Walker—chapters 1-5 inclusive.

Sell's Bible Study by Books—chapters 1-17 inclusive.

Church History, Fisher—to page 240.

## SECOND YEAR'S COURSE.

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

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

Church History—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 St. John, chapters 13-17 inclusive.

Lessons in Holiness—Doty.

## SECOND YEAR'S COURSE.

Bible—Leviticus and Hebrews.

Reformed Pastor—Baxter.

## THIRD YEAR'S COURSE.

Bible—Romans.

Nelson on Infidelity.

Fletcher's Appeal.

The first Semi-Annual Examination shall be held in Macungie, Pa., March 17, 1908, at 8 a.m.

The second Semi-Annual Examination shall be held in Bethlehem, Pa., October 6, 1908, at 8 a.m.

E. N. Cassel,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
W. S. Hottel,		
E. T. Shick,		

## 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. 11, '06 \$5076 46	Support of H. L. Weiss
Contributions (Special) -- 441 23	and Wife .....\$ 700 00
Offerings (Regular)..... 4918 71	" of A. E. Dawson
	and Wife ..... 600 00
	" of Niels Gunstadt
	and Wife ..... 400 00
	" Joseph Schmiedlin
	and Wife ..... 300 00
	" Mr. Orelleno and
	Wife ..... 180 00
	" of H. W. Feldges .. 300 00
	" of M. P. Zook..... 300 00
	" of C. F. Snyder... 300 00
	" of Rose Lambert .. 250 00
	Sundries ..... 230 93
	Contributions forwarded 441 23
	Bal. in Treas. Oct. 10, '07 6434 24
Total.....\$10436 40	Total.....\$10436 40

For Account of Contributions Expended see Sec'y's Account.

ALLEN M. GEHMAN, Treasurer.



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

## RECEIPTS

Bal. in Treas. Oct. 11 '06. \$2285 56  
 Received Oct. 10 '07 ----- 2622 66

Total ----- \$4908 22

## EXPENDITURES

C. H. Brunner, P. E. .... \$ 595 22  
 W. G. Gehman, P. E. .... 1642 07  
 Bal. in Treas. Oct. 10, '07 ----- 2670 93

Total ----- \$4908 22

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

ALLEN M. GEHMAN, Treasurer.

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

## RECEIPTS

Bal. in Treas. Oct. 2, '06. \$ 109 21  
 Received during year ---- 4976 20  
 Deficit Oct. 2, '07 ---- 170 78

Total ----- \$5256 19

## EXPENDITURES

Paid out during year ---- \$5256 19

Total ----- \$5256 19

E. N. CASSEL, Treasurer

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

## RECEIPTS

Bal. in Treas. Oct. 11, '06. \$213 83  
 Rec'd at Annual Conference 82 53  
 Rec'd from Pastors ----- 50 00

Total ----- \$346 36

## EXPENDITURES

Paid out during year ----- \$ 60 00  
 Bal. in Treas. Oct. 10, '07 ----- 286 36

Total ----- \$346 36

E. T. SHIGK, Treasurer.

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

## RECEIPTS

Bal. in Treas. Oct. 11, '06. \$263 23  
 Rec'd during year ----- 228 39

Total ----- \$491 62

## EXPENDITURES

Paid out during year ----- \$148 40  
 Bal. in Treas. Oct. 10, '07 ----- 343 22

Total ----- \$491 62

A. A. WISMER, Treasurer.

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

## RECEIPTS

Bal. in Treas. Oct. 11, '06. \$125 63  
 Receipts during year ----- 69 77

Total ----- \$195 40

## EXPENDITURES

Paid out during year --- \$155 99  
 Bal. in Treas. Oct. 10, '07 ----- 39 41

Total ----- \$195 40

W. J. FRETZ, Treasurer.

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

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 11, '06..\$ 82 11	Lanterns, Globes, Burners,
Reading C. M. Committee_ 25 88	Mantels, Camp Stools
Wescoesville " " - 36 20	Printing Cards, etc. \$118 73
Hellertown " " - 81 24	Bal. in Treas. Oct. 10, '07_ 106 70
Total.....\$225.43	Total.....\$225 43
	ALLEN M. GEHMAN, Treasurer.

## H. Reports of the Treasurers of the Sunday School Conventions.

## ( a ) Reading District.

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 11, '06..\$26 29	Convention Expenses ----- \$49 57
Rec'd at last Convention --- 57 51	Bal. in Treas. Oct. 10, '07-- 34 23
Total.....\$83 80	Total.....\$83 80
	J. F. BARRALL, Treasurer.

## ( b ) Bethlehem District.

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 11 '06---\$25 32	Convention Expenses ----- \$24 56
Rec'd at last Convention --- 33 27	Bal. in Treas. Oct. 10, '07-- 34 03
Total.....\$58 59	Total.....\$58 59
	L. B. TAYLOR, Treasurer.
	J. F. BARRALL, <i>Financial Secretary.</i>

## VI. Report of the Financial Secretary (Part II)

Collections from Oct. 11, 1906 to Oct. 11, 1907.

