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OFFICIAL RECORD.

OFFICERS OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH CONFERENCE.

Chairman, H. B. Musselman.

Secretary, C. H. Brunner.

Recording Secretary, C. W. Stine.

Statistical Secretary, J. G. Shireman.

Financial Secretary, J. F. Barrall.

Treasurer, Allen M. Gehman.

OFFICERS FOR 1909-1910.

Chairman, H. B. Musselman.

Secretary, C. H. Brunner.

Treasurer, Allen M. Gehman.

PRESIDING ELDERS.

BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. Musselman.

Vice Presiding Elder—J. C. Roth

MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. Gehman.

Vice Presiding Elder—C. H. Brunner

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS.

Committee over the Presiding Elders—President, E. N. Cassel; Secretary, W. S. Hottel; J. G. Shireman.

Board of Examiners—(a) On Discipline, H. B. Musselman. (b) On Reading Course, President, J. C. Roth; Secretary, W. S. Hottel; Treasurer, E. N. Cassel.

Board of Foreign Missions—President, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; Treasurer, Allen M. Gehman; W. G. Gehman, J. C. Roth.

Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home—President, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, W. S. Hottel; Treasurer, C. H. Brunner. For two years, H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, E. N. Cassel, C. H. Brunner, Allen M. Gehman, H. L. Musselman. For one year, J. G. Shireman, E. T. Shick, J. C. Roth, W. S. Hottel, O. B. Bartholomew, Oscar Baer.

Executive Board—President, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; Treasurer, J. C. Roth; E. N. Cassel, W. G. Gehman.

Board of Publication and Printing—President, J. C. Roth; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; Treasurer, E. N. Cassel.

Beneficiary Society—President, J. C. Roth; Secretary, W. S. Hottel; Treasurer, J. F. Barrall.

Committee over Camp Meeting Equipage and Tabernacle Outfits—Chairman, J. C. Roth; Secretary, E. N. Cassel; Treasurer, Allen M. Gehman, F. M. Hottel.

Home Mission Fund—Secretary, J. F. Barrall; Treasurer, Allen M. Gehman.

Gospel Herald Society—President, W. G. Gehman.

BUSINESS RULES OF THE CONFERENCE.

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

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

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

3. Anyone wishing to speak shall 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. Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.
3. Camp Meeting Equipage Committee.
4. Board of Examiners on the Reading Course.
5. Board of Foreign Missions.
6. Executive Board.
7. Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home.

SPECIAL LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS.

We print here from the Records for convenient reference the following Laws and Regulations, together with the time of their enactment.

I.—MEMBERS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

A.—The following shall be the members of the Annual Conference:

- (a) Ordained Ministers.
- (b) Probationers who have charge.
- (c) One delegate from each charge, elected by ballot at the last Quarterly Conference in the Conference year. [Act of General Conference, 1892.]

Each Quarterly Conference shall elect one Alternate Delegate to the Annual Conference. [Enacted March 7, 1898.]

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.]

If a delegate fails to be present at the beginning of the Annual Conference session, except detained through sickness or accident, the Conference is not bound to recognize him as a member. [Enacted February 3, 1894.]

The delegates from the Missions who expect support from the Conference shall not be members of the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee. [Enacted February 22, 1897.]

B.—Advisory Members.

The following shall be Advisory Members of the Annual Conference:

- (a) Annual Conference Licensed Evangelists and Missionaries.
- (b) Quarterly Conference Licensed Missionaries.
- (c) Local Workers. [Enacted February 7, 1896.]

II.—APPLICANTS AND PROBATIONERS.

A.—No applicants for the Ministry shall be received into the Conference as Probationers who are not willing to submit themselves unconditionally to the Stationing Committee or Gospel Herald Society. [Revised October 17, 1903.]

B.—All applicants for the Ministry shall be examined by their respective Presiding Elders on our Articles of Faith and Church Discipline at the same time and place when the Probationers are examined on the Reading Course. [Enacted February 8, 1893.]

C.—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.]

D.—The traveling and other expenses of the Reading Course Committee and Probationers at the spring examination shall be paid out of the Conference Fund. [Enacted October, 1906.]

E.—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 Conference 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 the 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 1. [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.]

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, to be paid into the treasury of the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home. All moneys collected for charitable purposes, not paid over to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home 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 meetings, such as tabernacles, lamps, etc., as may be needed from time to time according to the decision of the Presiding Elders and the General Camp Meeting Committee. [Enacted October 28, 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.

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 class, and read the general rules or get them read once a year. [Discipline, page 72.]

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.] There shall be a General Camp Meeting Committee, consisting of 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. [Enacted October, 1906.] The collections for Camp Meetings shall be reported by the Chairman of the General Camp Meeting Committee and be recorded by themselves on the Summary Statistical Report. [Enacted October 16, 1909.]

F.—Sunday School Conventions.—One or more Sunday School Conventions shall be held annually. The officers shall be elected at the Annual Conference. The committee on programme shall meet six weeks before the convention to arrange a programme. Each Sunday School shall be represented by the Superintendent, and one delegate from the laity. The Superintendents, Delegates and Essayists shall have their fares paid. Each Superintendent shall take up a liberal collection to defray the expenses of the convention. [Enacted October 29, 1904.]

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

H.—The editor of the Conference Journal shall arrange a brief report of the Sunday services at the Annual Conference 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.—The Annual Conference shall elect a Board of Trustees consisting of eight ordained ministers and four laymen who shall have full charge of all the arrangements and management of the Orphanage and Home. They shall be elected for a term of two years. They shall be so elected that the term of office of four preachers and two laymen expires at each Annual Conference.

D.—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.

E.—An Executive Board, consisting of five unconditional men shall be elected annually, who shall have power to act as Trustees with authority to purchase, hold, sell or otherwise dispose of personal property and real estate in behalf of the Annual Conference of the Menonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania. [Enacted October 8, 1908.]

F.—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 Workers Society, according to the judgment of the Treasurer and Presiding Elders.

G.—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.]

H.—No charges shall be brought against any Annual Conference member which have not been recorded in the Quarterly Conference proceeding of their charge, except such as have been committed or discovered since the last quarterly conference. [Enacted February 1, 1891.]

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

J.—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.]

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

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

M.—The Annual Conference shall supply class books, steward's 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.]

N.—Each pastor shall 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 his successor. [Enacted October 15, 1906.]

Annual Conference Proceedings

1909.

FIRST SESSION.

Thursday Forenoon, October 14, 1909.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania, convened in Bethel Church, Gordon Street, Allentown, Pa., at 8 A. M., October 14, 1909.

The first session was opened by singing, and prayer by the Chairman, H. B. Musselman, P. E., after which he gave us a very timely and practical address from the ninety-first Psalm. This was followed by a season of earnest prayer for the guidance of the Holy Ghost and the blessing of God upon the Conference. The following members were enrolled:

Ordained Ministers.

Present.—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, J. C. Roth, E. N. Cassel, Wm. Gehman, J. G. Shireman, R. L. Woodring, J. F. Barrall, E. T. Shick, W. S. Hottel, R. Bergstresser, C. H. Brunner, W. J. Fretz, O. S. Hillegass, E. E. Kublic, W. W. Zimmerman, P. J. Musselman, G. A. Campbell, L. B. Taylor, V. H. Reinhart.

Absent.—W. B. Musselman, H. L. Weiss, of Chile, and C. F. Snyder, of China.

Probationers.

Present.—F. M. Hottel, H. K. Kratz, V. H. Reinhart.

Absent.—None.

Delegates.

Present.—H. H. Bergey, H. L. Musselman, H. L. Shelly, John Ziegler, O. C. Kistler, S. S. Geil, Allen M. Gehman, J. H. Baus, W. D. Evert, M. M. Ziegler, R. D. Dreisbach, J. N. Overdorf, J. M. Oplinger, F. M. Gehman, S. H. Lichtenthaler, H. E. Gackebach, J. A. Kern, G. K. Himmelreich.

Absent.—None.

Resolved, That the seats to the right and left of the Chair, the first three pews throughout the church, and the basement for private sessions, constitute the Conference Bar.

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

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a Reporter and a Time-keeper. He appointed W. J. Fretz and G. A. Campbell respectively.

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

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

Committee on Worship.—E. N. Cassel and H. L. Shelly.

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

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

Committee on Statistics.—J. G. Shireman and H. L. Musselman.

Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records.—J. C. Roth, E. N. Cassel, R. L. Woodring, W. W. Zimmerman, R. D. Dreisbach, H. E. Gackenbach, F. M. Gehman, M. M. Ziegler, F. M. Hottel, R. Bergstresser, E. E. Kublic and P. J. Musselman.

Committee on Examination of Travelling Elders.—G. A. Campbell, William Gehman and L. B. Taylor.

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

Committee on Applicants for Annual Conference License.—W. G. Gehman, J. C. Roth and C. H. Brunner.

Committee on Applicants for Ordination.—J. C. Roth, C. H. Brunner and W. G. Gehman.

Committee on Resolutions.—W. S. Hottel, W. G. Gehman and E. N. Cassel.

Auditing Committee.—W. J. Fretz, E. T. Shick, W. S. Hottel, C. W. Stine, H. K. Kratz, H. H. Bergey, J. H. Baus, J. N. Overdorf, S. H. Lichtenthaler, W. D. Evert, J. M. Opfinger, John Ziegler, V. H. Reinhart, O. C. Kistler and S. S. Geil.

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

Committee on Annual Conference Records.—E. N. Cassel, J. C. Roth and R. L. Woodring.

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.

Sister Louise Horlacher, who so kindly opened her home to hold the first meetings we held in Allentown, was introduced to the Conference. She is one of the oldest members of our Conference and was much misunderstood for the work's sake when it was started at this place.

Eld. S. Goudie, Presiding Elder of the Canada Conference, who was sent to this Conference as a Fraternal Delegate, was received as a member of this Conference.

Adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Prayer by S. Goudie.

SECOND SESSION.

Thursday Afternoon, October, 14, 1909.

Opened by singing, and prayer by W. S. Hottel.

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

The following committee reports were read and accepted:

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

E. T. Shick,

O. S. Hillegass,

J. C. Roth,

G. K. Himmelreich,

Committee.

Committee to Examine Quarterly Conference Records.—We have examined the Quarterly Conference Records and found them all correct, with the following exceptions: (a) Philadelphia Records.—No mention made of the passing of the officers in the first quarter; (b) Emaus and Macungie Records.—No names of class leaders in the summary; Plainfield and Nazareth Records.—No mention made of the election of a Secretary and of the Presiding Elder's offerings for the whole year.

J. C. Roth,

F. M. Gehman,

E. N. Cassel,

M. M. Ziegler,

R. L. Woodring,

F. M. Hottel,

W. W. Zimmerman,

R. Bergstresser,

R. D. Dreisbach,

E. E. Kublic,

H. E. Gackenbach.

P. J. Musselman,

Committee.

Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Minutes.

—We have examined the minutes of the Conference of 1908 and found them correct.

E. N. Cassel,

J. C. Roth,

R. L. Woodring,

Committee.

Committee on Worship.—H. A. Kauffman shall preach to-night, followed by C. A. Parson.

E. N. Cassel,

H. L. Shelly,

Committee.

Committee on Camp Meeting Equipage.—We purchased three alcohol lamps, gasoline stove, some cooking utensils, a number of mantles, and numerous other small articles, at an expense of one hundred and six dollars and ninety-three cents. There are now missing a number of large stakes and other articles. In all other respects the Camp Meeting Equipage is in good condition.

J. C. Roth,

E. N. Cassel,

F. M. Hottel,

Committee.

Committee to Audit Schedules.—We have audited the schedules and found them all correct, except Allentown, Zionsville, Emaus, Easton and Plainfield.

J. F. Barrall,

J. G. Shireman,

Committee.

Committee on Travelling Elders.—Their report was read and referred back to the committee.

Auditing Committee.—Their report was read and referred back to the committee.

Report of the Board of Examiners. (See Reports.)

Report of the Committee on Finance. (See Reports.)

The Report of the Committee on Statistics was read and referred back to the committee.

Report of the Committee on Traveling Elders.—We have examined the same and found them all satisfactory.

G. A. Campbell,

Wm. Gehman,

L. B. Taylor,

Committee.

The rest of the oral reports of the pastors were heard. Their reports were very encouraging. Quite a number were saved,

baptized and joined with us in Church fellowship. The offerings in general far exceeded those of former years.

Resolved, That we extend the time for ten minutes.

Whereas, H. K. Kratz, F. M. Hottel and V. H. Reinhart have passed the Reading Course satisfactorily; therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend them to the Committee on Ordination.

J. T. Anderson having passed the Examination on Discipline satisfactorily, expressed the nature of his call before the Conference, and was referred to the Committee on Applicants.

Resolved, That we have a private session to-night from 7 to 10 o'clock.

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

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

Adjourned with benediction by W. S. Hottel.

THIRD SESSION (SPECIAL).

Thursday Evening, October 14, 1909.

This session was opened by prayer by E. E. Kublic. The roll was called, after which the minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The following Committee and Treasurer Reports were read and accepted:

Committee on Statistics.—We, the Committee on Statistics, examined the schedules and found them all correct, with the exception of the following: Plainfield, Lehighton and Blandon schedule, total decrease of members omitted; Spring City and Royersford schedule, total increase of members omitted; Norristown schedule, total increase of members and total decrease of members omitted; Nazareth, a church valuation reported when they had none, and none reported for Plainfield.

