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ERRATA

On page 20 an error of the printer in the signatures of the Lay Delegates, should read as follows:

A. A. Wismer, Chairman

H. G. Brunner, Secretary

G. O. Billig,

H. L. Musselman,

Maurice E. Brownback,

S. S. Geil,

H. H. Bergey,

O. C. Kistler,

O. B. Bartholomew,

R. D. Dreisbach,

S. H. Lichtenthaler,

John Ziegler,

John G. Weiss,

Thomas Fehnel,

W. D. Evert,

G. K. Himmelreich,

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Bethlehem, Pa.

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Bethlehem, Pa.

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.

Committees 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 Annual Conference Records.
6. Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records.
7. Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders.
8. Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists and Missionaries.
9. Committee on Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference License.
10. Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination
11. Committee on Resolutions.
12. Auditing Committee.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. Committee on Camp Meeting Equipage.
2. Board of Publication and Printing.

STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS ELECTED BY BALLOT.

1. Committee over the Presiding Elders.
2. Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.
3. Executive Board.
4. Board of Foreign Missions.
5. Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home.
6. Board of Examiners on the Reading Course.
7. Beneficiary Society Officers.
8. Laymen's Benevolent Society Officers.

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, who shall serve in case the regular Delegate is unable to do so. [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 one of the Presiding Elders as mutually agreed upon, 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.]

F.—Licenses shall be written and given by the Chairman of the Annual Conference and signed by the Presiding Elder, as Chairman.

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 Quar-

terly 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. The pastors shall report the amounts received out of the Home Mission Fund at the Quarterly Conference. [Revised October 15, 1910.]

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.—BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

Executive Board.—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 Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania. [Enacted October 8, 1908.]

Foreign Missions.—A.—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 treasury to the Board.

B.—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.]*

C.—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.]

*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.

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

Orphanage and Home.—A.—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.

B.—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.]

C.—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 local Board of Trustees. [Enacted February 20, 1897.]

D.—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 where there is one, or the pastor where there is no deacon, 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. The Board shall assist as they deem it advisable. [Enacted October 15, 1910.]

Camp Meeting Equipage.—The Chairman of the Annual Conference shall appoint a committee of four who, under the direction of the Presiding Elders, shall have charge of the Camp Meeting Equipage and Tabernacle Outfits. 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 through the Secretary. The Committee shall purchase Camp Meeting Equipage and Tabernacle outfits as needed under the direction of the Presiding Elders. [Enacted October 28, 1904.]

Publication and Printing.—A.—The Chairman shall appoint a committee of three as a Board of Publication and Printing. This committee shall have charge of the Annual Conference Fund. [Revised October 15, 1910.]

B.—An offering shall be lifted once a year in a prayer meeting, in each class by their respective class-leaders for this Fund. The pastor in charge shall bring the same to the Annual Conference. [Enacted October 20, 1902.]

C.—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.] Also the expenses of materials used by the Secretary of the Annual Conference. [Enacted October 15, 1910.]

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

Gospel Workers' Society.—A.—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.]

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

C.—Whenever the Gospel Workers' 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.]

Journals.—A.—The Annual Conference 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.]

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

C.—The Secretary shall send Journals to our Foreign Missionaries and also the local Railroad Companies. [Enacted October 12, 1908.]

D.—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.]

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.]

VI.—SPECIAL OFFERINGS.

A.—Foreign Missions.

(a) Foreign Missionary Offering—Annual.

(b) Missionary Day in Sunday School—Semi-annual.

B.—Home Missions.

(a) Home Missionary Offering—Annual.

(b) Missionary Presiding Elder—Quarterly.

(c) Gospel Workers' Society—Monthly.

C.—Offering for the Poor—Annual.

D.—Beneficiary Fund—Annual.

E.—Conference Fund—Annual.

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

D.—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.]

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

F.—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.]

G.—Collections.—The pastor shall have charge of the offerings for the Poor, Foreign and Home Missionary work, and Conference Fund, until the Annual Conference, unless needed sooner. The offerings for the Missionary Presiding Elder and Gospel Workers shall be delivered to the Presiding Elder at the Quarterly Conference and reported by the pastor to the Annual Conference. All 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.]

Annual Conference Proceedings 1911

FIRST SESSION

THURSDAY FORENOON, OCTOBER 12, 1911.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania, convened in the Walnut Street Church, Royersford, Pa., at 8 a. m., October 12, 1911.

The first session was opened by singing, "I Need Thee Every Hour," followed by a season of earnest prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the blessing of God upon this Conference session.

After this the Chairman, H. B. Musselman gave us a very earnest address from Psalms 122 and 123.

The following members were enrolled:—

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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

Probationers.—F. E. Frey, M. W. Ettinger.

DELEGATES.

H. L. Musselman, G. O. Billig, Leidy Sell, S. S. Geil, John Ziegler, H. H. Bergey, G. K. Himmelreich, Maurice E. Brownback, R. D. Dreisbach, (alternate), A. A. Wismer, O. C. Kistler, (alternate), Allen M. Gehman, O. B. Bartholomew, S. H. Lichenthaler, H. G. Brunner, Thomas Fehnel, H. E. Gackebach, W. D. Evert, John G. Weiss.

Of the ministers all were present at the opening of the first session except W. B. Musselman, L. B. Taylor, G. A. Campbell, H. L. Weiss, Chile, S. A., C. F. Snyder, China.

All of the Delegates were present at the opening of the first session except H. E. Gackebach, of Walnupport Mission.

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.

The Secretary appointed his assitants as follows: Recording Secretary, H. A. Kauffman; Statistical Secretary, F. M. Hottel; Financial Secretary, J. F. Barrall.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a Reporter and a Time-keeper. He appointed W. J. Fretz and E. E. Kublic respectively.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee to examine the Minutes of the last Annual Conference. (Standing Rule).

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

Committee on Worship.—J. C. Roth and Maurice Brownback.

Committee on Communications.—E. T. Shick and W. G. Gehman.

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

Committee on Statistics.—F. M. Hottel and H. L. Musselman.

Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records.—R. L. Woodring, M. W. Ettinger, W. W. Zimmerman, P. J. Musselman, E. E. Kublic, E. N. Cassel, W. S. Hottel, O. B. Bartholomew, John G. Weiss, Thomas Fehnel and R. D. Dreisbach.

Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders.—Wm. Gehman, A. A. Wismer and G. K. Himmelreich.

Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists and Missionaries.—J. G. Shireman, O. S. Hillegass and R. Bergstresser.

Committee on Applicants for Annual Conference License.—C. H. Brunner, W. S. Hottel and E. N. Cassel.

Committee on Applicants for Ordination.—E. N. Cassel, W. G. Gehman and C. H. Brunner.

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

Auditing Committee.—W. J. Fretz, E. T. Shick, V. H. Reinhart, J. C. Roth, F. E. Frey, H. H. Bergey, Leidy Sell, H. G. Brunner, Maurice E. Brownback, O. C. Kistler, S. H. Lichtenhaler, W. D. Evert, John Ziegler and S. S. Geil.

Committee to Audit Schedules.—H. K. Kratz and J. F. Barrall.

Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Records.—J. C. Roth and E. N. Cassel.

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

The pastors now began to submit their oral reports.

Resolved, That the time of the opening of the afternoon session be left to the call of the Chair.

Adjourned by prayer by J. H. Moyer.

SECOND SESSION

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 12, 1911.

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

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

Rev. H. J. Glick, Pastor of the United Evangelical Church, of Røyersford, was introduced to the Conference.

The following committee reports were read and adopted:

Committee on Communications.—We received communications from the following aged Ministering brethren of our number:—Elder L. B. Taylor of Coopersburg, Pa., writes:—"My heart is with the brethren, and my desire as strong as ever to be present at the Conference, but on account of a broken down body this cannot be. 'I still rejoice in the God of my salvation. May the dear Lord lead the Conference in Jesus name.'"

Elder G. A. Campbell, of Quakertown, Pa., writes:—"My hearts' desire is to come to Conference, but it seems all pertaining to this life has an end. "I trust you will pardon me as my time has been, and I am perfectly satisfied. The Lord has been good to me. You must increase, but I must decrease. I trust the Lord will deal kindly with you all and lead the work to His honor and glory."

H. E. Gackenbach, Delegate of Walnutport, Pa., writes:—"It is impossible for me to be present at the Conference, the Conference will therefore please excuse me for not coming this once."

E. T. Shick,
W. G. Gehman,
Committee.

Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records.—We have examined the Quarterly Conference Records and found them all correct, with the following exceptions: Walnutport,—No mention of the passing of the officers in any quarter; Mt. Carmel,—No mention of the passing of the officers in the third and fourth quarters; Northampton,—The Summary not signed by the Secretary; Reading,—No mention of Delegate and Alternate delegate in the Summary.

R. L. Woodring,
E. E. Kublic,
W. W. Zimmerman,
Thomas Fehnel,
E. N. Cassel,
R. D. Dreisbach,

W. S. Hottel,
P. J. Musselman,
John G. Weiss,
O. B. Bartholomew,
M. W. Ettinger,
Committee.

Committee to Examine Annual Conference Minutes.—We have examined the minutes of the Twenty-seventh Annual Conference and found them all correct with the exception of no account of the Poor Fund collection in the Summary.

J. C. Roth,
E. N. Cassel,
Committee.

Committee to Audit Schedules.—We have audited the schedules and have found them all correct with the exception of those of Macungie, Zionsville and Mt. Carmel.

H. K. Kratz,
J. F. Barrall,
Committee.

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

R. Bergstresser,
O. S. Hillegass,
J. G. Shireman,
Committee.

Committee on Statistics.—The report was referred back for more explicit statements.

Committee on Worship.—H. A. Kauffman shall preach to-night.

J. C. Roth,
Maurice E. Brownback,
Committee.

Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders.—We have examined all through their delegates and found them all satisfactory.

Wm. Gehman,
G. K. Himmelreich,
A. A. Wismer,
Committee.

Board of Examiners.—(See Reports.)

Committee on Camp Meeting Equipage.—(See Reports.)

Committee on Finance.—(See Reports.)

Committee on Resolutions.—WHEREAS, the Brethern, G. A. Campbell and L. B. Taylor, members of this Conference are unable to be present at this Conference on account of their physical conditions, and,

WHEREAS, We deeply regret their absence, Therefore

Resolved, That we pledge our united prayers for their restoration for future usefulness and happiness.

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

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The rest of the oral reports of the pastors were now heard. All these reports were very encouraging. The Lord has been leading the work at the various places.

The Brethren also on the smaller charges, some of whom had their severe tests, all reported good courage. The Lord gave glorious victories over the whole field. The total offerings far exceeded those of any preceeding years.

The time of the session was extended indefinitely to hear the rest of the reports of the Pastors.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:—

WHEREAS, H. E. Gackebach, Delegate of the Walnutport Mission, fails to be present at this Conference, but he reported that it is impossible for him to be present and kindly asks this Conference to pardon him this once, Therefore

Resolved, That we grant him pardon, but are sorry that he cannot be present for his own benefit as well as ours, and pray the blessing of God upon him.

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

The report was accepted.

Resolved, That we have a private session this evening in the basement at the call of the Chair.

Adjourned by prayer by J. C. Roth.

THIRD SESSION (PRIVATE)

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 12, 1911.

This session was opened by singing and prayer by W. G. Gehman.

The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

The report of the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home have so faithfully and successfully managed the affairs of the Home and Farm during the past year, and,

WHEREAS, We as a Conference highly appreciate their services of sacrifice and labor, and further pledge our prayers that God may continue to use the said Board in continuing this excellent and noble work of God.

