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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, the Annual Conference Fund and the Beneficiary Society.

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. 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 designated by said Board.

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

\*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.

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.

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





Parsonage at 936 Olney Street, Reading, Pa. Purchased, 1918. Valuation, \$5,000. B. Bryan Musselman, Pastor.



Parsonage at 710 Sunbury Street, Shamokin, Pa. Built, 1918. Valuation, \$4,000. J. F. Barrall, Pastor.





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 "Eastern 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 "Eastern 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.

## Annual Conference Proceedings 1918

### FIRST MEETING.

Monday Evening, November 4, 1918.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania convened in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, on Tenth Street near Oley Street, Reading, Pa.

The first meeting was opened at seven P. M., November fourth, Nineteen hundred and eighteen, by singing, "What a Friend We Have In Jesus." This was followed by a short season of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for His gracious blessings during the past and also for the guidance of the Holy Spirit during this Conference Session, and for the blessing of God upon the officers and members of the Conference and the members of the various congregations represented.

This Conference Session was postponed from the original dates because of the state-wide quarantine of several weeks on account of the Spanish Influenza epidemic. The quarantine even now was not altogether lifted, but privileges were granted to hold the business sessions only. This accounts for the curtailment of some of the business and the elimination of the usual preaching services.

The Chairman, Presiding Elder, H. B. Musselman, then read First Peter four, verse seven to the end of the chapter and made a short but earnest and encouraging address.

The following members were then enrolled:

#### MINISTERS.

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

Died during the year—Wm. Gehman and H. A. Kauffman.

*Probationers.*—R. W. Dickert, J. B. Layne, A. G. Woodring, and W. F. Heffner.



## DELEGATES.

H. S. Jones, Bethlehem.  
G. O. Billig, Allentown.  
S. W. Heiser, Reading.  
S. S. Geil, Philadelphia.  
Wm. Haag, South Allentown (Alternate).  
S. H. Lichtenthaler, Easton.  
J. H. Bruch, Stroudsburg.  
G. K. Himmelreich, Fleetwood, Blandon and Terre Hill.  
H. L. Shelly, Coopersburg and Springtown.  
Allen M. Gehman, Emaus and Macungie.  
Russel Fox, Royersford and Spring City.  
H. B. Shelly, Zionsville.  
M. M. Ziegler, Graterford and Harleysville (Alternate).  
H. H. Bergéy, Quakertown and Hatfield.  
Moses Snyder, Mt. Carmel.  
R. S. Anderson, Shamokin.  
C. E. Eroh, Lehighton and Weissport (Alternate).  
Charles F. Lilly, Nazareth and Plainfield.  
O. B. Bartholomew, Northampton and Walnutport.  
C. H. Brosious, Sunbury.

*Whereas*, Both the Delegate and the Alternate Delegate from Lehighton could not possibly be present, therefore, Brother C. E. Eroh of Lehighton was accepted as Delegate from that charge.

All the Delegates were present. The Conference members thus number forty-eight.

We shall also not forget to mention our 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, E. R. Hess, M. B. Fuller, S. P. Hamilton, Manuel Gomez, Innocencio Gomez, Dionisio Oyarzun 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 three pews throughout the church constitute the Conference Bar.

The Secretary appointed his assistants as follows:—Assistant Secretaries, B. Bryan Musselman and P. T. Stengele; Recording Secretary, A. G. Woodring.

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

He appointed H. K. Kratz 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 B. Bryan Musselman and S. W. Heiser.

#### COMMITTEES.

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

*Committee on Worship*: B. Bryan Musselman and S. W. Heiser.

*Committee on Communication*: E. T. Shick, and J. C. Roth.

*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 Annual Conference Records*: E. E. Kublic and R. Bergstresser.

*Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records*: J. C. Roth, E. T. Shick, W. W. Zimmerman, V. H. Reinhart, C. E. Eroh, H. B. Shelly, M. M. Ziegler, J. H. Bruch, Russel Fox, Moses Snyder, J. B. Layne, R. S. Anderson and C. H. Brosious.

*Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders*: H. H. Bergey, O. B. Bartholomew and G. K. Himmelreich.

*Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists, and Missionaries*: R. L. Woodring, G. F. Yost, and O. S. Hillegass.

*Committee on Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference License*: C. H. Brunner, W. S. Hottel and B. Bryan Musselman.

*Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination*: F. M. Hottel, E. N. Cassel and C. H. Brunner.

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

*Committee on Auditing*: F. M. Hottel, H. S. Jones, H. L. Shelly, Wm. Haag, G. F. Yost, R. W. Dickert, S. W. Heiser, S. H. Lichtenthaler, Charles F. Lilly, S. S. Geil, W. F. Heffner and H. H. Bergey.

*Committee to Audit Schedules*: W. G. Gehman, H. K. Kratz and E. E. Kublic.

*Resolved*, That the Oral Reports of the Pastors be omitted at this Conference.



*Resolved*, That we hear the reports of the Presiding Elders now.

The following Reports were now read and adopted:

*Annual Report of W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District.* (See Reports.)

*Annual Report of W. G. Gehman, President of the Gospel Herald Society.* (See Reports.)

*Annual 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 interesting Reports of our Presiding Elders and the President of the Gospel Herald Society giving us a grand, general survey of the work of the Lord throughout the entire conference and the Gospel Herald Society, and,

*Whereas*, They reported much blessing from God upon the work throughout, many souls having been saved, baptized and added unto the church, as well as the people of God edified, the Ministry united, devoted and loyal and the borders of the work extended and the Truth spread far and wide, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we most heartily appreciate the sincere devotions of our worthy leaders of the work of the Lord, as well as their fairness and frankness and their able leadership and general oversight of the work, and further,

*Resolved*, That we unitedly and earnestly pray God to bless them physically, intellectually and spiritually, enabling them to move forward in this noble work for the Lord and to make them a still greater blessing to the work, so that through their instrumentality the work may move forward with unhindered success.

W. S. Hottel,

R. L. Woodring,

Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A letter from Brother W. J. Fretz was read before the Conference and referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

A letter from Brother P. J. Musselman was also read before the Conference.

*Resolved*, That the Chair appoint a Committee of three to whom the communication from P. J. Musselman shall be referred.

The Chair appointed C. H. Brunner, W. S. Hottel and E. N. Cassel as this Committee.

*Resolved*, That the Annual Ministerial Convention be dispensed with this year. The expenses of the Committee on Program shall be paid out of the Annual Conference Fund.

*Resolved*, That we suspend business for a short time to the call of the Chair.

After a short recess, business was resumed at the call of the Chair.

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

Adjourned at 10.20 P. M., with prayer by J. G. Shireman and the benediction by the Chairman.

## SECOND MEETING.

TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 5, 1918.

The morning meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10.45 by singing "Blessed Be The Name of The Lord," and prayer by Brother C. E. Eroh.

The Chairman then read Romans the twelfth chapter after which the following business was transacted:

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

*Annual Report of the Hymn Book Committee.* (See Reports.)

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

*Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Benevolent Society.* (See Reports.)

*Report of the Committee to Examine Quarterly Conference Records:*

We beg leave to report that we have examined all the Quarterly Conference Records and find them all correct except the following:

Sunbury, in transferring steward's account from fourth Quarter to the Summary is \$134.60 and should be \$78.10, and no Delegate or Alternate Delegate's name in the Summary.





Officers and Teachers of Ebenezer M. B. in C. Sunday School, Bethlehem, Pa., 1917.





Zionsville, no total average attendance in Sunday School report of the fourth Quarter.

Graterford, no summary of the Graterford Trustee Report, the Steward's account in second Quarter is entered in summary as \$108.35 and should be \$106.35.

Mt. Carmel, in Parsonage fund in the third Quarter in transferring into the summary is \$11.55 and should be \$18.30.

J. C. Roth,	J. H. Bruch,
E. T. Shick,	Russel Fox,
W. W. Zimmerman,	Moses Snyder,
V. H. Reinhart,	J. B. Layne,
C. E. Eroh,	R. S. Anderson,
H. B. Shelly,	C. H. Brosious,
M. M. Ziegler,	
	Committee.

W. G. Gehman, President of the Gospel Herald Society, recommended P. T. Stengele, of Scranton, Pa., and W. R. Stengele, of Harrisburg, Pa., Gospel Heralds, to this Annual Conference as Applicants for Annual Conference License.

*Resolved*, That we suspend the Rules and extend the time.

The Brethren W. R. Stengele and P. T. Stengele now expressed the nature of their call before the Conference and were referred to the Committee on Applicants.

*Report of the Committee to Examine the Annual Conference Records.*

We have examined the Annual Conference Records and found them all correct.

E. E. Kublic,
R. Bergstresser,
Committee.

*Report of the Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists and Missionaries.*

We beg leave to report that we have examined the Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists and Missionaries, and found them all satisfactory.

R. L. Woodring,
G. F. Yost,
O. S. Hillegass,
Committee.

*Report of the Committee on the Communication of P. J. Musselman.*

We beg leave to report that we considered the Communication of P. J. Musselman and recommend that he be reverted to Quarterly Conference License.

C. H. Brunner,

W. S. Hottel,

E. N. Cassel,

Committee.

*Report of the Committee on Resolutions.*

(a) Relative to W. J. Fretz.

Whereas, W. J. Fretz has sent in a written report stating that he was obliged to leave the active work on account of a physical breakdown and expresses his sorrow of heart for his being thus deprived of being engaged in the active work. He also expresses his gratefulness to the brethren for what they did for him during his sickness and asks the Conference to kindly classify him as a Quarterly Conference Licensed Worker, Therefore,

*Resolved*, That we sympathize with him in his condition and pray God's blessing upon him, and further,

*Resolved*, That we grant him his request to be classified as a Quarterly Conference Licensed Worker.

(b) Relative to money collected by the Stewards for October.

Whereas, The Annual Conference has been delayed this year, on account of the epidemic prevailing, and,

Whereas, The respective Presiding Elders had ordered the Stewards on the various charges to pay over to the different Pastors, the money collected by the Stewards for the month of October, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the different Pastors keep the money for that month.

W. S. Hottel,

W. G. Gehman,

R. L. Woodring,

Committee.

*Report of the Committee to Examine Traveling Elders.*

We beg leave to report that we have examined all the Traveling Elders through their Delegates, who reported them very commendably; we therefore find them all satisfactory.

H. H. Bergey,

O. B. Bartholomew,

G. K. Himmelreich,

Committee.



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

Adjourned with prayer by C. H. Brosious and benediction by the Chairman.