J. G. Shireman,

H. L. Musselman,

Committee.

Committee on Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference License.—We examined the applicant, J. T. Anderson,

and recommend the Conference to receive him according to the discipline.

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

Committee on Ordination.—We have examined H. K. Kratz, F. M. Hottel and V. H. Reinhart and recommend the Conference to ordain them on Sunday afternoon.

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

Committee on Resolutions.—Whereas, J. T. Anderson, who had taken up the Reading Course; G. F. Yost, First Year Probationer, C. A. Parson, Second Year Probationer, have failed in their studies the past year and not having written at all at the last examination; therefore,

Resolved, That we are deeply grieved at their unpreparedness in their studies, and further,

Resolved, That they shall in consequence of this be recognized as first and second year Probationers, respectively, and take up their studies of the previous year for the coming year.

W. S. Hottel,
W. G. Gehman,
E. N. Cassel,
Committee.

Auditing Committee. (See Reports.)

Report of the Superintendent and Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home. (See Reports.)

Report of the Treasurer of the Executive Board. (See Reports.)

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

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

Report of the Treasurer of the Mt. Carmel District Sunday School Convention. (See Reports.)

Resolved, That we elect an Executive Board, consisting of five unconditional men, to be elected annually, who shall have power to act as trustees with authority to purchase, hold, sell or otherwise dispose of personal property and real estate in behalf of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania. (Standing Rule.)

Resolved, That the Executive Board elected at this Conference shall be hereby duly authorized and empowered to formulate or elect a Board according to the requirements of the law in case the election of the present Executive Board is illegal.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of four who under the direction of the Presiding Elders shall have charge of the Camp Meeting Equipage and Tabernacle Outfits.

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

Report of the Committee on Resolutions.

Resolved, That the election of a Superintendent of the Orphanage and Home be left to the Board of Trustees, instead of the Annual Conference.

W. S. Hottel,
W. G. Gehman,
E. N. Cassel,
Committee.

The Presiding Elders submitted their oral and financial reports.

A.—W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District and President of the Gospel Herald Society.—The ministry are earnest workers. They have a love for the work.

At our Easton Camp Meeting we had 75 tents. The attendance was remarkable. Many were saved, sanctified and baptized. We held tabernacle meetings at Easton and Nazareth, which resulted in much blessing. We have started building funds at a few places.

The Gospel Heralds are earnest, and conscientious, doing real pastoral as well as missionary work. We have missions at East Stroudsburg, Shamokin, Sunbury, Norristown, Hatfield and Lansdale. Also at Washington and Hackettstown, N. J. The tabernacle meetings at Hackettstown, N. J., and Lansdale were successful. We received 28 members into church fellowship, and 19 by transfer. Our offerings were much higher than last year. The open air services are grand. He also submitted his statistical and financial reports, which were accepted. (See Reports.)

B.—W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder, reported by letter as follows:

We have more converts and more manifest victories than ever. God never supplied so wonderfully financially as in the past year. In the month of Sept. we printed weekly as high as 16,600 copies of the Gospel Banner and Gospel Herald, be-

sides over 4,000 copies of a 32 page monthly. Our literature sales exceeded everything previous. We opened a mission here at Cleveland this year and God gave us great victory. We have daily conversions throughout the Society on an average. We sincerely thank the Conference for past prayers and assistance and trust we may be made a still greater blessing in the future.

C.—H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District.—The brethren have been standing together unitedly. Each rejoices in the successes of others. The statistical and financial reports show that the pastors have been laboring very hard. A large number of our people are young people, who are happy, active, self sacrificing, plain and separated for God. The church that fails to get their own families saved might as well write "Ichabod" above their doors. We held large and successful tabernacle meetings at Lederachville, South Allentown and Royersford.

We had a Camp Meeting at Hellertown of 139 tents. The attendance far exceeded that of former years. We had 153 tents at Waldheim Camp Meeting, with large audiences and we trust much good was done. He also submitted his financial report, which was accepted. (See Reports.)

The Report of the Committee on General Conference Accounts was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Resolved, That we elect two Presiding Elders.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elder Districts remain as they are.

Resolved, That we resolve ourselves into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Home Mission work.

The Chair appointed C. H. Brunner as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole.

This Committee sat and finished its work, after which the Conference resumed its business in private session again.

The Report of the Committee of the Whole was read and accepted, as follows:

The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole begs leave to report that the Committee met and discussed the Home Mission work; and

Resolved, That we ask the Conference to accept the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the Gospel Herald Society shall purchase no lot or property for church purposes without first consulting the Executive Board and securing its consent.

C. H. Brunner, Chairman.

C. W. Stine, Secretary.

Resolved, That whenever any Presiding Elder desires any money from the Home Mission Treasurer, he shall inform the Secretary of the desired amount, who shall take note of the same and forward the request to the Treasurer, who shall forward the same to the Presiding Elder, up to the amount appropriated to him at the Annual Conference.

Adjourned, with benediction by the Chairman.

FOURTH SESSION.

Friday Forenoon, October 15, 1909.

This session was opened by singing "Take the Name of Jesus With You," and prayer by R. L. Woodring. The roll was called, after which the minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and approved.

The following reports were then read and accepted:

Report of the Committee to have the essay, "Present Day Dangers Confronting the Church," printed.—We had 5,000 copies of the essay, "Present Day Dangers Confronting the Church," printed in booklet form at a cost of \$45.00, a number of which have been sold and distributed, which have proved a great blessing.

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

Report of the Board of Foreign Missions. (See Reports.)

Report of the Executive Board. (See Reports.)

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home. (See Reports.)

Report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund. (See Reports.)

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

Report of the Treasurer of the Camp Meeting Equipage Fund. (See Reports.)

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

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

It was resolved that Eld. S. Goudie, one of the Presiding Elders of the Canada Conference, address the Conference at this time. He, however, requested to make his address near the end of the Conference Session, which was granted.

Resolved, That we have no Board of Deacons in the future, but that their work be handed over to the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home.

Election.

Resolved, That we proceed to the election of officers.

The roll was called for unconditional and conditional men, with the following result: **Unconditional**.—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, J. C. Roth, E. N. Cassel, C. H. Brunner, W. J. Fretz, J. G. Shireman, W. S. Hottel, J. F. Barrall, E. T. Shick, R. L. Woodring, C. W. Stine, O. S. Hillegass, F. M. Hottel, W. W. Zimmerman, E. E. Kublic, H. K. Kratz, P. J. Musselman, R. Bergstresser, V. H. Reinhart, Wm. Gehman, G. A. Campbell, L. B. Taylor, W. B. Musselman. **Conditional**.—None.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint tellers. He appointed J. F. Barrall and J. G. Shireman.

Resolved, That all officers be nominated and elected by ballot.

The following officers were elected:—Presiding Elders.—H. B. Musselman and W. G. Gehman were nominated.

Resolved, That the Secretary cast the ballot for their election.

H. B. Musselman shall be Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District and W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District.

H. B. Musselman was nominated as Chairman of the next Annual Conference.

Resolved, That the Secretary cast the ballot for his election.

C. H. Brunner was nominated as Secretary of the next Annual Conference.

Resolved, That the Recording Secretary cast the ballot for his election.

W. B. Musselman was nominated for Missionary Presiding Elder.

Resolved, That the Secretary cast the ballot for his election.

Allen M. Gehman was nominated as Treasurer of the Annual Conference.

Resolved, That the Secretary cast the ballot for his election.

Vice Presiding Elders.—J. C. Roth and C. H. Brunner.

Resolved, That J. C. Roth be Vice Presiding Elder on the Bethlehem District, and C. H. Brunner on the Mt. Carmel District.

Committee Over the Presiding Elders.—E. N. Cassel, W. S. Hottel and J. G. Shireman.

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

Board of Examiners.—J. C. Roth, W. S. Hottel and E. N. Cassel.

Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home.—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, E. N. Cassel, C. H. Brunner, Allen M. Gehman and H. L. Musselman were nominated.

Resolved, That the Recording Secretary cast the ballot for their election.

Executive Board.—H. B. Musselman, J. C. Roth, E. N. Cassel, W. G. Gehman and C. H. Brunner were nominated.

Resolved, That the Recording Secretary cast the ballot for their election.

Officers for the next Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention.—J. C. Roth was nominated for Chairman.

Resolved, That the Secretary cast the ballot for his election. C. W. Stine was elected Secretary.

The Chair appointed the following Committee on Camp Meeting Equipage and Tabernacle Outfits.—J. C. Roth, E. N. Cassel, F. M. Hottel and Allen M. Gehman.

Resolved, That all expenses in connection with tabernacle outfits shall be paid for out of the Home Mission Fund. Expenses in connection with Camp Meeting Equipage shall be paid out of the Camp Meeting Equipage Fund. Appropriations for the above shall be left to the Appropriating Committee.

Committee on Printing.—We have printed 23 order books for the Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Deacons, Executive Board and Beneficiary Society at a cost of \$7.50. Fares of Committee, \$0.97; total, \$8.47.

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

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of three as a Board of Publication and Printing. The Treasurer of this committee shall be Treasurer of the Conference Fund. The Chair appointed J. C. Roth, E. N. Cassel and C. H. Brunner.

Adjourned, with benediction by W. G. Gehman.

FIFTH SESSION.

Friday Afternoon, October 15, 1909.

This session opened by singing, and prayer by O. C. Kistler. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

The following reports were then read and accepted:

Committee on Resolutions.—Whereas, The Board of Deacons has been discontinued by this Conference; therefore,

Resolved, That in case there are any poor in any class that need help beyond that given them by their respective classes, the Deacon on that charge shall make known the nature of the need to the President of the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home, who shall bring the matter before the Board. In case there is a poor member on a charge where there

is no Deacon, the pastor shall make the need known in place of the Deacon. In either case the Board shall assist as they deem it advisable.

W. S. Hottel,
E. N. Cassel,
W. G. Gehman,
Committee.

Committee on Worship.—We recommend that W. S. Hottel preach to-night, J. C. Roth preach Saturday night, H. B. Musselman preach the Conference sermon on Sunday morning, S. Goudie preach the Ordination Sermon on Sunday afternoon, and W. B. Musselman preach Sunday night. In case W. B. Musselman should not arrive, W. G. Gehman shall preach Sunday night.

We further recommend that we have a rousing Open Air Meeting on the Square, on Saturday evening at seven o'clock, and that all the members shall be present at the Open Air Meeting and at all services on Sunday, unless they are excused by a committee of three appointed by the Chairman, including himself.

E. N. Cassel,
H. L. Shelly,
Committee.

Auditing Committee. (See Reports.)

Resolved, That Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman, held all the Home Missionary meetings throughout the Conference and take the subscriptions with the assistance of the respective pastors.

Resolved, That the pastor of the Philadelphia Mission be privileged to go through the Conference and take collections or subscriptions in connection with the pastors for the Philadelphia Mission.

Rev. F. D. Geary, pastor of the Gospel Chapel, was introduced to the Conference.

The various Boards and Committees reported the election of officers, which were accepted as follows:

Committee over the Presiding Elders.—Chairman, E. N. Cassel; Secretary, W. S. Hottel.

Board of Examiners.—President, J. C. Roth; Secretary, W. S. Hottel; Treasurer, E. N. Cassel.

Board of Foreign Missions.—President, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; Treasurer, Allen M. Gehman.

Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home.—President, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, W. S. Hottel; Treasurer, C. H. Brunner.

Executive Board.—President, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; Treasurer, J. C. Roth.

Board of Publication and Printing.—President, J. C. Roth; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; Treasurer, E. N. Cassel.

Committee over Camp Meeting Equipage and Tabernacle Outfits.—Chairman, J. C. Roth; Secretary, E. N. Cassel; Treasurer, Allen M. Gehman.

Beneficiary Society.—President, J. C. Roth; Secretary, W. S. Hottel; Treasurer, J. F. Barrall.

Resolved, That we donate \$100 to the Quakertown Church, out of the Home Mission Fund on condition that the Quakertown class will raise the other \$100 during the coming year.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District examine the applicants for Annual Conference License on the discipline.

Resolved, That all bills of Camp Meeting expenses be submitted to the Secretary of the Committee in an itemized form giving date of all expenses. The Secretary shall have the bill O. K'd by the Chairman of the Committee and issue an order on the Treasurer, who shall pay such orders when properly signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee.

The Secretary shall enter the bills in his book as they are submitted and also enter all money as it is received, giving date, and name of party from whom such money is received, making the Camp Meeting Committee creditor for all money received and debtor for all money paid out. He shall also compile a summary of receipts and expenses at the end of the record of all expenses for the year.

The Treasurer shall make himself debtor in his book for all the various amounts of money as they are received and creditor for all money paid out, giving date and name of party or parties from whom money is received, and date and name of party or parties, and number of order to whom money is paid.

Resolved, That the Secretary ask the publishers of the "Gospel Herald" and "Gospel Banner" to send each pastor a copy of the mailing list of the subscribers on his charge.

Resolved, That we print 500 Conference Journals to be sold at 25 cents each. Any expenses in connection with the printing of the Journals not covered by the receipts for the same, shall be paid out of the Annual Conference Fund, or any balance from the sale of them shall be paid into said fund.

Resolved, That we donate \$10.00 to the editor of the Conference Journal.

Resolved, That the two Presiding Elders and the delegates from the stations and circuits constitute the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.

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

Adjourned, with benediction by L. B. Taylor.