A resolution of sympathy was presented by the Committee on Resolutions which was accepted and ordered to be sent to our absent and infirm Brethren G. A. Campbell and L. B. Taylor.

The matter of a proposed "Laymen's Beneficiary Society" was discussed and action was postponed indefinitely.

Adjourned by prayer by the Chairman.

FOURTH SESSION

FRIDAY FORENOON, OCTOBER 13, 1911.

This session was opened by singing and prayer by A. A. Wismer.

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

The following Committee reports were read and adopted:

Committee on Statistics.—We have examined the schedules and found them all correct except: Springtown schedule, statistics incomplete; Northampton schedule, no whole number of members marked; Royersford, Walnutport and Emaus schedules, no total decrease of members.

F. M. Hottel,

H. L. Musselman,

Committee.

Chairman of the General Campmeeting Committee.—(See Reports.)

The Presiding Elders now gave their reports.

A.—W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District and President of the Gospel Herald Society, reported an excellent spirit of unity among the brethren. A very successful campmeeting was held at Mizpah Grove, consisting of 90 tents. At Nazareth a lot was purchased for a church. The basement walls are finished and about enough subscribed for a substantial church which is proposed to be built in a few months. A lot for a church building has been secured at Easton which is entirely paid for. Philadelphia Mission has declared itself, as self-supporting a short time ago.

The Gospel Herald Society held a glorious campmeeting of 43 tents at Shamokin, Pa., and very good tabernacle meetings were held at a number of places.

He also submitted his Financial and Statistical Reports which were adopted with comments. (See Reports.)

B.—H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District. Our Home and Foreign Mission interests are increasing as is proved by the offerings. We held two campmeetings at Mizpah Grove consisting of 153 and 165 tents respectively. These were the best we ever had, especially the last one, which

was the most harmonious and glorious we ever held. The ministry is more united than ever. The Lord has been wonderfully leading and blessing the work throughout the whole district. A number of the pastors held very successful tent meetings.

He also presented his Financial and Statistical Reports, which were adopted. (See Reports.)

After a short suspension of business Conference adjourned by prayer by G. O. Billig.

FIFTH SESSION

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 13, 1911.

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

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

The following committee reports were read and adopted:—

Committee on Worship.—E. N. Cassel shall preach to-night.

J. C. Roth,

Maurice E. Brownback,

Committee.

Executive Board.—(See Reports.)

Board of Foreign Missions.—(See Reports.)

Board of Publication and Printing.—Referred back for revision.

Committee on Resolutions.—

WHEREAS, We have heard the report of the Board of Foreign Missions through their Secretary, and have read the reports in the "Gospel Banner," throughout the past year, learning, thereby, how the Lord has spared our Missionaries from physical as well as spiritual dangers, and how He has blessed their labors of love in the spread of His truth, and,

WHEREAS, They have been faithfully continuing in the work of spreading the Gospel, and doing personal work, in the saving of souls and establishing the believers, therefore,

Resolved, That we highly appreciate their reports in the Gospel Banner as well as those sent to the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions from time to time, and,

Resolved, That we praise God for the bountiful blessings hitherto bestowed upon the Missionaries personally as well as upon their labors bestowed, and futher,

Resolved, That we continue to support them with our means and uphold them with our prayers, that in the coming year the highest favor of God may rest upon them both in sowing the seed, reaping the grain, and establishing believers that both they and their converts may be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord.

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

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

Board of Examiners.—WHEREAS, H. A. Kauffman has passed the Reading Course satisfactorily, therefore

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

J. C. Roth,
W. S. Hottel,
E. N. Cassel,
Board.

A petition was presented by the Lay Delegates through H. G. Brunner which was tabled.

The Report of the Board of Publication and Printing was read and adopted. (See Reports.)

Resolved, That we have two Presiding Elders and that one Presiding Elder have part of the church and the other have the rest of the Church, and the Gospel Herald Society.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Conference be Editor of the Conference Journal and that we donate him Ten Dollars (\$10), out of the Conference Fund.

Resolved, That we proceed to the election of officers.

The Secretary called the roll for unconditional and conditional Ministers, with the following result:

Unconditional.—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, Wm. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, W. S. Hottel, E. N. Cassel, J. G. Shireman, F. M. Hottel, R. L. Woodring, J. F. Barrall, J. C. Roth, E. T. Shick, R. Bergstresser, W. J. Fretz, H. K. Kratz, O. S. Hillegass, E. E. Kublic, W. W. Zimmerman, P. J. Musselman, V. H. Reinhart, F. E. Frey, M. W. Ettinger.

Conditional.—None.

Absent.—W. B. Musselman, L. B. Taylor, G. A. Campbell, H. L. Weiss and C. F. Snyder.

The Chair appointed J. F. Barrall and R. L. Woodring as tellers.

The following officers were elected:

Presiding Elders.—H. B. Musselman and W. G. Gehman.

Vice Presiding Elders.—C. H. Brunner and E. N. Cassel.

Missionary Presiding Elder.—W. B. Musselman.

Officers of the Next Annual Conference:—

Chairman, H. B. Musselman.

Secretary, C. H. Brunner.

Treasurer, Allen M. Gehman.

Committee over the Presiding Elders.—J. G. Shireman, W. S. Hottel and R. L. Woodring.

Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home.—H. B. Mus-

selman, C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel, W. G. Gehman, H. L. Musselman and Allen M. Gehman.

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

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

Board of Examiners.—E. N. Cassel, W. S. Hottel and E. T. Schick.

Board of Publication and Printing.—J. C. Roth, Chairman; R. L. Woodring, Secretary; C. H. Brunner, Treasurer.

Officers for the Next Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention.—Chairman, H. K. Kratz; Secretary, J. F. Barrall.

Resolved, That H. B. Musselman shall be Presiding Elder over the District comprising part of the Church, and W. G. Gehman over the District comprising the balance of the Church, and the Gospel Herald Society.

Resolved, That C. H. Brunner shall be Vice Presiding Elder under H. B. Musselman and E. N. Cassel shall be Vice Presiding Elder under W. G. Gehman.

Resolved, That the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee sit between the close of this session and the opening of the next session.

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 program 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.

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

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, 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.

Resolved, That all expenses in connection with tabernacle outfits and expenses in connection with Camp Meeting Equipage shall be paid out of the Camp Meeting Equipage Fund.

Resolved, That the Secretary ask the Publishers of the "Gospel Herald" and "Gospel Banner" to furnish each pastor with a copy of the mailing list of the subscribers on his charge through the Presiding Elders.

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

Resolved, That the Board of Publication and Printing, print 100 copies of the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions for distribution by the Foreign Mission Board.

H. B. Musselman, Fraternal Delegate to the Indiana Conference last Spring reported:

Adjourned by prayer by R. D. Dreisbach.

SIXTH SESSION

SATURDAY FORENOON, OCTOBER 14, 1911.

This session was opened by singing and prayer by W. D. Evert.

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

The following committee reports were read and adopted:—

Auditing Committee.—We have audited the following accounts: Quarterly Conference Records, Orphanage, Equipment Fund, Executive Board, Campmeetings, Presiding Elders, Gospel Herald Society, Sunday School Conventions, Home and Foreign Mission Boards, Annual Conference Fund and found them all correct with the exception of the following: Quarterly Conference Records: Gratersford, in summary of Gospel Workers Offering; Mt. Carmel and Zionsville, in summary of stewards reports; Coopersburg, in steward reports of the first quarter;

Nazareth, in rent collectors report in the third quarter and Zionsville, Sunday School report in Summary incomplete.

J. C. Roth,	E. T. Shick,
W. J. Fretz,	F. E. Frey,
V. H. Reinhart,	John Ziegler,
H. H. Bergey,	O. C. Kistler,
S. H. Lichtenthaler,	Maurice E. Brownback,
S. S. Geil,	W. D. Evert,
Leidy Sell,	H. G. Brunner,

Committee.

Committee on Resolutions.—

WHEREAS, H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder, who had been sent as a Fraternal Delegate to the Indiana and Ohio Conference submitted his report, making mention of the promising young men in their conference, who, if they devote all their time and talents to the work of the Lord, shall be a great blessing to the work; also stating that all their deliberations were with freedom and he was shown due courtesy throughout the Conference, therefore,

Resolved, That we accept his report and pray God's blessing upon their conference, upon its ministry and laity, and upon its Home and Foreign Missionary Work.

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

Committee.

The following Committees reported the election of officers:

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, W. G. Gehman.

Board of Examiners.—President, E. N. Cassel; Secretary, W. S. Hottel; Treasurer, E. T. Shick.

Committee Over the Presiding Elders.—Chairman, J. G. Shireman; Secretary, R. L. Woodring.

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

Report of Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.—(See Reports.)

Committee on Ordination.—The name of H. A. Kauffman has been handed to us as a candidate for Ordination. We have learned that he has passed the Reading Course with good credit and that he has proven himself an efficient and loyal worker in the Gospel Herald Society with good moral character. He has however not had the privilege to prove his ability as a pastor in the church according to the discipline and as he desires that his ordination be postponed, therefore,

Resolved, That his desire be granted. We also pray God's blessing upon his future life and labors.

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

The chairman appointed the Camp Meeting Equipage Committee, as follows: F. M. Hottel, E. N. Cassel, J. F. Barrall and Allen M. Gehman.

Report of the Committee on Communications.—We have received a night message from W. B. Musselman, of Cleveland, Ohio, and recommend it to be read before the Conference.

E. T. Shick,
W. G. Gehman,
Committee.

This communication was read and referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Resolved, That we now take up the Petition of the Lay Delegates relative to the proposed "Laymen's Beneficiary Society," which reads as follows:

We, the undersigned, Lay Delegates of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Conference in session in Royersford, Pa., on October 13, 1911, would humbly ask Conference to again take into consideration the resolution postponed at the last evening's private session, entitled "The Laymen's Beneficiary Society."

Resolved, That each delegate pledges himself and his family to become members of this Society, and further,

Resolved, That each of us will use his influence in favor of this movement in our respective classes.

H. C. Brunner, Chairman.
A. A. Wismer, Secretary.
G. O. Billig,
H. L. Musselman,
Maurice E. Brownback,
H. H. Bergey,
O. C. Kistler,
O. B. Bartholomew,
R. D. Dreisbach,

S. H. Lichtenthaler,
John Ziegler,
John G. Weiss,
Thomas Fehnel,
W. D. Evert,
G. K. Himmelreich,
Leidy Sell,
Allen M. Gehman,
S. S. Geil,
Committee.

Resolved, That we receive the Petition of the Lay Delegates.
Resolved, That we have a Laymen's Beneficiary Society.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of eight to formulate articles, rules and regulations for this Society, consisting of four preachers including himself and four lay delegates.

The Chair appointed C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel, W. G. Gehman, H. B. Musselman, Allen M. Gehman, R. D. Dreisbach, A. A. Wismer and G. O. Billig.

Resolved, That each Presiding Elder district, constitute a committee to elect officers for the Sunday School Conventions.

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

Adjourned to the call of the Chair by prayer by H. K. Kratz.

SEVENTH SESSION

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 14, 1911.

This session was opened by devotional services.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

Committee on Resolutions.—This report was referred back for revision.

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

Report of the Beneficiary Society.—(See Reports.)

The Camp Meeting Equipage Committee reported the election of the following officers: Chairman, E. N. Cassel; Secretary, F. M. Hottel; Treasurer, Allen M. Gehman.

