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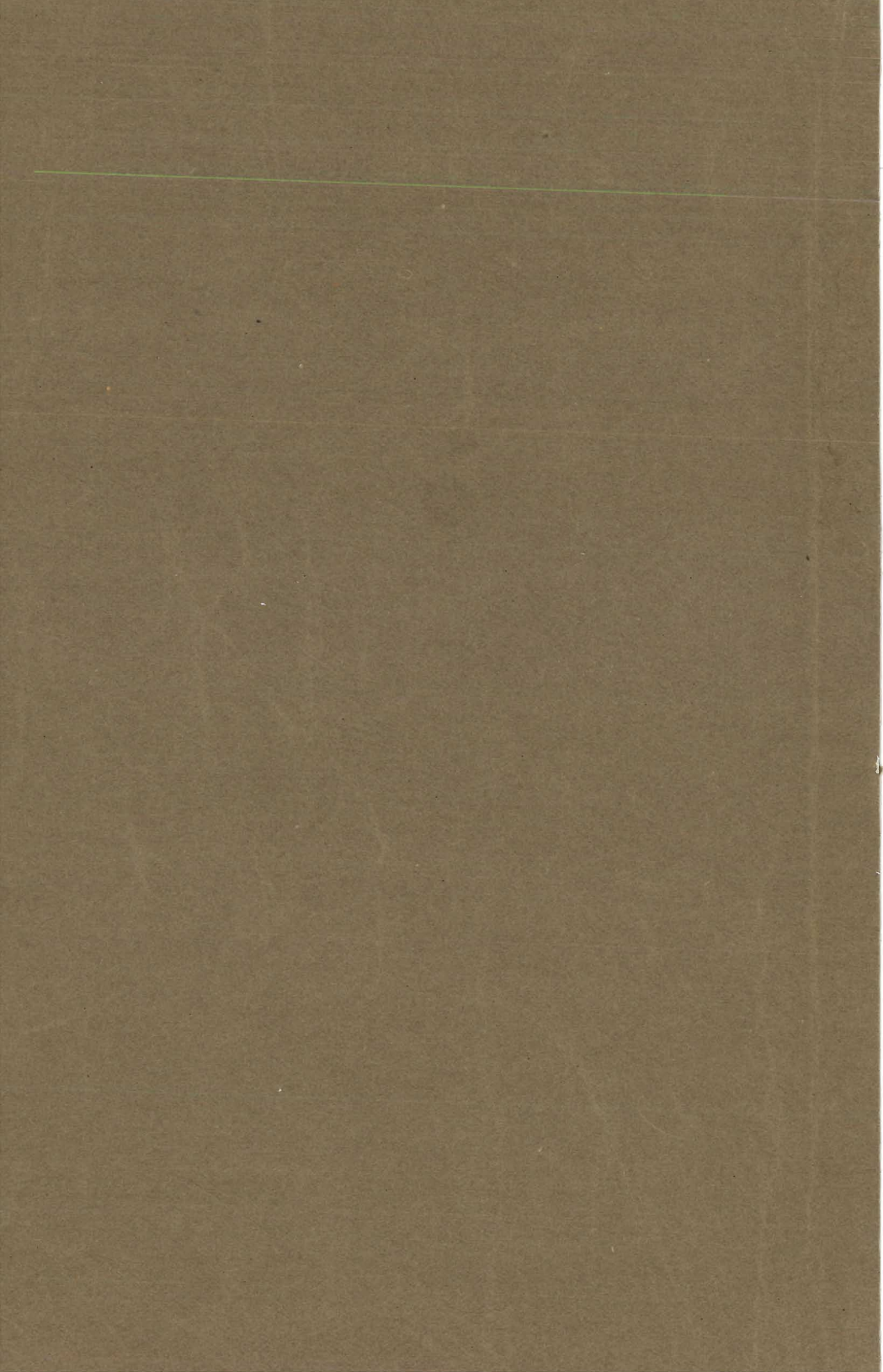
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Home Mission Fund—Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner.

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. [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 Quarterly Conference and the Quarterly Conferences shall elect them. [Enacted October 15, 1906.]

C.—All officers of Quarterly Conference who are absent from Quarterly Conference shall submit a written report and a satisfactory excuse. Failing to do this, they shall appear before the next Quarterly Conference. If such are absent the next time without submitting a written report and statement of the cause of absence, they shall be removed from office. [Enacted February 3, 1894.]

D.—We will not permit any of our Quarterly Conference Licensed Workers to travel as Evangelists, except by permission of the Annual Conference. [Enacted February 22, 1897.]

E.—The classes shall elect no ministers to any office. [Enacted February 3, 1894.]

F.—No person shall be elected to the office of Deacon, Class Leader, or Sunday School Superintendent who uses or deals in tobacco. [Enacted February 20, 1897.]

G.—The class leaders and stewards shall be elected shortly before, and their term of office begin immediately after, the last Quarterly Conference. [Enacted October 28, 1904.]

H.—The Quarterly Conference accounts of the Stewards shall be from quarter to quarter, and the reports on the schedules from October 1 to October 1. In case a pastor is changed his allowances shall end with the month of September. 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.

The following Boards and Committees shall, as soon as practicable after their election, elect a President and a Secretary:

Executive Board, Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home, Board of Publication and Printing. The Chairman and Secretary of the Annual Conference shall be Chairman and Secretary of the Home Mission Fund.

The Annual Conference shall elect a Conference Treasurer annually who shall be the Treasurer for the Executive Board, Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home, the Home Mission Fund and the Annual Conference Fund.

He shall deposit all the various funds in the name of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of PennsylvaniaTreasurer. The various Boards shall draw on the Treasurer for the funds needed, using form of voucher check furnished by the Annual Conference. They shall not draw beyond the amount of their respective funds except by permission of the Executive Board.

The Treasurer shall keep an account of the amounts drawn by each Board in a book furnished by the Annual Conference and report

to the Annual Conference the standing of each fund as well as the total in the Treasury.

All Boards and Standing Committees shall submit a full and classified report of their work, financial and otherwise, to the Annual Conference. They shall hold meetings annually or oftener.

Executive Board.—The Annual Conference shall elect an Executive Board Annually consisting of five ordained ministers that have submitted themselves unconditionally to the Annual Conference.

This Executive Board shall constitute a Board of Trustees and hold the title of all property belonging to the Annual Conference, except where there is a regularly organized class or church that has a local Board of Trustees and where the Annual Conference has otherwise provided for, by electing a separate Board of Trustees.

The Executive Board shall direct as to how and where the money in the Annual Conference Treasury shall be deposited, and also have the right to place it on certificate of deposit, or savings deposit, or make other good, safe and substantial investments.

It shall have the right to buy any property that it may deem good and necessary for the furtherance of the work of the Annual Conference. It shall have the authority to sell any property that it holds in trust and execute and deliver a lawful deed for the same.

It shall have the authority to sell any property deeded to a local Board of Trustees at places where for any reason there is no longer a local board, or class, or organized church, and execute and deliver a lawful deed and conveyance, and use the net proceeds of the sale of such property for other church properties as it may deem it advisable.

It shall have the right to borrow money and issue mortgages on the properties that it holds in trust or give other securities, and shall have the right to loan out any money that it may have on mortgages or other good securities, and also satisfy said mortgages or securities.

It shall have charge of all property belonging to the Annual Conference unless otherwise provided for.

It shall have charge of all the old quarterly conference records, class records, and all other records that are no longer needed by the various classes, boards or committees.

It shall act as a Board of Advisers to the Pastors and the President of the Gospel Herald Society in matters relative to the purchasing of properties for church purposes and the erection of churches and parsonages. The President of the Gospel Herald Society shall purchase no property for church purposes without consulting the Executive Board and receiving its consent.

It shall act as a Board of Advisers to the Laymen's Benevolent Society in all matters not clearly stated, and in matters of dispute that may arise from time to time between Annual Conferences.

It shall purchase all tabernacles and living tents pertaining to tabernacle outfits, and the lumber for camp-meeting purposes and all new furniture and such articles as may be needed.

It shall designate the place and arrangement for the storing of the camp-meeting equipage and tabernacle outfit.

Campmeetings held in Mizpah Grove shall pay into the treasury of the Executive Board, rent for the lumber that they use at the rate of three dollars per thousand feet.

In case there is a balance left over at the various campmeetings after all the expenses are paid the balance shall be paid into the treasury of the Executive Board.

The title to all real estate held, controlled or possessed by any local class, church or congregation shall be vested in a Board of three

Trustees to be annually elected by the Quarterly Conference of said local class, church or congregation in trust for the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania after the following form:

To A, B and C trustees and their successors in office in trust for the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania.

Foreign Missions.—A.—The Annual Conference shall elect annually a Board of Foreign Missions consisting of five members.

All money contributed for the cause of Foreign Missions throughout the Conference shall be paid into the Annual Conference Treasury. They shall disburse the funds that they receive for the spread of the Gospel in heathen lands according as they deem good and proper.

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.]

Orphanage and Home.—The Annual Conference shall elect a Board of Trustees for the Orphanage and Home consisting of eight ordained ministers and four laymen. They shall be elected for a term of two years in such a manner that the term of office of four ministers and two laymen expires at each Annual Conference.

The Board of Trustees shall have the privilege to elect or appoint a Superintendent, sub-boards or committees to carry forward the work of the Home and the farm connected therewith, and shall direct all other matters relative to the same.

It shall have the right to purchase additional property from time to time as it deems necessary to carry on the work of the Home and shall also have the right to sell any property that to the best of its judgment it may deem advisable for the interest of the work under its supervision and trust and execute and deliver good and lawful deeds and conveyances for the same.

It shall have the right to remove any of the present buildings or to erect additions to the present building or erect additional buildings as may be needed to carry on the work of the Home and the farm connected therewith.

It shall have the right to borrow money and give mortgages or other securities on the properties. It shall have the right to loan out any funds in its possession on mortgages or other securities or make other investments with the funds that it may have on hand, and also satisfy all mortgages or other securities.

It shall decide as to who shall be admitted into the Home and on what conditions, and shall also decide to whom and to what extent the Board shall give help to worthy poor throughout the Church.

All moneys or donations of any kind received by any Pastor for the Orphanage and Home shall be forwarded as soon as practicable

*Note. The members of our Church shall be respectively 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.

to the Superintendent or Managing Committee, who shall acknowledge the receipt of the same.

Each Pastor shall hold a special service at each appointment on which occasion the Annual Offering for the Poor shall be received. The Pastors shall bring this offering to the Annual Conference and pay it into the Annual Conference Treasury as Orphanage and Home funds.

All money 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 where collected.

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 it may deem it advisable.

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.]

Camp Meeting Equipage.—The Chairman of the Annual Conference shall appoint a committee of four, who, under the direction of the Presiding Elders shall see that the Camp-meeting Equipage and Tabernacle outfits are kept in good working condition and repairs. They shall purchase such articles as will be necessary to the proper maintenance or upkeep of the Camp-meeting Equipage and Tabernacle outfits. For the payment of their expenses they shall submit bills from time to time to the Executive Board.

In case any Pastor, or the President of the Gospel Herald Society desires to use, or cause to be used a tabernacle he shall make application for the same to his respective Presiding Elder. In case the privilege to use a tabernacle is granted, the Presiding Elder shall inform the Equipage Committee. The Pastor or the President of the Gospel Herald Society shall be present in person and in conjunction with a member of the Camp-meeting Equipage Committee shall see that the tabernacle and outfit is shipped. The expenses of this shall be paid by the one that uses or causes the tabernacle to be used.

The number of tabernacles to be used on the respective Presiding Elder Districts and in the Gospel Herald Society shall be mutually agreed upon by the Presiding Elders.

Laymen's Benevolent Society.—The Annual Conference shall elect annually a Board of three Trustees from among the laity for the Laymen's Benevolent Society. The Annual Conference shall elect and designate them as President, Secretary and Treasurer of said Board.



Our Chapel at Harleysville, Pa.



The Parsonage at Zionsville, Pa.

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

Whenever a member of the Society dies, the Pastor shall return the membership book to the Secretary.

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.

Camp Meetings.—A.—The advisability of having boarding stands at the various camp meetings shall be left to the decision of the Presiding Elder. [Enacted September 17, 1900.] There shall be a General Camp Meeting Committee, consisting of two Presiding Elders and the Chairman of each Camp Meeting Committee, to which matters that may refer to Camp Meetings in general may be referred. [Enacted October, 1906.] The collections for Camp Meetings shall be reported by the Chairman of the General Camp Meeting Committee and be recorded by themselves on the Summary Statistical Report. [Enacted October 16, 1909.]

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

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

The Treasurer shall make himself debtor in his book for all the various amounts of money as they are received and creditor for all money paid out, giving date and name of party or parties from whom the money is received and date and name of party or parties and number of order to whom money is paid. [Enacted October 10, 1908.]

Gospel Worker Society.—A.—A free-will offering shall be lifted for the Gospel Workers in each class at a monthly prayer meeting held by their respective class-leaders. [Enacted February 20, 1897.]

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

C.—Whenever the Gospel Worker Society turns one or more missions over to the church, a committee, consisting of the Presiding Elders, Treasurer, and Missionary Presiding Elder, shall appraise the personal property or real estate belonging to said mission in case the Church chooses to buy said property, paying the same out of the Home Mission treasury. [Enacted October 28, 1904.]

Journals.—A.—The Annual Conference minutes shall be published only in the Conference Journal. The Secretary shall be privileged to curtail them as he sees fit and have them published in the Gospel Banner. [Revised October 14, 1907.]

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

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

D.—The Secretary of the Annual Conference shall also be Editor of the Conference Journal of the same session.

E.—The Editor of the Conference Journal shall arrange a brief report of the Sunday services at the Annual Conference to be published in the Conference Journal. [Enacted October 13, 1905.]

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.]

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.

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.

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FIRST MEETING.

THURSDAY FORENOON, SEPTEMBER 21, 1916.

The Thiry-third Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania convened in the M. B. in C. Church, on Eleventh Street near Ontario, Philadelphia, Pa.

The first meeting was opened at eight o'clock in the morning of September twenty-first, nineteen hundred and sixteen, by singing "Glory to His Name," followed by a season of thanksgiving and praise to God for His leadings during the past year as well as prayer for the blessing of God upon the officers and members of this Conference and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all our business transactions.

The Chairman, Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, read a portion of the second chapter of Philippians and gave us a very appropriate and needful address concerning the importance of our gathering together and the business to be transacted.

The following members were then enrolled:

MINISTERS

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

All of these were present at the opening of the first meeting except W. B. Musselman, Cleveland, O., and C. F. Snyder, Titao, China.

Probationers.—B. Bryan Musselman and H. A. Kauffman.

DELEGATES.

H. S. Jones, Bethlehem; G. O. Billig, Allentown.
W. G. Taylor, Reading; S. S. Geil, Philadelphia.
O. C. Kistler, South Allentown; E. C. Goucher, Stroudsburg.
C. W. Teel, Easton.

G. K. Himmelreich, Fleetwood, Blandon and Terre Hill.
 Herbert E. Gehman, Coopersburg and Springtown.
 Allen M. Gehman, Emaus and Macungie.
 M. E. Brownback, Royersford and Spring City.
 H. G. Brunner, Zionsville.
 C. D. Bean, Graterford and Harleysville.
 H. H. Bergey, Quakertown and Hatfield.
 W. D. Everett, Mt. Carmel.
 J. L. Manney, Shamokin (alternate).
 A. F. Deibert, Lehighton and Weissport.
 William H. Bender, Nazareth and Plainfield.
 J. M. Oplinger, Northampton.
 C. E. Neff, Walnutport.

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

We shall also not forget to mention our absent Foreign Missionaries who are members of our Church, namely: M. P. Zook, Mrs. M. P. Zook, H. W. Feldges, Mrs. H. W. Feldges, C. F. Snyder, Mrs. C. F. Snyder, V. G. Plymire, Mrs. Kate Weiss and Miss Grace I. Harkless. Also Miss Anna Le Fevre, Wm. Christie, W. N. Ruhl, C. H. Miller, E. E. Crist, Mrs. E. E. Crist, Manuel Gomez, Innocencio Gomez, Dionisio Oyarzum and Ignacio Riveros, although not members of our Church, yet are supported by our Conference. We shall also remember our Missionary Presiding Elder, the Gospel Worker Society and the Gospel Herald Society as well as 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 two pews throughout the Church and the basement for private meetings constitute the Conference Bar.

The Secretary appointed his assistants as follows:—Assistant Secretary, B. Bryan Musselman; Recording Secretary, H. A. Kauffman.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a Timekeeper and a Reporter.

He appointed W. J. Fretz as Reporter and V. H. Reinhart as Timekeeper.

Resolved, That no member be permitted to leave the Conference Bar without permission by the Chair, except F. M. Hottel and S. S. Geil.

COMMITTEES.

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

Committee on Worship: F. M. Hottel and S. S. Geil.

Committee on Communications: E. E. Kublic and W. G. Gehman.

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

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

Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records: J. C. Roth, W. W. Zimmerman, E. T. Shick, F. M. Hottel, M. E. Brownback, C. W. Teel, William H. Bender, C. D. Bean, W. D. Evert, J. M. Oplinger, E. C. Goucher, C. E. Neff and P. J. Musselman.

Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Records: R. Bergstresser and E. E. Kublic.

Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders: Wm. Gehman, H. H. Bergey and G. K. Himmelreich.

Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists and Missionaries: E. T. Shick, W. J. Fretz and O. S. Hillegass.

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

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

Committee on Resolutions: W. G. Gehman, W. S. Hottel and H. K. Kratz.

Auditing Committee: R. L. Woodring, W. G. Taylor, Herbert E. Gehman, H. S. Jones, O. C. Kistler, H. G. Brunner, G. F. Yost, V. H. Reinhart, S. S. Geil, A. F. Deibert and J. L. Manney.

Committee to Audit Schedules: W. J. Fretz, W. G. Gehman and H. K. Kratz.

Resolved, That we now hear the oral reports of the Pastors.

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

Resolved, That we extend the time.

Adjourned at 11.35 to the call of the Chair.

Prayer by P. J. Musselman.

SECOND MEETING.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 21, 1916.

The afternoon meeting was opened at 3.20 by singing, "Nearer My God to Thee," and prayer by O. C. Kistler.

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 Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention. (See Reports.)

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

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

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

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

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

Report of the Committee on Worship:

Resolved, That R. W. Dickert preach this evening, followed by J. B. Layne.

