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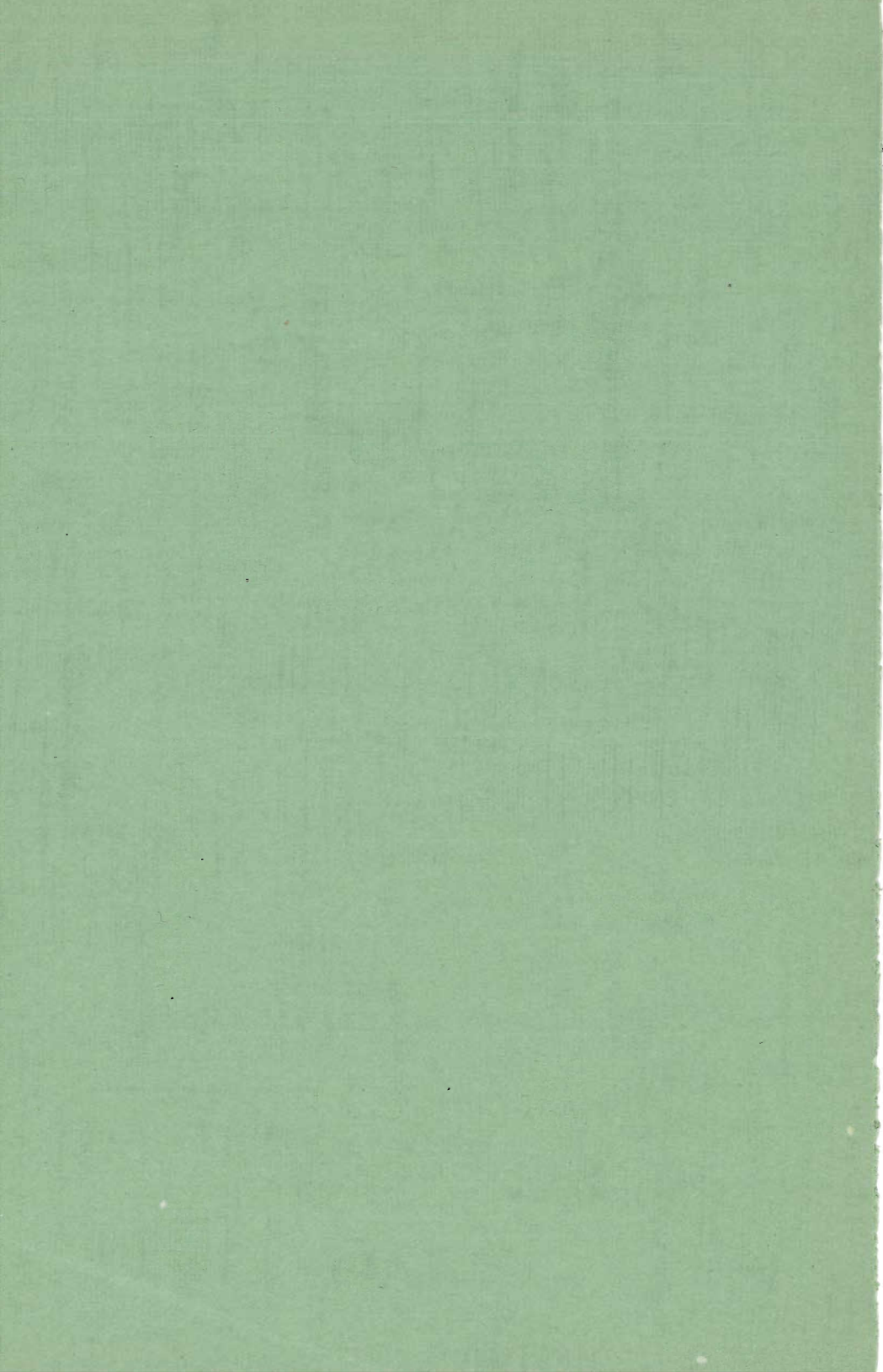
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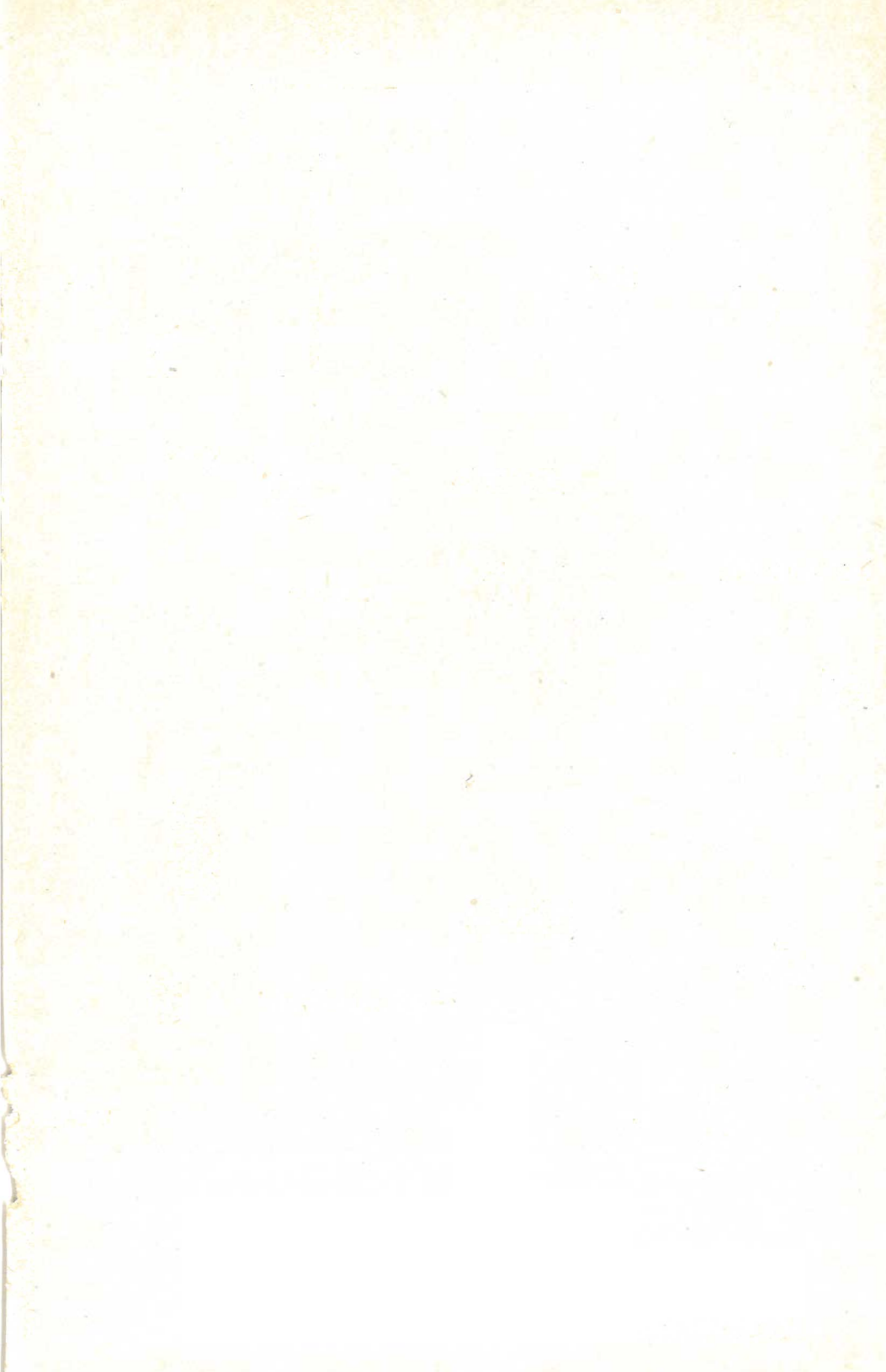


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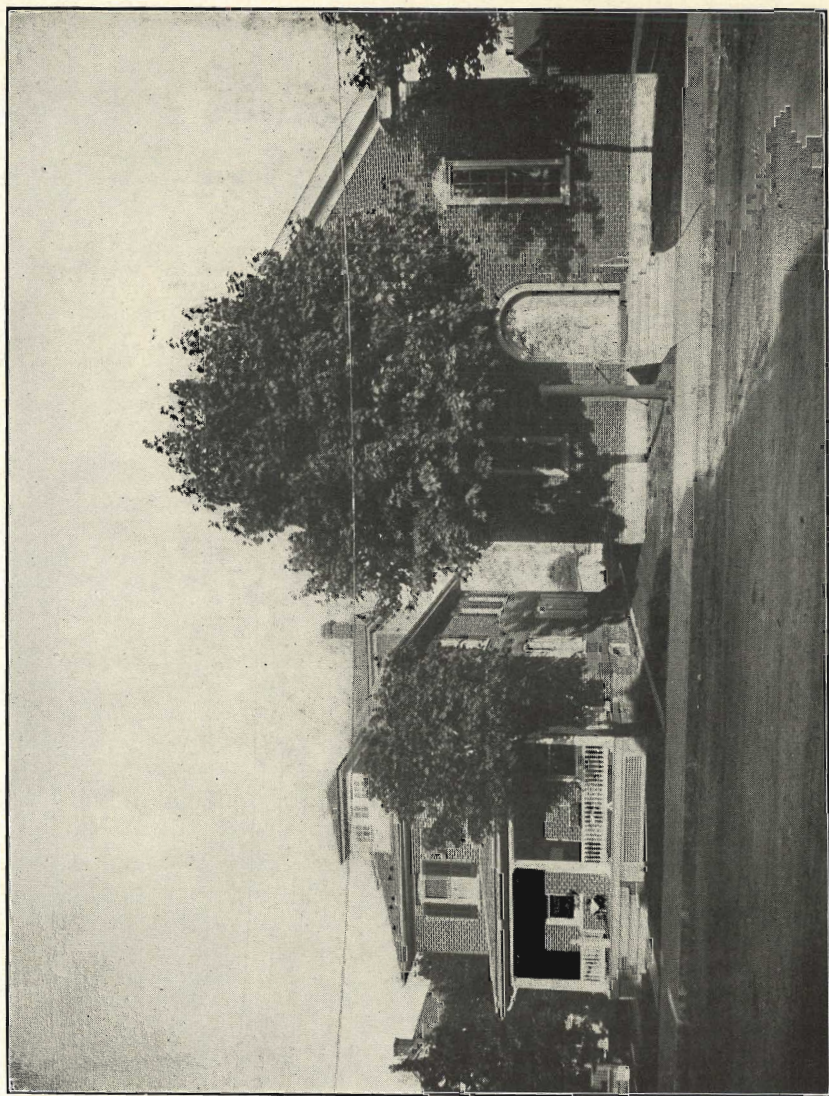


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# OFFICIAL RECORD.

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Secretary, C. H. Brunner.

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Statistical Secretary, B. Bryan Musselman.

Financial Secretary, J. F. Barrall.

Treasurer, Allen M. Gehman.

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**Laymen's Benevolent Society**—President, Allen M. Gehman; Secretary, G. O. Billig; Treasurer, H. G. Brunner.

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

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



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

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1. Two sessions shall be held daily, as follows: From 8 to 11:30 a.m., and from 1 to 5 p.m.

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

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

3. Anyone wishing to speak shall rise and respectfully address the Chair. In case more than one should address the Chair at the same time, the Chairman shall decide who is entitled to the floor.

4. No one shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes on any subject unless he receives permission by the Chair.

5. No one shall speak the second time until all who desire have spoken. He shall then ask permission of the Chairman.

6. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preserve order.

### **COMMITTEES.**

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.
13. Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.  
(Appointed by Conference.)

### **STANDING COMMITTEES.**

(a) Appointed by the Chairman.

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

(b) Elected by Ballot.

1. Committee over the Presiding Elders.
2. Executive Board.
3. Board of Foreign Missions.
4. Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home.
5. Board of Examiners on the Reading Course.
6. Beneficiary Society Officers.
7. 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 Meetings.**—A.—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.]

B.—All bills of camp meeting expenses shall 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 the money is received and date and name of party or parties and number of order to whom money is paid. [Enacted October 10, 1908.]

**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. All expenses in connection with Camp Meeting Equipage and Tabernacle Outfits shall be paid out of this fund. [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 Worker 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 Worker Society turns one or more missions over to the church, a committee, consisting of the Presiding Elders, Treasurer, and Missionary Presiding Elder, shall appraise the personal property or real estate belonging to said mission in case the Church chooses to buy said property, paying the same out of the Home Mission treasury. [Enacted October 28, 1904.]

**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 Secretary of the Annual Conference shall also be Editor of the Conference Journal of the same session.

E.—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 5, 1901.]

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.

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.]

H.—Home Mission Funds.—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.

I.—Laymen's Benevolent Society.—Whenever a member of the Laymen's Benevolent Society dies, the Pastor shall return the membership book to the Secretary.

The Treasurer of this Society shall acknowledge to the various Pastors any contributions which he has received from them for this Fund.



## Annual Conference Proceedings. 1914.

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### FIRST MEETING.

THURSDAY FORENOON, OCTOBER 15, 1914.

The Thirty-first Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania convened in Ebenezer Church, Bethlehem, Pa., opening at eight o'clock in the morning of October 15, 1914.

The first meeting was opened by singing "Nearer My God to Thee," followed by a season of prayer for the blessing of God upon the officers and members of this Conference, as well as for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all the business transactions of this session. A number of the brethren led in earnest prayer on this occasion.

After singing, "I Will Guide Thee With Mine Eye," the Chairman, H. B. Musselman, read a portion of the second chapter of Paul's Epistle to the Philippians and made a very earnest and profitable address concerning the importance of the business before this body.

The following members were then enrolled:

#### MINISTERS.

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

All of these were present at the opening of the first meeting except W. B. Musselman, Cleveland, O.; H. L. Weiss, Victoria, Chile; C. F. Snyder, Taichow, Kansu Province, China, and P. J. Musselman, Philadelphia.

*Probationer.*—B. Bryan Musselman.

#### DELEGATES.

H. L. Musselman, Bethlehem; G. O. Billig, Allentown; Herbert E. Gehman, Coopersburg; S. W. Heiser, Reading (Alternate); C. W. Teel, Easton; S. S. Geil, Philadelphia; O. C. Kistler, South Allentown; Maurice E. Brownback, Royersford; G. K. Himmel-

reich, Blandon; Chas. F. Lilly, Nazareth; A. A. Wismer, Graterford; A. A. Schaeffer, Leighton; Morris E. Stickler, Zionsville; H. H. Bergey, Quakertown; Allen M. Gehman, Macungie; John G. Weiss, Stroudsburg; J. C. Freeze, Mt. Carmel (Alternate); C. E. Neff, Walnutport; J. M. Oplinger, Siegfrieds.

All the Delegates were present. The Conference members thus number forty-five, all of whom are present with the exception of those mentioned above.

We shall also remember our absent Foreign Missionaries who are members of our Church: H. L. Weiss, Mrs. H. L. Weiss, M. P. Zook, Mrs. M. P. Zook, H. W. Feldges, Mrs. H. W. Feldges, C. F. Snyder and Mrs. C. F. Snyder. Also V. G. Plymire, who expects to sail for China shortly, as well as all our other Missionaries who are supported by our Church. Also our Missionary Presiding Elder and the Gospel Worker Society and the Gospel Herald Society.

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

The Secretary appointed his Assistants as follows:

Recording Secretary, H. K. Kratz.

Statistical Secretary, B. Bryan Musselman.

Financial Secretary, J. F. Barrall.

The appointment was sustained.

*Resolved*, That the Chair appoint a Reporter and a Timekeeper. He appointed W. J. Fretz and E. E. Kublic, respectively.

*Resolved*, That no member shall be permitted to leave the Conference Bar without permission by the Chair, except C. H. Brunner and H. L. Musselman.

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

*Committee on Worship*: C. H. Brunner and H. L. Musselman.

*Committee on Communications*: R. L. Woodring and W. G. Gehman.

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

*Committee to Examine the Statistics of the Schedules*: E. N. Cassel, W. S. Hottel and G. F. Yost.

*Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records*: W. J. Fretz, R. L. Woodring, E. E. Kublic, M. W. Ettinger, W. W. Zimmerman, Maurice E. Brownback, E. T. Shick, H. H. Bergey, Charles F. Lilly, J. M. Oplinger, C. W. Teel, and J. C. Freeze.



*Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Records:* J. C. Roth and R. Bergstresser.

*Committee on Examination of Travelling Elders:* William Gehman, A. A. Wismer, and G. K. Himmelreich.

*Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists and Missionaries:* E. T. Shick, O. S. Hillegass, and H. K. Kratz.

*Committee on Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference License:* C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel and F. M. Hottel.

*Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination:* W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner and J. G. Shireman.

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

*Auditing Committee:* J. G. Shireman, G. F. Yost, V. H. Reinhart, Herbert E. Gehman, A. A. Schaeffer, Morris E. Stickler, O. C. Kistler, S. S. Geil, H. L. Musselman, C. E. Neff, John G. Weiss and S. W. Heiser.

*Committee to Audit Schedules:* F. M. Hottel and W. G. Gehman.

*Resolved,* That in case the Committee on the Examination of the Statistics of the Schedules finds any Schedules incorrect, they shall correct them in the presence of the Pastor and specify the errors in their report.

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

The rest of the forenoon meeting was devoted to hearing the oral reports of the Pastors.

*Resolved,* That we suspend the rules and adjourn to the call of the Chair.

Adjourned with prayer by R. L. Woodring.

## SECOND MEETING.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 15, 1914.

The afternoon meeting was opened at 3.20 by singing "Glory to His Name" and prayer by R. Bergstresser.

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

The oral reports of the Pastors were continued.

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



*Report of the Committee on Worship. Resolved, That H. A. Kauffman shall preach this evening, followed by L. D. Wesner.*

C. H. Brunner,  
H. L. Musselman,  
Committee.

Adjourned with prayer by W. J. Fretz.

### THIRD MEETING.

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 15, 1914.

This meeting was opened at 9.10 P.M. with prayer by E. T. Shick.

The roll was called with all present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following reports were read and adopted.

*Report of the 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.

E. T. Shick,  
H. K. Kratz,  
O. S. Hillegass,  
Committee.

*Report of the Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records:* We beg leave to report that we have examined all the Quarterly Conference Records and found them correct, except in the Nazareth and Plainfield, Bethlehem and Coopersburg Records, no mention of passing of Officers in the Fourth Quarter. Northampton Record, no mention of the election of Secretary; no mention of the appointing of Auditors; no enrollment of Officers in First, Second and Third Quarters. Walnutport Record, no mention of the election of a Secretary in the First Quarter. Zionsville Record, no mention of the valuation of Church property in the Fourth Quarter. Graterford and Harleysville, and Stroudsburg Records, no mention of the election of Delegates and Alternate Delegates in Summary.

W. J. Fretz,	H. H. Bergey,
R. L. Woodring,	Charles F. Lilly,
E. E. Kublic,	J. M. Oplinger,
M. W. Ettinger,	C. W. Teel,
W. W. Zimmerman,	J. C. Freeze,
E. T. Shick,	Committee.