The Beneficiary Society reported the election of the following officers: President, W. G. Gehman; Secretary, W. S. Hottel; Treasurer, J. F. Barrall.

A liberal offering was now lifted for the services of the Secretary, amounting to \$13.50. "Thanks."

The Committee on Worship reported as follows:

Resolved, That we have an open air meeting at Third and Main Sts., at 6.45 this evening, all members of the Conference to be present except the Chairman and those excused by the Conference and that J. G. Shireman shall preach at 8 P. M.

H. B. Musselman shall preach the Conference Sermon at 9.45 A. M. Sunday. W. G. Gehman shall preach at 2 P. M. and C. H. Brunner shall preach in the evening. We ask the Chairman to use the Bethlehem Male Quartette as he sees fit; the Chairman shall have charge of the services.

J. C. Roth,
Maurice E. Brownback,
Committee.

Resolved, That the next Annual Conference convene at Allentown, Pa., on the second Thursday of October, 1912.

Resolved, That the Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention convene at Coopersburg, Pa.

Adjourned by prayer by Wm. Gehman.

SERVICES.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1911.

The morning service was opened at 9 30 by W. G. Gehman. At 9.45 the Chairman, H. B. Musselman preached a glorious Conference sermon. At 2 P. M. W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District, gave us a grand message. The evening service opened by a song service at 6.45; at 7 o'clock C. H. Brunner, of Bethlehem, preached; the evening service was also signally blessed of the Lord.

Many of the brothers and sisters from other classes were present, even though it rained during the greater part of the day.

The attendance was large all day, the church being filled to the door.

The Bethlehem Male Quartette sang several inspiring selections in the forenoon and afternoon meetings.

EIGHTH SESSION

MONDAY FORENOON, OCTOBER 16, 1911.

Opened by singing and prayer by Thomas Fehnel.

The roll was called and the Minutes of the last session were read and approved, after which the following reports were read and adopted:

Committee on Resolutions,—(a) WHEREAS, W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder, of Cleveland, Ohio, sent a night letter to the Chairman of this Annual Conference stating his sincere desire to be present at its session, but on account of him not seeing his way clear to be present at this Annual Conference, begs us to pardon him for being absent, and,

WHEREAS, We as a Conference highly appreciate his labors of love and sacrifice in the service of the Lord, his deep devotion to the cause of Christ, "spending and being spent" for the spreading of God's truth and the salvation of the lost, therefore,

Resolved, That we are sorry to miss his presence, fellowship and wise counsel, and further,

Resolved, That we pray God to bless him abundantly both physically and spiritually and graciously sustain and uphold him and use him more and more in His service and to his glory.

(b) WHEREAS, We as a Conference realize and appreciate the noble work done by the "Gospel Workers Society," in the spread of good spiritual literature, such as tracts, selling good books, as well as the "Gospel Herald" and other good religious papers, and,

WHEREAS, We enjoy the spirit of self-sacrifice and untiring devotion on their part in the service of the Lord, and the salva-

tion of souls, in selling and spreading good spiritual literature, in open air as well as indoor services, therefore,

Resolved, That we unitedly praise God for the past blessings bestowed, for the souls saved, the believers edified, the victories won and the gracious manner in which their needs have been supplied, and further,

Resolved, That we show our hearty appreciation for the self-denial and sacrifice manifested by the Society, by unitedly upholding them by our prayers and offerings, as well as by doing our best to get as many new subscribers for the "Gospel Herald" as possible.

(c) WHEREAS, The "Gospel Banner" is being published on nice paper, with a clear type, and arranged in very appropriate departments, with very good reading matter, and,

WHEREAS, It has been printed by the present Publishers at a sacrifice of valuable time and money, therefore,

Resolved, That we appreciate the untiring sacrifices of the Publishers to make the "Gospel Banner" one of the best, if not the best, church papers extant, and that we pledge our support by prayer and by way of furnishing original articles occasionally and continuing to be prompt in collecting subscriptions and forwarding the same promptly to the Publishers' office.

We recommend that the substance of the above resolutions be forwarded and printed in the columns of the "Gospel Banner."

(d) WHEREAS, The "Gospel Messenger" is so beautifully and profusely and instructively illustrated and so helpfully classified and the columns filled with very appropriate reading matter for the various departments respectively, and,

WHEREAS, It is offered at a very nominal price, therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend this valuable paper to the various Sunday Schools for free distribution to members of the Sunday School, old and young, as well as visitors.

W. G. Gehman,

R. L. Woodring,

W. S. Hottel,

Committee.

Committee on Organization of the Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention.—(See Reports.)

Committee on Organization of the Mt. Carmel District Sunday School Convention.—(See Reports.)

Board of Examiners.—(See Reports.)

Resolution relative to Church Properties.

The Church at Norristown shall be in charge of the Board of Trustees, of Philadelphia.

The Church at Erwinna, shall be in charge of the Board of Trustees, of Easton.

The Church at Hereford, shall be in charge of the Board of Trustees of Macungie. This shall be entered on the records of

Macungie Quarterly Conference.

All the receipts from the sale of Church Properties, where there is no class, shall be turned over to the Executive Board.

The Presiding Elders appointed, E. N. Cassel, as the third man on program for the Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention.

The committee on program set April 4, 1912, as the date.

Adjourned by prayer by R. D. Dreisbach.

NINTH SESSION

MONDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 16, 1911.

This session was opened by singing and prayer by G. O. Billig.

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

The Committee to formulate Articles, Rules and Regulations for the Laymen's Benevolent Society reported as follows:

We have formulated Articles and wish to submit them herewith:

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

E. N. Cassel,
H. B. Musselman,
Allen M. Gehman,
R. D. Dreisbach,
A. A. Wismer,
G. O. Billig,

Committee.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee including himself to formulate blanks, books, etc., for the use of this Society.

He appointed E. N. Cassel, Chairman; C. H. Brunner, Secretary; W. G. Gehman, Treasurer; and H. B. Musselman.

This committee shall act in conjunction with the Board of Publication and Printing in the printing of the same.

The officers of the "Laymen's Benevolent Society" were now elected as follows:

President, Allen M. Gehman; Secretary, G. O. Billig; Treasurer, H. G. Brunner.

Resolved, That money received for "Mizpah Grove" during the year shall be paid to the Executive Board as received, in the usual way.

Resolved, That we print 550 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 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.

Resolved, That in case a Church will be built during the year, a photograph of the same shall be taken and a cut inserted in the Conference Journal of next year.

Resolved, That a photograph of the Foreign Mission Board shall be inserted in the Conference Journal.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication and Printing shall get new missionary barrels. The Superintendents shall pay for the barrels they get.

Resolved, That paragraph six and seven, on page six in the Journal be substituted by the following:—

The Chairman of the Annual Conference shall appoint a committee of four who, under the direction of the Presiding Elders, shall have charge of the Camp Meeting Equipage and Tabernacle Outfits. In case there is more collected at a Campmeeting than is needed to pay all expenses, the balance shall be paid to the Treasurer through the Secretary.

The committee shall purchase Camp Meeting Equipage and Tabernacle Outfits as needed under the direction of the Presiding Elders.

Resolved, That W. G. Gehman, the Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District, hold all the Home Missionary meetings throughout the Conference, between New Year and the Camp-Meetings, and take the subscription with the assistance of the respective pastors.

Resolved, That the Licenses be written and given by the Chairman of the Annual Conference, and signed by the Presiding Elder, as Chairman. (Standing Rule.)

Committee on Resolutions.—Reported as follows, which was adopted.

WHEREAS, The Pastor and members of the Royersford, and Spring City classes together with the business people and the many friends of these classes so royally received the Conference members and so cheerfully provided things for the body in such bountiful measures, and,

WHEREAS, They have so hospitably entertained us during this entire Conference session, therefore,

Resolved, That we show our heartfelt appreciation for their kindness manifested, by a rising vote of thanks.

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

Committee.

The minutes of this Session were read and approved.

Conference adjourned by prayer by the Chairman.

Signed by every member of the Conference as follows:

H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder, Chairman.

W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder.

C. H. Brunner, Secretary and Vice Presiding Elder.

Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer.

E. N. Cassel, Vice Presiding Elder.

H. A. Kauffman, Recording Secretary.

F. M. Hottel, Statistical Secretary.

J. F. Barrall, Financial Secretary.

J. C. Roth,

E. T. Shick,

J. G. Shireman,

O. C. Kistler,

W. J. Fretz,

Thomas Fehnel,

V. H. Reinhart,

W. S. Hottel,

E. E. Kublic,

R. Bergstresser,

H. K. Kratz,

W. W. Zimmerman,

O. S. Hillegass,

M. W. Ettinger,

A. A. Wismer,

P. J. Musselman,

H. L. Musselman,

R. L. Woodring,

H. H. Bergey,

G. O. Billig,

S. S. Geil,

S. H. Lichtenthaler,

M. E. Brownback,

H. G. Brunner,

R. D. Dreisbach,

W. D. Evert,

William Gehman,

John Ziegler,

John G. Weiss,

F. E. Frey,

Leidy Sell.

G. K. Himmelreich,

O. B. Bartholomew.



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REPORTS

I. EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Tenth Annual Report Of The Executive Board

We held ten regular meetings of the Board this year, principally on account of matters relating to Mizpah Grove.

We wish to praise the Lord for His help in securing such a beautiful, convenient Grove for our Camp Meetings. The Grove was in a very nice condition this summer. We spent about \$130.00, again, cleaning up, removing stones and stumps, plugging trees with cement, etc. This does not include the great amount of labor donated by a number of the pastors.

We erected a large brick building on the premises to be used for a storage house and dining hall. The front part is 26x18 feet and two stories high. There are two rooms on the first floor, one arranged for a bed room, while the other is arranged for a store room with shelving, counter, ice chest, etc. The rear part is 30x36 feet and only one story high, furnished with tables, stoves, closets, etc. This building was erected by Shuler and Hottel, of Coopersburg, contractors, costing about \$1350.00 complete, with the exception of ventilators, to be put on yet.

The Grove, including all the improvements, grading, dining hall, pulpit, toilets, etc., complete costs us to date about \$5750.00.

We also purchased almost 37,000 feet of lumber for tent floors and seats for which we paid \$817.00. This was given into the charge and care of the Camp Meeting Equipage Committee.

A sister from Bethlehem donated a large bell, which we erected back of the pulpit.

A free-will offering for the payment of this Grove as it now is, was received from the churches during this year, amounting to the noble sum of \$4758.70, for which we wish to thank the givers and praise the Lord.

Matters relative to the church properties at Norristown, Easton and Nazareth were brought before the Board during the year and disposed of.

Report of The Treasurer

Receipts.

October 13, 1910, Balance in Treasury	\$ 62 97	
Received during the year.....	625 00	
Received at Annual Conference.....	4758 70	\$5446 67

Expenditures.

Expended during the year.....	\$687 05	
October 12, 1911, Balance in Treasury.....	4759 62	\$5446 67
H. B. Musselman, President.	..	
C. H. Brunner, Secretary.		
J. C. Roth, Treasurer.		
W. G. Gehman,		
E. N. Cassel,		
		Board.

II. FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Report of The Board of Foreign Missions

The interest in Foreign Mission work in the Pennsylvania Conference is not on the wane, but rather on the rise. In spite of obstacles and discouragements which are met by the way, our offerings for Foreign Missions are rising higher every year.