APPOINTMENTS	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Foreign Mission in S. S.	For the Poor	Beneficiary Fund	Conference Fund	Total
READING DISTRICT							
Allentown .....	\$ 451 75	\$ 444 66	\$ 341 78	\$ 39 40	\$16 19	\$10 12	\$1303 81
Mt. Carmel .....	105 25	141 66	51 60	15 00	4 69	7 25	325 45
Reading .....	145 25	183 95	75 55	18 00	12 25	5 10	440 10
Athol .....		14 00					14 00
Spring City .....	91 75	66 10	41 46	4 00	1 70	1 25	206 26
Royersford .....	37 75	47 00	29 10	5 00	2 66	1 68	123 59
So. Allentown .....	80 75	146 50	58 48	11 11	2 57	1 95	301 36
Emaus .....	29 50	48 75	26 52	10 25	63	87	116 47
Weissport .....	19 50	42 50	18 26	3 32	1 00	62	85 25
Lehighton .....	26 25	35 25	40 10	4 45	1 10	85	108 00
Walnutport .....	24 25	37 50	18 27	1 12		1 62	82 76
Tripoli .....	18 00	15 70		90		1 85	36 45
Macungie .....	109 40	94 00	167 10	15 22	4 17	2 91	392 80
Zionsville .....	85 88	121 85	227 78	9 46	3 00	3 70	451 67
Fleetwood .....	23 00	24 00	35 40	1 74	30	45	84 69
Blandon .....	42 10	42 75	44 65	2 00	2 00	70	134 20
Terre Hill .....	20 75	31 20	1 40	1 45	25	50	55 55
Gratersford .....	23 75	40 85	40 40	3 15	1 25	1 20	110 60
Harleysville .....	56 00	53 50	46 60	5 15	2 70	1 80	165 75
Total on District..	\$1390 88	\$1631 72	\$1264 25	\$150 72	\$56 37	\$44 42	\$4538 36
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT							
Bethlehem .....	\$ 594 25	\$ 656 50	\$ 394 39	\$ 37 81	\$18 81	\$10 15	\$1711 91
Coopersburg .....	198 55	145 25	144 38	10 00	4 00	3 12	505 30
Springtown .....	24 33	38 00	12 00	1 39	1 01	50	77 23
Easton .....	75 15	59 25	26 85	7 19	2 83	2 30	173 57
Quakertown .....	91 20	122 75	60 00	6 00	2 48	2 55	284 98
Hatfield .....	42 00	32 50	7 00	65	46	81	83 42
Northampton .....	56 85	58 90	40 00	3 19	1 35	2 30	162 59
Nazareth .....	89 00	73 50	2 55	2 25	1 55	1 10	169 95
Plainfield .....	15 95	21 12	3 00	6 91	1 51	60	49 09
Philadelphia .....	44 50	49 25	32 35	2 28	2 55	1 92	132 85
G. H. Society .....		43 20					43 20
Total on District..	\$1231 78	\$1200 22	\$ 722 52	\$ 77 67	\$36 55	\$25 35	\$3394 09
Grand Total..	2622 66	2931 94	1986 77	228 39	92 92	69 77	7889 45

J. F. BARRALL, Financial Secretary.



## VII. Financial Reports of the Presiding Elders

### A. Reading District.

#### (a) Appropriations.

Lehighton and Weissport	\$ 72 00
Fleetwood, Blandon and	
Terre Hill	72 00
Walnutport and Tripoli	108 00
Athol	15 00
Total	\$267 00

#### (b) Miscellaneous.

W. J. Fretz, Moving	\$15 00
J. F. Barrall, "	15 00
E. T. Shick, "	15 00
J. C. Roth, "	15 00
Total	\$60 00

Moving benches, etc. from Birdsboro and Norris- town	\$ 5 24
Weissport Hall Meetings	14 45
Paraffining and Mending	
Tents	28 15
Freight, Cartage, etc.	110 06
Express etc.	27 50
Storage rent of Camp Goods	23 50
Tabernacle Chairs	60 00
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 10, '07	10 78
Total	\$274 00

Grand Total \$606 00

Total Appropriations \$606 00

C. H. BRUNNER, P. E.

### B. Bethlehem District.

#### (a) Appropriations.

Nazareth and Plainfield	\$ 60 00
Easton and Erwinna	180 00
Northampton	180 00
Total	\$420 00

#### (b) Tabernacle Meetings.

Center Valley	\$ 50
Philadelphia	11 51
Total	\$12 01

#### (c) Miscellaneous.

Lansdale Mission	\$ 8 98
P. J. Musselman, Moving	7 00
Donation to new church property in Philadel- phia	100 00
Moving Mission furniture from Phila. to Norris- town	7 04
Improvements on Norris- town church	19 49
Storage rent of Camp goods	12 00
Total	\$154 51

Grand Total \$586 51

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 Ann'l Conf. ....	2
Gospel Heralds, Full Members .....	7
Gospel Heralds, Probationers .....	1
Gospel Heralds, Applicants .....	2
Church Members .....	16
Members of Missions .....	6
Baptized .....	56
Sunday Schools .....	4
Officers and Teachers enrolled .....	36
Scholars enrolled .....	229
Children's Meetings and Sunday Schools held .....	144
Open Air Meetings .....	898
Prayer Meetings .....	169
Sermon and Addresses .....	2320
Pastoral Visits .....	1502
<i>Gospel Heralds Sold</i> .....	27575