*Report of the Committee on Auditing Schedules:* We audited the Schedules and found them all correct except Emaus and Macungie, Nazareth and Plainfield, Northampton, Philadelphia, Bethlehem and Walnutport, which we corrected.

F. M. Hottel,  
W. G. Gehman,  
Committee.

*Report of the Committee to Examine Statistics on Schedules:* We have examined the Schedules and found mistakes in all of them except those of Spring City and Royersford, Zionsville, Coopersburg and Springtown, which we corrected.

E. N. Cassel,  
W. S. Hottel,  
G. F. Yost,  
Committee.

*Report of the Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Records:* We, the Committee to examine the Annual Conference Records, beg leave to submit the following report: We have read the Conference Minutes of the last Conference and found them correct with the following exceptions: We find the Resolution in reference to the Secretary asking the Publishers of the *Gospel Banner* and *Gospel Herald* to send a copy of the mailing list of the subscribers to the Pastors on their charges, in twice, on page 180 and on page 199. We also find the word "Session" in place of "Meeting" on page 201 and on page 241. We also find on page 230, in the Report of the Board of Examiners, that the studies are for 1913 and should be for 1913 and 1914. All of which we respectfully submit.

J. C. Roth,  
R. Bergstresser,  
Committee.

*Report of the Committee on Communications:* In his letter to the Chairman of the Annual Conference, W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., Cleveland, Ohio, writes that if it is at all possible, he will come one day to Conference. If not, he will send some kind of a report. He expresses his thankfulness to the Conference. P. J. Musselman reports with pleasure that he is still in the service of the Lord with a cordial attitude toward all of our Conference members, trusting God for all things, endeavoring to be of service for God in his little corner. F. L. Zimmerman, delegate-elect of Mt. Carmel, begs to be excused for absence on account of sickness in the family and prays God to overrule and bless the Conference.

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



*Report of the Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders:*  
We have examined all the Traveling Elders through their delegates and found them all satisfactory.

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

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

Adjourned with prayer by J. C. Roth.

#### FOURTH MEETING.

FRIDAY FORENOON, OCTOBER 16, 1914.

The meeting was opened by singing "I Am So Glad That Jesus Loves Me," and prayer by J. M. Oplinger.

The Chairman read the forty-sixth Psalm and made a few appropriate remarks.

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

The oral reports of the Pastors were concluded.

The following Reports were then read and adopted:

*Oral, Statistical and Financial Report of W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District.* (See Reports.)

*Oral, Statistical and Financial Report of W. G. Gehman, President of the Gospel Herald Society.* (See Reports.)

*Oral, Statistical and Financial Report of H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District.* (See Reports.)

*Report of Committee on Resolutions:* Having listened to the Reports of our Presiding Elders and the President of the Gospel Herald Society with eager interest, and having through the reports been made acquainted with the gracious leadings of God throughout the entire Conference and Gospel Herald district, as well as of the many and rich blessings bestowed upon every phase of the work, so that many were saved, the members on the various charges are spiritual and loyal and the ministry is blessedly united; therefore,

*Resolved,* That we highly appreciate their faithful services, their untiring devotion to the work, their honesty and fair-mindedness in the general oversight of the work as well as their self-sacrifice, thus proving a great blessing to us as ministers individually and to the work in general and, further

*Resolved,* That we unitedly pray God's richest blessing upon them, enabling them physically, intellectually and spiritually to

continue in their blessed work for God, so that, through their labors and instrumentality many souls may be saved, the work under their charge may prosper and they personally may enjoy the favor of God in a gracious manner.

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

*Report of the Chairman of the General Camp Meeting Committee.* (See Reports.)

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

*Report of the Committee on Camp Meeting Equipage.* (See Reports.)

*Report of the Board of Trustees of the Laymen's Benevolent Society.* (See Reports.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

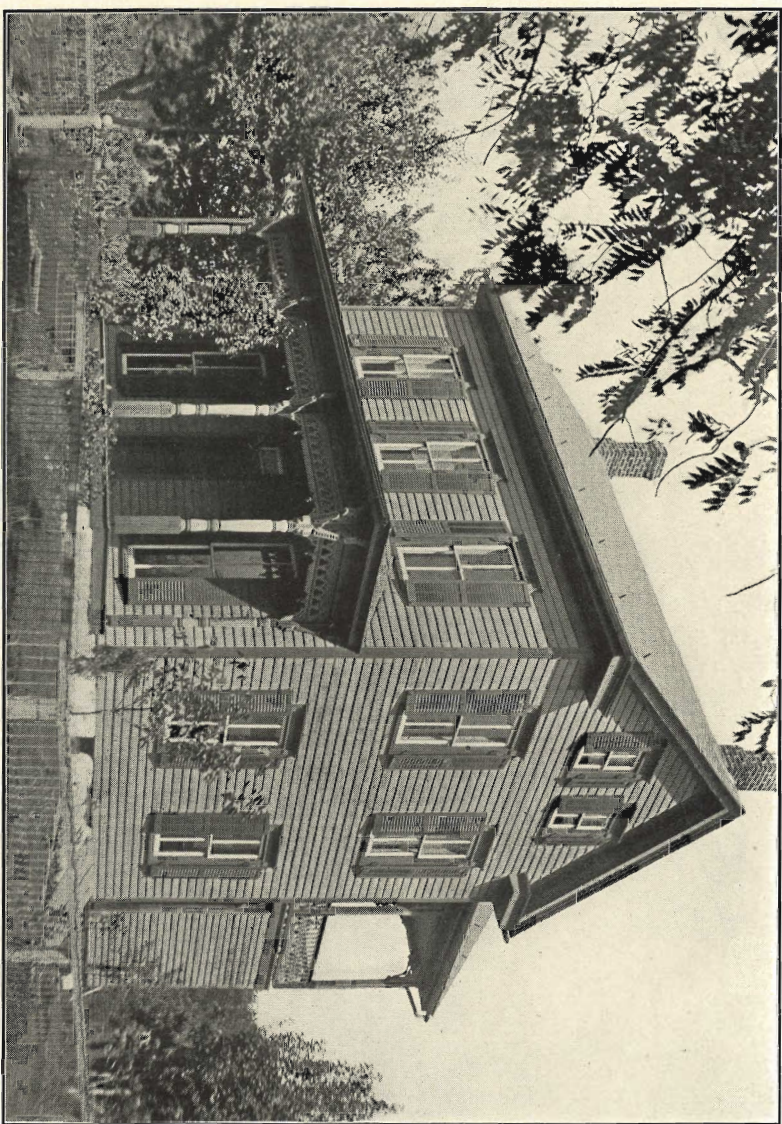
*Report of the Board of Publication and Printing.* (See Reports.)

*Report of the Committee on Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference Licenses:* Whereas, No applicants were recommended to the Annual Conference, therefore we have no report to make.

C. H. Brunner,  
E. N. Cassel,  
F. M. Hottel,  
Committee.

Adjourned with prayer by O. C. Kistler.





THE PARSONAGE AT WALNUTPORT, PA.  
W. W. ZIMMERMAN, PASTOR





**FIFTH MEETING.**

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 16, 1914.

This meeting was opened by singing "I Am On the Way," and prayer by C. W. Teel.

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

The following Reports were now read and adopted:

*Report of the Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention.* (See Reports.)

*Report of the Annual Ministerial Convention.* (See Reports.)

*Report of the Committee on Ordination.*

There being no candidates for Ordination, the Committee has no report to give.

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

*Resolved*, That the Chair appoint a Committee on Statistics.

The Chair appointed W. G. Gehman, E. N. Cassel and W. S. Hottel.

*Resolved*, That we proceed to the election of officers. The roll was called for unconditional and conditional ministers, with the following result:

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

*Conditional*—None.

The Chair appointed J. F. Barrall and F. M. Hottel, as tellers.

*Resolved*, That we have two Presiding Elders.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

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

*Vice-Presiding Elders*—C. H. Brunner and W. S. Hottel.

*Resolved*, That the rest of the officers shall be elected by nomination and ballot unless otherwise specified.

*Missionary Presiding Elder*—W. B. Musselman.

*Chairman of the Next Annual Conference*—H. B. Musselman.

*Secretary of the Next Annual Conference*—C. H. Brunner.

*Treasurer of the Annual Conference*—Allen M. Gehman.

*Committee over the Presiding Elders*—E. N. Cassel, J. G. Shireman and F. M. Hottel.

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

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

*Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home.* (For two years.)—W. S. Hottel, J. G. Shireman, E. T. Shick, R. L. Woodring, A. A. Wismer and H. G. Brunner.

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

*Board of Publication and Printing.* (Appointed by the Chair.)—J. C. Roth, R. L. Woodring and C. H. Brunner.

*Committee over Camp Meeting Equipage and Tabernacle Outfits.* (Appointed by the Chair.)—E. N. Cassel, F. M. Hottel, J. F. Barrall and Allen M. Gehman.

*Board of Trustees of the Laymen's Benevolent Society*—President, Allen M. Gehman; Secretary, G. O. Billig; Treasurer, H. G. Brunner.

*Resolved,* That H. B. Musselman shall be Presiding Elder over the district comprising part of the Church, and W. G. Gehman Presiding Elder 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 W. S. Hottel shall be Vice-Presiding Elder under W. G. Gehman.

*Resolved,* That the two Presiding Elders and the Delegates from the Stations and Circuits constitute the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.

*Resolved,* That we resolve ourselves into a Committee of the Whole to discuss matters relative to Foreign Missionary Work.

*Report of the Committee of the Whole:*

Matter relative to Foreign Missionary work was taken up. H. B. Musselman, President of the Board of Foreign Missions explained the conditions of the support of our Foreign Missionaries. The Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, C. H. Brunner read a letter from Gerard Bailey of Caracas, Venezuela, South America. This letter stated the sorrowful fact that our brother Fred. R. Bullen has died of fever, and we pray God that He will keep our hearts centered upon Him and thrust other laborers into the vineyard. This Committee recommends this Conference to hand this letter to the Committee on Resolutions.

W. G. Gehman, Chairman.  
H. K. Kratz, Secretary.



*Report of the Committee on Worship:*

R. Bergstresser shall preach this evening followed by W. J. Fretz.

C. H. Brunner,  
H. L. Musselman,  
Committee.

WHEREAS, The Board of Foreign Missions has so faithfully and devotedly served in this capacity during the past, having thereby been occasioned to face many responsible problems in reference to this great, much needed and responsible work, and

WHEREAS, They have so wisely and faithfully executed matters relative to this responsible work, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we as a Conference highly appreciate the noble Work done by our Board of Foreign Missions, and encourage them in the continuance of their fidelity in the execution of these their responsible duties, praying God to bless them with the needed strength, wisdom and foresight, so as to be fully enabled to face every problem confronting them so that this blessed work of the Lord may go on unabated.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be permitted to be absent tomorrow forenoon long enough to hold the funeral of one of his members.

*Resolved*, That the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee meet between the close of the afternoon meeting and the opening of the morning meeting.

Adjourned with prayer by J. C. Freeze.

## SIXTH MEETING.

SATURDAY FORENOON, OCTOBER 17, 1914.

This meeting was opened by singing "Follow, Follow, I Will Follow Jesus." The Chairman read a part of the fourth chapter of Paul's second Epistle to the Corinthians, after which W. G. Gehman led in prayer.

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

The following Reports were read and adopted.

*Report of the Committee on Resolutions—*

WHEREAS, Our worthy Secretary has multitudinous cares and responsibilities pressing upon him, due to the work connected with the Secretaryship, not only during the various meetings of the Conference session but also in recording the minutes, as well

as constant labor throughout the year in attending to the various matters which devolve upon him on account of the office, and,

WHEREAS, His duties involve much tiresome labor and mental strain, demanding hours of time, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we at this time give him a real, liberal and voluntary offering, as a token of thankfulness and appreciation for his hard labor and much untiring toil.

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

This offering was now taken which amounted to \$21.50.  
(Thanks.)

*Report of the Committee on Resolutions—*

WHEREAS, The Board of Foreign Mission has favored us with a very detailed and interesting report of the work of our Missionaries in the "Regions Beyond" and,

WHEREAS, We have learned through the reports of the Missionaries in the "Gospel Banner" how the Lord has again blest the work in the various Mission Stations, so that souls have been added to the number of believers, and those already saved have become more established in the word and service of the Lord, and,

WHEREAS, The Lord has most marvelously spared the lives of our Thibetan Missionaries from the brigands led by the famous "White Wolf" though their homes were destroyed, and,

WHEREAS, Our South American Missionaries have had various tests financially and otherwise and yet have been blessedly victorious, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we enjoy these reports and unitedly praise God for the wonderful deliverances and continued presence and blessing of our Lord, and,

WHEREAS, Gerard Bailley, of the Hebron Home Training Institute for Native Workers of Caracas, Venezuela, S. A., has informed us by letter of the falling out of the ranks of one of our Missionaries, by death, caused by fever, of Fred. R. Bullen, taking from the ranks of our Missionaries a faithful, loyal and useful fellow-laborer in the Gospel, occasioning deep sorrow of heart to the Missionaries still on the field, as well as causing a vacancy in the ranks of the Missionaries, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we humbly bow in submission to Him who knoweth and ordereth all things well and pray that He may in



due time awake others to go forth and fill the breach in the ranks of the laborers.

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

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

*Report of the Board of Examiners.* Studies for 1914 and 1915. (See Reports.)

Business was suspended to the call of the Chair. After a little while the Chair called the Conference to order and business was resumed.

*Resolved,* That the Chair appoint a Committee of three to compile a report of the Conference, for publication in the Gospel Banner and also a report of the Sunday Services. He appointed C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel and J. G. Shireman.

*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 we have another Ministerial Convention on the day prior to and at the same place of the next Annual Conference.

*Resolved,* That the next Annual Conference convene at Royersford, Pa., at 8 A.M., on the second Thursday of October, 1915.

*Resolved,* That we hold a Sunday School Convention in each Presiding Elder's District.

*Resolved,* That the Pastors and Delegates of each District constitute a Committee to arrange for these conventions.

*Resolved,* That we now elect the officers for the two Ministerial Conventions and the Committee for the Annual Ministerial Convention.

*Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention*—Chairman, J. G. Shireman; Secretary, H. K. Kratz.

Committee on Program—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and W. J. Fretz.

*Annual Ministerial Convention*—Chairman, W. G. Gehman; Secretary, W. J. Fretz.

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

*Resolved*, That we suspend business to the call of the Chair.

After a little while, business was resumed, at the call of the Chair, and the following resolution was presented.

*Resolved*, That we suspend the rule of adjournment at 11.30 A.M., and resolve ourselves into a Committee of the Whole to consider the matter regarding certain Trust Funds. The Chair appointed W. G. Gehman, Chairman of this Committee.

*Report of the Committee of the Whole:*

The Committee rose and reported progress.

W. G. Gehman, Chairman.

H. K. Kratz, Secretary.

The following Boards and Committees reported the Election of their officers.

*Executive Board*—President, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; Treasurer, W. G. Gehman.

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

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

*Board of Managers of the Orphanage and Home*—H. B. Musselman; E. N. Cassel and Allen M. Gehman.

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

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

*Committee over the Presiding Elders*—Chairman, E. N. Cassel; Secretary, J. G. Shireman.

*Committee over Camp Meeting Equipage and Tabernacle Outfits*—Chairman, E. N. Cassel; Secretary, F. M. Hottel; Treasurer, J. F. Barrall.

*Beneficiary Society*—President, W. G. Gehman; Secretary, F. M. Hottel; Treasurer, J. F. Barrall.

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

Adjourned with prayer by H. B. Musselman.



## SEVENTH MEETING.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 17, 1914

The meeting was opened by singing "I Will Guide Thee with Mine Eye," and prayer by A. A. Schaeffer. The roll was called, and the minutes were read and approved.

The following reports were read and adopted.

*Report of the Committee to Organize for the Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention for 1915.* (See Reports.)

*Report of the Committee to Organize for the Mt. Carmel District Sunday School Convention for 1915.* (See Reports.)

*Committee on Resolutions—*

WHEREAS, The Pastor and Members of the Bethlehem Class have received us so cordially and entertained us so royally, providing for our every bodily needs during the Session of the Annual Conference, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we manifest our grateful appreciation of their liberal hospitality and warm-hearted fellowship in this noble work, by a rising vote of thanks.

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

*Report of the Committee on Communications—*

W. B. Musselman, of Cleveland, Ohio, Missionary Presiding Elder again writes and kindly asks pardon for absence from this Session of Conference, as this is always their busy season and apparently more especially so this year. He sincerely thanks the Conference for their generosity and patience in the past on this line. In conclusion, he states that the Gospel Worker Society unite in thanking the Pennsylvania Conference for their voluntary and liberal support in the past by their prayers and otherwise. He includes a report to this Conference which we recommend Conference to read.

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

*Report of the Committee on Worship—*

*Resolved*, That E. N. Cassel preach this evening followed by B. Bryan Musselman. On Sunday the serices shall be held in the High School Auditorium. The morning Service shall open with a short song service at 9.30, after which H. B. Musselman, Chairman of the Annual Conference shall preach. The after-

noon Service shall open at 2.15, and at 2.30, W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District shall preach.

The evening service shall open with a song service at 7 o'clock, after which W. S. Hottel shall preach. All the services during the day shall be in charge of the Chairman of the Annual Conference.

C. H. Brunner,  
H. L. Musselman,  
Committee.

The matter relative to the Mission money from the Philadelphia Station that has been deposited in the Germantown Avenue Bank which since closed doors for business, was discussed and it was decided that the Pastor W. J. Fretz in whose name the money was deposited should not be held responsible, but sign a due bill for the amount in favor of our Conference Treasurer, and pay it over providing he receives it. A due bill properly signed by W. J. Fretz was presented and accepted by Conference, and handed to the Treasurer.

*Resolved*, That W. G. Gehman shall draw up a resolution defining the membership of the Sunday School the way he has stated it to us.

*Resolved*, That this motion be laid on the table.

*Resolved*, That all contributions received for the Benevolent Society shall be by check or money order, made payable to the Treasurer, H. G. Brunner, Zionsville Pa., and forwarded to the Secretary, G. O. Billig, 941 Liberty Street, Allentown, Pa.

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

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

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

*Resolved*, That the Church property at Erwinna be in charge of the Board of Trustees of Easton, Pa., and that the Church



property at Hereford be under the control of the Board of Trustees of Macungie.

*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 subscriptions with the assistance of the respective pastors.

*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 in his charge through the Presiding Elders.

*Resolved*, That we print 650 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 each Pastor shall record the number of "Children Dedicated" and his offerings for the Annual Conference Delegate, and other offerings on his Schedule in the same order, and place as stated in the report of the Statistical Secretary in the Journal.