We feel that we have much to praise the Lord for, when we remember that twenty years ago the total offerings for Foreign Missions in the whole Conference was only \$82.00. Even then there was quite some discussion as to what should be done with the money, as we had no missionary on the field and no applicants at home. As the Pennsylvania Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ was not born with a missionary spirit, there was very little Home or Foreign work done for many years. However, new blood was introduced by the coming of Eusebius Hershey, who was a Missionary from beginning to end. After he had spent many years in incessant toil for the Master, traveling on horseback, crossing the Allegheny Mountains many times, visiting from house to house throughout the country, preaching a great deal to the Indians, making thirteen journeys to Canada, he finally bid farewell at the Chestnut Hill Camp Meeting in the fall of 1890.

On November 1st, he sailed from New York, for Africa, and after a rough voyage of thirty-eight days he landed at Sierra Leon. After a few days rest here, he went 220 miles into the interior to Monrovia, Capital of Liberia, where he labored thru an interpreter, John Washington, until the following spring, when after a short illness of seven days he fell asleep in Jesus, May 24, 1891. "Except a grain of wheat fall into the earth and die it abideth by itself alone, but if it die, it beareth much fruit." (John 12:24 R. V.)

This stirred up the church and the seed commenced to grow, and the offerings about doubled each year, for several years until to-day the Conference supports Seventeen Missionaries on the field. Several applicants are under consideration who may be accepted and sent during the coming year. The Foreign Mission Board is not in debt as so many are, but has a nice balance on hand.

We wish to praise the Lord, that He has preserved the lives of all our co-workers in the "regions beyond," during the past year. In

fact we have had no death among our Missionaries since the death of the first Missionary twenty years ago. Sister Zook, the wife of brother M. P. Zook, of Chile, South America, is home for a rest on account of broken down health. Let the Church pray earnestly for her speedy recovery.

Sister Rose Lambert, who had returned from Hadjin, Turkey, almost two years ago with a broken down physical condition has resigned from the Board as a Missionary, as she feels physically incapable of further assuming the heavy burden of Missionary work. Since her return she has been engaged as much as her physical condition permitted in writing and lecturing throughout the United States and Canada on the conditions of Missionary work in Turkey. Upon her request, her support was discontinued on October 1st, of this year.

The Board has agreed to support two new Missionaries until the next Annual Conference. Miss Anna LeFever, who is with brother Weiss at Santiago, and brother Frederick Bullen, of Caraccas, Venezuela, a single man, highly recommended, who is on the field for four years already.

We, thus, have seventeen Missionaries on the field or one Missionary in Foreign Lands to every 90 members at home. Our total receipts for Foreign Missions this year were \$6157.06, or an average of \$4.01 per member throughout the Conference, though on some fields the average was much higher.

During the year we held six Board meetings. At one of these, brother W. H. Ruhl, of West China Mission, home on furlough, was present and at another one Rev. A. E. Funk, of New York, General Secretary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. They gave us many helpful suggestions concerning our Missionaries and their work, and their coming was a favor and blessing to us.

Chile

From the report of the Last Annual Conference of the Missionaries in Chile, South America, received from brother H. L. Weiss, the Superintendent we clip the following.—“The Missionaries are in a better condition than ever and have committed themselves to the work with extraordinary enthusiasm, so that the visits from house to house, the collections and the attendance at the services have increased considerably. Eighty have been baptized during the year. The members are spiritual and obedient. The pastors have visited many new towns and country places, walking many miles with Bibles and books, publishing the good news of salvation, thus being often exposed to danger, even risking their lives for the work of the Lord. Brother H. L. Weiss the Superintendent, has moved to Santiago, the Capital and has opened the work there with good prospects. He visited the stations every three months having quarterly meetings with good results. He made a trip to the Argentine Republic, which had been a great blessing. Though the work is under the supervision of the

Christian and Missionary Alliance, yet their organization and form of church government is patterned after our work here in Pennsylvania.

Brother Weiss' position as Superintendent is similar to that of our Presiding Elders at home; in fact he is elected as such. They have divided their work into a Spanish and German division. Brother Weiss is Presiding Elder of the Spanish District and Brother O. Barkowitz, of the German work. Brother M. P. Zook, a convert of the Gospel Worker Society and later a member of the Gospel Herald Society is Secretary.

During the year they have raised in the various Missions for Chapels, rents, etc., almost 18,000 pesos, amounting to about \$4000.00 in United States currency. They hold property to the value of more than \$20,000.00, in the shape of printing outfit, hospital, chapels and parsonages. On these they have less than \$1000.00 debt.

They are printing about 5000 copies of *La Verdad*, *The Word*, their Spanish semi-monthly paper for free distribution. They have very urgent calls for help in the Argentine Republic, as well as for the opening of new Missions in Peru and Bolivia."

From a very interesting letter from the Secretary, brother M. P. Zook, we clip the following.—"While we are having many open doors to preach the Gospel where the people are eager to hear, yet we are made to feel a cloud of unbelief and indifference settling down upon the people. I am positive that the amount of labor and activity bestowed by our Missionaries in the last year, would have brought forth much more fruit five years ago. The country is fast drifting into infidelity, and our force of workers is too small to do much aggressive work, having barely sufficient workers to maintain the stations already opened.

At one of our stations we have a church of about thirty members who have an almost continuous revival due, under God, to the activity and faith of one of our deacons, a simple farmer. He is a marvel. He has to work from early morning till late at night for his "padron" or "boss," still he finds time yet to visit and hold meetings. It is a country place and the people are scattered, yet they have meetings every night except Wednesday. This brother has visited and prayed with every family within a radius of several miles and brought them to the meetings."

Brother Feldges also writes very encouragingly about the work on his Mission and openings all around.

This looks very glowing, but our dear brethren in Chile have their severe tests too. Dangers of the gravest nature surround and oppose them continually and obstinately like fanatical women, devil-inspired men, fiery darts of the evil One, "known tongues" and "unknown tongues." Great wisdom and discretion are needed to steer the Church of God thru these dangerous waters without shipwreck.

Thibet

Thibet is a Province of China, and lies to the extreme West of China. It is a high tableland and is sometimes called 'The roof of the world.' China is the oldest kingdom in the world. The Chinese were a nation with a settled form of government and laws when Abraham left Ur of the Chaldees. The Chinese Empire was 2000 years old when Isaiah prophesied her conversion. (Isa, 49:12. Sinim, found only this once in the Bible is supposed to refer to China.) It has stood thru the rise and fall of Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Greece and Rome. Moreover, it is of such a vast magnitude that it contains almost one-fourth of the population of the whole world. What a stronghold of Satan, with the Dragon, for its political emblem! What a power for God it will be, when it will turn from idols to serve the true and living God!

Thibet is a very hard Mission field. It is the last country whose rusty gates are being slowly forced open by the power of the Gospel, and the perseverance of the Missionaries. Its language is difficult and the bitter anti-foreign spirit among the Thibetans and Chinese, makes Missionary work among these people very difficult and discouraging.

Brother C. F. Snyder reports that they had a glorious Conference of the West China Missions. "We never had a more rousing spiritual gathering in all our previous Kansu Conferences," he writes, "than the closing days of this one. Three of us, my family and myself, with brother V. G. Plymire according to our request were appointed to open a new station at Kweiteh."

After Conference they packed up and commenced their journey of eight days on horseback. They came as far as Sining when winter set in suddenly making it impracticable to attempt to cross the high and dangerous mountain passes. Here the Lord opened a door for them for active service in assisting in the Mission of the China Inland Mission, taking charge during the time the Missionaries stationed there were away on furlough.

As soon as the snow had melted in spring, brother and sister Snyder continued their journey to Kweiteh, where they had rented a house some months before. Here hundreds have come to hear the Gospel for the first time.

A very serious rebellion has been threatening throughout Western China and Thibet. Placards were secretly posted in Kweiteh, and many other cities, principally upon the houses of the foreigners. Back of these the government has discovered the operations of a secret society which has for its object the extermination of all foreigners. Although the government tries to protect the foreigners, yet we cannot tell what a day may bring forth. We were pleased to hear from a communication from brother W. H. Ruhl, that upon their return to China, he and his family will also make their home in Kweiteh.

Brother V. G. Plymire after leaving Sining returned to Taichow. Arrangements were made for him to remain and assist in the work

there. In one of his last letters he writes, "The trials and tests of the past year have been many, and in some cases severe, but the Lord has been gracious to me. I am hoping for a blessed future for my labors among the Thibetans. There is nothing that gives me more joy than going out and selling Gospels and distributing tracts to these benighted people. I have traveled 5548 li or 1849 English miles on foot and horseback, most of it alone. I had no trouble with the natives as I always treat them with kindness, in consequence of which I can stop in private houses instead of at the inns. I am well as usual."

Brother Plymire is a convert of the Gospel Worker Society, thru whose teaching, and by his practical experience later as a Home Missionary in the Gospel Herald Society, he has learned to "endure hardness as a good soldier."

Turkey

Turkey, as stated in the beginning of this report, our Conference has no Missionary in Turkey at the present time. The Missions and Orphanages at Hadjin and Everek are supplied by Missionaries from the other Conferences. Yet individuals in our Conference support a number of orphans at Hadjin for which almost \$200.00 was sent out thru our Board.

In conclusion we wish to praise the Lord for His help during the past year in opening so largely the hearts and hands of our dear people at home, as well as for His protection and blessing upon the workers on the field. We would again ask all our people to continue to pray for the speedy restoration of sister Zook to her former health and usefulness; for the protection and health of the Missionaries on the field; for continued unity in spirit and doctrine among the workers; for the conversion of many heathens and the sending forth of such whom God may call and prepare for this great work.

We have received during the year \$175.65 for the support of orphans. Also \$120.60 for special purposes thru the Gospel Banner which contributions were forwarded to the parties designated.

We have sent allowances to our Missionaries for the year as follows:

H. L. Weiss and family and printing.....	\$700 00
H. W. Feldges and family.....	600 00
M. P. Zook and family.....	600 00
A. E. Dawson and family.....	600 00
Niels Gumstadt and family.....	400 00
Joseph Schmiedlin and family.....	300 00
C. F. Snyder and family.....	600 00
V. G. Plymire.....	300 00
Rose Lambert.....	225 00
Or a total allowance of	\$4325 00

We have sent a special donation of \$100.00 to V. G. Plymire.

Report of the Treasurer.

Receipts

Oct. 13, 1910 Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 8780 68
Contributions (Regular).....	5860 81
Contributions (Special).....	296 25
	<hr/> \$ 14937 74

Expenditures

Expenditures during the year.....	\$ 4826 81
Oct. 12, 1911 Balance in Treasury.....	10110 93
	<hr/> \$ 14937 74

H. B. Musselman, President,
C. H. Brunner, Secretary,
Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer,
W. G. Gehman, E. N. Cassel,
Board.

Directory**(a) Chile, S. A.**

H. L. Weiss, Superintendent, Santiago, Chile, S. A.

Dawson, A. E.	}	Arrived on the field March, 1904. Stationed at Chiloe, Chile
Dawson, Mrs. A. E.		
Feldges, H. W.	}	Arrived on the field in January, 1904. Stationed at Osorno, Chile
Feldges, Mrs. H. W.		
Gunstadt, Niels	}	Arrived from Norway in April, 1903. (Adopted August, 1904.) Stationed at Loncoche, Chile
Gunstadt, Mrs. Niels		
Schmiedlin, Joseph	}	Natives of Chile. (Adopted, October, 1906.) Stationed at _____
Schmiedlin, Mrs. Joseph		
Weiss, H. L.	}	Arrived on the field in 1897. Superintendent Resides in Santiago.
Weiss, Mrs. H. L.		
Zook, M. P.	}	Arrived on the field in December, 1905. Stationed at Temuco.
Zook, Mrs. M. P.		
Le Fever, Miss Anna,		Santiago

(b) Venezuela, S. A.