### THIRD MEETING.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 5, 1918.

The afternoon meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1.20 by singing "Then Forward Still," and prayer by J. B. Layne.

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

The Secretary then read the obituaries of Father William Gehman, Pastor H. A. Kauffman and the wife and life-companion of Pastor J. G. Shireman which were accepted and ordered spread on the minutes.

The following Report was read and adopted:

#### *Report of the Committee on Resolutions:*

*Whereas*, God in His wise providence has been pleased to allow the removal by the hand of death from among us Father William Gehman, who up to a ripe old age took such a live interest in the progress of the work of the Lord; Elder H. A. Kauffman, a very active and promising young minister and Mrs. J. G. Shireman, wife of Pastor J. G. Shireman, one of our Quarterly Conference Licensed workers, therefore,

*Resolved*, That our hearts are grieved by this separation, but that we bow in humble submission to our all-wise God and loving heavenly Father, and pray God's comfort and consolation upon the bereaved ones and encourage the hearts of all of us "until the daybreak and the shadows flee away."

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

*Resolved*, That the Secretary call the Roll for Conditional and Unconditional Ministers. The following was the result:

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

*Absent:*—W. B. Musselman and C. F. Snyder.

*Conditional:*—None.

*Resolved,* That we elect two Presiding Elders.

The Chair appointed tellers as follows: H. K. Kratz, F. M. Hottel and J. G. Shireman.

The following were elected Presiding Elders for the ensuing year—H. B. Musselman and W. G. Gehman.

*Resolved,* That H. B. Musselman shall be Presiding Elder over the District comprising the greater 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 the two Presiding Elders and the Delegates from the Stations and Circuits constitute the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.

*Resolved,* That we suspend business to the call of the Chair and that the Stationing Committee sit at this time.

After recess, business was resumed at 4.30 at the call of the Chair.

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

*Resolved,* That we sell the Property known as the Preisch property in Bethlehem to Joseph Clomsitch for \$1,800.00 and hereby authorize the Executive Board to execute a deed of conveyance for the same.

*Resolved,* That the Chair appoint a Committee of three to formulate a Report of this Conference for the "Eastern Gospel Banner."

He appointed W. G. Gehman, H. K. Kratz and J. C. Roth.

*Resolved,* That we suspend the rules and extend the time.

The following Reports were read and adopted:

*Annual Report on the "Eastern Gospel Banner."* (See Reports.)

*Annual Report of the Committee on the Sunday School Lessons.* (See Reports.)

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

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

*Report of the Committee on Worship.*

There being no evening services held due to the prevalence of the Spanish Influenza epidemic, we therefore have no report to submit.

B. Bryan Musselman,

S. W. Heiser,

Committee.

*Resolved,* That we hold a meeting this evening at 7 o'clock.

Adjourned with prayer by R. Bergstresser and benediction by the Secretary.



## FOURTH MEETING.

TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 5, 1918.

This meeting was opened by singing "Nearer My God to Thee," and prayer by V. H. Reinhart.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

*Report of the Committee to Examine Applicants for Annual Conference License.*

We have examined the Applicants for Annual Conference License, W. R. Stengele and P. T. Stengele and recommend them to this Conference for Annual Conference License.

C. H. Brunner,  
W. S. Hottel,  
B. Bryan Musselman,  
Committee.

*Report of the Committee on Resolutions.*

Whereas, W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder and President of the Gospel Worker Society, has sent us a very interesting and comprehensive report of the work of the Gospel Worker Society, stating the gracious leadings of the Lord during the past year, as well as the many blessings bestowed, so that there was no sickness among the workers and the work has prospered in general, and,

Whereas, in the same report he also states how wonderfully the Lord has led and blessed in the work of publishing Gospel literature, so that, in spite of prevailing conditions on account of the war, there has been no serious hindrance in this blessed work, and,

Whereas, The Union Gospel Printing Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, prints and publishes so many good religious publications, such as books, magazines, papers and tracts, as well as a full and complete line of Sunday School literature, at the outlay of much time, labor and money involving a good deal of sacrifice, and,

Whereas, We, as a Conference, are in hearty fellowship with the work of the Gospel Worker Society and the Union Gospel Printing Co., being in full sympathy with them in all their tests, rejoicing with them in all their victories and successes, as well as with all their progress in spreading the Truth, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we highly appreciate the spirit of sacrifice and devotion both of W. B. Musselman and the Gospel Workers in so earnestly laying themselves out to spread the Truth in every possible way, and further,

*Resolved*, That we pray God's richest blessing upon the President, the Society and upon all their endeavors, and further,

*Resolved*, That we continue our hearty support both by prayers and offerings, and still further,

*Resolved*, That we unitedly pledge ourselves to secure as many new subscribers to the various publications, such as the "Gospel Herald," the "Christian Life Missionary," and the "Eastern Gospel Banner," as well as to interest as many as possible in the "Christian Life Series" of Sunday School literature and also sell as many "Daily Food" wall rolls as possible.

W. S. Hottel,

W. G. Gehman,

R. L. Woodring,

Committee.

An abstract of the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was read by the Secretary and it was resolved to accept the report. (See Reports.)

*Report of the Committee on Resolutions.*

(a) *Whereas*, The Conference was again privileged to listen to a most interesting and encouraging report of the Lord's work now carried on by our beloved and devoted Foreign Missionaries in the various Mission Fields, describing in detail the leadings of God through the labors, devotion and sacrifices of our Missionaries and

*Whereas*, The Lord has most remarkably blessed the Missionaries in putting forth the word of Truth with God's approval, many being brought to the Lord, and were baptized, and,

*Whereas*, The lives of our Missionaries have been so remarkably preserved, with perfect unity prevailing in the Faith and Spirit, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we sincerely unite in thanking God for the past favors and pray God's blessing upon our Missionaries so that their future usefulness and their prosperity physically and spiritually may continue and increase yet more and more until "He Come."

(b) *Whereas*, We were obliged to dispense with the regular order of holding the Annual Conference on Account of the prevailing Influenza epidemic, thus being deprived of holding evening and Sunday services, so that the Reading Class did not receive the special blessings and inspiration naturally flowing from our Annual Conference session, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we donate them \$100.00 out of the Treasury of the Executive Board as a token of appreciation for their



hospitable entertainment of the members of the Conference, under these circumstances.

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

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

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, ETC.

The Chair now appointed the following Standing Committees:

*Board of Publication and Printing:*—C. H. Brunner, B. Bryan Musselman and A. G. Woodring.

*Committee on Camp Meeting Equipage:*—F. M. Hottel, E. N. Cassel, J. C. Roth and E. T. Shick.

*Resolved*, That we continue the election of Officers, Boards and Committees. The following were elected :

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

*Resolved*, That C. H. Brunner be first Vice Presiding Elder and W. S. Hottel be second Vice Presiding Elder.

*Resolved*, That the other officers be nominated and elected by ballot.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home:*—W. S. Hottel, J. G. Shireman, E. T. Shick, and R. L. Woodring from the ministry and H. G. Brunner and A. A. Wismer from among the laity.

*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.

*Editorial Staff on the "Eastern Gospel Banner":*—

Editor:—C. H. Brunner.

Associate Editors:—B. Bryan Musselman, F. M. Hottel, E. E. Kublic, W. S. Hottel, E. N. Cassel, H. K. Kratz and J. G. Shireman.

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

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

*Hymn Book Committee:*—H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, W. G. Gehman, E. N. Cassel and J. F. Barrall.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

*Resolved*, That we recommend each Pastor to furnish his respective Presiding Elder with a complete list of subscribers to the "Eastern Gospel Banner," on his charge as soon after the Annual Conference as convenient and no later than December 1, 1918.

*Resolved*, That we encourage all our Pastors to write original articles for the Eastern Gospel Banner. All articles by the Associate Editors and Pastors shall be sent to the Editor.

*Whereas*, C. H. Brunner, the Editor of the Conference Journal, has a great amount of hard labor in arranging the matter for the journal, getting it printed and forwarded to the different Pastors, and,

*Whereas*, He devotes much time and thought to gather facts of interest and practical use, making it most practical, helpful and useful, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we heartily appreciate his valuable services thus rendered, and his manifold and untiring labor bestowed and further,

*Resolved*, That we donate him ten dollars out of the Annual Conference Fund.

*Whereas*, The Secretary of the Annual Conference, C. H. Brunner, has many burdens, and responsibilities, as well as a great deal of hard labor and thought, and,

*Whereas*, The duties of the office demand much of his time at the session of the Annual Conference, as well as afterward in recording the minutes, and during the entire year in attending to numerous matters pressing upon him as a consequence of his office, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we sincerely appreciate his tireless services and faithful discharge of all his various duties, and further,

*Resolved*, That we donate him twenty-five dollars out of the Conference Fund as a slight token of his services thus rendered.

*Whereas*, The different delegates have taken a deep interest in the various deliberations of the Conference, having been wide awake, alive and active, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we highly appreciate the interest of the different delegates in the work of the Lord, and pray God to bless



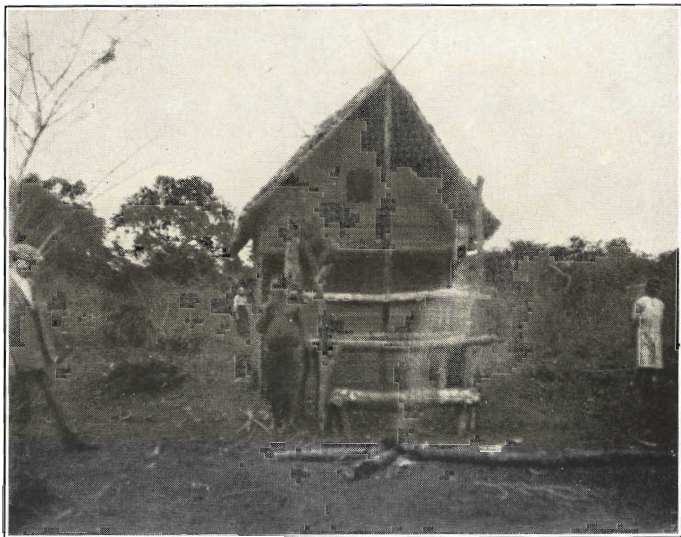


Photo by E. E. Crist. Type of houses up Congo River, Africa. Climb up front steps, enter in door, 11x12 inches, then climb down inside. Here the natives sleep.



Parsonage, Fifth Street near Chestnut, Emaus, Pa. Built, 1918. Valuation, \$4,000. J. C. Roth, Pastor.





them abundantly and to make them a great blessing to the work in their respective classes, and further,

*Resolved*, That we heartily encourage the different classes to continue to elect as delegates from time to time, such men as are loyal to God and the work in general, as well as wide awake, useful and diligent.