SIXTH SESSION.

Saturday Forenoon, October 16, 1909.

This session was opened by singing, and prayer by R. Bergstresser. The roll was called, after which the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The Report of the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

The Chair appointed R. Bergstresser, J. C. Roth and H. B. Musselman, as a Committee to whom members of Conference may apply for permission to leave on Saturday night and Sunday.

Resolved, That the Conference resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the proposed Rules and Regulations of the Orphanage and Home.

The Chair appointed C. H. Brunner as Chairman of this Committee.

This Committee sat and finished its work, after which Conference resumed its business in regular session.

The Report of the Committee of the Whole was read and accepted, as follows:

Resolved, That W. G. Gehman read the proposed Rules and Regulations of the Orphanage and Home.

These proposed rules were read and discussed by a few, by way of explanation of the work and purpose of the Home. Action on them was deferred indefinitely.

C. H. Brunner, Chairman.

C. W. Stine, Secretary.

Whereas, The Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home have so wisely and ably managed the affairs of the Home and Farm, in improving, equipping and furnishing the same with useful and proper facilities to successfully carry on the Lord's work to the glory of God; therefore,

Resolved, That we as a Conference, highly appreciate the services of the said Board, and congratulate them for the noble work done, and pray that God may continue to use them to further the good work begun.

Resolved, That C. H. Brunner be added to the Committee on Resolutions to formulate resolutions relative to our Foreign Missionaries.

Adjourned to the call of the Chair with benediction by E. T. Shick.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Saturday Afternoon, October 16, 1909.

This session was opened with singing, and prayer by H. E. Gackenbach. The roll was called, after which the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The following reports were read and accepted:

Committee on Resolutions.—(a) **Resolved**, That the Board of Publication and Printing secure Foreign Mission Sunday School Receipt Cards and labels for barrels, to be used in the various Sunday Schools throughout the Conference, to be paid for out of the Foreign Missionary treasury.

W. S. Hottel,
E. N. Cassel,
W. G. Gehman.
Committee.

(b) **Whereas**, We have learned through the Gospel Banner and Report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions how the Lord has so wonderfully spared the lives of all our Missionaries in Chile, China and Turkey, even in sickness and in the midst of great danger, etc.; and,

Whereas, God has blessed their labors to the salvation of many souls and the upbuilding of the work of the Lord in general, in those benighted lands; therefore,

Resolved, That we appreciate the reports of our beloved co-workers in those dark lands, received through the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions; that we praise God from whom all blessings flow for the physical, temporal and spiritual blessings hitherto bestowed; that we continue to support them with our means, and uphold them with our prayers, that the coming year may be one of greater blessing and power in sowing the seed, as well as reaping grain, and establishing believers, and that both they and their converts may be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord.

W. S. Hottel,
E. N. Cassel,
W. G. Gehman,
C. H. Brunner,
Committee.

Committee to Organize Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention.—Chairman, W. J. Fretz; Secretary, R. L. Woodring; Treasurer, J. F. Barrall.

Committee on Programme.—Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, J. C. Roth; C. H. Brunner.

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 services. No pastor shall leave without the consent of the Committee.

Resolved, That this Convention be held at Coopersburg on Ascension Day, 1910.

Resolved, That we extend a hearty invitation to the Presiding Elder, W. G. Gehman, of the Mt. Carmel District, and the Missionary Presiding Elder, W. B. Musselman. Also the Pastors of the Mt. Carmel District.

J. C. Roth, Chairman.

W. S. Hottel, Secretary.

Committee to Organize Mt. Carmel District Sunday School Convention.—Chairman, E. T. Shick; Secretary, H. A. Kaufman; Treasurer, V. H. Reinhart.

Committee on Programme.—W. G. Gehman, E. T. Shick, J. G. Shireman.

Resolved, That this Convention be held at Mt. Carmel on Ascension Day, 1910.

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 minister shall be permitted to leave.

Resolved, That we extend a hearty invitation through the Secretary, to the Missionary Presiding Elder, W. B. Musselman; Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, of Bethlehem District, and other ministers of the Bethlehem District, to be present at this convention.

J. G. Shireman, Chairman.

P. J. Musselman, Secretary.

Rev. C. K. Fehr, of the Evangelical Association, was introduced to the Conference.

Resolved, That the Secretary send Conference Journals to our Foreign Missionaries and also to the Railroad Companies.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication and Printing, with the Chairman of the Annual Conference, get new dedication certificates during the year.

Resolved, That the collections for Camp Meetings shall be reported by the Chairman of the General Camp Meeting Committee and be recorded by themselves on the Summary Statistical Report. (Standing Rule.)

Resolved, That the next Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention meet at Royersford, Pa. The Committee reported the date of this Convention, April 14, 1910.

Resolved, That the next Annual Conference convene in Reading on the second Thursday in October, 1910, at 8 A. M.

Report of the Board of Examiners on the Reading Course. (See Reports.)

Report of the Committee on Communications.—We have received communications from W. B. Musselman, stating that

he was in hopes of meeting the brethren in Conference at least one day, but that his conditions and circumstances are such that it is impossible for him to be present, and begs us to excuse him for his absence.

We also received a report from him which we recommend to be read to this Annual Conference, and to be inserted in the regular order of the Presiding Elders' reports in the minutes.

R. L. Woodring,
W. S. Hottel,
W. G. Gehman,
Committee.

Committee on Resolutions.—(a) Whereas, W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder, was not able to be present at this Conference; therefore,

Resolved, That we are sorry to miss his presence, fellowship and wise counsel at the sessions of this Conference; and further,

Resolved, That we pray that God may continue to bless him physically and spiritually and grant him many years of useful service in His work.

(b)—**Whereas**, W. B. Musselman sent us an inspiring report of the work of the Gospel Workers' Society; and,

Whereas, The Lord has so wonderfully blessed the work of the Society, both financially and spiritually, in saving souls and selling literature, so much so that the victories realized at the present time by the Society are more numerous and marked than ever before; therefore,

Resolved, That we praise God for the rich blessings bestowed in the past, and that we highly appreciate the work done by the Society, as well as the deep devotion and spirit of self-denial manifested, and that we unitedly uphold them with our prayers and offerings, as well as in doing our best to get as many new subscribers for the "Gospel Herald" as possible.

W. S. Hottel,
W. G. Gehman,
E. N. Cassel,
Committee.

Eld. S. Goudie, Fraternal Delegate from the Canada Conference, now addressed the Conference, after which the following was accepted:

Report of the Committee on Resolutions.—**Whereas**, The Ontario Conference of the Dominion of Canada, has sent Eld. S. Goudie, Chairman of their last Annual Conference and Presiding Elder of their East District, as Fraternal Delegate to this Conference; and,

Whereas, He has been with us from the opening of this Conference and intends to remain with us to the close; and,

Whereas, He has given us a very interesting address on the condition of their work, how marvellously the Lord has been leading, so that their last year was the most blessed that they had for many years, having had a larger increase in membership than for years, though their work has not been without its testings, but the Lord has been giving them glorious victories; and,

Whereas, The relationship between the Pennsylvania and the Canada Conference has always been most friendly, and the Canadian brethren have proven a great blessing and inspiration to our Conference in the past; therefore,

Resolved, That we rejoice to have our fellowship stirred up anew and strengthened by the presence of Eld. S. Goudie, whose edifying address, as well as his wise counsel, were greatly appreciated; and further,

Resolved, That we pray that God's richest blessings may rest upon him and his Conference in the future even more than in the past.

W. S. Hottel,

H. B. Musselman,

E. N. Cassel,

C. H. Brunner,

W. G. Gehman,

Committee.

A liberal offering was now lifted for the labor and expense of the Secretary, amounting to \$14.30. (Thanks.)

Resolved. That we excuse Bro. R. D. Dreisbach to-morrow evening upon his request, on condition that he leave his signature here for the minutes.

Adjourned, with benediction by Wm. Gehman.

SERVICES.

Sunday, October 17, 1909.

The weather was delightful and the people commenced to gather early from the various charges.

At 9.45 A. M. the Chairman, H. B. Musselman, preached the Conference sermon, setting forth the great importance of the calling of the ministry, the importance of his message, and the fruit of his labors.

At 2.00 P. M. Eld. S. Goudie, Fraternal Delegate from Canada, preached the Ordination sermon, showing very clearly the necessity of being positive of a divine call and the solemnity of the Ordination vow. The brethren, V. H. Reinhart, F. M. Hottel and H. K. Kratz, were ordained by the laying on of hands and the Lord set his seal of approval upon the solemn ceremony.

At 7.30 P. M. Eld. W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District, preached an instructive sermon on "The Death of Christ," and what it must mean, both to the ministry and the laity.

The singing during the day was excellent and inspiring. The addresses were powerful, searching and elevating. The services were interspersed by fervent Amens, Hallelujahs, etc. The offerings during the day for the expenses of the Conference amounted to \$101. The church was crowded to the doors and the glory of the Lord filled the house and hearts of His people.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Monday Forenoon, October 18, 1909.

This session opened with prayer by F. M. Hottel. The roll was called, after which the minutes of the previous session were read and approved with corrections.

The following reports were read and accepted.

Committee on Resolutions.—(a) **Resolved**, That the money in the Treasury of the Poor Fund be paid into the Treasury of the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home.

(b)—**Resolved**, That we continue to lift an offering for the Poor as heretofore, to be paid into the Treasury of the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home.

Resolved, That the clause "to be paid into the Treasury of the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home" be inserted in Standing Rule F, on Page 6, in the Journal, after the words "shall be received," also that the clause "to the Treasurer of the Poor Fund" be erased and the clause "to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home" be substituted.

(c)—**Whereas**, Allen M. Gehman has served this Conference faithfully in the capacity of Treasurer for a number of years, which caused him to give us much of his valuable time, and incurring considerable expenses in the line of postage, etc.; therefore,

Resolved, That this Conference donate him \$25, to be paid out of the Conference Fund.

W. S. Hottel,
E. N. Cassel,
W. G. Gehman,
Committee.

Whereas, This Conference donated to Allen M. Gehman, \$25.00; and,

Whereas, Bro. Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer of the Conference, has refused to accept this offer, on the ground that he has done all cheerfully as unto the Lord; therefore,

Resolved, That this Conference give him a rising vote of thanks.

W. S. Hottel,
E. N. Cassel,
W. G. Gehman,
Committee.

Auditing Committee. (See Reports.)

Resolved, That H. B. Musselman be sent as a Fraternal Delegate to the Indiana and Ohio Conference and that his expenses be paid out of the Conference Fund. This year we will lift two collections for the Conference Fund, the first collection to be paid in as soon as taken.

W. S. Hottel is appointed as one of the Committee to arrange the programme for the Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention.

Resolved, That the Conference Committee Report tablets be paid out of the Conference Fund.

At this time the Chairman gave a very earnest and strong address to the ministry, which was very instructive and full of timely warnings, which we trust will be very fruitful throughout the Conference year.

Resolved, That the time limit for the payment of the subscriptions for the Philadelphia property shall be three months or less. The money collected in this way shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Executive Board, through the Secretary. The expenses of J. G. Shireman, in taking these subscriptions, shall be paid out of the Home Missionary money appropriated to the Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District and President of the Gospel Herald Society.

Resolved, That the Home Missionary offerings be lifted between New Year and the Camp Meetings.

Resolved, That the Executive Board be authorized to purchase land or property for Camp Meeting purposes.

Bro. S. Goudie gave us another very acceptable address at this time.

Resolved, That this Annual Conference recommend the next General Conference to adopt "Parliamentary Practice" by Rev. T. B. Neely, D. D., instead of "Cushing's Parliamentary Practice."

Rev. J. S. Heisler, pastor of Seibert United Evangelical Church, was introduced to the Conference.

The Report of the Auditing Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Whereas, The beloved pilgrims of the Allentown class have so kindly entertained us and so royally supplied our temporal needs during the sessions of this Conference: therefore,

Resolved, That we tender them a hearty vote of thanks by rising, as a token of appreciation for their kindness shown.

Adjourned by prayer by S. Goudie and singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

H. B. Musselman, P. E., Chairman.

C. H. Brunner, Secretary.

Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer.

W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder.

J. C. Roth, Vice Presiding Elder.

C. W. Stine, Recording Secretary.

J. G. Shireman, Statistical Secretary.

J. F. Barrall, Financial Secretary.

G. A. Campbell,

W. J. Fretz,

E. E. Kublic,

O. S. Hillegass,

E. N. Cassel,

W. S. Hottel,

R. L. Woodring,

R. Bergstresser,

W. W. Zimmerman,

E. T. Shick,

F. M. Hottel,

V. H. Reinhart,

P. J. Musselman,

Wm. Gehman,

L. B. Taylor,

H. K. Kratz,

H. L. Musselman,

H. H. Bergey,

R. D. Dreisbach,

J. A. Kern,

M. M. Ziegler,

S. H. Lichtenthaler,

J. H. Baus,

J. M. Oplinger,

W. D. Evert,

G. K. Himmelreich,

John Ziegler,

S. S. Geil,

O. C. Kistler,

H. E. Gackenbach,

H. L. Shelly,

F. M. Gehman.

J. N. Overdorf,

REPORTS.

I. REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We have audited the following accounts: Quarterly Conference Records, Orphanage, Equipment Fund, Camp Meetings, Presiding Elders, Gospel Herald Society, Secretary and Treasurer of the Sunday School Conventions, Home and Foreign Mission Boards, Board of Deacons and Annual Conference Fund and found them all correct, with the following exceptions:

A.—Quarterly Conference Records.—Royersford and Mt. Carmel in Gospel Workers' offerings.

