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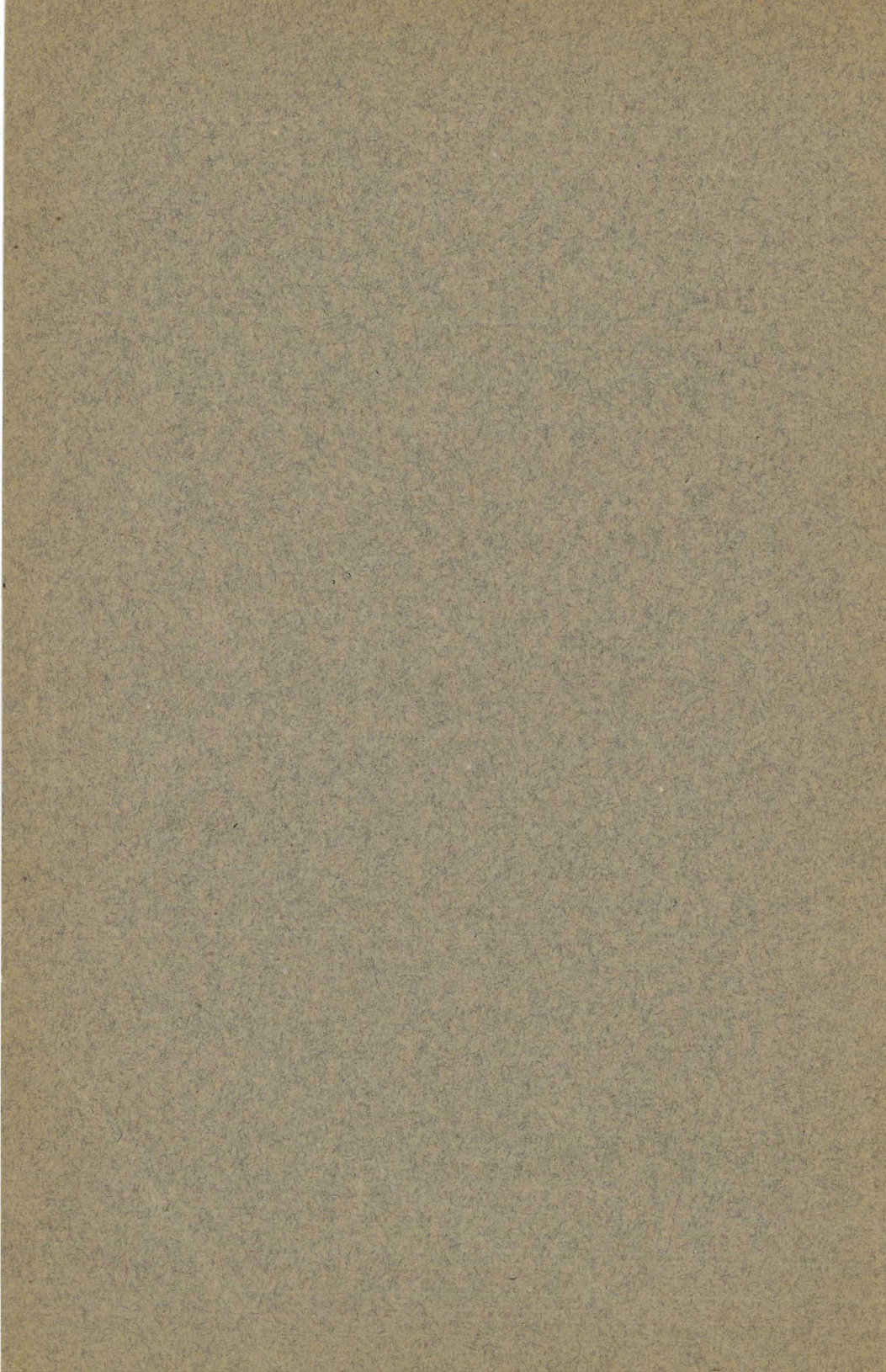
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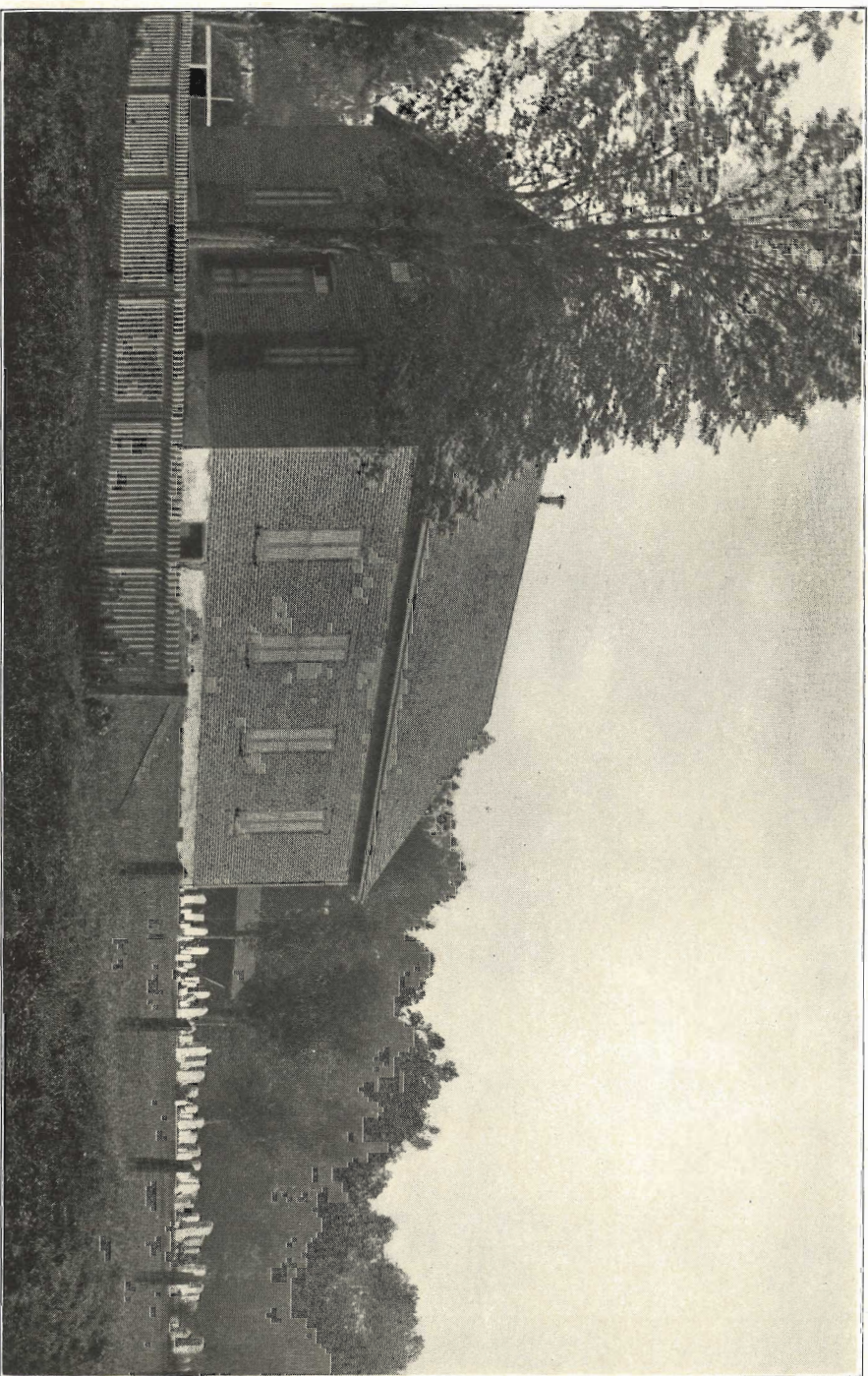


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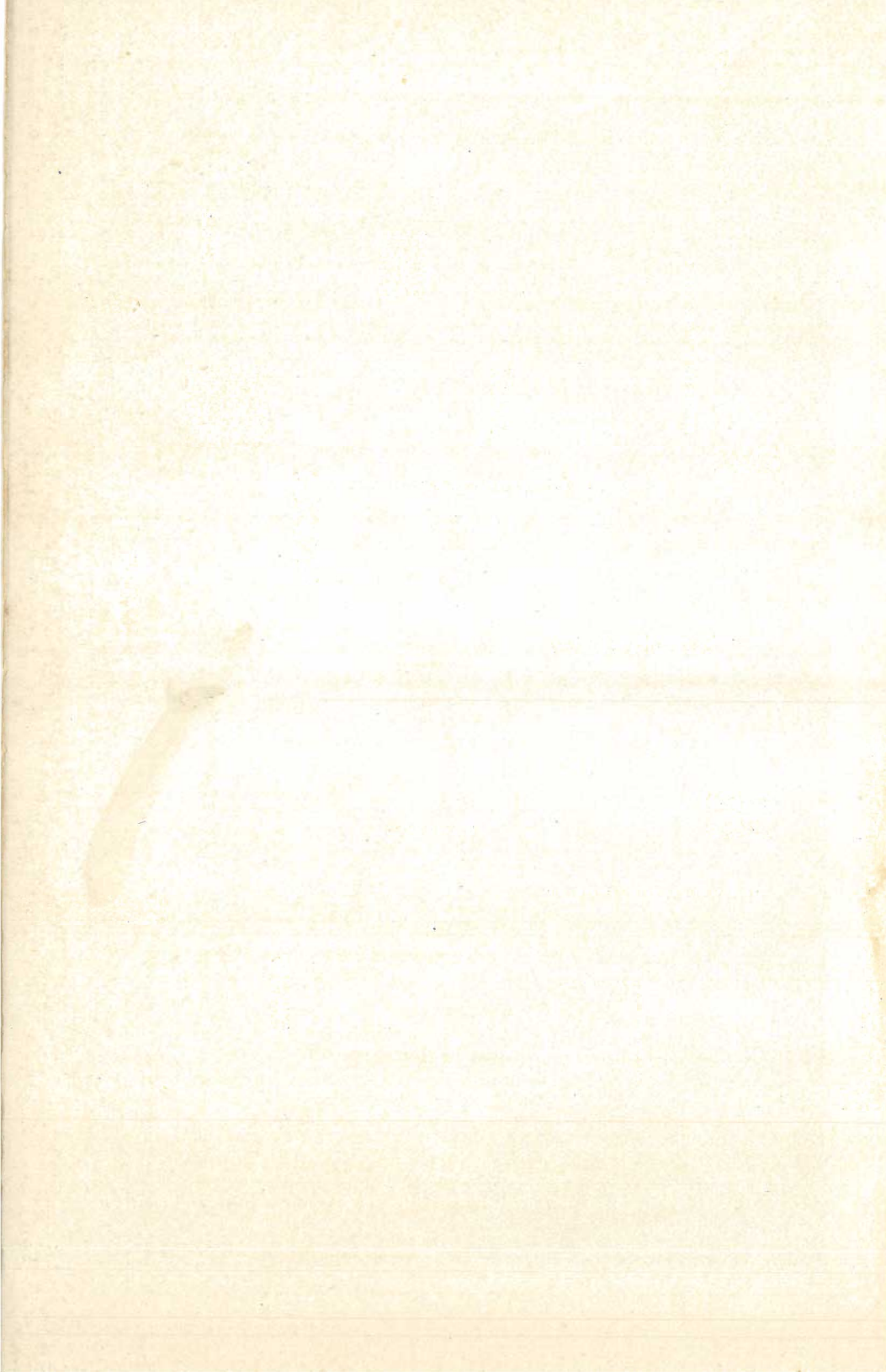


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Home Mission Fund—Secretary, C. H. Brunner; Treasurer, Allen M. Gehman.
Gospel Herald Society—President, W. G. Gehman.

Business Rules of the Conference

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COMMITTEES.

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 23, 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.]

The Executive Board elected at the Annual 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.

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

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.

The old Quarterly Conference Records and Class Records that are not needed shall 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.

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.]

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

*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.

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.— 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.]

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.

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.]



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

The Secretary shall 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, soon after the Annual Conference.

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.

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.

Annual Conference Proceedings

1915

FIRST MEETING.

THURSDAY FORENOON, OCTOBER 14, 1915.

The Thirty-second Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania convened in the M. B. Church, Walnut Street, Royersford, Pa.

The first meeting was opened at eight o'clock in the morning of October fourteenth, nineteen hundred and fifteen, by singing "Lead Me, Saviour, Lest I Stray," followed by a season of thanksgiving and praise to God for His leadings in the past year, as well as of prayer for the blessing of God upon the officers and members of this Conference and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all the business transactions of this Conference Session.

A numebr of the brethren led in earnest prayer upon this occasion, after which we sang "Precious Name."

The Chairman, Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, then read the twelfth chapter of Romans and made a very strong address concerning the importance of the business to be transacted by this body.

The following members were then enrolled:

MINISTERS.

Ordained.—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, W. B. Musselman, Wm. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, W. S. Hottel, E. N. Cassel, 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, C. F. Snyder, H. L. Weiss and P. J. Musselman.

All of these were present at the opening of the first meeting except W. B. Musselman, Cleveland, O., C. F. Snyder, Taochow, China, H. L. Weiss, Chile, and P. J. Musselman, Palmerton, Pa.

Probationer.—B. Bryan Musselman.

DELEGATES.

M. L. Musselman, Bethlehem; G. O. Billig, Allentown; W. G. Taylor, Reading; S. S. Geil, Philadelphia; Herbert E. Gehman, Coopersburg and Springtown; O. C. Kistler, South Allentown;

Allen M. Gehman, Emaus and Macungie; M. E. Brownback, Spring City and Royersford; G. K. Himmelreich, Fleetwood, Blandon and Terre Hill; Morris E. Stickler, Zionsville; H. H. Bergey, Quakertown and Hatfield; C. D. Bean, Graterford and Harleysville; A. F. Deibert, Lehighton and Weissport; S. H. Lichtenthaler, Easton; E. C. Goucher, Stroudsburg; W. D. Evert, Mount Carmel; O. B. Bartholomew, Northampton; Chas. F. Lilly, Nazareth and Plainfield; C. E. Neff, Walnutport.

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

We shall also remember all our absent Foreign Missionaries who are members of our Church: M. P. Zook, Mrs. M. P. Zook, H. W. Feldges, Mrs. H. W. Feldges, C. F. Snyder, Mrs. C. F. Snyder, V. G. Plymire and Mrs. H. L. Weiss, as well as Miss Anna La Fevre, W. H. Ruhl, Wm. Christie, C. H. Miller, Manuel Gomez, Innocencio Gomez, Dionisio Oyarzun and Ignacio Riveros, Foreign Missionaries supported by this Conference. Also our Missionary Presiding Elder, the Gospel Worker Society and the Gospel Herald Society as also our members at home who have stood by us so nobly during the past year.

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, B. Bryan Musselman; Assistant Recording Secretary, H. A. Kauffman. The appointment was sustained.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a Reporter and a Time-keeper.

He appointed H. K. Kratz as Reporter and V. H. Reinhart as Time-keeper.

Resolved, That no member shall be permitted to leave the Conference Bar without permission by the Chair, except J. F. Barrall and M. E. Brownback.

COMMITTEES.

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

Committee on Worship: J. F. Barrall and M. E. Brownback.

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

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

Committee on Statistics of the Schedules: E. N. Cassel, W. S. Hottel and J. G. Shireman.

Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records: J. C. Roth, R. L. Woodring, M. W. Ettinger, E. E. Kublic, W. W. Zimmerman, M. E. Brownback, E. T. Shick, Chas. F. Lilly, S. H. Lichtenthaler, C. D. Bean, H. H. Bergey, C. E. Neff and H. K. Kratz.

Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Records: R. Bergstresser and M. W. Ettinger.

Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders: William Gehman, O. B. Bartholomew and G. K. Himmelreich.

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

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

Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination: W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner and F. M. Hottel.

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

Auditing Committee: W. J. Fretz, Herbert E. Gehman, W. G. Taylor, O. C. Kistler, Morris E. Stickler, M. L. Musselman, G. F. Yost, V. H. Reinhart, E. C. Goucher, S. S. Geil, A. F. Deibert and W. D. Evert.

Committee to Audit Schedules: F. M. Hottel, W. G. Gehman and E. E. Kublic.

The work of the Statistical Secretary and of the Financial Secretary was apportioned to the Committee on Statistics of the Schedules and the Committee on Finance.

Upon the request of Pastor M. W. Ettinger, of Quakertown, it was resolved that the Conference would excuse him from Conference on next Monday afternoon on condition that he be satisfied with the proceedings in case the session is not closed.

Resolved, That the Committee on Statistics of the Schedules compile the Statistical Report and the Summary Statistical Report true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief and submit them to the Committee to Audit Schedules for their approval.

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

Adjourned at 11.37 to the call of the Chair.

Prayer by Pastor R. L. Woodring.

SECOND MEETING.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 14, 1915.

The afternoon meeting was opened at 3.53 by singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and prayer by E. C. Goucher.

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

The following Reports were read and adopted:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Report of the Beneficiary Society. (See Reports.)

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,
O. B. Bartholomew,
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 Annual Conference Records and found them correct.

R. Bergstresser,
M. W. Ettinger,
Committee.

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 all correct except the following:

The Walnutport Records—No reading of minutes in the first, third and fourth quarters.