F. M. Hottel,
S. S. Geil,
Committee.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, We have had the pleasure of listening to a very extensive, intensive, interesting and encouraging report of the condition of the Lord's work of our beloved Missionaries in the "Regions Beyond," describing clearly in detail the leadings of God through the labors of our beloved Missionaries, and,

Whereas, The Lord has graciously blessed the Missionaries in holding forth the Word of Life to the salvation and baptism of quite a number of souls and has kept the Missionaries united, encouraged and inspired, and,

Whereas, Our Foreign Mission Board has adopted several additional Missionaries whose support they have pledged for the ensuing year, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly pray God to continue His blessing upon the Missionaries and their work, so they may prosper physically and spiritually.

W. G. Gehman,

W. S. Hottel,

H. K. Kratz,

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,

W. J. Fretz,

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 Philadelphia, Graterford and Harleyville Records—No mention is made of the Presiding Elder speaking on the duties of members toward their Pastor.

Mt. Carmel Records—No mention of appointment of Auditors.

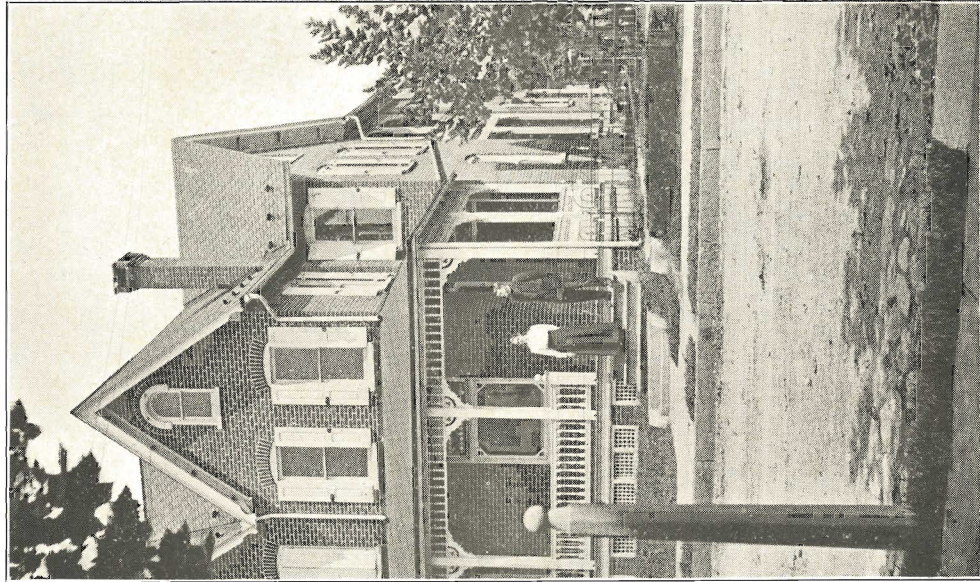
Stroudsburg Records—No mention is made of the reading of the minutes in the first, second, third and fourth quarters, and no report of the Gospel Workers' Offering for month of June.

Shamokin Records—No mention is made that the Conference was opened with singing and prayer in the first three quarters and no Appropriations reported.

Zionsville Records—Reads that the Chairman appointed Morris E. Stickler as Secretary and it should read nominated by the Chairman and elected by the Class, and also no mention is made of Presiding Elder speaking on the Duties of Members toward their Pastor.

Walnutport Records—The minutes are not properly signed.

The committee would like to see a little more system and carefulness in the recording of minutes in some of the records.



The Parsonage at Fleetwood, Pa.



Miss Grace I. Harkless, Missionary to Kansu Province, China

We also find that the Quakertown and Hatfield Quarterly Conference recommends Brother R. W. Dickert for Annual Conference License.

J. C. Roth,	William H. Bender,
W. W. Zimmerman,	C. D. Bean,
E. T. Shick,	W. D. Evert,
F. M. Hottel,	J. M. Oplinger,
M. E. Brownback,	E. C. Goucher,
C. W. Teel,	C. E. Neff,

P. J. Musselman,

Committee.

Report of the Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders:

We beg leave to report that we have examined all the Traveling Elders through their delegates and found them all satisfactory.

William Gehman,
H. H. Bergey,
G. K. Himmelreich,
Committee.

Report of the Committee on Statistics of the Schedules:

We have examined all the Schedules and found them all correct with the exception of the following:

Zionsville—Membership not properly filled out.

Easton—An error in reporting increase.

Mt. Carmel—Reports one member more on Schedule than in the Class Book.

Reading—Reports seven dropped which should be eight.

This committee recommends that the Pastors number their members in the Class Books.

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

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

WHEREAS, One of our brethren and fellow-laborers, M. W. Ettinger, was removed from our midst by the Providential permission of God during the past year, having met with an automobile and trolley car collision, and,

WHEREAS, We have lost in him an earnest worker and whole-hearted brother, therefore,

Resolved, That we humbly and meekly bow to God in respect to this, His all wise providence and pray that those of us who have been so graciously spared hitherto, may be more fully qualified and more deeply enthused with Divine inspiration to spread the truth, edify the Church and advance the work of God in general "while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work," and further,

Resolved, That we pray God's blessings upon the sorrowing widow and children.

W. G. Gehman,
W. S. Hottel,
H. K. Kratz,

Committee.

Brother W. G. Gehman, President of the Gospel Herald Society, recommended the Brethren N. H. Wolf and J. B. Layne, Gospel Heralds to this Annual Conference as Applicants for Annual Conference License.

Resolved, That we extend the time.

The Brethren N. H. Wolf and J. B. Layne, of the Gospel Herald Society, and Brother R. W. Dickert, of Quakertown, now expressed the nature of their call to the ministry and were referred to the Committee on Applicants for Annual Conference License.

Resolved, That we hold a Private Meeting in the basement this evening at the call of the Chair.

Adjourned at 5.35 with prayer by W. G. Taylor.

THIRD MEETING.

THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 21, 1916.

This meeting was opened at 8 P. M. in the basement of the Church with prayer by R. L. Woodring.

The roll was called with all present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Records.

We have read the Annual Conference Records and found them all correct with the following exception:

In the report of the Committee on Statistics the clause "Coopersburg reported only one ordained preacher and should have reported two," does not appear in the minutes.

R. Bergstresser,
E. E. Kublic,

Committee.

Report of the Committee to Examine Applicants for Annual Conference License:

We have examined the candidates R. W. Dickert, J. B. Layne and N. H. Wolf and found them satisfactory and recommend that they be granted Annual Conference License.

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

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

WHEREAS, Brother W. J. Fretz had deposited Conference money of the Philadelphia Church in the Germantown Avenue Bank which Bank afterwards closed its doors to business, and,

WHEREAS, He has now at last received from that Bank the last one-third of the amount due him and has paid the same amount through his Presiding Elder to the Treasurer of the Annual Conference, therefore,

Resolved, That we heartily rejoice with Brother W. J. Fretz that all this money has been recovered.

W. G. Gehman,
W. S. Hottel,
H. K. Kratz,
Committee.

The following Resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That we make the following corrections, changes and additions to the Special Laws and Resolutions under Boards and Committees:

The following Boards and Committees shall as soon as practicable after their election elect a President and a Secretary:

Executive Board, Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home, Board of Publication and Printing. The Chairman and Secretary of the Annual Conference shall be Chairman and Secretary of the Home Mission Fund.

The Annual Conference shall elect a Conference Treasurer annually who shall be the Treasurer for the Executive Board, Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home, the Home Mission Fund and the Annual Conference Fund.

He shall deposit all the various funds in the name of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania, Treasurer. The various Boards shall draw on the Treasurer for the funds needed, using

form of voucher check furnished by the Annual Conference. They shall not draw beyond the amount of their respective funds except by permission of the Executive Board.

The Treasurer shall keep an account of the amounts drawn by each Board in a book furnished by the Annual Conference and report to the Annual Conference the standing of each fund as well as the total in the Treasury.

All Boards and Standing Committees shall submit a full and classified report of their work, financial and otherwise, to the Annual Conference.

The Annual Conference shall elect an Executive Board annually consisting of five ordained ministers that have submitted themselves unconditionally to the Annual Conference.

This Executive Board shall constitute a Board of Trustees and hold the title of all property belonging to the Annual Conference, except where there is a regularly organized class or church that has a local Board of Trustees and where the Annual Conference has otherwise provided for, by electing a separate Board of Trustees.

The Executive Board shall direct as to how and where the money in the Annual Conference Treasury shall be deposited, and also have the right to place it on certificate of deposit, or savings deposit, or make other good, safe and substantial investments.

It shall have the right to buy any property that they may deem good and necessary for the furtherance of the work of the Annual Conference. It shall have the authority to sell any property that it holds in trust and execute and deliver a lawful deed for the same.

It shall have the authority to sell any property deeded to a local Board of Trustees at places where for any reason there is no longer a local board, or class, or organized church, and execute and deliver a lawful deed and conveyance, and use the net proceeds of the sale of such property for other church properties as it may deem it advisable.

It shall have the right to borrow money and issue Mortgages on the properties that it holds in trust or give other securities, and have the right to loan out any money that it may have on mortgages or other good securities, and also satisfy said mortgages or securities.

It shall have charge of all property belonging to the Annual Conference unless otherwise provided for.

It shall have charge of all the old quarterly conference records, class records, and all other records that are no longer needed by the various classes, boards or committees.

It shall act as a Board of Advisers to the Pastors and the President of the Gospel Herald Society in matters relative to the purchasing of properties for church purposes and the erection of churches and parsonages. The President of the Gospel Herald Society shall purchase no property for church purposes without consulting the Executive Board and receiving its consent.

It shall act as a Board of Advisers to the Laymen's Benevolent Society in all matters not clearly stated, and in matters of dispute that may arise from time to time between Annual Conferences.

It shall purchase all tabernacles and living tents pertaining to tabernacle outfits, and the lumber for camp-meeting purposes and all new furniture and such articles as may be needed.

It shall designate the place and arrangement for the storing of the camp-meeting equipage and tabernacle outfits.

Campmeetings held in Mizpah Grove shall pay into the Treasury of the Executive Board, rent for the lumber that they use at the rate of three dollars per thousand feet.

In case there is a balance left over at the various camp-meetings after all the expenses are paid the balance shall be paid into the treasury of the Executive Board.

The title to all real estate held, controlled or possessed by any local class, church or congregation shall be vested in a Board of three Trustees to be annually elected by the Quarterly Conference of said local class, church or congregation in trust for the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania after the following form:

To A, B and C, Trustees, and their successors in office in trust for the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania.

The Annual Conference shall elect annually a Board of Foreign Missions consisting of five members.

All money contributed for the cause of Foreign Missions throughout the Conference shall be paid into the Annual Conference Treasury. They shall disburse the funds that they receive for the spread of the Gospel in heathen lands according as they deem good and proper.

The Annual Conference shall elect a Board of Trustees for the Orphanage and Home consisting of eight ordained ministers and four laymen. They shall be elected for a term of two years in such a manner that the term of office of four ministers and two laymen expires at each Annual Conference.

They shall hold meetings annually or oftener.

The Board of Trustees shall have the privilege to elect or

appoint a Superintendent, sub-boards or committees to carry forward the work of the Home and the farm connected therewith, and shall direct all other matters relative to the same.

It shall have the right to purchase additional property from time to time as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the Home and shall also have the right to sell any property that to the best of its judgment they may deem advisable for the interest of the work under its supervision and trust, and execute and deliver good and lawful deeds and conveyances for the same.

It shall have the right to remove any of the present buildings or to erect additions to the present buildings or erect additional buildings as may be needed to carry on the work of the Home and the farm connected therewith.

It shall have the right to borrow money and give mortgages or other securities on the properties. It shall have the right to loan out any funds in its possession on mortgages or other securities or make other investments with the funds that it may have on hand, and also satisfy all mortgages or other securities.

It shall decide as to who shall be admitted into the Home and on what conditions, and shall also decide to whom and to what extent the Board shall give help to worthy poor throughout the church.

All moneys or donations of any kind received by any Pastor for the Orphanage and Home shall be forwarded as soon as practicable to the Superintendent or Managing Committee, who shall acknowledge the receipt of the same.

Each Pastor shall hold a special service at each appointment on which occasion the annual offering for the Poor shall be received. The Pastors shall bring this offering to the Annual Conference and pay it into the Annual Conference Treasury as Orphanage and Home funds.

All money 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 where collected.

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 it may deem it advisable.

The Chairman of the Annual Conference shall appoint a committee of four, who, under the direction of the Presiding Elders shall see that the Camp-Meeting Equipage and Tabernacle

outfits are kept in good working condition and repairs. They shall purchase such articles as will be necessary to the proper maintenance or upkeep of the Camp Meeting Equipage and Tabernacle outfits. For the payment of their expenses they shall submit bills from time to time to the Executive Board.

In case any Pastor, or the President of the Gospel Herald Society, desires to use, or cause to be used a tabernacle he shall make application for the same to his respective Presiding Elder. In case the privilege to use a tabernacle is granted, the Presiding Elder shall inform the Equipage Committee. The Pastor or the President of the Gospel Herald Society shall be present in person and in conjunction with a member of the Campmeeting Equipage Committee shall see that the tabernacle and outfit is shipped. The expenses of this shall be paid by the one that uses or causes the tabernacle to be used.

The number of tabernacles to be used on the respective Presiding Elder Districts and in the Gospel Herald Society shall be mutually agreed upon by the Presiding Elders.

The words "Gospel Herald Society," in "A" under "Applicants and Probationers" shall be erased.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a Committee of five including himself to decide as to whether or not the Treasurer of the Annual Conference shall have a salary or donation and if so, how much.

The Chair appointed the following:

E. N. Cassel, C. H. Brunner, W. G. Gehman, J. C. Roth and H. B. Musselman.

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

Adjourned at 11.50 P. M., with prayer by E. T. Shick.

FOURTH MEETING.

FRIDAY FORENOON, SEPTEMBER 22, 1916.

The fourth meeting opened at 10.30, Friday morning by singing, "What a Fellowship" and prayer by R. Bergstresser.

The roll was called and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following report was read and adopted:

Report of the Committee appointed to designate whether the Annual Conference Treasurer shall have a donation and if so how much.

Resolved, That we donate twenty-five dollars annually to the Treasurer of the Annual Conference. The Executive Board shall decide out of which fund this donation shall be paid.

E. N. Cassel,
C. H. Brunner,
W. G. Gehman,
J. C. Roth,
H. B. Musselman,
Committee.

The Oral Reports of the Pastors were continued.
Adjourned with prayer by J. G. Shireman.

FIFTH MEETING.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 22, 1916.

This meeting was opened by singing "Leaning on Jesus," and prayer by Pastor V. H. Reinhart.

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

The following report was read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

WHEREAS, We have learned from the report of the Board of Examiners on the Reading Course that B. Bryan Musselman and L. D. Wesner have passed the Reading Course satisfactorily, and,

WHEREAS, H. A. Kauffman has passed the Reading Course satisfactorily several years ago and has labored under appointment by the Conference the past year, therefore,

Resolved, That we refer these brethren to the Committee on Examination of Applicants for Ordination.

W. G. Gehman,
W. S. Hottel,
H. K. Kratz,
Committee.

The Oral Reports of the Pastors were concluded. All these reports were very good and spoke of much blessing and prosperity in all departments of the Lord's vineyard.

We were also glad to hear a glowing report from our venerable Father William Gehman, who, although in his ninetieth year, was present throughout every meeting of this Annual Conference Session as well as the Ministerial Convention on the day before.

Brother P. J. Musselman, of Slatington, a local preacher also reported good courage.

The following reports of the Committee on Resolutions were read and adopted:

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

WHEREAS, He is so well preserved physically, mentally and spiritually, so that he is still active and useful in the service of God in his home church, campmeetings and other gatherings, and,

WHEREAS, He still takes such a deep interest in the work of the Lord as represented by the Conference, and is always willing to be used by the Presiding Elder, anywhere, therefore,

Resolved, That we heartily praise God for the blessings thus bestowed upon our honored brother, and further,

Resolved, That we enjoy his presence among us at the Annual Conference Session, and also his lively and hearty co-operation in the work of the Lord in its various phases, and further,

Resolved, That we pray God to continue His blessings upon him and keep him in His love and fellowship, looking for the coming of the Lord, and cause him to be rich in faith and love, so that he may be still more fruitful in his old age.

W. G. Gehman,
W. S. Hottel,
H. K. Kratz,
Committee.

(b) WHEREAS, We have listened with much pleasure to the oral reports of the different Pastors, and thereby learned of many souls having been saved, many having been baptized and added to the Church, and the various offerings quite largely increased, and,

WHEREAS, The Pastors on both districts manifest a deep concern for the work of the Lord, in the spreading of the Gospel, the salvation of souls and the advancement of the work in general, therefore,

Resolved, That we heartily appreciate the interest and sacrifice of the different Pastors, and pray God to spare their lives for future and continued service for Him, and, that their zeal and devotion may be deepened yet more and more, and that each one may be kept faithful to his trust and not be side-tracked by the enemy and become ensnared in worldly, religious schemes, and worldly entanglements.

W. G. Gehman,
Committee.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders be not limited in the

time of their reports. The following reports were now read and adopted:

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

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

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

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

WHEREAS, We were privileged to listen to the Reports of our Presiding Elders and the President of the Gospel Herald Society, by which we had brought before us a comprehensive view of the work of the Conference and the Gospel Herald Society, setting forth the gracious leadings of God and His blessing bestowed upon the entire work, and,

WHEREAS, They reported progress in the work in general many souls having been saved on the various charges and missions, the church having been edified and the ministry being well united devoted and loyal, therefore,

Resolved, That we appreciate their whole-hearted devotion to the work of the Lord, their honesty and frankness, as well as their faithful oversight of the work in its entirety, by their counsel, sermons and example proving a great blessing to the different Pastors and members of the Church, and further,

Resolved, That we pray God to bless them abundantly, so that they may be enabled physically, intellectually and spiritually to go forward in their work for the Lord and to make them a still greater blessing to His cause in the coming days than they have ever been hitherto and that through their instrumentality many souls shall be saved and the people of God be edified and perfected.

W. S. Hottel,
H. K. Kratz,
Committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

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

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

Absent C. F. Snyder and W. B. Musselman.

Conditional—None.

The Chair appointed W. J. Fretz, H. K. Kratz and J. F. Barrall as tellers.

Resolved, That we have two Presiding Elders.

The following 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, E. N. Cassel and J. G. Shireman.

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

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

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

Editorial Committee on the Sunday School Lessons—Editor-in-Chief, W. S. Hottel.

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

Board of Examiners—W. G. Gehman, E. N. Cassel and W. S. Hottel.