*Committee on Resolutions—*

(a) Relative to the Missionary Presiding Elder and Gospel Workers:

WHEREAS, W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder and President of the Gospel Worker Society, has sent us a very interesting report of the work of the Gospel Worker Society, which bespeaks much blessing from the Lord, so that many and blessed victories have been realized in their work for the Lord, and,

WHEREAS, We as a Conference have a real heart interest in the work of the Gospel Worker Society sharing their burdens as well as their joys, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we highly appreciate the self-sacrificing, untiring devotion and earnest labor for the Lord of W. B. Musselman and the Gospel Workers in the spread of the truth, in spreading good literature, in holding open air services as well as preaching in halls in their Missions, and further,

*Resolved*, That we pray God's richest blessings upon him and upon the Gospel Workers, as well as upon their work, and that we continue our support both by prayer and offerings and, further,

*Resolved*, That we likewise heartily press the matter of securing new subscribers to the "Gospel Herald" and also urge all

our Sunday Schools to introduce the "Gospel Messenger," and to distribute them still more freely.

(b) Relative to Delegates.

WHEREAS, The various Classes have sent to this Conference noble, self-sacrificing spiritual men as delegates who have a deep concern in the work of the Lord, manifesting their interest in the work in general, having proved themselves worthy of the honor and responsibility, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we as a Conference highly appreciate the selection of such men and enjoy their fellowship while in Conference.

W. S. Hottel,

W. G. Gehman,

E. N. Cassel,

Committee.

*Resolved*, That the next Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention convene in Reading, Pa., on April 7, 1915. The two Presiding Elders and the Pastor W. J. Fretz shall constitute the Committee on Program.

*Resolved*, That our two Presiding Elders be granted leave of absence from the service this evening.

Adjourned with prayer by C. H. Brunner.

## EIGHTH MEETING.

MONDAY FORENOON, OCTOBER 19, 1914.

This meeting was opened by singing "Down at The Cross Where My Savior Died," and prayer by E. E. Kublic. The Chairman read part of the fourth chapter of Ephesians, and made a few comments.

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

The Report of the Auditing Committee was read and referred back to the Committee. This report was read again and adopted as follows:

We beg to submit the following report:

We have audited the following accounts: Quarterly Conference Records, Orphanage and Home, Equipment Fund, Executive Board, Camp Meetings, Sunday School Conventions,



Annual Conference Fund, Beneficiary Society, Benevolent Society, Foreign and Home Missions, Presiding Elders, Gospel Herald Society, Board of Publication, Committee on Finance and Annual Conference Records.

We found all correct with the following exceptions: In the Benevolent Society books of Leighton the total reads \$26.50 and should be \$26.00, Bethlehem had \$202.00 and should have been \$201.50, and Allentown had \$163.50 and should have been \$163.00. Northampton Records: Gospel Workers Collections, page 9, reads \$2.13 and should be \$3.13. Northampton Records, Trustees account on page 14. In Trustees Report the Grand Total reads \$449.01 and should be \$455.01. Secretary's Camp Meeting accounts, Mt. Carmel District: The Treasurer's receipts read \$723.89. The Secretary's account shows .05 less than the amount paid out, but the totals are the same. In the Treasurer's Camp Meeting account of the Mt. Carmel District, the total reads \$723.89, which amount is correct, but the total if added correctly amounts to only \$723.09, which means that .80 are not recorded, .20 of which was an error in transferring from the order into Treasurer's book, and .60 paid out without an order, and not accounted from the Treasurer's account.

In the Quarterly Conference Records: Emaus Record of the Third Quarterly Conference, page 15: the rent collections read \$21.00, and should be \$16.00. Walnutport Record, page 2: in the Steward's collections, the total reads \$27.10, and should be \$27.30. Page 6, Steward's collection, total reads \$31.65, and should be \$41.65. Page 9, Steward's collection, the total reads \$38.50 and should be \$38.60. In the Nazareth Record, the rent collections on page 37 are \$29.05, and should be \$28.95. In the Nazareth Summary account of the third quarter the rent should be \$28.95 instead of \$29.05, and the total should read \$85.15 instead of \$85.25. Stroudsburg Records: In the Trustees report page 95 the collection during the year reads \$153.80 and should be \$153.90, and the balance reads \$21.70 and should be \$21.80. Summary however is correct. In the Orphanage and Home, Secretary's account, an error of .20 in forwarding the amount. This error, however does not affect the sum total.

J. G. Shireman,  
G. F. Yost,  
V. H. Reinhart,  
A. A. Schaffer,  
S. S. Geil,  
S. W. Heiser,

C. E. Neff,  
Morris E. Stickler,  
O. C. Kistler,  
John G. Weiss,  
H. L. Musselman,  
Herbert E. Gehman,  
Committee.

*Resolved*, That whenever a member of the Laymen's Benevolent Society dies, the Pastor shall return the membership book to the Secretary. (Standing Rule.)

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Laymen's Benevolent Society shall acknowledge to the various Pastors any amount he has received from them for this fund. (Standing Rule.)

*Resolved*, That the Laymen's Benevolent Society get blanks and receipt cards printed through the Board of Publication and Printing.

The following reports were read and adopted:

#### REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE.

*Report of the Committee to Compile a Report of the Conference for Publication in the Gospel Banner, as well as of the Sunday Services.*

The thirty-first Session of the Annual Conference of the Menonite Brethren in Christ, of Pennsylvania, convened in Ebenezer Church, on Laurel Street, Bethlehem, Pa., Oct. 15, 1914, at 8 A.M.

The Ministers and Delegates were all present at the first meeting. The Reports of the Pastors and the two Presiding Elders showed that there was a marked increase in Spirituality as well as numerically throughout the entire Church.

In every Mission and on every Charge, from the least to the largest, a marked success was realized. During the year, 247 were Baptized and 185 were received into the Church fellowship, making a net increase in the membership of 81. A substantial and commodious church was built at Stroudsburg, Pa., and a Parsonage at Quakertown, Pa.

The Ministry was never better united and are obedient and loyal to God and the Presiding Elders. The laity is loyal, devoted, self-sacrificing and united. The straight Bible truth is preached and loved by young and old. They are living for Jesus whom they expect soon to appear.

The various offerings were large, in many of them a marked increase was again realized. The total offerings for Home Missions for the year were \$7761.99, and for Foreign Missions in the Church and Sunday School the amount was \$6949.88. The total offerings throughout the Church for the year were \$73921.76.

H. B. Musselman and W. G. Gehman were elected Presiding Elders and assigned to the same Districts as last year. C. H. Brunner and W. S. Hottel were elected Vice-Presiding Elders.

The following changes of Pastors were made: F. M. Hottel to Philadelphia; E. T. Shick to Graterford; M. W. Ettinger to Quakertown; H. K. Kratz to Coopersburg; E. N. Cassel to S. Allentown; C. H. Brunner to Allentown; W. S. Hottel to Bethlehem;



W. J. Fretz to Reading; R. L. Woodring to Easton; R. Bergstresser to Nazareth; J. G. Shireman to Stroudsburg; V. H. Reinhart to Walnutport; W. W. Zimmerman to Northampton, and the rest went back to their former fields of labor.

The Conference throughout was harmonious; love and peace prevailed. Our venerable Father William Gehman, who is now nearly 88 years of age, was again present, and manifested as deep and unabated interest in the deliberation of the Conference as ever. Father Gehman rejoices as much as any one to see the work of the Lord progress.

The "Gospel Messenger" has been a very beneficial medium both in our Sunday School and Church Work throughout. This paper should have a wide circulation throughout the various Conferences of the Menonite Brethren in Christ Church. A large number of the Colportage Edition of the "Gospel Herald" are sold weekly in the Churches and Missions throughout the Conferences.

#### SUNDAY SERVICES.

All the services on Sunday were held in the High School Auditorium which has a seating capacity of over seven hundred which was well filled throughout the entire day. Members from nearly every Appointment were present at these Services. The Forenoon Services opened at 9.30 A.M. with a Song Service after which Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman of the Bethlehem District preached the Conference Sermon, basing his remarks on Matt. 24: 41-45. The sermon was a clear definite and positive exposition of the call, duty and work of the Christian Ministry.

It was a forceful and pungent presentation of the truths that bear weightily upon the success of the pastors, and will bear fruit in the lives of those that heard it. The Afternoon Service opened at 2.15 P.M., with a Song Service after which W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District, preached a sermon on I Sam. 18:1, and I Sam. 20:30-31. This discourse was fraught with Bible and full of practical truths and spiritual advice; and no doubt will have an effect upon the hearers for good to the glory of God.

The Evening Services opened at 7 P.M., with a Song Service, after which W. S. Hottel, the newly appointed Pastor preached a very inspiring sermon, basing his remarks on Mark 6:45-52. The sermon was full of practical and dispensational truth, presented in a very forceful manner and brought inspiration to all that heard it. The quartettes and choruses rendered a number of excellent, inspiring and spiritual selections which were heartily enjoyed and greeted with shouts of praise. The services, we are certain, will not soon be forgotten, and have proved a rich and glorious blessing to the different ones in attendance as well as

to the work throughout the entire Conference. This Conference, without a doubt, goes down in history as one of the best and most blessed we ever had.

C. H. Brunner,  
E. N. Cassel,  
J. G. Shireman,  
Committee.

The Summary Report of the Statistical Secretary was read and adopted.

*Report of the Committee to Audit the Schedules:* We Audited the Pastor's Summary Statistical Report and found it correct except in the Grand Total of "Present Valuation of Church Property," which records \$186,200, and should be \$188,200.

The amount collected for Mizpah Grove Camp Meeting in the Bethlehem District, was not brought down into the column of Totals, otherwise the report is in excellent and commendable condition.

F. M. Hottel,  
W. G. Gehman,  
Committee.

*Report of the Committee on Resolutions:*

WHEREAS, Our aged Brother, William Gehman, has again been present during the entire Session of this Annual Conference and manifesting a keen interest in all the transactions of the Conference, even though all the deliberations were in the English language, therefore,

*Resolved,* That we praise God for sparing him for so many years of service and usefulness and for his earnest and whole-hearted interest in the work of the Lord as advanced by the Conference, as well as on his own home charge, and further,

*Resolved,* That we enjoy his presence and hearty co-operation with us in the work of the Lord and unitedly pray God to bless him, preserving him in mental and spiritual vigor, causing him to be faithful in every good word and work.

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

*Report of the Committee on Statistics:*

We have examined the Sunday School Convention Reports and found them correct. We have checked up the Report of the Statistical Secretary from the Grand Totals of the Pastor's Summary Statistical Report and find it all correct, except in transposing the item "Present Valuation of Church Property." The Report has it \$186,200, and should be \$188,200.

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



The matter relative to the defining of the Membership of the Sunday Schools was now lifted off the table, and the following resolution adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Pastor, by virtue of his office, shall be counted as an officer of the Sunday School. The number of officers and teachers of the Sunday School shall be determined by the number of offices and not only by the number of persons holding the offices.

*Resolved*, That we suspend business to the call of the Chair. Business was suspended until after dinner, when it was resumed and the following resolution was passed.

### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION.**

Adopted by the Pennsylvania Conference.

Relative to remarks made concerning certain articles which have appeared in the Gospel Banner from time to time during the past, be it

*Resolved*, That the Pennsylvania Conference wishes to put itself on record unanimously as standing for the personal, pre-millennial, imminent coming of the Lord. In view of this fact this Conference stands for a clear cut separation on a Scriptural basis from all the popular modern reform movements whether religious, political or moral. While we admit and keenly realize that there are a great many prominent evils existing and operating in the world and all around us we hold that according to the Scriptures God's plan is to save an elect people and prepare them for His coming, through faith in Jesus Christ alone, and not through reformation, prohibition, or the educational institutions of the present day, which, with a very few exceptions are strongly inclined towards higher criticism, agnosticism, materialism and infidelity.

This Conference believes in a Divine call of God to the Ministry. We believe that the Scriptural and essential qualifications to this call are soundness in conversion, completeness in consecration, being-filled with the Holy Spirit, having a love and burden for souls.

We believe that a thorough application and devotion to the prayerful study of God's word in accordance with Paul's exhortations to Timothy is of infinitely greater value in the making of an efficient minister and a successful instrument in the hands of God to carry on His work, than an elaborate college education.

We believe that when a man abides in faithfulness in the divine call, he will find so much work to do all around himself, that he will never find time to engage in any occupation or trade or profession with the purpose of financial gain.

*Resolved*, That a type-written copy of the above be handed to the Chairman of the Annual Conference,

*Resolved*, That the old Quarterly Conference Records and Class Records that are not needed be sent to the Secretary of the Annual Conference to be preserved at the discretion of the Executive Board, who shall have charge of these records. These books shall be sent to the Secretary during the second week of November next.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Matter relative to Sunday School supplies was now taken up. The following resolutions were passed by the undersigned, the Presiding Elders and Pastors of the Pennsylvania Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, assembled together at the Allentown Division Camp Meeting, at Mizpah Grove, on August 21, 1914.

*Resolved*, That we as a Conference are in favor that the Union Gospel Printing Company publish Sunday School Supplies as follows, if they can see their way clear.—

Scholars' Quarterlies of two pages per lesson.

Teachers' Quarterlies of four pages per lesson.

We recommend that the prices shall not be higher than those of the "Light and Life" series.

*Resolved*, That we elect a Publishing Committee of five which shall furnish the copy for the lessons. This Committee was then elected as follows:

Chairman, H. B. Musselman; W. G. Gehman, W. S. Hottel, E. N. Cassel and C. H. Brunner.

H. B. Musselman, P. E.; W. G. Gehman, P. E.; E. N. Cassel, W. S. Hottel, C. H. Brunner, F. M. Hottel, E. T. Shick, J. G. Shireman, R. L. Woodring, W. J. Fretz, H. K. Kratz, J. C. Roth, J. F. Barrall, B. Bryan Musselman, R. Bergstresser, O. S. Hille-gass, E. E. Kublie.

On September 21, this Committee met at the residence of Pastor W. S. Hottel, at Allentown, and made definite arrangements, that W. S. Hottel should write these lessons, and that C. H. Brunner should write one column for each lesson in the Teachers' Quarterlies.

*Resolved*, That we ask all our Sunday Schools to get all their supplies from the Union Gospel Printing Co., also that they order them not later than November 1st.





A BAPTISMAL SCENE IN TAPALQUE, ARGENTINE  
M. P. ZOOK, IN CHARGE



SUNDAY SCHOOL AT OLAVARRIA, ARGENTINE  
M. P. ZOOK, IN CHARGE





Adjourned at 1.45 P.M., with prayer by William Gehman, and singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and Benediction by the Chairman, H. B. Musselman.

(Signed.)

H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder, Chairman,	
W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder,	
C. H. Brunner, Secretary, Vice-Presiding Elder,	
Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer,	
W. S. Hottel, Vice-Presiding Elder,	
H. K. Kratz, Recording Secretary,	
B. Bryan Musselman, Statistical Secretary,	
J. F. Barrall, Financial Secretary,	
G. F. Yost,	G. K. Himmelreich,
J. C. Roth,	S. S. Geil,
J. G. Shireman,	M. C. Brownback,
E. E. Kublic,	Charles F. Lilly,
V. H. Reinhart,	Morris E. Stickler,
F. M. Hottel,	A. A. Schaffer,
W. W. Zimmerman,	J. C. Freeze,
R. Bergstresser,	G. O. Billig,
R. L. Woodring,	John G. Weiss,
E. T. Shick,	H. H. Bergey,
E. N. Cassel,	S. W. Heiser,
W. J. Fretz,	Herbert E. Gehman,
O. S. Hillegass,	C. W. Teel,
M. W. Ettinger,	J. M. Oplinger,
William Gehman,	C. E. Neff,
A. A. Wismer,	O. C. Kistler,
H. L. Musselman.	

## REPORTS.

### I. Executive Board.

#### THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Board held six meetings during the year. It planned and built a two-story brick building in Mizpah Grove as a Preachers' Dining Hall, twenty-two feet eight inches front, and thirty-four feet deep. The first story is eight feet in the clear and the second story seven feet. Shuler and Hottel, contractors, of Coopersburg, erected the building. E. N. Cassel had the oversight of the building. The original contract price was \$939.00. To this was added a few extra items not specified originally, and the expenses of the Board, which brought the total cost of the building up to \$978.21. This building has taken the place of the tabernacle, formerly used as a Preachers' Dining-room. This has helped greatly to lessen the labor and inconvenience when it came to erecting the Camp before the various Camp Meetings, as well as taking it down, especially in case of threatening weather. It is also used as a Preachers' Dormitory and Storage House, which was very much needed as the other storage house across the street was overcrowded with the large lot of camp equipment.

The Gospel Herald Society has erected a neat little frame building in the grove to be used as a book store where Bibles, Testaments, Scripture Text Cards and wholesome literature are for sale during the Camp Meetings.

Last fall we cut down a large number of chestnut trees killed by the blight, and sold the poles for \$36.00. Then we planted fifteen Carolina poplars, and forty-three Oriental Planes in the grove. These trees were very large and exceptionally nice.

Last spring a forest fire encroached upon the east side of Mizpah Grove which, for a time, threatened our outbuildings and one of the lumber piles, and it might have caused serious damage had it not been for the prompt and energetic efforts of Brother R. L. Woodring, of South Allentown, and the citizens of the Fourteenth Ward, Allentown, and the Allentown Fire Department, which brought a chemical engine on the grounds and extinguished the fire.

The electric light supplies together with its manipulation have been transferred to the management of the Camp Meeting Equipage Committee.

We sold the brick church, situated on the northeast corner of Lafayette and Noble Streets, Norristown, Pa., to John Gallagher, for \$1200.00. After all the expenses of the transfer, together with a loan on the building, were paid, the balance of \$705.32 was donated to our Board of Trustees and congregation at 3362 Goodman Street, Philadelphia, for their church property.

At the request of Brother W. G. Gehman, President of the Gospel Herald Society, the Board went to Sunbury, Pa., with the view of investigating the advisability of purchasing a lot for a church building. A few sites were found from which the President was authorized to select and purchase a lot at his discretion.

#### Financial Report.

##### Receipts.

From South Allentown Class.....	\$ 15 00
From the sale of telegraph poles.....	36 00



From John Gallagher, balance on Norristown Church Property (\$150.00 had been paid before and was reported previously).....	1050	00	
From Bethlehem District S. S. Convention.....	100	00	
From Mt. Carmel District S. S. Convention.....	35	00	
From Camp Meeting Equipment Fund.....	600	00	
From Coopersburg Class .....	5	00	
Loan .....	400	00	\$2241 00

## Expenditures.

## (a) Mizpah Grove.

Preachers' Dining Hall .....	\$	978	21	
58 Poplar and Plane Trees (extra large).....		111	75	
Boxing the same .....		5	50	
Freight on above .....		14	76	
Planting Trees .....		8	27	
Fertilizers .....		10	00	
Taxes .....		12	37	
Cutting down Trees .....		39	73	
Repairing Pump .....		5	15	
Labor .....		24	79	
Watchman in the Grove .....		9	00	
Allentown Fire Department .....		10	00	
Iron Safe .....		10	00	\$1239 53

## (b) Church Properties.

Expenses, Selling Norristown Church Property.....	\$	78	79	
Paid Allen M. Gehman (Loan).....		415	89	
Donated to Philadelphia Church.....		705	32	
Transfer of Deeds .....		3	00	1203 00

## (c) Miscellaneous.

Expenses of Board Meetings to Sunbury, Nazareth, etc.....		32	69	
Total .....	\$	2475	22	

(Loans payable without interest, \$1700.00.)