Bullen, Frederick. On the field since 1907. Stationed at Caraccas, Venezuela

(c) China

Plymire, V. G. Arrived on the field August 10, 1908. Stationed at Taochow, (New City) Kansu Prov., China.

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

III. ORPHANAGE AND HOME

The Fifth Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home

This report is from September 28, 1910 to September 27, 1911.

The Board of Trustees elected a Board of Managers, consisting of H. B. Musselman, E. N. Cassel and Allen M. Gehman, which had charge of the affairs of the Home and Farm.

Brother Titus Hottel has very acceptably filled his position as Manager during the past year. The financial success, and the good condition of the Farm and Home is due in a large measure to his wise and energetic management.

Farmer C. J. Kline and William Moyer the hired man, on the Farm as well as the matron, Mrs. Kate Fearheller have been loyal to the Manager. All worked together in harmony and the Lord poured His blessings upon the Farm and Home, upon field and herd.

During the year Sister Louisa Horlacher, of Allentown, and Mary Steiner, of Zionsville, two aged Sisters have been admitted to the Home, and express themselves as very happy to enjoy the delightful atmosphere and care of the Home. Sister Preisch and Sister Moll have been kept favorably well during the year and are always very happy.

Brother Elmer Arndt our orphan, is willing and obedient and is doing well. We wish to submit the following financial account.—

Financial Report

Donations.

Quakertown Class—Three Peafowls.

Mrs. Frank Stangele—One comfort and cushion.

A Friend—A picture and wall case.

Mrs. Kate Seip—Lot of home made soap.

Louisa Horlacher—One load of household goods.

Mary Steiner—Lot of household goods.

A. O. Gehman—Lot of stable manure.

O. A. Marsteller—One washstand.

E. R. Hartman—One setting of Houdan eggs.

David Bright—Some cherries.

Mrs. Frank Stangele—Lot of dishes.

Mrs. Abner Schwavely—One spread.

Annie Musselman—Lot of jelly and preserves.

David Bassler—Some butter and flower plant.

A Friend from Philadelphia—One fancy cushion.

Sarah Bush—Paper and hanging. (Four rooms.)

(A) Farm Account**(a) Receipts.**

Contributions from the Church	\$ 43 85	Milk	\$60 25
From Poor Fund.....	211 62	Bull Calf.....	60 00
Cream	2178 25	Feed	54 85
Butter	765 10	Eggs	23 38
Potatoes	735 49	Poultry	21 81
Hogs	640 00	Implements	17 54
Cattle	643 62	Walnut lumber.....	16 10
Wheat	535 38	Fire wood.....	14 00
Horses	500 00	Labor	14 80
Pork	374 18	Produce	11 06
Sweet corn.....	163 92	Pears	10 75
Sir Jewel Lord Netherland De Kol.....	125 00	Refund	6 75
Calves	99 49	Miscellaneous truck.....	5 71
Cabbage	63 15	Miscellaneous	4 51
		Beans	4 08
		Hides	3 39
		Total	\$7408 03

(b) Expenditures.

Feed	\$2606 38	Board and provisions.....	125 49
Live stock.....	718 61	Seeds	56 85
Wages	691 00	Hogs	55 00
Implements	360 81	Registration and Transfers	45 00
Freight and express.....	280 37	Horseshoeing	29 07
Labor	218 71	Dairy supplies.....	25 45
Fertilizer	185 25	Hardware	23 55
Repairs	79 64	Straw	13 15
Taxes	86 65	Lumber	13 00
Remodeling calf stable...	69 39	Spraying materials.....	11 73
Oils and paints.....	63 54	Lime, sand and cement...	10 19
Advertising, Periodicals		Poultry	14 04
Printing	\$ 60 46	Discount	5 00
Fares and telephone.....	60 52	Total	\$5908 85

(B) Home Accounts**(a) Receipts.**

Wages returned.....	\$ 4 00	Mrs. Beckman (donation).	300 00
Dinner	1 00	Total	\$305 00

(b) Expenditures.

Wages	\$104 00	Oils and paints.....	12 22
Provisions	207 06	Fence (alley).....	10 80
Coal	94 75	Ephraim Leshner (donation)	10 00
Mary Steiner.....	85 10	Sarah Moll.....	6 84
Mrs. Gephart.....	34 00	Feed	4 10
Elmer Arndt.....	24 81	Lumber	2 38
Labor	19 88	Repairs	2 56
One tomb stone for Joseph Preisch, deceased	18 00	Periodicals and postage..	2 10
Taxes	15 23	Fianna Preisch.....	1 92
Hardware	13 13	Cement	58
Furnishings	12 64	Total	\$682 10

(C) Bethlehem Property Accounts**(a) Receipts.**

Rent	\$120 00	Taxes	11 31
Repairs	23 35	Total	<u>\$34 66</u>

Summary Totals**Receipts.**

Farm	\$7408 03	Bethlehem Property.....	120 00
Home	305 00	Total	<u>\$7833 03</u>

Expenditures.

Farm	\$5908 85	Bethlehem Property.....	34 66
Home	682 10	Total	<u>\$6625 61</u>

Stock Account

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

A.—Farm

Farm	\$10,750 00
Implements	1,877 67

Livestock:

Horses	\$1,100 00
Cattle, Holstein Friesian.....	\$4,536 00
Cattle, Grade.....	466 00 5,002 00
Hogs and Pigs, Berkshire.....	<u>592 00</u>
Hogs and Pigs, Grade.....	210 00 802 00
Chickens	20 00 6,924 00

Produce:

Potatoes	\$800 00
Wheat	403 75
Corn	280 00
Ensilage	850 00
Feed	380 65
Hay	710 00
Straw	164 00
Truck	39 00 3,627 40

Miscellaneous:

Furniture	\$35 00
Fertilizer	18 00
Gasoline	5 50
Binder Twine	70
Lumber and Fire-wood	10 00
Outstanding Bills	135 00 204 20
Total	<u>\$23,383 27</u>

B—Home

Home	\$4,500 00	
Miscellaneous:		
Furniture	\$500 00	
Canned Goods	115 00	
Dried Fruit	4 64	
Vegetables	5 00	
Chickens	58 00	
Feed	2 35	
Coal	83 00	767 99
Total		<u>\$5,267 99</u>

C—Bethlehem Property

House and Lot	\$1,000 00
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Summary Totals

Farm	\$23,383 27
Home	5,267 99
Bethlehem Property	1,000 00
Cash on hand	1,058 22
Total	<u>\$30,709 48</u>

Statement

Resources.		Liabilities.	
Properties	\$16,250 00	Contributions from the	
Live Stock	6,982 00	Church to Date	\$21,033 45
Implements	1,877 67	Donations to Date	136 41
Produce	3,627 40	Loans	75 00
Miscellaneous	914 19	Surplus	8,864 62
Cash on hand	1,058 22		
Total	<u>\$30,709 48</u>	Total	<u>\$30,709 48</u>

Report of the Treasurer**Receipts.**

September 27, 1911.—Receipts during the year.....\$7833 03 \$7833 03

Expenditures.

September 28, 1910.—Deficit in Treasury..... \$149 20

Expenditures to date..... 6625 61

September 27, 1911.—Balance in Treasury..... 1058 22 \$7833 03

Forms of Bequest and Devise**Bequest**

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

Devise

I give and devise unto H. B. Musselman, W. S. Hottel, C. H. Brunner, W. G. Gehman, E. N. Cassel, J. G. Shireman, E. T. Shick, J. C. Roth, H. L. Musselman, Allen M. Gehman, J. H. Baus and O. Bear, Trustees of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Orphanage and Home, located at Center 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.

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(Signed)

H. B. Musselman, President.

W. S. Hottel, Secretary.

C. H. Brunner, Treasurer.

E. N. Cassel,

J. C. Roth,

E. T. Shick,

J. G. Shireman,

W. G. Gehman,

Allen M. Gehman,

H. L. Musselman,

J. H. Baus,

Oscar Bear,

Board.



A View of the Barn Showing Silos, Stock, Etc.

IV. PRESIDING ELDERS

(A) Bethlehem District.

(a) Appropriations.

Lehighton and Weissport.....	\$ 84 00	
Northampton	180 00	
Blandon, Fleetwood and Terre Hill.....	72 00	
Quakertown and Hatfield.....	180 00	\$516 00

(b) Tabernacle Meetings.

E. T. Shick, Lehighton, Pa., for freight and hauling	\$ 6 52	
F. M. Hottel, Reading, Pa., for freight and hauling (extra box and chairs).....	12 49	
J. C. Roth, Royersford, Pa., for freight and hauling (one way).....	5 17	\$24 18

(c) Miscellaneous.

E. T. Shick, moving expenses.....	\$20 00	
J. F. Barrall, moving expenses.....	20 00	
R. L. Woodring, for lights for Hatfield Church.....	15 00	\$55 00
Total		\$595 18
Received from Treasurer of Home Mission Fund.....		\$595 18

H. B. Musselman, P. E.

(B) Mt. Carmel District.

(a) Appropriations.

Philadelphia, for seven months.....	\$ 84 00	
Nazareth	120 00	
Easton	180 00	
East Stroudsburg.....	180 00	
Walnutport	240 00	\$804 00

(b) Moving.

M. W. Ettinger.....	\$20 00	
V. H. Reinhart.....	20 00	
P. J. Musselman.....	20 00	
F. E. Frey.....	25 00	\$85 00

(c) Tabernacle Meetings.

V. H. Reinhart, Palmerton, Pa., freight, hauling, straw, lumber etc.....	\$11 07	
Total		\$900 07

(d) Miscellaneous.

Donated to Philadelphia Mission Property.....	\$60 00	
Storage, Allen M. Gehman.....	35 00	
Donation F. E. Frey, and fare, moving to Mt. Carmel..	43 30	
Gift to V. H. Reinhart.....	10 00	
Gift to F. E. Frey.....	25 00	
Fare W. G. Gehman holding Home Mission Meetings on Bethlehem District.....	11 90	
Fares for Gospel Heralds and other helpers to hold		

Home Mission Meetings.....	31	27
Hauling benches from Easton to Nazareth.....	3	00
Coal bill for Hatfield Church.....	3	10
Donation toward Walnutport basement and furnace....	5	00
J. G. Shireman for fare to Norristown and despatch transferring property.....	77	
Fare and Phone reference to Easton lot.....	85	229 19
Total		\$1129 26
Received from Treasurer of the Home Mision Fund.....		\$1129 26
Received from Executive Board for Philadelphia Property		\$1 00
Paid over to J. G. Shireman, Pastor of Philadelphia...	1	00
W. G. Gehman, P. E.		

V. GOSPEL HERALD SOCIETY

Report of the President of the Gospel Herald Society

(A) Statistical.

Ordained ministers of the M. B. C. Annual Conference.....	3	Baptized	39
Probationers of the M. B. C. Annual Conference.....	4	Sunday Schools.....	
Gospel Heralds, full members.....	7	Officers and Teachers enrolled.....	39
Gospel Heralds, Probationers.....	5	Scholars enrolled.....	243
Received into M. B. C. Church fellowship.....	19	Children's Meetings and Sunday School Services held....	166
Received by transfer	2	Open Air Meetings	301
Total Increase.....	21	Prayer Meetings.....	206
Transferred to M. B. C. Church.....	47	Jail Meetings.....	23
Dropped.....	23	Sermons and Addresser.....	2257
Total Decrease.....	70	Pastoral Visits.....	1366
Net Decrease.....	49	Gospel Herolds and Banners sold.....	25812
Whole number of membeas..	76	Valuation of Shamokin Chapel property.....	\$ 5,000

(B) Financial.