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

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

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 first Vice Presiding Elder and W. S. Hottel shall be second Vice-Presiding Elder.

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.

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, R. L. Woodring and E. N. Cassel.

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.

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 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 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.

The Report of the Committee on Worship was read and adopted as follows:

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

F. M. Hottel,
S. S. Geil,
Committee.

Resolved, That we suspend the Rules to adjourn.
Adjourned at 4.40 with prayer by M. E. Brownback.

SIXTH MEETING.

SATURDAY FORENOON, SEPTEMBER 23, 1916.

This meeting was opened by singing "At the Cross," after which J. L. Manney 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 Beneficiary Society. (See Reports.)

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

(a) WHEREAS, Our Editor of the Conference Journal, Brother C. H. Brunner, has much hard labor in arranging matters relative to the same, and in getting it printed and forwarded to the different Pastors, and,

WHEREAS, He spares no time, thought and labor to make it handy, useful and real practical, furnishing us with most useful knowledge, therefore,

Resolved, That we express our appreciation for his interest shown and his manifold, untiring services rendered and that we donate him ten dollars out of the Annual Conference Fund.

(b) WHEREAS, The various Classes have elected and sent to this Annual Conference as delegates such noble, interested and spiritual men, and,

WHEREAS, The different delegates took such a deep interest in the deliberations of the Conference, being wide awake, active and alive in every matter presented to the Conference, therefore,

Resolved, That we encourage the Classes to continue to elect such men as delegates from time to time, and further,

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the interest of the different delegates in the work of the Lord and pray God to bless them abundantly and to make them a great blessing in their respective Classes.

W. G. Gehman,
W. S. Hottel,
H. K. Kratz,
Committee.

Report of the Committee on Applicants for Ordination:

We examined B. Bryan Musselman and H. A. Kauffman, candidates for Ordination, and have learned that they have proven themselves efficient, loyal workers with good character and with ability as Pastors in the Church according to the discipline, therefore, we recommend them to be ordained.

WHEREAS, L. D. Wesner has passed the Reading Course satisfactorily but did not have the opportunity to prove himself to the Conference as a worker in the Church according to the discipline,

Therefore, we recommend that his ordination be postponed.

C. H. Brunner,

F. M. Hottel,

W. G. Gehman,

Committee.

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

Resolved, That the Brethren B. Bryan Musselman and H. A. Kauffman be ordained on Sunday afternoon.

Brother R. W. Dickert, the newly appointed Pastor at Quakertown, was now admitted into the Conference Bar.

The Chair appointed the following Committee on Camp-Meeting Equipage—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.

Board of Foreign Missions—President, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner.

Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home—President, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, R. L. Woodring; Assistant Secretary, J. G. Shireman; Board of Managers—H. B. Musselman, E. N. Cassel, Allen M. Gehman.

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

Board of Examiners—President, W. G. Gehman; Secretary, E. N. Cassel.

Committee over the Presiding Elders—Chairman, E. N. Cassel; Secretary, F. M. Hottel.

Committee on Campmeeting Equipage—Chairman, F. M. Hottel; Secretary, E. T. Shick.

The Committee appointed to compile a hymn book reported through the Chairman, J. F. Barrall, giving estimates and propositions favorable to the Conference upon which it was

Resolved, That we get the proposed Hymn Book compiled and published.

Resolved, That we elect the same Hymn Book Committee again that was appointed last year, namely, H. B. Musselman, J. F. Barrall, W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner and E. N. Cassel.

The Hymn Book Committee reported the election of the following officers:—Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, J. F. Barrall.

Resolved, That we suspend the Rules.

Adjourned at 9.50 with prayer by G. F. Yost.

SEVENTH MEETING.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 23, 1916.

This meeting was opened by singing, "Blessed Assurance Jesus is Mine," after which Herbert E. Gehman led in prayer.

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

The following Reports were read and adopted:

Committee on Communications—

We have received a telegram from Elder W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder and President of the Gospel Worker Society of Cleveland, Ohio, addressed to the Chairman of the Annual Conference which states, "God's richest blessings upon you all. Heretofore thought my way was open to attend Conference Saturday. Feel He leads otherwise. All is well between the Gospel Worker Society and the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church. Will write."

We herewith express our appreciation for the degree of fellowship which exists between the Gospel Worker Society, the Gospel Herald Society and the Mennonite Brethren in Christ denomination, but are sorry that W. B. Musselman can not be present with us.

E. E. Kublic,
W. G. Gehman,
Committee.

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

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

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

Report of the Committee on Worship:

W. S. Hottel shall preach this evening. On Sunday morning the Services shall be held in the Drury Theatre, 13th and Tioga Streets, and be opened by 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 2.00 P. M., and at 2.30 Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman shall preach the Ordination Sermon.

The evening service shall open with a song service at 7.30 P. M., after which C. H. Brunner shall preach. The Services on Sunday shall be in charge of the Chairman of the Annual Conference.

F. M. Hottel,
S. S. Geil,
Committee.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

WHEREAS, The office of Secretary of the Annual Conference involves many burdens and responsibilities and demands much labor, time and thought at the Session of the Annual Conference, as well as afterward in recording the minutes and also during the entire year in attending to numerous matters which as a consequence of his office devolves upon him, therefore,

Resolved, That we highly appreciate his services and tireless efforts in the discharge of his various duties, and further,

Resolved, That we express our high appreciation of his services and that we also give him a donation of twenty-five dollars out of the Annual Conference Fund.

W. G. Gehman,
W. S. Hottel,
H. K. Kratz,
Committee.

Resolved, That the next Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention be held at Coopersburg, Pa., on Thursday, April 12, 1917.

Resolved, That the next Annual Conference convene at Allentown, Pa., Thursday, October 11, 1917, at 8.00 A. M.

The two Presiding Elders appointed H. K. Kratz to serve with them as a Committee on Program for the next Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention.

Resolved, That we have 830 Conference Journals printed.

Resolved, That we now elect the Delegates to the next General Conference.

The following were elected:

Ministers—C. H. Brunner, W. S. Hottel and E. N. Cassel.

Laymen—G. O. Billig, H. S. Jones and Allen M. Gehman.

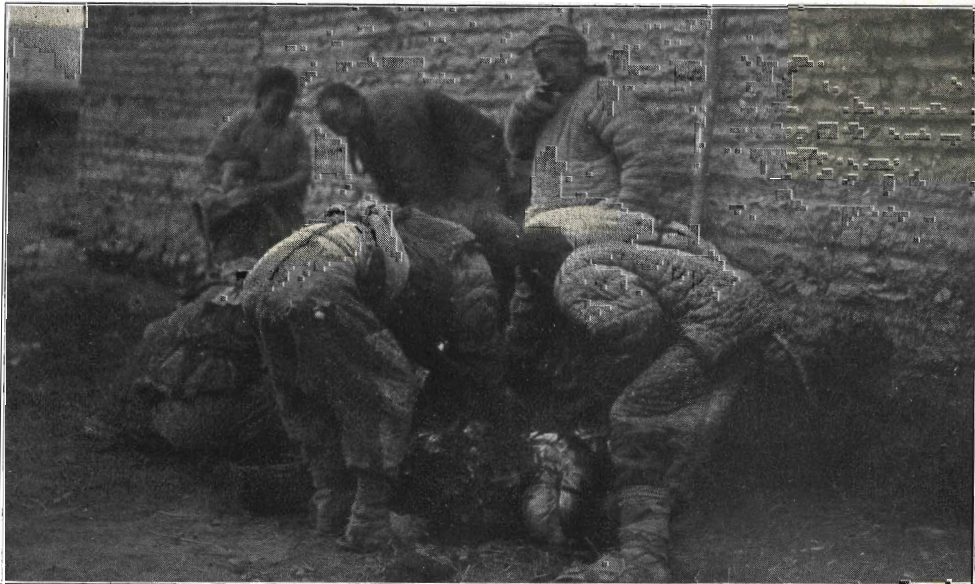
Resolved, That we elect two Alternate Delegates from among the ministers and two from among the laity.

The following were elected:

Ministers—J. G. Shireman and F. M. Hottel.



Stopping for lunch on the way home from Conference in Kansu Province, China.



Natives carrying away flesh of one of V. G. Plymire's mules that died on the way through Kansu Province, China, to eat!

Laymen—W. G. Taylor and H. H. Bergey.

Resolved, That these serve in the order in which they were elected.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a Committee of three including himself to apportion the expense of these Delegates to the General Conference among the various Classes.

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

The Pastors shall forward their apportioned amount to the Secretary of the Annual Conference within a month after they are notified.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a Committee of two to examine the Minutes of this Annual Conference after they are recorded.

He appointed R. Bergstresser and H. K. Kratz.

Resolved, That we elect the following officers:

Officers for the next Annual Ministerial Convention: Chairman, W. G. Gehman; Secretary, B. Bryan Musselman.

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

Resolved, That we extend the time indefinitely.

Officers for the next Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention: Chairman, E. N. Cassel; Secretary, R. L. Woodring.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

WHEREAS, The Pastor and members of the Philadelphia Class have spared no time, labor and expense, in providing for our entertainment, furnishing us with everything needful for our physical comfort, and,

WHEREAS, They have received us most cordially and entertained us most royally during the Session of the Annual Conference, therefore,

Resolved, That we highly appreciate their kindness and love shown to us, as well as their fellowship in the truth, and further,

Resolved, That we manifest our appreciation by a rising vote of thanks, and unitedly pray God's blessings upon both Pastor and people, so they may prosper individually as well as collectively.

W. G. Gehman,
W. S. Hottel,
H. K. Kratz,

Committee.

Adjourned at 5.15 P. M. with prayer by Father William Gehman.

EIGHTH MEETING.

MONDAY FORENOON, SEPTEMBER 25, 1916.

This meeting was opened at 8 A. M. by singing "Blest Be The Reports of the following Committees were read and The roll was called with all present.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Reports of the following Committees were read and adopted:

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

Report of the Auditing Committee:

The Auditing Committee submits the following report:

We have examined the following financial accounts—Quarterly Conference Records, Orphanage and Home, Equipment Fund, Executive Board, Camp Meetings, Sunday School Conventions, Annual Conference Fund, Benevolent Society, Foreign and Home Mission, Presiding Elders, Gospel Herald Society, Board of Publication and Printing and the Report of the Committee on Finance and hereby certify that the foregoing reflect the true statement of affairs of the Conference to our best knowledge and belief.

R. L. Woodring,
W. G. Taylor,
Herbert E. Gehman,
V. H. Reinhart,
G. F. Yost,

H. S. Jones,
J. L. Manney,
H. G. Brunner,
O. C. Kistler,
A. F. Deibert,

Committee.

Report of the Committee to Audit Schedules:

We have examined the different Pastor's Schedules, the Summary of all the Schedules and the Quadrennial Summary to be submitted to the General Conference and hereby certify that the Summary and Quadrennial Summary are drawn up to exhibit the true statement of the affairs of the Conference to our best knowledge and belief.

W. J. Fretz,
W. G. Gehman,
H. K. Kratz,

Committee.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

(a) WHEREAS, Messrs. Wolf and Conway, owners and proprietors of the Drury Theatre, have given us the rental of their spacious and commodious theatre, on 13th and Tioga Streets, in which we held the Sunday Services of this Annual Conference Session, and,

WHEREAS, They have given us every possible convenience, enabling us to accommodate the large number of people gathered for the services, very acceptably, therefore,

Resolved, That we highly appreciate their favor shown by renting us the aforesaid theatre and kindly express our thanks for the same by sending them a copy of this resolution, signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Annual Conference.

(b) WHEREAS, We realize the value and importance of spreading good, wholesome, sound literature in these last days when false doctrines are being widely circulated through the pulpit, stage and the printed page, and thereby the untaught in the truth are being ensnared by error and Satan's deceptive seductions, therefore,

Resolved, That we urge all our Pastors to spread as much Gospel literature as possible and thereby help spread the truth, and further,

Resolved, That whenever Pastors sell literature for which they receive the retail price the same shall be reported on the Schedules accordingly. When they sell through their members on their charge allowing them a certain commission the Pastors shall report only the net proceeds, and further,

Resolved, That whatever literature sold the amount of the price of which has already entered into the accounts, such as the "Christian Life Missionary," etc., the same shall not be reported by the Pastor, on the Schedule.

W. G. Gehman,
W. S. Hottel,
H. K. Kratz,

Committee.

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-third Session of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, of Pennsylvania, convened in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church on Eleventh Street, near Ontario, Philadelphia, Pa., September 21, 1916, at 8 A. M.

All the Ministers and Delegates were present at the opening of the first meeting. The Reports 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 physical infirmities.

A much needed Parsonage was built at Graterford, Pa., during the year.

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 accommodate the congregations.

The Home Missionary work is in a good condition. The Gospel Herald Society is earnestly and zealously engaged in spreading the truth and in real solid Missionary work, as well as the Gospel Worker Society so that through the labors of these consecrated workers many souls have been saved.

The Missionaries in the "regions beyond" have also been signally blessed by the Lord, so that through their labors many were saved and baptized during the past year.

The Board of Foreign Missions has adopted three additional missionaries during the past year, so that the Conference now supports nineteen missionaries on the Foreign field.

The various offerings were large and liberal again so that the total receipts amounted to almost \$76,000.00.

These offerings manifest the spirit of self-sacrifice and devotion of the members of the various Classes.

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 reelected Vice-Presiding Elders. All the Pastors were re-appointed to their former charges.

R. W. Dickert, of Quakertown, Pa., N. H. Wolf and J. B. Layne, of the Gospel Herald Society, were granted Annual Conference Licenses.

B. Bryan Musselman and H. A. Kauffman were ordained on Sunday afternoon, September 24, 1916.

Father Wm. Gehman, now in his 90th year, was again present during the entire Conference Session and took a hearty interest in the deliberations of the Conference.

The Publications of the Gospel Worker Society, "The Gospel Herald," "The Christian Life Missionary," and the "Christian Life Series," of Sunday School quarterlies were highly endorsed and recommended.

The Conference was most harmonious and blessed. The Lord

has most graciously prospered the work during the past year for which we give him all the glory.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

The morning service opened at 9.30 A. M., with a song service after which the Chairman of the Conference, Presiding Elder, H. B. Musselman, of Bethlehem, Pa., preached the Conference Sermon, basing his remarks on I Corinthians 4:1.

The sermon was a clear and forceful description of a Pastor's Call, Mission and Obligations as a Minister and Steward of Christ. We are certain that this sermon will work effectually in the life of every Pastor.

After a short song service Presiding Elder, W. G. Gehman, of Easton, Pa., preached the Ordination Sermon at 2.30 P. M. His theme was "The Man of God." The sermon was very practical, setting forth the need of the Pastor being in constant touch with God. This was followed by the Ordination of the Brethren B. Bryan Musselman and H. A. Kauffman. This service was very impressive, the power of God being made manifest.

The evening service opened at 7.30 P. M., with an inspiring song service after which C. H. Brunner, of Allentown, Pa., preached a sermon on "Dangers Confronting the Christian." The sermon was full of vital and practical truths as well as instruction and inspiration. It was delivered in a forceful and earnest manner.

A Female Quartette of the Allentown Class and the Preachers' Quartette sang a number of very excellent selections during the day.

The services were held in the "Drury Theatre," Thirteenth and Tioga Streets. The weather was most beautiful, and the attendance was large all day. The services throughout were owned and blessed of God.

W. S. Hottel,
R. L. Woodring,
E. N. Cassel,
Committee.

Missionary Presiding Elder, W. B. Musselman, of Cleveland, Ohio, now gave us a very interesting verbal report.

The following report was read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

(a) WHEREAS, W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder and President of the Gospel Worker Society, has given us a very interesting report of the work of the Gospel Worker Society,

setting forth how the Lord has blessed and prospered the work of the Society, temporally and spiritually, and how many souls have been saved in the different missions during the past year, much good literature has been spread, and,

WHEREAS, We, as a Conference, are in hearty fellowship with the work of the Gospel Worker Society, rejoicing with them in all their victories and feeling for them in all their tests, trials and adversities, therefore,

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the spirit of sacrifice and devotions, both of W. B. Musselman and the Gospel Workers in so earnestly and zealously spreading the truth by preaching in the open-air, halls and missions, and by publishing and spreading good literature such as the "Gospel Herald" and the "Christian Life Series" of Sunday Schools' Supplies, 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 as many new subscribers to the "Gospel Herald" as possible, and also by urging our Sunday Schools to distribute the "Christian Life Missionary" real freely.

(b) WHEREAS, The Union Gospel Printing Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, has been publishing the "Christian Life Series," of Sunday School Quarterlies, and the "Christian Life Missionary," at quite a sacrifice of time, talent and money, and,

WHEREAS, Paper and other materials connected with printing and publishing have so abnormally advanced in price, therefore,

Resolved, That we appreciate their self-sacrificing work, and further,

Resolved, That the Editorial Committee serve as a Committee to act in the interest of this Sunday School Literature in behalf of the Pennsylvania Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ in case of emergencies or when called upon by the Union Gospel Printing Company.

Resolved, That we pledge our support and co-operation and try and induce as many Sunday Schools and individuals as possible outside to adopt the same supplies.

W. G. Gehman,

W. S. Hottel,

H. K. Kratz,

Committee.

Resolved, That Delegate A. F. Deibert be excused from further attendance at this Conference as per his request.

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

Adjourned with prayer by G. O. Billig.

NINTH MEETING.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 25, 1916.

This meeting was opened at 1.20 P. M. by singing "We Are Almost Home," and prayer by W. B. Musselman.

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

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.

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 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. (Standing Rule.)

Adjourned with prayer by H. B. Musselman, Chairman.

Signed

H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder, Chairman,	
W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder,	
W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder,	
C. H. Brunner, Secretary, First Vice Presiding Elder,	
W. S. Hottel, Second Vice Presiding Elder,	
B. Bryan Musselman, Assistant Secretary,	
H. A. Kauffman, Recording Secretary,	
Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer,	
William Gehman,	G. O. Billig,
O. S. Hillegass,	W. G. Taylor,
E. N. Cassel,	S. S. Geil,

F. M. Hottel,
 J. G. Shireman,
 R. L. Woodring,
 W. J. Fretz,
 J. F. Barrall,
 H. K. Kratz,
 J. C. Roth,
 E. T. Shick,
 G. F. Yost,
 R. Bergstresser,
 E. E. Kublic,
 W. W. Zimmerman,
 V. H. Reinhart,
 P. J. Musselman,
 R. W. Dickert,
 H. S. Jones,

O. C. Kistler,
 G. K. Himmelreich,
 Herbert E. Gehman,
 H. H. Bergey,
 M. E. Brownback,
 A. F. Deibert,
 H. G. Brunner,
 E. C. Goucher,
 C. D. Bean,
 W. D. Evert,
 Jno. L. Manney,
 C. W. Teel,
 William H. Bender,
 J. M. Oplinger,
 C. E. Neff.