## (b) Collections

General Collections for .....	
Rents .....	\$ 468 00
Gen. Col. for Sundry Exp. ....	642 89
Special Col. for Pres. ....	340 31
" for Pres. at Gospel Herald Camp Meeting .....	107 79
For Sunday Schools .....	126 92
" Gospel Workers .....	20 23
" Foreign Missions in S. S. ....	43 20
Donations .....	523 45
Literature sold in Missions .....	2155 95
Literature sold at Camp Meetings .....	582 91
Mission Repairs Washington N. J. ....	32 00
Sunday School Conventions .....	5 37
Conference fund .....	9 95
Donations at G. H. C. M. ....	131 87
General Collections at G. H. Camp Meeting .....	587 12
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	\$5777 96

## (c) Expenditures.

Tabernacle Meetings	
Sunbury .....	14 48
Stroudsburg .....	10 57
Washington N. J. ....	2 00
Norristown .....	13 40
Scranton .....	7 95
Appropriated for Norristown .....	60 00
Appropriated for Washington .....	62 00
Donations to all Heralds .....	75 00
Water Rent, Norristown .....	6 65
W. H. Garman moving to Norristown .....	10 00
H. K. Kratz, moving to Norristown .....	10 00
Furniture .....	37 51
Old Mission Repairs and Supplies .....	22 70
Furnishings and Opening new Missions .....	124 27
Hauling .....	17 05
Freight and Expressage .....	40 91
Painting, Printing and Stationery .....	29 78
Fares changing Heralds, to Camp Meetings, Telegrams etc. ....	111 20
Rents, opening new Missions .....	162 00
Second hand tabernacle bought .....	25 00
New tabernacle .....	120 00
Treating above tabernacles .....	2 64
Living tents, rents and sledge .....	9 35
Donated to Shamokin new Church .....	100 00
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Total .....	\$1074 46

## (d) Receipts.

Sale of Mission Furniture .....	\$ 8 91
Rent for old tabernacle .....	10 00
Rec'd from An. Con. Treas. ....	1055 55
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Total .....	\$1074 46

W. G. GEHMAN, Pres. and Treas.

APPOINTMENTS	PASTORS	Total average attendance														
		Total enrollment	Scholars enrolled	Officers and Teachers	M. B. C. Sunday Schools	Prayer-meeting classes	Sunday-schools visited	Prayer-meetings visited	Pastoral visits	Sermons preached	Appointments	Whole number of members	Net decrease of members	Net increase of members	Total decrease of members	Transferred
Allentown	J. F. Barrall	240	203	27	46	126	159	1	3	12	27	6	1	8	23	1
Mt. Carmel	J. G. Shireman	141	141	1	32	104	90	1	1	8	23	12	1	1	1	1
Reading	J. C. Roth	103	103	1	1	1	84	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	1
Spring City	E. N. Cassel	80	80	1	1	1	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Roversford	R. Bergstresser	81	81	1	1	1	38	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
So. Allentown	R. Bergstresser	88	88	1	1	1	59	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Emaus	W. J. Fretz	104	104	1	1	1	28	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1
Weissport	W. J. Fretz	99	99	1	1	1	30	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1
Lelighton	G. A. Campbell	91	91	1	1	1	35	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Walnutport	G. A. Campbell	74	74	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Tripoli	E. T. Shick	85	85	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1
Macungie	E. T. Shick	30	30	1	1	1	40	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Hereford	W. Steinmetz	60	60	1	1	1	15	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1
Alburtis	W. Steinmetz	32	32	1	1	1	18	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1
Fleetwood	W. Steinmetz	37	37	1	1	1	15	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1
Blandon	W. Steinmetz	50	50	1	1	1	18	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1
Terre Hill	W. Steinmetz	60	60	1	1	1	15	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1
Kemps	R. L. Woodring	73	73	1	1	1	35	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1
Gratersford	R. L. Woodring	89	89	1	1	1	73	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Harleysville	O. S. Hillegrass	97	97	1	1	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Zionsville	O. S. Hillegrass	73	73	1	1	1	62	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Atioli	J. C. Roth (acting)	115	115	1	1	1	8	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Total		1639	1639	1091	524	27	806	22	2104	3084	764	524	27	13	224	1408

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

APPOINTMENTS	PASTORS	Total average attendance														
		Total enrollment	Scholars enrolled	Officers and Teachers	M. B. C. Sunday Schools	Prayer-meeting classes	Sunday-schools visited	Prayer-meetings visited	Pastoral visits	Sermons preached	Appointments	Whole number of members	Net decrease of members	Net increase of members	Total decrease of members	Transferred
Bethlehem	H. B. Musselman	152	152	1	47	45	163	1	2	18	10	3	1	2	1	1
Coopersburg	W. S. Hoffel	61	61	1	32	100	81	1	1	8	10	2	1	1	1	1
Springtown	W. S. Hoffel	18	18	1	18	1	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Quakertown	L. Frank Haas	49	49	1	44	2	32	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1
Hatfield	E. E. Kubic	31	31	1	26	22	10	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Nazareth	E. E. Kubic	31	31	1	26	22	10	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Plainfield	E. E. Kubic	28	28	1	24	31	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Easton	C. W. Signe	21	21	1	18	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Easton	C. W. Signe	37	37	1	38	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Erwinton	W. W. Zimmerman	38	38	1	73	1	36	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1
Northampton	W. W. Zimmerman	22	22	1	20	39	21	1	1	1	1	21	1	1	1	1
Chenonten	P. J. Musselman	39	39	1	46	1	16	1	1	1	1	9	1	1	1	1
Philadelphia	P. J. Musselman	265	265	1	169	4	16	1	1	1	1	27	1	1	1	1
G. H. Society	G. H. Society	195	195	1	169	4	16	1	1	1	1	27	1	1	1	1
G. W. Society	G. W. Society	195	195	1	169	4	16	1	1	1	1	27	1	1	1	1
Orphanage and Home and Stock		195	195	1	169	4	16	1	1	1	1	27	1	1	1	1
Total		961	961	692	564	17	465	16	4005	4005	395	564	17	15	59	45
Grand Total		1783	1783	1159	1188	44	1188	44	1159	1159	1159	1188	44	28	376	2217