## Report of the Treasurer.

## Receipts.

October 9, 1913, Balance in Treasury.....	\$	601	92	
Receipts during the year.....		2241	00	\$2842 92

## Expenditures.

Expended during the year.....	\$	2475	22	
October 15, 1914, Balance in Treasury.....		367	70	\$2842 92

Note.—The only liability of the Board is a loan of \$1700.00.

H. B. Musselman, President,  
C. H. Brunner, Secretary,  
W. G. Gehman, Treasurer,  
E. N. Cassel,  
J. G. Shireman,

Board.

## II. Foreign Missions.

### THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We have great reasons to praise the Lord for His abundant blessings which He bestowed upon our Missionary work in the "regions beyond." We are supporting fifteen Missionaries, as follows: nine in Chile, two in the Argentine, one in Venezuela, and three in China, while one is in the homeland. All of these have been kept physically so that they have been able to pursue their work, though not without some of the severest and most trying circumstances as this report will further explain.

We also wish to praise the Lord for the way He has been leading the Church at home in praying and sacrificing for the workers at the other end of the line.

The Board placed a suitable tombstone on the grave of Albert B. Snyder, in Fairview Cemetery, Bethlehem, Pa. This is the son of Brother and Sister C. F. Snyder, of Taochow, Kansu Province, China, on the borders of Tibet. The following inscription was engraved upon it:

God's Little Missionary,  
Albert B.,  
son of  
Calvin F. and Phebe B. Snyder,  
Born  
in Titao, Kansu Province, China, Sept. 7, 1909.  
Died  
in Kutztown, Pa., March 8, 1913.  
"My Beloved is gone down into His garden to gather lilies."  
Cant. 6:2.

We trust that the Lord will open the hearts and hands of the Church still more at home and of others who are interested in the spread of the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth and long for the coming of the Lord of the harvest. Let our motto be: "The whole Church seeking with her whole heart to bring the whole Gospel to the whole world."

The Board held five meetings during the year. On December 18, 1913, Dr. R. H. Glover, acting Foreign Secretary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, met the Board at the residence of the Secretary, at Bethlehem, Pa., as per previous arrangement. This was a very interesting meeting relative to our work. In the evening he gave us a very earnest Missionary address in the church at Bethlehem.

#### Chile.

The work in Chile has been making steady progress. Brother H. L. Weiss, the Superintendent, has moved farther south, to Victoria, and says that his health has greatly improved and hopes to get around again in his old time vigor. Still he needs to take good care of himself.

Their Eighteenth Annual Conference convened in Osorno on the sixth of January. The reports of all the missionaries were very encouraging; they all reported an increase in interest and attendance. The outstations are in a promising condition.

The mother church in Valdivia, where Brother Weiss first started eighteen years ago, has outgrown the capacity of the large chapel,



which holds four hundred people, and immediate enlargement is demanded. A valuable tract of land has recently been purchased for the erection of a Bible School, Orphanage and Hospital.

Brother S. W. Diener and his wife are working among the Mapuché Indians. They have built a chapel and have a congregation of about sixty. They have a day school with an enrollment of forty-five, among whom are men with beards. They also have a very promising Sunday School.

They have ten native workers, of whom four are ordained. Some of them are among their most successful Pastors.

During the year they have baptized one hundred and nine converts in the river. This is an excellent showing and should be quite an encouragement to the workers.

They have ten organized churches, with an aggregate church membership of eight hundred, and thirteen Sunday Schools, with an enrollment of three hundred and fifty.

The aggregate valuation of all the property belonging to the mission is reported at forty-five thousand dollars.

During the year they made about seven thousand pastoral visits and held over three thousand services. They printed and distributed more than thirty thousand tracts and papers, which have been a great blessing to both saved and unsaved. They have a printing press of their own and thus cut down the expenses of tract and literature distribution to the minimum. Brother Weiss' daughter, Marie, with her knowledge of English, German and Spanish, is a great help in this department of the work. Almost three hundred Bibles and Testaments were sold during the year.

Brother H. W. Feldges and his family returned to the field from their furlough, leaving New York on the eighth of last November, arriving in Chile around Christmas. They are now stationed at Osorno, where they had been before.

### Argentine.

Brother M. P. Zook and his family are our representatives in this great country. Brother Zook, writing from Tapalqué in February, last year, says: "This is a small town but we have a fine little class of brethren here. There was only one baptized believer here when we came and we have baptized twelve since then, most of whom were converted before we came. We have thirteen members now.

"We have been opening a number of new towns with tent meetings during this summer, so it is likely that we will be moved to another place before long. During these tent meetings multitudes heard the Gospel. In some of these towns the people have never heard the Gospel and many never saw a missionary. We have opened halls in two of these places, where regular services are now being held.

"I have never had such a deep sense of the need of the people as this summer. It is appalling to think of these millions without the knowledge of the Gospel of their salvation, which is their only hope."

In a letter dated May 18, 1914, Brother Zook states that they have moved to Olavarria. He says: "We have a good class here, the second one in size in our Conference. . . . The brethren seem to be greatly encouraged through our coming and expect a revival. Some have already been saved."

The Olavarria congregation has contributed four native workers to the work during the year.

This is the oldest of our congregations in the Argentine. We have forty-seven members. Our Sunday School consists of over one hundred members.

We pay about thirty dollars a month for rent, light and other expenses, about all our people can do, as not one of them is rich or even well-to-do.

Our place is altogether too small for our increasing work, and as our people are poor and the crops for the past two years have been a failure, we see no way to commence building unless the Lord opens some one's heart to help in this direction. During the past we have paid between five and six thousand dollars rent for the place we are now in.

#### Venezuela.

Brother Fred R. Bullen is our only representative in this country. He is still working at Los Teques. This is evidently a very hard field. The workers suffered a good deal of persecution during the earlier years of the opening of the work at this place. Some of those very persecutors have since turned and become our friends.

I copy the following from his last letter, dated August 18, 1914: "The real fruit of the seed sown in this town, however, is a precious little company of converts who attend our services, two of whom were recently baptized while others await to be accepted. Pray for them, one and all. The two who have just been baptized are indeed a singular testimony to the power of the real Gospel to save from sin and superstition and keep from backsliding when persecuted on every hand, even to the sacrifice and loss of their very means of livelihood.

"They are a married couple, a little more educated than the average native Christian, and the husband is a barber by trade. When the priest saw them stepping out for Christ, he warned the entire parish from his pulpit, week after week, to have nothing to do with these "heretics" under threat of excommunication. For many months he succeeded in influencing the people sufficiently to deprive this barber of all his business, reducing them thereby to extreme poverty, and obliging them to sell their very beds in order to buy bread.

"But, praise God, they have stood true, and only today I am told that the Lord is removing the test by causing some of his old clients to return. This case is rare, and we are of the conviction that one day they will occupy a place of real service in the Lord's work among their own."

He also requests our prayer in the matter of securing a permanent place for the mission. He says: "It is not an easy matter to obtain a house for this purpose without purchasing, because of so much prejudice against us. Thus far we never had the means of purchasing a property and we have less hope at the present time for help along this line from the regular sources by reason of the great stringency of funds. We are facing a crisis, especially as the landlord has given notice of his intention to sell the house we occupy at present to someone who may follow with a notice to disoccupy." He needs our special prayers.

#### Tibet.

Brother and Sister C. F. Snyder left Vancouver, B. C., on October 1, 1913, to return to their field of labor. They arrived at their destination, Taichow (Old City), on the borders of Tibet, on January 8, 1914. This long trip of some twelve thousand miles they made in an unusually short time. Brother Snyder writes: "This is my seventh passage across the country. I have never in all my experience travelled across China when there was such favorable weather. We had almost continuous sunshine. The roads were dry and no high winds. We encountered snow twice."

Upon their return to the field, Brother Snyder was appointed as



Pastor of the Chinese work in Taochow and also co-worker with Brother Ruhl in the Tibetan work. Sister Snyder was placed in charge of the Girls' School.

A recent report of the Christian and Missionary Alliance states that in the district where Brother and Sister Snyder are laboring, the Christian and Missionary Alliance have eight organized congregations and a number of outstations with a native church membership of two hundred and fifty-four members, sixteen native workers and about a score of foreign missionaries. Eighty-two were baptized and added to the church during the year, while about a hundred more are under instruction as professing Christians. The Sunday Schools aggregate a total membership of one hundred and sixteen children. Besides this they are teaching thirty-eight in the boarding schools and thirteen in a Bible Training School.

On May 25, 1914, Peh Lang, meaning "White Wolf," the notorious robber, with his gang of several thousand armed robbers, came upon the unprepared and unfortified city of Taochow, burned a large part of it, including the most important business street and the mission property. Their horse was stolen, the stable burned and about all their personal property was either stolen or burned. About ten thousand people were killed. The missionaries and many of their people fled to the mountains and forests, where they remained for several days and nights with very little shelter and food.

The scene after this awful carnage of several days was terrible. Brother Snyder writes that "The greater part of the city is a vast necropolis (city of the dead), a heap of rubbish under which are buried thousands of bodies of the unfortunates."

Brother Snyder estimates the loss of property belonging to the Mission and missionaries at about eight thousand dollars gold or United States money. The Chinese Government sent an agent from Lanchow to confer with the missionaries as to their claims, and with him the Chairman of the Mission, Brother William Christie, has returned to Lanchow to interview the Governor as to the indemnity for the loss of their property. They hope thus to secure enough to rebuild and restore fully what had been lost.

Brother Snyder has already started to rebuild, using some seven hundred taels or about four hundred and sixty-six dollars gold, which was given him for their work while at home on furlough.

Taochow is a Mohammedan city, but a Mohammedan New Sect had been forming for years, numbering now some two hundred families. This the authorities planned to exterminate. They had their headquarters just opposite the Mission. General Ma was sent there with his soldiers, who killed a number of the leaders while the rest fled. In their temple were found many subterranean caves and rooms, perfectly dark, where a large amount of rifles, spears, knives and a large amount of money were found.

Through all these severe tests the Lord has safely brought them. We have abundant reasons to praise the Lord for thus preserving and delivering His own amid fire and bloodshed. We trust that even these things will work out for the furtherance of the Gospel and the salvation of many.

These circumstances have necessitated a change in the stationing of the workers so that now Brother and Sister Snyder are at Taochow, Old City, assisted by Misses Haupberg and MacKinnon. Brother Snyder will also have charge of Taochow, New City, sixty li or about twenty miles distant.

Brother William H. Ruhl, a strong and tried missionary, laboring for many years on this field, is also supported by this Conference. He

and his wife and two children and Brother Diehl and his wife and child are stationed at Minchow. His first work here will be to rebuild the buildings destroyed by "White Wolf."

Brother V. G. Plymire has been attending the Missionary Training Institute at Nyack, N. Y., for several months during the winter and early spring and is working under the advice of the Christian and Missionary Alliance since. He hopes the way will soon open for him to return to the Tibetan field again. While at school we paid his expenses for tuition, board and supplies, amounting to one hundred and sixteen dollars. We are just now informed that Brother Plymire has been accepted by the Alliance Board and ordered by them to leave the Pacific coast on December fifth, to return to Kansu Province, China.

### Turkey.

Although we do not have a missionary in this field at the present time, yet we still have an interest in the work there. Brother T. Ford Barker, the superintendent of the work at Hadjin and Everek, consisting of Orphanages and Schools, visited the first of our Camp Meetings at Mizpah Grove this summer. He told us how the Lord was leading the work and saving souls at both stations. One of their buildings at Hadjin, outside of the city, was destroyed by fire lately.

Brother Barker met our Foreign Mission Board and presented the needs of the work to us, especially along the line of buildings. Our Board decided to give him an appropriation of five hundred dollars cash.

We have also received one hundred and fifty-seven dollars and ninety-four cents from various sources in the Church and sixty dollars from sources outside of the Church, an annual contribution from a friend of the work in the employ of the United States Government in the Philippine Islands.

Turkey has revoked some of the treaty rights granted American missionaries and residents, which make it still more difficult for the missionaries to get justice in case of trouble. This means more prayer from the Church at home.

### RETROSPECT.

The first congregation of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ (at that time called Evangelical Mennonites) was organized near Zionsville, Pa., in 1858. For the first twenty-five years from this date there is no record of any offerings for Foreign Missions. About this time the few churches then existing fastened two tin boxes at the door, marked "For the Heathen" and "For the Poor," respectively. That year the contributions for the heathen amounted to \$12.64. Thus during the first eight years, up to 1890, the sum of \$80.36 accumulated, which was then sent to Rev. A. B. Simpson, of New York, President of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

On November 1 of this year Brother Eusebius Hershey left New York for Monrovia, Africa. He had been the pioneer Home Missionary of the Church and now must yet become the pioneer Foreign Missionary to stir up the Church in this great work. Brother Hershey died in Africa, May 24, 1891. Although to many it appeared at that time as a rash and foolish move for an old man of sixty-eight years to go to the hardest field in the world, yet it was the strongest rebuke to the inactivity of the Church and a loud call for a definite forward step in this direction. (See Journal of 1907, page 49, and also Report of the Board for 1911.)

The figures following this report tell the rapid strides the Church made after the death of her first representative on heathen soil. With the exception of \$30.00 sent to John Washington, of Monrovia, for the



burial expenses of Brother Hershey and a trifle for Missionary Receipt Cards, all the money expended to the present date was sent out to the foreign field through the Christian and Missionary Alliance except what was received for Armenia, as noted in the summary which follows.

At a Sunday School Convention held at Allentown in the spring of 1893, the subjects of instructing the Sunday Schools along the line of Foreign Missionary work and receiving offerings from them was discussed. And although this aggressive step was opposed by a few of the older and more conservative members, it was decided that each Sunday School should hold an Annual Missionary Day and take up an offering for this cause. As the Sunday School at Graterford had already adopted the barrel system it was recommended that the system be adopted throughout. At the next Annual Conference, held in February, 1894, the offering from the various Sunday Schools amounted to \$83.88 already. These offerings are still rising steadily so that by this date the Sunday Schools of the Conference have contributed \$33,286.46, while all the Foreign Missionary offerings of the Conference amounted to the grand total of \$80,159.37. Surely this the Lord has done.

The Conference supports sixteen missionaries in the foreign field, or one missionary abroad to every hundred members at home. The average contributions for Foreign Missions per member for 1914 was \$4.08.

#### SUMMARY OF FOREIGN MISSIONARY OFFERINGS FROM 1883 TO 1914, INCLUSIVE.

Year	Offerings from the Churches	Offerings from the Sunday Schools	Year	Offerings from the Churches	Offerings from the Sunday Schools	Offerings for Armenia
1883	\$ 12 64	\$	1898	\$ 441 63	\$ 765 54	\$ 150 00
1884	9 88		1899	450 82	651 04	
1885	1 76		1900	1784 73	1592 36	
1886	4 87		1901	1342 48	1084 97	
1887	5 33		1902	1249 02	1317 74	365 95
1888	6 75		1903	1150 97	1191 01	283 35
1889	15 00		1904	1568 10	1275 52	320 00
1890	24 13		1905	2094 50	1510 35	352 55
1891	82 14		1906	2530 31	1916 99	972 93
1892	80 97		1907	2931 94	1986 77	441 23
1893	145 91		1908	3073 31	2213 73	859 37
1894	204 43	\$ 83 88	1909	3200 27	2567 89	825 63
1895	259 34	127 03	1910	3304 78	2591 59	530 93
1896	281 56	309 65	1911	3435 27	2425 54	296 25
1897	289 76	646 40	1912	3442 37	2594 85	267 76
			1913	3591 34	3226 17	223 71
			1914	3742 40	3207 44	224 54
			Total	\$40758 71	\$33286 46	\$6114 20

Offerings for ten years, from 1883 to 1892.....\$ 243 47

Offerings for ten years, from 1893 to 1902..... 13544 24

Offerings for twelve years, from 1903 to 1914..... 66371 66

Total .....\$80159 37

**FINANCIAL.**

We have again presented all our Foreign Missionaries with the "Gospel Banner," the "Gospel Herald," Daily Food Wall Rolls, Diaries and Conference Journals. The Diaries addressed to H. L. Weiss for the Chilean Mission in the fall of 1908 were lost in the wreck of the "S. S. Finance" in New York Harbor on November 26, 1908. This package having been registered, the stated value, six dollars and sixty cents, was returned to the Secretary by the Post Office Department on September 1, 1914.

We paid one-half of the transportation expenses of Brother Feldges and family as well as that of Brother and Sister Snyder, the Alliance paying the other half. The former amounted to two hundred dollars, and the latter two hundred and seventy-five dollars. We also advanced the other half of Brother and Sister Snyder's transportation last year, which we deducted from the allowances sent through the Christian and Missionary Alliance this year.

We have sent out allowances for our missionaries during the year as follows:

H. L. Weiss and Family.....	\$ 600 00
H. W. Feldges and Family.....	600 00
M. P. Zook and Family.....	650 00
C. F. Snyder and Family.....	600 00
Anna Le Fevre.....	300 00
Fred R. Bullen.....	300 00
Wm. H. Ruhl.....	300 00
Manuel Gomez and Family.....	200 00
Innocencio Gomez and Family.....	200 00
H. L. Weiss, Extra for Printing, etc.....	100 00
M. P. Zook, Extra.....	100 00
Fred R. Bullen, Extra .....	100 00
H. W. Feldges and Family, Half of their Return Passage to Chile .....	200 00
T. Ford Barker, toward the building of a Boys' Home in Everek, Turkey .....	500 00
T. Ford Barker, Contributions received for the support of Orphans at Hadjin, Turkey, sent out through the Secretary .....	217 94
V. G. Plymire, Tuition, Board and Expenses at the Missionary Training Institute, Nyack, N. Y.....	116 00
Exchange on Drafts.....	11 63
Tombstone for Albert B. Snyder.....	12 65
Gospel Banners, Gospel Heralds, Diaries, Fares at Board Meetings, etc .....	45 77
V. G. Plymire, Transportation to Kansu Province, China.....	300 00
V. G. Plymire, Outfit .....	200 00
Total Expenditures .....	\$5653 99
Half of the Transportation Expenses of C. F. Snyder's Return to China, which we advanced last year, deducted from allowance this year.....	275 00
Amount actually paid out.....	\$5378 99

**Report of the Treasurer.**

## Receipts.

October 9, 1913, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 12,567 95
Receipts during year (special) .....	224 54
Received at the Annual Conference .....	6,949 84
	<hr/>
	19,742 33



## Expenditures.

Expended during the year...	\$ 5,378 99	
October 15, 1914, Balance in Treasury.....	14,363 34	19,742 33

## FREDERICK R. BULLEN.

NOTE.—While Conference was in session and after the Annual Report had been adopted, the Secretary received a letter from Gerard Bailly, of Caracas, Venezuela, stating that our Brother Fred R. Bullen fell asleep in Jesus.