Spring City and Royersford Records—The amount of the offering for the Presiding Elder in the fourth quarter not reported.

Mount Carmel Records—No mention of Presiding Elder's nor Missionary Presiding Elder's Offering in the fourth quarter.

Stroudsburg Records—No mention of the reading of minutes in the second, third and fourth quarters.

South Allentown Record—No mention of the reading of the minutes in the first and third quarters.

J. C. Roth,	Chas. F. Lilly,
R. L. Woodring,	S. H. Lichtenthaler,
M. W. Ettinger,	C. D. Bean,
E. E. Kublic,	H. H. Bergey,
W. W. Zimmerman,	C. E. Neff,
M. E. Brownback,	H. K. Kratz,
E. T. Shick,	

Committee.

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

Report of the Committee on Worship:

Resolved, That H. A. Kauffman shall preach this evening followed by L. D. Wesner.

J. F. Barrall,
M. E. Brownback,
Committee.

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

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

Adjourned at 4.55 with prayer by S. S. Geil.

THIRD MEETING.

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 14, 1915.

This meeting was opened at 8 P. M. with prayer by J. C. Roth.

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

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

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

Report of the Executive Board. (See Reports.)

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

(a) WHEREAS, We have had the pleasure of listening to a very comprehensive, touching and encouraging report of the work of our beloved Missionaries in the vineyard of the Lord in the "Regions Beyond," setting forth the leadings of God bestowed upon the labors of our dear Missionaries, and,

WHEREAS, The Lord has so graciously bestowed his richest blessings upon the labors of the Missionaries, has kept the workers united, encouraged and inspired, therefore,

Resolved, That we humbly and heartily praise God for the many blessings bestowed upon the labors of our Missionaries and for their interest made manifest in the work, and further,

Resolved, That we earnestly pray God to continue his blessing upon the Missionaries and their work, so that they may be prospered physically and spiritually.

(b) WHEREAS, The Missionaries in South America keenly feel the loss of the death of Brother H. L. Weiss, their trusted and faithful leader, therefore,

Resolved, That we heartily sympathize with the Missionaries in South America in the loss of their honored leader, Brother H. L. Weiss, as well as with the widow and children of the deceased.

W. S. Hottel,

W. G. Gehman,

R. L. Woodring,

Committee.

Resolved, That the Annual Trustee report submitted to the last Quarterly Conference of the Conference year shall contain an actual statement of the Financial Status of the Church Properties which shall be recorded in the Trustee Book and Quarterly Conference Records.

Brother W. J. Fretz made a statement concerning the money of the Philadelphia Church which he deposited in the Germantown Avenue Bank stating that he has received two-thirds of the amount to this date and desires to pay over the whole amount, therefore,

Resolved, That Brother W. J. Fretz pay over what he has received and pay the balance to the Presiding Elder whenever he receives it. In case he will not receive the balance he shall not be held responsible for the same.

Resolved, That we add \$1500.00 to the valuation of Mizpah Grove.

Adjourned at 11 P. M. with prayer by the Chairman.

FOURTH MEETING.

FRIDAY FORENOON, OCTOBER 15, 1915.

The meeting was opened by singing "I've Yielded to God," and prayer by W. D. Evert.

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

The Pastors now proceeded to submit their oral reports. After the Pastors had submitted all their Oral Reports, the following report was read and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

WHEREAS, We have listened with intense interest to the oral reports of the pastors from the various charges of Tabernacle and Hall meetings being held with good results. Many being saved, baptized and added to the Church during the year, and,

WHEREAS, The Pastors throughout the two districts show much concern for the work, in the spreading of the gospel, the salvation of souls and the edification of the believers, therefore,

Resolved, That we highly appreciate their love and sacrifice for the Lord's work, and pray that God may indeed spare their lives to continue thus in the vineyard of the Lord and increase their devotion to Christ and His work, yet more and more, keeping them free from all worldly entanglements and popular issues, so that their usefulness for Christ may be increased yet more and more, until Jesus comes.

W. G. Gehman,
Committee.



Plowing, west of Taochow (Old City) Kansu Province, China.

—Photo by C. F. Snyder



Part of the beautiful scenery which abounds around Olavarria, Argentine.

—Photo by M. P. Zook

Father William Gehman now gave us a glowing, enthusiastic and touching address.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and extend the time.
The following Report was read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

WHEREAS, Our aged brother, Father William Gehman, was again spared during the past year so that he could be present at this Conference, and,

WHEREAS, He has been well preserved so that he still enjoys mental and physical vigor, being well able to attend the services in his home church, the campmeetings and other gatherings, and,

WHEREAS, He still takes a hearty interest in the work of the Lord, standing by the work so that during the past summer while the pastor at Zionsville, Brother O. S. Hillegass, was afflicted, he assisted him faithfully, taking full charge of the work. He also was in attendance at the camp-meetings, preaching several strong, forceful and inspiring sermons, being still willing also to be used by the Presiding Elder, anywhere, therefore,

Resolved, That we humbly praise God for His blessings bestowed upon our honored brother, preserving him physically, mentally and spiritually, and further,

Resolved, That we enjoy his attendance at the Annual sessions of the Conference and his keen and lively interest in all the deliberations as well as his hearty co-operation with us in the work of the Lord in its various phases, and further,

Resolved, That we pray God to continue His blessings upon him, keeping him in His love "looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life," so that he may abound yet more and more in the work of the Lord, and at the return of our Lord Jesus Christ, be found of Him in peace and obtain a full reward.

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

Committee.

Adjourned at 11.35 A. M. with prayer by William Gehman.

FIFTH MEETING.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 15, 1915.

This meeting was opened by singing "Take Hold and Never Let Go," and prayer by Pastor E. T. Shick.

The roll was called with all present, and the minutes were read and approved. *

The following Reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Communications:

Elder P. J. Musselman, of Palmerton, Pa., writes and kindly asks pardon for absence from the Session of Conference as it is hardly expedient for him to attend. He reports: "The Lord has been very gracious toward me during the past year. I so keenly feel my shortcomings. I am not worthy of being reckoned among the brethren. The ministering brethren have been exceedingly considerate of me. My desire is to get down in my self, but up in Christ. My heart is ever in the work of the Lord."

R. L. Woodring,

W. G. Gehman,

Committee.

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 the Committee on Resolutions:

Being privileged to listen to the Reports of our Presiding Elders and the President of the Gospel Herald Society with much interest, the reports giving to the Conference the general insight of God's leadings throughout the entire Conference and Gospel Herald Society, the Lord bestowing many rich blessings upon every phase of the work, many being saved on the various charges, the ministry being spiritual, loyal and blessedly united, therefore,

Resolved, That we sincerely and highly appreciate their faithful services, their untiring and whole-hearted devotion to the Lord's work, their strict honesty and fairmindedness in the general oversight of the work as well as their self-sacrifice, thus inspiring the ministry to the man, for the Lord's work, and otherwise proving a great blessing 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 noble work for the Lord, so that through their labors, influence and instrumentality many more souls may be won for the Lord and the Lord's kingdom be hastened.

W. S. Hottel,

R. L. Woodring,

Committee.

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

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. T. Yost, M. W. Ettinger, V. H. Reinhart and W. W. Zimmerman.

Conditional—None.

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

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—F. M. Hottel, J. G. Shireman and E. N. Cassel.

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.)—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, E. N. Cassel, C. H. Brunner, Allen M. Gehman and H. S. Jones.

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

Board of Trustees of the Laymen's Benevolent Society—Allen M. Gehman, G. O. Billig and H. G. Brunner.

Resolved, That these be elected President, Secretary and Treasurer in the order of their election.

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

Whereas, W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District and President of the Gospel Herald Society, in connection with his report has formally offered the Mission of Shamokin, Pa., members, property and all to this Conference, therefore,

Resolved, That we as a Conference heartily accept his offer.

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 W. S. Hottel, E. N. Cassel and J. G. Shireman.

Resolved, That we hold a Ministerial Convention sometime 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 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.

Report of Committee on Worship:

Resolved, That F. M. Hottel preach this evening followed by W. J. Fretz. C. H. Brunner shall preach tomorrow evening followed by B. Bryan Musselman. On Sunday morning the services shall open with a short song service at 9.30 A. M. after which H. B. Musselman, Chairman of the Annual Conference, shall preach the Conference Sermon. The afternoon service shall open at 2.15 P. M. and at 2.30 P. M. W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District shall preach. The evening service

shall open with a song service at 7 P. M., after which W. S. Hotel shall preach. All the services during the day shall be in charge of the Chairman of the Annual Conference.

J. F. Barrall,

M. E. Brownback,

Committee.

Rev. Arthur Oakes, Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Spring City, and Rev. J. S. Farnsworth of Pottstown, of the Evangelical Association, were introduced to the Conference.

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 suspend the Rules to adjourn.

Adjourned at 3.35 P. M. with prayer by R. L. Woodring.

SIXTH MEETING.

SATURDAY FORENOON, OCTOBER 16, 1915.

This meeting was opened by singing "Glory to His Name." The Chairman read the Sixteenth Psalm after which G. F. Yost led in prayer.

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

The following Reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Auditing Committee:

The Auditing Committee begs leave 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, Benevolent Society, Foreign and Home Missions, Presiding Elders, Gospel Herald Society, Board of Publication, Committee on Finance and Annual Conference Records. We have found all correct with the following exceptions:—In the Quarterly Conference Records:—Bethlehem record in summary report of Trustees, reads balance from last year \$442.21 and should read \$441.10. Philadelphia record in summary of Rent collections, reads \$113.49 and should read \$113.45. Thus Total reads \$305.14 and should read \$305.10.

Herbert E. Gehman,
G. F. Yost,
A. F. Deibert,
S. S. Geil,
W. G. Taylor,
Morris E. Stickler,

W. J. Fretz,
M. L. Musselman,
W. D. Evert,
E. C. Goucher,
O. C. Kistler,
V. H. Reinhart,

Committee.

Report of the Committee on Applicants for Annual Conference License:

There being no applicants, we have nothing to report.

C. H. Brunner,
E. N. Cassel,
W. S. Hottel,

Committee.

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

The Chair appointed the following:

Board of Publication and Printing—C. H. Brunner, R. L. Woodring and J. F. Barrall.

Committee on Camp-meeting Equipage and Tabernacle Outfits—F. M. Hottel, J. C. Roth, E. T. Shick and Allen M. Gehman.

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, R. L. Woodring; Assistant Secretary, J. G. Shireman; Treasurer, C. H. Brunner.

Board of Managers—H. B. Musselman, E. N. Cassel and Allen M. Gehman.

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.

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

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

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

Business was resumed at 10.55 A. M. The following Reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Committee to Organize for the Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention for 1916. (See Reports.)

Report of the Committee to Organize for the Mt. Carmel District Sunday School Convention for 1916. (See Reports.)

Report of the Board of Examiners:

Studies for 1915 and 1916. (See Reports.)

Brother H. A. Kauffman, who for the last eight years had been laboring faithfully and acceptably in the Gospel Herald Society and was now assigned to an appointment by the Stationing Committee, his name was therefore entered upon the roll.

Adjourned with prayer by V. H. Reinhart.

SEVENTH MEETING.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 16, 1915.

The meeting was opened by singing "Jesus for Me," and prayer by W. W. Zimmerman.

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

The following Reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Communications:

We have received a telegram and a letter from Elder W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder and President of the Gospel Workers' Society, of Cleveland, Ohio, addressed to the Chairman of the Annual Conference in which he includes his report and he states, "with full confidence that I would be one in your midst at Conference this year, at least a day, I delayed my report. I do not now see my way open to come. We, as a Society, herewith express our appreciation for the degree of fellowship which exists between the Gospel Workers' Society, the Gospel Herald Society and the M. B. in Christ denomination."

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

Report of the Missionary Presiding Elder. (See Reports.)

Report of the Committee to Audit Schedules:

We audited all the Schedules and found all of them correct except Easton, Graterford and Harleysville, Stroudsburg, Mt. Carmel, Emaus and Macungie, Nazareth and Plainfield, after the Committee on Statistics did their work faithfully in examining according to our best knowledge and belief, which we corrected.

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

Report of the Committee on Statistics:

We beg leave to submit the following report. We found the following errors on the schedules which we corrected in the presence of the pastors:—Bethlehem in computing membership; Zionsville, reported collected for Beneficiary Fund, \$4.59 which should have been \$4.75 as on Financial report blank, a net decrease in membership reported when there was none; Benevolent Society and delegate offering and children dedicated set in the wrong columns; Philadelphia reported \$1743.99 collected for Church property which should have been \$1220.34, the difference \$523.65 being collected since the last Quarterly Conference which should not have been reported on the schedule; South Allentown in computing membership; Emaus and Macungie reported the amount expended in place of the amount collected in sexton and sundry expenses; Graterford reported \$54.00 rent collected which should have been \$49.50 and no total decrease marked in membership when there should have been five; Easton



Baptising a Chinese Convert in Western China.

—Photo by C. F. Snyder



Threshing Grain in West China.

—Photo by C. F. Snyder

reported the expenses in place of collections in the sexton and sundry expenses and reported \$119.50 rent collected in place of \$131.00 and also reported only one ordained preacher and should have reported two; Northampton in computing membership and reported Missionary Presiding Elder Offerings of \$9.54 which should have been \$8.54; Nazareth reported \$102.40 collected for rent which should have been \$98.55; Plainfield reported \$11.61 collected for Sunday Schools which should have been \$10.28 and also \$31.45 collected for rent which should have been \$31.40; Walnutport in computing membership and also reported one ordained preacher and should have reported two; Coopersburg reported only one ordained preacher and should have reported two.

The Committee on Camp-meeting Equipment and Tabernacle Outfit reported the election of officers as follows: Chairman, F. M. Hottel; Secretary, J. C. Roth; Treasurer, E. T. Shick.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

WHEREAS, Our Secretary has many burdens and responsibilities and much hard labor, at the Session of the Annual Conference and afterward in recording the minutes, as well as constantly during the year in attending to the many matters devolving upon him on account of his office, therefore,

Resolved, That we lift a real liberal offering for him at this time, as a token of thankful appreciation of his many services.

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

Committee.

This offering amounted to \$14.82. Thanks.

Summary Report of the Committee on Statistics. (See Reports.)

Report of the Committee to Audit Schedules:

The auditors of the Schedules also approve of the Financial Statistical Summary Totals and Grand Totals of the Schedules as compiled so faithfully and correctly by the Committee on Statistics.

F. M. Hottel,
W. G. Gehman,
E. E. Kublic,

Committee.

Resolved, That the Editor of the Conference Journal print 775 copies this year.

Resolved, That the next Annual Conference be held in Philadelphia on the third Thursday of September, 1916, namely, September 21, at 8 A. M.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whenever a member of the Laymen's Benevolent Society fail to pay his contribution till after Feb. 1, after it was due he shall pay then and thereafter at the rate under which he would re-enter at that time as a Beneficiary. The Pastor shall be careful that the names of members shall be written correctly and alike in both the Member's Certificate Book and the Pastor's Book. The Pastor should always be careful to send names of members exactly as recorded when he forwards the respective contributions to the Treasurer through the Secretary. If for any reason or other the names of members should change, then the change should be recorded on the books and the Secretary of the Society be informed accordingly.

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

Resolved, That the Board of Publication and Printing print pledge cards for Home Missionary and Foreign Missionary Subscriptions arranged so as to answer for receipts.

Resolved, That the next Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention be held at Emaus, Pa. The Committee on Program shall consist of H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and J. C. Roth. C. H. Brunner was elected Chairman and E. T. Shiek was elected Secretary.

The officers for the Annual Ministerial Convention were elected as follows:—Chairman, E. N. Cassel; Secretary, H. A. Kauffman.

Committee on Program—Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, W. G. Gehman; F. M. Hottel.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

WHEREAS, W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder and President of the Gospel Worker Society, has sent us a concise but very interesting report of the work of the Gospel Workers' Society, which bespeaks much blessing from the Lord for themselves as a Society, temporally, spiritually and physically and in the salvation of many souls continually in the different missions, 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 spreading of the truth, in spreading good literature, in holding open-air services as well as

preaching in halls and missions, especially in the publishing of the "Christian Life Series," which have proved such great blessings to our Sunday School work throughout the Conference, as well as to different Sunday Schools from other denominations, and further,

Resolved, That we pray God's richest blessings upon the President, the Society and upon their work and that we continue our hearty support both by prayer and offerings, and further,

Resolved, That we pledge our support in securing new subscribers to the Gospel Herald, and also urge all our Sunday Schools, who have not yet, to introduce the Christian Life Missionary and to distribute them still more freely.

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

Committee.

The following Reports were read and adopted :

Report of the Editorial Committee of the Sunday School Supplies.

The Committee has elected W. S. Hottel as Editor of the "Christian Life Series" of the International Sunday School Lessons.

Brother W. S. Hottel, the Editor, as well as the rest of the Committee have up to this time been writing notes, comments and expositions on these lessons published by the Union Gospel Printing Company of Cleveland, Ohio.

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

Committee.

Report of the Committee on Ordination :

There being no candidates for Ordination at this Conference the Committee has nothing to report.

W. G. Gehman,
C. H. Brunner,
F. M. Hottel,

Committee.