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

*Resolved*, That W. G. Gehman, President of the Gospel Herald Society, shall have charge of the general sale of the "Rose of Sharon" Hymnal,

*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 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 is 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, and further

*Resolved*, That we recommend that no Pastor shall make it a practice to do any wholesale literature business by employing agents.

*Resolved*, That all contributions received for the Laymen's Benevolent Society shall be paid 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.

#### CONVENTIONS, ETC.

*Resolved*, That we lift no offerings for the Secretary of the respective Sunday School Conventions, and Annual and Semi-Annual Ministerial Conventions, but give him a donation of two dollars on each occasion out of the treasury of the Sunday

School Convention and out of the collections for expenses for the Ministerial Convention respectively.

*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 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 be extended to the Ministers' wives and families.

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

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

*Resolved*, That the Presiding Elders, Pastors and Delegates of each District constitute a Committee to organize for these Sunday School conventions.

The Chair appointed J. G. Shireman and W. S. Hottel to organize for the respective Sunday School Conventions.

*Resolved*, That the next Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention convene in Philadelphia on Wednesday, April 16, 1919.

The Committee on Program shall consist of H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and F. M. Hottel.

*Resolved*, That the next Annual Conference convene in the M. B. in C. Church on Tenth Street near Oley Street, Reading, Pa., at 8 A. M., on October 15, 1919.

*Resolved*, That the Spring Examination on the Reading Course be held in Philadelphia at 7 P. M., April 14, 1919.

Adjourned with prayer by E. T. Shick and the benediction by the Secretary.

#### FIFTH MEETING.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 6, 1918.

This meeting was opened by singing "Jesus is Good to Me," and prayer by W. F. Heffner, after which the Chairman read a Scripture lesson from 2 Timothy 4:1-5.

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

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



After a recess, Conference was called to order and business was resumed at 10.55.

The following reports were read and adopted:

*Report of the Auditing Committee:*

We, the undersigned, auditors 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 Missions, Home Missions, Hymn Book Committee, Presiding Elders, Gospel Herald Society, Board of Publication and Printing and the Report of the Committee on Finance.

We have found the books and reports in a very good condition, with the exception of a few errors which have been corrected.

We therefore certify that the foregoing reflect the true statement of affairs of the Conference on our best knowledge and belief.

F. M. Hottel,  
H. S. Jones,  
Wm. Haag,  
G. F. Yost,  
Charles F. Lilly,  
S. S. Geil,

H. H. Bergey,  
R. W. Dickert,  
S. H. Lightenthaler,  
H. L. Shelley,  
S. W. Heiser,  
W. F. Heffner,  
Committee.

*Report of the Committee to Compile a Conference Report for the Eastern Gospel Banner.* (See Reports.)

*Report of the Committee on Resolutions.*

Whereas, The Pastor, B. Bryan Musselman, and the members of the Reading Class with the friends of the work have spared neither time, labor nor expense in providing and entertaining the Annual Conference members, furnishing everything needful for our physical comfort, receiving us most cordially, Therefore,

*Resolved*, That we highly appreciate their devotion, kindness and love shown us, as well as their fellowship in the Lord's work, and further,

*Resolved*, That we express our appreciation by a rising vote of thanks and unitedly pray God's blessing upon both Pastor and people for their future welfare.

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

Committee.

*Report of the Committee on Communication.*

We, the Committee on Communication, beg leave to report, that we received no communication, therefore have nothing to report.

E. T. Shick,

J. C. Roth,

Committee.

*Report of the Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination.*

We wish to report that there were no candidates for ordination presented.

F. M. Hottel,

E. N. Cassel,

C. H. Brunner,

Committee.

*Report of the Board of Examiners.* Lessons for 1919. (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.)

The following officers were now elected:

*Annual Ministerial Convention.*

Chairman, J. G. Shireman.

Secretary, H. K. Kratz.

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

*Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention.*

Chairman, W. G. Gehman.

Secretary, R. W. Dickert.

Upon their request, the brethren V. H. Reinhart, J. H. Bruch and C. E. Eroh were permitted to leave before the close of the forenoon meeting.

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

Adjourned with prayer by G. O. Billig.

## SIXTH MEETING.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 6, 1918.

This meeting was opened by singing "How Beautiful To Walk in the Steps of the Saviour," and prayer by E. T. Shick.

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



The following Boards and Committees announced the election of their officers:

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

*Executive Board*—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 and Allen M. Gehman.

*Editorial Committee on the Sunday School Lessons*—Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner.

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

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

*Committee on Camp Meeting Equipage*—Chairman, F. M. Hottel; Secretary, E. N. Cassel.

*Board of Publication and Printing*—President, C. H. Brunner; Secretary, B. Bryan Musselman.

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

The following committee reports were read and adopted:

*Report of the Committee on Statistics of the Schedules.* (See Report in the Minute Book.)

*Report of the Committee to Audit Schedules:*

We have audited the different Pastors' Schedules and the summary of Schedules and hereby certify that they exhibit the true statement of the affairs of the Conference to our best knowledge and belief.

W. G. Gehman,

H. K. Krätz,

E. E. Kublic,

Committee.

*Report of the Committee on Resolutions:*

Whereas, Pastor C. H. Brunner, Editor of the *Eastern Gospel Banner* has again so ably and acceptably edited the *Eastern Gospel Banner* during the past year, having cheerfully given much time, labor and talent to this project, so that we were privileged to have a splendid paper to offer to our ever-increasing constituency, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we as a Conference heartily appreciate his noble services of self-sacrifice, and further,

*Resolved*, That we pray God's richest blessings upon him so that he may be preserved in good health and physical and spiritual vigor, thus being enabled to continue his services in this capacity with great joy and much blessing.

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

*Report of the Committee on Resolutions:*

*Whereas*, W. S. Hottel, Editor of the Christian Life Series of Sunday School Quarterlies has again, during the last year, given much of his valuable time in editing the most valuable, and helpful supplies on spiritual, doctrinal and dispensational truths, which also have during the past year brought great blessing to our Sunday Schools throughout the Conference, and

*Whereas*, Brother Hottel has again been re-elected to this office and work, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we appreciate his devotion and sacrifice on this line and pray that great blessings may come to him during this coming year, should the Lord tarry.

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

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

After a short recess business was resumed at 5.35 and the following business was transacted:

*Resolved*, That we have 925 Journals printed at twenty-five cents each.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary send a copy of the Conference Journal to the Publisher of the *Eastern Gospel Banner* and the Editor of the Gospel Banner. Also to the Secretaries of the various Annual Conferences and ask for an exchange.

*Resolved*, That we ask the Pastors to bring their Benevolent Society Remittance Record books along to the Annual Conference.

*Resolved*, That the Reference Committee relative to the war be re-elected, as follows: Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; W. G. Gehman, E. N. Cassel and W. S. Hottel.



Adjourned with prayer and benediction by the Chairman.

H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder, Chairman,  
W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder,  
C. H. Brunner, Secretary, First Vice Presiding Elder,  
W. S. Hottel, Second Vice Presiding Elder,  
B. Bryan Musselman, Assistant Secretary,  
A. G. Woodring, Recording Secretary,  
Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer,

J. F. Barrall,  
H. L. Shelly,  
G. F. Yost,  
E. E. Kublic,  
E. T. Shick,  
R. L. Woodring,  
R. W. Dickert,  
J. G. Shireman,  
R. Bergstresser,  
J. C. Roth,  
F. M. Hottel,  
W. W. Zimmerman,  
W. F. Heffner,  
H. K. Kratz,  
O. S. Hillegass,  
E. N. Cassel,  
J. B. Layne,  
V. H. Reinhart,

J. H. Bruch,  
C. E. Eroh,  
H. B. Shelly,  
C. H. Brosious,  
Wm. Haag,  
O. B. Bartholomew,  
G. K. Himmelreich,  
R. S. Anderson,  
Russell Fox,  
M. M. Ziegler,  
S. H. Lichtenathaler,  
H. H. Bergey,  
Charles F. Lilly,  
S. S. Geil,  
H. S. Jones,  
Moses Snyder,  
G. O. Billig,

### THE JOURNAL.

This is the twenty-third edition of the Conference Journal of the Pennsylvania Conference. From a 24-page pamphlet in 1896 it has increased to 90 pages in last year's edition. First we had no illustrations and now this year's Journal contains more than thirty. This makes this edition more expensive than any previous one. All these illustrations are half-tones made from actual photographs never before printed. Many of them are from photos received from our Foreign Missionaries, very striking and suggestive. Then there are a few large groups of Sunday School workers, officers and teachers on one of which (perhaps both of them) several are missing. Besides these we have inserted photos of our co-workers who have fallen asleep during the year and also of several parsonages built or purchased lately.

For convenience we insert the following

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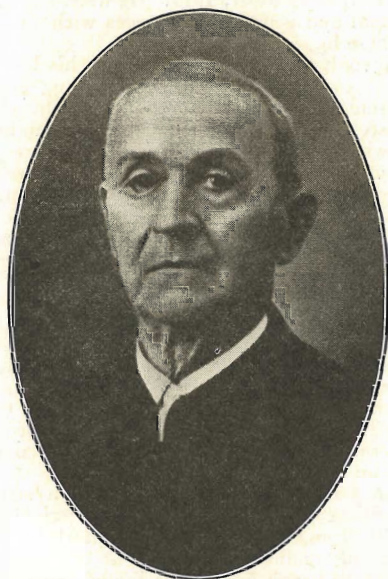


Officers and Teachers of Bethel M. B. in C. Sunday School, Allentown, Pa., 1917.





## OBITUARIES



**REV. WILLIAM GEHMAN.**

Rev. William Gehman was born January 22, 1827, and died April 12, 1918; aged 91 years, 2 months and 20 days.

"Father" William Gehman, as he was called for many years, was born in Hereford Township, Berks Co., Pa. He spent his early life on his father's farm, later learned the trade of a miller. Afterward he was married to Anna Musselman, who died fourteen years ago, five sons and four daughters having been born unto them, all of whom survive him except one son and one daughter.

When quite young he was voted into the ministry by the congregation of the Conference Mennonites at Zionsville, Pa., of which he was a member, and was ordained to the ministry in 1849. Being forbidden to hold prayer meetings he felt that he could not worship any longer with his former church, so he, with a number of others, organized a church at Zionsville in 1857.