The Journal

This is the twenty-first edition of the Conference Journal of the Pennsylvania Conference. By a comparison of this one with the first one issued in 1896, we find much reason to praise the Lord for. That Journal had 24 pages while last year's had 78. Then the whole Conference reported 720 members, while this year we report 1814. That year the offerings for Foreign Missions in the Church were \$281.56; for Foreign Missions in the Sunday Schools, \$309.65; for Sunday School work in our 20 Sunday Schools, \$589.36; while the total receipts amounted to only \$9445.78; while this year the offerings for Foreign Missions in the Church were \$3928.70; for Foreign Missions in the Sunday Schools, \$3212.57; for Sunday School work in our 25 Sunday Schools, \$3568.44; while the total receipts are \$75,844.23. This the Lord has done.

We are glad to be able in this edition to present to the members of our classes and their friends a number of beautiful half-tone engravings taken from photographs. These show to our people in a measure what the Lord has been doing through them, for without the Lord and them, these things would not be.

The classes on the Fleetwood, Blandon and Terre Hill Charge, through their energetic young Pastor, B. Bryan Musselman, purchased a very neat, substantial parsonage last year and have already paid a very large portion of it.

The parsonage of Zionsville, our oldest congregation, although built already in 1899, is also shown in this Journal. Brother O. S. Hillegass, the Pastor, has spared no time and labor to make it look cheerful and homelike, of which the class need not be ashamed.

The Harleysville Chapel, on Pastor E. T. Shick's Charge, was formerly used as a school house. It was purchased a few years ago by G. Henry Hildebrandt, a brother of the Harleysville class. He also furnished it with pews and presented it to the Class free of debt.

The Conference picture speaks for itself. The pictures from the various mission fields taken by our missionaries show up very well for their work and magnify the grace of God in various ways.

We also add the Quadrennial Report this year for comparison and reference.

Paper, ink and other material has advanced so abnormally since last year, that this edition of the Journal costs very much more than that of last year. Besides that we have more illustrations in it than in any former edition. Yet we have left the price the same as before.

REPORTS

I. Executive Board

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Board held three meetings during the year.

Mizpah Grove.

The balance of the chestnut trees, with a few exceptions, have been removed during the last winter and spring, as virtually all had been destroyed by the blight. A great many unsightly stumps and stones have also been taken out, making a great improvement in the general appearance and value of the grove.

The lots which we purchased last fall, and also the street running through our property, have been cleared of the dead trees and brush and the place has been cleaned up nicely for automobiles and teams during the Camp Meetings. This was very necessary as we need more room for vehicles every year.

The Allentown School Board is erecting a large and beautiful school building on their grounds adjoining Mizpah Grove. This will cost at least a quarter of a million dollars when completed and equipped and will add materially to the value of our property.

Our young trees are growing nicely and we expect to plant a number more this fall.

We have purchased 1500 feet of hemlock boards and 600 feet of scantling for tent floors.

Financial.

Receipts.

F. M. Hottel, Treasurer Bethlehem District Sunday		
School Convention	\$ 90.00	
Logs and firewood sold	18.50	
Genasco roof paint sold	2.66	
Discount on lumber	1.38	
C. M. Equipment Fund	700.00	\$ 812.54

Expenditures.

John F. Saeger, balance on three lots	\$1350.00	
Recording of deed	2.25	
Taxes (Balance for 1915)	7.23	
Taxes for 1916	16.70	
Labor and hauling	137.31	
Car fares	8.50	
Tools, repairs, crushed stone	20.03	
Lumber (for Camp Meeting)	69.75	
Camp Meeting Sign	20.40	\$1632.17

Report of the Treasurer.

Receipts.

October 14, 1915, Balance in Treasury	\$ 683.07	
Receipts	812.54	
Loan	800.00	\$2295.61

Expenditures.

Expended during the year	\$1632.17	
September 21, 1916, Balance in Treasury	663.44	\$2295.61

Note:—The only liability of the board are loans to the amount of \$2500.00. (Should have recorded only \$1700.00 in last year's Journal.)

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

Board.

II. Board of Foreign Missions

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

"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations; spare not; lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes." "Not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords be broken." (Isa. 54:2, 33:20).

Another year has gone into history. The Lord has been greatly blessing our work at home as is evident from the reports of the home work. But His blessings did not end at home. They spread forth, branched out like the seven-branched golden candlestick until they reached to the ends of the earth. The spirit of our Church today is more than ever to "lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes."

The Board held six meetings during the year. At our second meeting held at the home of the Secretary in Allentown, Pa., on December 7, 1915, we were privileged to have Dr. R. H. Glover, of New York, Foreign Secretary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, with us. He gave us a very clear and frank view of the conditions relative to our Foreign Missionaries. This was a very pleasant and profitable meeting. Subjects of vital importance were discussed. In the evening he gave us a very strong and helpful missionary address in the Gordon Street Church which was packed to the doors. We all enjoyed Dr. Glover's visit very much.

The Board has been sending the Annual Conference Journal, the Annual Foreign Missionary Report and a copy of the Standard Diary to all the Foreign Missionaries for a number of years as well as a subscription to the Gospel Herald and the Gospel Banner. This year we have also sent each one a copy of our Sunday School Lesson Teach-

ers' Quarterly, the Christian Life Missionary and Jewels. We have received letters of the highest praise from all the Missionaries concerning the high standard and value of all these papers.

The Lord has permitted us, through His grace by the liberal contributions of His people, to again send all the allowances in full to all our Missionaries in advance quarterly. Last December we also sent to each of our Foreign Missionaries a special gift of \$50.00 It was indeed touching to read the many letters of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord and the Board as well as our people from all of the Missionaries. Many of them attributed the gift to a direct answer of prayer.

The following notes from the various fields have been clipped from letters and reports which the Secretary has received from the Missionaries:

Chile.

Brother H. W. Feldges, Pastor at Osorno, expresses thanks to the Board for "letters of sweet consolation and solid advice. We live in dark times and need each other very much. Things are moving along smoothly. Souls are being saved at all the stations and signs of brighter days are evident on every hand, praise God. . . . Never let go of the ropes, brethren! Pray much for us. We had a good convention among the Germans again after a few years of absence. Then we had a good time with the Foreign Missionaries at Valdivia. . . . Last Sunday I baptized four and two today (April 16, 1916)."

Brother Feldges sent the Board \$27.00 which the brethren in Chile had made up to be used for a tombstone, by order of their Conference, to be placed over the grave of their beloved leader, the late Brother Henry L. Weiss, at Quakertown, Pa. They also sent the following inscription which they requested put on:

Rev. Henry L. Weiss,
Born March 14, 1867.
Died May 26, 1915.
Age 48 yrs., 2 mos., 12 days.

The Foreign and National Pastors and members of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Churches of Chile, S. A., dedicate this memorial stone to the memory of their Superintendent, Rev. Henry L. Weiss. During his eighteen years' ministry in Chile, his prominent theme was: "I come quickly." Rev. 22:12.

This money has been handed over to Brother Samuel Weiss, father of the deceased, who has added some to it and chosen and erected the tombstone.

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Miss Anna LeFevre again expresses her deep gratitude to our Foreign Mission Board for their continued prayers and support during the past year. In a personal letter she writes: "The past year has had its sad trials and precious blessings. The Lord has been deepening my spiritual experience and leading me more and more to find my all in Him. I praise Him for His faithfulness. Dear Brother and Sister Weiss had been as parents to me ever since I came to Chile, and I miss them very keenly. However, I am not discouraged but desire more than ever to press faithfully on, witnessing for my Lord.

"Since Brother Weiss left I had charge of the printing and have done all the typesetting and other work with the help of some little orphan boys that I also have charge of. I especially rejoice in the privilege of leading these four orphan boys to the Saviour. Please

pray that they might remain faithful and grow up to be workers for the Master if He tarry."

(Their report states that they published 18,000 tracts and papers during the year for distribution. Her brother, an experienced printer, and his wife hope to go to Chile this fall, says Dr. Glover. This will be a great help to their publishing interests).

"Here in Victoria we have meetings in German and Spanish. I also have a little Sunday School and do what missionary work, visiting, distributing tracts, etc., as my time and strength allows. The Lord has been meeting all my needs for spirit, soul and body and has also supplied the needs of my orphans, for which I praise Him."

In another communication she writes: "Accompanied by a couple of native women, I have been visiting in a poor, neglected portion of the city (Valdivia) where there is much poverty and ignorance. The people live in miserable conditions and seem as destitute as in 'Darkest Africa.' The people gladly welcome us into their homes, and we sing and read a portion of Scripture and explain the way of salvation to them. We are few, our hands are full of work and 'the fields are white to harvest.'"

Mrs. Kate Weiss, the devoted widow of the late Rev. H. L. Weiss, of Chile, has been spending most of the time with her children at Nyack, N. Y. She has been assisting at the Missionary Institute of the Christian and Missionary Alliance at that place, while her children were going to school. She spent some time at one of our Camp Meetings at Mizpah Grove this summer and gave us a touching address there. Her heart is still in Chile although by force of circumstances she is obliged to stay in the homeland for the present.

Argentine.

Brother M. P. Zook and his family are still at Olavarria. But the Alliance Board at New York has ordered them to prepare to leave for their return to Chile by the end of the year to take charge of the work there as successor to the late Rev. H. L. Weiss. Dr. Glover writes September 5, that they are now about starting on their journey across the Andes.

Olavarria is a large town and a railroad centre for their missions and outstations. Brother and Sister Miller are also stationed here as he and a few others are spending much of their time printing good, sound literature in Spanish which is very scarce.

Concerning the Sunday School at Olavarria Brother Zook writes in one of his recent letters: "Our Sunday School is always an inspiring feature of the work. The attendance is good and the people take a deep interest in it. This branch of the work has produced blessed results. Four of our native workers have been saved through the Sunday School besides several others who are waiting to enter the work. The Bible knowledge of some of these workers would put to shame many old and mature Christians even in the homeland. They seem to have a remarkable working knowledge of the Scriptures.

Brother Zook writes under date of July 1, 1916: "I have been sick in bed with typhoid fever for over six weeks. Only this week the fever left me. I am now getting strong fast. The Lord has been very precious to me during my illness. My mind has been clear all the time. I had nursed Brother Jennings, one of our workers here, for about a month with the same disease till I fell a victim to it myself. The Lord has kept my wife and two boys. You will rejoice with me to know that my wife, who was suffering from an attack of influenza, is better again. She never is as well as I would like to see her, but she

takes very little notice of her physical condition in her zeal for the work of the Lord. I am sure it is divine strength that upholds her. She is wholeheartedly in the work among all classes, among the sick and needy and in the instruction of the young converts in the faith."

Brother C. H. Miller of Olavarria writes: "Greetings in Jesus' name to you and all the brethren who love our Master associated with you. God bless and repay you in a hundred fold for all you have done for me, in special blessings on your lives and service for Him. Our King will soon be here and will reward accordingly.

"We have started our printing work here in Olavarria and are now printing our own Sunday School literature and expect soon to get out a monthly paper. We have two native boys with us to learn the art of typesetting. We expect to supply all our missions with good full-gospel literature, such as tracts and small pamphlets. The religious literature in Spanish is nearly all tainted with Romanism except what has been printed of late years by the denominations, and this usually has very little gospel in it that will lead sinners to Christ. The night is far spent and the day is at hand when it shall be our turn to rule and reign with our Redeemer God is good to us. He gives us good health and plenty to do. I am glad for your cooperation in prayer as well as financially, and we shall all share alike some day."

China.

Brother C. F. Snyder writes from Taochow, Old City: "The diaries, church papers, photos, etc., reached us in good order. Thanks. On December 6, 7, 8, 1915, we held special meetings here in connection with the dedication of our new church. These meetings were a success. At the close thereof I immersed thirteen candidates for church membership. Four of these were school girls and one a Tibetan. Satan tried to hinder but in the end the Lord received the glory. Last Sunday Mr. Christie and I went to New City. It was my time to go there as I pay a monthly visit to the place on pastoral duties. Well, the church was full of attentive listeners as Brother Christie gave forth the message. Ten professed to be saved, three were accepted for baptism, and one was excommunicated. The above three I shall immerse the next Lord's Day in Chone. This makes the number of baptisms in Taochow District forty-one for the year. Two more that were baptized here this summer belong to the Chone District, totaling in all forty-three. Sixteen of these were school girls, four Tibetans and the remainder were Chinese men and women. Thank God for this.

"My Chinese assistant in New City, Mr. Nei, is a good standby in the work.

"The greater part of my building operations are over for which I rejoice. During the past two years my work has been strenuous in the extreme. I felt it in my body as I was getting nervous."

In Brother Snyder's very interesting and comprehensive report to the Board he writes among many other things the following items:

"The Chinese Mission in Taochow has been signally blessed. The Church's regular services on the Lord's Day during the past year have justified the building of our new chapel. Just the last Sunday all the seats on the men's side were occupied and some were standing in the aisle, with a fair sprinkling of Mohammedans among them. The Mohammedans and Tibetans are bound hand and foot with the grave clothes of their fossil religions.

"On the above mentioned Sunday a Mr. Tu, a B. A., our Post Master and teacher of Chinese to our missionaries on this station, after hearing the Gospel for eight years was accepted for baptism.

He will be immersed in the flowing Tao river on the coming Lord's day. On the same occasion the daughter of our school teacher, the first grandchild to be baptized in this family, was also accepted. These, then, we count as trophies of His grace in Kansu.

"We held a number of Conferences during the year. The Foreign Missionary Conference in Titao in September. All the Missionaries were reappointed to their former fields of labor and the old Executive Committee was reelected.

"The Chinese Conference at Minchow. This was a marked success. The messages were delivered with power, the offerings were fine, and the testimony meetings—well, one in particular I might characterize as a pop-corn meeting. It shows that if a Chinaman lets the Holy Spirit have the right of way there will be a move.

"Two Conferences were held in Taochow, at the last of which our new church was dedicated. Here a number were saved and thirteen followed Him in immersion.

"The first Native Workers' Conference I ever attended in Kansu was held in February. At the close of the Session a class of five native brethren was graduated from the Titao Bible School in charge of Brother Wm. Christie.

"Taochow, Old and New City, and Chone District will have a Conference in June. These are glorious times of refreshing and salvation of sinners, sanctification of the believers and the healing of the sick.

"In the little more than two years' residence here of this term over forty have been immersed by me, young and old, Chinese and Tibetans.

"I have under my charge three Chinese evangelists, three door-keepers, and two school teachers. Mr. Nei, my New City helper, is our choice worker, a crack speaker and a spiritual brother, a member of the first graduating class of Titao Bible School.

"Once a month regularly I make a pastoral visit to New City and administer communion. All members far and near are expected to be present. I made one trip among the Tibetans and two among the Chinese and expect to make two more this year among the Tibetans.

"Our Sunday School at Taochow has during the last year contributed 34,839 cash. (Cash is the name of the smallest Chinese coin). This means much for them, though in our money it would be only about \$12.50."

(Brother Snyder also has charge of the Lelacheur Memorial Station in Tibet of which he sent a detailed history from which we clip the following):

"Many years ago a certain so-called Buddah with a lot of Tibetan people from the Province of Tsang in which Lhassa, the Capital of Tibet is situated, arrived in the Chae-pa-kuh valley about ninety li from Taochow and settled there. In this valley at a place called Ga-ri-bzin-to they built a monastery or temple. For some reason or other the monastery did not prosper so they decided to go to another location. Here they erected another monastery. Here again they were not successful so the three resident Buddhas divided the goods and each went to a different region and then built three monasteries, the greatest Buddha taking Ru-pa, the smallest monastery. The other two monasteries held their annual religious festivals but Ru-pa held none, but the priests, most of whom lived in their own homes, came together here once a month to chant. There were 1500 priests at these three monasteries.

"Strife and fighting caused the ruin of the Ru-pa monastery until it became the abode of pigeons. When Rev. D. W. Lelacheur visited this monastery a number of years ago he stirred up the people and the

Christian and Missionary Alliance purchased most of the buildings with the land and forest for 330 taels, and opened a station calling it the Lelacheur Memorial Station. Mr. Cheo, a native evangelist, one of Brother Snyder's assistants, has charge of the Station. Throughout these buildings the large chanting halls and the idol room where demons were worshipped for generations, now the praises of the Saviour of the world are sounded forth.

"Mr. A-ku Sen-ge, formerly steward at Ru-pa monastery, is now one of our twelve Christians at this place. He says the monastery has existed for six generations."

In Brother Snyder's last letter dated July 11, 1916, he says that "owing to the fact that Brother Wm. Christie and his family are leaving for America for their furlough and a much needed rest, I have been appointed to Titao with Hochow, the great Mohammedan centre, as an outstation, also a small outstation in another direction forty li distant called Hsin-tien-pu. This means that I shall have charge of the Bible School of the Kansu Mission located here. It also means that I have to give up my Tibetan work and Sister Snyder her Girls' School in Taochow, which has cost us a lot of time, money and effort. However, we want the Lord's will to be done, and thus the present arrangement seems to be the best.

"Titao is our largest church in Kansu Province, consisting of about one hundred members. The city, with the district south of the Tao River is purely Chinese, including a population of about 300,000. Here we are removed from Lanchow, the Provincial Capital, by about 210 li or 70 miles. The telegraph just lately installed in Titao brings us into direct communication with the whole civilized world. Mail from Hankow is quicker too than to Taochow.

"Titao is elevated more than 6000 feet above sea level. Thus fruit abounds. Wheat, corn, barley, oats, millet and tobacco are raised. In fact, two crops can be grown in a season.

"Hochow, the outstation, about seventy miles distant, is also a large city. This city and the surrounding district also contains a population of about 400,000. Here we should have a married couple of missionaries. But all we can say is we don't have them."

In a letter from Mrs. C. F. Snyder dated Feb. 15, 1916, she says: "We have just returned from our yearly Native Conference held in Titao. The Conference was encouraging. There were five graduated from the Bible School which Brother Wm. Christie has been conducting. This makes fourteen natives that have finished this Bible Course and are now full-fledged Evangelists. Mr. Christie's plan is to have a band of twenty Foreign Missionaries on the field continually and a native force of eighty workers, on this West China field. These new workers will add much to our staff here. Pray for them. We wish to again thank you for your prayers and support."