I give Mr. Bailly's own words: "Our brother, my yoke-fellow and colleague, has fallen on the fighting lines. Whatever he was to us is summed up in what he was as a brave, loyal soldier of the cross. He never shirked a call to duty; he pleased not himself. His clerical attainments and experience made him a great help to the work.

"Last year when we were on furlough he carried on the whole work alone. About the middle of August he took a trip with the native workers into the interior. This trip was indeed his last. He braved a district where souls were perishing in darkness and hunger. He laid hands on the sick and they were healed. He had remarkable sales of Bibles and Testaments and arrived happily at a town called Barquiminto, a week's travel by road from Caracas.

"Here he contracted fever. At 11.30 P.M. on September 22, he said to the watcher: 'Go to your rest now, leave me with the Lord. Jesus is with me here.' At one o'clock in the morning he fell asleep in Jesus with a smile on his face, the expression of his life and character."

## DIRECTORY.

## (a) Argentine, S. A.

Zook, M. P.	}	Stationed at Olavarria, Argentine, S. A.
Zook, Mrs. M. P.		

## (b) Chile, S. A.

H. L. Weiss, Superintendent, Victoria, Chile, S. A.		
Feldges, H. W.	}	Stationed at Osorno, Chile, S. A.
Feldges, Mrs. H. W.		
Gomez, Manuel	}	Adopted October, 1912. Stationed at Temuco, Chile, S. A.
Gomez, Mrs. Manuel		
Gomez, Innocencia	}	Adopted October, 1912. Stationed at Lautaro, Chile, S. A.
Gomez, Mrs. Innocencia		
LeFevre, Miss Anna		Santiago, Chile, S. A.
Weiss, H. L.	}	Superintendent. Address, Casilla 270, Victoria, Chile, S. A.
Weiss, Mrs. H. L.		

## (c) China.

Ruhl, Wm. H.		Stationed at Minchow, Kansu Province, China.
Snyder, C. F.	}	Taochow, Kansu Province, China.
Snyder, Mrs. C. F.		

**(d) Venezuela.**

Bullen, Frederick R.

On the field since 1907. Stationed at Los Tegues. Address, 419 Apartado de Correo, Caracas, Ven., S. A. Died September 23, 1914.

**(e) At Home.**

Plymire, V. G.

Under appointment for China.

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

Board.

### III. Orphanage and Home.

#### THE NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ORPHANAGE AND HOME.

The Brethren H. B. Musselman, E. N. Cassel and Allen M. Gehman were again elected by the Board of Trustees as a Board of Managers. These brethren again faithfully and wisely supervised the management of the Farm and Home.

The Manager, Titus Hottel, has been disabled through a fractured thigh bone but is on a hopeful way of recovery.

The Farmer, C. J. Kline, and the hired man, Lewis Kratz, have both been laboring faithfully and are loyal and obedient to the Manager.

The Matron of the Home, Mrs. Kate Fearheller, has likewise been faithful and loyal in the discharge of her many responsibilities.

The orphan boys are doing well and take an interest in the Farm and Home.

Our aged sisters are moderately well although some of them are somewhat feeble, yet happy in the Lord. One of them, Mary Roberts, passed away during the year.

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#### MARY ROBERTS

was born on December 28, 1831. In her youth she was converted to God and was for many years a consistent member of the Evangelical Church at Danielsville, Pa. On her eightieth birthday, December 28, 1911, she was admitted to the Home from Bethlehem where she had been making her home with some friends for several years.

She was always cheerful and content, frequently expressed her thankfulness for having found a home with such a pleasant Christian atmosphere where she could spend her last days on earth in peace. Her strength gradually failed until she fell asleep in Jesus on April 5, 1914. Age, 83 years, 3 months and 7 days. After her death, according to her desire, she was removed to the home of her nephew, Jacob Dieter, at Danielsville, from where she was buried with appropriate services in the Evangelical Church by the local pastor.

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The Lord's blessing has been signally bestowed upon people, crops and herds throughout, for which we feel very thankful to the Lord.

We herewith submit the following financial report.

### Financial Report.

#### Donations.

Miss Florence Yost, Allentown—1 comfort.

Mrs. Abner Schwavely, Allentown—1 quilt, lot home-made soap, and one-half dozen gingham aprons.

Mrs. O. Baer, Allentown—lot home-made soap, 2 sheets, 1 comfort and one-half dozen gingham aprons.

H. G. Brunner, Zionsville—honey.

May Anderson, Bethlehem—1 cover.

#### (A) FARM ACCOUNTS.

##### (a) Receipts.

From Poor Fund (Annual Conference) .....	\$ 244 81	Peaches .....	103 30
Cream .....	3,113 63	Feed .....	95 38
Heifers .....	2,500 00	Pork .....	46 80
Hogs and Pigs .....	1,026 50	Poultry .....	43 28
Potatoes .....	813 50	Labor .....	42 17
Calves .....	913 00	Eggs .....	34 00
Cattle .....	628 00	Pasture Rent .....	25 00
Wheat .....	302 96	Produce .....	19 40
Sweet Corn .....	147 84	Hides .....	7 88
Refund .....	125 86	Butter .....	7 15
Milk .....	124 99	Strawberries .....	12 20
		Total .....	\$10,377 65

##### (b) Expenditures.

Feed .....	\$ 2,774 81	Dairy Supplies and Official Testing ....	98 87
Live Stock .....	2,255 00	Building .....	52 39
Wages .....	862 50	Hardware .....	36 38
Freight and Express ..	388 01	Provisions .....	78 63
Fertilizer .....	397 47	Horseshoeing .....	24 54
Hogs and Pigs .....	303 20	Lime, Sand and Ce- ment .....	29 63
Labor .....	452 93	Crates .....	34 66
Repairs .....	203 69	Poultry .....	14 75
Milking Machine ....	295 97	Shade Trees .....	17 90
Straw .....	183 58	Dynamite .....	20 54
Implements .....	177 88	Spraying Material ...	51 12
Advertising, Periodi- cals and Postage...	119 63	Fire Extinguishers...	14 00
Oils and Paints .....	105 46	American Berkshire Association .....	10 00
Board .....	108 75	Board and Wages (extra) .....	11 75
Car Fare and Tele- phone .....	101 85	Rent for Land .....	7 00
Taxes .....	113 81	Twine .....	9 50
Registration and Transfers .....	100 00	Total .....	\$ 9,610 96
Seeds and Plants....	99 76		
Donation (on horse, to David Gross as requested by him, to satisfy his claim)	55 00		

## (B) HOME ACCOUNTS.

## (a) Receipts.

Cash from Mary Roberts .....	\$ 4 19	Legacy (Oscar Clauser, deceased) .....	142 00
		Total .....	\$ 146 19

## (b) Expenditures.

Provisions .....	\$ 295 95	Mary Steiner .....	25
Coal .....	139 25	Mary Roberts .....	4 50
Wages and Medical Attendance .....	320 79	Fianna Preisch (tombstone) .....	17 00
Oils and Paints .....	8 71	Ephraim Leshner (donation) .....	65 00
Taxes .....	46 28	Mrs. Hutchins (donation) .....	24 00
Furnishings .....	26 50	Abraham Hilbert (donation) .....	36 00
Labor .....	16 80	Edwin Painter (donation) .....	10 00
Repairs .....	19 21	Total .....	\$ 1,125 78
Hardware .....	5 25		
Periodicals .....	2 00		
Tent at Camp .....	3 50		
Elmer Arndt .....	45 98		
Martin J. Huffman .....	31 48		
Sarah Moll .....	7 33		

## (C) BETHLEHEM PROPERTY ACCOUNTS.

## (a) Receipts.

By rent .....	\$ 120 00
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## (b) Expenditures.

Taxes .....	\$ 10 89
Repairs .....	24 75
Total .....	\$ 35 64

## SUMMARY TOTALS.

Receipts.		Expenditures.	
Farm .....	\$10,377 65	Farm .....	\$ 9,610 96
Home .....	146 19	Home .....	1,125 78
Bethlehem Property..	120 00	Bethlehem Property..	35 64
Total .....	\$10,643 84	Total .....	\$10,772 38

## STOCK ACCOUNT.

A Committee of Five, appointed by the President of the Board of Trustees, from among their number, took the following Inventory of the Stock and Properties:

## (A) FARM.

Farm (including the land at the Home) ..	\$13,000 00
Implements .....	2,180 00
Live Stock—	
Holstein-Friesian Cattle.....	\$20,050 00
Horses .....	1,344 00
Swine .....	1,210 00
Poultry .....	15 00
	<u>22,619 00</u>



## Produce—

Feed .....	\$ 435 15	
Ensilage .....	900 00	
Hay .....	1,000 00	
Straw .....	220 00	
Corn .....	350 00	
Wheat .....	500 00	
Potatoes .....	1,000 00	
Truck .....	28 00	4,433 15

## Miscellaneous—

Furniture .....	\$ 30 00	
Fence Posts .....	5 00	
Cattle Crates .....	14 00	
Fertilizers .....	20 00	
Lumber .....	10 00	79 00

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\$42,311 15

## (B) HOME.

Home .....\$ 4,000 00

## Miscellaneous—

Furniture .....	\$ 525 00	
Canned Goods .....	129 26	
Provisions .....	24 61	
Coal .....	96 00	
Poultry .....	39 00	
Feed .....	2 00	815 87

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\$ 4,815 87

## (C) BETHLEHEM PROPERTY.

House and Lot .....\$ 1,000 00

## SUMMARY TOTALS.

Farm .....	\$42,311 15
Home .....	4,815 87
Bethlehem Property .....	1,000 00

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Total .....\$48,127 02

## STATEMENT.

## Resources.

Properties .....	\$18,000 00
Live Stock .....	22,658 00
Implements .....	2,180 00
Produce .....	4,433 15
Miscellaneous .....	855 87
Cash on Hand.....	594 38

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Total .....\$48,721 40

## Liabilities.

Contributions from	
the Church to date.	\$21,763 06
Donations to date....	1,465 01
Surplus .....	25,493 33

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Total .....\$48,721 40

## Report of the Treasurer.

## Receipts.

September 26, 1913, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 722 92	
Receipts during the year.	10,643 84	\$11,366 76

## Expenditures.

Expended during the year....	\$10,772 38	
October 2, 1914, Balance in Treasury.....	594 38	\$11,366 76

## 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, R. L. Woodring, H. L. Musselman, Allen M. Gehman, A. A. Wismer and H. G. Brunner, Trustees of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Orphanage and Home, located at Centre Valley, Pa., and their successors in office, the sum of ..... payable one year after my decease.

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## 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, R. L. Woodring, H. L. Musselman, Allen M. Gehman, A. A. Wismer and H. G. Brunner, Trustees of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Orphanage and Home, located at Centre Valley, Pa., and their successors in office, the following described real property, together with the appurtenances, in fee simple, viz.: (Describe nature, situation and contents of property,) possession to be given one year after my decease.

(Signed)

H. B. Musselman, President,  
W. S. Hottel, Secretary,  
C. H. Brunner, Treasurer,

E. N. Cassel,	W. G. Gehman,
J. G. Shireman,	E. T. Shick,
R. L. Woodring,	Allen M. Gehman,
H. L. Musselman,	A. A. Wismer,
H. G. Brunner,	Board.

## IV. Presiding Elders.

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDERS.

#### (a) Bethlehem District.

It is with pleasure that we submit the report for our District. We have been very kindly received by all, and the goodness of the Lord has been manifestly blessing the work. The ministry is blessedly united, for which we can only praise God. The true loyalty shown by them has no doubt had its effect for good upon the work. We indeed felt unworthy of the many kindnesses received from the brethren in every way. The prayer-meetings have been especially well attended in all of the charges, and the regular church attendance has been most creditable. The various offerings were excellent, and the church finances are in good shape. Souls have been saved and added to the





HAULING WHEAT TO MARKET IN THE ARGENTINE  
(Taken by M. P. Zook)



GOSPEL MISSION AT LOS TEQUES, VENEZUELA  
FRED R. BULLEN, IN CHARGE





Church, and God's believing children have been making progress in the things of God. The Lord has given us some precious people. The many young people in all of the Classes are certainly an encouraging part of the work. They are plain, obedient and willing, while many are learning to know the Lord better, and are walking in the comfort of the Holy Ghost. The pastors have been laboring faithfully, and their earnest labors have been well rewarded in the strengthening of the things that remain. Two camp meetings were held in our district, both being held in Mizpah Grove, where 170 and 144 tents were occupied, respectively. We were especially glad to see so many of the brethren from the various Classes come and stay at their camp for the entire time. This was no doubt only possible through quite some self-denial and sacrifice being made by a goodly number. The attendance also showed an increase over previous years, and the services were especially owned of God. There were numbers of seekers at the altar who professed deliverance from the bondage of Satan into glorious liberty. Various improvements have been made on a number of church buildings during the year. A parsonage was also built on the vacant lot adjoining the church building at Quakertown. This is without a doubt the most commodious parsonage in the district. A tract of land, with a substantial brick building erected thereon, has also been purchased and provided with pews by G. Henry Hildebrand, a brother of the Harleysville Class. This had formerly been used as a school house. A free deed has been presented to the Class at that place for the same. This property is nicely located for the work at that place, and is valued at \$1000. This was certainly a God-send, and caused much rejoicing by all in the entire charge.

As we keep "looking unto Jesus" our heart is certainly encouraged in seeing a people who have been "kept" and who are steadfastly and patiently looking for the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Heb. 9:28.

#### Financial.

##### (A) APPROPRIATIONS.

Quakertown and Hatfield .....	\$ 144 00	
Lehigh and Weissport .....	180 00	\$ 324 00

##### (B) MOVING.

J. C. Roth .....	\$ 30 00	
J. F. Barrall .....	25 00	
B. Bryan Musselman .....	25 00	80 00

##### (C) MISCELLANEOUS.

Donated to Philadelphia Church Fund .....	\$100 00	
Donated to O. S. Hillegass, for moving expenses ....	10 00	
Donated for Quakertown Parsonage .....	40 00	
Donated for Weissport Church Property .....	25 00	
Donated to Harleysville Class .....	25 00	200 00

Total .....	\$ 604 00	
Received from the Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund .....	\$ 604 00	

H. B. Musselman, P. E.

##### (b) Mt. Carmel District.

The Pastors in this district have their hearts in the work; the prayer-meetings are well attended. Very interesting open-air meetings

were held the past year, which were largely attended by members and outsiders. The work in general is moving steadily forward.

A Camp Meeting, with 68 tents, was held in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa. The Word of Truth was preached with unction, and a number of souls were saved, sanctified and healed. The attendance throughout was very good.

The different pastorates were greatly strengthened as a result of the Camp Meeting, the expenses were easily met with liberal offerings, though the district is rather scattered. The Stroudsburg church was completed and was dedicated during the year.

All over the district the church properties and parsonages are in first-class repairs. The missionary spirit is prominent in the Home and Foreign work. The ordinance meetings are generally well attended.

### Financial.

#### (A) APPROPRIATIONS.

Easton, Pa. ....	\$ 300 00	
Stroudsburg, Pa. ....	240 00	
Walnutport, Pa. ....	240 00	
Nazareth, Pa. ....	210 00	
Northampton, Pa. ....	228 00	\$1218 00

#### (B) MOVING.

E. T. Shick .....	\$ 30 00	
P. J. Musselman .....	30 00	60 00

#### (C) MISCELLANEOUS.

Expenses holding Home Mission Meetings.....	\$ 160 18	
M. H. Kline, Furniture .....	88 94	
Investigation, M. H. Kline Case.....	25 24	
M. H. Kline, Shortage .....	285 42	
Rent for Storage, Allen M. Gehman, Macungie, Pa..	20 00	
Rent for one-half of October overlapping, Nazareth, Pa. ....	5 00	
Executive Work .....	17 33	602 11

Total .....	\$1880 11	
Received from Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund.....	\$1880 11	

W. G. Gehman, P. E.

## V. Gospel Herald Society.

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

We never had a better band of Gospel Heralds than we have now. They are sacrificing and faithful, a goodly number of them having learnt to be content with whatsoever state they are in. Many souls were saved and baptized during the year.



A mission property in Washington, N. J., and a chapel lot in Sunbury, Pa., were purchased during the year.

A camp meeting with 78 tents was held at Shamokin, Pa., which was largely attended throughout. Many souls were saved and 24 baptized and the work of the missions strengthened throughout.

Successful tent meetings were held in York, Pa., and Lebanon, Pa., each twice, and at Broadway, N. J., and Sunbury, Pa.

The open-air meetings are attended very well.