WHEREAS, The Union Gospel Printing Company of Cleveland, Ohio, have been publishing the "Christian Life Series," of Sunday School supplies for the past year, and,

WHEREAS, They have elaborately illustrated a goodly portion of the supplies and beautifully and artistically arranged them

for the various departments for Sunday School work, at a sacrifice of time, talent and money, and,

WHEREAS, The Editorial Staff of the Pennsylvania Conference have freely contributed expositions, comments and practical hints on the Lessons during the year, and,

WHEREAS, Our Sunday Schools throughout the Conference without exception have been using these helps with universal satisfaction, many testimonials having been received relative to the value of these supplies, their scriptural and spiritual expositions from Pastors, Superintendents and Teachers throughout many States, therefore,

Resolved, That we as a Conference pledge our prayers and support to both Publishers and Editorial Staff and trust that the scope of usefulness of these supplies shall enlarge yet more and more and that many spiritual blessings shall result for scholars of various grades as well as for the Teachers and Officers of Sunday Schools using them.

Resolved, That this Committee be re-elected for the ensuing year.

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.

Resolved, That Resolutions 4, 5, 6 and 8 on page 24, Resolution 2 on page 25, Resolution 1 on page 31 and Resolution 2 on page 32 of last year's Journal be made Standing Rules.

WHEREAS, The Pastor and Members of the Spring City and Royersford Classes 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.

Upon the request of H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and J. C. Roth to be excused from attendance at this evening's service, it was

Resolved, That their request be granted.

Adjourned with prayer by E. N. Cassel.

EIGHTH MEETING.

MONDAY FORENOON, OCTOBER 18, 1915.

This meeting was opened at 7 A. M. by singing "Nearer My God to Thee." After the Chairman read a part of the Hundred and Nineteenth Psalm, Brother Morris E. Stickler led in prayer.

The roll was called with all present.

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

Business was resumed at 7.25 A. M.

The minutes were read and approved.

The following Reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Committee to compile a Report of the Conference for the Gospel Banner as well as of the Sunday Services.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE.

The Thirty-second Session of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, of Pennsylvania, convened in the M. B. C. Church at Royersford, Pa., Oct. 14, 1915, at 8 A. M.

All the Ministers and Delegates were present at the opening of the first meeting. The Reports of the Pastors showed a marked advance along spiritual lines. Many were saved, baptized and added to the Church during the year, while numbers consecrated their lives to God and many were wonderfully healed from bodily afflictions. Several really successful Tabernacle meetings were conducted which resulted in the salvation of souls.

A much needed, substantial and commodious church was built at Philadelphia and a Parsonage was bought at Fleetwood and one at Stroudsburg.

The Presiding Elders reported the ministry devoted to God, the truth and the work; loyal, self-sacrificing and well united. They reported the work on every charge and mission in a real, spiritual condition, the laity being very loyal, self-sacrificing and loving the truth. The various Sunday Schools are progressive, the prayer meetings large and spiritual. The attendance in general is so large that at several of the larger charges the Churches are too small to comfortably entertain the congregations.

The Home Missionary work in general is in a good condition. The Gospel Herald Society is increasing in numbers and usefulness, as well as the Gospel Worker Society, so that through the instrumentality of these noble workers many souls have been saved and much good literature has been spread.

The work of Foreign Missions is also in a very good condition, many souls having been saved, baptized and added to the Church.

The Missionaries have been kept encouraged, inspired and devoted to the Lord and His work.

The various offerings were large and liberal again, in their sum total amounting to about \$70,000.00 for the year. These bespeak much self-sacrifice and devotion of the dear pilgrims, which is brought about by the preaching of the truth and the faithful labors of the Presiding Elders and Pastors.

H. B. Musselman and W. G. Gehman were re-elected Presiding Elders and assigned to the same Districts as last year. C. H. Brunner and W. S. Hottel were elected Vice-Presiding Elders. Only two Pastors were changed. J. C. Roth was appointed to Emaus and Macungie, and E. E. Kublic to Leighton and Weissport. The Gospel Herald Society turned Shamokin Mission over into the Church and H. A. Kauffman was appointed there as Pastor.

Father William Gehman was again present and took a keen and lively interest in the deliberation of the Conference. He, although nearly 89 years of age, is whole-heartedly interested in the work of the Lord, willing to be used by the Presiding Elder any time and any where.

The "Christian Life" Missionary (formerly "Gospel Messenger"), that splendid Sunday School paper which has proved such a great blessing to those schools that distribute it, so beautifully arranged, instructively illustrated and published at such a low cost, was highly endorsed and recommended, as were also the "Christian Life Series" of Sunday School Quarterlies and the "Gospel Herald," that splendid all around missionary and well adapted colportage paper.

The Conference throughout was harmonious, the discussions being with frankness and in the spirit of courtesy and consideration.

Love and peace prevailed at every meeting and the business was transacted in the fear of the Lord.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

The forenoon service opened at 9.30 A. M., with a short song service, after which the Chairman of the Conference and Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District, H. B. Musselman, of Bethlehem, Pa., preached the Conference Sermon from 1 Tim. 4:6. The Sermon was a clear and definite description of what constitutes a "good minister of Jesus Christ." It was delivered in a forceful, straight-forward and fearless manner. Its every declaration was Scriptural and spiritual in its principle and fraught with the life and power of the Holy Spirit. We are confident that this sermon will bear fruit in the life of every minister which will result in much blessing to the entire work

of the Conference, and likewise that every one present received encouragement and inspiration.

The afternoon service opened at 2.15 P. M., with a short Song Service, after which W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District, preached a Sermon on the "Three Fold Temptation of Christ," basing his remarks on Heb. 2:14-18.

The Sermon was a very instructive discourse on the temptations of Christ, being full of vital and practical truths. It was filled with life and power and was no doubt effective to much good in the lives of those present.

The Evening Service opened at 7 P. M., with an inspiring Song Service, after which W. S. Hottel, of Bethlehem, Pa., preached a Sermon on "The Word of Life," basing his remarks on 1 John 1:1-3.

The sermon was a strong exposition of the doctrine of the Divinity of Christ as well as a clear Biblical statement of the need of receiving the word of God into the mind and heart in order that the soul may be saved, born again and sanctified. The speaker was at his best and was used of our Lord in a marvelous manner.

A female quartette of the Allentown Class sang a number of excellent, inspiring and spiritual selections during the day which were attentively listened to and enjoyed by the large audience present. A chorus of female voices from Spring City sang in the evening services throughout the Conference. The attendance all day was large, the Church being filled to the doors. Many of the dear pilgrims came from the various Charges and Missions of the Church. The weather was beautiful and the services all day were owned and blessed of God. Throughout the Conference, the presence of God was most manifest. We all agreed in saying the Conference was among the best we ever held.

W. S. Hottel,
E. N. Cassel,
J. G. Shireman,
Committee.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

(a) WHEREAS, Our Beloved Editor of the Conference Journal, C. H. Brunner, has spared no time and talent to give us an up-to-date Conference Journal containing certain historical events of our Conference and photos of our Home and Foreign Missionary work from time to time, beautifully and elaborately arranging the Journals in every particular, therefore,

Resolved, That we appreciate his concern on this line and as a mark of appreciation donate him \$10.00 out of the Annual Conference fund.

(b) WHEREAS, The reports of the Stewards on the Schedules are to be from October 1 to October 1, and,

WHEREAS, The next Annual Conference is to convene September 21, 1916, therefore,

Resolved, That we as a Conference ask the Stewards on the various charges and missions to do their best to have all the money collected and handed over to their Pastor before the Annual Conference.

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

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Annual Conference be Secretary of the Home Mission Fund.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of five including himself to arrange and compile a Hymnal if they deem it advisable. The Conference shall assume the financial part in case the Committee decides to publish a hymnal. The Chair appointed J. F. Barrall, C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel, W. G. Gehman and H. B. Musselman.

Adjourned at 8.10 with prayer by the Chairman.

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,	
B. Bryan Musselman, Recording Secretary,	
H. A. Kauffman, Assistant Recording Secretary,	
William Gehman,	G. O. Billig,
E. N. Cassel,	W. G. Taylor,
F. M. Hottel,	S. S. Geil,
J. G. Shireman,	Herbert E. Gehman,
J. F. Barrall,	O. C. Kistler,
R. L. Woodring,	M. E. Brownback,
W. J. Fretz,	G. K. Himmelreich,
E. T. Shick,	Morris E. Stickler,
H. K. Kratz,	H. H. Bergey,
M. W. Ettinger,	C. D. Bean,
R. Bergstresser,	A. F. Deibert,
O. S. Hillegass,	S. H. Lichtenthaler,
J. C. Roth,	E. C. Goucher,
E. E. Kublic,	W. D. Fvert,
G. F. Yost,	O. B. Bartholomew,
W. W. Zimmerman,	Charles F. Lilly,
V. H. Reinhart,	C. E. Neff.
M. L. Musselman,	



Presiding Elder, H. B. Musselman and Family

Pastor B. Bryan Musselman

Clarence Musselman

Mrs. B. Bryan Musselman

Jansen Musselman,

H. B. Musselman, P. E.

Mrs. H. B. Musselman

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The Journal

This is the twentieth edition of our Conference Journal. Many of the earlier editions are out of print. Those who are in possession of a complete set from 1896 to date can consider themselves very fortunate as they contain very valuable records and data concerning the progress of our comparatively small but enterprising Conference. When we look through these records we can not fail to acknowledge the hand of the Lord and the leadings of the Holy Spirit all the way through up to this date.

The young people of our Church, the children and grand-children of the fathers of our Church who have laid the foundation and devoted their lives to the building up of our Conference as well as our young people in general, should each possess and preserve a copy of each of these Annual Year Books for future reference. These twenty Journals bound in two neat volumes are an ornament to any library.

In this Edition we introduce you to our Presiding Elders and their families. Rather reluctantly they finally yielded to our urgent request to have their photos taken specially for this occasion, as we were sure their many friends would be very glad to see them.

OUR CHURCHES.

In this Edition of the Journal we wish to show our many friends a photo of our oldest and also our youngest church building.

Zionsville, Pa.

The first one is located near Zionsville, Pa. The Perkiomen Railroad passes the whole length of the church yard and cemetery along the wire fence. It was formerly called Upper Milford.

Here the first congregation of the Conference was organized in the year 1853 under the name of "Evangelical Mennonites."

Here within these walls the Pennsylvania Conference held twenty-four of its sessions (most of them semi-annual up to 1879).

Here have been held two important Sessions of the General Conference, one of which was held November 8-12, 1879, at which the name was changed to Evangelical United Mennonites.

This, the first church built by the Pennsylvania Conference, was built in 1859. The contractor was Nathan Stahl. The church is 36 by 50 feet and originally had two front doors where the windows are now. The members did all the hauling free so that the church complete cost only \$1200.00.

There were only a few families at the time the Church was built, aggregating about twenty-four members, among whom Father William Gehman is the only survivor. Among the heads of these families were the following:

William Gehman, who was the founder of the Conference, the father of one of our Presiding Elders and was Chairman of at least twenty-nine Sessions of the Conference. He is remarkably well preserved and present at every Conference and Camp Meeting, although almost 89 years of age. Father Gehman attended 16 Semi-Annual Conference Sessions while he was a member of the "Oberholtzer" Mennonite Conference, 43 Semi-Annual Conference Sessions of the Evangelical Mennonites, 5 Annual Conference Sessions of the Evangelical United Mennonites and 32 Annual Conference Sessions of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ. This makes a total of 96 consecutive Semi-Annual and Annual Conferences without missing one Ses-

sion. Besides this he attended 7 General Conference Sessions at six of which he was a member. This makes this present Session the 103rd that he attended without intermission. He was a member of all of these Conference Sessions. Truly a remarkable record.

At this Session Father Gehman gave us a very stirring and touching address during which he remarked that after eight years of ministry in the old church under much opposition he was voted out of the Church at their regular Session at Springtown, Pa. He was a member of a Conference of forty-seven members and was expelled because he held prayer meetings. Of these forty-seven he is the only survivor.

Father Gehman said in his address: "I am like a tamed wild goose which will be content to be with the geese on the farm until in the fall when the wild geese are flying south, then you will have to clip its wings or it will fly away with the flock. I often said, 'I will not go to the next Conference,' but when the time comes you would have to clip my wings to keep me at home."

David Gehman, who was Secretary of thirty or more of their Conferences, which were held semi-annually in those days. He was also the grandfather of the present Secretary of the Annual Conference, while other grand-children and great-grand-children are ministers, ministers' wives and officers in the church. Soon after this church was built, he built a store building in Hosensack, about two miles south of the church. The second floor he arranged as a hall, put in pews, pulpit, etc., where services were held regularly for many years.

Henry Gehman, many of whose descendants down to great-great-grand-children, are active members of the church.

Jacob Musselman, father-in-law of Father William Gehman, among whose descendants some are preachers, and Foreign Missionaries.

David Musselman, the grandfather of our esteemed leaders, Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman and Missionary Presiding Elder, W. B. Musselman, and the ancestor of about a dozen ministers and missionaries.

The land, belonging to Samuel Kauffman, the great-grandfather of H. A. Kauffman, Secretary of the Gospel Herald Society, was donated free of charge.

The first funeral held in this church was that of Abraham Kauffman, the great-great-grandfather of H. A. Kauffman. He was the first person buried in the adjoining graveyard.

Here lie buried Pastors Abraham Kauffman, Joseph Romig and A. B. Gehret.

Here in the quiet church-yard are

"The mossy old graves where the pilgrims sleep."

Here

"Securely shall their ashes lie,
Waiting the summons from on high."

Philadelphia.

The other Church shown in this Journal is the new Church or Chapel located at 3362 Goodman Street, Phila., or practically Eleventh and Ontario Streets.

This Church was dedicated just a few weeks ago, September 5, 1915.

The beginning of our work in the city of Philadelphia dates from the fall of 1902, when C. H. Brunner was elected Missionary Presiding Elder and President of the Home Missionary Society.

The first service was held on October 23, 1902, by the President in

a hall on the second floor of 2549 Germantown Ave., one person only, Brother James Weaver, being present. At the second service, Sunday afternoon, Mrs. S. S. Geil came with a few of her friends. In the evening Brother Geil himself ventured to come along, to stay no doubt, at least all these are there yet among the many.

About two weeks later the three-story building at 2310 Germantown Ave. was rented at forty-five dollars per month.

The first floor was a store room which was fitted out for a Mission Hall. The second floor flat was occupied by the President of the Society, and the third floor flat by the Missionaries.

Here services were held every Sunday afternoon and every night the year round except Monday nights, for a number of years, during which time many souls were saved and many were baptized, among whom was Miss E. G. Reiff who has for many years been an active and prominent member of the Gospel Worker Society, and Editor of the "Christian Life Missionary."

Here the "Home Missionary Society" was merged into the "Gospel Herald Society," which continued the Mission until 1906. In October, 1905, the Conference elected Brother W. G. Gehman President of the Gospel Herald Society.

On July 19, 1907, the property at 3362 Goodman Street, a lot 40 by 107 feet, containing a double frame dwelling, was purchased, remodeled and the first floor of the whole arranged for services while the Pastor occupied the one side of the second and third floors and the other side was rented.

Glorious meetings were held here, many were saved, the Sunday School increased until it was found absolutely necessary to build. Although a great and expensive undertaking the class and their enthusiastic Pastor purchased the adjoining lot of 32 by 199 feet on January 7, 1914, giving them 72 feet front.

During the present summer they built a very serviceable, well-constructed brick Chapel 36 by 45 feet with a vestibule and ante-room 10 by 16 feet outside. The basement is specially arranged and equipped so that it can be used for Sunday School or Conference and Convention purposes. The original frame building has again been remodeled into a very commodious Parsonage with apartments for a Janitor's Home.

Sunday, September 5, 1915, was a great day for the Philadelphia Class; a day they had been working for and looking forward to for many years. On this day their new Church was dedicated to the glory and worship of God by Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, who preached in the forenoon and afternoon and also had charge of the evening service, at which Pastor C. H. Brunner, of Allentown, preached. The Bethlehem Mixed Quartette sang a number of very appropriate selections.

The attendance was very large all day and in the evening the building was packed to the door and some were not able to get in.

The amount necessary to pay off all the remaining indebtedness was fully covered by cash and pledges. Much credit is due to the excellent management and hard work of the Pastor, F. M. Hottel, and his self-sacrificing Class, besides others who are not members, as well as to the labor of the Pastors preceding him who helped to bring the matter up to its present state. But, after all, we must say, "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us."

The Philadelphia Mission was supplied as follows:

October, 1902 to October, 1906, Gospel Herald Society.

October, 1906 to October, 1908, P. J. Musselman.

October, 1908 to October, 1911, J. G. Shireman.

October, 1911 to October, 1914, W. J. Fretz.

October, 1914 to date, F. M. Hottel.

REPORTS

I. Executive Board

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Board held three meetings during the year.

Mizpah Grove.

We cut down a large number of chestnut trees last spring which had been killed by the chestnut blight. The consideration in the case was the wood for the labor and expense of cutting them down and cleaning up the grove.

We also planted six fine Oriental Plane trees in the place where a few had died. The young trees throughout the grove are growing very nicely.