Quakertown in Steward's account and Rent Collector's summary.

Blandon, Fleetwood and Terre Hill in Sunday School report.

Zionsville in Sunday School report, Missionary Presiding Elder's, Presiding Elder's and Steward's collections in summary.

Nazareth and Plainfield in Sunday School, Board of Trustees, Rent Collector's, Steward's and Missionary Presiding Elder's accounts in the summary.

B.—Hellertown and Waldheim Camp Meeting Secretary's accounts in forwarding amounts, Secretary of the Home Mission Fund.

W. J. Fretz,

W. S. Hottel,

V. H. Reinhart,

J. N. Overdorf,

S. S. Geil,

H. K. Kratz,

John Ziegler,

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W. D. Evert,

J. M. Oplinger,

J. H. Baus,

Committee.

II. REPORT OF THE STATIONING, BOUNDARY AND APPROPRIATING COMMITTEE.

(A) Appointments.

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

(a) Stations.

Bethlehem—J. C. Roth.
Allentown—E. N. Cassel.
South Allentown—W. J. Fretz.
Zionsville—W. W. Zimmerman.

(b) Circuits.

Reading and Athol—C. H. Brunner.
Royersford and Spring City—W. S. Hottel.
Gratersford and Harleysville—R. Bergstresser.
Coopersburg and Springtown—J. F. Barrall.
Emaus and Macungie—H. K. Kratz.

(c) Missions.

Lehighton and Weissport—C. W. Stine.
Northampton—O. S. Hillegass.
Quakertown—R. L. Woodring.
Fleetwood, Blandon and Terre Hill—F. M. Hottel.

(d) Tabernacles.

To be supplied.

(e) Local Preachers.

L. B. Taylor, Coopersburg and Springtown Quarterly Conference.
Wm. Gehman, Zionsville Quarterly Conference.
O. Bitting, Emaus and Macungie Quarterly Conference.
G. A. Campbell, Quakertown Quarterly Conference.

(f) Quarterly Conference Licensed Workers.

J. H. Moyer, H. M. Gehman, E. W. Martin, W. W. Dill,
F. E. Frey and M. W. Ettinger.

MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. Gehman, P. E.

(a) Station.

Mt. Carmel—E. T. Shick.

(b) Circuit.

Nazareth and Plainfield—V. H. Reinhart.

(c) Missions.

Philadelphia—J. G. Shireman.
 Walnutport—P. J. Musselman.
 Easton—E. E. Kublic.

(d) Tabernacles.

To be supplied.

(e) Annual Conference Licensed Workers.

C. A. Parson, G. F. Yost, H. A. Kauffman, D. H. Manney
 and J. T. Anderson.

(B) Appropriations.**BETHLEHEM DISTRICT.**

Fleetwood, Blandon and Terre Hill, per month.....	\$ 6 00
Lehighton and Weissport, per month.....	7 00
Quakertown, per month.....	15 00
Northampton, per month.....	15 00
To be used at the discretion of the Presiding Elder..	150 00

MT. CARMEL DISTRICT.

Walnutport, per month.....	\$ 15 00
Easton, per month.....	15 00
Philadelphia, per month.....	20 00
To be used by the Committee on Camp Meeting Equip- age and Tabernacle Outfits.....	100 00
The balance of the Home Mission money to be used at the discretion of the Presiding Elder as President of the Gospel Herald Society.	

(C) Gospel Herald Society.

W. G. Gehman, President.

East Stroudsburg, to be supplied.

Shamokin, to be supplied.

Sunbury, to be supplied.

Norristown, to be supplied.

Hatfield and Lansdale, to be supplied.

Washington, N. J., to be supplied.

Hackettstown, N. J., to be supplied.

(D) Gospel Worker Society.

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

(E) Foreign Missionaries.

Chile, South America.—H. L. Weiss, Superintendent; Mrs.
 H. L. Weiss, H. W. Feldges, Mrs. H. W. Feldges, A. E.

Dawson, Mrs. A. E. Dawson, Niels Gunstadt, Mrs. Niels Gunstadt, M. P. Zook, Mrs. M. P. Zook, Joseph Schmiedlin and Mrs. Joseph Schmiedlin.

China.—C. F. Snyder, Mrs. C. F. Snyder and V. G. Plymire.

Turkey.—Rose Lambert.

H. B. Musselman, Chairman.

W. G. Gehman, Secretary.

J. H. Baus,

F. M. Gehman,

O. C. Kistler,

J. A. Kern,

M. M. Ziegler,

Allen M. Gehman,

H. L. Shelly,

H. L. Musselman,

J. N. Overdorf,

John Ziegler,

W. D. Evert,

Committee.

III. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Another Conference year has passed. The Lord blessed the work at home and the pastors have been keeping the Foreign Missionary interest, both in the Church and in the Sunday Schools, in a healthy normal condition.

Reports of victory, as well as of severe tests, have been coming from the various fields. The Lord has blessed and used the Missionaries in spite of all obstacles and tests and preserved the lives of all of them.

Chile.—The brethren report great victories in the midst of opposition from various sources. The work was tested in various ways. A few of the workers had been sick, but the Lord raised them up again. At present all are well. The Missionaries had been stationed during the year as follows:

Valdivia.—H. L. Weiss and wife.

Loncoche.—A. E. Dawson and wife.

Temuco.—H. W. Feldges and wife.

Osorno.—M. P. Zook and wife.

Chiloe.—Niels Gunstadt and wife.

Puren.—Joseph Schmiedlin and wife.

They raised money on the field for various purposes amounting to \$2,100 in U. S. money. They hold property to the value of about \$20,000 in U. S. money. They have a hospital in Valdivia where they had as many as seven patients at one time. When fully equipped they can accommodate twenty or more.

Thibet.—This is a very difficult field. Bro. C. F. Snyder and wife have been laboring among the Thibetans at Chone on the borders of Thibet.

V. G. Plymire has been at Tauchow, (Old City). He has been hard at work at the language, besides traveling about 900 miles on horseback.

Our Thibetan Missionaries have had their very severe discouragements, on account of the indifference of the natives and other sources.

Turkey.—Our only Missionary in this dark country is Sister Rose Lambert, Matron of the Orphanage at Hadjin. They care for between three and four hundred orphans at this place. During the terrible massacres of last spring, the acting Superintendent and two of their most useful and trustworthy natives were brutally murdered, throwing the greater part of the responsibility upon Sister Lambert. The latest reports state that she was recovering from an attack of typhoid fever.

H. B. Musselman, Chairman.

C. H. Brunner, Secretary.

Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer.

J. C. Roth. W. G. Gehman.

IV. FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ORPHANAGE AND HOME, FROM OCTOBER 2, 1908, TO OCTOBER 6, 1909.

The past year was one of blessings, but not without difficulties.

We repaired the property purchased for the Home and built a two-story brick addition, 16 by 22 feet. The house now contains thirteen (13) nice rooms. We painted the house inside and outside and papered nearly all the rooms except the new, graded a part of the yard, built cement sidewalks, constructed a large cement cistern in the basement of the new addition, repaired and painted the barn, built a new chicken house and a new fence along the railroad side of the yard, and so on.

We installed a steam heating plant, which is doing good service.

The Lord enabled us to open the Home about July 1 for Sister Fianna Preisch, of Bethlehem, Pa., who had been an invalid for the past nine years, and Sister Sarah Moll, of Allentown, Pa. They both repeatedly expressed their thanks and appreciation to God and us for such a Home in their declining years.

Brother O. B. Bartholomew, the Manager of the Home and Farm, and his family, and Sister Kate Fairheller, the Matron, who live here, are used of the Lord and feel at home.

Elder L. B. Taylor spends much of his time here and on the Farm in repairing and is of real great service in many details of the Home and Farm.

Improvements were continued on the Farm. We built a concrete floor in the wash-house. We built a calf stable 16 feet by 32 feet. We changed the former hen house into a hog stable and have now a continuous stable 70 feet long. To the west end of this stable we built a new hen house 12 by 18 feet.

We bought a complete fruit tree spraying outfit on a small scale.

We bought a liquid manure pump and built a tank and sprayer.

We bought a hand cultivator, drill and plow for trucking, a new Halleck Weeder, and spring tooth harrow.

We made quite an important change from shipping milk to Philadelphia to butter-making. In spite of having less cows, and the majority of them freshening during the Fall and Winter, we realized about the same from the sale of butter in the last seven months as we did from the sale of milk the first five months of the year, besides having all the skim milk for young stock. We sell the butter wholesale to Mr. W. A. Wieand, Allentown, Pa., for 2 cents above nearby creamery prints, according to "Philadelphia Record" quotations. We have 21 cows, 11 heifers, 2 bulls and 2 Holstein grade calves, a number of which cattle are very beautiful and useful pure breds.

We planted soja beans, sugar cane, ensilage corn, field corn, and sugar beets, which furnished and still furnish much green feed for stable-feeding our stock. We also rented a few meadows cheap where we pastured our young stock.

We have at present 58 heads of swine, of which 17 head are fine large pure bred Berkshires. The horses are in a very good condition.

We have some young and old chickens on the Farm and at the Home.

Fruit trees were planted to take the place of a few that died, so that our young orchard of three acres of pears, apples, peaches and plum trees is in a flourishing condition.

We cleaned two acres of new land and seeded to rye. We seeded $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres to alfalfa and planted $\frac{1}{2}$ acre to strawberries.

We harvested 10,933 sheaves of wheat, yielding about 400 bushels, or 25 bushels to the acre, which we sold at \$1.20 per bushel F. O. B. Centre Valley, Pa., thrashing it right out of the field.

The pear crop was not so large, yet we had sold some \$20.00 after canning about six bushels for the Home. Notwithstanding the drought during the Summer, our yield of

sugar corn was real good and furnished much green fodder for the cows. The potatoes are very nice. We have dug 2025 bushels so far and have yet about four acres to dig. They sell for 85 cents and 90 cents per bushel choice, at present.

Sixteen acres are being seeded to wheat.

We harvested 32½ tons of hay. The corn crop will be a real good one.

We sold considerable truck in spite of the drought.

The farmer, C. J. Kline; the herdsman, Titus Hottel, and Brother Myron Gehret, are encouraged and are good workers. We look back and thank God for the past results and look forward for greater blessings in the future.

Donations for 1908-1909.

1908.

October 17—To unload potatoes.

(1) Spring City, Pa.,

W. S. Hottel—

Hauling	\$ 11.25
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Labor	2.50
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John Overdorf.....	1.15
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Thomas Maharg.....	1.15
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Charles Reasor	1.15
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Walter Hale.....	1.25
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(2) Royersford,

Luther Weidner.....	2.00
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E. R. Hartman.....	1.25
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Charles Yerger.....	1.15
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Samuel Bucher	2.80
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1909.

January 6th—

W. G. Gehman (Double Harness).....	7.80
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C. J. Kline (Bridles).....	5.00
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March—

R. L. Woodring—

1 Cockerel and Hens.....	20.00
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Wm. Gehman (Stove).....	5.00
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June 22—

H. L. Musselman, 25 crates.....	6.00
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July—

J. H. Moyer—

6 Bottles Peppermint	1.50
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Wm. Hassler, one day—

Grading Yard at Home.....	1.00
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Wall Paper.....	1.98
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Gospel Workers' Society—

13 Bbbs. Glass Jars	20.00
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O. B. Bartholomew—	
2 Gals. Apple Butter.....	\$ 1.00
8 Lbs. Dried Beef at 26c.....	2.08
8 Apple Butter Jars.....	1.00
1 Barrel	1.00
40 Gals. Vinegar at 18c.....	7.20
Bethlehem Class—	
12 Chairs at 25c.....	3.00
3 Butcher Knives (S. Weiss).....	1.00
Brussels Carpet	15.00
Waldheim C. M. Com.—	
Straw and Lumber.....	15.00
Amanda Shelly—	
Bed Room Suit.....	25.00
Mr. Knauss, Bethlehem—	
5 Lard Kettles at 25c.....	1.25
Mary Arner, Allentown—	
3 Window Screens.....	2.00
Mrs. Abner Schwavely—	
1 Comforter.....	2.50
1 St. Bernard Dog.....	15.00
Total	<u>\$185.96</u>

The Committee on Labor donated to the Home reported as follows:

Brother E. N. Cassel brought several of his members from the Allentown Class to the Home after the new addition had been completed to clean up the house.

Brother J. C. Roth and a large number of his members, and others from Bethlehem, likewise rendered much valuable service at the Home, cleaning up, grading, building fence, etc.

The brethren, E. T. Shick, J. G. Shireman, P. J. Musselman, and others, have constructed fine cement walks around the Home.

The services of all these have been a great saving to the Board and are highly appreciated.

Allen M. Gehman,
W. S. Hottel,
C. H. Brunner,
Committee.

Financial Report from Oct. 2, 1908 to Oct. 6, 1909.

I. FARM.

(A) Receipts.

Milk	\$1,092.91	Firewood	55.35
Butter	1,028.22	Implements	25.55
Wheat	729.49	Labor	6.50
Potatoes	656.75	Scalecide	5.00
Cattle	588.21	Discounts	24.97
Horse	185.00	Bags returned.....	11.51
Hogs	281.15	Barrels returned....	3.50
Sweet Corn.....	134.51	Freights refunded...	3.90
Produce	72.01	Sundry refunds.....	8.12
Poultry and Eggs...	85.37	Error in former acct.	2.00
Beef	14.21		
Hides	8.45		
Pears	19.72	Total	\$5,042.40

(B) Expenditures.