At first they only had services in their homes, but in the summer of 1859 they built a substantial brick church 36x50 feet about a mile east of the old church. (See Journal, 1915, page 33.) This was known for many years as Upper Milford Church but now known as Zionsville M. B. in C. Church. This was the first and original congregation of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania.

Father Gehman continued to be the leading spirit among the ministers and the various congregations until 1879 when he was elected the first Presiding Elder of the Pennsylvania Conference. This office he held for thirteen successive years till 1892 when he retired from the active service.

His youngest son, W. G., has been one of our Presiding Elders and also President of the Gospel Herald Society for the last thirteen years. Another son, Allen M., has been Conference Treasurer for sixteen years, while another, Henry M., has been a Quarterly Conference Licensed helper for many years. Two of his grand-daughters had been Missionaries in Turkey.

Although retired for over 27 years, Father Gehman never lost interest in the work, and was present at every Annual Conference up to the last one held at Allentown, Pa., in October, 1917. He attended a total of 106 semi-annual, special, annual and general conferences without missing one session. At twenty-nine of these he served as Chairman.

Father Gehman took an increasing delight in his last years in seeing the progress of the work, and beholding the many young people saved and separated from this present evil world, and brought into the active and full service of their blessed Master. He was held in high esteem by his younger brethren in the ministry for whom he also always showed much respect.

Father Gehman was also a prominent and ever-welcome attendant at the church where he lived, and of which he was a life-long member. He was noted for being punctual in the Sunday School, and kept his place in his class up to his last Sunday before his death. He could not be persuaded to fill an appointment that would take him away from the Quarterly Conference on the charge. He always welcomed his presiding elders, and took an active part in all of the services. His mind was keen and brilliant up to his last. He frequently preached for one and one-half hours, even of late years, showing unusual fervor, strength and zeal. The Sunday before his death he gave an address at his home church, and although his age showed such ripeness, he was ever young in spirit, which is so unlike the many of his class. He had planned to meet with the brethren at the Ministerial Convention, held at Emaus, Pa., during the week of his demise, but the Lord seemingly willed it otherwise. He contracted a cold which soon developed into pneumonia, of which he died after an illness of only three days.

Father Gehman fell asleep in Jesus without a struggle, giving much assurance of the glorious hope to come (being conscious up to his last), and knowing that he had "fought the good fight of faith." The light of this life which may keep flaming against many winds at last dies out for want of oil. So Father Gehman is no longer among the living, but he will still be kept in remembrance as a Father in the church, who was much esteemed in the Lord. Funeral services were held from the late home where his pastor, Brother O. S. Hillegass and Rev. B. F. Bohner of the **Evangelical Association** took part. This was followed by services in the church at **Zionsville** which he had built just 60 years ago. Here the Presiding Elder of the District, Rev. H. B. Musselman had charge and preached the funeral sermon from 2 Tim. 4: 7, 8. He was assisted by Rev. W. B. Musselman, of Cleveland, O., Missionary Presiding Elder, and President of the Gospel Worker Society, who made some appropriate remarks on the life of Father Gehman with whom he had been associated for over thirty years. Rev. A. E. Funk, of New York, was present as the representative of the Foreign Missionary work of the Christian and Missionary Alliance and offered prayer.

All the pastors of the Conference, with two exceptions, were present together with quite a number of preachers from other denominations.

The church was filled to overflowing with such who had come from far and near to pay their last respects to our departed father and brother. A number of the pastors acted as pall-bearers and the "Preachers' Quartette" composed of the Pastors F. M. Hottel, C. H. Brunner, B. Bryan Musselman and R. W. Dickert, sang a goodly number of appropriate selections, after which he was laid to his last resting place in the adjoining churchyard among the old church fathers and those early pioneers of the church, all of whom had preceded him. Father Gehman was survived by four sons and three daughters, all of whom were present, together with a large number of grandchildren and great-grand-children and a host of friends.





REV. HORACE ABRAHAM KAUFFMAN.

Horace A. Kauffman was born near Zionsville, Lehigh County, Pa., on October 21, 1887, and died at Spring City, Pa., on October 28, 1918. Aged 31 years and 1 day.

He was the oldest son of Charles L. and Ellen J. Kauffman, nee Schoenly. He was born on the old homestead where his father, grandfather and great-grandfather had lived. From this original farm the tract of land was cut on which the first church of the Pennsylvania Conference was built, and the adjoining cemetery and church-yard was enclosed.

At the age of twelve years Brother Kauffman was converted and when fourteen years of age he was led into a life of deeper consecration through which he became much impressed to work for his Master.

After teaching in the public schools for several years he was licensed to preach in 1908 and labored in the Gospel Herald Society for a number of years at Stroudsburg, Lebanon and Sunbury, always proving himself to be a most obedient and faithful worker in the Home Missionary work. His labors met with good success and he was always held in high esteem by his President and leader, as well as by the many to whom he was privileged to minister.

He was ordained as a minister of the Gospel in the year 1916, having had charge of the Gospel Herald Mission at Shamokin, Pa., for a number of years with good success. During this year he was united in wedlock with Miss Esther D. Gehret of Bethlehem, Pa., who proved a faithful helpmeet to him in his work.

At the last Annual Conference held in October, 1917, he was stationed to Royersford and Spring City Circuit, which he served just one year with much acceptance up to his demise. He was much loved and respected by his congregations who stood by him most nobly. During his late sickness they did all they could for the alleviation of his suffering, hoping and praying for his recovery; but the Lord, who is too wise to err and too good to be unkind, saw fit to permit otherwise.

He is survived by his faithful, devoted wife who stood by his side faithfully during all his labors for the Lord as well as in his last sickness, suffering and death; also his only son, Horace A.

Besides these there survive him, his father and mother, three brothers,

five sisters and his grandmothers, together with a host of relatives and friends who will greatly miss him.

His members, to whom he had been so faithfully ministering the bread of Life, and whom he had been so earnestly exhorting to a life of holiness and separation, will miss their faithful, indefatigable Pastor who was ever ready to spend his life for the eternal welfare of his people whom he loved most dearly.

As a Church and Conference we will miss our promising young brother and co-laborer. For several years he had been Recording Secretary and was always very helpful in the work in connection with the arranging and correcting of the Conference Journal. About thirty years ago his grandfather, one of the first ministers of the Pennsylvania Conference, had been Secretary of the Conference for several sessions.

The readers of the "Eastern Gospel Banner" will miss his weekly contributions savoring of deep devotional meditation and concern for the Church's work for his Master. His voice is silent, his pen is at rest. The last article from his pen in the issue of October 17 speaks his parting farewell message to his readers when he says: "My dear friends, let us count it all joy, and the present sufferings as of little moment and importance, because of the joy that shall be revealed and the consolation of which we shall be partakers."

Thus after a brief illness of about two weeks of typhoid pneumonia, Brother Kauffman fell asleep in Jesus, giving a bright evidence of his hope in Jesus and the blessed resurrection of the redeemed up to the end.

During this time all the churches were closed on account of the Spanish Influenza epidemic and no services were permitted at the house. On Saturday afternoon, October 26, 1918, most of the ministering brethren of the Conference, together with a number of relatives and friends, gathered in the yard in front of the church at Coopersburg, on which occasion Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman made a short address on the words, "The Master is come and Calleth for Thee." Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman offered prayer and the "Preachers' Quartette" sang several selections.

Then, for the last time, we looked upon the face of our departed brother, after which a number of his co-laborers carried his body to its last resting place on the cemetery adjoining.

"Go to thy rest in peace,  
And soft be thy repose."



**MRS. J. G. SHIREMAN.**

Sarah L. Shireman (*nee* Edmonds) was born at Freemansburg, Northampton County, Pa., December 8, 1869, and died at Catasauqua, Pa., October 13, 1918. Aged 48 years, 9 months and 5 days.

She was married to J. G. Shireman in the year 1887. To them were born six children—three sons and three daughters, of whom one son and three daughters survive. She was saved in the year 1894 and joined the Evangelical Association. In 1895 she was baptized in the Lehigh River, Bethlehem, Pa., by W. B. Musselman and the same year united with the Mennonite Brethren in Christ.

In 1898 her husband was licensed to preach. For quite a number of years Sister Shireman had been a Quarterly Conference licensed worker in the church and assisted her husband quite successfully in his ministerial labors. In September she was again voted a renewal of Quarterly License, but had not been able to speak in public or attend the services since.

During her sickness and sufferings which lasted for many months, she often expressed her conviction that if she would ever recover she would more cheerfully and faithfully than ever before hold forth the Word of Life. She often thanked God for having been led to a people through whom God gave her such a sure hope of eternal glory and consolation in sorrow, and admonished those of her family, her husband's congregation, and other relations who attended to her faithfully, to make their calling and election sure.

After intense suffering for a number of months she fell asleep in Jesus, Sunday, October 13, 1918, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Brader, Catasauqua, Pa. Here appropriate funeral services were held at 10 a. m., October 17th, in charge of Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman of the Mount Carmel District, who also preached the funeral sermon.

As this was during the time of the Spanish influenza epidemic, all funerals had to be private, consequently only the nearest relatives were present. Several of the Pastors sang a few appropriate hymns. The remains, emanciated by sickness and long and most excruciating suffering, were taken to Bethlehem, Pa., where several of the Pastors carried her to her quiet resting place in Fairview Cemetery, awaiting the glorious resurrection according to His promise. Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, as well as several of the Pastors, assisted in the services.

The husband, Brother Shireman, will miss her much. So will the children. So will also the class to whose spiritual needs she had been assisting her husband in his ministrations. She has conquered the last enemy. She has gone to her rest.

May the God of all comfort console the bereaved. Soon the Lord will come when sickness, sorrow, pain and death shall be no more and we shall meet with Him at whose right hand are pleasures for ever more.



REV. A. P. DECKMAN.

Brother A. P. Deckman was born at Martinsville, Pa., December 15, 1881, and died in Scranton, Pa., on October 29, 1918. Aged 36 years, 10 months and 14 days.

Brother Deckman was saved a number of years ago in the Gospel Worker Society Mission at York, Pa. He entered the Gospel Herald Society at Shamokin, Pa., in September, 1910. Later he labored at Sunbury, Lebanon, Washington, N. J., Harrisburg and Scranton. After a short illness of Spanish Influenza, he passed away in the Hahneman Hospital, Scranton, Pa. triumphant in the faith. This was the first death in the Gospel Herald Society for more than thirteen years. The funeral services were held November 2nd, at the home of his sister in York, Pa. Rev. Koons of the United Evangelical Church officiated, assisted by Brother C. E. Witt, Leader of the Gospel Herald Mission at York, Pa., and other Heralds who also served as pallbearers. Interment in Fairview Cemetery.