We spent a considerable amount to have the roof of the large auditorium painted with Genasco Roof Paint.

We have purchased three lots of twenty feet front each and one hundred and twenty feet deep on the north side of Lawrence Street for the consideration of \$1500.00. Two of these are right below our present brick storage house, extending to Ellsworth Street, and the other one adjoining the same building on the east side. We now have five lots on the north side of Lawrence Street, aggregating one hundred feet front and one hundred and twenty feet deep. The Board deemed this a very important matter as it is located within the city limits, and also in view of the fact that the city has purchased two solid blocks adjoining our property below Ellsworth Street for School purposes.

Church Matters.

Upon the request of the President of the Gospel Herald Society, the Executive Board visited several places with the object of selecting and approving of certain properties suitable for church properties.

At York, Pa., a location was approved and the President was authorized to purchase the same.

At Stroudsburg, Pa., the Board approved of the proposed purchase of a parsonage. We also visited Nazareth, Pa., but no definite action was taken.

Financial.

Receipts.

Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention	\$ 75 00	
Mt. Carmel District Sunday School Convention	25 00	
J. W. Muschlitz, advance payment on sale of Ruch's school house	10 00	
Logs sold out of Mizpah Grove	11 50	
Camp Meeting Equipment Fund	500 00	\$621 50

Expenditures.

(a) Mizpah Grove.

John F. Saeger, advance payment on three lots in Mizpah Grove	\$150 00
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Painting the roof of the Auditorium	70 05	
Six Oriental Plane trees	13 50	
Baling, freight and planting the same	4 11	
Labor and car fares cleaning grove	16 90	
Repairing pump	8 64	
Marking trees	1 45	
Taxes	7 05	271 70

(b) Church Properties.

Expenses of the Board to York, Stroudsburg and Nazareth	\$ 31 68	
Transfer of Deeds	2 75	34 43
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Report of the Treasurer.

Receipts.

October 15, 1914, Balance in the Treasury	\$367 70	
Receipts during the year	621 50	\$989 20

Expenditures.

Expended during the year	\$306 13	
October 14, 1915, Balance in Treasury	683 07	\$989 20

Note:—The only liability of the Board is a loan of \$2500.00.

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

Board.

II. Foreign Missions

THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We wish to praise the Lord again for His choicest blessings bestowed upon the Church at home as well as upon the Church in the "regions beyond."

In spite of the cry all over concerning the stringency in the money question our Foreign Missionary offerings continue large and generous. The missionary spirit is not relaxing, while the churches at home are making steady progress. The work in foreign lands likewise is on the forward march.

The Board held three meetings during the year. On January 27, Rev. J. D. Williams, of New York, Secretary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, met our Board at the residence of the Secretary in Allentown, Pa., a meeting which was both pleasant and profitable. In the evening Brother Williams preached in the Gordon Street Church to a very large and appreciative audience.

Chile.

The reports from the field in general are very encouraging, although in some respects they have to contend with serious obstacles which cause a great trial and burden. The native churches have been showing great devotion, self-denial and sacrifice during these times of trial. We clipped the following extracts from some of Brother Weiss' letters:

Nearly all our churches are supplied by native pastors, as you will notice by my report.

We have taken a photo of the Missionaries on the field, both foreign and native. It will give you a better idea of our people. (See photo.)

One of the discouraging features of the work is the financial problem. During the past, Germany had been Chile's market, a place to dispose of her products. Germany has many large German colonies in Chile. But the war in Europe has changed things greatly. The sea blockade has practically suspended commerce between these two nations. This has caused a tremendous rise in prices of provisions, clothing and manufactures which have to be imported. And as the members of the Chilean churches are from among the poorer classes, this seriously affected the support of the work by the local congregations.

After their Nineteenth Annual Conference at Valdivia last January, Brother Weiss wrote, "It was the sweetest and most spiritual we have had for a long time. Our hearts are more closely drawn together as we listen to the reports of the brethren from the various missions. Love and unity reigns among all the workers. The work is making uninterrupted progress. We baptized seventy-four persons during the year. There are quite a number ready for baptism at places where we have native workers who are not yet authorized to baptize. These expect to get baptized as soon as the brethren can get around."

"The land reported as purchased in last year's Journal was not purchased but donated; about sixty hectares or one hundred and fifty acres. We are going to move slow with the orphanage as we do not consider it our first and highest call."

Among the encouraging features of our work is the increasing interest and attendance in the Sunday Schools throughout the missions which have an enrollment of over six hundred and have had an attendance much larger lately.

In the cities and towns the people are very much under the bondage of the Roman Catholic Church and there are more counter attractions, but throughout the country districts, thousands of hearts and homes are found open to the Gospel.

But the country work has its difficulties too. Our workers have traveled many miles on horseback and on foot, over mountains and muddy roads distributing Gospels and tracts, held meetings in the open air and in humble homes. About four hundred such trips were made during the past year with very good results.

Urgent requests came to the Conference from three places to have chapels built. Among the resolutions on their minutes is the following:

"Resolved. That we send a vote of sincere thanks to the Home Board of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ for their love and sympathy manifested, as well as for their prayers, interest and financial support during the past."

Their Executive Committee elected for this year consists of H. L. Weiss, President; Manuel Gomez, Vice President; H. W. Feldges, Secretary; Martin Ribbeck and Vital Sanhueza.

"During the evening services of the Conference the large Chapel was always full and the large altar crowded with earnest seekers who came forward for prayer.

"The last morning before separating we gathered in a precious service at 6.30 A. M., and partook of the Lord's Supper in memory of His death and resurrection. An hour later we were saying, 'Adios!' and the Missionaries and Workers returned to their fields of labor with joy and confidence in the Lord of the harvest for one of the best years of ingathering of precious souls." H. L. Weiss was Chairman and H. W. Feldges was Secretary.

At the suggestion of Brother Weiss the Board has decided to send two hundred dollars toward the support of Dionicio Oyarzun, Pastor of the church at Lautaro, and also Ignacio Riveros, Pastor of the church at Gorbea, two native workers well tried and recommended.

We take the following from Brother Weiss' report of his last trip to his various missions:

"We started from Santiago, the Capital of Chile, at six o'clock in the evening. There is an American Pullman and sleeping car attached and you can ride comfortably if you like, but you know that we missionaries can not afford that, so we take a second class ticket and are greatly annoyed by the smoke of cigarettes as even many women smoke here.

We pass along the snow-covered range of mountains and come to Puren. Here we find Pastor Juan Urrea at the head of a group of native Christians. They are nearly all poor, but I trust rich in God.

We go across the mountains to Contulmo and gather with a small congregation of good and true German brethren. These people have always stood true to us and the work.

We return and go to Capitan Pastene. Pastor Innocencio Gomez, full of courage and zeal, shepherds a loving flock and evangelizes the country round about. Here a goodly number have been gathered into the fold.

In Victoria we find a small German congregation and similar ones round about.

In Lautaro we visit Pastor Dionisio Oyarzum at the head of a splendid congregation full of courage and zeal.

In Temuco we visit Pastor Manuel Gomez who shepherds the flock in town and a number of outstations. He is also our Vice President and is kept very busy.

In Gorbea we visit Pastor Ignacio Riveros who is kept busy on his large circuit.

In Loncoche we visit Pastor Francisco Higuera, who has a small group in the town but large congregations in the outstations.

We then go to the Mapuche Indians and visit Brother S. W. Diener, one of our good old standbys, who is dedicating all his strength to the evangelization of these neglected aborigenes. He knows Swiss, German, French, English, and of course Spanish, better than the natives. For some time his health was so poor that he could not do anything, but with the help of a native teacher, Francisco Durham, the work went on. He has a day school of forty-five Indians who have read the New Testament through three times in the course of the winter's study and have also committed large portions of the Scriptures to memory. It is encouraging to hear them singing spiritual hymns in the woods. His hope for this work lies in the young people. Francisco Durham assists him as teacher.

In Valdivia we find Pastor Vital Sanhueza at the head of the largest congregation that we have. He and his helpers are kept busy attending to the needs of the whole circuit.

Then we went to La Union and visited Pastor Andres Urquiza. Here we have a number of good brethren. He also visits Rio Bueno and other places.

Lastly, we come to Osorno where we are most courteously received by Pastor and Sister H. W. Feldges and their daughter Grace. The work here is on the move and so is Brother Feldges on his large field including Porto Montt and Ancud. We had business meetings at all these places and are encouraged in listening to the testimonies of triumph and a determination to press on. Looking over these eighteen years since we came to Chile we would choose the same path again were we to start anew and you need not wonder that our heart is in Chile.

We also feel that our dear people at home have done their part well in loving sacrifice and patient upholding in prayer and in that great day they will hear His gentle words: "What ye have done unto the least of Mine ye have done unto Me."

In one of Brother Weiss' personal letters he writes:

"It may be of interest to you to know that Brother Eusebius Hershey's going to Africa and his falling asleep there was one of the incentives that decided my future work."

At their last Annual Conference held last January his health seemed to be much improved. He seemed to be so much encouraged with the condition of the work, especially at some places like in Valdivia where fifteen years ago they were glad to have a meeting of a dozen persons, now there is a congregation of up to three hundred at times. His great joy was especially in the large body of faithful native workers.

At another time he wrote: "I may come home for a few months, leaving here in March. I never had a thought of coming home to stay. I have been recommended to take a sea trip for my health, but in these terrible days of war I hardly know whether I should risk going away even for a few months. But if He wants me to witness a little at home I am at His service but personally I am not anxious to go."

In the opening of a short address in the Church at Allentown, Pa., ten days before he passed away he said, "I am glad I am here;" he hesitated a moment and said, "No. I wish I was down in Chile. My heart is with the dear people of Chile. I don't think I could ever make myself at home up here anymore."

IN MEMORIAM.

Rev. Henry L. Weiss was the son of Samuel Weiss and his wife Rebecca, nee Lewis. He was born near Milford Square, Bucks Co., Pa., on March 14th, 1867, and died on May 26th, 1915; aged 48 years, 2 months and 12 days.

His devoted wife, two sons and one daughter, father, one brother and five sisters (one of whom is a home missionary in the Gospel Worker Society) survive him.

Brother Weiss was converted to God in his younger days and baptized and became a member of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ. In 1890 he went out to Kansas to take charge of a school among the Indians. In 1892 he went to Oklahoma and for the next five years he was superintendent of the Indian schools there.

During this time he married Miss Kate Zacharias of Reading, Pa. While thus actively engaged in the work of the Lord at home he heard the call of God to the "Regions Beyond," and on March 10th, 1897, after a farewell meeting with their many friends, they sailed from New York for Valdivia, Chile, as missionaries under the Christian and Missionary Alliance.



Standing—William Krauss, (Colporteur) Juan Urrea, S. W. Diener, Arturo Oyarzun, Manuel Ulloa, Vital Sanhueza, Andres Urquiza, Ignacio Riveros, Master Ulloa, Manuel Gomez, Francisco Higuera, H. W. Feldges, Francisco Durhan, Innocencio Gomez, William West.
 Sitting—Dionicio Oyarzun, Martin Ribbek, (German Pastor) Mrs. Ribbek and daughter, Miss Anna Le Fevre, Mrs. H. L. Weiss and Paul Weiss, H. L. Weiss and Ralph Weiss, Mrs. H. W. Feldges, and Grace Feldges, Marie Weiss.

They have thus spent eighteen years of hard work in the service of the Master in Chile, with only one furlough of about eight months in the home land during this time.

For the last few years Brother Weiss' health was failing and he was advised to come home for a much needed rest. But he thought he was needed so much with his people and his work that only upon the urgent request of his fellow laborers on the field and the General Board at home was he prevailed upon to come home, arriving in New York on April 27th.

After making a number of visits among friends and relatives, and speaking at several places he, accompanied by Sister Weiss, attended the Annual Council of the Christian and Missionary Alliance at Nyack, N. Y. While here his health seemed to be about as usual. On May 26th he left the Council meeting at about 11.45 a. m. and went to his room, and there had a severe hemorrhage of the lungs and passed away peacefully and without a struggle a few minutes later. This made a profound impression upon the Council as it was so unexpected. He had been on the program to speak in the afternoon.

On Thursday evening, the 27th, they held a Memorial service at Nyack when Rev. A. B. Simpson, President of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, spoke in the highest terms concerning Brother Weiss and his noble work in Chile.

Next morning Rev. A. E. Funk, who had been for many years the General Secretary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, and Sister Weiss' sister accompanied Sister Weiss and the corpse to the home of Brother Weiss' father at Quakertown, Pa.

On Saturday, May 29th, after a short service at the house, the funeral procession marched to the Mennonite Brethren in Christ church near by where a very impressive funeral service was held.

Because it was impossible for the president of our Board of Foreign Missions, Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman of Bethlehem, to be present, the services were in charge of the Secretary of the Board, Pastor C. H. Brunner of Allentown, assisted by Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman and a number of ministers of the Conference, who acted as pall-bearers and rendered other valuable assistance. Addresses were made by C. H. Brunner and A. E. Funk of N. Y. Sister Weiss also gave a glowing testimony concerning the sustaining power and grace of God which upheld her through these days of the deepest and most intense sorrow of her life. This made a profound impression upon the large audience which crowded the church to the doors. A quartette of young ladies from the Allentown congregation sang several very touching hymns. Nineteen ministers of the Conference, besides a number of others were present. The Alliance paid the funeral expenses down to Quakertown, the balance our Board paid.

Brother Weiss was a man of great will power, strong courage and faith in God. He was a hard worker, having spent much time and energy in the building of churches and chapels in Chile. During the eighteen years of his service there, a work has sprung up that now consists of more than a dozen churches and almost a score of native pastors and workers. Not far from 2,000 converts have been baptized by immersion and added to the Lord. "How are the mighty fallen!" II Sam. 1:27.

The Lord has been sustaining Sister Weiss in a marvelous way in this, her sore bereavement, both in soul and body. She has been very busy at Conventions throughout the States during the summer and is now busily engaged in the schools at Nyack, where her daughter and her two boys are going to school. She has the prayers of a host of friends following her.

Brother H. W. Feldges writes in his last letter: "God is blessing the work; new people are coming right along. Some are getting ready for baptism. We are also having blessed meetings in the home of a sister somewhat outside of the center of the town. Most every time that we have services there we are pelted with stones. Twice they tried to break into the house at night. The other night we had a policeman at the door till the meeting was over. While selling Bibles and Testaments on the train the other day a man had the people laughing at us and making fun of the Christians. Even a policeman made fun of us, calling us names. Well, the devil is losing ground and he knows it.

Pray for us. It means much to keep the young people from going into the world, or what is worse, to keep them from bringing the world into the church.

Now that our good Brother Weiss is no more, we have to lean harder on the Lord and 'He will carry us through.'

In another letter he writes: "God has taken us into a dark valley and has deprived us of our most trusted guide outside of the Holy Spirit in the person of our dear Brother H. L. Weiss. We trust that He will be our Comforter all the rest of the journey. We know He will."

The great question is who shall take his place. We trust the Lord will bring forth the right man whom He has been preparing for this responsible position.

Sister Feldges writes: "We have had very much rain and yet our Chapel is usually well filled. We have some very promising young people here who soon expect to be baptized.

But the opposition is very bitter, too. Last Sunday the School had a bazaar and a dance with the children. And when we would not let Grace take part the Principal sent for Brother Feldges demanding to know why we would not let Grace take part. He told him the reason; then Grace said to me afterward, "Never mind, Mamma, when we get to heaven then we will have our 'feasta' there," as they call their feasts. We are looking for His coming. Surely the time must be near."

By the latest reports, Miss Anna Le Fevre, as well as the other missionaries, are well and have good courage.

Brother N. F. West has been attending to the financial end of the work since Brother Weiss left Chile.

STATISTICS (CHILE).

Foreign Missionaries	8
Native Workers	11
Native Workers ordained during the year	2
Delegates from native churches	10
Sunday Schools	13
Enrollment	600
Organized churches	10
Baptized	74
Membership	850
Missionary Trips made, about	402
Bibles and Portions of Scriptures sold	400
Tracts distributed	24,009
Visits made	7,343
Sermons	3,300
Money received on the field	\$1319 88
For Printing	244 00

Argentine.

Brother M. P. Zook is still stationed at Olavarria and reports encouragingly from his field of labor. A number were saved during the year and the work was strengthened. Seven were baptized, while still others are ready for baptism.

The Sunday School has been growing wonderfully. "We certainly are in need of a larger hall and are looking to the Lord for it," he says.

Brother Zook writes: "While our brethren have had poor work during the year and the harvest has been below par and prices have gone up, breaking all records, the brethren have distinguished themselves by their great liberality, reminding us of II Cor. 8:2—'How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.' It has been a record year in this respect. The total receipts, not including those of the Sunday School, have been \$1167.05 (about \$500 gold), making an average of \$22.88 per member. We also made a start in raising a fund to build a chapel. We began in the midst of the hard times and up to this date have been able to raise about 250 pesos, \$120 gold. This has come in through the voluntary gifts of the brethren and the selling of some hand work of the sisters."

A large Italian family, thirteen in all, has been saved, all but three. The mother was saved first and through her consistent life and testimony the whole family got saved and one of them is now one of our workers." Brother Zook expects to return back to Chile as his transfer to the Argentine had been intended to be only temporary.