Pastor's Statistical Report, From October, 1906 to October, 1907.—READING DISTRICT—C. H. BRUNNER, PRESIDING ELDER.

APPOINTMENTS	PASTORS	Subscribers to G. B.	New Subscribers	Subscribers to G. H.	Churches	Parsonages	Janitors' Homes	Supposed value of church property	Increase of church property	Decrease of church property	COLLECTIONS	For home missions	For foreign missions	For foreign missions in Sunday Schools	For orphanage and home	For the poor	For church properties	For repairing church properties	For parsonage and hall rent	For sexton and sundry expenses	For Sunday Schools
Allentown	J. F. Barrall	35	3	30	1	1	1	9000 00	\$ 500 00	\$	\$ 451 75	444 66	341 74	10 00	\$ 39 40	\$ 356 10	\$ 45 00	\$	\$ 484 81	\$ 106 19	
Mt. Carmel	J. G. Shireman	15	2	26	1	1	1	10000 00	2500 00		105 25	141 66	51 60	15 00	185 48	126 22		529 22	93 53		
Reading	J. C. Roth	11	2	11	1	1	1	8000 00		1000 00	145 25	183 95	75 55	41 46	4 00	1405 75	612 90	339 57	86 52		
Spring City	E. N. Cassel	11	10	1	1	1	1	3800 00			91 75	66 10	41 46	5 00		86 00		339 57	58 80		
Roversford		5	17	1	1	1	1	4000 00			37 75	47 00	29 10	5 00		72 85		69 78	31 63		
So. Allentown	R. Bergstresser	17	4	12	1	1	1	3250 00	2250 00		80 75	146 50	58 48	11 11		67 25		155 09	59 66		
Ennals		6	2	1	1	1	1	2000 00			29 50	48 75	28 52	10 25		21 25		88 87	27 56		
Weissport	W. J. Fretz	5	3	1	1	1	1	1500 00			19 50	42 50	18 26	3 32		45 55		99 94	27 56		
Lehighport		3	3	1	1	1	1	2000 00			26 25	35 25	40 10	4 45		44 60		77 44	37 08		
Walnutport	G. A. Campbell	3	1	1	1	1	1	1500 00			24 25	37 50	18 27	1 12		95 20		26 74	27 08		
Tripoli		10	6	1	1	1	1	2000 00			18 00	15 70				12 80					
Macungie	E. T. Shick							600 00			109 40	94 00	167 10	5 00		60 00					
Hereford																					
Alburtis																					
Fleetwood	W. Steinmetz	3	1	1	1	1	1	750 00			23 00	24 00	35 20	1 74		36 00					
Blandon		3						1200 00			42 10	42 75	44 65	2 00		34 40					
Terre Hill		5						3500 00			20 75	31 20	1 40	1 45		40 20					
Remps.								500 00								33 40					
Gratersford	R. L. Woodring	15						1500 00			23 75	40 85	40 40	3 15		39 00					
Harleysville											56 00	53 50	46 60	5 15		56 99					
Zionsville	O. S. Hillegass	12	4	11	1	1	1	5000 00			85 88	121 85	227 78	18 00		114 12					
Athol	J. C. Roth (acting)							500 00			14 00					62 91					
Total		155	17	146	19	6	1	\$ 62600 00	\$ 5250 00	\$1000 00	\$390 88	\$1631 72	\$1264 25	\$2 92	\$150 72	\$2434 86	\$8 3347	\$853 72	\$2336 27	820 37	

BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																				
Bethlehem	H. B. Musselman	39	4	37	1	1	1	\$ 7600 00	\$ 400 00		\$ 594 25	636 50	\$ 394 39	\$ 55 00	\$ 37 81	\$ 356 00	\$	\$ 349 60	\$ 91 67	
Coopersburg	W. S. Hottel	21	5	11	1	1	1	4000 00			198 55	145 25	144 38	81 00	10 00	210 15		101 46	58 65	
Springtown		2	2	1	1	1	1	1500 00			24 33	38 00	12 00	1 39		12 00		10 72	8 12	
Quakertown	L. Frank Haas	8	3	2	1	1	1	4500 00			91 20	75 00	60 00	6 00		58 00		71 21	41 70	
Hatfield		3						1500 00			42 00	32 50	7 00	6 65		35 50		20 81	26 56	
Nazareth	E. E. Kubic	10	5	1	1	1	1	500 00			89 00	73 50	2 55	2 25		303 34		33 33	12 27	
Plainfield		6						500 00			15 95	21 12	3 00	6 91		12 75		12 59	11 34	
Easton	C. W. Stine	6	3	1	1	1	1	900 00			75 15	59 25	26 85	7 19		163 10		197 92	55 64	
Erwina								900 00			56 85	58 90	40 00	3 19		66 50		57 52	34 11	
Northampton	W. W. Zimmerman	8						4000 00	2400 00											
Cementon								4500 00			44 50	49 25	32 35	2 28		218 50		98 80	39 38	
Philadelphia	P. J. Musselman	3	76	1	1	1	1									468 00		642 89	126 92	
G. H. Society																				
G. W. Society																				
Orphanage and Home and Stock																				
Total		106	14	145	10	4	1	\$ 43065 32	\$21365 32	\$	\$1231 78	\$1257 02	\$ 765 72	\$141 00	\$ 77 67	\$1127 00	\$ 61 70	\$1437 43	\$1596 85	\$ 527 97
Grand Total		261	31	291	29	10	2	103665 30	26615 32	1000 00	2622 66	2888 74	2029 97	233 00	228 39	3361 86	895 17	2291 15	3923 12	1348 34

APPOINTMENTS	PASTORS	For presiding elders	For Missionary presiding elders	For ministers in cash	For ministers in other contributions	For beneficiary fund	For assistants	For Gospel Worker Society	For tabernacle work	For general missionary work	For camp meetings	For Sunday School Conventions	For annual conference fund	Subscriptions and literature sold	Annual Con. Delegate	Total collections
Allenstown	J. F. Harrall	\$ 154 00	\$ 94 50	\$ 84 50	\$ 120 00	\$ 16 10	\$ 102 98	\$ 140 65	\$ 919 48	\$ 6 25	\$ 10 12	\$ 951 32	\$ 10 00	\$ 5469 59		
Mt. Carmel	J. G. Shireman	104 75	27 41	476 75	114 88	4 69	44 41	8 55	7 25	4 00	5 10	324 80	4 70	2253 61		
Reading	J. C. Roth	85 00	28 00	390 60	153 10	12 25	51 28	154 00	899 68	5 10	1 25	138 30	3 11	3546 47		
Spring City	E. N. Cassel	44 50	8 06	198 31	51 62	1 70	23 96	28 25	4 30	1 68	1 95	118 30	3 04	2493 93		
Royersford	R. Bergstresser	44 00	6 40	262 45	33 69	2 66	18 12	4 50	2 65	1 95	1 05	73 95	3 04	946 77		
So. Allenstown	W. J. Fretz	48 28	11 59	309 80	32 24	2 57	45 92	4 50	1 05	1 82	5 34	98 26	1 50	1571 38		
Emans	W. J. Fretz	38 33	9 35	123 10	14 75	6 31	11 65	2 05	2 66	1 85	1 00	114 92	1 79	579 14		
Weissport	G. A. Campbell	28 00	5 47	86 65	45 54	1 00	12 96	2 05	2 00	1 85	1 00	114 92	1 79	520 51		
Lehighon	G. A. Campbell	26 19	6 30	121 50	49 35	1 10	12 96	1 71	2 00	1 85	1 00	114 92	1 79	604 11		
Walnutport	E. T. Shick	20 51	2 17	94 40	49 35	1 10	12 96	1 71	2 00	1 85	1 00	114 92	1 79	504 39		
Tripoli	E. T. Shick	19 80	2 57	51 50	13 12	4 23	20 69	2 60	2 91	1 85	1 00	114 92	1 79	144 33		
Macungie	E. T. Shick	65 90	16 10	327 35	135 00	4 17	20 69	2 60	2 91	1 85	1 00	114 92	1 79	1203 53		
Hereford	W. Steinmetz	12 50	3 06	77 65	15 12	30	7 51	2 27	2 27	10 00	1 50	10 00	1 50	36 00		
Fleetwood	W. Steinmetz	20 15	4 93	86 81	12 11	2 00	11 09	1 40	1 40	12 50	1 11	12 50	1 11	308 04		
Brandon	W. Steinmetz	12 06	3 03	61 48	1 50	25	6 76	90	90	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	267 67		
Terre Hill	R. L. Woodring	52 00	6 90	169 45	41 75	1 25	14 82	4 00	4 00	17 00	8 05	17 00	8 05	580 32		
Gratersford	O. S. Hiltgrass	20 00	9 25	150 25	58 00	2 70	23 21	25 00	27 00	1 80	21 00	3 70	4 38	565 51		
Harleysville	O. S. Hiltgrass	67 89	11 72	229 71	64 28	3 00	33 08	98 81	27 00	3 70	15 20	3 70	4 38	1177 47		
Zionsville	J. C. Roth (acting)	2 50	2 50	2 50	2 50	2 84	4 80	2 84	4 80	2 84	4 80	2 84	4 80	21 30		
Atuloh	J. C. Roth (acting)	2 50	2 50	2 50	2 50	2 84	4 80	2 84	4 80	2 84	4 80	2 84	4 80	21 30		
Total		\$ 863 86	\$ 257 14	\$ 3804 76	\$ 1006 56	\$ 56 37	\$ 12 84	\$ 530 78	\$ 481 97	\$ 1819 16	\$ 55 93	\$ 44 42	\$ 2 92 45	\$ 75 14	\$ 23199 64	
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																
Bethlehem	H. B. Musselman	\$ 237 08	\$ 127 05	\$ 716 20	\$ 133 62	\$ 18 81	\$ 119 15	\$ 81 11	\$ 1214 27	\$ 10 25	\$ 10 15	\$ 855 54	\$ 12 86	\$ 6071 31		
Coopersburg	W. S. Hotel	106 74	33 10	299 26	169 41	4 00	24 82	33 62	58 13	1 92	3 12	169 09	3 08	1973 37		
Springtown	L. Frank Haas	41 19	11 18	177 15	46 10	1 01	2 50	7 25	11 00	63	50	14 10	75	185 05		
Quakertown	Hatfield	38 23	4 33	91 80	12 50	46	2 85	7 00	20 64	2 70	2 55	196 00	4 01	992 15		
Nazareth	E. E. Kublic	43 76	6 17	182 69	75 50	1 55	11 37	9 32	1 50	86	81	11 00	2 16	387 40		
Plainfield	Easton	14 85	3 80	64 30	24 17	1 51	2 46	1 60	2 63	1 10	222 78	3 00	2 16	1075 84		
Easton	C. W. Stine	53 00	15 70	149 75	85 30	2 83	8 91	3 00	4 12	2 26	2 30	26 83	4 60	241 80		
Erwinna	W. W. Zimmerman	41 26	6 33	96 90	46 45	1 35	15 90	16 00	171 65	2 26	2 30	171 65	4 65	1149 66		
Northampton	P. J. Musselman	70 58	13 47	179 70	138 83	2 55	16 03	2 29	587 12	2 25	1 92	201 75	2 26	1162 97		
Philadelphia	G. H. Society	448 10			655 32		20 23			5 37	9 95	2738 86		21 61		
G. W. Society														1159 75		
Orphanage and Home and Stock														5777 96		
Total		\$1094 79	\$228 59	\$1993 25	\$1388 99	\$6 55	\$51 26	\$292 55	\$17 90	\$191 38	\$1801 39	\$29 84	\$35 20	\$4779 37	\$ 37 57	\$20202 87
Grand Total		1958 65	483 53	5798 01	2395 55	92 92	64 10	823 35	17 90	673 35	3620 55	85 77	79 62	4771 82	112 71	43402 51