In Sister Snyder's last report she says: "We thank God for all of your kind remembrances of us, for your liberal support and for your prayers. Personally we often wished we were a better missionary, but I suppose the vessel should not say to the Potter, "Why hast Thou made me thus?"

"My work has been looking after the Girls' School, which has a present enrollment of thirty-six girls. Thirty of them board here. During the year four of them were baptized. I have good helpers and a good school teacher. This year has been our teacher's first year and he is most faithful. His little girl has asked for baptism.

"A few weeks ago a woman with a little girl came to me for work. After a few days she said to me, 'Mrs., please give a name to my little girl, all the other children here have names and mine don't have



Part of Mboka Sunday School, Congo Belge, Africa.
Mrs. E. E. Crst on the right



Open Air Meeting in Valdivia Chile.

The Pastor, Vital Sanhueza is not on as he took the picture. The young man with the hat off is one of his best helpers. The old man with the dark glasses is a good Brother from the Philippines,

any.' I asked her whether she didn't have a name, to which she replied, 'Who would give her a name?' So we called the little girl An-loh (happiness). Quite frequently we have to give names to girls who come to our school, who simply go by 'little sister' or so at home.

"It is encouraging to see how soon these girls learn to bow their head and pray after they come to school.

"We have been especially encouraged in the way God has provided for these girls during the past year. In the beginning of the year God gave us the promise, 'Call upon Me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not of.' This has been a great help to me. Tests have come to us since our return to the field, but one must not come to the mission field if they are seeking an easy place. Pray for us that we may be 'strong to do His will.'"

Brother W. N. Ruhl writes: "Let me assure you that our hearts and prayers are with you continually. We do praise our Father for the great privilege of being co-workers with you in this great work of the Lord. The Lord is giving us many privileges for the spread of the Gospel. In a special way He is opening up doors of opportunities, and our difficulty is not something to do but how to go about doing the great work lying just before us. All our Evangelists are encouraged, and our booksellers are doing better than ever before. We have five Evangelists, two colporteurs, and one day-school teacher at work in this district, but in order to well cover the field we must have more than three times the number. Pray that the Lord of the harvest may give us a strong force of native workers as well as more men from the homeland, strong in faith and of a mind ready to work and sacrifice. Hitherto we have sent out only the ones and the twos and these were compelled by force of circumstances to cover too much ground and so not able to do the most effectual work. What I would like to see is a regular evangelistic party going through the country with a good, large tent. I am sure this would not fail of good, lasting results."

At a meeting of the Board on June 8, 1916, the Board decided to pledge the outfit, transportation and support of Miss Grace I. Harkless, of Franklin, Pa. This action was taken upon information of Dr. R. H. Glover stating that she had been a graduate from the Missionary Training Institute at Nyack, N. Y., and had been accepted by the General Board of the Christian and Missionary Alliance as a candidate for the West China Mission.

Miss Harkless is a member of the M. B. in C. Church at Shamokin. She gave addresses at the Mt. Carmel District Camp Meeting at Shamokin this summer and just before her leaving she spoke in our churches at Bethlehem and Allentown, and left a very favorable impression upon her hearers. She, with some others, sailed from Seattle, Washington, September 9, 1916, and is expected to reach Hankow about October 12th. The overland trip from there on horses and pack mules will take about six weeks more, arriving at Taochow possibly, if all goes well, by about December 1st.

Africa.

For some time we had been considering the advisability of taking up work in Africa. At the meeting of Dr. R. H. Glover with our Board on December 7, 1915, the matter was brought up and he suggested that we try and get into communication and fellowship with Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Crist, missionaries at home on furlough from the Belgian Congo.

At this meeting the Board pledged the support of two missionaries in Africa should we find acceptable candidates. Accordingly, the Secretary made arrangements to have Brother and Sister Crist to be present at a meeting of the Board in Allentown on June 8, 1916. This meeting proved to be a very pleasant and profitable one and the Board accepted them as our representatives in Africa and pledged their support to commence July 1, 1916, also half of their transportation expenses back to the field. In the evening both of them spoke in the church which was crowded to the doors. They gave excellent addresses on the glorious prospects of the Lord's work in that dark and neglected Continent.

Brother Crist first went to Africa in 1904 and has spent two terms of five years each on the field. Mrs. Crist went out in 1906. In one of his letters he writes: "The work has grown marvelously. I have seen the church grow from fifty members to 1100. During the last year we were out there, 322 have been baptized. It is wonderful to see how God changes these ignorant, superstitious people into spirit-filled men and women waiting for the coming of the Lord. This is a very prosperous mission."

Brother and Sister Crist sailed for Africa via England September 2, 1916, and should reach the Congo about October 6.

This makes in all nineteen missionaries supported by this Conference or one missionary to almost every hundred members at home.

We have paid out during the year as follows:

Allowances.

Chile—

H. W. Feldges and family	\$ 600.00	
Miss Anna Le Fevre	300.00	
Manuel Gomez	200.00	
Innocencio Gomez	200.00	
Dionicio Oyarzun	200.00	
Ignacio Riveros	200.00	
Mrs. Kate Weiss (Home)	300.00	
Special Donation	250.00	
M. P. Zook and family	150.00	\$2400.00

Argentine—

M. P. Zook and family	\$ 600.00	
C. H. Miller	400.00	
Special Donation	150.00	\$1150.00

China—

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Snyder	\$ 600.00	
V. G. Plymire	300.00	
Wm. Christie	300.00	
W. N. Ruhl	300.00	
Miss Grace I. Harkless (4 mos.)	100.00	
Special Donation	250.00	\$1850.00

Africa—

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Crist (6 mos.)	\$ 300.00	
Total allowances		\$5700.00

Miscellaneous—

Miss Grace I. Harkless (Outfit)	\$ 150.00	
Miss Grace I. Harkless (Transportation)	350.00	
Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Crist (Transportation, half)	300.00	
Wm. Christie (Transportation, half)	175.00	
Tombstone for H. L. Weiss	27.00	
Heralds, Banners, S. S. Literature, Diaries, Wall Rolls, Journals, etc.	47.27	
1,000 Foreign Missionary Reports	53.60	
Board Meetings, Fares, Dr. Glover, Mr. and Mrs. Crist and Board Members	42.30	
Gifts, purposes specified	51.00	\$1196.17
Total		\$6896.17

Report of the Treasurer.

Receipts.

October 14, 1915, Balance in Treasury	\$16,393.62	
Receipts during the year	78.00	
Received at the Annual Confer- ence	7,141.27	\$23,612.89

Expenditures.

Expended during the year ...	\$ 6,896.17	
September 21, 1916, Balance in Treasury	16,716.72	\$23,612.89

DIRECTORY

(a) Africa.

Crist, E. E. } Stationed at Boma, Congo Belge, West
Crist, Mrs. E. E. } Africa.

(b) Argentine, S. A.

Miller, C. H. Stationed at Olavarria, Argentine, S. A.

(c) Chile, S. A.

Feldges, H. W. } Stationed at Osorno, Chile, S. A.
Feldges, Mrs. H. W. }
Gomez, Manuel Adopted October, 1912. Stationed at Te-
muco, Chile.
Gomez, Innocencio Adopted October, 1912. Stationed at Capi-
tan, Pastene, Chile.
Le Fevre, Anna Stationed at Victoria, Chile.
Oyarzun, Dionisio Adopted October, 1915. Stationed at Lau-
taro, Chile.
Riveros, Ignacio Adopted October, 1915. Stationed at Gor-
bea, Chile.
Weiss, Mrs. Kate Nyack, N. Y.
Zook, M. P. }
Zook, Mrs. M. P. } No address given yet.

(d) China.

Christie, Wm.	Coming home on furlough.
Harkless, Miss Grace I.	New Missionary. No address given.
Plymire, V. G.	Stationed at Taochow, Old City, Kansu Province, China.
Ruhl, W. N.	Stationed at Min Hsien, Kansu Province, China.
Snyder, C. F.	} Stationed at Titao, Kansu Province, China.
Snyder, Mrs. C. F.	
	H. B. Musselman, President, C. H. Brunner, Secretary, Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer, W. G. Gehman, E. N. Cassel,
	Board.

III. Orphanage and Home

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ORPHANAGE AND HOME.

The Board of Trustees reelected 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 Home during the past year.

Brother Titus Hottel, the Manager, has been restored so that he has been able to take the full oversight and management of the Home and Farm during the past year, in a very able and efficient manner.

Last spring the Board of Managers hired Brother Ezra Wismer of Graterford as farmer, in the place of Brother H. L. Musselman who was removed by the hand of death. Brother Albert Moser has again been secured as hired man. His boy and girl are being taken care of in the Home.

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

During the year we have taken into the Home as an inmate, Mrs. Abbie Esch, of Allentown.

The aged sisters are moderately well, appear well satisfied and happy in the Lord.

Sister Louise Horlacher, who had been an inmate of the Home for over five years, has died during the year. For quite a while she had been getting weaker and fell asleep in Jesus on the morning of September 15, 1916. Appropriate funeral services were held in Bethel Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church in Allentown, Pa., on Monday, September 18, 1916, in charge of the Pastor, C. H. Brunner. She was buried on her burial plot on the Union West End Cemetery at Allentown. Her age was 88 years, 2 months and 27 days. She had never been married. She was one of the first and oldest members of the Allentown congregation. Missionary Presiding Elder W. B. Musselman, then Pastor at Bethlehem, held services in her home which she gladly opened for these services before a church was built.

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

Last December we held a dispersal sale of all our Holstein-Friesian cattle. This was done on account of our Manager not yet being able to manage the large herd of about sixty pure bred. A number of cattle have again been purchased since our Manager has become able to take care of the work again.

The crops during the year have been remarkably good in spite of the drought that has been prevailing in many sections of the country.

Financial.

(A) FARM ACCOUNTS.

(a) Receipts.

From Fund for the Poor (Annual Con- ference)	\$ 227.79	Labor	73.39
Cattle	9,738.10	Straw	68.66
Hogs	1,990.05	Feed	94.86
Potatoes	976.66	Beets	67.49
Cream	373.20	Crates	19.00
Wheat	471.18	Poultry	29.26
Milking Machine	150.00	Pork	31.61
Butter	175.14	Eggs	22.67
Hay	669.04	Berries	22.55
Meats	181.54	Rent for Meadow	25.00
Refund	105.27	Truck	9.71
Interest	105.02	Peaches	3.29
Beef and Hides	164.03	Milk	49.27
Sweet Corn	131.67		
		Total	\$15,975.45

(b) Expenditures.

Wages	\$ 953.50	New Building	58.99
Feed	1,531.99	Dairy Supplies	15.90
Hogs	590.55	Taxes	10.35
Labor	403.50	Hardware	11.15
Live Stock	3,487.60	Lime	3.05
Repairs	312.98	Binder Twine	9.39
Freight and Express..	244.75	Shipping Crates	6.51
Fertilizer	203.04	Safe	25.00
Seeds and Plants	161.71	Donation	15.00
Carfare, Toll and Tel- ephone	147.87	Herd Books	4.00
Implements	155.17	Sale Expenses:	
Advertising, Periodi- cals and Postage ..	108.04	Tuberculin Testing	19.50
Oils and Paints	95.50	Advertising	102.87
Poultry	61.62	Labor	111.27
Registration and Transfers	91.65	Catalogues	228.75
Straw	56.75	Carfares and Post- age	47.99
Provisions	20.25	Rent of Lumber	6.47
Horseshoeing	40.92	Auctioneers	200.00
Spraying Material	48.87	Cattle ties	3.93
Board	32.00	Recording note	1.65
		Total	\$ 9,630.03

(B) HOME ACCOUNT.

(a) Receipts.

Abbie Esch (Donation)	\$	341.50
Interest (Legacy, Thomas Geho Estate)		27.00
Total	\$	368.50

(b) Expenditures.

Wages	\$	110.00	Taxes	1.00
Ephraim Lesher (Donation)	66.00	Martin Hoffman	47.77	
Mrs. Hutchins (Donation)	24.00	Sarah Moll	2.88	
Mrs. H. L. Musselman (Donation)	10.00	Mary Steiner .....	.45
Ezra Wismer (Loan)	20.00	Abbie Esch	5.43	
Repairs	181.40	Periodicals	2.00	
Furnishings	99.07	Security (Mortgage)	1,200.00	
Provisions	395.43	Recording Mortgage	2.50	
Oils and Paints	15.58	Tents at Camp- Meeting	6.65	
Electric Wiring and Supplies	100.26	Interest (Legacy, Thomas Geho)	24.00	
Coal	145.52	Attorney's fee	10.00	
Hardware	2.41	Total	\$ 2,595.63	
Labor	6.09			

(C) BETHLEHEM PROPERTY ACCOUNTS.

(a) Receipts.

By Rent (11 months)	\$	110.00
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(b) Expenditures.

Repairs	\$	8.78
Taxes		14.04
Total	\$	22.82

SUMMARY TOTALS.

Receipts		Expenditures.	
Farm	\$15,975.45	Farm	\$ 9,630.03
Home	368.50	Home	2,595.63
Bethlehem Property ..	110.00	Bethlehem Property ..	22.82
	<u>\$16,453.95</u>		<u>\$12,248.48</u>

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 2,025.00

Livestock—

Holstein-Friesian Cattle\$3,975.00
 Horses 1,150.00
 Swine 1,854.00 \$ 6,979.00

Produce—

Feed\$ 181.00
 Ensilage 60.00
 Hay 936.00
 Straw 180.00
 Corn 976.00
 Wheat 312.00
 Oats 47.00
 Barley 85.00
 Potatoes 1,000.00
 Mangels 50.00
 Broom Corn 15.00
 Truck 25.00 \$ 3,867.00

Miscellaneous—

Furniture\$ 30.00
 Fence Posts 10.00
 Cattle Crates 10.00
 Lumber 50.00
 Fertilizers 15.00
 Shelter Shed 25.00 \$ 140.00

Securities—

Money Outstanding \$ 4,200.00
 Total \$32,211.00

(B) HOME.

Home \$ 4,000.00

Miscellaneous—

Furniture\$ 500.00
 Canned Goods 89.10
 Dried Fruit 4.60
 Provisions 16.50
 Coal 115.00
 Poultry 50.00 \$ 775.20

Total\$ 4,775.20

(C) BETHLEHEM PROPERTY.

House and Lot\$ 1,100.00

SUMMARY TOTALS.

Farm	\$32,211.00
Home	4,775.20
Bethlehem Property	1,100.00
Security (Mortgage)	1,200.00
Cash on hand	3,741.98
Grand Total	\$43,028.18

STATEMENT.

Resources.

Properties	\$20,100.00
Livestock	6,979.00
Implements	2,025.00
Produce	3,867.00
Miscellaneous	915.20
Outstanding Bills	4,200.00
Security (Mortgage)	1,200.00
Cash on hand	3,741.98
Total	\$43,028.18

Liabilities.

Contributions from the Church to date	\$21,763.06
Donations to date	1,516.36
Surplus	19,748.76
Total	\$43,028.18

Report of the Treasurer.

Receipts.

September 30, 1915, Balance in the Treasury	\$ 36.51	
Receipts during the year ..	16,953.95	\$16,990.46

Expenditures.

Expended during the year ..	\$13,248.48	
September 7, 1916, Balance in Treasury	3,741.98	\$16,990.46

H. B. Musselman, President,
R. L. Woodring, Secretary,
J. G. Shireman, Assistant Secretary,
C. H. Brunner, Treasurer,

E. N. Cassel,	W. S. Hottel,
W. G. Gehman,	E. T. Shick,
Allen M. Gehman,	H. G. Brunner,
A. A. Wismer,	H. S. Jones,

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 of payable one year after my decease.

DEVISE.

I give and devise unto H. B. Musselman, W. S. Hottel, C. H. Brunner, W. G. Gehman, 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.

IV. Presiding Elders

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDERS.

(a) Bethlehem District).

We humbly submit this report, realizing that God's goodness has been upon us continually, and that without Him we can do nothing. The blessed Holy Spirit has in a most wonderful manner given to us both spiritual and physical strength—even strength as our day. The much patience and forbearance shown us by the brethren, together with their many kindnesses shown us, is indeed worthy of mention. The Ministry of the various Pastors has been signally blessed, and the work in general is in a fine spiritual condition. A goodly number have been saved and added to the Church. Prayer-Meetings are largely attended throughout, and the Sunday Schools are in a flourishing condition. Many of the scholars have been saved. Church services are also well attended, and the open-air work has been especially owned of God.

The Pastors are devoted to their work, and their sacrifice for the work has had a good effect upon the laity. In general the many young people are making good progress on spiritual lines, and they are being most gloriously kept from worldliness on all lines. The offerings throughout the entire district have been very good, and the church finances are in good shape.

Owing to the death of Brother M. W. Ettinger, Pastor of Quakertown and Hatfield Charge, we appointed Brother R. W. Dickert of Bethlehem, an Applicant for Annual Conference license, to take charge of the work at that place until the Annual Conference.

The Graterford and Harleysville classes have purchased a very valuable and beautifully located lot at Graterford, seventy-five feet front by one hundred and fifty feet deep on which they have built a very beautiful and commodious parsonage which is about ready to be occupied. The foundation has also been finished for the stable and garage which will be built this fall yet. This property will be a credit to the Graterford and Harleysville classes. The Pastor, Brother E. T. Shick, has labored hard in connection with the building committee to make it such.

Two Camp-meetings have been held on this District, in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa. The Bethlehem Division Camp had 194 tents and the Allentown Division had 155 tents erected on the grounds. Both camp-meetings were blessedly owned of God and the brethren preached the Word in the demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit. The attendance was even better than in the previous years.

The work has a most encouraging aspect, and the hearts of many are kept rejoicing, in the hope of the speedy coming of our Blessed Lord, "Whom having not seen we love."

Financial.

(A) APPROPRIATIONS.

Lehighton and Weissport, Pa.	\$180.00	
Quakertown and Hatfield, Pa.	240.00	\$420.00
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(B) MOVING.

J. C. Roth	\$ 40.00	
E. E. Kublic	40.00	
R. W. Dickert	15.00	\$ 95.00
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(C) MISCELLANEOUS.

Arranging matters for M. W. Ettinger	\$ 27.77	
Expenses for fares, etc., of Brethren W. G. Gehman, H. H. Bergey and J. C. Roth	2.78	
Fares of R. W. Dickert, as substitute	5.63	
E. E. Kublic, donation	12.00	
Quakertown church property	20.00	
Fleetwood church property	25.00	
South Allentown church property	30.00	
Graterford church property	25.00	
Paid over to W. G. Gehman a balance of	46.82	\$195.00
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Total	\$710.00	
Received from Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund	\$710.00	

H. B. Musselman, P. E.

(b) Mt. Carmel District.