#### (a) Statistical.

Ordained Ministers of the M. B. C. Annual Conference.....	2
Probationers of the M. B. C. Conference.....	3
Gospel Heralds, full members.....	10
Gospel Heralds, Probationers and Applicants in the Active Work.....	8
Received into M. B. C. Church Membership.....	13
Received by Transfer from M. B. C. Church.....	7
Total Increase .....	20
Transferred to Gospel Workers.....	1
Withdrawn .....	1
Dropped .....	4
Transferred .....	3
Net Increase .....	11
Whole Number of Members.....	107
Baptized .....	55
Children Dedicated .....	9
Sunday Schools .....	4
Officers and Teachers Enrolled.....	56
Scholars Enrolled .....	398
Total Average Attendance.....	253
Children's Meetings and Sunday School Services Held.....	209
Open-air Meetings .....	423
Prayer Meetings .....	295
Jail Meetings, Sunbury, Pa.....	24
Sermons and Addresses.....	2593
Pastoral Visits .....	2743
"Gospel Heralds" Sold .....	48036
Valuation of Shamokin Property.....	\$6600 00
Valuation of Lebanon, Pa., Property.....	3000 00
Valuation of Sunbury, Pa., Property.....	1100 00
Valuation of Washington, N. J., Property.....	2000 00

#### (b) Financial.

##### Receipts.

##### I—COLLECTIONS.

Rents .....	\$ 791 50
Sundry Expenses .....	900 05
Shamokin Camp Meeting .....	510 19
Ice, Oil, Lumber, Straw.....	48 26
Light .....	177 50
Donations, Gifts, Etc.....	1262 60
Donations at Camp Meeting.....	24 88
President .....	540 88
President at Camp Meeting.....	101 09
Missionary Presiding Elder.....	31 90
Gospel Workers .....	302 68
Gospel Workers at Camp Meeting.....	94 07
Gospel Heralds at Camp Meeting.....	102 48
Steward, Shamokin, Pa.....	214 13

Sunday Schools .....	495 56	
Sunday School Conventions.....	32 77	
Conference Fund .....	319 41	
Foreign Missions .....	328 91	
Gospel Herald Society Conference.....	41 80	
Secretary at G. H. S. Conference.....	9 20	
Mission Chapel, Shamokin, Pa.....	578 80	
Parsonage Rent, Shamokin, Pa.....	107 00	
Mission Chapel, Lebanon, Pa.....	26 39	
Chapel Lot, Sunbury, Pa.....	272 81	
Chapel Repairs, Hymn Books, Primary Room Re- pairs, Lebanon and Shamokin.....	77 67	
Missionary Work .....	20 90	
		<hr/> \$ 7413 43

## II—LITERATURE.

Literature, Etc., sold in the Missions.....	\$4630 31	
Literature, Etc., sold at M. B. C. Camp Meeting....	373 67	
Literature, Etc., sold at G. H. S. Camp Meeting.....	82 03	
Literature, Etc., sold at Wholesale Prices to Ministers	1342 38	
		<hr/> \$ 6428 39

## III—FROM M. B. C. HOME MISSION TREASURY.

Appropriations .....	\$ 218 00	
Tabernacle Meetings .....	110 24	
Fares, Utensils, Freight, Furniture, Etc.....	584 92	
Rent for the President.....	164 00	
		<hr/> \$ 1077 16
Total .....		<hr/> \$14918 98

## Expenditures.

Appropriations—		
Lebanon, Pa. ....	\$ 144 00	
Washington, N. J.....	29 00	
York, Pa. ....	45 00	
		<hr/> \$ 218 00
Tabernacle Meetings—		
York, Pa. (Twice).....	\$ 54 06	
Lebanon, Pa. (Twice).....	25 65	
Sunbury, Pa. ....	13 65	
Broadway, N. J.....	16 88	
		<hr/> \$ 110 24
Miscellaneous—		
Donations to all the Heralds.....	\$ 28 00	
Rent for the President.....	164 00	
Furniture .....	32 93	
New Mission, York, Pa., First Month's Rent.	40 00	
New Mission, York, Pa., Miscellaneous.....	44 03	
Old Missions—Repairs, Furnishings, Supplies	51 42	
Fares Changing Heralds, Telegrams, Etc.....	128 19	
Fares to Conventions and Camp Meetings...	96 69	
Freight and Expressage.....	31 37	
Expressage and Freight on Literature.....	63 73	
Cartage .....	26 71	



Paints .....	2 38	
Printing, Stationery and Advertising.....	39 47	
		\$ 748 92
Total .....		\$ 1077 16

W. G. Gehman,

President and Treasurer.

## VI. Reading Course.

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS ON THE READING COURSE.

#### (A) Examinations, 1914.

PROBATIONERS.	Bible	Church History	Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation	Lessons in Holiness	Sell's Bible Study by Books	Average
First Year.						
B. Bryan Musselman.....	92	77	92	94	92	89
L. D. Wesner.....	88	84	90	92	92	89

E. N. Cassel,  
W. S. Hottel,  
E. T. Shick,  
Board.

#### (B) Studies for 1914-1915.

##### Second Year's Course.

##### (a) First Semi-Annual Studies:

The Divine Art of Preaching, Pierson.

Sell's Bible Study by Books. Chapters 18-32.

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, Walker. Chapters 6-12.

##### (b) Second Semi-Annual Studies:

Bible, First Corinthians.

Reformed Pastor, Baxter.

The places for, and the dates for the examinations, shall be left to the decision of the Board of Examiners.

W. S. Hottel, President.

E. N. Cassel, Secretary.

E. T. Shick, Treasurer.

## VII. Camp Meeting Equipage.

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CAMP MEETING EQUIPAGE.

We purchased two gasoline stoves, five bed springs, a number of dishes, step ladder, and some electrical supplies for wiring the buildings, and also made some repairs.

#### Financial.

##### Receipts.

Lumber Rents .....	\$ 242 64
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting.....	230 01
Allentown Division Camp Meeting.....	175 77
Mt. Carmel Division Camp Meeting.....	61 88
Donation .....	5 56
Globes and Wire.....	7 25
	<hr/> \$ 723 11

##### Expenditures.

Executive Board .....	\$ 600 00
Chair Canvass .....	20 14
Electrical Supplies .....	20 74
Two Gasoline Stoves.....	13 50
Bed Springs .....	12 50
Car Fare and Meals.....	11 55
Sign for Street.....	8 64
Dishes and Cooking Utensils.....	6 70
Tar Paper .....	5 72
Miscellaneous .....	4 57
Labor .....	4 00
Step Ladder .....	3 08
Mail Box .....	1 45
Globes .....	1 67
Hardware .....	1 63
	<hr/> \$ 715 89

#### Report of the Treasurer.

##### Receipts.

October 9, 1913, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 89 60
Receipts during the year.....	723 11
	<hr/> \$ 812 71

##### Expenditures.

Expended during the year.....	\$ 715 89
October 1, 1914, Balance in Treasury.....	96 82
	<hr/> \$ 812 71

E. N. Cassel, Chairman,  
F. M. Hottel, Secretary,  
J. F. Barrall, Treasurer,  
Allen M. Gehman,  
Committee.



## VIII. Publication and Printing.

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND PRINTING.

We had the following account books printed and bound during the year: Twenty-four Quarterly Conference Minute Books, seventy-five Rent Collectors' Books, thirty Camp Meeting Order Books, two Order Books for the Board of Foreign Missions, and two for the Executive Board, one thousand Sunday School Convention Report Blanks and one hundred Pastors' General Receipt Books. We also paid the Pennsylvania Conferences' share of the expenses of the General Conference Committee meeting at Cleveland, Ohio, November 4, 5, 1913, and the rent of the High School Auditorium for the Sunday during the Annual Conference by orders of the Executive Board.

#### Financial.

##### Receipts.

Annual Conference Journals sold.....	\$ 149 00
1 Q. C. Minute Book to G. H. Soc.....	1 20
Missionary Barrels sold.....	10 60
	<hr/> \$ 160 80

##### Expenditures.

625 Annual Conference Journals.....	99 00
Photos, Half-tone Cuts.....	12 50
Expressage, Postage, Wrapping.....	8 09
Journals to R. R. Companies.....	1 00
24 Quarterly Conference Minute Books, extra quality	28 75
75 Rent Collectors' Account Books.....	27 50
3 Camp Meeting Secretary's Account Books.....	2 40
30 Camp Meeting Order Books.....	6 25
2 Order Books for the Board of Foreign Missions...	1 25
2 Order Books for the Executive Board.....	1 25
100 Pastors' General Receipt Books.....	6 75
1000 Sunday School Convention Report Blanks....	1 75
Pennsylvania Conference's share of expenses of General Conference Executive Committee Meeting....	18 02
Expenses of W. B. Musselman to Pennsylvania, account of Sunday School Supplies.....	25 00
High School Auditorium at Bethlehem for Sunday during Annual Conference, October 18, 1914.....	20 00
Lettering, Labels and Sundries.....	95
Expenses, Board of Examiners.....	5 19
Editor of Conference Journal (Donation).....	10 00
	<hr/> \$ 275 65

#### Report of the Treasurer.

##### Receipts.

October 9, 1913, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 131 68
Receipts during the year.....	160 80
Received at Annual Conference..	111 25
	<hr/> \$ 403 73

	Expenditures.	
	Expended during the year.....	\$ 275 65
October 15, 1914,	Balance in Treasury.....	128 08
		<hr/> \$ 403 73

J. C. Roth, President,  
R. L. Woodring, Secretary,  
C. H. Brunner, Treasurer,  
Board.

## IX. Home Missions.

### REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE HOME MISSION FUND.

	Receipts.	
October 9, 1913,	Balance in Treasury.....	\$3561 27
	Received at Annual Conference..	3761 93
		<hr/> \$7323 20
	Expenditures.	
	Expended during year.....	\$3561 27
October 16, 1914,	Balance in Treasury.....	3761 93
		<hr/> \$7323 20

Allen M. Gehman,  
Treasurer.

## X. Beneficiary Society.

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BENEFICIARY SOCIETY.

We have given assistance to a pastor's widow and to a few of the pastors.

#### Report of the Treasurer.

	Receipts.	
October 9, 1913,	Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 576 93
	Received at Annual Conference..	190 64
		<hr/> \$ 767 57
	Expenditures.	
	Expended during the year.....	\$ 162 00
October 14, 1914,	Balance in Treasury.....	605 57
		<hr/> \$ 767 57

W. G. Gehman, President,  
F. M. Hottel, Secretary,  
J. F. Barrall, Treasurer,  
Board.



## XI. Laymen's Benevolent Society.

### THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LAYMEN'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

#### Statistical.

Number of Members reported last year.....	333
New Members received during the year.....	42
Members died during the year.....	2
Members withdrawn during the year.....	21
Members enrolled October 15, 1914.....	352

#### Financial.

##### Receipts.

Contributions .....	\$ 900 50
Interest on Deposit.....	32 98
	<hr/> \$ 933 48

##### Expenditures.

Donations Paid .....	\$ 150 00
Sundry Expenses .....	1 40
	<hr/> \$ 151 40

#### Report of the Treasurer.

##### Receipts.

October 9, 1913, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 961 28
Contributions received .....	900 50
Interest on Deposit.....	32 98
	<hr/> \$1894 76

##### Expenditures.

Donations Paid .....	\$ 150 00
Sundry Expenses .....	1 40
October 15, 1914, Balance in Treasury.....	1743 36
	<hr/> \$1894 76

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

## XII. Camp Meetings.

### REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL CAMP MEETING COMMITTEE.

#### Receipts.

##### Bethlehem District.

Bethlehem Division (Mizpah Grove).....	\$1582 95
Allentown Division (Mizpah Grove).....	1199 76
	<hr/> \$2782 71

**Mt. Carmel District.**

Mt. Carmel District (Mizpah Grove).....	723 89
Total .....	\$3506 60

H. B. Musselman,  
Chairman.

**XIII. Ministerial Convention.****(A) REPORTS FOR 1914.****(a) Annual Ministerial Convention.**

The Twenty-fifth Annual Ministerial Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of the Pennsylvania Conference convened in the Ebenezer Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, Laurel Street, Bethlehem, Pa., on Wednesday, October 14, 1914.

The morning meeting was opened at 9.30 A.M. by the Chairman, E. N. Cassel. W. S. Hottel recorded the minutes.

Resolved, That all members of the Annual Conference shall be members of this Convention.

Resolved, That anyone who desires to speak shall rise and respectfully address the Chair and receive recognition, and only speak once except by permission of the Chair.

The roll was called, showing that all the Pastors and nearly all the Delegates were present at the opening of the Convention.

The minutes of the last Convention were read and approved.

Resolved, That the Secretary-elect for this Convention be relieved, owing to him having other pressing work, and that we elect another one in his place.

B. Bryan Musselman was elected.

The Chair appointed the following Committees:

Committee on Resolutions: W. G. Gehman, W. S. Hottel and W. J. Fretz.

Committee on Publication: H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner and J. G. Shireman.

Committee on Absentees: J. F. Barrall, E. T. Shick and F. M. Hottel.

Timekeeper: E. E. Kublic.

Reporter: W. J. Fretz.

The following essay was then read, discussed and adopted: "An Essay on 1 Timothy 4:12, with Practical Applications to the Ministry of the Present Day," by R. L. Woodring, South Allentown, Pa.

The forenoon meeting adjourned with prayer by E. T. Shick and with benediction by E. N. Cassel.

The afternoon meeting was opened at 2.15 o'clock with prayer by W. G. Gehman.

After the roll was called and the minutes were read, the following essay was read, discussed and adopted: "An Essay on 1 Timothy 4:13-16, with Practical Applications to the Ministry of the Present Day," by H. K. Kratz, Graterford, Pa.

The reports of the various Committees were read and adopted.



The afternoon meeting closed with prayer by William Gehman and benediction by Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman.

The evening service was in charge of the Pastor, C. H. Brunner and was opened at 7.30 o'clock with a song service. This was followed by a sermon on Psalm 16:8, by F. M. Hottel, Reading, Pa., followed by J. G. Shireman, of Easton, Pa.

The Bethlehem Mixed Chorus and Male Quartet sang a few selections. Committee on Program: H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner and W. G. Gehman.

E. N. Cassel, Chairman.

B. Bryan Musselman, Secretary.

### (b) Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention.

The Eleventh Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of the Pennsylvania Conference convened in the Royersford Church on April 2, 1914.

The Presiding Elders of both districts as well as all the pastors and a number of their families were present. The time in the forenoon was allotted to our esteemed Presiding Elders, H. B. Musselman and W. G. Gehman. Both of them gave us very timely, inspiring, as well as heart-searching messages. These messages were greatly appreciated by the pastors, and we believe have brought about much good in their lives as well as their work.

The afternoon meeting was opened at 1.45 by the Chairman, C. H. Brunner. The following essays were read, discussed and adopted: "The Ideal Pastor, Missionary and Evangelist," by Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman; "Weak Points in the Pastor's Life that are Hindrances in Making Him a Strong Man," by Elder H. K. Kratz.

The evening services were opened by the pastor, J. F. Barrall, with a song service. After prayer, Elder C. H. Brunner preached on 2 Tim. 4:5. He was followed by Elder B. Bryan Musselman. Both sermons were very edifying and greatly enjoyed by the large concourse of people. The church was well filled with attentive listeners in the afternoon and evening.

Committee on Program: H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and J. F. Barrall.

C. H. Brunner, Chairman.

W. J. Fretz, Secretary.

## (B) ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 1915.

### (a) Annual Ministerial Convention.

This Convention is announced to be held at Royersford, Pa., on Wednesday prior to the second Thursday of October, 1915.

Chairman, W. G. Gehman; Secretary, W. J. Fretz.

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

### (b) Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention.

This Convention is announced to convene in Reading, Pa., on April 7, 1915.

Chairman, J. G. Shireman; Secretary, H. K. Kratz.

Committee on Program—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, W. J. Fretz.

## **XIV. Sunday School Convention.**

### **(A) REPORTS FOR 1914.**

#### **(a) Bethlehem District.**

The Twenty-sixth Annual Sunday School Convention of the Bethlehem District convened in Bethel M. B. C. Church, Allentown, Pa., on Ascension Day, May 21, 1914.

The Chairman, R. L. Woodring, opened the Convention at 9.15 A.M. H. B. Musselman led in prayer.

B. Bryan Musselman recorded the minutes.

All the Pastors of the District were present, as were also all the Superintendents and Delegates.

The Chairman appointed the following Committees:

Committee on Finance: J. F. Barrall, J. C. Roth and G. Henry Hildebrand.

Committee on Publication: C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel and E. E. Kublic.

Committee on Resolutions: E. N. Cassel, C. H. Brunner and H. K. Kratz.

Committee on Absentees: H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner and E. N. Cassel.

Committee on Statistics: F. M. Hottel, A. A. Schaeffer and R. Bergstresser.

Timekeeper: O. S. Hillegass.

Upon the request of R. L. Woodring to be relieved as Chairman, Brother E. N. Cassel was elected as Chairman, pro tem.

The reports of the Superintendents of the seventeen Sunday Schools represented were very interesting and encouraging.

An offering was lifted for the Secretary, amounting to \$12.66. Thanks.

The meeting closed with prayer by C. H. Brunner and benediction by P. E. H. B. Musselman.

The afternoon meeting was opened at 1.45 P.M. E. E. Kublic led in prayer.

The reports of the Committees on Statistics, Absentees, Resolutions and Finance were read and adopted.

An offering was lifted for the Allentown Class.

The following essays were read, discussed and adopted:

First Essay: "The Officers and Teachers of the Sunday School," by J. C. Cressman, Bethlehem, Pa.

Second Essay: "Sunday School Work; Its Relation to the Church and Community," by O. C. Kistler, South Allentown, Pa.

Both of these essays were very comprehensive and instructive, giving evidence of careful thought and study. The discussions likewise were very instructive.

The report of the Committee on Publication was read and adopted.

It was resolved that we donate \$100.00 to the Executive Board, to be used in Mizpah Grove.

The evening service was in charge of P. E. H. B. Musselman. After a short song service, C. H. Brunner led in prayer.



After a few special selections by the members of the Allentown Class, which were much appreciated, R. Bergstresser, of Zionsville, Pa., preached a very interesting, practical and instructive sermon, which, with the special singing, made the occasion very profitable.

## STATISTICS.

Schools represented .....	17	Scholars enrolled .....	2178
Officers enrolled .....	107	Total enrollment .....	2497
Teachers enrolled .....	212		

**Report of the Treasurer.**

## Receipts.

May 30, 1913, Balance in Treasury .....	\$ 12 73
Received at this Convention from the various Sunday Schools.....	143 07 \$ 155 80

## Expenditures.

Expended at this Convention.....	\$ 42 61
Donated to Executive Board.....	100 00
May 21, 1914, Balance in Treasury.....	13 19 \$ 155 80

Committee on Program: H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner and W. S. Hottel.

E. N. Cassel, Chairman, Pro Tem.

B. Bryan Musselman, Secretary.

J. F. Barrall, Treasurer.

**(b) Mt. Carmel District.**

The Sunday School Convention of the Mt. Carmel District convened in Ebenezer Church, 130 West Fourth Street, Mt. Carmel, Pa., on Ascension Day, May 21, 1914.

The Convention was opened at 9.15 A.M. by the Chairman, J. G. Shireman. E. T. Shick recorded the minutes.

The following Sunday Schools were represented: Mt. Carmel, Easton, Nazareth, Plainfield, Stroudsburg, Walnutport, Shamokin, Sunbury, Lebanon, Siegfried, and Washington, N. J.

The members of the Convention consisted of the ministers of the District, the Gospel Herald leaders where they have a Sunday School, superintendents, delegates and essayists. All the others present were advisory members.

All the members of the Convention were present.

The following Committees were appointed by the Chair:

Committee on Resolutions: W. G. Gehman and E. C. Goucher.

Committee on Publication: E. T. Shick, M. W. Ettinger and C. E. Witt.

Committee on Statistics: W. W. Zimmerman, L. D. Wesner and S. H. Lichtenthaler.

Committee on Finance: G. F. Yost, V. H. Reinhart and M. W. Ettinger.

Auditors: E. T. Shick and H. A. Kauffman.

Timekeeper: C. E. Witt.

The reports of the Superintendents were very interesting. They showed a marked advancement in the various schools.

An offering was lifted to defray the expenses of the Convention.

An essay was read on "The Need of the Sunday School," by E. C. Goucher.

Adjourned.

The afternoon meeting was opened by singing, and prayer by E. T. Shick. After the roll was called and the minutes read, the following essays were read, discussed and adopted: "The Officers and Teachers of the Sunday School," by N. H. Wolf; "The Proper Management of the Sunday School," by Mrs. J. G. Shireman.

The reports of the various committees were read and adopted.

Resolved, That we donate thirty-five dollars to the Executive Board, to be used at Mizpah Grove.

The evening services were glorious. After a large open-air meeting, Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman preached to a crowded house of eager and attentive listeners.