(a) Receipts.

1 Collections.

General Collections for Rents.....	\$482	50
General Collections for Sundry Expenses.....	479	27
General Collections for Shamokin Camp Meeting....	222	64
Collections for Light.....	95	18
Rent Collections for Shamokin Camp Metting.....	96	45
Donations (gifts).....	655	46
Donations at Camp Meeting.....	20	85
For Gospel Workers.....	68	01
For Gospel Workers at Camp Meeting.....	69	14
For Missionary Presiding Elder.....	24	75
For President.....	305	74
For President at Camp Meeting.....	51	12
For Gospel Heralds at Camp Meeting.....	48	71

Steward's Collections.....	115	10	
For Sunday Schools.....	185	41	
For Sunday School Conventions.....	19	16	
For Conference Fund.....	59	06	
At Gospel Herald Society Conference.....	30	29	
For Secretary at Gospel Herald Society Conference...	6	69	
For Foreign Missions.....	105	61	
For Mission Chapel, Shamokin, Pa.....	98	00	
For Toilet, Carpet, etc., Shamokin, Pa.....	60	50	
For Parsonage Rent, Shamokin, Pa.....	120	00	
For Hymn Books, Lebanon.....	1	80	
For Oil and Gasoline at Campmeeting.....	2	42	\$3423 86

2. Literature.

Literature, etc., sold in the Missions.....	\$2500	04	
Literature, etc., sold at M. B. C. Campmeeting.....	134	51	
Literature, etc., sold at Shamokin G. H. S. Campmeet- ing	38	17.	
Literature, etc., sold at wholesale price to Ministers.	2871	49	\$5544 21

3. Gifts from M. B. C. Home Mission Treasury.

Appropriations	\$191	00	
Donations for all the Heralds.....	129	16	
Literature to be distributed.....	101	85	
Tabernacle Meetings.....	63	02	
Fares, Utensils, Cartage, Freight, Furniture.....	394	90	
Rents	214	00	\$1093 93
Total	10,062	00	

(b) Expenditures.

Appropriations, Shamokin, Pa.....	\$105	00	
Appropriations, Lansdale, Pa.....	30	00	
Appropriations, Washington, N. J.....	56	00	
Tabernacle Meetings, Sunbury, Pa.....	14	69	
Tabernacle Meetings, Hackettstown, N. J.....	7	35	
Tabernacle Meetings, Lebanon, Pa., four different places	30	83	
Tabernacle Meetings Broadway, N. J.....	10	15	
Donations to all the Heralds.....	129	16	
Furnishing and opening Lebanon Mission.....	58	69	
Rent for Lebanon Mission.....	60	00	
Rent for President.....	154	00	\$655 87
Literature Distributed.....	\$101	85	
Old Mission Repairs, Supplies, Furnishings.....	43	45	
Fare, changing Heralds, telegrams etc.....	64	15	
Fares to Conventions, Tabernacle Meetings etc.....	94	10	
Fares Gospel Heralds to Campmeetings.....	39	02	
Freight and Express.....	30	36	
Express on Literature to Missions.....	34	93	
Cartage	14	39	
Painting	2	24	
Printing and Stationary.....	13	30	\$1093 93

W. G. Gehman,

President and Treasurer.

VI. READING COURSE

Report of the Board of Examiners

(A) Examinations

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 Infidel'y	Jesus is coming	Average
First Year.....										
F. E. Frey.....	81	50	64	81	50					65
M. H. Kline.....	80	35	58	40	24					47
M. W. Ettinger.....	80	50	68	79	49					65
Second Year.....										
G. F. Yost.....	53	26	33		29	62				41
J. T. Anderson.....	43	32	39		40	56				42
Third Year.....										
H. A. Kauffman.....	77	84	95		82		71	77	94	83

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

(B) Studies for 1912

(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 to 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—Pages 484 to end.

Jesus is Coming—Blackstone.

(b) Second Semi-Annual Studies:—

First Year's Course.

Bible—1 and 2 Timothy and St. John Chapters 13 to 17 inclusive.

Lessons in Holiness—(Doty.)

Second Year's Course.

Bible—1 Corinthians.

Reformed Pastor—Baxter.

Third Year's Course.

Bible—Romans.

Nelson on Infidelity.

Fletcher's Appeal.

The first semi-annual examination shall be held at Lehighton, Pa.,
April 10, 1912, at 1 P. M.

The second semi-annual examination shall be held at Allentown, Pa.,
October 7, 1912, at 7 P. M.

E. N. Cassel,

W. S. Hottel,

E. T. Shick, Board

VII. CAMP MEETING EQUIPAGE**Report of Committee on Camp Meeting Equipage****REPORT OF Committee on Camp Meeting Equipage.**

A number of boxes have been secured for stakes and lamps. We purchased one new gasoline stove and one cook stove for the eating pavilion and a number of mantles, burners and globes. We sold two old tabernacles and one living tent. The tabernacles and tents are now stored at Allen M. Gehman's place and the rest of the Equipage is stored in the building in Mizpah Grove.

Receipts.

Refund	\$ 1 25	
Old Tents Sold.....	53 30	
Mantle and Globes.....	23 20	
Lumber, Rents.....	291 30	
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting.....	171 69	
Allentown Division Camp Meeting.....	172 01	
Mt. Carmel District Camp Meeting.....	65 74	\$778 49

Expenses.

Executive Board.....	\$ 550 00	
Meals, Hauling, Carfare, Freight.....	11 44	
Boxes	14 40	
Parafining Tent.....	3 40	
Mantles, Burners, Globes.....	35 20	
Miscellaneous Fixtures.....	10 88	
Blocking	11 86	
Stoves	15 95	
Chair Canvass.....	12 93	\$666 06

Report of the Treasurer

Receipts.

October 13, 1910, Balance in Treasury.....	\$676 34	
Receipts during the year.....	778 49	\$1454 83

Expenditures.

Expenditures during the year.....	\$666 06	
October 13, 1911, Balance in Treasury.....	788 77	\$1454 83

E. N. Cassel, Chairman,
F. M. Hottel, Secretary,
Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer.
H. K. Kratz,

Committee.

VIII. PUBLICATION AND PRINTING**Report of the Board of Publication and Printing**

During the year we had 5000 Dedication Certificates printed for the dedication of children according to the Discipline.

We also had 35 order books printed for the Board of Trustees.

Expenditures.

5000 Dedication Certificates.....	\$62 50	
Freight, fares and postage on above.....	5 35	
35 Order Books, Board of Trustees.....	10 10	
Fares Semi-Annual Examination.....	19 38	
Special Meeting of Preachers at Allentown.....	19 73	
Fraternal Delegates to Ind. Conference.....	27 00	
Sundry Printing.....	11 21	
525 Conference Journals.....	107 99	
Donated to Editor of Conference Journal.....	10 00	\$273 26

Receipts.

506 Conference Journals.....	\$126 50	
Booklets, "Present Day Dangers".....	1 56	
	—————	\$128 06

Report of the Treasurer

Receipts.

October 13, 1910.—Balance in Treasury.....	\$181 30	
Receipts during the year.....	128 06	
Received at Annual Conference...	95 34	\$404 70

Expenditures.

Expenditures during the year.....	\$273 26	
Balance in Treasury October 12, 1911.....	131 44	\$404 70

J. C. Roth, Chairman.
C. H. Brunner, Secretary.
E. N. Cassel, Treasurer.

IX. HOME MISSIONS**Report of the Treasurer**

Receipts.

Oct. 13, 1910.—Balance in Treasury.....	\$2901 74	
Received during the year.....	2 45	
Received at Annual Conference.....	3014 06	\$5918 25

Expenditures.

Expenditures during year.....	\$2818	34	
October 12, 1911.—Balance in Treasury.....	3099	91	\$5918 25
Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer.			

X. BENEFICIARY SOCIETY

We have given assistance to a pastor's widow during the year.

Report of the Treasurer

Receipts.

October 13, 1910.—Balance in Treasury.....	\$371	29	
Received during the year.....	169	12	\$540 41

Expenditures.

Expenditures during the year.....	\$72	00	
October 12, 1911.—Balance in Treasury.....	468	41	\$540 41

J. C Roth, President.

W. S. Hottel, Secretary,

J. F. Barrall, Treasurer.

XI. CAMP MEETING**The Annual Report of the Chairman of the General Camp Meeting Committee**

Receipts.

Bethlehem District.

Mizpah Grove, Bethlehem Division.....	\$1259	89	
Mizpah Grove, Allentown Division.....	1321	07	\$2580 96

Mt. Carmel District.

Mizpah Grove.....	\$850	82	
Total			\$3431 78

H. B. Musselman, Chairman.

XII. CONVENTIONS, ETC**A. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS.****(1) Twenty Third Annual Report****(a) Bethlehem District.**

This Convention was held at Bethlehem, Pa., on Decoration Day, May 30, 1911.

Statistical Report

Sunday Schools represented.....	19	
Officers enrolled.....	109	
Teachers enrolled.....	195	
Scholars enrolled.....	2003	

Total enrollment.....2307

Report of the Treasurer**Receipts.**

October 13, 1910.—Balance in Treasury.....	\$17 53	
Receipts during the year.....	92 10	\$109 63

Expenditures.

Expenditures during the year.....	\$98 05	
October 12, 1911.—Balance in Treasury.....	11 58	\$109 63

E. T. Shick, Chairman.

J. F. Barrall, Secretary,

F. M. Hottel, Treasurer.

(b) Mt. Carmel District.

This Convention was held at Walnutport, Pa., on Ascension Day, May 25, 1911.

Statistical Report

Sunday Schools represented.....	10
Officers enrolled.....	46
Teachers enrolled.....	67
Scholars enrolled.....	650

Total enrollment..... 773

Report of The Treosurer.

October 13, 1910.—Balancet in Treasury.....	\$26 95	
Receipts during the year.....	76 93	\$103 88

Expenditures.

Expenditures during the year.....	80 50	
October 14, 1911.—Balance in Treasury.....	23 38	\$103 88

P. J. Musselman, Chairman.

V. H. Reinhart, Secretary.

E. E. Kublic, Treasurer.

(2) Report of the Committees to Organize for the Convention of 1912**(a) Bethlehem District.**

Resolved, That this Convention convene at Reading, Pa., on Decoration Day, May 30, 1912.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, W. J. Fretz; Secretary, J. F. Barrall; Treasurer, F. M. Hottel.

Committee on Program: H. B. Musselman, Chairman; C. H. Brunner, Secretary; R. L. Woodring.

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

H. B. Musselman, Chairman.

H. K. Kratz, Secretary.

(b) Mt. Carmel District.

Resolved, That this Convention convene at Nazareth, Pa., on Decoration Day, May 30, 1912.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, W. W. Zimmerman; Secretary, M. W. Ettinger, and Treasurer, E. T. Shick.

Committee on Program: W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman, E. T. Shick.

Resolved, That we invite and heartily desire the Gospel Herald Society and their Sunday Schools to be represented at this Convention.

Resolved, That we hold two sessions, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon. The Committee on Program shall arrange for special Services in the evening. No Ministers 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 the Bethlehem District, and other Ministers of the Bethlehem District to be present at this Convention.