Through the mercy of our loving heavenly Father we are again permitted to report joyfully for the Mt. Carmel District. We humbly acknowledge the Lord's goodness and gracious leadings during the past year, on various lines. The Pastors have loyally and faithfully stood by us through the grace of God (though unworthy we are) for the work's sake. Love is the tie that binds together the ministers on the District, and this love has been strengthened during the year. They minister freely unto their people, holding forth the Word of life which causes the Lord's people to grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The services in general are well attended by the members and some outside people from time to time. The prayermeetings throughout are well attended and freedom in prayer and praise is the rule. The communion services were well attended; in a number of instances a considerably larger number than the number of members participating. Open air services are held on each charge of the District. There are many outside people who are regular attendants at these open air meetings. These services are good advertisements for the work of the Lord and by means of them some have been brought into the indoor meetings, and to a knowledge of the truth. The finances throughout the District, in general, are in good shape. Through the faithful labor and sacrifice of the Pastor and the class, the Mt. Carmel parsonage debt of nearly \$700 was wiped out, and over \$125 balance in the treasury toward other needed repairs. Others on the District reduced their parsonage debts, and others made considerable repairs, so that the properties are in pretty good condition of repairs. A Campmeeting of 106 tents was held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa. This was quite a financial undertaking. The attendance of members on the District was much larger throughout than of any previous one held on this District. During the evenings and Sundays, especially the last Sunday, many outside people were present. The ministers preached the word with great boldness, yet tenderness, and as a result many were saved, sanctified and healed, and God's people were edified and established and sinners enlightened. The total receipts for expenses were large, and came without much pressing, so that the expenses were easily and abundantly met. They cheerfully gave and the Lord added the blessing. The pilgrims from the various charges became more closely united and greatly encouraged in the Lord's service. Twenty-seven were baptized during the Campmeeting. The committee was well united and worked together in harmony. The Sunday Schools throughout are in a healthy, growing condition. The officers and teachers throughout stand well united for victory. At the previous Annual Conference, Shamokin, Pa., was transferred to this District from the Gospel Herald Society, and the former Gospel Herald, H. A. Kauffman was appointed as their Pastor. The other Pastors and classes on the District cheerfully received Shamokin Class with their Pastor, and the Campmeeting proved that they all fitted together in the harness for the Lord. A series of Tabernacle meetings held in Stroudsburg, Pa., by Pastor J. G. Shireman and Mrs. J. G. Shireman was well attended and good seed was sown which will spring forth and bear fruit. Our people throughout, young and old, in general are teachable, submissive, and separated from the world in dress and worldly amusements and pleasures. Truly the Lord has ruled and overruled to His glory, prospered and kept in health the ministry, and most of the laity. There is a general looking and praying for the Lord's return, while His people are occupying till He come. "Until the day break, and the shadows

flee away, I will get me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense." Cant. 4, 6.

Financial.

(A) APPROPRIATIONS.

Stroudsburg	\$360.00	
Nazareth	240.00	
Walnutport	240.00	
Northampton	240.00	
Easton	180.00	
Shamokin	120.00	\$1380.00

(B) TABERNACLES.

For tent meetings, Stroudsburg, Pa.	\$ 15.37
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(C) MISCELLANEOUS.

Rent for storage, Allen M. Gehman	\$ 20.00	
Fares, etc., holding Home Mission meetings	196.74	\$ 216.74

Total	\$1612.11	
Received from Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund	\$1612.11	

W. G. Gehman, P. E.

(c) Gospel Worker Society.

Report of W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder.

Spiritually, we know that the Workers have made progress both in the Home and in the Missions. Many souls are being saved in all the missions continually. The work is spreading.

Financially, the Lord has wonderfully provided, so that in spite of the abnormal increase in the price of paper, ink and general supplies the Lord has helped us to meet all the demands made by our steadily increasing work.

We cannot express our appreciation for the degree of fellowship which exists between the Gospel Worker Society, the Gospel Herald Society and the Pennsylvania Conference.

We have received quite a few new Workers during the year.

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

V. Gospel Herald Society

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GOSPEL HERALD SOCIETY.

(From Oct. 1, 1915 to Aug. 31, 1916, eleven months.)

The Gospel Herald Society is divided into Gospel Herald Society proper which consists of single men, and Gospel Herald Society Aux-

iliary, which consists of married men,—all under training for real, scriptural, spiritual, and practical missionary and evangelistic work. The men at present under training, almost without an exception, are very submissive and teachable, having a very sacrificing and self-denying spirit, not looking for worldly pleasure or gain, but winning and establishing souls for the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. There are missions at present in Sunbury, Harrisburg, York, Lebanon, Scranton, Pa., and Washington and Hackettstown, N. J. In all of these places we have an encouraging following of whole-hearted people. The influence of the missions upon the public in general is very good. This is due to the Spirit of the Lord controlling the Heralds and their word and conversation convincing even some gain-sayers. They hold open air services, in these different towns and cities, which are, as a rule, largely attended. The hearts of many people are won by truths proclaimed in word and song. In this way many Christians are stirred up on present day truth, sinners are convicted and converted, and believers perfected for the Lord's coming. A number were saved and baptized during the year. Quite a commodious chapel, 36 x 50 ft., was erected on our lot in Sunbury, Pa. The attendance in mission meetings and Sunday School has materially increased since the services are held in the Chapel. Very successful tent meetings were held in four different parts of the city of Scranton (about 130,000 population) and in two different parts of York, Harrisburg and Lebanon, Pa. Many people were reached by the truth through these tent meetings. Harrisburg and Scranton deserve special mention for especially large attendance throughout. A number were also saved in the York tent meetings and many new faces were seen in the Lebanon tent meetings. Sunbury, instead of holding tent meetings, attended in a body the Mt. Carmel District Camp Meeting of the M. B. in C., in Shamokin, Pa. There were 20 tents there from Sunbury, Pa., all occupied. The Heralds sell the "Gospel Herald" and the "Daily Food" wall roll by the thousands, as well as other good literature, thus sowing the seed quietly by all waters, till the great day comes when the harvest shall be gathered home.

The health and physical strength of the Heralds throughout has been well preserved. The Home Mission meetings held throughout the M. B. in C. Conference were mutually beneficial, we believe. The Pastors everywhere gave the Heralds the most kind-hearted, brotherly and godly reception. The subscriptions for the missionary work surely proved that the missionary heart is beating steadily and warmly. The Lord has blessed the feeble efforts of this Society of men in various ways for which He alone shall have the praise. The Heralds are learning good, solid, practical lessons of patience through tribulation, which will, if they are obedient to them, give them an abundant entrance into the Kingdom of God. "Unto the coming of the Lord" is the watchword.

(a) Statistical.

Ordained ministers of the M. B. C. Annual Conference	2
Probationers of the M. B. C. Conference	2
Gospel Heralds, full members	11
Gospel Heralds, probationers	6
Received into M. B. C. membership	2
Received by transfer from M. B. C. Church	3
Total Increase	5
Transferred to M. B. C. Church	89

Died	1
Net Decrease	85
Whole number of members	26
Baptized	43
Sunday Schools	4
Officers and teachers enrolled	47
Scholars enrolled	295
Children's meetings and Sunday Schools held	256
Open air meetings	665
Prayer meetings	345
Jail and County Home meetings, Sunbury and York, Pa.	31
Sermons and addresses	3,637
Pastoral visits	1,875
"Gospel Heralds" sold	81,481
Daily Food Wall Rolls sold	3,997
Valuation of Mission Properties:—	
Lebanon, Pa.	\$3000.00
Sunbury, Pa.	4000.00
Washington, N. J.	2000.00
York, Pa.	6000.00

(b) Financial.

Receipts.

I. COLLECTIONS.

Rents	\$1270.00	
Sundry Expenses	1322.68	
Light	190.97	
Donations, gifts, etc.	1324.89	
President	395.33	
Missionary Presiding Elder	15.91	
Gospel Workers	115.79	
Stewards, Sunbury, Pa.	86.90	
Sunday Schools	319.04	
Sunday School Conventions	22.41	
Conference Fund	107.11	
Gospel Herald Society Headquarters	72.54	
Foreign Missions	87.57	
At Gospel Herald Society Conference	57.38	
Secretary at Gospel Herald Society Conference	10.40	
Mission Chapel, Sunbury, Pa.	113.87	
Mission Chapel, York, Pa.	19.00	
Mission Chapel Repairs, Lebanon, Pa.	70.25	
House Rent, York, Pa.	132.00	
Barn Rent, Washington, N. J.	24.00	
Missionary Work	110.68	\$5868.72

II. LITERATURE.

Literature, etc., sold in the Missions	\$6386.55	
Literature, etc., sold laity at M. B. C. Camp Meetings	448.43	
Literature, etc., sold at wholesale to ministers	1594.42	\$8429.40

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

Receipts.

Appropriations	\$ 411.00
Tabernacle meetings	103.51
Fares, utensils, freight, furniture, etc.	609.48
Rent for President	165.00
From P. E., Bethlehem Dist., balance	46.82
	<u>\$ 1335.81</u>
Total	\$15,633.93

Expenditures.

Appropriations:

York, Pa.	\$ 265.00
Scranton, Pa.	75.00
Washington, N. J.	55.00
Lebanon, Pa.	16.00
	<u>\$ 411.00</u>

Tabernacle Meetings:

Scranton, Pa. (Four places)	\$ 54.78
York, Pa. (Two places)	11.96
Lebanon, Pa.	18.98
Harrisburg, Pa.	17.79
	<u>\$ 103.51</u>

Miscellaneous:

Donations to Heralds	\$ 15.00
Rent for President	165.00
Fares, changing Heralds, etc.	68.48
Old Mission repairs and supplies	169.24
Furniture	195.83
Printing and Stationery	42.79
Freight and Express	46.79
Freight and Express on Literature	50.37
Cartage	25.26
Paints and painting	7.54
Harrisburg's first month's rent	10.00
Scranton's first month's rent	25.00
	<u>\$ 821.30</u>
Total	\$1335.81

W. G. Gehman,
President and Treasurer.

VI. Reading Course

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS ON THE READING COURSE.

(A) Examinations for 1916.

(a) Applicants, on the Discipline.

R. W. Dickert	96
J. B. Layne	95
N. H. Wolf	99

Examiner, H. B. Musselman, P. E.

(b) Probationers, on the Reading Course.

PROBATIONERS.	Bible	Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation	Jesus is Coming	Fletcher's Appeal	Nelson on Infidelity	Sell's Bible Study by Books	Average
Third Year							
B. Bryan Musselman	93	86	95	87	95	81	90
L. D. Wesner	85	89	94	78	84	81	85

Examiners,

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

(B) Studies for 1916-1917.

First Year's Course.

(a) First Semi-Annual Studies:

- Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, Walker. Chap. 1-5.
- Sell's Bible Study by Books, Chap. 1-17.
- Bible, First Timothy and St. John, Chapters 13-17.

(b) Second Semi-Annual Studies.

- Lessons in Holiness.
- Horsch's History of Christianity.

The first examination to be held April 10, 1917, 7 P. M., at Coopersburg, Pa.

The second to be held at the same place as the Annual Conference,
W. G. Gehman,
E. N. Cassel,
W. S. Hottel,
Board.



Two native Pastors crossing a river in Chile to preach to



San Pedro Congregation, Chile.
One of H. W. Feldges' former out-stations.

VII. Camp Meeting Equipage

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CAMP MEETING EQUIPAGE.

We have purchased a refrigerator, chair canvass, stakes, blocking, cooking utensils, and electrical supplies.

Financial.

Receipts.

Lumber Rents	\$209.34	
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting	263.64	
Allentown Division Camp Meeting	262.62	
Mt. Carmel Division Camp Meeting	82.89	
Ropes Sold	3.40	
From E. N. Cassel	2.30	\$824.19

Expenditures.

Executive Board	\$700.00	
Refrigerator	35.00	
Chair Canvass	20.41	
Stakes, Prongs and Labor	18.05	
Electrical Supplies	12.55	
Blocking	10.35	
Carfare and meals	7.42	
Cooking Utensils	7.57	
Tarpaper	6.00	
1 Keg of Cut Nails	3.10	
1 Hammer	2.00	
Express and Phone	1.83	
Hardware	1.95	
Shipping Tags and Printing	1.65	
Tent Numbers	1.50	\$829.38

Report of the Treasurer.

Receipts.

October 1, 1915, Balance in Treasury	\$114.17	
Receipts during the year	824.19	\$938.36

Expenditures.

Expended during the year	\$829.38	
September 21, 1916, Balance in Treasury	108.98	\$938.36

F. M. Hottel, Chairman,
 J. C. Roth, Secretary,
 E. T. Shick, Treasurer,
 Allen M. Gehman.

VIII. Publication and Printing

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND PRINTING.

During the year we printed a lot of Report blanks to be used by the Class Leaders, Stewards, Rent and Building Fund Collectors, for their reports at the Quarterly Conferences. Also 20,000 gummed labels for Missionary money barrels.

Financial.

Receipts.

775 Annual Conference Journals	\$193.75	
Board of Foreign Missions (Printing)	53.60	
Supplies sold .....	.35	\$247.70

Expenditures.

775 Annual Conference Journals	\$163.58	
1,000 copies of the Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions	53.60	
2,000 Class Leaders' Report Blanks	2.50	
2,000 Stewards' Report Blanks	2.50	
1,000 Rent Collectors' Report Blanks	1.50	
500 Building Fund Collectors' Report Blanks .....	.65	
20,000 Missionary Barrel Labels	6.00	
Conference Supplies, record, minute and trustee books	19.70	
Board of Examiners, fares	5.38	
Sunday School Lesson Committee, paper, postage and fares	11.95	
Hymnal Committee, fares	5.15	
Postage	5.35	
Pennsylvania Conference's Apportionment of Executive Committee to Cleveland, O.	12.00	
Editor of Conference Journal, donation by order of Conference	10.00	\$299.86

Report of the Treasurer.

Receipts.

October, 14, 1915, Balance in the Treasury	\$197.27	
Receipts during the year	247.70	
Received at the Annual Conference	114.27	\$559.24

Expenditures.

Expended during the year	\$299.86	
September 21, 1916, Balance in Treasury	259.38	\$559.24

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

IX. Home Missions

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE HOME MISSION FUND.

Receipts.

October 15, 1915, Balance in the Treasury	\$3611.10	
Received at the Annual Conference	3946.94	\$7558.04

Expenditures.

Expended during the year	\$3611.10	
September 21, 1916, Balance in Treasury	3946.94	\$7558.04

Allen M. Gehman,
Treasurer.

X. Beneficiary Society

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BENEFICIARY SOCIETY.

We have given assistance to a Pastor's widow and for the funeral of a Pastor.

Report of the Treasurer.

Receipts.

October 15, 1915, Balance in the Treasury	\$ 708.73	
Received at the Annual Conference	190.91	\$ 899.64

Expenditures.

Expended during the year	\$ 142.00	
September 21, 1916, Balance in Treasury	757.64	\$ 899.64

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

XI. Laymen's Benevolent Society

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

Statistical.

Members reported October 14, 1915		380
Members received during the year		38
Members died during the year		6

Members withdrawn during the year	9
Members enrolled September 21, 1916	403

Financial.

Receipts.

Contributions	\$1011.50	
Interest on Deposit	65.50	\$1077.00

Expenditures.

Donations	\$ 450.00	
Sundry Expenses	2.31	\$ 452.31

Report of the Treasurer.

Receipts.

October 14, 1915, Balance in Treasury	\$2482.70	
Received during the year	1077.00	\$3559.70

Expenditures.

Expended during the year	\$ 452.31	
September 21, 1916, Balance in Treasury	3107.39	\$3559.70

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)	\$1865.27	
Allentown Division (Mizpah Grove)	1370.77	\$3236.04

Mt. Carmel District.

Mt. Carmel District (Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa.)	\$1245.16	
Total		\$4481.20

H. B. Musselman, Chairman.

XIII. Ministerial Conventions

(A) REPORTS FOR 1916.

(a) Annual Ministerial Convention.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Ministerial Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania Conference convened in the M. B. in C. Church at Eleventh Street, near Ontario, Philadelphia, Pa., on September 20, 1916.

The morning meeting was opened at 9.45 A. M. by the Chairman, Pastor E. N. Cassel. 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 R. L. Woodring.

Committee on Absentees: J. G. Shireman, B. Bryan Musselman and E. T. Shick.

Committee on Resolutions: W. G. Gehman, W. S. Hottel and H. K. Kratz.

Timekeeper: E. E. Kublic.

Reporter: W. J. Fretz.

Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman brought a timely and inspiring message on "The Preacher."

The forenoon meeting was adjourned by prayer by Pastor W. S. Hottel, and the benediction by Pastor J. G. Shireman.

AFTERNOON MEETING.

The afternoon meeting was opened at 2.00 P. M. by congregational singing and prayer by Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman.

After the roll was called and the minutes of the forenoon meeting were read, essays by Pastor W. J. Fretz, of Reading, Pa., on the "Pastor's Proper Utilization of Time," and Pastor E. T. Shick, of Graterford, Pa., on the "Present Day Dangers Confronting Pastors and Workers," were read, discussed and adopted. The essay read by W. J. Fretz was ordered to be printed in the Gospel Banner.

The various committee reports were submitted and adopted after which the convention adjourned with prayer by Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman and the Benediction by Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman.

EVENING SERVICE.

The evening service was opened by a song service conducted by the Pastor, F. M. Hottel. Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman had charge of the services and the church was filled with eager listeners to the messages from the Lord through Pastor E. N. Cassel on "Exploits of Faith;" Pastor E. E. Kublic on "Effectual Prayer," and Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman on "The Pastor's Growth in Spiritual Knowledge as Manifested According to 1 Tim. 4:15."

The "Preachers' Quartette" sang several selections and the Philadelphia Chorus sang a hymn. These were greatly appreciated.

All the Pastors and almost all the Delegates were present. Father Wm. Gehman, although in his ninetieth year, was also present and enjoyed the Convention.

Committee on Program: H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and F. M. Hottel.

E. N. Cassel, Chairman,

H. A. Kauffman, Secretary.

(b) Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention.

The Thirteenth Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention convened in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church on Chestnut Street, Emaus, Pa., on April 13, 1916. The Presiding Elders of both districts as well as all the Pastors and a number of their families were present. Father William Gehman was also present and took active part in the services.

The forenoon meeting opened at 9.15 and was rather of an informal nature. H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District, had charge and gave a very timely and searching address to the ministry. This was heartily received by all the ministering brethren.