#### STATISTICAL.

	Church.	G. H. Soc.	Total.
Sunday Schools represented.....	7	4	11
Officers enrolled .....	44	17	61
Teachers enrolled .....	55	34	89
Scholars enrolled .....	631	459	1090
Total enrollment .....	730	510	1240

#### Report of the Treasurer.

##### Receipts.

May 30, 1913, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 21 48
Received at this Convention from the various Sunday Schools.....	114 12 \$ 135 60

##### Expenditures.

Expended at this Convention.....	\$ 77 24
Donated to Executive Board.....	35 00
May 21, 1914, Balance in Treasury.....	23 36 \$ 135 60

Committee on Program: W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman and M. W. Ettinger.

J. G. Shireman, Chairman.

E. T. Shick, Secretary.

G. F. Yost, Treasurer.

#### (B) ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 1915.

##### (a) Report of the Committee to Organize for the Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention for 1915.

This Convention shall convene at Lehighton, Pa., on Ascension Day, 1915.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, F. M. Hottel; Secretary, B. Bryan Musselman; Treasurer, J. F. Barrall.

Committee on Program: Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; H. K. Kratz.

There shall be two meetings, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon. The advisability of having an evening service shall be left to the discretion of the Committee on Program.



A hearty invitation is extended to the Presiding Elder, W. G. Gehman, and the pastors of the Mt. Carmel District, and Missionary Presiding Elder W. B. Musselman, to be present.

E. N. Cassel, Chairman.  
J. F. Barrall, Secretary.

**(b) Report of the Committee to Organize for the Mt. Carmel District Sunday School Convention for 1915.**

This Convention shall convene at Stroudsburg, Pa., on Tuesday, May 25, 1915.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, R. Bergstresser; Secretary, R. L. Woodring; Treasurer, G. F. Yost.

Committee on Program: W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman and R. L. Woodring.

We invite and heartily desire the Gospel Herald Society and their Sunday Schools to be represented at this Convention.

Two sessions shall be held, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon. The Committee on Program shall arrange for special services in the evening.

We extend a hearty invitation, through the Secretary, to the Presiding Elder, H. B. Musselman, and the other ministers of the Bethlehem District, and the Missionary Presiding Elder, W. B. Musselman, to be present at this Convention.

J. G. Shireman, Chairman.  
R. L. Woodring, Secretary.

## **XV. Annual Conference.**

The Thirty-second Annual Conference Session will convene at Royersford, Pa., at 8 A.M. on the second Thursday of October, 1915. Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; Treasurer, Allen M. Gehman.

## **XVI. Stationing, Boundary and Appropriations.**

### **REPORT OF THE STATIONING, BOUNDARY AND APPROPRIATING COMMITTEE.**

#### **(A) APPOINTMENTS.**

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

#### **(a) Stations.**

Bethlehem—W. S. Hottel.  
Allentown—C. H. Brunner.  
South Allentown—E. N. Cassel.  
Philadelphia—F. M. Hottel.  
Reading—W. J. Fretz.  
Zionsville—O. S. Hillegass.

- (b) **Circuits.**  
 Royersford and Spring City—J. F. Barrall.  
 Graterford and Harleysville—E. T. Shick.  
 Coopersburg and Springtown—H. K. Kratz.  
 Emaus and Macungie—E. E. Kublic.  
 Fleetwood, Blandon and Terre Hill—B. Bryan Musselman.
- (c) **Missions.**  
 Quakertown and Hatfield—M. W. Ettinger.  
 Lehighton and Weissport—J. C. Roth.
- (d) **Tabernacles.**  
 To be supplied.
- (e) **Local Preachers.**  
 Wm. Gehman, Zionsville Quarterly Conference.  
 P. J. Musselman, Philadelphia Quarterly Conference.
- (f) **Quarterly Conference Licensed Workers.**  
 H. M. Gehman, E. W. Martin, W. F. Heffner, Titus Hottel and  
 Mrs. C. H. Brunner.

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

- (a) **Stations.**  
 Mt. Carmel—G. F. Yost.
- (b) **Missions.**  
 Easton—R. L. Woodring.  
 Nazareth and Plainfield—R. Bergstresser.  
 Stroudsburg—J. G. Shireman.  
 Walnutport—V. H. Reinhart.  
 Northampton—W. W. Zimmerman.
- (c) **Tabernacles.**  
 To be supplied.
- (d) **Quarterly Conference Licensed Workers.**  
 Mrs. J. G. Shireman.
- (e) **Annual Conference Licensed Workers.**  
 H. A. Kauffman, L. D. Wesner, J. T. Anderson.

**(B) APPROPRIATIONS.**

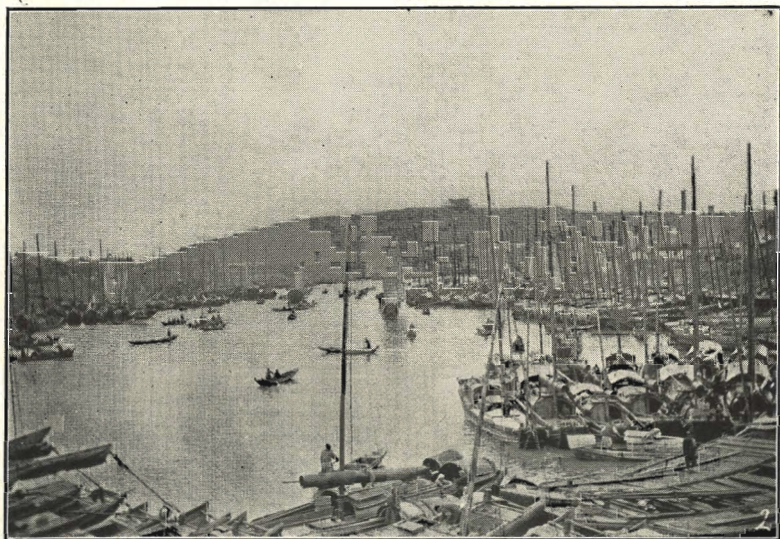
**1. Bethlehem District.**

Quakertown and Hatfield, per month.....	\$ 30 00
Lehighton and Weissport, per month.....	15 00

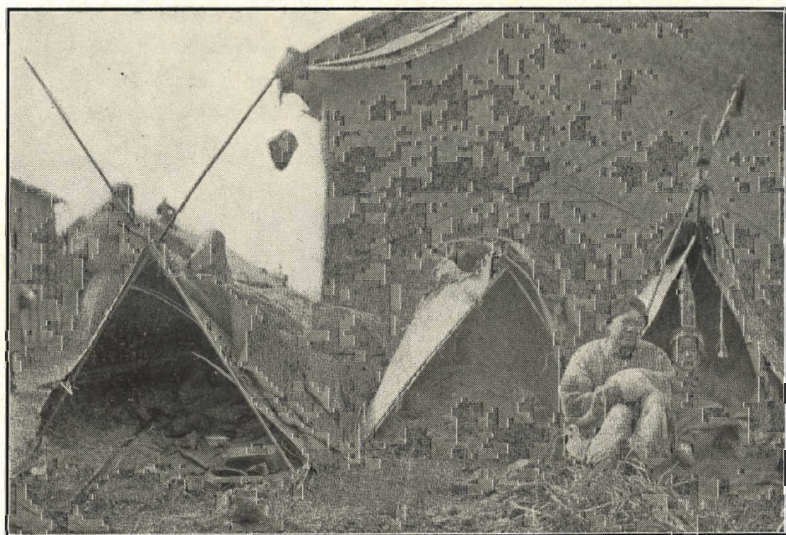
**Moving.**

E. N. Cassel .....	\$ 12 00
F. M. Hottel .....	26 00
W. J. Fretz.....	26 00
O. S. Hillegass .....	15 00
E. T. Shick.....	40 00
H. K. Kratz.....	25 00
M. W. Ettinger.....	30 00
To be used at the discretion of the Presiding Elder.....	150 00





HOUSE BOATS ON THE HAN RIVER, CHINA  
THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE LIVE IN THESE BOATS  
(Taken by V. G. Plymire)



BURNT OUT DURING THE LATE TROUBLES IN CHINA  
THESE LITTLE TENTS AND CONTENTS IS ALL THEIR POSSESSION  
(Taken by V. G. Plymire)





**2. Mt. Carmel District.**

Easton, Pa., per month.....	\$ 10 00
Nazareth and Plainfield, per month.....	20 00
Stroudsburg, per month.....	30 00
Walnutport, per month.....	20 00
Northampton, per month.....	20 00

**Moving.**

J. G. Shireman.....	\$ 25 00
R. L. Woodring.....	20 00
R. Bergstresser.....	25 00
V. H. Reinhart.....	15 00
W. W. Zimmerman.....	15 00

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

The balance of the Home Mission money to be used at the discretion of the Presiding Elder of the District.

**(C) MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.****Gospel Herald Society.**

W. G. Gehman, President.

Sunbury, Pa.—To be supplied.  
 Shamokin, Pa.—To be supplied.  
 York, Pa.—To be supplied.  
 Lebanon, Pa.—To be supplied.  
 Washington, N. J.—To be supplied.

**Gospel Worker Society.**

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

H. B. Musselman, Chairman.

W. G. Gehman, Secretary.

G. O. Billig,	A. A. Wismer,
G. K. Himmelreich,	S. W. Heiser,
H. L. Musselman,	S. S. Geil,
Allen M. Gehman,	Herbert E. Gehman,
Morris E. Stickler,	O. C. Kistler,
J. C. Freeze,	M. E. Brownback.

Committee.

**XVII. Conference Finances.****REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.**

(Receipts, October 16, 1914.)

Appointments.	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Foreign Mission in Sunday Schools	For the Poor	Beneficiary Fund	Annual Confer- ence Fund	Total
<b>Bethlehem Dist.</b>							
Bethlehem .....	621 25	685 50	517 76	23 50	24 00	14 00	1886 01
Allentown .....	545 00	666 00	393 00	35 00	22 00	14 00	1675 00
Reading .....	348 70	315 50	259 35	17 50	10 00	10 00	961 05
Philadelphia ....	224 88	237 75	177 76	17 25	12 03	11 60	681 27
Coopersburg .....	243 05	229 05	153 96	12 02	5 02	6 15	649 25
Springtown .....	24 50	30 50		85	50	50	56 85
South Allentown.	131 10	136 25	130 73	12 00	5 50	5 00	420 58
Spring City .....	175 00	156 00	122 00	13 25	7 00	4 50	477 75
Royersford .....	84 00	74 50	61 00	16 75	4 00	4 00	244 25
Zionsville .....	131 70	113 35	177 12	8 15	2 90	2 37	435 59
Emaus .....	77 00	80 35	75 50	12 50	3 55	3 45	252 35
Macungie .....	59 00	78 00	60 00	3 80	2 24	2 50	205 54
Fleetwood .....	137 15	101 50	102 98	5 50	6 50	3 54	357 17
Blandon .....	102 50	74 00	63 43	8 25	3 25	2 28	253 71
Terre Hill .....	71 50	82 75	23 82	5 45	1 83	1 06	186 41
Quakertown .....	120 10	110 85	55 72	9 23	4 17	75	300 82
Hatfield .....	33 75	20 50		4 58	1 69	90	61 42
Graterford .....	82 65	58 00	67 58	4 75	3 64	1 65	218 27
Harleysville .....	66 50	63 00	23 86	4 51	1 55	1 45	160 87
Lehighton .....	83 50	85 50	79 60	4 00	5 00	2 50	259 50
Total on District..	3362 83	3398 85	2544 57	218 84	126 37	92 20	9743 66
<b>Mt. Carmel Dist.</b>							
Easton .....	130 25	133 00	109 44	8 50	7 17	7 77	396 13
Mt. Carmel .....	58 90	76 50	51 26	6 13	2 15	3 04	197 98
Stroudsburg .....	64 70	32 00	74 24	7 62	5 35	3 26	187 17
Nazareth .....	43 00	26 30	27 90	3 00	2 30	1 40	103 90
Plainfield .....	24 00	10 00	5 80	3 63	1 13	30	44 86
Walnutport .....	40 00	30 00	10 13	2 42	1 84	1 13	85 52
Northampton .....	38 25	35 75	55 19	4 22	3 85	2 15	139 41
Gospel Her. Soc'y.			328 91				328 91
Total on District..	399 10	343 55	662 87	35 52	23 79	19 05	1483 88
Grand Total ...	3761 93	3742 40	3207 44	254 36	150 16	111 25	11227 54

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



# XVIII. REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

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Appointments	Pastor	Presiding Elders	Ordained Ministers	On Probation	To be ordained	Q. C. L. Preachers, Ev.	Deacons	Class Leaders	Stewards	Rent Collectors	Baptized	Children Dedicated	Rec'd into church	Received by Trans.	Total Increase	Members died	Withdrawn	Expelled	Dropped	Moved to other Conf.	Transferred	Total Decrease	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Whole No. of members	Appointments	Sermons Preached	Pastoral Visits	Prayer Meetings Visited	Sunday Schools Visited	
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.																															
Bethlehem	C. H. Brunner	1	2	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	13	6	11	2	13	1	1	11	9	21	8	176	1	238	404	152	47				
Allentown	W. S. Hotel	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	11	16	16	7	23	1	1	12	7	11	2	187	1	230	315	121	47				
Reading	F. M. Hotel	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	5	15	15	7	2	29	2	1	12	6	11	2	153	1	232	380	94	50				
Philadelphia	W. J. Fretz.	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	33	5	27	1	28	2	1	15	6	20	8	106	1	195	559	85	47				
Coopersburg	E. N. Cassel	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	8	5	6	1	7	1	1	11	6	1	6	98	1	131	152	86	69				
Springtown	E. N. Cassel	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	11	7	12	4	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	28	4	4				
So. Allentown	R. L. Woodring	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	11	7	12	4	16	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	12	1	184	141	118	40			
Spring City	J. F. Barrall	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	125	163	40	46				
Royersford	R. Bergstresser	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	124	200	36	46				
Zionsville	E. E. Kubic	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	3	130	88	55	48				
Emaus	E. E. Kubic	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	5	1	1	1	1	1	2	5	3	119	390	32	24				
Macungie	B. B. Musseman	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	2	3	7	10	2	1	1	1	1	5	5	5	33	111	243	28	24			
Fleetwood	B. B. Musseman	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	7	10	2	1	1	1	1	5	5	5	33	111	243	28	24			
Blandon	B. B. Musseman	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	1	9	2	9	2	1	1	1	1	5	5	5	33	111	243	28	24			
Terre Hill	O. S. Hillegass	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	5	9	10	150	225	43	14				
Quakertown	H. K. Kratz	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	10	13	3	11	75	35	43	47			
Hatfield	H. K. Kratz	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27	1	18	3	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	5	113	221	43	43				
Graterford	H. K. Kratz	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	3	3	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	5	113	221	43	43			
Harleysville	J. C. Roth	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	9	13	1	1	1	1	1	4	7	6	71	162	31	42	48			
Lehighport	J. C. Roth	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	3	4	9	13	1	1	1	1	1	4	7	6	167	202	42	48				
Weissport	J. C. Roth	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	9	13	1	1	1	1	1	4	5	5	26	35	20	20				
Total		116	1	5	6	36	34	26	140	159	127	43	176	13	2	155	6	11	138	73	35	1323	21	2665	4173	1123	678				
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																															
Easton	J. G. Shireman	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	16	2	13	2	15	2	1	1	2	2	4	11	56	1	258	150	40	53			
Northampton	V. H. Reinhart	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	2	13	2	15	2	1	1	2	2	4	11	56	1	258	150	40	53			
Mt. Carmel	G. F. Yost	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	17	6	7	7	14	1	1	3	3	3	9	5	9	5	63	168	113	103	48		
Stroudsburg	M. W. Ettinger	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	2	9	9	1	1	4	4	4	2	7	9	1	238	286	46	47			
Nazareth	E. T. Shick	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	2	4	6	1	1	4	4	2	7	9	1	28	142	185	34	24			
Plandford	E. T. Shick	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	4	13	13	13	1	1	4	4	1	5	8	36	1	180	30	40	23			
Walnutport	W. W. Zimmerman	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	55	9	13	7	20	1	1	4	4	4	4	11	107	2593	2743	295	209				
G. H. Society		1	8	1	2	1	8	10	9	107	26	58	20	78	3	4	18	12	37	44	3	383	7	3739	3771	672	498				
Total		1	8	1	2	1	8	10	9	107	26	58	20	78	3	4	18	12	37	44	3	383	7	3739	3771	672	498				
Presiding Elders		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
G. W. Society		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Grand Total		3	25	2	2	6	6	44	44	35	247	85	185	74	259	16	9	173	673	178	119	38	1754	28	678	7944	1795	1176			



# XVIII. REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL SECRETARY.—Continued.

Appointments	Valuation										Offerings								
	Pastor	Prayer Meet. Classes	M. B. C. Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars Enrolled	Total Enrollment	Total Average Attend.	New Subscribers to G. B.	Total Number of Subscribers	Churches	Parsonages	Antitors Homes	Increase of Church Property	Decrease of Church Property	Present Valuation of Church Property	For Home Missions	For Foreign Missions	For Foreign Missions in Sunday Schools	For the Poor
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.																			
Bethlehem	C. H. Brunner	4	1	33	242	275	203	8	56	1	1	1	\$		9,000 00	\$ 621 25	\$ 685 50	\$ 517 76	\$ 23 50
Allentown	W. S. Hottel	4	1	42	292	334	237	5	59	1	1	1	\$ 500 00		9,500 00	545 00	666 00	393 00	35 00
Reading	F. M. Hottel	3	1	35	232	287	214	2	32	1	1	1	1,000 00		10,000 00	348 70	315 50	259 35	17 50
Philadelphia	W. J. Fretz	3	1	21	184	205	138	4	26	1	1	1	3,200 00	\$1500 00	8,000 00	224 88	237 75	177 76	17 25
Norristown																			
Coopersburg	E. N. Cassel	3	1	19	89	108	80		29	1	1	1			5,000 00	243 05	229 05	153 96	12 02
Springtown															1,500 00	24 50	30 50		85
Scr. Allentown	R. L. Woodring	3	1	26	230	256	138		20	1	1	1			5,250 00	131 10	136 25	130 73	12 00
Spring, City	J. F. Barrall	1	1	15	102	117	80		20	1	1	1			4,650 00	175 00	156 00	122 00	13 25
Royersford															4,000 00	184 00	174 50	161 00	16 75
Zionsville	R. Bergstresser	3	1	14	75	89	77		1	15	1	1			3,050 00	131 70	113 35	177 12	18 15
Erasmus	E. E. Kubie	1	1	15	108	123	87		22	1	1	1			3,500 00	77 00	80 35	75 50	12 50
Macungie															2,050 00	59 00	78 00	60 00	3 80
Fleetwood	B. B. Musselman	1	1	11	40	51	42		2				300 00		1,500 00	102 50	101 50	102 98	5 50
Blanton															2,000 00	137 15	174 00	63 43	8 25
Terre Hill															3,500 00	71 50	82 75	23 82	5 45
Quakertown	O. S. Hillegass	1	1	9	35	44	29		15	1	1	1	3,000 00		7,500 00	120 10	110 85	55 72	9 23
Hatfield															1,500 00	33 75	20 50	20 50	4 58
Graterford	H. K. Kraatz	1	1	13	81	94	70		2	12	1	1	1,000 00		2,800 00	82 65	58 00	67 58	4 75
Harleysville													300 00		1,000 00	66 50	63 00	28 86	4 51
Lehighton	J. C. Roth	1	1	15	76	91	71		7	1	1	1			2,800 00	83 50	85 50	79 00	4 00
Weissport									3	1			300 00		1,300 00				
Total		35	17	322	2058	2380	1674	16	377	21	9	3	\$ 9,600 00		\$ 91,400 00	\$3362 83	\$3398 85	\$2544 57	\$218 84
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																			
Easton	J. G. Shireman	1	1	17	87	104	78		15	1	1	1	\$		9,000 00	130 25	133 00	109 44	\$ 8 50
Northampton	V. H. Reinhart	1	1	13	59	72	44		12	1	1	1	200 00		4,500 00	38 25	35 75	55 19	4 22
Mt. Carmel	F. F. Yost	2	1	18	126	144	92		1	1	1	1			9,000 00	58 00	76 50	51 26	9 13
E. Stroudsburg	M. W. Ettinger	1	1	18	155	173	85		16	1	1	1	3,600 00		5,000 00	94 70	32 00	74 24	7 62
Nazareth	E. T. Shick	1	1	13	50	63	43		7	1	1	1			5,300 00	43 00	26 30	27 90	3 00
Plainfield															3,500 00	24 00	10 00	5 80	3 63
Walnutport	W. W. Zimmerman	1	1	15	68	83	53		5	1	1	1	200 00		3,800 00	40 00	30 00	10 13	2 42
G. H. Society																		328 91	
Total		8	7	101	565	666	414	2	73	7	4		4,500 00		37,100 00	399 10	343 55	662 87	35 52
Mizpah Grove													1,500 00		11,000 00				
Orphanage, Home													10,000 00		48,700 00				
Grand Total		43	24	423	2623	3046	2088	18	450	28	13	3	\$ 25,600 00	\$1500 00	\$188,200 00	\$3761 93	\$3742 40	\$3207 44	\$254 36