W. G. Gehman, Chairman.

J. G. Shireman, Secretary.

B. SEMI-ANNUAL MINISTERIAL CONVENTION.

This will be held at Coopersburg, Pa., on April 4, 1912.

Chairman, H. K. Kratz.

Secretary, J. F. Barrall.

Committee to arrange the program and set the date—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and E. N. Cassel.

C. ANNUAL MINISTERIAL CONVENTION.

This Convention will be held in Allentown, Pa., on the day prior to the Annual Conference.

Chairman, E. N. Cassel.

Secretary, W. J. Fretz.

Committee on Program: Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, W. G. Gehman; C. H. Brunner.

D. ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Conference will convene at Allentown, Pa., on the second Thursday in October, 1912.

Chairman, H. B. Musselman.

Secretary, C. H. Brunner.

Treasurer, Allen M. Gehman.

XIII. STATIONING, BOUNDARY AND APPROPRIATIONS

Report of the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee

(A) APPOINTMENTS.

Bethlehem District—H. B. Musselman, P. E.

(a) Stations.

Bethlehem—C. H. Brunner.

Allentown—W. S. Hottel.

South Allentown—R. L. Woodring .

Philadelphia—W. J. Fretz.

Zionsville—R. Bergstresser.

(b) Circuits.

Reading and Athol—F. M. Hottel.

Royersford and Spring City—J. C. Roth.

Gratersford and Harleysville—H. K. Kratz.

Coopersburg and Springtown—E. N. Cassel.

Emaus and Macungie—E. E. Kublic.

(c) Missions.

Northampton—V. H. Reinhart.

Quakertown and Hatfield—O. S. Hillegass.

Fleetwood, Blandon, Terre Hill—J. F. Barrall.

(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.

Geo. A. Campbell, Quakertown Quarterly Conference.

(f) Quarterly Conference License Workers-

J. H. Moyer, H. M. Gehman, E. W. Martin, Titus Hottel.

Mt. Carmel District, W. G. Gehman, P. E.

(a) Station.

Mt. Carmel—F. E. Frey.

(b) Missions.

Easton—J. G. Shireman.

Nazareth and Plainfield—P. J. Musselman.

East Stroudsburg—M. W. Ettinger.

Walnutport—W. W. Zimmerman.

Lehighton and Weissport—E. T. Shick.

(c) Tabernacles.

To be supplied.

(d) Annual Conference Licensed Workers.

G. F. Yost, H. A. Kauffman, J. T. Anderson and M. H. Kline.

(B) APPROPRIATIONS.

Bethlehem District.

Northampton, per month.....	\$18 00
Quakertown, per month.....	15 00
Fleetwood, Blandon, Terre Hill, per month.....	6 00
R. L. Woodring, moving expenses.....	20 00
R. Bergstresser, moving expenses.....	15 00
H. K. Kratz, moving expenses.....	15 00

E. E. Kublic, moving expenses.....	20 00
V. H. Reinhart, moving expenses.....	15 00
O. S. Hillegass, moving expenses.....	20 00
W. J. Fretz, moving expenses.....	30 00
To be used at the discretion of the Presiding Elder.....	125 00

Mt. Carmel District

Easton, per month.....	\$30 00
Nazareth and Plainfield, per month.....	10 00
East Stroudsburg, per month.....	15 00
Walnutport, per month.....	20 00
Lehighton and Weissport, per month.....	7 00
J. G. Shireman, moving expenses.....	30 00
W. W. Zimmerman, moving expenses.....	15 00
The balance of the Home Mission money to be used at the discretion of the Presiding Elder of this district.	

(C) Gospel Herald Society

W. G. Gehman, President.

Sunbury, Pa., to be supplied.

Shamokin, Pa., to be supplied.

Lebanon, Pa., to be supplied.

Washington, N. J., to be supplied.

The rent for the President of the Gospel Herald Society shall be paid
out of the Home Missionary Treasury.

(D) Gospel Worker Society

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

H. B. Musselman, Chairman. W. G. Gehman, Secretary.

H. L. Musselman,	S. S. Geit,
A. A. Wismer,	H. G. Brunner,
G. O. Billig,,	O. C. Kistler,
John Ziegler,	W. D. Evert,
Allen M. Gehman,	Leidy Sell,
Maurice E. Brownback.	

XIII. REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Collections from October 1, 1910 to October 1, 1911

APPOINTMENTS	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Foreign Mission in S. S.	For the Poor	Beneficiary Fund	Annual Conference Fund	Mizpah Grove	Total
Bethlehem Dist.								
Bethlehem	594 00	715 25	500 25	34 50	24 50	17 50	1441 75	3327 75
Allentown	426 75	493 50	337 48	32 57	15 18	11 14	1104 50	2421 12
Reading	200 50	198 55	129 00	10 00	5 00	8 00	30 00	581 05
Athol	26 00	13 00		1 00	75			40 75
Coopersburg	203 25	204 45	147 23	15 30	3 89	3 91	340 80	918 83
Springtown	24 16	48 00	15 50	1 35	1 29	60	68 00	158 90
So. Allentown	120 35	128 35	111 27	12 02	3 50	4 00	97 75	477 24
Zionsville	115 00	110 65	171 28	8 00	5 00	3 38	110 65	523 96
Macungie	69 75	123 00	107 14	3 00	2 05	1 92	125 00	431 86
Emaus	56 00	53 60	70 46	12 00	2 25	1 50	52 50	248 31
Spring City	107 75	105 00	62 34	9 35	3 25	2 15	124 50	408 34
Royersford	99 50	105 50	32 55	7 45	2 51	2 40	53 00	302 91
Lehighport	97 75	68 50	92 09	3 65	2 00	1 23	246 00	511 22
Weissport	8 00	13 00	14 83	1 00	1 25	92	5 00	44 00
Quakertown	68 40	72 55	60 71	5 00	1 75	1 50	75 00	284 91
Hatfield	20 00			1 50	75	1 50		23 75
Fleetwood	38 75	45 50	65 15	5 60	2 75	1 60		159 35
Blandon	35 50	44 00	33 00	4 85	2 40	1 60	5 00	126 35
Terre Hill	28 25	27 65	5 00	4 20	1 00	1 10		67 20
Northampton	61 10	71 75	29 60	6 12	2 05	1 70	100 50	*287 82
Graterford	43 25	54 50	48 18	12 00	1 80	1 16	25 00	185 89
Harleysville	112 00	123 75	39 54	6 11	2 51	1 40	195 00	480 31
Total on District	2550 01	2820 05	2072 60	196 57	87 43	70 21	4199 95	12011 82

* NOTE—This includes \$15.00 handed in for the Orphanage and Home.

Mt. Carmel Dist.								
Philadelphia	166 30	214 00	149 12	12 25	10 25	11 75	232 25	795 92
Mt. Carmel	50 00	74 80	87 95	5 50	4 97	3 80	5 00	232 02
Easton	86 75	66 25	33 30	4 50	3 25	3 26	138 00	335 31
Nazareth	68 50	85 50	15 35	2 07	2 25	1 25	57 00	231 92
Plainfield	14 00	10 50	6 42	2 00	1 00	1 00	11 00	45 92
E. Stroudsburg	37 30	23 50	41 41	3 75	2 00	2 10	100 00	210 06
Walnutport	41 20	35 06	19 39	3 30	2 34	1 97	15 50	118 76
Gos. Herald Soc.		105 61						105 61
Total on District	464 05	615 22	352 94	33 37	26 06	25 13	558 75	2075 52
Grand Total	3014 06	3435 27	2425 54	229 94	113 49	95 34	4758 70	14087 34

J. F. Barrall, Financial Secretary
G. O. Billig,
Allen M. Gehman,

PASTOR	POINTMENTS	Presiding Elders	Ordained Ministers	On Probation	Applicants for the Ministry	Q. C. Licensed Preachers and Evangelists	Deacons	Class Leaders	Stewards	Rent Collectors	Baptized	Children Dedicated	Received Into Church Fellowship	Received by Transfer	Total Increase of Members	Members Died During Past Year	Expelled	Dropped	Moved to Other Conferences	Transferred	Total Decrease of Members	Net Increase of Members	Net Decrease of Members	Whole Number of Members	Appointments	New Appointments	Sermons Preached	Pastoral Visits	Prayer Meetings Visited	Sunday Schools Visited	Prayer Meeting Classes	New Classes Organized	M. B. C Sunday Schools	New M. B. C. Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers Enrolled	Scholars Enrolled	Total Enrollment	Total Average Attendance				

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

C. H. Brunner	1	2																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
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MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.

Carmel	F. E. Frey	1	2	2	5	1	6	6	1	8	4	12	6	63	1	168	164	115	45	2	1	20	106	126	74									
Ladephia	J. G. Shireman	1	1	1	14	6	12	8	20	1	2	1	2	83	1	233	127	31	43	1	1	16	80	96	75									
Leysville	P. J. Musselman	1	1	1	5	3	2	2	2	2	6	12	8	24	1	170	105	40	46	1	1	24	30	35	21									
Leysville	E. E. Koble	1	1	1	6	9	6	4	10	1	1	2	8	10	1	60	25	3	34	1	1	6	35	41	23									
Leysville	V. H. Reinhart	1	1	1	11	1	6	4	6	1	1	5	1	35	1	356	455	39	44	1	1	9	38	47	45									
Leysville	M. W. Ettinger	1	1	1	12	3	4	36	40	1	1	1	39	27	1	164	140	27	45	1	1	12	70	82	40									
H. Society		4	3	3	39	19	2	21	2	49	70	47	2257	1366	206							16	113	129	69									
Total		11	5	6	8	8	92	59	49	56	105	1	4	136	58	100	60	55	357	7	3617	2802	507	304	8	7	84	472	555	367				
missionaries Fig t		2																																
aiding Elders		1	1																															
W. Society		1	1																															
Grand Total		3	25	6	4	6	144	43	33	186	919	150	142	292	14	15	275	3	148	261	142	111	1534	291	6605	6187	1488	95	544	25	385	1414	269	1813

NOTE—Children dedicated comprises statistics for the last three years.