The Board has promised to support Brother C. H. Miller who is stationed at Laprida. Brother Miller, his wife and child arrived in the Argentine in November, 1914. During the early part of the year they had been holding tent meetings in different places with glorious success and quite a number of converts.

Brother Miller is highly recommended by Brother J. B. Butler, Superintendent of the work in the Argentine. He knew him while he was faithfully and sacrificially laboring in Mexico City until the civil wars of Mexico obliged him to give up his work there and leave.

China.

The terrible raid of "White Wolf" last year caused such havoc and demoralization in mission work among the Chinese and Tibetans in Kansu and Tibet that it will take a while for a complete restoration. One of the accompanying photographs taken on the scene shows the awful ruins of Taochow, Old City. Here one of the principal missions of the Christian and Missionary Alliance was located which was burned down. Through the influence and pressure of the Missionaries the Chinese government paid them some indemnity for damage done to the property.

On November 11-17, 1914, they held their Annual Conference. Dr. R. H. Glover was present at that time. He was the only representative of the Home Board of the Alliance who ever visited these very remote stations, one of the most inaccessible places on the globe, except the late Rev. D. W. Lelacheur. His visit was one of great blessing.

At this Conference Brother C. F. Snyder and his wife were stationed to this place with the fact in view of building up again what was destroyed. Brother Snyder also was to have charge of the mission at Taochow (New City), Hsien-ti and the Lelacheur Memorial

Station in a Buddhist Monastery in Tibet, purchased by funds donated for that purpose by friends several years ago.

As soon as possible after the Conference Brother Snyder commenced building operations on the new "Girls' School, Guest Room for Women, and Room for Helpers." They also expect to build a new church this year yet or have it built by this time.

Brother Snyder writes: "Sister Snyder suffered much from broken down health due to the severe strain of last year but is greatly improved again. My health also is good. Spiritually I enjoy the work with my whole heart. I delight to give the Gospel and want to enjoy more and more to live it. I believe and know that I should spend more time in private prayer and reading God's word. Financially, while donations were in hand and a two-thirds indemnity granted by the Chinese Government for our losses incurred, yet small allowances at the time of building operations necessitated economy. Bought very few wearing apparel up to this time. However, we believe in Phil. 4:19. Forgive for even mentioning this. It cannot be termed faith.

We do not have a large church here but compared with former years there has been such a contrast in numbers. Every seat is generally occupied and beyond this on certain occasions extra benches are needed. All praise to God.

Each Wednesday evening I, or my helper, conduct a Chinese prayer meeting. Every Thursday at 2.30 P. M., I teach an inquirers' class with much pleasure and blessing. The objective of this meeting is the new birth and a personal knowledge of Christ. Of the inquirers some have been baptized and received into the Church.

Mohammedans come to our Sunday morning meetings but no sincere inquirers have been among them.

My helpers on my field are two native evangelists and three doorkeepers—part of the year four—and Mr. Cheo, Assistant Pastor at the Lelacheur Memorial Station.

Five candidates were baptized and received into the church, one of whom had been an opposer openly, while another one was a victim of demons who always came to him at nightfall and carried on a conversation with him, approaching him with eatables, fruit, meat and tea for him to consume. The next day his stomach was bloated and his body uncomfortable.

We now have a membership here of twenty-nine in this stronghold of Mohammedanism.

On July 4-7 we held our Taichow District Native Conference. It will be a long remembered occasion of unity and the presence of the Lord. There ascended much prayer to the throne previous to this. Each day witnessed a crowded chapel. It was my first experience of being in charge of a Chinese Christian Conference, although being a missionary in the Orient for seventeen years. But 'the last day of the feast' was the best of all. I stood on the rostrum from 9 a. m. to 1.20 p. m. for the greater part of the time preaching and examining candidates for baptism. This was followed by immersion when twenty-seven observed this ordinance, twelve of whom were school girls, two women and three Tibetans, and ten men. This was followed by the Lord's Supper.

Sister Snyder has charge of the Girls' School of about thirty. She writes, "Our school does not teach English. The Bible is the chief text book. They also study Arithmetic, Geography, History and Physiology. Then they take up studies like Blackstone's "Jesus Is Coming," Dr. Torrey's "What the Bible Teaches," and Old Testament History. The girls all take turns at cooking, dish-washing, cleaning and scrubbing. It was touching to see the heathen mother of one of these girls leading her away from the baptism to change her clothing.

Her mother wanted her to be baptized and eventually marry into a Christian home.

"Besides the school work we have held two women's services weekly, had a reading class with the women part of the year and have looked after quite a few medical cases."

Brother Wm. H. Ruhl is stationed at Minchow, two days by horse from Taochow. When he was home on furlough, Dr. Shattuck, of Norristown, Pa., instructed him in practical dentistry and donated a dental outfit to him. Thus they have a dentist on the field whose cleverness and skill the Missionaries praise very much. Brother Ruhl supplies four outstations from twenty to one hundred and thirty miles away. This has to be done on horseback. He traveled about eight hundred miles last winter. He is also rebuilding the mission property destroyed by "White Wolf" at this place.

Brother V. G. Plymire left San Francisco for China on Dec. 5, 1914, arriving in good time at Hankow. But here he was delayed very much on account of the late arrival of some of his goods.

In a letter dated Taochow (Old City), June 1, 1915, he writes: "Mr. Rommen and I spent several weeks among the Tibetans for language study in a village over 12,000 feet above the sea, from which we just returned. It was very comfortable and cool there as we had five snows these three weeks. The Lord has been very precious to me. I believe I am learning to know Him in a way that I never did before. His Word is becoming a new and living Book to me, and it seems as though I love it more and more each day. I want to be in His hands as clay is in the potter's hands so that He can fashion me according to His will. Our Tibetan work up here has suffered greatly since the late troubles.

I lost considerable of my goods on the way here from Sian. One of the mules fell into the river and two of my trunks and the contents got soaked and remained in this condition for a week or more, and then much of it was ruined beyond repair. I am learning to take joyfully the spoiling of my goods. All told I had thirty-five mules loaded with goods for the folks up here and got through safely but my two trunks. This was quite an undertaking to cross China with such a large caravan, but the Lord protected me so that I was not robbed and molested in any way. I am kept well. Do not forget to pray for me and the work up here."

We have paid out during the year as follows:

H. L. Weiss and family, Allowances	\$ 450 00
H. W. Feldges and family, Allowances	600 00
M. P. Zook and family, Allowances	800 00
C. F. Snyder and family, Allowances	600 00
Manuel Gomez and family, Allowances	200 00
Innocencio Gomez and family, Allowances	200 00
Miss Anna Le Fevre, Allowances	300 00
V. G. Plymire, Allowances	300 00
Wm. H. Ruhl, Allowances	300 00
Wm. Christie, Allowances	275 00
C. H. Miller, Allowances	367 00
H. L. Weiss, extra for Printing	50 00
Mrs. H. L. Weiss to cover Funeral expenses	100 00
V. G. Plymire, Outfit	100 00
For the Orphans at Hadjin	20 09
1,000 Copies of the Annual Report	50 55
Gospel Banners, Gospel Heralds, Wall Rolls and Diaries to the Missionaries, Fares to Board Meetings, etc.	49 35

\$4761 90

Report of the Treasurer.

Receipts.

October 15, 1914, Balance in Treasury	\$14,363	34	
Receipts during the year	120	00	
Received at the Annual Conference	6,672	18	\$21,155 52

Expenditures.

Expended during the year ...	\$ 4,761	90	
October 14, 1915, Balance in Treasury	16,393	62	\$21,155 52

DIRECTORY.

(a) Argentine, S. A.

Miller, C. H.	}	Stationed at Laprida, Argentine, S. A.
Zook, M. P.		
Zook, Mrs. M. P.		Stationed at Olavarria, Argentine, S. A.

(b) Chile, S. A.

Manuel Gomez, Vice President, Temuco, 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, Innocencia		Adopted October, 1912. Stationed at Capitan Pastene, Chile, S. A.
Le Fevre, Miss Anna		Santiago, Chile, S. A.
Oyarzum, Dionisio		Adopted October, 1915. Stationed at Lautaro, Chile, S. A.
Riveros, Ignacio		Adopted October, 1915. Stationed at Gorbea, Chile, S. A.
Weiss, Mrs. H. L.		Nyack, N. Y.

(c) China.

Christie, Wm.	}	Stationed at Minchow, Kansu Province, China.
Plymire, V. G.		Stationed at Taochow, Kansu Province, China.
Ruhl, Wm. H.		Stationed at Minchow, Kansu Province, China.
Snyder, C. F.		
Snyder, Mrs. C. F.		Taochow, Kansu Province, 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 TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ORPHANAGE AND HOME.

The Board of Trustees had again elected H. B. Musselman, E. N. Cassel and Allen M. Gehman as the Board of Managers. These brethren have been very faithful in the oversight and management of both the Farm and the Home during the past year.

Brother Titus Hottel has not been able to attend to his duties as Manager on account of his fractured thigh bone but seems to be improving. This has thrown a heavy burden upon the Board of Managers during the past year, but the Lord helped them and prospered the work.

Last spring the Board of Managers hired Brother H. L. Musselman, of Bethlehem, to move on the farm with his family in the place of Brother C. J. Kline, who desired the Board to relieve him. Brother Musselman and his family have labored faithfully during the year.

The Board also secured the services of Brother Ezra Wismer, of Graterford, as hired man, and later on also employed Brother Albert Moser.

The crops all the way through here have been very good.

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

The aged sisters are moderately well, and although somewhat feeble in body, are happy in the Lord.

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

Financial.

(A) FARM ACCOUNTS.

(a) Receipts.

From Poor Fund (Annual Conference) ..\$	254 36	Refund	164 50
Cream	2,195 90	Wheat	410 60
Calves	680 00	Labor	3 00
Hogs	351 00	Strawberries	73 44
Milk	61 99	Cattle	615 00
Potatoes	1,308 33	Heifers	235 00
Sweet Corn	52 59	Rent for Meadow	\$ 25 00
Produce	13 57	Donation	5 00
Peaches	51 81	Total	\$6,501 09

(b) Expenditures.

Feed	\$2,419 61	Spraying Material ...	61 81
Wages	987 25	Straw	148 36
Board	84 25	Taxes	144 30
Advertising & Postage	130 62	Crates	12 57
Carfare and Telephone	178 27	Twine	17 33
Dairy Supplies	108 87	Sale Commission	81 06
Express and Freight...	334 55	Fertilizers	296 72
Hardware	7 07	Provisions	56 21

Implements	220 80	Registration and	
Horseshoeing	29 83	Transfers	35 00
Labor	395 32	Holstein Friesian	
Live Stock	150 00	Herd Book	2 00
Oils and Paints	133 51	New Building	396 39
Repairs	289 88		
Seeds and Plants	46 88	Total	\$6,768 40

(B) HOME ACCOUNTS.

(a) Receipts.

Interest (Legacy, Thomas Geho Estate)	27 00
Total	\$ 27 00

(b) Expenditures.

Wages	\$ 106 00	Repairs	34 41
Ephraim Leshner		Elmer Arndt	55 28
(Donation)	60 00	Martin Huffman	35 44
Abraham Hilbert		Sarah Moll	4 70
(Donation)	21 00	Mary Steiner	4 00
Mrs. Hutchins		Titus Hottel	22 23
(Donation)	24 00	Building	27 96
Periodicals	2 00	Interest (Legacy,	
Coal	120 44	Thomas Geho Estate)	24 00
Furnishings	37 17	Taxes	9 98
Labor	1 50	Total	\$ 860 32
Oils and Paints	11 62		
Provisions	258 59		

C. BETHLEHEM PROPERTY ACCOUNTS.

(a) Receipts.

By rent	\$120 00
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(b) Expenditures.

Repairs	\$ 62 85
Taxes	14 39

Total	\$ 77 24
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SUMMARY TOTALS.

Receipts.		Expenditures.	
Farm	\$6,501 09	Farm	\$6,768 40
Home	27 00	Home	860 32
Bethlehem Property ..	120 00	Bethlehem Property ..	77 24
Total	\$6,648 09	Total	\$7,705 96

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 real estate and personal property:

(A) FARM.

Farm, including the land at the Home	\$15,000 00
Implements	2,138 00
Livestock—	



Enroute for West Chira, Stopping for Lunch

—Photo by V. G. Plymire



Section of ruins of Taochow (Old City). 10,000 people perished here at the hands of "White Wolf" in May 1914. 37 houses left inside of the city.

—Photo by V. G. Plymire

Holstein-Friesian Cattle	\$17,938 00	
Horses	1,275 00	
Swine	1,450 00	20,663 00

Produce—

Feed	\$ 284 60	
Corsilage	900 00	
Hay	1,200 00	
Straw	150 00	
Corn	400 00	
Wheat	450 00	
Potatoes	500 00	
Truck	25 00	
Mangels	40 00	3,949 60

Miscellaneous—

Furniture	\$ 30 00	
Fence Posts	5 00	
Cattle Crates	20 00	
Fertilizers	51 75	
Lumber	15 00	
Shelter Shed	25 00	146 75

Money Outstanding	2,230 00
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\$44,127 35

(B) HOME.

Home	\$ 4,000 00
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Miscellaneous—

Furniture	\$ 500 00	
Canned Goods	110 15	
Dried Fruit	5 50	
Coal	96 00	
Poultry	22 00	733 65

\$ 4,733 65

(C) BETHLEHEM PROPERTY.

House and Lot	\$ 1,100 00
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SUMMARY TOTALS.

Farm	\$44,127 35
Home	4,733 65
Bethlehem Property	1,100 00

Grand Total	\$49,961 00
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STATEMENT.

Resources.

Properties	\$20,100 00
Live Stock	20,663 00
Implements	2,138 00
Produce	3,949 60
Outstanding Bills ...	2,230 00
Miscellaneous	880 40
Cash on hand	36 51

\$49,997 51

Liabilities.

Contributions from	
the Church to date	\$21,763 06
Donations to date ...	1,465 01
Loan	500 00
Surplus	26,269 44

\$49,997 51

Report of the Treasurer.**Receipts.**

October 2, 1914, Balance in Treasury	\$ 594 38	
Receipts during the year	7,148 09	\$7,742 47

Expenditures.

Expended during the year ...	\$7,705 96	
September 30, 1915, Balance in Treasury	36 51	\$7,742 47

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. G. Brunner,	A. A. Wismer,
H. L. Musselman,	Board.

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. S. Jones, 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 ofpayable 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. S. Jones, 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.

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IV. Presiding Elders**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDERS.****(a) Bethlehem District.**

It is with pleasure that we submit this report. The goodness of the Lord God has been upon us in every way, giving us special strength, both physically and spiritually, for which we praise Him. The ministry of God's messengers has been signally blessed, and a goodly number of such who received His Word "gladly" were added

to the church. The brethren had much patience with us, and the considerations, and many kindnesses shown us by them, caused us to indeed feel most unworthy. The unity and love that prevailed among the brethren has indeed had a good effect upon the work at large. The Sunday School work has been making good progress. The prayer-meetings have been well attended, and the regular church attendance has been most creditable throughout. The various offerings were quite good in spite of the present money stringency, and the church finances are in good shape. The Lord has indeed given us a willing, whole-hearted people, who stand by their pastors nobly. The young people are making excellent progress on spiritual lines, and their willingness to walk in the Master's steps is manifestly seen, by living obedient and devoted lives for their Blessed Lord and Master, whom having not seen they love. They are plain in dress, and free from worldly alliances, having been gloriously "kept" by the Spirit's power from the currents of worldliness, and from the fleshly allurements that throng this present age. Two Camp-meetings were again held on the District, in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., where 174 and 145 tents were occupied, respectively. The camp-meetings were much owned of the Lord, and the Word was preached in the power of the Holy Ghost. The attendance was larger than in former years. A very interesting tabernacle meeting was also held at Royersford during the season. Improvements were also made on a number of church properties. A lot was bought by the Bethlehem class for \$2000.00. The lot is situated on Main Street, and makes a most desirable place for an anticipated, and needed Church building. A neat, commodious parsonage was purchased at Fleetwood, Pa., and the same was put in good shape, financially. In Philadelphia, Pa., a most substantial and much needed meeting-house has been erected on the lot, which has a frontage of 72 feet. The building, which is well covered by subscription, is a most creditable one to our work. It is so built that a large auditorium can be at the front later on. The former building which had been used as a place for worship, has been extensively remodelled into a parsonage and dwelling house.

We are indeed much encouraged, as we keep "looking unto Jesus," and then outlook (especially the uplook) for the work is glorious, in seeing a people "kept," and who are rejoicing in "that Blessed Hope" of our Lord's glorious appearing.

Financial.

(A) APPROPRIATIONS.

Lehighton and Weissport, Pa.	\$180 00	
Quakertown and Hatfield, Pa.	360 00	\$540 00

(B) 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	\$174 00

(C) MISCELLANEOUS.

J. F. Barrall, Royersford, tabernacle meeting	\$ 12 49	
O. S. Hillegass, donation	25 00	
J. C. Roth, donation	12 51	
Philadelphia church building	100 00	\$150 00
Total	\$864 00	
Received from the Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund	\$864 00	
H. B. Musselman, P. E.		