## XVIII. REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL SECRETARY.—Continued.

Offerings—Continued														
Appointments	Pastor	For Church Properties	For Repairing Church Properties	For Parsonage and Hall Rent	For Sexton and Sundry Expenses	For Sunday Schools	Presiding Elders	Missionary Presiding Elder	Ministers in Cash	Ministers in other contributions	Beneficiary Fund			
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSELMAN, P. E.														
Bethlehem .....	C. H. Brunner .....	\$1038 59	\$130 20		\$786 50	\$285 69	\$326 89	\$136 00	\$850 40	\$254 00	\$24 00			
Allentown .....	W. S. Hotel .....		1367 84		580 45	305 88	279 00	163 50	968 95	265 00	22 00			
Reading .....	F. M. Hotel .....		121 77	173 20	331 14	342 87	246 00	93 50	747 65	308 70	10 00			
Philadelphia .....	W. J. Fritz .....	2352 49			482 00	259 14	251 00	92 07	616 65	218 67	12 03			
Coopersburg .....	E. N. Cassel .....	23 00		60 48	75 15	64 47	127 50	35 70	431 10	142 45	5 02			
Springtown .....	" .....			7 75	1 04			5 85	39 00	4 00				
So. Allentown .....	R. L. Woodring .....			152 65	160 00	188 80	179 50	50 00	452 90	103 00	5 50			
Spring City .....	J. F. Barrall .....				243 26	118 28	82 00	34 75	475 28	274 66	7 00			
Royersford .....	" .....				365 73	90 98	80 00	25 25	260 90	142 25	4 00			
Zionsville .....	R. Bergstresser .....				109 03	67 86	83 57	15 68	311 05	67 84	2 90			
Elm .....	E. E. Kubic .....		55 75		195 57	62 48	71 00	15 20	227 21	104 17	3 55			
Macungie .....	" .....			39 00	50 37	26 28	67 00	9 84	151 95	30 00	2 24			
Fleetwood .....	B. B. Musselman .....			60 00	78 25	49 65	60 00	29 45	200 40	71 19	3 25			
Blandon .....	" .....			54 00	131 32	55 25	112 50	16 39	177 40	30 52	3 25			
Terre Hill .....	" .....			34 00	93 29	27 93	60 00	13 67	103 35	10 30	1 53			
Quakertown .....	O. S. Hillegass .....	639 00		105 00	94 87	42 17	91 34	18 02	229 65	48 09	4 17			
Hafield .....	" .....			24 00	197 40			8 65	69 00	8 24	1 69			
Graterford .....	H. K. Kratz .....			40 50	157 07	56 69	97 75	8 05	243 12	102 35	3 64			
Harleysville .....	" .....	25 00		36 50	59 77		33 25	8 61	130 00	49 85	1 55			
Leighton .....	J. C. Roth .....		177 45	135 65	93 44	78 65	92 45	17 25	268 15	120 45	5 00			
Weissport .....	" .....		115 15											
Total .....		\$4078 08	\$2253 20	\$980 73	\$4285 65	\$2123 12	\$2340 75	\$797 43	\$6954 11	\$2353 97	\$126 37			
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.														
Easton .....	J. G. Shireman .....	\$ 930 31		\$ 145 90	\$ 310 37	\$ 136 99	\$ 138 75	\$ 26 70	\$ 377 11	\$ 114 80	\$ 7 17			
Northampton .....	V. H. Reinhart .....	221 00		129 60	67 96	36 77	39 06	8 87	143 70	41 39	3 85			
Mt. Carmel .....	G. F. Yost .....		\$ 303 73	55 10	354 86	120 14	91 35	16 22	311 10	37 99	2 15			
Stroudsburg .....	M. W. Ettlinger .....	1465 67		150 00	300 27	131 13	108 35	13 00	181 30	167 37	5 35			
Nazareth .....	E. T. Shick .....	100 00		114 12	80 21	36 18	66 58	11 59	151 33	87 18	2 30			
Plainfield .....	" .....			39 86	6 52	15 81		3 35	42 04	25 50	1 13			
Walnutport .....	W. W. Zimmerman .....	224 11		107 90	82 76	64 80	60 50	8 13	131 75	55 76	1 84			
G. H. Society .....	" .....			898 50	2952 86		540 88	31 90	1476 73					
Total .....		2941 09	303 73	1640 98	\$4162 73	541 82	1045 47	119 76	1338 33	2006 72	23 79			
Grand Total .....		\$7019 17	\$2556 93	\$2621 71	\$8448 38	\$2664 94	\$3386 22	\$917 19	\$8292 44	\$4360 69	\$150 16			



## XVIII. REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL SECRETARY.—Concluded.

Offerings—Concluded											
Appointments	Pastor	Gospel Worker Society	Missionary or Evangelistic Work	Camp Meetings	Sunday School Conventions	Annual Conference Fund	Subscriptions and Literature Sold	Benevolent Society	Annual Conference Delegate	Mizpah Grove	Total Collections
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.											
Bethlehem	C. H. Brunner	\$ 387 78	\$ 60 00		\$ 22 00	\$ 14 00	\$ 890 08	\$201 50	\$ 16 84		\$ 7,272 72
Allenstown	W. S. Hotel	447 95	51 67		18 00	14 00	987 10	163 00	18 50		7,291 84
Reading	F. M. Hottel	228 24	30 00		11 50	10 00	958 75	69 00	13 00		4,636 37
Philadelphia	W. J. Fretz	159 92	156 28		30 00	11 60	858 56	72 00	35 00		6,265 05
Coopersburg	E. N. Cassel	69 27	20 80		5 00	6 15	208 50		7 62	\$5 00	1,925 29
Springtown	"	7 25				50	18 50	2 00			142 24
So. Allentown	R. L. Woodring	128 50			11 00	5 00	108 63	13 50	8 25		2,262 35
Spring City	J. F. Barrall	81 28	60 30		6 00	4 50	436 60	22 50	4 50		2,320 16
Royersford	"	50 32	16 10		5 30	4 00	263 55	14 50	11 18		1,563 63
Zionsville	R. Bergstresser	48 06	105 84		3 15	2 37	54 43	22 00			1,335 23
Emaus	E. E. Kubic	25 20			3 15	3 45	180 49	16 00	5 50		1,272 07
Macungie	"	17 15	28 80		2 80	2 50	67 22	18 50	2 00		716 45
Fleetwood	B. B. Musselman	39 80	35 00		5 00	3 54	192 70	28 50	6 08		1,213 19
Blanton	"	29 05	24 00		4 00	2 28	106 60	38 50	3 85		1,037 09
Terre Hill	"	15 45			4 05	1 06	37 25		1 57		587 32
Quakertown	O. S. Hillegass	28 60			2 48	75	21 48	39 50	5 08		1,666 10
Harfield	"	13 33	12 00			90	36 08	19 50	2 74		394 78
Graterford	H. K. Kraatz	21 20	16 05		5 69	1 65	40 23	5 50	5 08		1,027 40
Harleysville	"	19 60	2 99			1 45	140 05	26 00	5 17		577 34
Lehighon	J. C. Roth	47 25	26 80		3 75	2 50			6 05		1,492 89
Weissport	"										115 15
Camp Meeting...	Mizpah Grove			2782 71							2,782 71
Total		\$1865 20	\$646 63	\$2782 71	\$142 82	\$ 92 20	\$ 5,606 80	\$772 00	\$165 51	\$5 00	\$47,897 37
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.											
Easton	J. G. Shireman	\$ 57 39			21 00	7 77	\$ 217 42	22 50	\$ 17 07		\$ 2,912 44
Northampton	V. H. Reinhart	15 23			7 25	2 15	107 94	36 00	3 42		997 60
Mt. Carmel	G. F. Yost	60 74	70 23		20 74	3 04	625 39	16 50	17 00		2,304 07
Stroudsburg	M. W. Ettinger	25 31			16 59	3 26	442 62	19 50	10 24		3,218 52
Nazareth	E. T. Shick	13 93			6 38	1 40	30 10	23 50	7 57		834 49
Plainfield	"	7 05			3 07	30	10 00	2 00	1 92		201 98
Walnutport	W. W. Zimmerman	11 99	5 49		6 32	1 13	133 70	8 50	2 35		989 58
G. H. Society	"	302 68		880 97			6,428 39				13,841 82
Camp Meeting...	Mizpah Grove...			723 89							723 89
Total		\$ 494 32	\$ 75 72	\$1604 86	\$ 81 35	\$ 19 05	\$7,995 56	\$128 50	\$ 59 57		\$26,024 39
Grand Total...		\$2359 52	\$722 35	\$4387 57	\$224 17	\$111 25	\$13,602 36	\$900 50	\$225 08	\$5 00	\$73,921 76



## Roll and Directory of Ministers.

### I. Itinerants.

NAME	Licensed	Ordained	Received Present Charge	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Barrall, J. F. ....	1901	1904	1913	311 Yost Ave., Spring City, Pa.
Bergstresser, R. . .	1901	1904	1914	Nazareth, Pa.
Brunner, C. H. ....	1893	1896	1914	819 Gordon St., Allentown, Pa.
Cassel, E. N. ....	1901	1904	1914	344 Priscilla St., So. Allentown, Pa.
Ettinger, M. W. ....	1910	1913	1914	25 Third St., Quakertown, Pa.
Fretz, W. J. ....	1898	1900	1914	632 Locust St., Reading, Pa.
Gehman, W. G. ....	1896	1899	P.E.	1503 Lehigh St., Easton, Pa.
Hillegass, O. S. ....	1889	1892	1914	Zionsville, Pa.
Hottel, F. M. ....	1905	1909	1914	3362 N. 11th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Hottel, W. S. ....	1900	1903	1914	112 Laurel St., Bethlehem, Pa.
Kratz, H. K. ....	1906	1909	1914	Coopersburg, 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.S.	Cleveland, Ohio.
Musselman, B. B. . .	1913		1913	Fleetwood, Pa.
Reinhart, V. H. ....	1907	1909	1914	Walnutport, Pa.
Roth, J. C. ....	1900	1903	1913	334 Cypress St., Lehighton, Pa.
Shick, E. T. ....	1899	1901	1914	Graterford, Pa.
Shireman, J. G. ....	1898	1900	1914	Stroudsburg, Pa.
Woodring, R. L. ....	1898	1900	1914	119 S. 14th St., Easton, Pa.
Yost, G. F. ....	1908	1913	1913	132 W. 4th St., Mt. Carmel, Pa.
Zimmerman, W. W. .	1899	1901	1914	1737 Washington St., Siegfried, Pa.

### II. Local Preachers. (Ordained.)

Gehman, Wm. ....	1849	1849	Vera Cruz, Pa.
Musselman, P. J. . .	1905	1907	Philadelphia, Pa.

### III. Annual Conference Licensed Preachers.

Anderson, J. T. ....	1909		Gospel Herald Society.
Kauffman, H. A. . .	1908		" " "
Wesner, L. D. ....	1913		" " "

### IV. Quarterly Conference Licensed Workers.

Brunner, Mrs. C. H. .	1892		Allentown, Pa.
Gehman, H. M. ....	1897		South Allentown, Pa.
Heffner, W. F. ....	1914		Reading, Pa.
Hottel, Titus . . . .	1910		Coopersburg, Pa.
Martin, E. W. ....	1901		Weaverland, Pa.
Shireman, Mrs. J. G. .	1898		Stroudsburg, Pa.

## Record of Conferences.

Yr.	Time.	Place.	Chairman.	Secretary.
<b>I. EVANGELICAL MENNONITES. (Semi-Annual)</b>				
1858 Sept. 24.....	Upper Milford, Pa..	.....	.....	.....
1859 Nov. 1.....	Haycock, Pa.....	.....	.....	.....
1860 May 28.....	Upper Milford.....	.....	.....	.....
1860 Nov. 6.....	".....	.....	.....	.....
1861 June 4.....	".....	David Henning....	David Gehman....	.....
1861 Nov. 5.....	Haycock.....	".....	".....	.....
1862 June 3.....	Upper Milford.....	William N. Shelly..	A. W. Stauffer....	.....
1862 Nov. 4.....	Haycock.....	E. Hershey.....	.....	.....
1863 June 2.....	Upper Milford.....	".....	David Gehman....	.....
1863 Oct. 1.....	Haycock.....	William Gehman...	".....	.....
1864 June 7.....	Upper Milford.....	William N. Shelly..	".....	.....
1864 Nov. 3.....	Haycock.....	David Henning....	".....	.....
1865 June 6.....	Upper Milford.....	".....	".....	.....
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...	.....

## II. EVANGELICAL UNITED MENNONITES. (Annual)

1880 March 15....	Coopersburg.....	William Gehman...	".....
1881 March 7.....	Quakertown.....	".....	".....
1882 Feb. 13.....	Upper Milford.....	".....	".....
1883 Feb. 5.....	Coopersburg.....	".....	A. Kauffman.....





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## † III. MENNONITE BRETHREN IN CHRIST. (Annual)

1884	Feb. 4.....	Terre Hill .....	William Gehman..	W. H. Gehman.....
1885	Feb. 2.....	Quakertown .....	"	M. A. Zyner.....
1886	Feb. 1.....	Upper Milford.....	"	"
1887	Feb. 7.....	Reading .....	"	A. Kauffman.....
1888	Feb. 6.....	Coopersburg .....	"	"
1889	Feb. 4.....	Terre Hill .....	"	"
1890	Feb. 3.....	Bethlehem .....	"	M. A. Zyner.....
1891	Feb. 2.....	Quakertown .....	"	C. H. Brunner.....
1892	Feb. 1.....	Upper Milford.....	W. B. Musselman..	"
1893	Feb. 6.....	Coopersburg .....	"	"
1894	Feb. 2.....	Terre Hill .....	"	"
1895	Feb. 1.....	Reading .....	"	"
1896	Feb. 7-10....	Allentown .....	"	"
1897	Feb. 19-22...	Royersford .....	"	"
1898	March 4-7....	Bethlehem .....	"	"
1899	March 3-6....	Upper Milford.....	C. H. Brunner.....	W. G. Gehman.....
1900	Sept. 14-17...	Reading .....	"	"
1901	Oct. 4-7.....	Bethlehem .....	W. B. Musselman..	"
1902	Oct. 17-20...	Reading .....	H. B. Musselman..	"
1903	Oct. 16-20...	Mt. Carmel .....	"	"
1904	Oct. 27-31...	Allentown .....	"	"
1905	Oct. 12-16...	Bethlehem .....	"	"
1906	Oct. 11-15...	Reading .....	W. G. Gehman.....	C. H. Brunner.....
1907	Oct. 10-14...	Royersford .....	"	"
1908	Oct. 8-12....	Bethlehem .....	H. B. Musselman..	"
1909	Oct. 14-18...	Allentown .....	"	"
1910	Oct. 13-17...	Reading .....	"	"
1911	Oct. 12-16...	Royersford .....	"	"
1912	Oct. 10-14...	Allentown .....	"	"
1913	Oct. 9-13....	Reading .....	"	"
1914	Oct. 15-19...	Bethlehem .....	"	"

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

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

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

## General Conferences.

1.                    ZIONSVILLE, PA.   November 8-12, 1879.  
A Union Conference, including sixteen Members of the Pennsylvania Conference. Name changed to Evangelical United Mennonites.
2.                    ELKHART, IND.   1882.  
Wm. Gehman, John Traub.
3.                    HARRISBURG, O.   December 27-29, 1883.  
Wm. Gehman, A. Strawn.  
A Union Conference with the Brethren in Christ. Name changed to Mennonite Brethren in Christ.
4.                    ZIONSVILLE, PA.   1885.  
Wm. Gehman, P. E., A. Strawn.
5.                    BERLIN, ONTARIO.   1888.  
Wm. Gehman, P. E., A. Strawn, W. B. Musselman.
6.                    HARRISBURG, O.   1892.  
W. B. Musselman, P. E., Wm. Gehman, Noah Detweiler, M. A. Zyner.
7.                    COOPERSBURG, PA.   1896.  
W. B. Musselman, P. E., Wm. Gehman, C. H. Brunner.
8.                    BERLIN, ONT.   1900.  
C. H. Brunner, P. E., H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman  
Layman, A. A. Wismer.
9.                    NAPPANEE, IND.   1904.  
H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., C. H. Brunner, M. P. E., W. G. Gehman.  
Laymen, Allen M. Gehman, J. D. Moyer.
10.                  BROWN CITY, MICH.   1908.  
H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. G. Gehman, P. E., W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., J. C. Roth, C. H. Brunner, W. S. Hottel.  
Laymen, O. B. Bartholomew, Allen M. Gehman.
11.                  BETHLEHEM, PA.   October 23, 1912.  
H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. G. Gehman, P. E., C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel, W. S. Hottel.  
Laymen, Allen M. Gehman, H. H. Bergey.
12.                  Announced for Berlin, Ontario, on the second Wednesday in October, 1916, at 9 A.M.