## New Parsonages

### (a) Reading, Pa.

At Reading the congregation had purchased a parsonage at 632 Locust Street a number of years ago, when they had a comparatively small membership. This was the best to be done those days, but the house was rather far away from the church and for other reasons not very desirable as a parsonage. So the congregation sold the Locust Street property and purchased a very valuable property at 936 Oley Street. This is beautifully and conveniently located as a parsonage. The lot has 27 feet frontage, running alongside a ten-foot alley which is paved the whole length. There is a very nice side yard, plenty of light and ventilation. This property was purchased at a very reasonable figure. The Pastor, B. Bryan Musselman and the brethren have made some improvements, installing electric lights throughout the building and erecting an iron fence along the front and side of the lot. The property is valued at \$5,000.

### (b) Shamokin, Pa.

A new parsonage has also been built at Shamokin. A number of years ago the Gospel Workers opened a mission in this coal mining town. After continuing a number of years the mission was transferred to the Gospel Herald Society.

In 1907 they purchased a lot known as 711 Commerce Street, 28 feet wide and 200 feet deep, extending all the way back to Sunbury Street. On the Commerce Street end of the lot they erected a nice frame church that year. Back of this church, toward the center of the lot, stands another frame dwelling.

In 1915 this class was transferred to the Conference and during the past summer the congregation erected a beautiful parsonage on the Sunbury Street end of the lot. Brother J. F. Barrall, the Pastor and his congregation have been working hard and sacrificing for the work. This means an addition of \$4,000 in the valuation of their property.

### (c) Emaus, Pa.

The congregation at Emaus purchased a lot on North Fifth Street near Chestnut Street upon which they erected a beautiful brick parsonage. This is a very suitable location, situated near the center of the town and only a few steps from the church. The lot is  $32\frac{1}{2}$  feet front and 138 feet deep. The house is known as number 25 North Fifth Street. The house is furnished with a bath room, steam heat, electric lights, etc. The lot and house complete cost over \$4,000. Nearly all of this has already been paid during the year and the small balance is amply secured by pledges. This is a credit to the congregation and the friends of the work in Emaus and Macungie who have helped very liberally as well as to the energetic efforts of their Pastor, J. C. Roth.

## REPORTS

### I. Presiding Elders

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDERS.

##### (a) Bethlehem District

"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning. Great is Thy faithfulness" (Lam. 3: 22, 23). "Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day." (Acts 26: 22).

It is with a deep sense of an inward delight, that we are once more privileged to submit a report for the District represented. God's goodness has been upon us in every way, giving us special strength, both physically and spiritually, to fulfill the ministry, for which we wish to render praises unto His most excellent Name. The much patience and forbearance shown us by the brethren in the ministry, as well as by the brethren at large, together with their many kindnesses bestowed upon us, and their constant prayers in our behalf, has been a great help to us.

The ministry of the various pastors has been signally blessed, and the work in general is in a good spiritual condition. A goodly number have been saved, and added to the Church. The Church attendance has been quite good. Prayer meetings are largely attended and the various Sunday Schools are in a flourishing condition. A number of scholars have been saved. Open-air meetings have been slightly affected at some of the places, on account of the present day conditions. The many young people of the church are showing an obedient and willing spirit, and are kept plain and separated for God, in these most trying and perilous days.

The pastors are devoted to their respective work, and the self-sacrifice shown by them, has had a good effect upon the laity, as well as upon the public in general. The offerings on the district have been very good, and parsonage debts also have been materially reduced. All of the church finances are in good shape.

A lot was purchased at Emaus and a most commodious and suitably arranged parsonage built thereon, and under the able management of the pastor the same is fully covered by subscription. The class at Reading has also sold their former parsonage during the year, and have since purchased a most desirable, well-located home for their Pastor, close by the church. Both of these parsonages are built so that they have a side yard, and a side alley, and are a credit to their respective classes.

The congregation at South Allentown, through the efforts of their pastor, has during the year paid off the balance of the debt remaining on their parsonage.

On account of one of our Pastors being physically disabled to serve his appointment during the year, or to continue any longer in the work, we were obliged to transfer several Pastors from their appointed work to other appointments, all of which God has exceptionally overruled to His own glory.

Two camp-meetings were again held on the district, in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa. The Bethlehem Division Camp, after having transferred one of their appointments to the other district, had 183 tents, and the Allentown Division had 199 tents erected on the grounds. Both of these Camp-meetings were blessedly owned of God, and the Lord gave the brethren utterance through the Holy Ghost to preach the Word in power. Good results were manifestly seen, and the attendance was larger than ever before.



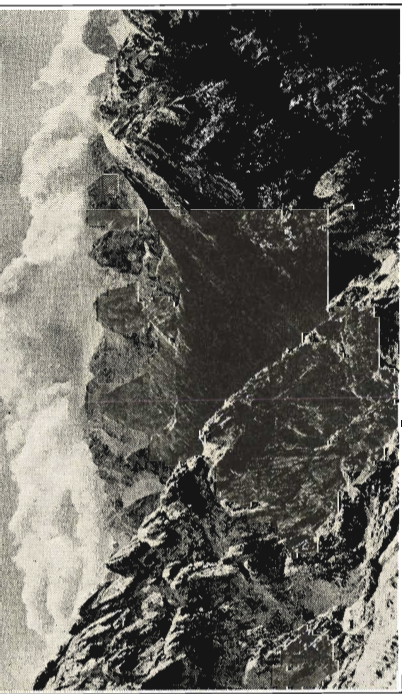


Photo by V. G. Plymire. Tibetan country gotten into Sept., 1917. Altitude, 18,000 feet. Beyond this is the Tepo country.



Photo by V. G. Plymire. Robber Country crossed on trip to Labrang, Tibet, April, 1917. V.G. P. and escort. Altitude, 13,500 feet.

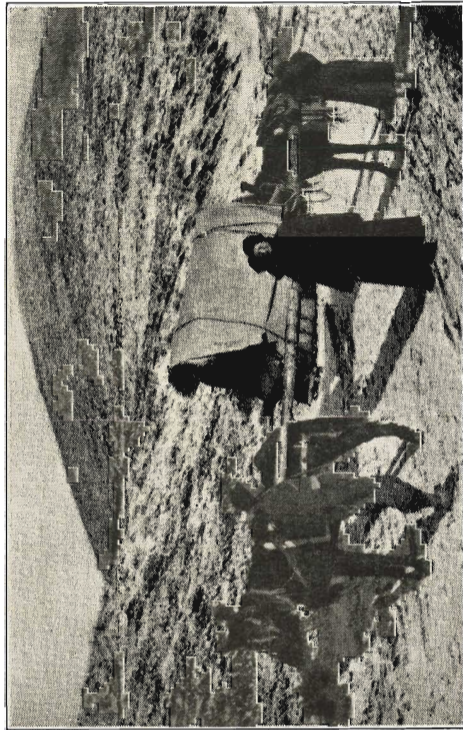


Photo by V. G. Plymire. Crossing Mountains on Tibetan Border Dec., 1916. Altitude, 13,000 feet.



Photo by V. G. Plymire. Winding our way by the snow peaks near the borders of Tibet.





Our venerable Father William Gehman passed away, after a short illness last spring, in his ninety-second year. One of our youngest brethren, Pastor H. A. Kauffmann, also fell asleep, after a two weeks' illness, a few weeks ago. We miss our dear brethren, but humbly bow to the will of our all-wise, loving heavenly Father.

The future for the work is encouraging, in spite of the fact that a number of our people are obliged to leave home and church under the present circumstances of national unrest, and whose vacancies must be filled by others. Whatever surprises may be ahead, whatever lightning changes may develop, the Church looks for her "Lord in the air" (I Thess. 4: 17). The world longs for Creation's Lord to hush her groans and bid her birth-pangs cease (Rom. 8: 22). Lo, at any "moment" the Hope of the saints may be realized (I Cor. 15: 52). The day shall yet dawn when it is said, "The kingdoms of the world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ (Rev. 11: 15).

### FINANCIAL

#### (a) Appropriations

Quakertown and Hatfield, Pa.....	\$ 180.00	
Northampton and Walnutport, Pa.....	240.00	\$ 420.00

#### (b) Moving

H. A. Kauffman.....	\$ 35.00	
A. G. Woodring.....	20.00	
G. F. Yost.....	30.00	
W. F. Heffner.....	30.00	
B. Bryan Musselman.....	20.00	\$135.00

#### (c) Miscellaneous

W. W. Zimmerman, for stable at Northampton parsonage.....	\$ 10.00	
W. G. Gehman, for expenses in transferring G. F. Yost and W. F. Heffner.....	18.89	
Special expenses for fares, etc.—C. H. B., F. M. H., H. A. K., B. B. M., W. G. G.....	22.99	
O. S. Hillegass, donation.....	25.00	
G. F. Yost, donation.....	23.12	
Emaus church property.....	35.00	
Reading church property.....	35.00	\$170.00
Total.....		\$725.00
Received from Treasurer of Home Mission Fund.....		\$ 725.00

H. B. Musselman, P. E.

#### (b) Mt. Carmel District

The Lord has graciously led His own work during the past year. The Pastors are busy in the Lord's service, loyal and obedient, and unitedly stand for the faith once delivered unto the saints. We deplore the loss of Sister J. G. Shireman, a Quarterly Conference Licensed Worker, through death. The health and life of the rest has been gloriously preserved.

The work in general is progressing though the God of this age disputes sorely every inch of progress. A number were baptized and admitted to church membership. The prayer meetings and ordinance meetings are well attended throughout. The open air meetings that were held made good impressions and will likely bring forth definite results in time to come.

The various offerings are real good. The current expenses are met without resorting to any worldly methods or schemes. The church properties are in good condition. A real cozy parsonage was erected in Shamokin on the church lot, facing Sunbury Street. Through the earnest labors of the pastor and the cooperation of a number of the members and friends, the cost of erecting the same is comparatively low.

Lehighton and Weissport through their pastor have quite a nice sum of money on hand toward the procuring of a parsonage. The pastors of Nazareth, Easton, and Stroudsburg with their classes have quite materially reduced the indebtedness of their respective properties.

The District Camp Meeting was held in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa. There were 105 tents erected and occupied. The membership turned out well. The attendance throughout was real good. Many were forward, some to be saved, others to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and others to be healed. All the charges received material benefit from this Feast of Tabernacles. The Pastors preached the Word faithfully and with unction. The expenses which were quite high were easily met by the sacrifice of God's people.