Livestock	\$1,052.75	Lime, Sand and Ce- ment	76.41
Feed	2,072.61	Hardware	71.11
Labor	1,216.99	Oils and Paints....	69.12
Board and Provi- sions	362.28	Blacksmithing	51.71
Fertilizers	268.70	Horseshoeing	32.65
Freight	265.40	Lumber	23.91
Fares, Toll and Tele- phone	170.07	Iron Fence	18.33
Seeds and Plants...	125.22	Straw	17.52
Dairy Implements..	180.10	Roofing	12.60
Farm Implements...	109.02	Dairy Supplies.....	10.97
Potatoes	178.35	Trees	6.75
Repairs	101.46	Periodicals and Ad- vertising	5.25
Spraying Material ..	95.19	Transfers	3.00
Taxes	96.71	Furnishings	1.45
Interest	92.00		
Hogs	73.00	Total	\$6,883.56
Poultry	22.93		

II. HOME.

(A) Receipts.

Meals	\$.75
Provisions75
Total	\$ 1.50

(B) Expenditures.

Purchase Money ...	\$2,420.00	Sarah Bush, Board.	
Building	737.65	Fianna Preisch ...	61.00
Lumber	119.33	Dr. Ritter, Med. At-	
Painting	96.56	tendance, Fianna	
Carpenter Work....	69.45	Preisch	3.00
Oils and Paints	94.76	Coach to take Fianna	
Hardware	93.66	Preisch to Home..	3.00
Lime, Sand and Ce-		Tax	20.00
ment	68.71	Coal	31.05
Tinsmith	31.05	Deed, transfers,	
Roofing	36.61	titles, and other ex-	
Labor	118.91	penses necessary to	
Provisions	130.62	secure possession .	61.00
Furnishings	148.09	Freight	29.86
Alice Koch, Board,		Fares	9.40
Sarah Moll.....	25.00		
		Total	\$4,408.71

III. BETHLEHEM PROPERTY.

(A) Receipts.

Rent	\$ 60.00
Donation	1.50
Total	\$ 61.50

(B) Expenditures.

Roof Repairs.....	\$ 37.77	Gas	14
Taxes	16.56	Cab Hire (Fianna	
Deed	5.20	Preisch)	1.25
Legal services (For		Funeral Expenses	
Fianna Preisch's		(Joseph Preisch) ...	100.00
Transactions)	10.00		
Pump	6.00	Total	\$176.92

Summary Totals.

(A) Receipts.	(B) Expenditures.
Farm	Farm
Home	Home
Bethlehem Property	Bethlehem Property
Contributions from	
the Church.....	Total
	Loans Paid
Total	Total

Note.—Articles donated valued at \$185.96 are not included in these receipts.

Stock Account.

A Stock Account Committee of Seven, appointed by the Board of Trustees, from among their number, took the following conservative account of stock:

I. FARM.

Farm	\$ 9,486.00
Implements	1,194.63

Stock:

Horses	\$ 767.00	
Cattle	2,498.58	
Pigs, Berkshire	\$154.00	
Pigs, grade	274.50	
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Poultry	40.00	
Dog	15.00	
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Produce:

Potatoes (2,400 Bu. at 60c)	1,440.00	
Hay and Straw	410.00	
Corn	240.00	
Wheat	59.85	
Forage	52.00	
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Miscellaneous:

Walnut Lumber (3,000 ft. at \$45 M.)	135.00	
Cord Wood	50.00	
Lumber	20.00	
Butter Making Outfit	175.00	
Ashes and Crushed Stone	6.00	
Spraying Material	22.00	
Furniture	35.00	
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Total	\$17,074.56
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II. HOME.

Home	\$ 4,300.00
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Miscellaneous:

Poultry	\$ 26.83	
Hay and Straw	5.10	
Corn	56.67	
Wood	5.00	
Coal	27.00	
Furniture	177.50	
Canned Goods	32.25	
	<hr/>	330.35

Total	\$ 4,630.35
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Summary Totals.

Farm	\$17,074.56
Home	4,630.35
Cash on Hand.....	1,082.71
Grand Total	<u>\$22,787.62</u>

Statement.

Resources.	Liabilities.
Properties\$13,786.00	Contributions before
Live Stock 3,775.91	Oct. 2, 08.....\$10,097.44
Implements 1,194.63	Contributions since
Produce 2,295.87	Oct. 2, 08..... 8,692.30
Miscellaneous 652.50	Donations, Oct. 2,
Cash on hand..... 1,082.71	1908 262.56
	Loans 1,425.00
	Surplus <u>2,310.32</u>
Total\$22,787.62	Total\$22,787.62

W. G. Gehman, Superintendent.

H. B. Musselman, Chairman.

W. S. Hottel, Secretary.

C. H. Brunner, Treasurer.

E. N. Cassel,
 J. G. Shireman,
 W. G. Gehman,
 O. B. Bartholomew,
 Oscar Baer,

J. C. Roth,
 E. T. Schick,
 Allen M. Gehman,
 H. L. Musselman,
 Board of Trustees.

FORMS OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

Bequest.

I give and bequeath unto H. B. Musselman, W. S. Hottel, C. H. Brunner, W. G. Gehman, J. C. Roth, E. N. Cassel, J. G. Shireman, E. T. Shick, O. B. Bartholomew, H. L. Musselman, Allen M. Gehman and O. Baer, Trustees of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Orphanage and Home, located at Centre Valley, Pa., and their successors in office, the sum of.....
payable one year after my decease.

Devise.

I give and devise unto H. B. Musselman, W. S. Hottel, C. H. Brunner, W. G. Gehman, J. C. Roth, E. N. Cassel, J. G. Shireman, E. T. Shick, O. B. Bartholomew, H. L. Musselman, Allen M. Gehman and O. Baer, Trustees of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Orphanage and Home, located at Centre Valley, Pa., and their successors in office, the following described real property, together with the appurtenances, in fee simple, viz.: (Describe nature, situation and contents of property), possession to be given one year after my decease.

V. BOARD OF EXAMINERS ON THE READING COURSE.

(a) Applicants for Annual Conference License on the Discipline.

J. T. Anderson, 83,
H. B. Musselman,
Examiner.

(b) Probationers on the Reading Course.

PROBATIONERS	Bible	Church History	Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation	Lessons on Holiness	Sell's Bible Study by Books	Reformed Pastor	Fletcher's Appeal	Nelson on Infidelity	Jesus is Coming	Average
First Year.....										
H. A. Kauffman.....	97	68	98	98	86					89
D. H. Manney.....	95	63	89	98	51					79
G. F. Yost.....		18	17		11					15
J. T. Anderson.....		8	21		18					27
Second Year.....										
C. A. Parson.....		18	42		29					27
Third Year.....										
H. K. Kratz.....	79	91	73		77		70	89	56	76
V. H. Reinhart.....	61	44	54		43		32	79	67	54
F. M. Hottel.....	53	38	50		36		45	50	56	48

J. C. Roth, President.
W. S. Hottel, Secretary.
E. N. Cassel, Treasurer.

(B) Divisions for 1910.

(a) First Semi-Annual Studies:

First Year's Course.

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, Walker—Chapters 1 to 5 inclusive.

Sell's Bible Study by Books—Chapters 1 to 17 inclusive.

Church History, Fisher—to page 240.

Second Year's Course.

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation—Chapters 6 to 12 inclusive.

Sell's Bible Study by Books—Chapters 18 to 32 inclusive.

Church History—Pages 240—484.

Third Year's Course.

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation—Chapters 13 to 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 to 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 Royersford, Pa., April 12, at 7 P. M.

The second semi-annual examination shall be held in Reading, Pa., October 10, 1910, at 7 P. M.

J. C. Roth, President,
W. S. Hottel, Secretary,
E. N. Cassel, Treasurer.
Board of Examiners.

VI. REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY.**A. Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions.**

Receipts.		Expenditures.	
Bal. in Treas., Oct. 9,		Support.	
1908	\$ 6,239.26	H. L. Weiss and Family..	\$ 700.00
Refund on Gos. Her.		A. E. Dawson and	
Subscriptions	4.50	Family	600.00
Contributions (Special)	821.13	H. W. Feldges and Fam-	
Received Oct. 14, 09..	5,768.13	ily	600.00
		M. P. Zook and Family.	600.00
		Neils Gunstadt and	
		Family	400.00
		Joseph Schmiedlin and	
		Family	300.00
		C. F. Snyder and Fam-	
		ily	600.00
		V. G. Plymire	300.00
		Rose Lambert	300.00
		Sis. Bowman Transpor-	
		tation	100.00
		Diaries, including Post-	
		age	7.44
		Subscription to Gospel	
		Herald	12.50
		Subscription to Gospel	
		Banner	12.00
		Calenders and Post-	
		age	2.60
		Freight, etc.	2.18
		Sundries	7.87
		Expenses of Board	
		Meeting	4.05
		Contributions (Paid	
		Out)	821.13
		Eal. in Treas. Oct. 14,	
		09	7,463.28
Total		Total	
\$12,833.05		\$12,833.05	
		Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer.	

B. Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions.

Receipts.		Expenditures.	
Bal. in Treas., Oct. 9, 08.	\$ 3,102.24	H. B. Musselman, P. E..	\$ 688.50
May 11, Stove sold....	4.00	W. G. Gehman, P. E....	2,425.24
Oct. 6, Tabernacle sold	7.50	Bal. in Treas. Oct. 14, 09	3,064.00
Received Oct. 14, 09....	3,064.00		
Total	\$ 6,177.74	Total	\$ 6,177.74

Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer.

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

Receipts.		Expenditures.	
Bal. in Treas., Sept. 30,		Paid out during year...	\$13,944.19
08	\$ 42.70	Bal. in Treas. Oct. 6, 09.	1,082.71
Receipts to date, Oct. 6,			
09	14,984.20		
Total	\$15,026.90	Total	\$15,026.90

C. H. Brunner, Treasurer.

D. Report of the Treasurer of the Executive Board.

Receipts.		Expenditures.	
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 9, 08.	\$ 558.40	Paid out during year	\$ 1,336.82
Received during year..	786.20	Bal. in Treas. Oct. 14, 09	7.78
Total	\$ 1,344.60	Total	\$ 1,344.60

J. C. Roth, Treasurer.

E. Report of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Society.

Receipts.		Expenditures.	
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 9, 08.	\$ 334.28	Paid out during year...	\$ 142.00
Received at Annual Conference	111.38	Bal. in Treas. Oct. 14,	
Received from Pastors.	54.00	09	357.66
Total	\$ 499.66	Total	\$ 499.66

J. F. Barrall, Treasurer.

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

Receipts.		Expenditures.	
Bal. in Treas. Oct. 9, 08.	\$ 77.54	Paid out during year...	\$ 112.70
Received from C. H. Brunner	52.93	Bal. in Treas. Oct. 14,	
Received Oct. 14, 09...	76.96	09	94.73
Total	\$ 207.43	Total	\$ 207.43

W. J. Fretz, Treasurer.

G. Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Deacons.

Receipts.		Expenditures.	
Bal. in Treas., Oct. 9, 08.	\$ 420.59	Paid out during year...	\$ 174.90
Received Oct. 14, 09 ..	218.78	Bal. in Treas., Oct. 14,	
		09	464.47
Total	\$ 639.37	Total	\$ 639.37

A. A. Wismer, Treasurer.

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

Receipts.		Expenditures.	
Bal. in Treas., Oct. 9, 08.	\$ 246.28	Paid out during year ...	\$ 106.93
Hellertown C. M. Committee	58.78	Bal. in Treas., Oct. 14, 09	355.13
Waldheim C. M. Committee	102.32		
Easton C. M. Committee	54.68		
Total	\$ 462.06	Total	\$ 462.06

Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer.

1. Reports of the Treasurer of the Sunday School Conventions.**(a) Bethlehem District.**

Receipts.		Expenditures.	
Bal. in Treas., Oct. 9, 08.	\$ 71.15	Convention Expenses...	\$ 48.34
Received at last Convention	82.24	Printing 10,000 Labels.	7.50
		Printing 5,000 Booklets.	37.50
		5,000 Cards.....	28.75
		Printing 5,000 Cards...	5.00
		Postage	1.47
		Bal. in Treas., Oct. 14, 09	24.83
Total	\$ 153.39	Total	\$ 153.39

J. F. Barrall, Treasurer.

(b) Mt. Carmel District.

Receipts.		Expenditures.	
Bal. in Treas., Oct. 9, 08.	\$ 28.11	Convention Expenses...	\$ 83.33
Received at last Convention	67.08	Bal. in Treas., Oct. 14, 09	11.86
Total	\$ 95.19	Total	\$ 95.19

H. A. Kauffman, Treasurer.

J. F. Barrall, Financial Secretary.

VII. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Summary Collections from October 9, 1908 to October 15, 1909.