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

Bethlehem	H. B. Muselman	\$237 08	\$127 05	\$716 20	\$133 62	\$18 81	\$	\$119 15	\$ 81 11	\$1214 27	\$10 25	\$10 15	\$ 855 54	\$ 12 86	\$ 6071 31	
Coopersburg	W. S. Hotel	106 74	33 10	299 26	169 41	4 00	24 82	33 62	58 13	1 92	3 12	169 09	3 08	1973 37		
Springtown	L. Frank Haas	41 19	7 46	31 50	1 79	1 01	2 50	7 25	38 13	63	50	14 10	3 75	185 05		
Quakertown	E. E. Kubic	38 23	4 33	91 80	12 50	2 46	2 85	7 00	20 64	2 70	2 55	196 00	4 01	992 15		
Nazareth	C. W. Stine	43 76	6 17	182 69	75 50	1 55	11 37	9 32	20 64	90	81	11 00	2 16	387 40		
Plainfield	C. W. Stine	14 85	3 80	64 30	24 17	1 51	2 46	1 50	3 00	86	1 10	222 78	3 00	1075 84		
Easton	C. W. Stine	53 00	15 70	149 75	85 30	2 83	40 12	3 00	3 00	41	60	26 83	2 30	241 80		
Berwina	W. W. Zimmerman	41 26	6 33	96 90	46 45	1 35	15 90	16 00	2 26	2 30	171 65	4 65	4 65	1149 66		
Northampton	P. J. Muselman	70 58	13 47	179 70	138 83	2 55	4 35	15 90	2 29	2 30	171 77	2 50	2 50	1162 97		
Cementon	P. J. Muselman	448 10		655 32			20 23	587 12	2 25	1 92	201 75	2 26	2 26	21 61		
Philadelphia	G. W. Society								5 57	9 95	2738 86			1159 75		
G. W. Society	Orphanage and													5777 96		
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Total		\$1094 79	\$228 59	\$1993 25	\$1388 99	\$36 55	\$51 26	\$292 55	\$17 90	\$191 38	\$1801 39	\$29 84	\$35 20	\$4779 37	\$ 37 57	\$20202 87
Grand Total		1988 65	485 73	5798 01	2395 55	92 92	64 10	823 33	17 90	673 35	3620 55	85 77	79 62	7171 82	112 71	43402 51