(b) Mt. Carmel District.

We cheerfully submit the report for the Mt. Carmel District, and humbly acknowledge the Lord's gracious leadings on various lines during the past year. The Pastors on this district have stood by us in faith and love and sacrifice far above that we are worthy. They also minister lovingly unto their people on the respective charges which makes the people to grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Pastors and flocks have increased in love toward each other during the past year, and our prayer is that they may increase yet more and more. The prayer meetings are well attended and voluntary prayers and praises unto God are common. The attendance at the church services throughout is good. The communion services have been especially well attended by the members. In quite a number of instances other church members participated. Open air services are held at each place on this district and are attended regularly by a number of outside people. These have been the means of bringing some people into the church. In spite of the cry about hard times the offerings have been good and there is no special financial stringency existing. Indeed the gracious Lord has led hitherto.

A Camp-meeting with sixty-six tents was held in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa. The attendance of members throughout was larger than the previous year and quite a number of outside people attended at various times. The ministers had especial liberty in preaching the Word of Truth which had saving, sanctifying and healing efficacy. It was the means of encouraging the pilgrims from the various charges. The expenses were well covered with offerings which spelled "sacrifice" for the people of God.

The Tabernacle Meetings held in Stroudsburg, Pa., by Pastor and Sister J. G. Shireman were very well attended, and were productive of much good in general seed sowing and in gathering several into the church. The Tabernacle meetings in Slatington, held by Pastor V. H. Reinhart, were the means of reaching quite a number of people and resulted in quite a number baptized. In Palmerton, Pa., a very progressive town, Elder P. J. Musselman held Tabernacle meetings for three months. A number of people became interested in the truth as upheld by him and the various other ministers. Sometimes the attendance was large. No doubt, the seed sown will spring up in due time. In Stroudsburg, Pa., a valuable parsonage has been acquired next to the church and put into a good and suitable condition, at a reasonable price. All over the District the parsonages and churches are in a good condition. The Home and Foreign Mission work is alive in spirit and sacrifice correspondingly.

In general, the Lord has ruled and overruled to His glory, and while Pastors and flocks are looking for the Lord's return, their work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope will not diminish but increase yet more and more unto the coming of the Lord.

Financial.**(A) APPROPRIATIONS.**

Easton, Pa.	\$120 00	
Stroudsburg, Pa.	360 00	
Nazareth, Pa.	240 00	
Walnutport, Pa.	240 00	
Northampton, Pa.	240 00	\$1200 00

(B) MOVING.

R. L. Woodring	\$ 20 00	
J. G. Shireman	25 00	
R. Bergstresser	25 00	
V. H. Reinhart	15 00	
W. W. Zimmerman	15 00	100 00

(C) TABERNACLES.

For Tent Meetings at Stroudsburg, Pa.	\$ 16 44	
For Tent Meetings at Palmerton, Pa.	18 23	
For Tent Meetings at Slatington, Pa.	14 47	49 14

(D) MISCELLANEOUS.

Fares holding Home Mission Meetings	\$168 72	
Storage—Allen M. Gehman	20 00	
Rent, one week to vacate, for J. G. Gehman	3 50	
Twenty-eight benches, etc.	43 96	
Appropriation to P. J. Musselman, Tent Meetings ..	15 00	251 18
Total	\$1600 32	
Received from Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund	\$1600 32	

W. G. Gehman, P. E.

(c) Gospel Worker Society.**Report of W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder.**

The past year was one of a variety of experiences for the G. W. Society on all lines.

Spiritually—In the Society throughout we doubt if the progress made does not exceed any previous.

Temporally—God marvelously preserved the different Workers. While not all enjoy perfect health yet the physical condition of the Workers throughout is above the ordinary; no one now a member down sick.

Financially—He who always thus far has sustained us has proven Himself still the same.

Souls are being saved all around continually. On this line we doubt if this was not one of our best years. The Colportage work is keeping up grandly. For this we can only give God the glory.

We, as a Society, herewith express our appreciation for the degree of fellowship which exists between the G. W. Society, the G. H. Society and the M. B. in Christ denomination.

W. B. Musselman, M. P. E.

V. Gospel Herald Society

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GOSPEL HERALD SOCIETY.

About a score of men from different walks of life constitute the band of Gospel Heralds of the Gospel Herald Society. They are under training for real, practical Home Missionary work. Though the management of the Society and these men are by no means perfect, yet the Lord is looking to the heart and is giving smiles of approval while He is leading on to perfection. These men throughout are very willing and obedient, sacrificing strength, time, and talent and are generally contented, looking to the Lord largely for reward.

There are missions at present in Shamokin, Sunbury, Lebanon, York, Harrisburg, Pa.; and Washington and Hackettstown, N. J. The meetings in the various Missions are well attended, everything considered. The open air meetings are excellent and afford a grand opportunity to scatter the truths needed in this present evil day. The influence for good is increasing in all these cities and towns which is due to the gracious influence of the spirit of the Lord, many souls were saved and baptized during the year.

A property 80 x 100 feet, with a double frame house on it, one with all the improvements in, two squares away from each of the two main streets, was purchased in York, Pa., a city of about 60,000 population. A chapel 34 x 44 feet has been erected on it which has already proven a birth place for souls into the church of the living God.

An abandoned chapel 36 x 50 feet at Pine Station, Pa., was purchased and taken down and will be rebuilt the same size in Sunbury, Pa., the foundation wall of concrete having already been erected and paid for. Improvements were made in the Washington, N. J., property.

The Edgewood Grove Camp-meeting, Shamokin, Pa., with 86 tents, was largely attended throughout, scores upon scores of souls were liberated from sin and self and sickness, 30 were baptized and the missions were helped through representatives having been there. Very good tent meetings were held in Lebanon, Pa. The attendance was very good and several souls were saved.

Harrisburg, Pa., was opened with Tent Meetings, the influence is most excellent, the attendance grand in spite of much wet and cold weather. Quite a number of souls were saved to the glory of God. A mission place has been rented and is being prepared for a permanent mission on North 3rd St. The selling of the "Gospel Herald" and "Daily Food" Wall Roll and other religious literature affords a grand opportunity to scatter the seed by the way side. In all the missions we have a faithful band of followers. Shamokin deserves special mention with a membership of nearly 90. The total receipts during the year, of course, including literature sold, were nearly \$3500.00; Sunbury comes next with a good, solid body of worshippers, the total receipts, including literature and chapel receipts, aggregate nearly \$4000.00. The Lord has been blessing in various ways, the Heralds learning grand lessons of humbly depending upon the Lord alone, realizing that without Him they can do nothing.

(a) Statistical.

Ordained ministers of the M. B. C. Annual Conference	2
Probationers of the M. B. C. Conference	3
Gospel Heralds, full members	12
Gospel Heralds, applicants, in the active work	3
Gospel Heralds, Probationers	5
Received into M. B. C. membership	16
Received by Transfer from M. B. C. Church	1
Total Increase	17
Dropped	13
Net Increase	4
Whole number of members	111
Baptized	72
Children Dedicated	26
Sunday Schools	4
Officers and Teachers Enrolled	66
Scholars Enrolled	469
Total Average Attendance	298
Children's Meetings and S. S. services held	220
Open Air Meetings	459
Prayer Meetings	421
Jail Meeting, Sunbury and York, Pa.	42
Sermons and Addresses	2,954
Pastoral Visits	3,022
"Gospel Heralds" sold	55,005
"Daily Food" Wall Rolls sold	2,590
Valuation of Shamokin, Pa., property	\$6600 00
Valuation of Lebanon, Pa., property	3000 00
Valuation of Sunbury, Pa., property	1600 00
Valuation of Washington, N. J., property	2000 00
Valuation of York, Pa., property	6000 00

(b) Financial.

Receipts.

I. COLLECTIONS.

Rents	\$ 880 50
Sundry Expenses	1158 08
Shamokin Camp-meeting	541 01
Ice, Oil, Lumber, Straw	26 42
Light	205 22
Donations, Gifts, etc.	1258 40
Donations at Camp-meetings	20 96
President	528 16
President at Camp-meeting	86 39
Missionary Presiding Elder	29 62
Gospel Workers	199 97
Gospel Workers at Camp-meeting	98 45
Gospel Heralds at Camp-meeting	75 06
Stewards, Shamokin, Pa.	254 16
Sunday Schools	552 69
Sunday School Conventions	46 93
Conference Fund	86 69
Gospel Herald Society Headquarters	138 17
Foreign Missions	223 09
At Gospel Herald Society Conference	33 84
Secretary at G. H. S. Conference	8 69
Mission Chapel, Shamokin, Pa.	197 36

House Rent, Shamokin, Pa.	112 00	
Mission Chapel, Lebanon, Pa.	13 00	
Mission Chapel, Sunbury, Pa.	1400 18	
Mission Chapel, York, Pa.	268 63	
House Rent, York, Pa.	72 00	
Barn Rent, Washington, N. J.	4 00	
Mission Repairs, Primary S. S. Room, Enlarging, Sunbury and Shamokin	82 54	
Missionary Work	277 62	\$ 8879 83

II. LITERATURE.

Literature, etc., sold in the Missions	\$5664 83	
Literature, etc., sold at M. B. C. Camp-meetings ..	424 24	
Literature, etc., sold at G. H. S. Camp-meeting ..	74 67	
Literature, etc., sold at wholesale prices to Ministers	784 35	6948 09

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

Receipts.

Appropriations	\$ 430 00	
Tabernacle Meetings	35 60	
Fares, Utensils, Freight, Furniture, etc.	658 01	
Rent for President	180 00	1303 61
Total	\$17131 53	

Expenditures.

Appropriations—		
York, Pa.	\$ 220 00	
Lebanon, Pa.	138 00	
Washington, N. J.	60 00	
Sunbury, Pa.	12 00	430 00
Tabernacle Meetings—		
Lebanon, Pa.	\$ 16 61	
Harrisburg, Pa.	18 99	35 60
Miscellaneous—		
Donations to all Heralds	10 00	
Literature Distributed	49 36	
Rent for the President	180 00	
Fares changing Heralds, Telegrams, etc. ..	105 15	
Fares to Conventions and Camp-meetings ..	114 66	
Old Mission repairs	123 87	
Furniture	68 70	
Printing and Stationery, etc.	62 35	
Freight and Express	43 80	
Freight and Express on Literature	35 48	
Cartage	31 80	
Paints and Painting	4 09	
Prunes, donated to several Missions	8 75	838 01
Total	\$ 1303 61	

W. G. Gehman,
President and Treasurer.



Presiding Elder, W. G. Gehman and Family

Ethel M.

W. G. Gehman

Mildred L.

Grace I.

Mrs. W. G. Gehman

N. Vivian

Alma K.

Valeria M.

VI. Reading Course

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS ON THE READING COURSE.

(A) Examinations, 1915.

PROBATIONERS.	Bible	Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation	Divine Art of Preaching	Reformed Pastor	Sell's Bible Study by Books	Average
Second Year.						
B. Bryan Musselman	94	89	88	94	88	91
L. D. Wesner	86	65	75	87	81	79

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

(B) Studies for 1915-1916.

Third Year's Course.

(a) First Semi-Annual Studies:

Sell's Bible Study by Books. (New Testament Section.)

Nelson on Infidelity.

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, Walker. (Chapter 13 to end.)

(b) Second Semi-Annual Studies.

Bible, Romans.

Jesus is Coming, by W. E. B.

Fletcher's Appeal.

The first examination to be held April 11, 1916, 7 P. M., at Emaus, Pa.

The second, to be held at the same place at the Annual Conference, three days prior, at 7 P. M.

W. S. Hottel, President,
E. N. Cassel, Secretary,
E. T. Shick, Treasurer,
Board.

VII. Camp Meeting Equipage

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CAMP MEETING EQUIPAGE.

We have purchased some lumber, stakes, blocking and cooking utensils.

Financial.

Receipts.

Lumber Rents	\$243	36	
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting	123	10	
Allentown Division Camp Meeting	253	79	
Mt. Carmel Division Camp Meeting	11	92	
Tent and rope	16	70	\$648 87

Expenditures.

Executive Board	\$500	00	
Lumber	44	70	
Labor	18	90	
Stakes	15	25	
Car Fare and Meals	12	53	
Freight and Phone	5	99	
Hardware	8	24	
Cooking Utensils	6	24	
Electrical Supplies	5	80	
Tar Paper	5	08	
Miscellaneous	4	59	
Blocking	4	20	\$631 52

Report of the Treasurer.

Receipts.

October 12, 1914, Balance in Treasury	\$ 96	82	
Receipts during the year	648	87	\$745 69

Expenditures.

Expended during the year	\$631	52	
October 1, 1915, Balance in Treasury	114	17	\$745 69

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 printed 5,000 Home Missionary Pledge Cards. Also Order Books, Receipt Cards and Envelopes for the Laymen's Benevolent Society.

The Secretary of the Annual Conference purchased Annual Conference supplies as itemized below.

The Editor of the Conference Journal reports the printing of 650 Conference Journals and 1,000 copies of the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Financial.

Receipts.

618 Conference Journals sold	\$154	50	
From the Laymen's Benevolent Society for printing ..	16	50	
From the Board of Foreign Missions for printing	50	55	
Sundry Supplies	60		\$222 15

Expenditures.

650 Annual Conference Journals	\$129	44	
Parcel post, postage, fares and phone	4	46	
For the Board of Foreign Missions—			
1,000 Annual Reports	50	55	\$184 45

For the Laymen's Benevolent Society—

1,000 Treasurer's Receipt Cards	\$	2	50	
250 Envelopes for the Secretary		1	00	
250 Envelopes for the Treasurer		1	00	
30 Pastor's Order Books		12	00	16 50

Conference Supplies—

Mailing Tubes	\$		40	
12 Trustee Books		9	00	
2 Literature Acc't. Books (large)		1	50	
4 Literature Acc't. Books (small)		2	40	
6 Class Books		2	83	
Annual Conference Minute Book		2	50	
5,000 Home Missionary Pledge Cards		6	25	
1 Memorandum Book (C. M.)		50		25 38

Sunday School Lesson Committee

Fares, postage, paper and meals			11	13
4 Journals to the R. R. Companies			1	00
Expenses, Board of Examiners			10	50
Editor of the Conference Journal (Donation)			10	00

\$258 96

Report of the Treasurer.

Receipts.

October 15, 1914, Balance in Treasury	\$128	08	
Receipts during the year	222	15	
Received at Annual Conference	106	00	\$456 23

Expenditures.

Expended during the year	\$258	96	
October 14, 1915, Balance in Treasury	197	27	\$456 23

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 16, 1914, Balance in Treasury	\$3761	93	
Received at Annual Conference ..	3611	10	\$7373 03

Expenditures.

Expended during year	\$3761	93	
October 15, 1915, Balance in Treasury	3611	10	\$7373 03

Allen M. Gehman,
Treasurer.

X. Beneficiary Society

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BENEFICIARY SOCIETY.

We have given assistance to a widow and pastor.

Report of the Treasurer.

Receipts.

October 14, 1914, Balance in Treasury	\$605	57	
Received at Annual Conference	200	16	\$805 73

Expenditures.

Expended during the year	\$	97	00
October 14, 1915, Balance in Treasury	708	73	\$805 73

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

XI. Laymen's Benevolent Society

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

Statistical.

Members reported October 15, 1914	352
Members received during the year	48
Members died during the year	4
Members withdrawn during the year	16
Members enrolled October 14, 1915	380

Financial.**Receipts.**

Contributions	\$ 969 50	
Interest on deposit	55 50	\$1025 00
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Expenditures.

Donations	\$ 265 00	
1,000 Treasurer's Receipt Cards	2 50	
250 Printed Envelopes for the Secretary	1 00	
250 Printed Envelopes for the Treasurer	1 00	
30 Pastors' Remittance Blank Books	12 00	
Sundry Expenses	4 16	\$ 285 66
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Report of the Treasurer.**Receipts.**

October 15, 1914, Balance in Treasury	\$1743 36	
Received during the year	1025 00	\$2768 36
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Expenditures.

Expended during the year	\$ 285 66	
October 14, 1915, Balance in Treasury	2482 70	\$2768 36
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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)	\$1593 41	
Allentown Division (Mizpah Grove)	1213 58	\$2806 99
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Mt. Carmel District.

Mt. Carmel District (Mizpah Grove)	647 54	
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Total	\$3454 53	
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H. B. Musselman,
Chairman.

XIII. Ministerial Conventions

(A) REPORTS FOR 1915.

(a) Annual Ministerial Convention.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Ministerial Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania Conference convened in the M. B. in Christ Church on Walnut Street, Royersford, Pa., on October 13, 1915.

The morning meeting was opened at 9.45, by the Chairman, Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman. W. J. Fretz recorded the minutes. After the roll call, and the reading of the minutes of the previous Annual Ministerial Convention, the following committees were appointed:

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

Committee on Absentees: E. T. Shick, B. Bryan Musselman and E. E. Kublic.

Committee on Resolutions: R. L. Woodring, W. S. Hottel and M. W. Ettinger.

Timekeeper, G. F. Yost.

Reporter, H. K. Kratz.

An essay on "Rom. 8:28 as Applicable to the Ministry," by Pastor H. K. Kratz, of Coopersburg, Pa., was read, discussed and adopted.