The Sunday Schools are holding their own and in some instances are forging ahead. The members, old and young, are separated from the world in dress and otherwise and praying and looking earnestly for the speedy return of our Lord. We wish humbly to express our thankful appreciation to the Pastors for responding so readily and kindly in helping to bear our burdens, toils, and labors, and pray that their reward shall be great when He comes to reward His servants.

#### FINANCIAL.

##### (a) Appropriations

Easton, Pa.....	\$120.00	
Nazareth, Pa.....	216.00	
Stroudsburg, Pa.....	240.00	
Lehighton, Pa.....	240.00	
Shamokin, Pa.....	216.00	
Sunbury, Pa.....	180.00	
Lebanon, Pa.....	180.00	
Washington, N. J.....	180.00	\$1572.00

##### (b) Moving

J. F. Barrall.....	40.00	
W. W. Zimmerman.....	40.00	
V. H. Reinhart.....	35.00	
G. F. Yost.....	35.00	
R. Bergstresser.....	35.00	185.00

##### (c) Miscellaneous

Fares, etc., holding Home Mission Meetings.....	216.78	
Fares, etc., examination of probationers on account of delay of Conference.....	31.03	
J. G. Shireman for Stroudsburg, Pa., Church property....	150.00	
Donated to J. G. Shireman.....	30.00	
R. L. Woodring, for Easton, Pa., Church property.....	150.00	
Rent for storage, Allen M. Gehman.....	20.00	597.81

Total.....	\$2,354.81
Received from Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund.....	2,354.81

W. G. Gehman, P. E.



## II. Gospel Herald Society.

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

(From October 1, 1917 to September 30, 1918.)

The Lord has again very graciously blest the labors of the Gospel Herald<sup>s</sup> during the past year. There are at present missions in Harrisburg, York, Lebanon, Scranton, Pa., and at Washington and Hackettstown, N. J. Also in Philadelphia, which mission was opened last November. In all these missions the Lord has been working with visible results. The attendance throughout in the missions is very good. The Sunday School work and open air services are very interesting.

There were tent meetings held in Lebanon, Richland, and Philadelphia. In all of these places souls were saved, set apart and filled with the Holy Ghost. Especially in Philadelphia, there were quite a number saved and baptized.

The colportage work was very successful during this year. Thousands of Heralds and Daily Food Wall Rolls and Bible Calendars were sold, as well as good books for reading matter. At the literature stand at the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Camp Meetings more literature was sold than ever before.

The Lord has wondrously preserved the health and strength and lives of the Heralds, with but one exception. A. P. Deckman, of Scranton, Pa., fell asleep in Jesus. We were sorry to lose him. We trust our loss shall be his eternal gain. We are very thankful to our Lord that for more than thirteen years we have had no death in our ranks.

The Society bought a missionary house, or parsonage, in Lebanon, Pa., on the rear end of the lot adjoining the chapel lot at right angles. This should increase the value of the Church property considerably. A chapel lot fund has been started in Harrisburg in which the mission members take quite a material interest.

The Home Mission Meetings held in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Conference were very interesting and God-blest. The Pastors greeted the Heralds with the best brotherly kindness and had instructed their members and friends to subscribe liberally. The subscriptions in general were far in advance of the previous year's subscriptions. The Society expresses her appreciation and thankfulness to the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Conference for the appropriations so freely and liberally given them during the past, thus enabling them to establish the missions in the Word and work of the Lord, and to open new missions and apprise people of their glorious liberty and freedom through the Gospel of Christ.

The Heralds are active, submissive, loyal, and sacrificing. They have held up the arms of their President and stood by in every way far above that we are worthy. They have a mind to work and expect to be found active and faithful when He comes to make up His jewels.

#### (a) STATISTICAL

Ordained ministers of the M. B. C. Conference.....	4
Probationers of the M. B. C. Conference.....	2
Gospel Heralds, full members.....	7
Gospel Heralds, probationers.....	5
Gospel Heralds, applicants.....	3
Received into M. B. C. membership.....	7
Received M. B. C. members by transfer.....	19
Total increase.....	26
Transferred to M. B. C. Church.....	10
Died.....	2
Dropped.....	1

Total decrease.....	13	
Net increase.....	13	
Whole number of M. B. C. members.....	36	
Baptized.....	63	
Children dedicated.....	6	
Sunday Schools.....	5	
Officers and teachers enrolled.....	57	
Scholars enrolled.....	430	
Children's meetings and Sunday Schools held.....	315	
Open air meetings.....	398	
Prayer meetings.....	412	
Sermons and addresses.....	3121	
Pastoral visits.....	1857	
Gospel Heralds sold:—10-cent Edition.....	70237	
5-cent Edition.....	39844	
Total Gospel Heralds sold.....	110,081	
Daily Food Wall Rolls sold:—50-cents.....	905	
25-cents.....	3,846	
Total Daily Food Wall Rolls sold.....	4,751	
Valuation of Mission Properties:		
Lebanon, Pa.....	\$5,000.00	
York, Pa.....	6,000.00	
Washington, N. J.....	2,500.00	\$13,500.00

**(B) FINANCIAL**

## (a) Receipts.

## 1. Collections.

Rents.....	\$1,682.00	
Sundry Expenses.....	2,698.67	
Sinking fund.....	3.83	
Light.....	199.54	
Donations, gifts, etc.....	1,409.51	
President.....	523.03	
Missionary Presiding Elder.....	37.34	
Gospel Workers.....	166.98	
Sunday Schools.....	716.79	
Sunday School Conventions.....	43.90	
Conference fund.....	129.92	
Gospel Herald Society Headquarters.....	181.35	
Foreign Missions.....	495.24	
At Gospel Herald Society Conference.....	62.75	
Secretary at Gospel Herald Society Conference.....	6.50	
Mission Supplies.....	84.83	
Chapel and lot fund.....	249.30	
House rent, York, Pa.....	144.00	
House rent, Lebanon, Pa.....	84.50	
Barn rent, Washington, N. J.....	26.50	
Missionary work.....	96.30	\$9,042.78

## II. Literature.

Literature, etc., sold in the missions.....	\$11,866.54	
Literature, etc., sold to laity at M. B. C. Camp Meetings.....	1,008.43	
Literature, etc., sold at wholesale to ministers.....	2,382.14	15,257.11



## III. From M. B. C. Home Mission Fund.

Appropriations.....	\$515.00	
Tabernacle Meetings.....	79.92	
Philadelphia, first month's rent.....	30.00	
Fares, utensils, freight, furniture, etc.....	640.05	
Rent for President.....	180.00	
To Heralds and for Literature distributed.....	47.06	
For Headquarters, York, Pa.....	28.08	
On hand missionary extension.....	147.75	
From sale of household goods.....	17.10	1,684.96
Total.....		\$25,984.85

## (b) Expenditures.

Appropriations:		
York, Pa.....	\$145.00	
Philadelphia, Pa.....	230.00	
Lebanon, Pa.....	140.00	\$515.00
Tabernacle Meetings:		
Philadelphia, Pa.....	\$41.88	
Lebanon, Pa.....	27.78	
Richland, Pa.....	10.26	79.92
Miscellaneous:		
Old mission repairs and supplies.....	\$183.63	
Furniture.....	131.28	
Freight and express.....	67.77	
Freight and express on Literature.....	71.57	
Fares, telegrams, etc.....	106.62	
Cartage.....	49.05	
Printing and stationery.....	94.47	
Paints and painting.....	6.77	
To Heralds, etc.....	26.06	
Rent for President.....	180.00	
First month rent opening Philadelphia Mission.....	30.00	
Donation toward L. D. Wesner's funeral, etc.....	93.74	
Literature distributed.....	21.00	
For Headquarters, York, Pa.....	28.08	1,090.04
Total.....		\$1,684.96

W. G. Gehman, President and Treas.

## III. Stationing, Boundary and Appropriation.

## 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—B. Bryan Musselman.  
 Zionsville—O. S. Hillegass.

- (b) **Circuits.**  
 Royersford and Spring City—H. K. Kratz.  
 Graterford and Harleysville—E. T. Shick.  
 Coopersburg and Springtown—R. L. Woodring.  
 Emaus and Macungie—J. C. Roth.  
 Fleetwood, Blandon, and Terre Hill—G. F. Yost.
- (c) **Missions.**  
 Quakertown and Hatfield—R. W. Dickert.  
 Northampton and Walnutport—A. G. Woodring.
- (d) **Quarterly Conference Licensed Workers.**  
 Mrs. C. H. Brunner, Titus Hottel, H. M. Gehman, E. W. Martin, W. J. Fretz and P. J. Musselman.
- (e) **Tabernacles.**  
 To be supplied.

## 2. Mt. Carmel District—W. G. Gehman, P. E.

- (a) **Stations.**  
 Mt. Carmel—R. Bergstresser.
- (b) **Missions.**  
 Easton—J. B. Layne.  
 Nazareth and Plainfield—W. F. Heffner.  
 Stroudsburg—J. G. Shireman.  
 Shamokin—J. F. Barrall.  
 Lehighon and Weissport—E. E. Kublic.  
 Sunbury—V. H. Reinhart.  
 Lebanon—W. W. Zimmerman.
- (c) **Annual Conference Licensed Workers.**  
 N. H. Wolf, J. T. Anderson, W. R. Stengle and P. T. Stengele.
- (d) **Tabernacles.**  
 To be supplied.

## (B) APPROPRIATIONS.

### 1. Bethlehem District.

Quakertown and Hatfield, per month.....	\$ 15.00
Northampton and Walnutport, per month.....	20.00
To be used at the discretion of the Presiding Elder.....	600.00
Moving.	
H. K. Kratz.....	\$ 50.00
R. L. Woodring.....	40.00

### 2. Mt. Carmel District.

Easton, per month.....	\$ 10.00
Nazareth and Plainfield, per month.....	18.00
Stroudsburg, per month.....	20.00
Lehighon and Weissport, per month.....	20.00
Shamokin, per month.....	18.00
Sunbury, per month.....	20.00
Lebanon, per month.....	15.00
Moving.	
V. H. Reinhart.....	\$ 50.00
J. B. Layne.....	25.00

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

The balance of the Home Mission money shall be used at the discretion of the Presiding Elder of the District and the President of the Gospel Herald Society.



## (C) MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

**Gospel Herald Society.**

W. G. Gehman, President.

York, Pa.—To be supplied.

Harrisburg, Pa.—To be supplied.

Scranton, Pa.—To be supplied.

Philadelphia, 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.

Allen M. Gehman,

S. W. Heiser,

Wm. Haag,

G. O. Billig,

H. S. Jones,

H. B. Shelly,

G. K. Himmelreich,

S. S. Geil,

M. Ziegler,

Moses Snyder,

H. L. Shelly,

Russell R. Fox.