APPOINTMENTS		PASTOR		CHURCH PROPERTY		CHURCHES		Parsonages		Janitors' Homes		Increase of Church Property		Decrease of Church Property		Present Valuation of Church Property		COLLECTORS		For Home Missions		For Foreign Missions		For In Sunday Schools		For Orphanage and Home		For the Poor		For Church Properties		For Repairing Church Properties		For Parsonage and Hall Rent		For Sexton and Sundry Expenses		For Sunday Schools			
				Total Number of Subscribers		New Subscribers to Gospel Banner		Union Sunday Schools																																	
Bethlehem	C. H. Brunner	12	69	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Allentown	W. S. Hotel	14	58	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Reading	P. M. Hotel	4	37	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Athol		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Coppsburg	E. N. Cass	1	28	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Springtown		1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Spring City	J. C. Roth	17	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Royersford		15	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Zionsville	W. W. Zimmerman	16	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
So. Allentown	W. J. Fretz	1	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Macungie	H. K. Kraiz	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Emaus		1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Berford		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Lehighon	E. T. Shick	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Weissport		1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Quakertown	R. L. Woodring	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Hafeld		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Northampton	O. N. Hillegas	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Fleetwood	J. F. Barrall	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Blanton		1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Terre Hill		2	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Kendps		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Graterford	R. Bergstresser	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Hanleysville		2	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total				42	349	23	8	2	1750	00	76100	00	2550	01	2820	05	2072	60	15	00	196	57	307	00	536	02	1140	17	2600	07	1223	02									
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.																																									
Mt. Carmel	E. Frey	5	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Philadelphia	J. G. Shireman	21	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1																		

XV. REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL SECRETARY. (Concluded)

APPOINTMENTS		PASTOR		BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUS-ELMAN, P. E.												Total Collections													
For Presiding Elders		For Missionary Presiding Elders		For Ministers in Cash		For Ministers in Other Contributions		For Beneficiary Fund		For Assistants		For Gospel Worker Society		For Tabernacle Work		For Missionary or Evangelistic Work		For Camp Meetings		For Sunday School Conventions		For Annual Conference Fund		Subscriptions and Literature Sold		Delegate to Annual Convention		Mizpah Grove	

ROLL AND DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS

I. Itinerants

NAME	Licensed	Ordained	Received Present Charge	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Barrall, J. F.	1901	1904	1910	Fleetwood, Pa.
Bergstresser, R.	1901	1904	1911	Zionsville, Pa.
Brunner, C. H.	1893	1896	1910	112 Laurel St., Bethlehem, Pa.
Cassel, E. N.	1901	1904	1910	Coopersburg, Pa.
Ettinger, M. W.	1910		1910	East Stroudsburg, Pa.
Fretz, W. J.	1898	1900	1911	3362 N. 11th St. Philadelphia
Frey, F. E.	1910		1910	Mt. Carmel, Pa.
Gehman, W. G.	1896	1899	P. E	Easton, Pa.
Hillegass, O. S.	1889	1892	1911	Richland Centre, Pa.
Hottel, F. M.	1905	1909	1910	632 Locust St. Reading, Pa.
Hottel, W. S.	1900	1903	1910	819 Gordon St. Allentown, Pa.
Kratz, H. K.	1906	1909	1911	Gratersford, Pa.
Kubic, E. E.	1901	1907	1911	Emaus Pa.
Musselman, H. B.	1890	1893	P. E	103 Second Ave., Bethlehem, Pa.
Musselman, W. B.	1883	1886	M.P. E	Cleveland, Ohio
Musselman, P. J.	1905	1907	1910	Nazareth, Pa.
Reinhart, V. H.	1907	1909	1911	1737 Washington Ave., Siegfried, Pa.
Roth, J. C.	1900	1903	1910	Yost Ave., Spring City, Pa.
Shick, E. T.	1899	1901	1910	Lehighton, Pa.
Shireman, J. G.	1898	1900	1911	125 S. 13. St., Easton, Pa.
Woodring, R. L.	1898	1900	1911	344 Priscilla St. South Allentown, Pa.
Zimmerman, W.W.	1899	1901	1911	Walnutport, 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	
Kline, M. H.	1910	
Yost, G. F.	1908	

IV. Quarterly Conference Licensed Missionaries.

Gehman, H. M.	1897	Allentown, Pa.
Hottel, Titus.	1910	Coopersburg, Pa.
Martin, E. W.	1901	Weaverland, Pa.
Moyer, J. H.	1893	Vernfield, Pa.

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. W. G. Gehman J. G. Shireman. A. A. Wismer.
1904	Nappanee, Ind.	{ H. B. Musselman, P. E. W. B. Musselman, M. P. E. C. H. Brunner, M. P. E. W. G. Gehman. 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.	

WHERE CONFERENCES HAVE BEEN HELD

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. 4	Haycock	E. Hershey.	
1863	June 2	Upper Milford.		David Gehman.
1863	Oct. 1	Haycock	William Gehman.	"
1864	June 7	Upper Milford.	William N. Shelly.	"
1864	Nov. 3	Haycock	David Henning.	"
1865	June 6	Upper Milford.		"
1865	Nov. 7	Flatland	William Gehman.	"
1866	June 6	Upper Milford.		"
1866	Nov. 3	Mount Joy	William N. Shelly.	"
1867	June 4	Flatland	David Henning.	"
1867	Nov. 5	Upper Milford.	William Gehman.	Joseph Romig.
1868	June 2	Flatland	William N. Shelly.	
1868	Nov. 5	Upper Milford.	William Gehman.	David Gehman.
1869	June 1	Flatland	David Henning.	"
1869	Nov. 1	Upper Milford.	William N. Shelly.	"
1870	June 7	Coopersburg	William Gehman.	"
1870	Oct. 31	Upper Milford.	David Henning.	"
1871	June 5	Coopersburg	E. Hershey.	"
1871	Nov. 6	Upper Milford.	David Henning.	"
1872	June 3	Coopersburg	William Gehman.	Jonas Musselman.
1872	Nov. 6	Quakertown	William N. Shelly.	David Gehman.
1873	June 3	Upper Milford.	David Henning.	"
1873	Nov. 11	Coopersburg	William N. Shelly.	"
1874	June 1	Quakertown	William Gehman.	"
1874	Nov. 10	Upper Milford.	David Henning.	"
1875	June 5	Coopersburg	William N. Shelly.	"
1875	Nov. 6	Quakertown	William Gehman.	"
1876	*March 30	Coopersburg		"
1876	June 3	Upper Milford.	David Henning.	Jonas Musselman.
1876	Nov. 11	Mount Joy	William N. Shelly.	"
1877	June 2	Coopersburg	William Gehman.	"
1877	Nov. 10	Upper Milford.	E. Hershey.	"
1878	June 3	Quakertown	A. Kauffman.	"
1878	Oct. 7	Coopersburg	J. Rosenberger.	"
1879	March 22	Upper Milford.	William Gehman.	S. M. Musselman.
1879	Oct. 6	Quakertown	"	"
1879	*Nov. 8	Upper Milford.	S. Eby.	S. M. Musselman.
1880	March 15	Coopersburg	William Gehman.	"
1881	March 7	Quakertown	"	"
1882	Feb. 13	Upper Milford.	"	"
1883	Feb. 5	Coopersburg	"	A. Kauffman.
1884	Feb. 4	Terre Hill	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	Roversford	"	"
1898	March 4-7	Bethlehem	"	"
1899	March 8-6	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. 12-15	Bethlehem	"	"
1906	Oct. 11-15	Reading	W. G. Gehman.	C. H. Brunner.
1907	Oct. 10-14	Roversford	"	"
1908	Oct. 8-12	Bethlehem	H. B. Musselman.	"
1909	Oct. 14-18	Allentown	"	"
1910	Oct. 13-17	Reading	"	"
1911	Oct. 12-16	Roversford	"	"

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

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

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MINISTERIAL CONVENTION.

The Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania, convened in the Walnut Street Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church in Royersford, Pa., Wednesday, October 11, 1911, at 9.15 a. m.

The Convention was called to order by the Chairman, R. Bergstresser, and opened by singing. The Chairman then read 1 Corinthians 13 and the Convention was led in prayer by W. S. Hottel.

The following Ministers were enrolled:

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

The following Delegates were enrolled:

H. L. Musselman, G. O. Billig, John Ziegler, A. A. Wismer, Leidy Sell, Allen M. Gehman, H. H. Bergey, W. D. Evert, S. S. Geil, S. H. Lichtenthaler, Thomas Fehnel, John G. Weiss, Wm. Haag, H. G. Brunner, Maurice E. Brownback, John Eaches, G. K. Himmelreich, Howard E. Gackenbach.

Ministers Absent: L. B. Taylor, W. B. Musselman, G. A. Campbell, Wm. Gehman.

Delegates Absent: Wm. Haag, H. G. Brunner, Maurice E. Brownback, John Eaches, G. K. Himmelreich, Howard Gackenbach.

The minutes of the Last Annual Ministerial Convention were read and approved.

Resolved, That we enroll all the members of the Convention and report all absent ones as they appear present.

Resolved, That the seats to the right and left of the Chair and the first three pews throughout the Church constitute the Convention Bar.

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.

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

Resolved, That the Chairman appoint a committee of three on Publication.

He appointed E. N. Cassel, J. G. Shireman and J. F. Barrall.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to deal with absent members.

W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, R. L. Woodring, were appointed.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a timekeeper and reporter.
He appointed F. E. Frey, reporter and V. H. Reinhart, timekeeper.

Next was a talk to the Ministry by Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman. The message was very inspiring and edifying, much truth was presented in the message, which is so much needed in these perilous days.

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.

Adjourned with prayer by W. G. Gehman and benediction by H. B. Musselman.

AFTERNOON SESSION 2 P. M.

The afternoon session was opened at 2 p. m., by singing and prayer led by J. G. Shireman.

The roll was called and the minutes of the forenoon session were read and received.

Note.—WHEREAS, R. D. Dreisbach, Alternate Delegate, has arrived, therefore,

Resolved, That he be received into this Convention and that he take his seat within the Convention Bar.

Father Gehman was present in the afternoon session.

The following committee report was submitted and adopted:
Committee on Absentees.—

The committee has learned with sorrow that the Ministers G. A. Campbell and L. B. Taylor are unable to be present at this Convention on account of their physical condition. May the Lord greatly bless them.

We are also very sorry for the absence of our Missionary Presiding Elder W. B. Musselman, as we would greatly appreciate his presence and counsel.

We feel it a great privilege to have with us our venerable Father Wm. Gehman whom the Lord has spared so many years and hope God will make him a great blessing to the church yet.

Further, We are very well pleased to see so many of the Delegates present, to enjoy the benefits of the Convention.

We are, however, sorry that several of them were not or could not be present and trust that in the future the interest of the Delegates may increase yet more.

W. G. Gehman,
C. H. Brunner,
R. L. Woodring,
Committee.

An essay entitled "Loyalty," by Elder F. M. Hottel, and an essay entitled, "The Church of Christ in These Perilous Days," by Elder W. J. Fretz, were read and ably discussed and received.

Resolved, That we lift an offering for the labor and expenses

of the Secretary which amounted to \$3.85. "Thanks."

Resolved, That we elect the officers for the next Convention, by nomination and open vote these were elected: E. N. Cassel, Chairman; W. J. Fretz, Secretary.

Resolved, That we elect a committee on program.

The following were elected: H. B. Musselman, Chairman; W. G. Gehman, Secretary; C. H. Brunner,

The Committee on Publication reported as follows:

We recommend the following to be published in the "Gospel Banner."

The Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Convention of the Pennsylvania Conference convened in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Chapel, Royersford, Pa, on Wednesday, October 11, 1911.

All of the active Ministerial Brethren were present, together with a large number of the Delegates. The address to the Ministry by our Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman was very instructive, edifying and elevating to the spiritual minded and appreciated much by the Ministry and all present.

The essays on "Loyalty" by F. M. Hottel, and "The Church of Christ in These Perilous Days," by W. J. Fretz, were both very comprehensive and instructive, and worthy of publication, but we did not desire to take up the valuable space in the columns of our worthy "Gospel Banner."

The discussions were well taken advantage of by many, and good points brought out, altogether the Convention was a glorious success and a great inspiration to the Ministry and all present.

E. N. Cassel,
J. G. Shireman,
J. F. Barrall,
Committee.

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

Adjourned with prayer by W. S. Hottel and benediction by W. G. Gehman.

The evening seives were grand and glorious. The house was filled with eager listeners.

The message delivered by W. S. Hottel was glorious and powerful, full of Bible truth and comfort for the believers, he was followed by Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, who spoke on the same subject.

R. Bergstresser, Chairman.
W. W. Zimmerman, Secretary,
H. B. Musselman,
C. H. Brunner,
W. G. Gehman,
Committee.