The forenoon meeting adjourned with prayer by R. L. Woodring and the benediction by Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman.

The afternoon meeting opened at 2.15 with singing, and prayer by Pastor J. G. Shireman. After the roll was called and the minutes of the forenoon meeting read, an essay on "The Pastor: His Character, His Department and His Work," by Pastor F. M. Hottel, of Philadelphia, Pa., was read, discussed and adopted.

The various committee reports were submitted and adopted. The afternoon meeting closed with prayer by H. B. Musselman and the benediction by W. S. Hottel.

The evening services were in charge of the Pastor, J. F. Barrall, who opened it at 7.30 with a song service. Pastor J. C. Roth led in prayer, after which Pastor R. L. Woodring, of Easton, Pa., preached a powerful sermon on the theme, "Immaturity, Maturity and Decrepitude." "Too Young, Just Right, Too Old." He based his remarks on Hosea 7:9, I Cor. 3:1, I Cor. 16:13.

He was followed by Pastor J. G. Shireman, of Stroudsburg, Pa., who delivered a most earnest and helpful discourse, which was attentively listened to and greatly enjoyed. The attendance throughout the day, and especially in the evening, was very good.

Committee on Programme: H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner and W. G. Gehman.

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

(b) Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention.

The Twelfth Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention convened in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church on Tenth Street, Reading, Pa., on April 7, 1915.

The Presiding Elders of both districts as well as all the Pastors and several of their families were present. The time in the forenoon was profitably occupied in the discussion of Conference matters.

The afternoon meeting was opened at 1.45 by the Chairman, Pastor J. G. Shireman, of Stroudsburg. Pastor H. K. Kratz, of Coopersburg, recorded the Minutes. Pastor E. T. Shick, of Graterford, then read an instructive Essay on "The Present Day Need for Pastors." This was followed by a Discussion on "The Need of Pastoral Devotion" opened by Pastor C. H. Brunner, of Allentown, and a Discussion on "Pastoral Visiting," opened by Pastor F. M. Hottel, of Philadelphia.

The evening service was in charge of the Pastor, W. J. Fretz, who opened it at 7.30 with a song service. After prayer, Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman, of Easton, preached on "Present Day Truths." This address was filled with dispensational, doctrinal and practical points and was well received.

Quite a large number were present in the afternoon, and in the evening the church was about full.

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

J. G. Shireman, Chairman.

W. J. Fretz, Secretary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 1916.

(a) Annual Ministerial Convention.

This Convention is announced to convene in the M. B. C. Chapel, 3362 Goodman Street, Phila., on Wednesday, September 20, 1916.

Chairman, E. N. Cassel; Secretary, H. A. Kauffman.

Committee on Program—Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, W. G. Gehman, F. M. Hottel.

(b) Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention.

This Convention is announced to convene in the M. B. C. Church at Emaus, Pa., on Thursday, April 13, 1916.

Chairman, C. H. Brunner; Secretary, E. T. Shick.

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

XIV. Sunday School Conventions

(A) REPORTS FOR 1915.

(a) Bethlehem District.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Sunday School Convention of the Bethlehem District convened in Lehighton, Pa., on Ascension Day, May 13th, 1915.

The meetings were held in the auditorium of Engine House No. 2. The Chairman, Pastor F. M. Hottel, of Philadelphia, opened the convention at 9.15 a. m. Pastor E. T. Shick led in prayer. Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, of Fleetwood, recorded the Minutes. The Presiding Elder and all the Pastors of the District were present as well as all the Superintendents and Delegates. Also the Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District and a number of his Pastors and Workers.

The Chairman appointed the following committees:

Committee on Finance: J. F. Barrall, M. W. Ettinger and W. G. Taylor.

Committee on Publication: C. H. Brunner, H. B. Musselman and E. E. Kublic.

Committee on Resolutions: W. S. Hottel, W. J. Fretz and H. K. Kratz.

Committee on Absentees: H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner and E. T. Shick.

Committee on Statistics: E. N. Cassel, A. Gaumer and H. H. Bergey.

Reporter: W. J. Fretz.

Timekeeper: O. S. Hillegass.

The oral, statistical and financial reports of the Superintendents of the seventeen Sunday Schools represented were very interesting and encouraging.

The afternoon service opened at 1.45. The reports of the committees were heard and approved. The following essays were read, discussed and adopted:

"The Possibilities and Responsibilities of the Sunday School Teacher," by A. Gaumer, of Allentown, Pa.

"The Work of the Sunday School in the Light of the Present Day Apostasy," by Pastor W. S. Hottel, of Bethlehem, Pa.

Both of these essays were very comprehensive and instructive and were profitably discussed.

The latter essay was recommended to be published in the "Gospel Banner."

The evening service was opened at 7.30 in charge of H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder of the District. After a short song service, addresses on Sunday School work were made, limited to fifteen minutes each as follows:

"The Literature of the Present Day," by Pastor H. K. Kratz, of Coopersburg, Pa.

"The Early Conversion of Children," by Pastor W. J. Fretz, of Reading, Pa.

"How to Promote a Spiritual Sunday School," by Pastor C. H. Brunner, of Allentown, Pa.

"Fragments that Remain," by Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, of Fleetwood, Pa. The Male Quartette and the Mixed Quartette and Choruses of Bethlehem, and the Female Quartette of Allentown furnished a number of excellent selections during the day which was very much appreciated.

It was resolved that this Convention donate \$75.00 to the Executive Board to be used at their discretion.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company furnished a special train of steel, vestibuled cars from Allentown and back with excellent accommodation.

The class and friends of Lehigh, together with their Pastor furnished excellent entertainment for the convention. They had secured the spacious and beautiful auditorium of the Engine House No. 2, of the Lehigh Fire Department which was admirably adapted for both the services and the meals.

The weather was delightful and the attendance large throughout the whole day, the spacious auditorium being filled to the door at every service. A large open-air meeting was held in the evening.



Chinese Baptism, Taochow (Old City) July 7, 1915.

X—C. F. Snyder.

2—Mrs. C. F. Snyder.

3—Miss Haupberg.



Tibetan Women carrying dried cow manure for fuel.

—Photo by V. G. Plymire

STATISTICS.

Schools represented	17	Scholars enrolled	2375
Officers enrolled	131	Total enrollment	2727
Teachers enrolled	221		

This is an increase of 9% over the enrollment of last year.

Report of the Treasurer.

Receipts.

May 21, 1914, Balance in Treasury	\$ 13 19
Received at this Convention from the various Sunday Schools	155 07
	<hr/> \$168 26

Expenditures.

Expended at this Convention	\$ 83 57
Donated to Executive Board	75 00
May 13, 1915, Balance in Treasury	9 69
	<hr/> \$168 26

Committee on Program: H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner and H. K. Kratz.

F. M. Hottel, Chairman.

B. Bryan Musselman, Secretary.

J. F. Barrall, Treasurer.

(b) Mount Carmel District.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Sunday School convention of the Mt. Carmel District convened in Stroudsburg, Pa., on Tuesday, May 25th, 1915.

The Presiding Elder and all the Ministers of the District and Leaders of the Gospel Herald Society missions where there are Sunday Schools, Superintendents, Delegates and Essayists were present. Also Elders C. H. Brunner and W. J. Fretz of the Bethlehem District, and E. J. Rutman, H. Reinhardt, W. R. Stengele, Paul Stengele and A. P. Deckman of the Gospel Herald Society.

Elder R. Bergstresser of Nazareth was chairman of the Convention. Elder R. L. Woodring, of Easton, recorded the minutes. Committee on Program—W. G. Gehman, R. L. Woodring and J. G. Shireman.

The Chairman appointed the following committees:

Committee on Statistics: W. W. Zimmerman, E. C. Goucher and S. H. Lichtenthaler.

Committee on Finance: G. F. Yost, V. H. Reinhart and J. G. Shireman.

Committee on Publication: R. L. Woodring, G. F. Yost and C. E. Witt.

Committee on Auditing: H. A. Kauffman and R. L. Woodring.

Committee on Resolutions: W. G. Gehman and L. D. Wesner.

Committee on Absentees: W. G. Gehman and J. G. Shireman.

Timekeeper: C. E. Witt.

Reporter: H. A. Kauffman.

The oral reports of the Superintendents of the various Sunday Schools were very interesting. Without a single exception all the schools show progress on different lines. Many pleasing remarks were made of the "Christian Life" lesson helps published by the Union Gospel Printing Co., at Cleveland, Ohio.

After the opening of the afternoon meeting the reports of the

committees were read and approved. The following essays were then read, discussed and adopted.

"Weak and Strong Points of a Sunday School Superintendent," by C. Q. Miller, of Shamokin, Pa.

"The Relation of the Sunday School Teacher to his Scholars," by Mrs. G. F. Yost, of Mt. Carmel, Pa.

"The Best Methods and Means for the Most Effectual Sunday School Work," by J. B. Layne, of Lebanon, Pa.

It was resolved that this Convention donate \$25.00 to the Executive Board to be used at their discretion.

These essays were timely, spiritual and instructive. The discussions lively and spirited, with many practical and helpful remarks for future usefulness.

The class at Stroudsburg entertained the convention most cordially. Refreshments were served in the basement of the church for all the visitors. Much credit is due the pastor, J. G. Shireman, his wife and the class for their excellent arrangement.

The evening services in charge of the Pastor opened with a rousing open-air meeting on Main St., followed in the church with a stirring address on "Present Day Dangers Confronting the Church," by our Presiding Elder, W. G. Gehman, of Easton, Pa. Brother Gehman was at his very best for God. Searching and lasting remarks resulted. The chapel was filled to the door. Extra seats were provided both during the Convention and evening services.

The Gospel Heralds furnished a number of selections during the day and evening which were highly appreciated.

STATISTICS.

Schools represented	11	Scholars enrolled	1034
Officers enrolled	72	Total enrollment	1211
Teachers enrolled	105		

Report of the Treasurer.

Receipts.

May 21, 1914, Balance in Treasury	\$ 23 36
Received at this Convention from the various Sunday Schools	98 33 \$121 69

Expenditures.

Expended at this Convention	\$ 87 88
Donated to Executive Board	25 00
May 25, 1915, Balance in Treasury	8 81 \$121 69

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

R. Bergstresser, Chairman.
R. L. Woodring, Secretary.
G. F. Yost, Treasurer.

(B) ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 1916.**(a) Report of the Committee to Organize for the Bethlehem District
Sunday School Convention for 1916.**

This Convention shall convene at Reading, Pa., on Tuesday (Memorial Day), May 30, 1916.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, H. K. Kratz; Treasurer, F. M. Hottel.

Committee on Program: Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; W. J. Fretz.

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

C. H. Brunner, Chairman,
W. J. Fretz, Secretary.

**(b) Report of the Committee to Organize for the Mt. Carmel District
Sunday School Convention for 1916.**

This Convention shall convene at Sunbury, Pa., May 24, 1916.

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

Committee on Program: Chairman, W. G. Gehman; Secretary, J. G. Shireman; H. A. Kauffman.

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-third Annual Conference Session shall convene at Philadelphia, Pa., at 8 A. M. on Thursday, Sept. 21, 1916.

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—J. C. Roth.
 - Fleetwood, Bandon and Terre Hill—B. Bryan Musselman.
- (c) **Missions.**
 - Quakertown and Hatfield—M. W. Ettinger.
 - Lehighton and Weissport—E. E. Kublic.
- (d) **Tabernacles.**
 - To be supplied.
- (e) **Local Preachers.**
 - Wm. Gehman, Zionsville Quarterly Conference.
- (f) **Quarterly Conference Licensed Workers.**
 - Titus Hottel, H. M. Gehman, E. W. Martin, R. W. Dickert, W. F. Heffner 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.
 - Shamokin—H. A. Kauffman.
- (c) **Tabernacles.**
 - To be supplied.
- (d) **Quarterly Conference Licensed Workers.**
 - Mrs. J. G. Shireman.

(e) **Local Preachers.**

P. J. Musselman, Walnutport Quarterly Conference.

(f) **Annual Conference Licensed Workers.**

L. D. Wesner, J. T. Anderson.

(B) **APPROPRIATIONS.**1. **Bethlehem District.**

Quakertown and Hatfield, per month	\$ 25 00
Lehighnton and Weissport, per month	15 00

Moving.

J. C. Roth	\$ 40 00
E. E. Kublic	40 00
To be used at the discretion of the Presiding Elder	150 00

2. **Mt. Carmel District.**

Easton, per month	\$ 15 00
Nazareth and Plainfield, per month	20 00
Stroudsburg, per month	30 00
Walnutport, per month	20 00
Northampton, per month	20 00
Shamokin, per month	10 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.

York, Pa.—To be supplied.

Lebanon, Pa.—To be supplied.

Harrisburg, 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,

Allen M. Gehman,

G. K. Himmelreich,

Herbert E. Gehman,

Morris E. Stickler,

M. L. Musselman,

C. D. Bean,

W. D. Evert,

W. G. Taylor,

S. S. Geil,

O. C. Kistler,

M. E. Brownback,

Committee.

XVII. Conference Finances.**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE****(Receipts, October 14, 1915)**

Appointments.	Foreign Mission	Home Mission	Foreign Mission in Sunday Schools	For the Poor	Beneficiary Fund	Annual Confer- ence Fund	Total
Bethlehem Dist.							
Allentown	507 40	602 65	369 12	21 00	20 00	14 70	1534 87
Bethlehem	547 50	575 00	492 75	26 00	21 00	14 00	1676 25
Reading	319 00	302 70	260 29	18 25	12 00	10 00	922 24
Philadelphia	255 00	278 00	164 27	12 50	12 00	11 50	733 27
Spring City	159 50	143 00	89 79	10 00	7 00	3 50	412 79
Royersford	87 25	113 10	50 35	7 50	4 00	3 00	265 20
Coopersburg	252 50	255 70	156 82	10 60	4 94	5 22	685 78
Springtown	22 00	27 75		1 00	76	55	52 06
South Allentown ..	133 10	150 50	103 48	9 44	3 65	2 88	403 05
Fleetwood	113 25	102 00	92 70	6 66	4 05	3 60	322 26
Blandon	98 35	74 00	51 76	7 21	2 14	2 00	235 46
Terre Hill	47 95	73 00	17 39	2 00	1 55	1 05	142 94
Graterford	86 55	93 80	115 19	8 00	4 00	2 33	309 87
Harleysville	79 75	87 00	29 51	4 50	2 38	1 50	204 64
Quakertown	80 75	78 20	64 72	4 50	4 62	1 79	234 58
Hatfield	42 50	24 50		4 60	2 57	1 92	76 09
Zionsville	131 10	108 55	149 50	18 16	4 75	2 72	414 78
Emaus	83 50	83 00	70 24	13 50	4 00	4 00	258 24
Macungie	86 25	97 50	46 51	3 85	2 51	3 00	239 62
Lehighton	59 75	79 00	66 08	4 00	3 00	3 00	214 83
Total	3192 95	3348 95	2390 47	193 27	120 92	92 26	9338 82
Mt. Carmel Dist.							
Mt. Carmel	51 00	46 20	55 84	6 60	4 50	3 13	167 27
Stroudsburg	51 30	35 30	95 75	5 00	3 25	2 20	192 80
Easton	140 85	149 00	135 48	6 25	5 75	2 50	439 83
Nazareth	64 30	35 75	18 17	5 75	1 77	1 21	126 95
Plainfield	24 75	17 68	2 55	5 75	77	60	52 10
Northampton ..	45 00	32 40	35 34	3 00	2 95	2 60	121 29
Walnutport	40 95	32 50	17 71	2 17	1 00	1 50	95 83
Gospel Her. Soc.			223 09				223 09
Total	418 15	348 83	583 93	34 52	19 99	13 74	1419 16
Grand Total	3611 10	3697 78	2974 40	227 79	140 91	106 00	10757 98

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

XVIII. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE, 1915.