AFTERNOON MEETING.

The afternoon meeting was opened at two o'clock by the Chairman, Pastor C. H. Brunner, of Allentown, Pa. Pastor E. T. Shick, of Graterford, Pa., recorded the minutes.

After roll call and the reading of the minutes, the following Committees were appointed by the Chairman:

Committee on Resolutions—W. G. Gehman, E. N. Cassel and R. L. Woodring.

Committee on Publication—H. B. Musselman, W. S. Hottel and J. F. Barrall.

E. E. Kublic and W. J. Fretz were appointed Timekeeper and Reporter respectively.

Then followed the reading of a very practical and timely essay on "Scriptural Evangelism" by Pastor J. G. Shireman, of Stroudsburg, Pa. A profitable discussion followed. Pastor W. S. Hottel, of Bethlehem, Pa., then opened a helpful discussion on the subject, "Sermons: Their Value in Quantity and Quality."

EVENING MEETING.

The evening service opened with a song service and was in charge of the Pastor, J. C. Roth. Three fifteen-minute addresses were on the program for the evening.

Pastor W. J. Fretz, of Reading, Pa., spoke on "Looking unto Jesus." Pastor F. M. Hottel, of Philadelphia, Pa., spoke on "Christian Progress," and Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, of Fleetwood, Pa., spoke on "Victory." These addresses were full of rich thoughts, life and power. The presence of the Lord was manifested throughout the whole day. The ministry is a unit to preach only Christ and Him crucified, risen, ascended, seated and coming.

The Church was crowded during afternoon and evening services.

The arrangements and the entertainment furnished by the congregation through their Pastor and his helpful staff of assistants was excellent.

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

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

(B) ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 1917.**(a) Annual Ministerial Convention.**

This Convention is announced to convene in Bethel M. B. in C. Church on Gordon Street, Allentown, Pa., on Wednesday, October 10, 1917.

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

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

This Convention is announced to convene in the M. B. in C. Church at Coopersburg, Pa., on Thursday, April 12, 1917.

Chairman, E. N. Cassel; Secretary, R. L. Woodring.
Committee on Program—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and H. K. Kratz.

XIV. Sunday School Conventions

(A) REPORTS FOR 1916.

(a) Bethlehem District.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Sunday School Convention of the Bethlehem District convened in the Auditorium on South Fifth Street, Reading, Pa., on Memorial Day, May 30th, 1916.

The Chairman, Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, of Fleetwood, Pa., opened the convention at 9.15 A. M. Pastor H. K. Kratz, of Coopersburg, Pa., 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 Mount Carmel District and a number of his Pastors and workers.

The Chairman appointed the following Committees:

Committee on Resolutions—W. S. Hottel, E. N. Cassel and W. J. Fretz.

Committee on Publication—C. H. Brunner, H. B. Musselman and J. C. Roth.

Committee on Finance—W. S. Hottel, C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel, F. M. Hottel, Morris E. Stickler, Chas. J. Kline and H. L. Shelly.

Committee on Statistics—J. F. Barrall, A. G. Woodring and H. H. Bergey.

Committee on Absentees—C. H. Brunner, E. T. Shick and E. E. Kublic.

Reporter—W. J. Fretz.

Time-keeper—F. M. Hottel.

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

AFTERNOON MEETING.

An essay on "The Sunday School Teacher" was read by Miss Clara Jones, of Bethlehem, Pa. This was very comprehensive and instructive and was further profitably discussed. This was followed by the following discussions:

"The Sunday School Superintendent." Discussion opened by Pastor E. N. Cassel, of South Allentown, Pa.; "The Home Department," by Superintendent A. Gaumer, of Allentown, Pa. These were followed by further discussions.

EVENING MEETING.

The evening service was in charge of H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder of the District.

After a short song service the following short addresses were made:

"The Early Conversion of Children," by Pastor E. E. Kublic, Leighton, Pa.

"The Christian Home," by Pastor E. T. Shick, Graterford, Pa.

"Missions, Home and Foreign," by Pastor C. H. Brunner, Allentown, Pa.

"Literature," by Pastor W. S. Hottel, Bethlehem, Pa.

The mixed quartet, and female quartet of Bethlehem and the female quartet of Allentown furnished a number of excellent selections during the day, which were very much appreciated.

The Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company furnished us with a special train of eight coaches from Allentown and back with excellent accommodation. The Pastor of the Reading congregation, Brother W. J. Fretz, and his noble staff of assistants had spared no time, labor and expense in arranging for this Convention and in the furnishing of the most prompt and best entertainment for the large number of visitors. They had secured the large Auditorium on Fifth Street seating almost a thousand people and affording all the conveniences and requirements necessary for such a large gathering. The attendance throughout was very large, the auditorium being well filled at every service.

Statistics.

Sunday Schools Represented 17	Scholars Enrolled 2338
Officers Enrolled 134	Total Enrollment 2704
Teachers Enrolled 232	Home Department Members 376

Note: The Home Department members are not counted in the above "Total Enrollment."

All our Sunday Schools are using the "Christian Life Series" of Sunday School supplies published by the Union Gospel Printing Company of Cleveland, Ohio. This includes the "Christian Life Series" of Quarterlies and Lesson Helps and also the "Christian Life Missionary" and "Jewels."

Some Sunday Schools use between four hundred and five hundred copies of the "Christian Life Missionary" alone weekly. The reports of Superintendents sounded high with praise concerning the visible benefits of these supplies in their schools.

Almost every school is pushing the Home Department with much success and blessing.



Huichilefu (Chile) Convention.
 This Congregation is the fruit of only four years. Brother Feldges baptized the
 Pastor Ignacio Riveros nine years ago.



Homeward bound from Conference at Huichilefu, Chile.
 From left to right, standing: Ignacio Riveros and family, Riding: Urquiza, Feldges, West,
 Sanhueza, two of Brother Rivero's children, Higuera, Mrs. Manuel Gomez,
 Manuel Gomez and his oldest boy.

Report of the Treasurer.**Receipts.**

May 13, 1915, Balance in the Treasury	\$ 9.69	
Received at this Convention from the various Sunday Schools	155.70	\$165.39

Expenditures.

Expended at this Convention	\$ 68.08	
Donated to the Executive Board	90.00	
May 30, 1916, Balance in Treasury	7.31	\$165.39

Committee on Program: H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner and W. J. Fretz.

B. Bryan Musselman, Chairman,
H. K. Kratz, Secretary,
F. M. Hottel, Treasurer.

(b) Mount Carmel District.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Sunday School Convention of the Mt. Carmel District convened in the newly erected chapel of the Gospel Herald Society, on Race St., near 6th, Sunbury, Pa., on Wednesday, May the 24th, 1916.

The Presiding Elder, all the Ministers of the district, Leaders of the Gospel Herald Society missions where there are Sunday Schools, Superintendents, Delegates and Essayists were present. Also a number of others from the Bethlehem District and the Gospel Herald Society.

J. G. Shireman, of Stroudsburg, Pa., was Chairman of the Convention, and R. L. Woodring, of Easton, Pa., recorded the Minutes.

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 R. Bergstresser.

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

Committee on Resolutions—W. G. Gehman, H. A. Kauffman and N. H. Wolf.

Committee on Auditing—J. T. Anderson and W. R. Stengele.

Time-keeper—J. B. Layne.

Reporter—L. D. Wesner.

The oral reports of the Superintendents from the various Sunday Schools were very interesting and gratifying. Much improvement on all lines was reported. All finances in good standing, and much satisfaction was expressed throughout the District relative to the "Christian Life" helps published by the Union Gospel Printing Co., at Cleveland, Ohio.

AFTERNOON MEETING.

After the opening of the afternoon meeting the different committees reported, and the following essays were read, discussed and adopted:

"Proper and Efficient Sunday School Organization," by C. Q. Miller, of Shamokin, Pa.

"The Need of Sunday School Work and Its Influences," by Mrs. J. G. Shireman, of Stroudsburg, Pa.

These essays were very well prepared and read, showing much study and thought for the promotion of Sunday School work. The discussions were wholesome and practical.

A discussion on "The Home Department and Cradle Roll" was opened by Pastor G. F. Yost, of Mt. Carmel, Pa. Other discussions followed.

The questions in the question box were ably and practically answered by W. G. Gehman and H. A. Kauffman.

The class at Sunbury entertained the convention most cordially under the noble leadership of W. R. Stengele. No work nor sacrifice was spared. Ample refreshments were served the convention members and friends in the basement of the church.

EVENING MEETING.

The evening services in charge of the Presiding Elder opened with a rousing openair meeting on Market St., followed in the church with three fifteen-minute addresses:

"Christian Fervor," by Pastor R. Bergstresser, of Nazareth, Pa.

"Christian Literature," by Pastor R. L. Woodring, of Easton, Pa.

"Christian Home, Its Sacredness and Fruit," by Pastor J. G. Shireman, of Stroudsburg, Pa.

The spacious chapel was well filled during the convention with eager and interesting listeners.

The Gospel Heralds with their stringed instruments and grand singing proved a great blessing to all.

Statistics.

Sunday Schools Represented	12	Scholars Enrolled	.....1095
Officers Enrolled	78	Total Enrollment	....1293
Teachers Enrolled	120		

Report of the Treasurer.

Receipts.

May 25, 1915, Balance in Treasury from last year	....\$ 8.81	
Offerings for Convention	.....	121.98 \$130.79

Expenditures.

Expended at this Convention	.....	\$104.89
May 24, 1916, Balance in Treasury	.....	25.90 \$130.79

Committee on Program: W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman and H. A. Kauffman.

J. G. Shireman, Chairman,
R. L. Woodring, Secretary,
G. F. Yost, Treasurer.

(B) ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 1917.

(a) Report of the Committee to Organize for the Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention for 1917.

This Convention shall convene at Philadelphia, Pa., on Wednesday (Memorial Day), May 30, 1917.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, C. H. Brunner; Secretary, J. F. Barrall; Treasurer, F. M. Hottel.

Committee on Program: H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner and F. M. Hottel.

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.
J. F. Barrall, Secretary.

(b) Report of the Committee to Organize for the Mt. Carmel District Sunday School Convention for 1917.

This Convention shall convene at Walnutport, Pa., on May 23, 1917.

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

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

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

Two meetings 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,
H. A. Kauffman, Secretary.

XV. Annual Conference

The Thirty-fourth Annual Conference Session shall convene, should the Lord tarry, at Allentown, Pa., at 8 A. M., on Thursday, October 11, 1917.

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.

1. 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, Blandon and Terre Hill—B. Bryan Musselman.

(c) Missions.

Quakertown and Hatfield—R. W. Dickert.
Lehighon and Weissport—E. E. Kublic.

(d) Local Preachers.

Wm. Gehman, Zionsville Quarterly Conference.

(e) Quarterly Conference Licensed Workers.

Titus Hottel, H. M. Gehman, E. W. Martin and Mrs. C. H. Brunner.

(f) Tabernacles.

To be supplied.

2. 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.
Shamokin—H. A. Kauffman.
Walnutport—V. H. Reinhart.
Northampton—W. W. Zimmerman.

(c) Local Preachers.

P. J. Musselman, Walnutport Quarterly Conference.

(d) Annual Conference Licensed Workers.

J. T. Anderson, L. D. Wesner, J. B. Layne and N. H. Wolf.

(e) Quarterly Conference Licensed Worker.

Mrs. J. G. Shireman.

(f) Tabernacles.

To be supplied.

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

Quakertown and Hatfield per month.....	\$ 15 00
Lehighon and Weissport per month.....	20 00
To be used at the discretion of the Presiding Elder.....	\$200 00

2. Mt. Carmel District.

Easton per month	\$ 12 00
Nazareth and Plainfield ,per month	18 00
Stroudsburg, per month	25 00
Walnutport, per month	20 00
Northampton, per month	20 00
Shamokin, per month	10 00

The President of the Gospel Herald Society shall be donated \$15.00 per month out of the Home Mission Treasury.

The balance of the Home Mission money shall 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.

Scranton, 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.

Herbert E. Gehman,

M. C. Brownback,

O. C. Kistler,

W. G. Taylor,

S. S. Geil,

Allen M. Gehman,

G. K. Himmelreich,

G. O. Billig,

W. D. Evert,

H. S. Jones,

H. G. Brunner,

C. D. Bean,

Committee.

XVII. Conference Finances

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Receipts, September 21, 1916.

Appointments.	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Foreign Mission in S. S.	For the Poor	Beneficiary Fund	Annual Confer- ence Fund	Total
Bethlehem Dist.							
Allentown	\$ 593 30	\$ 650 60	\$ 422 56	\$ 29 00	\$ 25 50	\$ 15 00	\$ 1,735 96
Bethlehem	649 60	690 70	573 50	44 75	25 25	16 25	2,000 05
Reading	322 60	308 25	248 71	20 00	12 05	10 00	921 61
Philadelphia	227 00	217 75	169 87	13 00	15 00	10 00	652 62
Spring City	163 80	134 45	102 50	10 00	6 00	3 00	419 75
Royersford	103 50	76 00	65 45	10 00	5 00	3 00	262 95
Coopersburg	263 50	256 15	154 47	9 25	4 47	5 61	693 45
Springtown	17 00	27 00		1 50	80	70	47 00
South Allentown.	120 05	138 15	97 20	6 00	5 32	4 32	371 04
Fleetwood	129 00	117 00	102 00	7 02	5 72	3 00	363 74
Blandon	99 00	90 75	39 60	5 85	2 52	1 85	239 57
Terre Hill	67 50	73 75	35 28	4 25	5 20	1 57	187 55
Graterford	73 40	78 35	97 25	5 70	3 25	1 75	259 70
Harleysville	78 00	83 10	24 46	4 81	3 20	1 50	195 07
Quakertown	71 30	91 10	82 19	8 00	4 12	2 00	258 71
Hatfield	47 00	34 00		4 48	1 10	1 00	87 58
Zionsville	112 85	97 90	168 04	14 58	3 38	3 53	400 28
Emaus	89 00	120 95	80 85	11 80	8 05	3 30	313 95
Macungie	78 00	92 50	50 37	3 40	4 55	2 40	231 22
Lehighton	71 50	59 75	61 25	4 15	3 24	3 05	202 94
Total	\$3376 90	\$3438 20	\$2575 55	\$217 54	\$143 72	\$ 92 83	\$ 9,844 74
Mt. Carmel Dist.							
Shamokin	\$ 118 60	\$ 165 40	\$ 172 84	\$ 8 17	\$ 11 33	\$ 4 00	\$ 480 34
Easton	148 15	107 35	111 05	7 40	5 00	4 25	383 20
Stroudsburg	81 70	47 00	100 59	6 50	4 00	3 75	243 54
Mt. Carmel	53 50	54 25	72 77	4 78	4 30	4 14	193 74
Nazareth	66 50	42 15	13 90	3 54	1 79	1 03	128 91
Plainfield	18 50	17 75	8 27	3 61	1 27	70	50 10
Northampton	38 59	30 50	52 00	3 20	1 60	1 57	127 46
Walnutport	44 50	26 10	18 03	3 24	3 50	2 00	97 37
Gospel Her. Soc..			87 57				87 57
Total	\$ 570 04	\$ 490 50	\$ 637 02	\$ 40 44	\$ 32 79	\$ 21 44	\$ 1,792 23
Grand Total.	\$3946 94	\$3928 70	\$3212 57	\$257 98	\$176 51	\$114 27	\$11,636 97

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

XVIII. EMPORIUM OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS

Appointments	Pastor	Presiding Elders	Ordained Ministers	On Probation to be Ord.	Applicants for Ministry	Q. C. L. Preachers, Ev.	Deacons	Class Leaders	Stewards	Baptized	Children Dedicated	Received into church	MEMBERSHIP										Pastoral Meetings Visited	Sunday Schools Visited					
													Total Increase	Members died	Withdrawn	Expelled	Dropped	Transferred	Total Decrease	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Whole No. of members			Appointments	Sermons Preached	Pastoral Visits		
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.																													
Bethlehem	W. S. Hottel	1	2	1	4	4	4	4	4	9	5	12	11	23	5	5	3	13	10	196	1	196	175	110	42				
Allentown	C. H. Brunner	1	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	11	18	13	9	22	4	3	4	15	7	212	1	212	290	139	39				
Reading	W. J. Pretz	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	11	9	13	9	22	4	3	4	9	7	166	1	166	304	98	40				
Philadelphia	F. M. Hottel	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	7	8	7	1	16	1	8	1	4	4	115	1	200	250	140	46				
Coopersburg	H. K. Kratz	2	2	1	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	3	1	5	7	13	10	95	1	102	305	95	34				
Springtown	J. F. Barrall	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	3	1	5	7	13	10	15	1	15	12	84	41				
So. Allentown	E. N. Cassel	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	8	6	10	2	12	3	3	4	11	7	78	1	172	177	84	41				
Spring City	J. F. Barrall	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	6	6	10	2	12	3	3	4	11	7	98	1	158	158	40	40				
Royersford	O. S. Hillegass	2	2	1	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	5	2	7	2	3	4	11	5	43	1	163	163	39	40				
Zionsville	J. C. Roth	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	4	1	10	11	10	7	108	225	50	40	40					
Emaus	B. B. Musselman	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	3	4	1	2	2	10	5	91	290	94	31	28					
Macungie	"	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	3	4	1	1	1	2	2	89	91	290	94	31	28				
Fleetwood	"	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	3	4	1	1	1	2	2	82	81	34	14	14					
Blandon	"	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	3	4	1	2	4	1	1	98	98	62	33	10					
Terre Hill	R. W. Dickert	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	3	4	1	2	4	1	1	34	34	104	209	81	46				
Quakertown	E. T. Shick	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	3	3	6	2	4	6	1	1	104	209	81	46						
Hatfield	"	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	54	54	66	44	17					
Graterford	"	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	74	74	97	78	33	40				
Harleysville	"	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	27	27	87	40	23	37				
Lehighton	"	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	42	42	177	400	23	37				
Weissport	"	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	42	42	177	400	23	37				
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																													
Total		114	114	114	51	51	51	51	51	73	96	77	58	135	116	54	48	118	45	281	1405	121	2307	8438	1072	567			
Easton	R. L. Woodring	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	5	1	5	2	2	2	4	1	53	1	215	135	42	40				
Shrodsburg	J. G. Shureman	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	5	5	7	88	97	2	3	3	14	86	7	44	1	218	233	42	46			
Shamokin	H. A. Kaufman	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	13	12	13	7	26	1	5	2	9	9	86	86	168	493	120	41				
Mt. Carmel	G. F. Yost	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	2	3	1	7	1	9	86	6	32	1	147	582	93	42			
Nazareth	R. Bergstresser	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	32	32	125	105	33	39				
Pianfield	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	2	3	1	2	2	2	2	9	9	35	27	6	28				
Northampton	W. W. Zimmerman	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	5	5	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	32	32	100	125	45	45				
Walnutport	V. H. Reinhart	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	3	3	1	6	4	10	10	42	42	130	115	71	44				
G. H. Society	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	43	43	43	2	45	1	89	90	85	26	3637	1875	345	4775	5692	797	1375			
Total																													
Total		114	114	114	51	51	51	51	51	73	96	77	58	135	116	54	48	118	45	281	1405	121	2307	8438	1072	567			
Presiding Elders		1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
G. W. Society		3	23	4	3	6	5	46	42	39	158	112	106	150	256	21	2	3	87	148	261	133	138	1814	29	17537	7130	1869	892