APPOINTMENTS	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Foreign Mission in S. S.	For the Poor	Beneficiary Fund	Conference Fund
Bethlehem District.						
Bethlehem	\$ 601 50	\$ 658 75	\$ 491 05	\$ 29 25	\$ 26 85	\$13 25
Allentown	533 90	516 00	326 38	29 30	14 17	9 57
Reading	177 00	199 00	107 53	8 60	7 75	4 10
Athol	5 00	10 00		1 00	1 00	40
Coopersburg	213 45	226 00	152 22	15 75	3 00	3 45
Springtown	21 75	46 20	12 50	2 00	1 30	50
S. Allentown	100 45	156 07	106 75	5 27	3 80	3 00
Zionsville	130 00	115 00	186 76	13 86	4 15	4 13
Macungie	96 10	129 50	125 24	3 12	2 25	1 54
Emaus	47 50	46 00	29 57	10 31	1 61	1 03
Royersford	115 50	122 00	80 89	6 00	5 50	3 00
Spring City	102 00	100 25	77 92	4 75	4 54	2 65
Lehighton	60 05	51 00	58 26	3 65	3 00	1 14
Weissport	15 75	34 40	10 42	2 00	2 00	90
Quakertown	80 40	87 35	83 13	6 50	2 10	2 15
Fleetwood	30 60	50 00	38 27	3 50	1 75	2 10
Blandon	58 75	58 00	33 93	4 40	2 65	1 50
Terre Hill	23 45	29 05	13 56	80	50	57
Northampton	68 45	69 50	40 67	3 55	1 63	1 31
Gratersford	52 25	44 50	68 23	14 85	2 64	1 10
Harleysville	109 75	79 00	46 30	15 51	1 90	2 32
Total on Dist.....	\$2643 60	\$2827 57	\$2089 58	\$183 97	\$ 94 09	\$59 71
Mt. Carmel Dist.						
Mount Carmel	\$ 102 90	\$ 82 25	\$ 153 53	\$ 11 42	\$ 4 21	\$ 4 96
Philadelphia	91 00	75 20	100 00	9 00	5 50	5 00
Nazareth	104 50	97 00	12 91	5 74	3 68	2 78
Plainfield	15 00	10 75	4 55	2 05	1 65	1 00
Easton	71 00	54 75	15 41	4 10	3 25	2 41
Walnutport	30 00	52 75	24 24	2 50	2 25	1 10
Gospel Herald Soc....	6 00		167 67			
Total on District...	\$ 420 40	\$ 372 70	\$ 478 31	\$ 34 81	\$ 20 54	\$17 25
Grand Total	\$3064 00	\$3200 27	\$2567 89	\$218 78	\$114 63	\$76 96

J. F. Barrall, Financial Secretary.

Allen M. Gehman.

H. L. Shelly.

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORTS OF THE PRESIDING ELDERS.

A. Bethlehem District.

(a) Appropriations.		(c) Miscellaneous.	
Leighton and Weiss-		C. W. Stine, moving...	\$ 20.00
port	\$ 96.00	O. S. Hillegass, moving.	10.00
Northampton	180.00	W. W. Zimmerman,	
Blandon, Fleetwood and		moving	10.00
Terre-Hill	72.00	W. J. Fretz, moving...	15.00
Quakertown and Hat-		H. K. Kratz, moving...	18.00
field	144.00	R. L. Woodring, moving	20.00
		R. Bergstresser, moving	20.00
Total	\$ 492.00	For Quakertown Church	
		and repairs	66.48
(b) Tabernacle Meetings.		Fare of W. W. Zimmer-	
R. Bergstresser, Leder-		man, repairing taber-	
achsville, Pa., for		nacle30
freight, hauling, ex-		2 gasoline torches....	3.00
press, etc.....	\$ 6.24	E. N. Cassel, Fare to	
W. J. Fretz, S. Allen-		Macungie50
town, Pa., hauling,			
tabernacle, etc.....	5.33	Total	\$ 183.28
W. S. Hottel, Royers-		Grand Total.....	\$ 688.50
ford, Pa., freight and			
hauling	1.65	H. B. Musselman, P. E.	
Total	\$ 13.22		

B. Mt. Carmel District.

(a) Appropriations.		(c) Miscellaneous.	
Easton and Erwinna...	\$ 180.00	J. G. Shireman, moving \$	30.00
Philadelphia	240.00	E. T. Shick, "	20.00
Walnutport and Tripoli	244.00	Donated toward Phila.	
		Church Property....	409.07
Total	\$ 664.00	Donated toward Easton	
(b) Tabernacle Meetings.		Building Lot Fund...	75.00
Easton, Pa.....	\$ 8.87	Donated toward Nazar-	
Nazareth, Pa.....	6.56	eth Building Lot Fund	75.00
Rent for living tent,		Freight on Campmeet-	
Nazareth	4.00	ing Equipage, Macun-	
		gle to Easton.....	31.07
Total	\$ 19.43	Advertising to sell	
		Tabernacles	1.55
		20 ft. Rope for Tents	
		at 11c	2.20
		Making Tent Boxes....	14.69
		Total	\$ 703.58
(c) Miscellaneous.		Grand Total	\$ 1,387.01
E. E. Kublic, Moving...	\$ 20.00		
P. J. Musselman, "	25.00	Received from Treasurer Home Mission Fund.....	\$ 1,387.01
		W. G. Gehman, P. E.	

IX. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GOSPEL HERALD SOCIETY.

(A) Statistical.			
Ordained Ministers of Annual Conference ..	1	For Carpet, Missions Repair, (Extra)	\$ 94.95
Probationers of Annual Conference	4	For Parsonage Rent, Shamokin	119.00
Gospel Heralds Full Members	7	For Orphanage	49.50
Received into Church Fellowship	28	For Home Missions....	6.00
Received by Transfer..	19	At Gospel Herald Society Conference	24.41
Total Increase	47	For Secretary at Society Conference	6.69
Transferred	1	Total	\$ 3,524.91
Net Increase	46	(2) Literature.	
Whole Number of Members	118	Literature Sold in the Missions	\$ 1,948.71
Baptized	34	Literature Sold at Camp Meetings	218.44
Sunday Schools	6	Literature Wholesale to Ministers	1,120.41
Officers and Teachers Enrolled	55	Total	\$ 3,287.56
Scholars Enrolled....	384	(3) Gifts from M. B. C. Home Mission.	
Average Attendance of Officers and Teachers	48	Treasury.	
Average Attendance of Scholars	222	For Shamokin Chapel..	\$ 440.16
Children's Meetings and Sunday Schools Held.	286	For Building Lot East Stroudsburg	75.00
Open Air Meetings....	534	Appropriations for Shamokin	94.00
Prayer Meetings	297	Appropriations for Norristown	78.00
Sermons and Addresses	2,534	Donations for all Heralds	117.50
Pastoral Visits.....	1,877	Tabernacle Meetings...	36.15
"Gospel Heralds" Sold.	21,397	Furniture, Utensils, Cartage, Freight,	
Value of Shamokin Church Property....	\$ 5,000.00	Fares	197.42
(B) Financial.		Total	\$ 1,038.23
(a) Receipts.		Grand Total.....	\$ 7,850.70
(1) Collections.		(b) Expenditures.	
General Collections for Rents	\$ 632.00	Tabernacle Meetings, Lansdale, Pa.	\$ 12.40
General Collections for Sunday Expenses ...	433.44	Rent for Living Tent...	7.00
Collections for Light...	156.07	Tabernacle Meeting, Hackettstown, N. J..	16.75
Collections for Sinking Fund	6.66	Donated toward Shamokin Chapel	440.16
Stewards' Collections...	154.00	Donated toward East Stroudsburg Bldg. Lot Fund	75.00
Donations (Gifts)....	570.62	Appropriation, Shamokin	94.00
For Gospel Workers...	116.15	Appropriations, Norristown	78.00
For Sunday Schools....	229.46	Donations to all Heralds	117.50
For Sunday School Convention	31.72	For Furnishing and Opening New Missions	62.47
For Conference Fund..	71.70		
For Foreign Missions in Sunday Schools.....	167.67		
For Foreign Missions otherwise forwarded.	8.25		
For President	450.75		
For Missionary Presiding Elder	38.97		
For Mission Chapel, Shamokin	72.40		
For Building Lot, East Stroudsburg	84.50		

For Old Missions, Re-		Freight and Express...\$	3.26
pairs and Supplies...\$	50.77	Hauling	4.05
For Furniture.....	10.25	Painting90
For Fares, Changing			
Heralds, to Camp		Total	\$ 1,038.28
Meetings, Telegrams.	60.72		

W. G. Gehman,
President and Treas.

X. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL CONFERENCE ACCOUNTS.

Receipts.

Collected from Classes.

Bethlehem Class.....\$	32.45
Allentown Class.....	27.84
Reading Class.....	21.91
Coopersburg Class.....	16.64
Springtown Class.....	1.19
Spring City Class.....	8.33
Royersford Class.....	6.97
Zionsville Class.....	14.39
South Allentown Class...	9.71
Emaus Class.....	5.44
Cacungie Class	8.82
Leighton Class.....	7.65
Weissport Class.....	2.23
Quakertown Class.....	5.85
Hatfield Class.....	1.53
Northampton Class.....	5.29
Fleetwood Class.....	3.40
Blandon Class.....	4.08
Terre Hill Class.....	1.72
Gratersford Class.....	4.61
Harleysville Class.....	4.08
Mt. Carmel Class.....	16.63

Philadelphia Class.....\$	3.26
Nazareth Class.....	5.10
Plainfield Class.....	1.04
Easton Class.....	2.59
Walnutport Class.....	4.76
Tripoli Class.....	.68
By Donation.....	.09
Total	\$228.28

Expenditures.

Delegates' Fares.

W. G. Gehman.....\$	27.86
H. B. Musselman.....	28.40
C. H. Brunner.....	28.58
J. C. Roth.....	28.40
Allen M. Gehman.....	28.16
O. B. Bartholomew.....	28.63
W. B. Musselman.....	11.37
W. S. Hottel.....	30.38
Homer Pontius, of Neb.	
Conf.	16.50
Total	\$228.28

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

XI. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

During the year we have again regained possession of our church property on Third Street, Quakertown, Pa.

In consideration of this we paid M. A. Zyner the sum of one hundred dollars. In addition to this we paid a mortgage on the church and made some necessary repairs amounting to \$621.82, as follows:

To Henry Smith, mortgage on church.....	\$400 00
To Henry Smith, interest on above.....	11 33
To Henry Smith, deed.....	1 00
Notary public.....	1 00
J. V. Ommeron, new deed.....	6 00
Recording same.....	4 00
Attorney fees and transfer of papers.....	16 30
J. G. Stauffer, note.....	135 00
Interest on above.....	7 22
Telephone, postage and fares.....	2 42
Interest on notes.....	29 55
Repairs	8 00
Total	<u>\$621 82</u>

H. B. Musselman, President.

C. H. Brunner, Secretary.

J. C. Roth, Treasurer.

E. N. Cassel.

W. G. Gehman.

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APPOINTMENTS	PASTOR	APPOINTMENTS										Total Average Attendance																			
		Presiding Elders	Ordained Ministers	On Probation	Applicants for Ministry	Q. C. Licensed Preachers	Deacon	Class Leaders	Stewards	Rent Collectors	Baptized	Rec'd by Transfer	Total Increase Members	Died During Year	Withdrawn	Transferred	Total Decrease	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Whole Number Members	Appointments	Sermons Preached	Pastoral Visits	Prayer-meetings Visited	Sunday-Schools Visited	M. B. C. Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars Enrolled	Total Enrollment		
Bethlehem.....	J. C. Roth.....	1	2			1	4	4	4	4	16	19	1	20	3	8	4	16	4	189	1	207	478	104	49	4	27	227	254	187	
Allentown.....	E. N. Cassel.....						3	3	4	4	19	16	16	32	1	4	8	13	14	106	1	208	368	89	46	4	1	200	229	184	
Reading.....	E. H. Brunner.....						4	4	1	1	10	9	2	11	1	4	6	13	14	107	1	226	307	104	47	3	1	21	150	171	
Athol.....							1	1	1	1	1	1	9	24	1	2	6	9	15	107	1	150	317	127	27	4	1	18	110	128	
Coopersburg.....	J. F. Barrall.....						1	1	1	1	4	3	3	8	1	7	1	7	4	4	7	150	32	12	12	1	1	6	18	24	
Spring City.....	N. S. Hottel.....		1				2	2	1	1	1	3	3	6	1	6	1	5	3	4	48	150	93	57	45	1	1	14	88	97	
Royersford.....	W. W. Zimmermann.....		2				3	3	1	3	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	39	140	125	48	43	1	1	12	89	101		
Lebanon.....	W. J. Freitz.....		1				2	2	1	2	3	1	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	64	125	210	122	46	3	1	16	74	90		
Mo. Allentown.....	H. K. Kraiz.....		1				1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	51	250	300	90	37	1	1	20	245	287		
Macungie.....							1	1	1	1	2	3	8	11	2	3	7	7	4	36	1	272	227	20	20	1	1	16	111	167	
Macungie.....							1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	12	100	280	35	54	1	1	14	80	94	
Lehigh.....	C. W. Stine.....		1				1	1	1	1	2	5	3	8	1	4	4	5	4	24	1	170	90	25	49	1	1	12	70	82	
Lehigh.....							1	1	1	1	3	4	7	1	6	6	1	1	1	41	123	130	47	37	1	1	14	70	84		
Quakertown.....	R. L. Woolfing.....		2				1	1	1	1	3	3	4	7	1	3	3	3	3	3	33	141	280	49	48	1	1	13	48	61	
Latfield.....	O. S. Hillegas.....		1				1	1	1	1	2	1	2	3	2	1	1	6	3	3	3	141	280	49	48	1	1	13	48	61	
Northampton.....	F. M. Hottel.....						1	1	1	1	4	4	3	4	1	3	3	1	25	1	90	100	23	19	1	1	9	40	49		
Fleetwood.....							1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	50	62			
Blanton.....							1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	26	36	27		
Terre Hill.....							1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	50	62	27		
Combs.....							1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	77	92	65		
Harleysville.....	R. Bergstressor.....		1				1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	1	90	46	35	29	1	1	13	77	92	
Total.....		117	21	21	61	639	352	221	59	107	65	72	103	552	62	153	63	161	611	22	2644	4653	4002	674	336	191	291	1841	2132	1502	
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																															
Mt. Carmel.....	E. T. Shick.....	1	2			2	1	1	1	6	1	5	6	1	3	20	24	21	71	1	240	515	80	45	2	1	17	117	134	91	
Philadelphia.....	J. G. Shireman.....			1		1	1	1	1	22	18	9	27	1	3	2	6	7	4	49	1	269	150	29	47	1	1	13	55	68	
Nazareth.....	J. H. Reinhart.....					1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	3	3	1	7	24	220	132	32	43	1	1	5	30	40		
Easton.....						1	1	1	1	1	1	3	5	1	1	3	3	1	23	1	325	12	31	50	1	1	6	18	24		
Easton.....	E. E. Koble.....					1	1	1	1	1	2	3	5	1	1	3	3	1	23	1	325	12	31	50	1	1	7	42	49		
Wilmington.....						1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	1	161	186	76	45	1	1	13	65	78		
Wilmington.....	P. J. Musselman.....		1	4		1	1	1	1	1	16	11	4	15	4	2	6	12	8	13	1	2534	1877	207	286	1	6	55	384	439	
G. W. Society.....											34	28	19	47		1	1	48		27							116	708	822	584	
Total.....		215	51	1	1	7	7	61	40	101	3	511	38	57	71	27	89	73789	3409	546	544	712	116	708	822	584	407	2547	2854	2068	
Grand Total.....		322	7	3	1	61	646	42	28	144	168	103	273	19	103	162	124	43	1510	29	6433	7462	1548	1218	43	31	407	2547	2854	2068	