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Appointments	Pastor	MEMBERSHIP																		Sermons Preached	Pastoral Visits	Prayer Meetings Visited	Sunday Schools Visited						
		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	Dropped	Moved to other Conf.					Transferred	Total Decrease	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Whole No. of members	Appointments
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.																													
Bethlehem	W. S. Hottel	1	2			1	1	4	4	4	17	4	17	12	29	2	2	2	15	19	10	13	85	1	226	186	100	47	
Allentown	C. H. Brunner					1	1	4	4	4	12	3	16	24	40	3	5	5	15	22	18	205	1	219	392	146	46		
Reading	W. J. Frez.	1	1			1	1	3	3	3	8	3	15	3	18				3	12	6	159	1	217	423	97	46		
Philadelphia	F. M. Hottel	1	1			1	1	3	3	3	19	8	15	3	11				3	16	5	111	1	178	460	150	46		
Coopersburg	H. K. Kratz	2	2			1	1	3	3	3	4	6	14	20	2	2			11	13	7	105	1	117	313	102	34		
Springtown	E. N. Cassel					1	1	3	2	1	2	4	7	7	1	9			10	20	1	6	1	14	20	97	48		
So. Allentown	J. F. Barrall	1	1			1	1	3	2	1	8	4	7	8	1				4	5	10	8	1	175	170	37	45		
Spring City	O. S. Hillegass	2	2			1	1	2	2	1	7	2	10	5	15	1			4	5	10	4	1	111	164	33	45		
Royersford	E. E. Kubie	1	1			1	1	1	1	1	6	4	8	6	14	2	3		5	10	4	57	1	116	307	25	19		
Zionsville	O. E. Hillegass					1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	5	1			2	4	1	34	1	125	261	23	22		
Emaus	E. B. Musseلمان					1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	2	1	27	1	74	93	33	13		
Macungie	"					1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	2	1	27	1	71	87	30	17		
Fleetwood	"					1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	2	1	27	1	71	87	30	17		
Blandon	"					1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	2	1	27	1	71	87	30	17		
Terre Hill	M. W. Ettinger	1	1			1	1	1	1	1	3	2	3	4	7	2	1		3	3	4	4	2	34	1	57	104	3	14
Quakertown	"					1	1	1	1	1	3	2	3	4	7	2	1		3	3	4	4	2	34	1	57	104	3	14
Hatfield	E. T. Shick	1	1			1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	4	10	2			4	5	5	55	1	110	140	38	45		
Graterford	"					1	1	2	1	1	5	1	6	4	10	2			4	5	5	55	1	110	140	38	45		
Harleysville	"					1	1	2	1	1	5	1	6	4	10	2			4	5	5	55	1	110	140	38	45		
Lehighon	J. C. Roth	1	1			1	1	1	1	1	4	1	5	4	1	4			1	1	4	29	1	159	251	54	48		
Weissport	"					1	1	1	1	1	4	1	5	4	1	4			1	1	4	29	1	159	251	54	48		
Total		115	1	1	6	534	332	6105	32110	91201	15734	80136	85201	138820	25513774	1131633													
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																													
Easton	R. L. Woodring	1	2					1	1	2	4	4	7	7	1				11	11	4	4	52	1	224	119	46	49	
Northampton	W. W. Zimmerman	1	1					1	1	2	4	4	7	7	1				11	11	4	4	52	1	224	119	46	49	
Mt. Carmel	G. F. Yost	1	1					1	1	2	4	4	7	7	1				11	11	4	4	52	1	224	119	46	49	
Stroudsburg	J. G. Shireman	1	1			1	1	1	1	1	13	10	5	13	1				3	18	8	8	55	1	153	450	96	45	
Nazareth	R. Bergstresser	1	1					1	1	1	9	7	9	8	12	1			7	8	2	2	32	1	207	150	40	49	
Plainfield	"							1	1	1	9	7	9	8	12	1			7	8	2	2	32	1	207	150	40	49	
Walnutport	V. H. Reinhart	2	1	2				2	1	1	7	1	3	5	8				2	3	5	4	11	1	157	140	32	36	
G. H. Society	"							2	1	1	7	1	3	5	8				2	3	5	4	11	1	157	140	32	36	
Total		11	8	1	2	1	9	10	9	109	46	48	22	70	1	433	1	13	1	29	68	17	13	385	7	3999	4172	724	296
Presiding Elders		1	1																3	3									
G. W. Society		1	1																3	3									
Grand Total		3	24	2	2	7	5	43	35	214	78	158	114	272	16	11	67	1	112	207	102	37	1819	27	6989	7946	1855	929	

XVIII. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.—Continued

Appointments		Pastor		VALUATION										OFFERINGS																			
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		Janitors' Homes		Increase of Church Property		Present Valuation of Church Property		For Home Missions		For Foreign Missions		For in Sunday Schools		For the Poor	
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.																																	
Bethlehem	W. S. Hottel	4	1	36	340	376	237	1	53	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$ 2,200 00	\$ 11,200 00	\$ 547 50	\$ 575 00	\$ 492 75	\$ 26 00					
Allentown	C. H. Brunner	4	1	49	346	395	296	3	59	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9,500 00	507 40	602 65	369 12	21 00						
Reading	W. J. Frez	3	1	34	245	279	222	3	33	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10,000 00	319 00	302 70	260 29	18 25							
Philadelphia	P. M. Hottel	3	1	24	164	187	139	2	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3,000 00	11,000 00	255 00	278 00	164 27	12 50						
Coopersburg	H. K. Kratz	3	1	18	108	126	89	2	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5,000 00	252 50	255 70	156 82	10 60							
Springtown																						1,500 00	22 00	27 75		1 00							
So. Allentown	E. N. Cassel	2	1	25	196	221	152	1	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5,250 00	133 10	150 50	103 48	9 44							
Spring City	J. F. Barrall	1	1	19	113	132	86	1	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4,650 00	159 50	143 00	89 79	10 00							
Kopersford	J. O. S.	1	1	18	86	104	79	2	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4,000 00	87 25	113 10	50 35	7 50							
Zionsville	O. S. Hillegass	2	1	17	85	102	75	1	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5,050 00	131 10	108 55	149 50	18 16							
Eraus	E. E. Kubie	1	1	16	118	134	104	1	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3,500 00	83 50	83 00	70 24	13 50							
Macungie		1	1	12	55	67	43	2	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2,050 00	86 25	97 50	46 51	3 85							
Fleetwood	B. B. Musselman	1	1	11	50	61	50	1	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4,000 00	113 25	102 00	92 70	6 66							
Blandon		1	1	14	80	94	51	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2,500 00	98 35	74 00	51 76	7 21							
Terre Hill		1	1	12	43	53	46	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3,500 00	47 95	73 00	17 39	2 00							
Quakerstown	M. W. Ettinger	1	1	17	77	88	54	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7,500 00	80 75	78 20	64 72	4 50							
Haffield		1	1	15	94	109	77	1	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1,500 00	42 50	24 50	115 19	8 00							
Graterford	E. T. Shick	7	1	1				1	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2,800 00	86 55	93 80	93 80	8 00							
Harleysville		1	1	13	62	75	67	1	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1,000 00	79 75	87 00	29 51	4 50							
Leighton	J. C. Roth	1	1						7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2,800 00	59 75	79 00	66 08	4 00							
Weissport									7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1,300 00											
Total		38	17	311	2262	2605	1867	18	360	20	10	3	\$ 7,700 00	\$ 99,100 00	\$ 31,192 95	\$ 33,848 95	\$ 2,390 47	\$ 193 27															
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																																	
Easton	R. L. Woodring	1	1	19	124	143	92	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$	9,000 00	140 85	149 00	135 48	6 25						
Northampton	W. W. Zimmerman	1	1	15	50	65	40	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4,500 00	45 00	32 40	35 84	3 00							
Mt. Carmel	G. F. Yost	2	1	22	147	169	113	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9,000 00	51 00	46 20	55 84	6 60							
Stroudsburg	J. G. Shireman	1	1	18	88	106	87	2	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4,000 00	51 30	35 30	95 75	5 00							
Nazareth	R. Beggs	1	1	13	35	48	35	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5,300 00	64 30	55 75	18 17	5 75							
Plainfield		1	1	8	18	26	22	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	500 00	24 75	17 98	2 55	5 75							
Walnutport	V. H. Reinhart	2	1	16	77	93	55	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50 00	3,850 00	40 95	32 50	17 71	2 17						
G. H. Society																																	
Total		9	7	111	539	650	444	3	59	7	5	3	\$ 4,050 00	\$ 41,150 00	\$ 4,150 00	\$ 348 83	\$ 583 93	\$ 34 52															
Mizpah Grove													1,500 00																				
Orphanage, Home													1,200 00																				
Grand Total		47	24	422	2801	3255	2311	21	419	27	15	3	\$ 14,450 00	\$ 202,650 00	\$ 36,111 10	\$ 3,697 78	\$ 2,974 40	\$ 227 79															

XVIII. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—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. MUSSELMAN, P. E.													
Bethlehem	W. S. Hotel.....	\$ 770 00	\$ 67 53	\$	\$ 718 37	\$ 320 18	\$ 303 03	\$153 00	\$82 75	\$ 268 00	\$ 21 00		
Allentown	C. H. Brunner.....				370 75	328 63	282 50	121 00	896 55	161 85	20 00		
Reading	W. J. Fretz.....	1357 00	618 04	163 60	548 93	302 89	255 00	191 00	740 95	172 25	12 00		
Philadelphia	F. M. Hotel.....	1220 34			372 04	235 78	245 00	101 20	691 00	238 00	12 00		
Coopersburg	H. K. Kratz.....			65 62	77 92	91 62	126 60	37 85	423 30	108 83	4 94		
Springtown					22 52			4 55	439 00				
So. Allentown	E. N. Cassel.....			161 25	273 44	153 96	159 70	48 45	431 70	8 32	7 65		
Spring City	J. F. Barrall.....				352 50	149 31	90 00	33 00	459 95	328 83	7 00		
Roversford	O. S. Hillegass.....				160 89	114 30	108 00	23 00	225 50	155 79	4 00		
Zionsville	E. E. Kubie.....				118 21	65 63	82 00	18 65	226 65	109 80	4 75		
Macungie			61 00	65 00	115 21	30 22	75 00	12 26	275 06	45 45	4 00		
Fleetwood	B. B. Musselman.....		39 81	36 00	51 77	55 84	140 00	30 33	215 75	73 63	2 51		
Plandome	"	511 75		11 50	27 72	29 42	65 00	17 12	213 37	34 80	2 14		
Quakertown	M. W. Ettinger.....	65 00		45 45	26 47	29 42	50 00	14 40	105 35	16 91	1 55		
Radfield	"			18 00	14 78	53 32	79 95	12 61	219 43	113 37	4 62		
Harleysville	E. T. Shick.....			24 00	83 94			8 36	77 85	21 56	2 57		
Leighton	"			49 50	104 77			9 75	294 80	132 92	4 00		
Walworth	J. C. Roth.....		79 03	30 00	176 24			6 64	139 55	58 50	2 38		
Weissport	"			144 90	350 89	93 97	90 10	18 25	272 85	129 18	3 00		
Total		\$3924 09	\$865 41	\$1081 42	\$4356 04	\$2234 09	\$2357 31	\$774 73	\$7068 32	\$2322 90	\$120 92		
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.													
Easton	R. L. Woodring.....	\$ 183 42	\$	\$ 131 00	\$ 274 70	\$ 129 04	\$ 128 00	\$ 30 00	\$ 335 40	\$ 94 60	\$ 5 75		
Northampton	W. W. Zimmerman.....		49 35	115 70	51 27	38 15	38 15	8 54	136 65	59 75	2 95		
Mt. Carmel	G. F. Yost.....			118 45	273 49	168 66	87 53	13 86	328 21	72 80	4 80		
Stroudsburg	J. G. Shireman.....	535 16		172 23	380 98	148 59	117 37	12 50	181 11	150 44	3 25		
Nazareth	R. Bergstresser.....			98 55	108 85	44 67	83 45	9 91	176 55	48 22	1 77		
Plainfield	"			31 40	7 75	11 61		3 76	69 00	5 80	77 77		
Walnutport	V. H. Reinhart.....	58 60		73 00	48 23	47 03	46 67	8 49	129 39	73 71	1 00		
G. H. Society				1068 50	4469 64		528 16	29 62		1512 56			
Total		\$ 777 18	\$ 49 35	\$1738 83	\$5624 91	\$ 587 75	\$1034 73	\$116 68	\$1356 31	\$2017 88	\$ 19 99		
Grand Total.....		\$4701 27	\$914 76	\$2820 25	\$9980 95	\$2821 84	\$3392 04	\$891 41	\$8424 63	\$4340 78	\$140 91		

XVIII. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—Concluded

OFFERINGS.—Concluded—											
Appointments	Pastor	Gospel Worker Society	Tabernacle Work	Missionary or Evangelistic Work	Camp Meetings	Sunday School Conventions	Annual Conference Fund	Subscriptions and Literature Sold	Benevolent Society	Annual Conference Delegate	Total Collections
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.											
Bethlehem	W. S. Hotel	\$ 373 56		\$ 79 94		\$ 30 25	\$ 14 00	\$ 565 40	\$ 198 50	\$ 15 52	\$ 6,422 28
Allentown	C. H. Brunner	408 50		79 50		16 50	14 70	733 19	177 00	18 00	5,746 68
Reading	W. J. Fretz	299 55		41 60		15 50	10 00	770 76	92 00	13 00	5,785 27
Philadelphia	F. M. Hotel	170 57		37 95		18 00	11 50	621 15	75 00	23 00	4,782 30
Coopersburg	H. K. Kratz	85 56				7 75	5 22	94 78		9 23	1,814 52
Springtown		5 25						10 65	2 00		117 00
So. Allentown	E. N. Cassel	120 55		11 00		8 00	2 88	118 15	13 50	6 30	2,051 51
Spring City	J. F. Barral	78 04		4 00		8 00	3 50	569 40	26 50	4 20	2,517 12
Royersford		43 10	20 04	2 00		7 00	3 00	274 03	17 50	4 40	1,420 75
Zionsville	O. S. Hillegass	46 26				4 75	2 72	6 75	19 00	10 00	1,249 19
Emaus	E. E. Kubic	28 70		50 65		6 61	4 00	91 11	13 50	3 64	1,144 07
Macungie	B. B. Musselman	22 84		22 50		5 85	3 00	106 77	18 50	3 64	898 60
Fleetwood		43 90		39 00		5 00	3 60	117 60	34 50	6 75	1,759 58
Blandon		35 20		27 00		6 00	2 00	97 00	38 50	4 75	1,034 08
Terre Hill		15 44		21 00		5 00	1 05	79 30		2 00	794 68
Quakertown	M. W. Ettinger	17 07				4 10	1 79	26 75	36 00	7 16	1,037 12
Hatfield		16 75		45 45		4 25	2 33	62 25	21 50	7 39	1,217 63
Graterford	E. T. Shick	22 10					1 50	40 00	5 50	4 11	716 62
Harleysville		22 44					3 00	87 55	21 00	5 75	1,590 40
Leighton	J. C. Roth	48 00		31 10		3 00	3 00				
Weissport					2806 99						
Camp Meeting	Mizpah Grove										2,806 99
Total		\$1903 38	\$20 04	\$492 69	\$2806 99	\$155 56	\$92 26	\$4,483 59	\$810 00	\$153 52	\$45,148 90
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.											
Easton	R. L. Woodring	\$ 64 79		\$ 8 08		\$ 10 25	\$ 25 00	\$ 205 00	\$ 28 00	\$ 14 20	\$ 2,076 31
Northampton	W. W. Zimmerman	14 37		5 50		5 53	2 60	74 24	43 50	8 80	775 69
Mt. Carmel	G. F. Yost	45 22		18 15		15 05	3 13	219 20	23 00	15 38	1,496 27
Stroudsburg	J. G. Shireman	32 88	66 40	17 94		6 00	2 20	169 42	21 50	9 75	2,225 07
Nazareth	R. Berghesser	15 96				7 00	1 21	15 00	29 00	10 39	774 50
Plainfield		9 96				2 57	1 60	6 00	2 00	2 86	204 31
Walnutport	V. H. Reinhart	16 70	23 65	15 00		5 00	1 50	57 00	8 50	4 75	711 55
G. H. Society					848 29			6,948 09			15,827 92
Camp Meeting	Mizpah Grove	199 97			647 54						647 54
Total		\$ 399 85	\$ 90 05	\$ 64 17	\$1495 83	\$ 51 40	\$ 13 74	\$ 7,693 95	\$155 50	\$ 65 63	\$24,739 16
Grand Total		\$2303 23	\$110 09	\$556 86	\$4302 82	\$206 96	\$106 00	\$12,177 54	\$965 50	\$219 15	\$69,888 06

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	26 W. Laurel St., Bethlehem, Pa.
Kauffman, H. A.	1908		1915	711 E. Commerce St., Shamokin, Pa.
Kratz, H. K.	1906	1909	1914	Coopersburg, Pa.
Kublic, E. E.	1901	1907	1915	334 Cypress St., Lehigh, Pa.
Musselman, H. B.	1890	1893	P. E	48 S. Second Ave., Bethlehem, Pa.
Musselman, W. B.	1883	1886	M.P.E	Cleveland, Ohio.
Musselman, B. B.	1913		1913	Fleetwood, Pa.
Reinhart, V. H.	1907	1909	1914	Walnutport, Pa.
Roth, J. C.	1900	1903	1915	Fifth Street, Emaus, Pa.
Shick, E. T.	1899	1901	1914	Graterford, Pa.
Shireman, J. G.	1898	1900	1914	21 S. 6th St., 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., Northampton, Pa.

II Local Preachers. (Ordained)

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

III. Annual Conference Licensed Preachers

Anderson, J. T.	1909	Gospel Herald Society.
Wesner, L. D.	1913	" " "

IV. Quarterly Conference Licensed Missionaries

Brunner, Mrs. C. H.	1892	Allentown, Pa.
Dickert, R. W.	1915	Bethlehem, 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.
I. EVANGELICAL MENNONITES. (Semi-Annual)				
1858	Sept. 24.....	Upper Milford, Pa.	William Gehman ..	David Gehman.....
1859	Nov. 1.....	Haycock, Pa.....	"	"
1860	May 28.....	Upper Milford.....	"	"
1860	Nov. 6.....	"	"	"
1861	June 4.....	"	David Henning....	"
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.....

Record of Conferences.—Continued

† 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	"	"
1915	Oct. 14-18	Royersford	"	"

*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.