XVIII. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—Continued

Appointments	Pastor	CHURCH PROPERTY										OFFERINGS									
		Prayer Meet. Classes	New classes organized	M. B. C. Sunday Schools	New M. B. C. S. Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars Enrolled	Total Enrollment	Total Average Attend.	New Subscribers to G. B.	Total No. of Subscribers	Churches	Parsonages	Fanitors' Homes	Increase of Church Property	Decrease of Church Property	Present Valuation of Church Property	For Home Missions	For Foreign Missions	For Foreign Missions in Sunday Schools	For the Poor
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.																					
Bethlehem	W. S. Hottel	4	1	39	321	360	233	4	55	1	1	1	1	10,200 00	1,000 00	9,500 00	649 60	690 70	573 50	44 75	
Allentown	C. H. Brunner	4	1	37	352	399	321	2	55	1	1	1	1	9,500 00		9,500 00	592 30	650 60	423 56	29 00	
Reading	W. J. Frenz	3	1	34	256	290	239	1	33	1	1	1	1	10,000 00		10,000 00	308 25	248 71	243 71	20 00	
Philadelphia	F. M. Hottel	3	1	30	156	186	130	1	20	1	1	1	1	11,000 00		11,000 00	227 00	217 75	169 87	13 00	
Coopersburg	H. K. Kraiz	2	1	18	101	119	84		23	1	1	1	1	5,000 00		5,000 00	268 50	256 15	154 47	9 25	
Springtown		2	1	18	184	211	140		1	1	1	1	1	1,500 00		1,500 00	17 00	27 00		1 50	
So. Allentown	E. N. Cassel	2	1	27	184	211	140		1	1	1	1	1	5,300 00		5,300 00	120 05	138 15	97 20	6 00	
Spring City	J. F. Barrall	1	1	19	92	111	82	1	19	1	1	1	1	4,650 00		4,650 00	163 80	134 45	102 50	10 00	
Kroyersford	O. S. Hillegas	2	1	15	79	94	73	1	14	1	1	1	1	4,000 00		4,000 00	103 50	76 00	65 45	10 00	
Zionsville	J. C. Roth	2	1	19	127	146	104		20	1	1	1	1	5,050 00		5,050 00	112 85	97 90	188 04	14 58	
Emaus		2	1	12	55	67	43		15	1	1	1	1	4,000 00		4,000 00	89 00	120 95	80 85	11 80	
Macungie	B. B. Musselman	1	1	11	63	74	57		7	1	1	1	1	2,050 00		2,050 00	78 00	92 50	50 37	3 40	
Fleetwood		1	1	14	88	102	51		5	1	1	1	1	2,000 00		2,000 00	199 00	197 75	139 60	5 25	
Blandor		1	1	11	53	65	43		7	1	1	1	1	3,500 00		3,500 00	67 50	73 75	35 28	4 25	
Terre Hill	R. W. Dickert	1	1	14	89	103	54		10	1	1	1	1	7,500 00		7,500 00	77 30	81 10	82 19	8 00	
Quakertown		1	1	18	57	75	54		3	1	1	1	1	4,300 00		4,300 00	61 00	64 00	54 00	4 48	
Hatfield	E. T. Shiek	1	1	16	70	86	70		12	1	1	1	1	4,800 00	2,000 00	4,800 00	73 40	78 35	97 25	5 70	
Graterford		1	1	16	70	86	56		7	1	1	1	1	1,800 00		1,800 00	78 00	83 10	24 46	4 81	
Harleysville	E. E. Kubic	1	1	16	70	86	56		7	1	1	1	1	2,800 00		2,800 00	71 50	59 75	61 25	4 15	
Lehighton		1	1	16	70	86	56		7	1	1	1	1	1,300 00		1,300 00	117 00	117 00	102 00	7 02	
Weissport		1	1	16	70	86	56		7	1	1	1	1	2,000 00		2,000 00	99 00	99 00	73 00	5 25	
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																					
Easton	R. L. Woodring	1	1	19	149	168	102		10	1	1	1	1	9,000 00		9,000 00	148 15	107 35	111 05	7 40	
Stroudsburg	J. G. Shireman	1	1	18	97	115	118		17	1	1	1	1	9,000 00		9,000 00	81 70	47 00	100 59	6 50	
Shamokin	H. A. Kaufman	2	1	33	174	207	139		13	1	1	1	1	6,000 00		6,000 00	118 60	165 40	172 84	8 17	
Mt. Carmel	G. F. Yost	2	1	21	134	145	107		8	1	1	1	1	9,000 00		9,000 00	53 50	54 25	72 77	4 78	
Nazareth	R. Bergstresser	1	1	13	38	51	36		6	1	1	1	1	5,300 00		5,300 00	66 50	42 15	13 90	3 54	
Plainfield		1	1	8	36	44	30		3	1	1	1	1	5,000 00		5,000 00	18 50	17 75	8 27	3 61	
Northampton	W. W. Zimmerman	1	1	19	80	99	65		9	1	1	1	1	4,500 00		4,500 00	38 59	30 50	52 00	3 20	
Walnutport	V. H. Reinhart	2	1	16	64	80	68		7	1	1	1	1	3,850 00		3,850 00	44 50	26 10	18 03	3 24	
G. H. Society		12	3	8	147	762	909	645	13	63	8	5	1	\$ 47,750 00	\$ 570 04	\$ 490 50	\$ 637 02	\$ 40 44			
Orphanage, Home														6800 00		43,100 00					
Mizpah Grove														12,800 00		12,800 00					
Grand Total		45	3	25	1,513	3,021	3,534	2,515	30	427	29	16	4	\$9150 00	\$7800 00	\$203,800 00	\$39,946 94	\$39,928 70	\$32,121 57	\$257 98	



Brother M. P. Zook's Sunday School at Olavarria, Argentine, enjoying an outing



C. F. Snyder's Congregation at Taochow, (Old City), Kansu Province, China Only a few are not members, while some members are absent,

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—Continued

OFFERINGS—Continued

Appointments	Pastors	BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.										Ministers in other contributions	Ministers in Cash	Missionsary Presiding Elders	Beneficiary Fund
		For Church Properties	For Repairing Church Properties	For Parsonage and Hall Rent	For Sexton and Sundry Expenses	For Sundry Schools	Presiding Elders	For Sundry Expenses	For Sundry Schools	For Parsonage and Hall Rent	For Sundry Expenses				
Bethlehem	W. S. Hottel	\$1566 01	\$196 78	\$	\$336 62	\$561 82	\$342 25	\$163 45	\$1106 50	\$	\$320 00	\$25 25			
Allen town	C. E. Brunner	329 48	623 39		473 67	408 60	313 28	115 50	966 45		206 11	25 50			
Reading	W. J. Frez	2744 65			521 42	326 14	377 00	91 00	773 55		149 31	12 05			
Philadelphia	H. K. Kratz	61 42	217 75		340 41	254 29	257 75	34 00	680 82		205 42	15 00			
Coopersburg					76 16	83 61	125 04		450 11		148 96	4 47			
Springtown					2 25				39 00		3 69	8 80			
So. Allentown	E. N. Cassel	53 35		120 86	233 19	130 88	153 50	42 20	455 11		104 29	5 32			
Spring City	J. F. Barrall				352 60	113 90	88 00	33 00	415 90		252 00	6 00			
Eoyersford					220 77	101 16	87 00	25 25	237 25		143 30	5 00			
Zionsville	O. S. Hillegass		409 71		91 41	85 65	87 79	21 68	331 00		61 07	3 38			
Emmaus	J. C. Roth			45 00	147 33	91 99	76 00	22 60	337 99		158 90	8 05			
Macungie	B. B. Musselman	161 00			101 58	30 68	77 00	14 20	182 75		62 05	4 55			
Fleetwood		96 85			56 73	49 64	65 00	24 63	231 40		61 64	5 72			
Blandon		46 65			64 67	55 11	130 00	18 18	273 58		30 62	2 52			
Terre Hill	R. W. Dickert	100 00			165 34	37 77	65 00	17 67	104 95		30 20	5 20			
Quakertown					174 81	79 51	90 67	15 08	213 80		82 50	4 12			
Hatfield					111 60	45 50	56 25	9 16	250 40		115 66	3 25			
Graterford	E. T. Shick				24 00	98 28	71 82	5 05	145 55		65 85	3 20			
Harleysville					54 00	59 68	30 00	19 52	256 60		119 00	3 24			
Lehighton	E. E. Kublic				131 00	61 40	76 75	93 50							
Weissport															
Total		\$5159 41	\$1447 63	\$586 51	\$3523 82	\$2559 32	\$2436 08	\$783 47	\$7543 21	\$2341 17	\$143 72				
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.															
Boston	R. L. Woodring	\$100 00	\$57 61	\$134 00	\$134 66	\$133 63	\$132 50	\$29 50	\$333 87		\$90 13	\$5 00			
Shroudsburg	J. C. Shireman	232 50			269 21	133 22	116 50	16 75	237 80		97 99	4 00			
Shamokin	H. A. Kaufman	231 06			478 89	305 29	202 58	23 76	348 75		350 97	11 33			
Mt. Carmel	G. F. Yost	828 16	115 25		238 87	208 60	100 50	14 95	205 45		88 63	1 40			
Nazareth	R. Bergstresser				112 05	187 66	41 88	97 74	200 00		32 62	1 79			
Plainfield		137 40			31 95	5 11	14 33	3 76	67 65		8 85	1 27			
Northampton	W. W. Zimmerman				76 55	132 30	126 35	54 27	176 45		40 83	1 60			
Walnutport	V. H. Reinhardt				88 02	45 52	52 55	10 63	159 80		55 53	3 50			
G. H. Society					1270 00	2572 33	395 33	15 91			1411 79				
Total		\$1519 12	\$172 86	\$1820 40	\$4107 05	\$1008 82	\$1151 97	\$135 72	\$1819 77	\$2169 88	\$32 79				
Grand Total		\$6678 53	\$1620 49	\$2406 91	\$7630 87	\$3568 14	\$3538 05	\$919 19	\$9362 98	\$4511 05	\$176 51				

XVIII REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—Concluded

OFFERINGS—Continued

Appointments	Pastor	Gospel Worker Society	Missionary or Evangelistic Work	Camp Meetings	Sunday School Conventions	Annual Conference Fund	Subscriptions and Literature Sold	Benevolent Society	Annual Conference Delegate	Total Receipts
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.										
Bethlehem	W. S. Hotel	\$ 495 76	\$106 03	\$	\$ 34 60	\$ 16 25	\$ 942 80	\$ 204 50	\$ 17 60	\$ 8,394 77
Alentown	C. H. Brunner	367 10	78 00		15 25	15 00	514 75	176 50	16 33	6,010 89
Reading	W. J. Fretz	264 40	24 00		16 50	10 00	554 97	92 00	17 40	4,958 78
Philadelphia	F. M. Hotel	162 95	21 00		18 50	10 00	605 25	29 00	29 00	6,144 41
Coopersburg	H. K. Kraz	82 25	20 00		8 55	5 61	118 40	31 00	9 26	2,158 96
Springtown	"	4 50				7 00	115 50	2 00		119 14
Springtown	E. N. Cassel	110 90			8 00	4 32	103 70	32 50	8 00	1,908 62
Spring City	J. F. Barrall	60 69	75 00		6 00	3 00	540 35	13 50	7 35	2,397 04
Royersford	"	48 70	70 00		6 00	3 00	303 08	17 50	5 05	1,528 01
Zionsville	O. S. Hillegass	48 83	5 65		4 60	3 53	6 34	19 00	6 12	1,169 42
Zionsville	J. C. Roth	37 75	9 15		5 30	3 30	73 05	19 50	6 10	1,766 37
Macungie	"	23 08	12 75		3 50	3 40	49 00	21 00	3 20	859 01
Pleatwood	B. B. Musselman	47 25	25 00		5 50	3 00	121 70	34 50	8 97	1,256 70
Blandon	"	34 65	43 00		5 00	1 57	87 50	38 50	5 74	1,094 97
Terre Hill	"	21 45	25 00		4 00	2 00	59 00	38 00	6 79	771 37
Quakertown	R. W. Dickert	21 21			4 30	2 00	21 76	38 00	6 13	1,121 08
Hatfield	"	18 44	11 52			1 00	8 00	21 50	2 63	318 81
Graterford	E. T. Shick	22 13	15 00		5 25	1 75	50 00	21 50	6 22	1,033 39
Harleysville	"	22 98	5 00			1 50	50 00	14 00	3 75	616 19
Lehighton	E. E. Kublic	33 95			5 00	3 05	273 48	14 00	6 90	1,294 04
Weissport	"									
Camp Meeting	Mizpah Grove			3236 04						
Total		\$1927 99	\$518 10	\$3236 04	\$155 85	\$ 92 83	\$ 4,478 63	\$ 842 50	\$174 54	\$47,559 01
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GHEMAN, P. E.										
Easton	R. L. Woodring	\$ 61 80	\$ 3 60	\$	\$ 19 00	\$ 4 25	\$ 210 00	\$ 28 00	\$ 13 50	\$ 1,865 00
Stroudsburg	J. G. Shireman	36 64	57 04		15 00	3 75	172 63	22 50	12 60	1,849 77
Shamokin	H. A. Kaufman	66 28	90 11		13 40	4 00	1,002 64	2 50	10 25	3,606 82
Mt. Carmel	G. F. Yost	67 20	37 00		6 87	4 14	381 55	23 00	14 28	2,609 05
Nazareth	R. Bergstreser	18 69			11 05	1 03	13 70	24 50	10 23	891 44
Pianfield	"	6 72			10 33	7 00	16 30	8 50	2 61	222 71
Northampton	W. W. Zimmerman	14 96	8 00		9 11	1 57	100 00	47 50	5 47	989 19
Walnutport	V. H. Reinhardt	24 53			5 25	2 00	77 66	8 50	6 05	707 96
G. H. Society	"	115 79					8,429 40			14,298 12
Camp Meeting	Shamokin, Pa.			1245 16						
Total		\$ 412 61	\$195 75	\$1245 16	\$ 90 01	\$ 21 44	\$10,403 88	\$ 165 00	\$ 74 99	\$28,285 22
Grand Total		\$2340 60	\$713 85	\$4481 20	\$245 86	\$114 27	\$14,882 51	\$1007 50	\$249 53	\$75,844 23

J. G. SHIREMAN, W. S. HOTTEL, E. N. CASSEL, Committee.

XIX. QUADRENNIAL REPORT FROM OCTOBER 10, 1912 TO SEPTEMBER 21, 1916 Concluded.

OFFERINGS—Continued													
Year	For Churches	For Church Properties	For Parsonage and Hall Rent	For Sexton and Sundry Expenses	For Sundry Schools	For Elders	For Missionary Presiding Elders	For Ministers in cash	For Ministers in other contributions	Mizpah Grove	Annual Conference Delegate	Benevolent Society	Total Receipts
1913	\$ 3,757 67	\$2418 53	\$ 2,585 47	\$ 7,512 89	\$ 2,232 97	\$ 3,233 13	\$ 886 12	\$ 8,197 44	\$ 3,388 82	\$140 64			
1914	7,019 17	2,556 93	2,621 71	8,448 38	2,664 94	3,386 22	917 19	8,292 44	4,360 69	150 16			
1915	4,701 27	914 76	2,820 25	9,930 95	2,821 84	3,392 04	891 41	8,424 63	4,340 78	140 91			
1916	6,678 53	1,620 49	2,406 91	7,630 87	3,568 14	3,588 05	919 19	9,362 98	4,511 05	176 51			
Total	\$22,156 64	\$7510 71	\$10,384 38	\$33,573 09	\$11,377 89	\$13,599 44	\$3613 91	\$34,277 49	\$16,601 34	\$608 22			

OFFERINGS—Concluded													
Year	For Gospel Worker Society	For Tabernacle Work	For Missionary or Evangelistic Work	For Camp Meetings	For S. School Conventions	For Annual Conference Fund	For General Conference Fund	Subscriptions and Literature Sold	Benevolent Society	Annual Conference Delegate	Mizpah Grove	Total Receipts	
1913	\$2080 07	\$ 18 12	\$ 586 47	\$ 4,726 31	\$186 05	\$109 37	\$249 20	\$14,331 13	\$ 860 00	\$201 33	\$153 50	\$ 68,518 86	
1914	2359 52		722 35	4,367 57	224 17	111 25		13,602 36	900 50	225 08	5 00	73,921 76	
1915	2303 23	110 09	556 86	4,302 82	206 96	106 00		12,177 54	965 50	219 15		69,888 06	
1916	2340 60		713 85	4,481 20	245 86	114 27		14,887 51	1007 50	249 53		75,844 23	
Total	\$9083 42	\$128 21	\$2579 53	\$17,897 90	\$863 04	\$440 89	\$249 20	\$54,993 54	\$3733 50	\$895 09	\$158 50	\$238,172 91	

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.
Dickert, R. W.	1916		1916	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. K.	1908	1916	1915	711 E. Commerce St., Shamokin, Pa.
Kratz, H. K.	1906	1909	1914	Coopersburg, Pa.
Kubic, E. E.	1901	1907	1915	334 Cypress St., Lehighton, 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	1916	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.
Layne, J. B.	1916	" " "
Wesner, L. D.	1913	" " "
Wolf, N. H.	1916	" " "

IV. Quarterly Conference Licensed Missionaries

Brunner, Mrs. C. H.	1892	Allentown, Pa.
Gehman, H. M.	1897	South Allentown, 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	"	"
1916	Sept. 21-25	Philadelphia	"	"

*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 Conferenses

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.
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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.
Layman, A. A. Wismer.
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
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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.
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Laymen, Allen M. Gehman, H. H. Bergey.
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