Committee.

**IV. Camp Meetings.****REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL CAMP-MEETING COMMITTEE.**

Three Camp Meetings were held in our beautiful camp grove called Mizpah Grove, in the Fourteenth Ward in the city of Allentown, Pa., as follows:

Bethlehem District.

Bethlehem Division, June 29–July 7, 183 tents.

Allentown Division, August 10–18, 199 tents.

Mt. Carmel District.

Mt. Carmel District, July 20–28, 105 tents.

**Receipts.**

Bethlehem District.

Bethlehem Division.....	\$ 2,220.36	
Allentown Division.....	2,478.90	\$4,699.26

Mt. Carmel District.

Mt. Carmel District.....	1,207.46
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Total.....	\$5,906.72
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H. B. Musselman, Chairman.

### V. Camp Meeting Equipage

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

We have repaired a number of tabernacles. We also repaired the camp stools. We purchased electric supplies, cooking utensils, tar paper and iron stakes, and also sharpened the tools.

Carfare and meals.....	\$ 15.30	
Tar paper and nails.....	8.51	
Cooking utensils.....	6.99	
Repairing tabernacles.....	11.63	
Repairing chairs.....	8.55	
Iron stakes.....	24.40	
1000 wooden stakes.....	20.00	
Hardware.....	9.61	
Electric supplies and wiring the grove.....	20.62	\$125.61
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Received from the Executive Board.....

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

### VI. Publication and Printing.

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

We have printed a number of certificates, resolutions, forms, order blanks, labels, etc., as specified in the following statement:

##### Financial.

##### Receipts.

823 Journals sold.....	\$ 205.75	
Dedication Certificates sold.....	.50	
Refund, Board of Examiners.....	.55	\$206.80
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##### Expenditures.

##### (a) Account of the Printing Committee

500 Membership Certificates.....	\$ 2.50	
300 Special Conference Resolutions.....	1.75	
600 Steward's and Rent Collector's labels.....	1.75	
70 Triplicate E. G. B. Receipt books.....	17.50	
50 Forms of the Annual Report of the Board of Trustees	2.25	
25 Trustee Order Books.....	6.00	
1000 Copies Instructions to Campers.....	5.00	
125 Rules and Regulations for Campers.....	2.50	
Check book for the Benevolent Soc.....	4.25	
Gummed labels.....	.75	
Fares, Exemption Appeal Board.....	4.19	\$48.44
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##### (b) Account of the Secretary of the Annual Conference

30 Account Books for the Sunday School Secretaries.....	\$ 24.00	
Carbon Paper.....	.60	
Clasp Envelopes and other large envelopes.....	3.05	
Numbering Stamp.....	3.75	
Fares, postage and paper.....	7.75	39.15
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Photo by V. G. Plymire. Rin-po-che, "Living Buddha," 81 yrs. old. Very friendly.

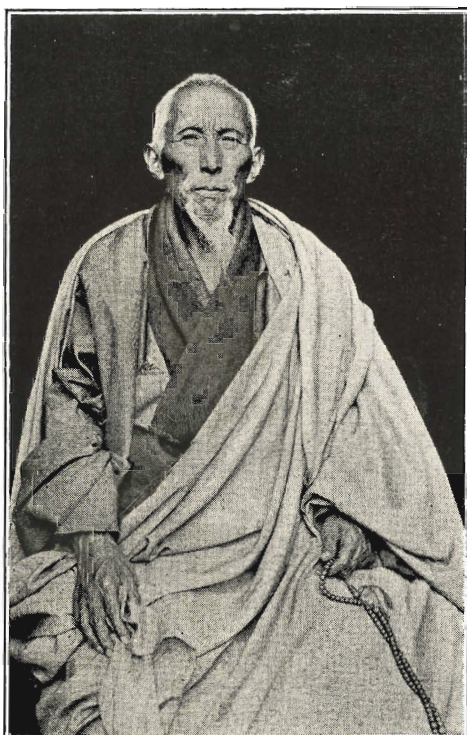


Photo by V. G. Plymire. Highest authority at Labrang, Monastery.



Photo by V. G. Plymire. A "Living Buddha." He prevailed on the highest authority at Labrang to permit Brother Plymire to stay 11 days in 1917.

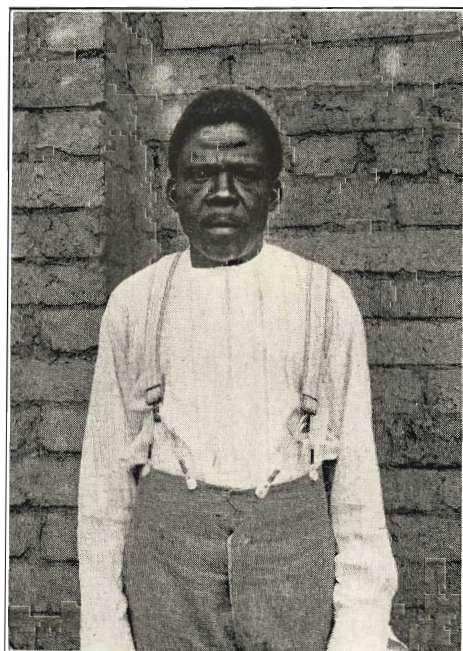


Photo by E. E. Crist. Mabengi, Native teacher at Ndingi, Congo Belge. Has the care of church of 400 members. Has established 20 schools.





**(c) Account of the Editor of the Conference Journal.**

Photo. Stroudsburg Parsonage.....	\$ 1.50	
Half-tone cuts of two Parsonages.....	11.34	
Printing 850 Conference Journals.....	180.00	
Journals to R. R. Companies and Secretaries of other Conferences.....	3.75	
Postage on Journals.....	4.90	201.49

**(d) Account with the Eastern Gospel Banner and Sunday School****Lessons.**

Postage, Eastern Gospel Banner material.....	\$ 13.22	
200 Special Copies.....	6.00	
Stamped Wrappers.....	2.24	
Paper and Postage, Sunday School Lesson Committee....	18.00	39.46
		<u>\$328.54</u>

R. L. Woodring, Chairman.  
B. Bryan Musselman, Secretary.  
C. H. Brunner.

**VII. Beneficiary Society****ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BENEFICIARY SOCIETY****Receipts**

Received at annual conference.....	\$288.29	
Interest from October 8, 1917 to Oct. 1, 1918.....	6.38	\$294.67

**Expenditures**

Expended during the year.....		\$290.00
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W. G. Gehman, President,  
F. M. Hottel, Secretary.

**VIII. Laymen's Benevolent Society****SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.****Statistical.**

Members reported October 11, 1917.....	341
Members received during the year.....	38
Members died during the year.....	5
Members withdrawn during the year.....	17
Members enrolled October 10, 1918.....	447

**Financial.****Receipts.**

Contributions.....	\$1102.50	
Interest on Deposit.....	95.00	\$1197.50

**Expenditures.**

Donations.....	\$ 325.00	
Sundry Expenses.....	10.16	\$335.16

**Report of the Treasurer.**

Receipts.		
October 11, 1917, Balance in Treasury.....	\$4095.44	
Received during year.....	1197.50	\$5292.94
Expenditures.		
Expended during the year.....	\$ 335.16	
Money invested in securities.....	3000.00	
October 10, 1918, Balance in Treasury.....	1957.78	\$5292.94

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

**IX. Executive Board****THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.**

The Board held five meetings during the year. We have again made some improvements in Mizpah Grove in the Fourteenth Ward in the City of Allentown. A large refrigerator has been built into the front part of the dining hall and storage house. This is a great improvement, in fact, was a great necessity and cost comparatively little money, much less than what a suitable one could have been purchased for.

We also built an oil house in the rear on the same lot where oil and gasoline are kept during the Camp Meetings for the accommodation of the campers.

The street leading into the grove had been in a very bad condition owing to the heavy rains during last winter and this spring and the low condition of the street. We plowed the gutters open, filled up the road with stones and clay and put on a top-dressing of gravel and crushed stone. Fortunately the city steam roller was working in the vicinity and through the kindness of Mr. Allen the Street Supervisor, we had the street thoroughly rolled, thus putting it in a fine condition.

Last fall when the property owners just below the grove made pavement we had them haul many loads of ground into the hollow at the lower end of the grove free of charge. This has given us much additional room for the parking of many automobiles during the Camp Meetings.

There still remains a great deal of grading to be done here and there, covering up stones at places where the top soil has been washed away.

**FINANCIAL****Receipts**

Mount Carmel District Sunday School Convention.....	\$ 45.00	
Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention.....	160.00	
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting, lumber rent.....	142.87	
Mount Carmel Division Camp Meeting, lumber rent.....	88.84	
Allentown Division Camp Meeting, lumber rent.....	165.98	
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting Balance.....	442.12	
Mount Carmel Division Camp Meeting Balance.....	106.09	
Allentown Division Camp Meeting Balance.....	612.32	\$1,763.22

**Expenditures**

Fares and telephone.....	\$ 9.15
Repairs of pump and auditorium.....	10.50
Tools.....	9.19
Wheelbarrows (2).....	11.76



Refrigerator and oil house—		
Lumber.....	\$ 15.65	
Roofing paper.....	6.42	
Nails, hinges, lock, etc.....	4.51	
Carpenter work.....	13.50	40.08
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Pews for the Auditorium (12)—		
Lumber and mill work.....	\$ 34.17	
Carpenter work.....	15.91	50.08
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Cleaning grove and making road—		
Labor, fares, steam roller.....	\$69.50	
Team, plowing, hauling.....	11.40	
Meals.....	1.50	
51,150 lbs. Bachman's crushed stone and gravel.....	38.34	120.74
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Lumber, boards and scantling for tent floors.....		334.63
Tax.....		3.00
Rents—		
Odd Fellows' Hall, Allentown, Pa., for Annual Conference Sunday.....	\$ 25.00	
Emmanuel U. E. Church, Bethlehem, Pa., for Sunday School Convention.....	15.00	40.00
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Equipage Committee—		
Bill rendered.....	\$ 40.53	
Bill rendered.....	85.08	125.61
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Total.....		\$754.74

(The only liability of the Board is a loan of \$300.00.)

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

Board.

## X. Orphanage and Home.

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

The Board of Trustees had again elected H. B. Musselman, E. N. Cassel and Allen M. Gehman as a Board of Managers to oversee the work of the Home and Farm.

Titus Hottel, the Manager, has been diligent and faithful in the discharge of the manifold duties that his work involves, and has efficiently managed the affairs of the Home and the Farm.