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APPOINTMENTS.	PASTORS.	New Subscribers to G. B.		Churches		Parsonages		Increase of Church Property		COLLECTIONS.									
		Total Number Subscribers	Churches	Parsonages	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Foreign Missions in Sunday Schools	Orphanage and Home	The Poor	Church Properties	Repairing Church Properties	Parsonages and Hall Rent	Section and Sundry Expenses	Sunday Schools					
Bethlehem.	J. C. Roth.	46	1	1	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$				
Allentown.	E. N. Cassel.	9	1	1	7600 00	601 50	958 75	491 05	\$2000 00	29 25	\$290 52	\$	\$585 53	154 20					
Reading.	C. H. Brunner.	5	1	1	3000 00	533 90	516 00	326 38	1905 00	29 30		142 60	410 53	121 58					
Atto.		34	1	1	8000 00	177 00	189 00	107 53	565 43	8 60			172 98	102 14					
Coopersburg.	J. F. Barrall.	1	1	1	700 00	5 00	10 00		16 00	1 00			219 54	49 11					
Springtown.	W. S. Hottel.	7	1	1	4000 00	213 45	226 00	152 22	450 00	15 75		103 35	9 60	8 94					
Spring City.	W. W. Zimmerman.	18	1	1	4000 00	117 75	46 20	32 50	250 00	2 00		12 00	118 33	67 66					
Lehigh Valley.	W. J. Beck.	18	1	1	4000 00	102 00	122 00	70 89	389 00	6 00			85 22	13 89					
Lehigh Valley.	W. J. Beck.	18	1	1	5000 00	130 00	115 00	186 79	291 00	4 75			165 19	112 16					
Lehigh Valley.	H. K. Kratz.	19	1	1	5250 00	140 45	156 07	106 75	256 27	3 12	71 25	24 45	162 49	118 16					
Lehigh Valley.		1	1	1	2000 00	96 10	129 50	125 24	153 00	3 12			70 30	32 30					
Lehigh Valley.		7	1	1	2000 00	47 50	46 00	29 57	47 50	10 31			59 26	69 83					
Lehigh Valley.	C. W. Stine.	1	1	1	500 00														
Lehigh Valley.	W. L. Woodling.	4	1	1	2500 00	60 05	51 00	58 26	60 00	3 65		165 30	81 25	55 83					
Lehigh Valley.	R. L. Woodling.	11	1	1	1500 00	15 75	34 40	10 42	40 00	2 00		15 55	28 47	34 42					
Lehigh Valley.		10	1	1	4500 00	80 40	87 35	83 13	97 00	6 50		102 00	7 35	33 10					
Lehigh Valley.	O. S. Hillegass.	1	1	1	4300 00	68 45	69 50	40 67	67 50	3 55		245 30	97 29	35 00					
Lehigh Valley.	F. M. Hottel.	3	4	1	750 00	30 60	50 00	38 27	125 00	3 50		25 50	20 11	37 64					
Lehigh Valley.		2	6	1	4200 00	58 75	58 00	33 93	191 00	4 40		35 93	46 25	25 40					
Lehigh Valley.		6	1	1	300 00	23 45	29 06	13 56	20 00			24 19	20 75	22 98					
Lehigh Valley.	R. Beigstreser.	1	9	1	1500 00	52 25	44 50	68 23	56 00	14 85		39 00	183 09	47 51					
Lehigh Valley.		2	8	1		109 75	79 00	46 30	163 50	15 51		39 00							
Total.		67	24	21	\$74050 00	\$2643 60	\$2827 57	\$2089 58	\$7832 20	\$83 97	\$364 77	\$409 97	\$5236 04	\$1132 41					

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W. Carmel.....	E. T. Slick.....	12	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Philadelphia.....	G. Shreman.....	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Northampton.....	V. H. Rehnart.....	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Easton.....	E. E. Kuple.....	3	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Easton.....															
Walnutport.....	U. J. Musselman.....	8	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
G. H. Society.....															
Orphanage, Home and Stock.....															
Total.....		34	66	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Grand Total.....		101	336	26	10	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

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APPOINTMENTS	PASTOR	Presiding Elders	Missionary Presiding Elders	Ministers in Cash	Ministers in Other Contributions	Benevolence Fund	Assistants	Gospel Worker Society	Tabernacle Work	Missionary or Evangelistic Work	Camp Meetings	Sunday School Conventions	Annual Conference Fund	General Conference Fund	Subscriptions and Literature Sold	Annual Conference Delegate	Total Collections		
Bethlehem.....	J. C. Roth.....	\$ 250.00	\$152.50	\$28.70	\$136.25	\$26.85	%	\$ 284.18	%	\$ 573.13	\$127.20	%	\$13.25	\$2.45	%	\$67.97	11.00	9082.13	
Albiontown.....	E. N. Shick.....	716.15	38.06	616.30	161.35	14.17	%	172.83	%	97.00	1459.17	%	9.17	32.45	%	683.52	7.26	7432.92	
Reading.....	C. H. Brimmer.....	145.68	36.50	498.10	127.20	17.75	%	162.88	%	140.00		%	5.35	2.50	%	608.01	13.90	3116.23	
Combsburg.....	J. F. Barrell.....	113.00	35.45	363.37	115.00	3.00	%	58.70	%	143.00		%	4.37	16.64	%	309.15	3.28	2897.43	
Springtown.....	W. S. Hoffer.....	85.75	31.98	358.20	2.60	1.30	%	7.21	%	81.01		%	1.50	1.19	%	15.30	6.00	435.02	
Spring City.....	W. W. Zimmerman.....	88.34	23.50	266.95	84.36	4.15	%	74.33	%	81.01		%	4.00	7.25	%	173.96	8.33	1858.59	
Rayrsford.....	W. J. Pretz.....	95.96	25.18	294.10	50.00	4.54	%	58.54	%	189.88		%	3.10	4.61	%	154.47	6.97	1441.20	
Zionsville.....	W. J. Pretz.....	148.13	29.34	353.95	144.12	3.80	%	48.38	%	148.50		%	7.05	3.00	%	9.71	12.10	1705.94	
So. Allentown.....	H. K. Kritz.....	48.00	11.67	263.45	62.70	2.25	%	27.13	%	26.13		%	2.28	1.54	%	35.98	1.64	22.673	
Macungie.....	".....	42.00	9.04	122.55	37.78	1.61	%	8.44	%	3.30		%	3.00	1.03	%	35.88	1.27	1140.03	
Emans.....	".....																	972.21	
Hereford.....	C. W. Shue.....	104.00	14.01	258.55	90.00	3.00	%	36.20	%	4.13		%	5.00	1.14	%	90.00	2.90	1091.92	
Lehighon.....	R. L. Woodling.....	35.00	9.06	40.80	19.00	2.60	%	22.97	%	7.00		%	4.00	1.00	%	38.85	1.35	423.27	
Quakertown.....	O. S. Hilligress.....	87.50	26.15	26.85	55.00	2.10	%	15.72	%			%	4.00	1.31	%	45.00	5.00	1035.13	
Northampton.....	F. M. Hottel.....	47.00	7.52	112.00	71.79	1.63	%	11.63	%	7.00		%	9.14	3.29	%	44.52	2.43	934.92	
Electwood.....	".....	23.60	14.67	90.00	17.15	1.75	%	13.42	%			%	3.25	2.10	%	3.40	73.00	3.85	390.31
Blanton.....	".....	58.43	11.79	151.20	42.20	2.65	%	13.25	%			%	3.53	1.50	%	65.00	2.50	809.81	
Terre Hill.....	R. Bergstresser.....	23.40	4.02	61.15	3.40	.50	%	7.68	%			%	4.00	.57	%	1.72	.88	304.15	
Reams.....	".....				1.00		%		%			%			%	1.00		2.00	
Gratesford.....	".....	57.21	7.25	191.55	37.80	2.64	%	15.22	%	43.75		%	2.52	1.10	%	4.00	2.30	936.50	
Parkeysville.....	".....	55.30	17.21	220.50	81.50	2.60	%	26.03	%	57.25		%	2.32	4.35	%	35.00	11.32	484.53	
Total.....		\$1724.21	\$594.86	\$3529.57	\$1436.95	\$94.09	\$870.10	\$1030.32	\$539.45	\$54.95	\$2786.37	\$1.81	\$3.83	\$21.19	\$137.40	\$51.10	\$572.83	\$8941.99	

MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GERMAN, P. E.

MT. Carmel.....	E. T. Shick.....	\$ 103.17	\$ 21.50	\$ 479.80	\$ 292.93	\$ 4.21	%	\$ 64.75	%	\$ 60.00		%	\$ 8.25	\$ 16.63	%	\$ 105.14	7.07	\$ 1865.03	
Philadelphia.....	J. G. Strehman.....	74.50	17.02	229.74	132.50	5.50	%	21.88	%	60.00		%	6.27	5.00	%	293.95	8.00	2140.92	
Nazareth.....	V. H. Redburn.....	61.00	13.93	191.75	218.23	3.68	%	28.20	%	16.00		%	3.10	2.78	%	4.14	1.85	1137.08	
Plainfield.....	".....	12.16	3.84	44.65	4.41	1.65	%	10.22	%			%	2.17	1.63	%	2.60	4.65	170.30	
Easton.....	E. E. Kubic.....	60.02	9.15	107.65	259.01	3.25	%	19.10	%	3.00	928.72	%	5.00	2.41	%	109.83	5.75	2134.35	
Elwina.....	".....	3.00			25		%		%			%			%	1.50		4.75	
Waukegan.....	P. J. Musselman.....	43.85	9.58	134.35	76.70	2.25	%	11.50	%	35.00		%	8.67	1.10	%	165.00	1.80	1150.81	
G. H. Society	".....	4.70					%		%			%			%	3287.56		3961.50	
Orphanage							%		%			%			%				
Home and Stock.....							%		%			%			%				
Total.....		\$ 805.45	\$ 75.08	\$1190.84	\$ 914.03	\$ 20.54	%	\$ 157.65	%	\$ 114.00	\$ 928.72	%	\$ 35.36	\$ 17.25	%	\$ 34.06	\$ 402.30	\$ 25.72	\$ 12961.72
Grand Total.....		\$2529.60	\$639.94	\$3620.41	\$2350.98	\$114.63	\$870.10	\$1187.07	\$88.09	\$1068.95	\$3715.09	\$116.89	\$73.46	\$21.36	\$7428.81	\$127.53	\$81503.71		

ROLL AND DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS.