## Roll and Directory of Ministers and Missionaries

## I. Itinerants

NAME	Licensed	Ordained	Received Present Charge	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Barrall, J. F. ....	1901	1904	1907	Coopersburg, Pa.
Bergstresser, R. ....	1901	1904	1095	344 Priscilla St., So. Allentown, Pa.
Brunner, C. H. ....	1893	1896	1907	632 Locust St., Reading, Pa.
Cassel, E. N. ....	1901	1904	1907	819 Gordon St., Allentown, Pa.
Fretz, W. J. ....	1893	1900	1906	Lehighton, 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, F. M. ....	1905		1907	Fleetwood, Pa.
Hottel, W. S. ....	1900	1903	1907	Spring City, Pa.
Kratz, H. K. ....	1906		1907	Walnutport, Pa.
Kubic, E. E. ....	1901	1907	1905	Nazareth, Pa.
Musselman, H. B. ....	1890	1893	P. E.	103 Second Ave., Bethlehem, Pa.
Musselman, W. B. ....	1883	1886	M. P. E.	Cleveland, O.
Musselman, P. J. ....	1905	1907	1906	3262 Goodman St., Phila.
Roth, J. C. ....	1900	1903	1907	112 Laurel St., Bethlehem, Pa.
Shick, E. T. ....	1899	1901	1906	Macungie, Pa.
Shireman, J. G. ....	1898	1900	1905	Mt. Carmel, Pa.
Stine, C. W. ....	1905		1905	Philipsburg, 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.
Campbell, G. A. ....	1887	1900	Quakertown, Pa.
Gehman, Wm. ....	1849	1849	Vera Cruz, Pa.
Taylor, L. B. ....	1894	1897	Coopersburg, Pa.
Steinmetz, W. ....	1893	1896	Fleetwood, Pa.

## III. Annual Conference Licensed Preachers.

Parson, C. A. ....	1907
Reinhart, V. H. ....	1907

## IV. Quarterly Conference Licensed Missionaries.

Dill, W. W. ....	1897	Norristown, Pa.
Ettinger, M. W. ....	1906	Macungie, Pa.
Frey, F. E. ....	1906	Bethlehem, Pa.
Gehman, H. M. ....	1897	Allentown, Pa.
Manny, Wm. ....	1906	Shamokin, Pa.
Martin, E. W. ....	1901	Weaverland, 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.

FELDGES, MRS. H. W. (see above.)

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.)

ERSKINE, MISS. Arrived on the field in 1905. Address in care of H. L. Weiss.

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. Home on furlough.

### (c) TURKEY, (Armenia)

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

## General Conferences.

TIME	PLACE	DELEGATES FORM 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.
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
<b>I. EVANGELICAL MENNONITES, (Semi-Annual)</b>				
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	-----	"
1867	Nov. 7	Flatland	William Gehman	-----
1866	June 6	Upper Milford	-----	"
1866	Nov. 3	Mount Joy	William N. Shelly	-----
1877	June 4	Flatland	David Henning	"
1867	Nov. 5	Upper Milford	William Gehman	Joseph Romig
1868	June 2	Flatland	William N. Shelly	-----
1868	Nov. 5	Upper Milford	William Gehman	David Gehman
1869	June 1	Flatland	David Henning	-----
1869	Nov. 1	Upper Milford	William N. Shelly	"
1870	June 7	Coopersburg	William Gehman	-----
1870	Oct. 31	Upper Milford	David Henning	"
1871	June 5	Coopersburg	E. Hershey	"
1871	Nov. 6	Upper Milford	David Henning	-----
1872	June 3	Coopersburg	William Gehman	Jonas Musselman
1872	Nov. 6	Quakertown	William N. Shelly	David Gehman
1873	June 3	Upper Milford	David Henning	-----
1873	Nov. 11	Coopersburg	William N. Shelly	"
1874	June 1	Quakertown	William Gehman	-----
1874	Nov. 10	Upper Milford	David Henning	"
1875	June 5	Coopersburg	William N. Shelly	-----
1875	Nov. 6	Quakertown	William Gehman	"
1876	xMarch 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	-----	-----
<b>II. EVANGELICAL UNITED MENNONITES. (Annual)</b>				
1879	xxNov. 8	Upper Milford	S. Eby	S. M. Musselman
1880	March 15	Coopersburg	William Gehman	-----
1881	March 7	Quakertown	-----	"
1882	Feb. 13	Upper Milford	"	"
1883	Feb. 5	Coopersburg	"	A. Kauffman
<b>III. MENNONITE BROTHERN IN CHRIST. (Annual)</b>				
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
1907	Oct. 10-14	Royersford	-----	-----

xSpecial Session concerning the sale of certain church property to the "Church of God."  
xxSpecial 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

## Eighteenth Annual Ministerial Convention

Royersford, Pa., October 9, 1907

FORENOON SESSION, 9 A. M.

The Eighteenth Annual Ministerial Convention of the Menonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania convened in the Church, Sixth and Walnut Streets, Royersford, Pa., at 9.15 a.m., October 10, 1907

The Chairman, J. G. Shireman, opened the Convention by reading Psalms 133, 134, followed by prayer by H. B. Musselman.

The Secretary called the roll with the following result:

*Ministers Present.*—W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, H. B. Musselman, J. C. Roth, E. N. Cassel, E. T. Shick, J. F. Barrall, J. G. Shireman, W. S. Hottel, W. J. Fretz, R. L. Woodring, L. Frank Haas, R. Bergstresser, Geo. A. Campbell, O. S. Hillegass, W. Steinmetz, W. W. Zimmerman, E. E. Kublic, P. J. Musselman, C. W. Stine and L. B. Taylor.

*Ministers Absent.*—W. B. Musselman and Wm. Gehman.

*Delegates Present.*—H. L. Musselman, G. O. Billig, W. D. Evert, J. H. Baus, John Flickinger, M. M. Ziegler, H. H. Bergey, H. E. Gackenbach, O. B. Bartholomew, J. A. Kern and C. W. Teel.