I. Itinerants.

NAME	Licensed	Ordained	Received Present Charge	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Barrall, J. F.	1901	1904	1907	Coopersburg, Pa.
Bergstresser, R. ...	1901	1904	1908	Gratersford, 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.	1898	1900	1908	344 Priscilla St., S. Allentown, Pa.
Gehman, W. G.	1896	1899	P.E.	517 N. 8th St., Allentown, Pa.
Hillegass, O. S.	1889	1892	1908	1737 Wash'n Av., Siegfried, Pa.
Hottel, F. M.	1905	1909	1907	Fleetwood, Pa.
Hottel, W. S.	1900	1903	1907	Spring City, Pa.
Kratz, H. K.	1906	1909	1908	Macungie, Pa.
Kubic, E. E.	1901	1907	1908	Easton, Pa.
Musselman, H. B.	1890	1893	P.E.	103 2d Av., Bethlehem, Pa.
Musselman, W. B.	1883	1886	M.P.E.	Cleveland, O.
Musselman, P. J.	1905	1907	1908	Walnutport, Pa.
Reinhart, V. H.	1907	1909	1908	Nazareth, Pa.
Roth, J. C.	1900	1903	1907	112 Laurel St., Bethlehem, Pa.
Shick, E. T.	1899	1901	1908	Mt. Carmel, Pa.
Shireman, J. G.	1898	1900	1908	3362 N. 11th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Stine, C. W.	1905	1908	1908	Lehighton, Pa.
Woodring, R. L.	1898	1900	1908	Richland Center, Pa.
Zimmerman, W.W.	1899	1901	1908	Zionsville, Pa.

II. Local Preachers. (Ordained.)

Bitting, O.	1885	1888	Lanark, Pa.
Campbell, G. A.	1887	1890	Richland Center, Pa.
Gehman, Wm.	1849	1849	Vera Cruz, Pa.
Taylor, L. B.	1894	1897	Coopersburg, Pa.

III. Annual Conference Licensed Preachers.

Anderson, J. T.	1909
Kauffman, H. A.	1908
Manney, D. H.	1908
Parson, C. A.	1907
Yost, G. F.	1908

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.
Martin, E. W.	1901	Weaverland, Pa.
Moyer, J. H.	1893	Vernfield, Pa.

DIRECTORY OF FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

(a) Chile, S. A.

H. L. Weiss, Superintendent, Casilla 49 Valdivia, Chile, S. A.

Dawson, A. E.)	Arrived on the field March, 1904. Stationed
Dawson, Mrs. A. E.)	at Loncoche.
Feldges, H. W.)	Arrived on the field in January, 1904. Sta-
Feldges, Mrs. H. W.)	tioned at Temuco.
Gunstadt, Niels	}	Arrived from Norway in April, 1903. Sta-
Gunstadt, Mrs. Niels		
		tioned at Ancud, Chiloe Island. (Adopted
		Aug., 1904.)
Schmiedlin, Joseph	}	Natives of Chile. Stationed at Puren.
Schmiedlin, Mrs. Joseph		
		(Adopted, Oct., 1906.)
Weiss, H. L.	}	Arrived on the field in 1897. In charge of the
Weiss, Mrs. H. L.		
		work at Valdivia.
Zook, M. P.	}	Arrived on the field in December, 1905. Stationed
Zook, Mrs. M. P.		
		at Osorno.

(b) China.

Plymire, V. G. Arrived on the field August 10, 1908. Stationed at Taocnow, Kansu Prov., W. China.

Snyder, C. F. Arrived on the field in 1897. } Stationed at Chone,
Snyder, Mrs. C. F. Arrived on the field in 1905. } Kansu Prov., W. China.

(c) Turkey (Armenia.)

Lambert, Rose. Arrived on the field in 1898. Address, Hadgin, Turkey, Asia Minor.

I. EVANGELICAL-MENNONITES. (Semi-Annual.)

Yr.	Time	Place	Chairman	Secretary
1858	Sept. 24	Upper Milford, Pa.		
1859	Nov. 1	Haycock, Pa.		
1860	May 28	Upper Milford		
1860	Nov. 6	"		
1861	June 4	"	David Henning	David Gehman
1861	Nov. 5	Haycock		
1862	June 3	Upper Milford	William N. Shelly	A. W. Stauffer
1862	Nov. 2	Haycock	E. Hershey	
1863	June 2	Upper Milford		David Gehman
1863	Oct. 1	Haycock	William Gehman	
1864	June 7	Upper Milford	William N. Shelly	
1864	Nov. 3	Haycock	David Henning	
1865	June 6	Upper Milford	"	
1865	Nov. 7	Flatland	William Gehman	
1866	June 6	Upper Milford	"	
1866	Nov. 3	Mount Joy	William N. Shelly	
1867	June 4	Flatland	David Henning	
1867	Nov. 5	Upper Milford	William Gehman	Joseph Romig
1868	June 2	Flatland	William N. Shelly	
1868	Nov. 5	Upper Milford	William Gehman	David Gehman
1869	June 1	Flatland	David Henning	
1869	Nov. 1	Upper Milford	William N. Shelly	
1870	June 7	Coopersburg	William Gehman	
1870	Oct. 31	Upper Milford	David Henning	
1871	June 5	Coopersburg	E. Hershey	
1871	Nov. 6	Upper Milford	David Henning	
1872	June 3	Coopersburg	William Gehman	Jonas Musselman
1872	Nov. 6	Quakertown	William N. Shelly	David Gehman
1873	June 3	Upper Milford	David Henning	
1873	Nov. 11	Coopersburg	William N. Shelly	
1874	June 1	Quakertown	William Gehman	
1874	Nov. 10	Upper Milford	David Henning	
1875	June 5	Coopersburg	William N. Shelly	
1875	Nov. 6	Quakertown	William Gehman	
1876	March 30	Coopersburg	"	
1876	June 3	Upper Milford	David Henning	Jonas Musselman
1876	Nov. 11	Mount Joy	William N. Shelly	
1877	June 2	Coopersburg	William Gehman	
1877	Nov. 10	Upper Milford	E. Hershey	
1878	June 3	Quakertown	A. Kauffman	
1878	Oct. 1	Coopersburg	J. Rosenberger	
1879	March 22	Upper Milford	William Gehman	S. M. Musselman
1879	Oct. 6	Quakertown	"	

II. EVANGELICAL UNITED MENNONITES. (Annual.)

1879	**Nov. 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

III. MENNONITE BRETHERN IN CHRIST. (Annual.)

1884	Feb. 4	Terre Hill	William Gehman	W. H. Gehman
1885	Feb. 2	Quakertown	"	M. A. Zyner
1886	Feb. 1	Upper Milford	"	"
1887	Feb. 7	Reading	"	A. Kauffman
1888	Feb. 6	Coopersburg	"	"
1889	Feb. 4	Terre Hill	"	"
1890	Feb. 3	Bethlehem	"	M. A. Zyner
1891	Feb. 2	Quakertown	"	C. H. Brunner
1892	Feb. 1	Upper Milford	W. B. Musselman	"
1893	Feb. 6	Coopersburg	"	"
1894	Feb. 2	Terre Hill	"	"
1895	Feb. 1	Reading	"	"
1896	Feb. 7-10	Allentown	"	"
1897	Feb. 19-22	Royersford	"	"
1898	March 4-7	Bethlehem	"	"
1899	March 3-6	Upper Milford	C. H. Brunner	W. G. Gehman
1900	Sept. 14-17	Reading	"	"
1901	Oct. 4-7	Bethlehem	W. B. Musselman	"
1902	Oct. 17-20	Reading	H. B. Musselman	"
1903	Oct. 16-20	Mt. Carmel	"	"
1904	Oct. 27-31	Allentown	"	"
1905	Oct. 12-16	Bethlehem	"	"
1906	Oct. 11-15	Reading	W. G. Gehman	C. H. Brunner
1907	Oct. 10-14	Royersford	"	"
1908	Oct. 8-12	Bethlehem	H. B. Musselman	"
1909	Oct. 14-18	Allentown	"	"

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

**Special Conference whereby a union was effected between the Evangelical Mennonites of Pennsylvania and the United Mennonites of the Western States and Canada. Now changed to "Evangelical United Mennonites."

A special conference was held December 27, 1883, at Harrisburg, Ohio, whereby a union was effected with the Brethren in Christ of Ohio and the name changed to "Mennonite Brethren in Christ."

GENERAL CONFERENCES.

Time.	Place.	Delegates From Pa. Conference.
1879	Zionsville, Pa.....	{ A Union Conference including 16 members of the Pa. Conference.
1882	Elkhart, Ind.....	{ Wm. Gehman John Traub
1883	Harrisburg, O.....	{ (Union Conference) Wm. Gehman A. Strawn
1885	Zionsville, Pa.....	{ Wm. Gehman, P. E. A. Strawn
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 Allen M. Gehman J. D. Moyer
1908	Brown City, Mich.....	{ H. B. Musselman, P. E. W. G. Gehman, P. E. W. B. Musselman, M. P. E. J. C. Roth O. B. Bartholomew C. H. Brunner Allen M. Gehman W. S. Hottel
1912	Announced for Bethlehem, Pa., Wednesday, October 23.	

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL MINISTERIAL CONVENTION.

The Twentieth Annual Ministerial Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, of Pennsylvania, convened in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, Gordon street above Eighth, Allentown, Pa., on October 13th, 1909, at 9.15 A. M.

The Convention was called to order by the chairman, C. H. Brunner, and opened with singing and prayer by J. C. Roth.

The following members were enrolled:

Ministers present: H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, J. C. Roth, E. N. Cassel, R. L. Woodring, C. H. Brunner, J. G. Shireman, W. S. Hottel, R. Bergstresser, W. W. Zimmerman, J. F. Barrall, E. E. Kublic, V. H. Reinhart, E. T. Shick, W. J. Fretz, F. M. Hottel, H. K. Kratz, O. S. Hillegass, C. W. Stine, P. J. Musselman, L. B. Taylor, G. A. Campbell.

Ministers absent: W. B. Musselman, Wm. Gehman.

Delegates present: H. H. Bergey John Ziegler, S. S. Geil, John Overdorf, M. M. Ziegler, J. H. Baus, S. H. Lichtenthaler, Julius Kern, W. D. Evert, O. C. Kistler, H. L. Musselman, Howard Shelly, G. K. Himmelreich, Allen M. Gehman, H. E. Gackenbach.

Delegates absent: Francis Gehman, James Oplinger, R. D. Dreisbach.

The minutes of the last Annual Ministerial Convention were then read and approved with a few slight corrections.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of three on publication. He appointed J. C. Roth, C. W. Stine and E. N. Cassel.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to deal with absent members. H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, E. T. Shick were appointed.

Resolved, That the seats to the right and left of the Chair and the two front seats through the Church constitute the convention bar.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a reporter and a timekeeper. W. J. Fretz was appointed reporter and Geo. A. Campbell timekeeper.

Resolved, That no one shall be allowed to speak on any subject longer than fifteen minutes and only once except by permission of the Chair, except H. B. Musselman this morning.

Resolved, That all annual conference members be members of this Convention and all workers present be advisory members.

Resolved, That no one shall be allowed to leave the Convention without the permission of the Chair, except E. N. Cassel.

A Talk on the Ministry by H. B. Musselman was then given which was very instructive and interesting.

Resolved, That we lift an offering to defray the expenses of this Convention.

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

The following officers were then elected by open vote:

Chairman, J. G. Shireman; Secretary, E. T. Shick; Committee on Programme, H. B. Musselman, Chairman; W. G. Gehman, Secretary, and J. C. Roth.

Adjourned with prayer by E. T. Shick and benediction by W. G. Gehman.

Afternoon Session, 1.45 P. M.

The afternoon session was opened at 1.45 P. M. by singing, and prayer by H. B. Musselman, after which the roll was called and the minutes of the forenoon session read and approved.

The following committee report was submitted and accepted. Committee to deal with absent members.

Whereas, the Brethren W. B. Musselman and Wm. Gehman of the ministers and a few of the delegates are not present at this convention and not having learned the cause of their absence. Therefore be it

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; and further be it

Resolved, That the convention is highly pleased to have so many of the annual conference delegates show their interest by their presence and are sorry that not all have manifested interest enough to be present and receive the benefits of the convention.

H. B. Musselman,
W. G. Gehman,
E. T. Shick,

Committee.

A discussion entitled, "Our Home Missionary Work," was then opened by W. G. Gehman, which was further discussed.

E. H. Kistler, pastor of Bethany United Evangelical Church, of Allentown, was then introduced to the Convention.

Resolved, That we lift a liberal offering for the labor and expenses of the secretary.

Which amounted to \$5.05. "Thanks."

A discussion entitled "Prevailing Prayer" was then opened by W. S. Hottel, which was further discussed.

Resolved, That we excuse Bro. H. B. Musselman from being present this evening.

Adjourned with prayer by E. N. Cassel and benediction by H. B. Musselman.

Evening Session, 7.30 P. M.

The evening session was opened at 7.30 P. M., by singing and prayer by W. G. Gehman, after which the roll was called and the minutes of the afternoon session read and received.

A discussion entitled, "The Call to the Ministry," was opened by C. H. Brunner, which was further discussed.

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

The Committee on Publication submitted the following report which was accepted:

We recommend the following for publication in the "Gospel Banner:"

The twentieth Annual Ministerial Convention convened in Bethel Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, Gordon street, Allentown, Pa., Wednesday, Oct. 13, 1909. Nearly all the ministers as well as a large part of the delegates were present. The discussions were very interesting and instructive. The talk on the Ministry, by Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, was especially interesting and edifying and a number of points of an important character were dwelt on. The Convention was a great blessing to the Ministry as well as to all present. The attendance throughout the entire convention was large and a deep interest manifested.

J. C. Roth,
C. W. Stine,
E. N. Cassel,

Committee.

The minutes of the evening session were read and received.

The Convention adjourned by prayer by J. G. Shireman and benediction by E. N. Cassel.

C. H. Brunner, Chairman.
J. F. Barrall, Secretary.
H. B. Musselman,
J. C. Roth,
R. L. Woodring,
Committee.