*Delegates Absent.*—John Ziegler, E. R. Hartman, Allen M. Gehman, O. C. Kistler, F. M. Gehman, G. K. Himmelreich and S. S. Geil.

The proceedings of the last Annual Ministerial Convention were then read and approved.

*Resolved*, That the Convention bar consist of the right and left wing and the first three 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 subject and only once except by permission of the Chair.

*Resolved*, That no member leave the Convention without the permission of the Chair except E. N. Cassel.

*Resolved*, That the Chair appoint a Timekeeper and Reporter. He appointed Geo. A. Campbell and W. J. Fretz, respectively.

*Resolved*, That the Chair appoint a Committee of three as a

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

The following Essays were then read, discussed and received:

"The Conversation of the Minister according to Eph. 5:4," Geo. A. Campbell.

"The Life of the Pastor in the Practice of the Doctrines of the Bible," J. G. Shireman.

An offering was lifted to defray the expenses of the Convention, printing, etc.

Adjournment by prayer by C. H. Brunner.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 P. M.

The session was opened by singing and prayer by W. G. Gehman, after which the roll was called and the minutes of the forenoon session read, corrected and approved.

*Resolved*, That the Chair appoint a Committee of three to deal with the absent members of this Convention.

He appointed C. H. Brunner, H. B. Musselman and J. C. Roth.

An Essay on "The Proper Study for and the Education of the Minister" was read by E. N. Cassel. The essay was discussed and received.

An offering was lifted for the labor and expense of the Secretary, amounting to \$6.24. Thanks.

An Essay on "The Advisability of Employing Evangelists on Already Supplied Territory," by R. L. Woodring. The essay 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 then elected for the next Convention: Chairman, J. C. Roth; Secretary, E. N. Cassel. Committee on Programme: Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, J. C. Roth; E. T. Shick.

The Committee to deal with the absent members reported as follows:

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

*Resolved*, That we as a Convention are sorry to miss their presence and wise counsel and wish to commend them to the God of all grace who knoweth the hearts of all men; further,

*Resolved*, That the Convention is highly pleased to have so many of the Annual Conference Delegates present and are sorry that not all manifested interest enough to be present and receive the benefits of this Convention.

H. B. Musselman,

C. H. Brunner,

J. C. Roth,

*Committee.*

Adjourned with prayer by W. S. Hottel and benediction by H. B. Musselman.

EVENING SESSION, 7 P. M.

This session was opened by a song service, followed by prayer by Wm. Gehman.

The roll was called and the minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

The questions in the box were answered by H. B. Musselman.

An essay on "Power needed for Service" was read by W. S. Hottel. The essay was discussed and received.

A liberal offering was lifted for the church.

The Committee on Publication reported as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary compile a condensed report of this Convention for publication in the *Gospel Banner*.

W. G. Gehman,

C. H. Brunner,

H. B. Musselman,

*Committee.*

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

Adjourned with prayer by J. F. Barrall and the benediction by W. G. Gehman.

J. G. Shireman, *Chairman.*

C. W. Stine, *Secretary.*

W. G. Gehman,

C. H. Brunner,

H. B. Musselman,

*Committee.*

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EUSEBIUS HERSHEY

BY C. H. BRUNNER.

Eusebius Hershey was born August 14 1823, near Manheim, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. At the age of eighteen, during a serious illness, he was gloriously converted to God. He was then baptized and joined the United Brethren Church. Soon after this he realized that the Lord called him for the ministry. Without conferring with flesh and blood, he started out to preach. In the same year he went to Freeburg, Union County, where he built a church.

After a few years of labor at Freeburg, he started out as a travelling missionary, the life-work of his calling. Soon after, he joined the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, then called the



Evangelical Mennonites, of which body he was a member till his death.

He had a great delight in visiting the sick, helping the poor, and praying with the people, saved and unsaved, wherever he found an opportunity. He frequently spoke, preached and prayed in public places, hotels and street corners, for which he often suffered much persecution.

He travelled through many States, many times crossing the Allegheny Mountains on horseback. He made thirteen journeys to Canada. He worked a great deal among the various Indian tribes, preaching and speaking to them through an interpreter. His book "Living Poems," containing more than seven hundred verses, was printed in the fourth edition.

"He had a great desire for Africa all his life," writes his daughter, "but his family and friends thought there was enough work for him at home. Yet he would say, 'God is calling, I must go,' so that after much prayer he sailed from New York for Africa, November 1, 1890. After a rough voyage of thirty-eight days, he landed at Sierra Leon. After a few days rest, he pressed his way 220 miles into the interior to Monrovia, capital of Liberia.

"Here he continued his missionary labors through an interpreter named John Washington. After six months of incessant toil he took sick and after a short illness of seven days he fell asleep in Jesus May 24, 1891, awaiting the resurrection and the reward of the faithful."

Thus lived and died Brother Eusebius Hershey, the first Home and Foreign Missionary of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania, having spent half a century in unceasing, self-denying mission work for the Master throughout the United States, Canada and Africa.

Rest, laborer, rest;  
Thy toilsome task is done.  
God deemed it best  
'Neath equatorial sun,  
To have thy lonely grave  
Kissed by Atlantic's wave.

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