Ezra Wismer having decided to commence farming for himself last spring, the Board of Managers hired Elmer Willits who, with his wife and family, are now living in the farm house. They are laboring faithfully and loyally for the interest of the Home, as well as Albert Moser, the hired man.

Kate Fearheller, the Matron of the Home, has been very faithful and loyal in the discharge of her duties.

Martin Hoffman, the orphan boy, is doing well and is a good help on the farm. Albert Moser's boy is being cared for in the Home and is doing real well.

The aged Sisters are keeping well and enjoy the hospitality of the Home. Besides the regular inmates in the Home the Board of Trustees have given aid to several outside of the Home by regular monthly allowances.

An artesian well has been drilled at the Home and is giving a good supply of water. This is a great help as formerly the only source of supply was from cisterns.

The buildings have been repaired, the Home painted, a milk house is in course of construction and some implements have been bought making the equipment more complete.

The cattle and the swine have been doing well and the crops throughout have been very good. The blessing of the Lord has been resting on the work all around.

### Financial.

#### (A) DONATIONS

Donations were received as follows: J. Elzinga, Cash, \$2.00; A Friend, Cash, \$4.50; Abner Swavely, one load of sand.

#### (B) FARM ACCOUNTS.

##### (a) Receipts.

Livestock.....	\$ 8,762.74	Refund.....	\$ 374.26
Milk.....	3,396.19	Labor.....	247.80
Cream.....	1,229.01	Hay.....	281.45
Swine.....	3,581.80	Truck.....	181.14
Potatoes.....	3,480.58	Eggs.....	31.08
Wheat.....	893.33	Chickens.....	58.24
Feed.....	771.86	Corn.....	39.58
Meat.....	499.39		
		Total.....	\$ 23,828.45

##### (b) Expenditures.

Advertising periodicals and postage.....	\$ 191.36	Oil and paint.....	\$201.00
Building repairs and improvements.....	482.86	Poultry.....	171.90
Carfare and telephone.....	190.91	Registration & transfers..	105.00
Official testing.....	69.11	Repairs and replacements.....	239.53
Freight and express.....	454.77	Seeds and plants.....	236.58
Feed, veterinary services, and condition powders	5,901.37	Spraying materials.....	150.97
Fertilizers.....	423.47	Bedding.....	187.00
Implements.....	303.95	Crates.....	6.45
Swine.....	1,588.55	Automobile repairs and accessories.....	437.73
Horse-shoeing.....	78.80	Twine.....	45.13
Furnishings for the farm-house.....	85.00	Refund.....	33.11
Wages and labor.....	1,824.69	Lumber.....	157.28
Live stock.....	4,515.00	Horses.....	455.00
		Taxes.....	6.83
		Total.....	\$18,543.68

#### (C) HOME ACCOUNTS.

##### (a) Receipts.

From the fund for the Poor (Annual Conference).....	\$ 307.80
Interest from various Moneys.....	228.57
Cash Donations.....	6.50
Total.....	\$ 542.87



Products were also used at the Home and by the Farm Family amounting to a total of \$985.42.

## (b) Expenditures.

Wages.....	\$ 120.00	Provisions.....	\$ 727.97
Inmates.....	97.71	Repairs and replace-	
Aid given outside of Home	96.00	ments.....	13.29
Periodicals.....	3.00	Taxes.....	6.80
Building, repairs and im-		Interest (Geho Legacy)...	24.00
provements.....	305.17	Loans.....	5,700.00
Coal.....	192.44	Fares for the Board	
Furnishings.....	35.03	Meetings.....	19.42
Light, oils and paint.....	64.84		
			<u>\$7,405.67</u>

## (D) BETHLEHEM PROPERTY ACCOUNTS.

## (a) Receipts.

By Rent.....	\$ 120.00
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## (b) Expenditures.

Repairs.....	\$ 23.19
Taxes.....	18.40
Total.....	<u>\$ 41.59</u>

## SUMMARY TOTALS.

Receipts.		Expenditures.	
Farm.....	\$ 23,828.45	Farm.....	\$ 18,543.68
Home.....	542.87	Home.....	7,405.67
Bethlehem Property.....	120.00	Bethlehem Property.....	41.59
	<u>\$24,491.32</u>		<u>\$25,990.94</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.....	\$ 16,000.00
Implements.....	2,176.00
Livestock—	
Holstein-Friesian Cattle.....	\$ 9,605.00
Horses.....	1,345.00
Swine.....	3,490.00
	<u>14,440.00</u>
Produce—	
Potatoes.....	\$ 2,250.00
Ensilage.....	1,800.00
Hay.....	900.00
Feed.....	817.50
Wheat.....	1,200.00
Straw.....	400.00
Mangels.....	50.00
Corn.....	450.00
Brown Corn and Truck.....	50.00
	<u>7,917.50</u>

## Miscellaneous—

Fertilizer.....	\$ 30.00	
Gasoline.....	11.20	
Lumber.....	100.00	
Cattle Crates.....	20.00	
Fence Posts.....	10.00	
Shelter Shed.....	25.00	
Furniture.....	115.00	311.20

## Securities—

Money Outstanding.....	\$ 1,400.00	
Loans.....	6,300.00	
Cash on hand.....	4,260.42	11,960.42

Total.....\$52,805.12

## (B) HOME.

Home.....\$4,250.00

## Miscellaneous—

Furniture.....	\$ 535.00	
Canned Goods.....	166.45	
Dried Fruit and Vegetables.....	17.30	
Provisions.....	154.60	
Coal and Wood.....	187.00	
Poultry.....	68.00	
Soap.....	9.35	1,137.70

Total.....\$ 5,387.70

## (B) BETHLEHEM PROPERTY.

House and lot.....\$ 1,500.00

## SUMMARY TOTALS.

Farm.....	\$ 52,805.12
Home.....	5,387.70
Bethlehem Property.....	1,500.00

Grand Total.....\$ 59,692.82

## STATEMENT.

Resources		Liabilities.	
Properties.....	\$ 21,750.00	Contributions from the	
Live Stock.....	14,440.00	Church to date.....	\$ 22,328.84
Implements.....	2,176.00	Donations to date.....	1,532.86
Produce.....	8,520.20	Surplus.....	35,831.12
Miscellaneous.....	846.20		
Outstanding Bills.....	1,400.00	Total.....	\$ 59,692.82
Securities.....	6,300.00		
Cash on hand.....	4,260.42		
Total.....	\$ 59,692.82		

## Forms of Bequest and Devise.

## BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath unto H. B. Musselman, R. L. Woodring, Allen M. Gehman, W. S. Hottel, C. H. Brunner, W. G. Gehman, E. N. Cassel, J. G. Shireman, E. T. Shick, H. S. Jones, 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, R. L. Woodring, Allen M. Gehman, W. S. Hottel, C. H. Brunner, W. G. Gehman, E. N. Cassel, J. G. Shireman, E. T. Shick, H. S. Jones, 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.

H. B. Musselman, President,  
R. L. Woodring, Secretary,  
J. G. Shireman, Assistant Secretary,  
Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer.

E. N. Cassel,  
W. G. Gehman,  
C. H. Brunner,  
A. A. Wismer,

W. S. Hottel,  
E. T. Shick,  
H. G. Brunner,  
H. S. Jones,  
Board.

## XI. Foreign Missions

## THE THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Master's command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," and "make disciples of all the nations" (Mark 16:15; Matt. 28:19), is still our motto. The commission is still binding upon us and we are still pressing onward.

The Board again desires to thank the Pastors and members of the Pennsylvania Conference for their continued interest and their liberal contributions toward the support of the missionaries who are representing us in the various countries in the "regions beyond." By all appearances this interest is not abating but on the increase as the offerings are larger than ever. The greatly increased cost of living, clothing, etc., and the abnormal conditions of transportation have necessitated the increase of the allowances sent to the various fields as is seen by the financial statement at the end of this report.

We have also received liberal offerings from friends of our Home and Foreign work sent to us from different parts of the United States and Canada. This has been received by the Board with deep appreciation and thanks and the money has been forwarded as desired.

We also appreciate the prayers of our people and friends during the past year and we would urge them to continue to pray for our missionaries. Threatened by plague, robbers, and trials of various kinds we praise the Lord that he has kept every one of them during these troublous war-times.



Prayer "changes things," and we may not find out in this life how much the safety of our missionaries and the success of their labors has been due to the faithful prayers of such who are at home. We can say, "Ebenezer, hitherto hath the Lord helped us" (1 Sam. 7:12).

Our pioneer missionary, Eusebius Hershey, went to Africa in 1890 and died the next year. There was very little done along this line until at a meeting of the Board on February 13, 1896, the support of Fred Sodaborg of Africa was pledged for one year. At a meeting held December 21, 1896, the Board accepted Brother H. L. Weiss and Mrs. H. L. Weiss and Brother C. F. Snyder members of our Conference and Students at the New York Missionary Training Institute. Brother Weiss had been a Missionary among the North American Indians in the western territories and he and Sister Weiss sailed for Chile the following spring, arriving April 19, 1897. Brother Snyder sailed from New York November 19, 1917, in company with Brother W. N. Ruhl whom we also support, arriving in China December 28, of the same year.

We are thus nearing the twenty-second anniversary of that most important meeting noted as the beginning of our aggressive missionary enterprise which the Lord has so greatly blessed. We want all our members and friends to join with us in praise to God for His leadings and help hitherto.

We are still sending to each of our Missionaries the *Eastern Gospel Banner*, the *Gospel Herald*, the *Christian Life Missionary*, *Jewels for Jesus*, the *Christian Life Teacher's Quarterly*, the *Daily Food* wall roll and a copy of the Standard Diary.

Every one of our Missionaries has written, some repeatedly, concerning the great blessings they received from these periodicals, and thank the Board most heartily for the same.

Mrs. S. P. Hamilton, of Dholka, India, writes: "We wish to thank you for those Missionary Reports; they were a real inspiration to us. Mr. Hamilton sends thanks for the diary and is very pleased with it. We enjoy the papers which you send weekly. We cull many good things from them to translate for our native monthly Gujarati paper which Mr. Hamilton edits. I wish to thank you for the Sunday School journal. I am especially interested in it as I have charge of the Sunday School."

We have again received a number of beautiful photos from the various fields taken by our missionaries. They can hardly get films and paper at present. From a selection of these we had half-tone cuts made specially for this report. These help to make the reports from the various fields the more interesting as they are real and true to facts. We desire to thank the brethren for these photos.

The Pennsylvania Conference supports one missionary in Argentina and ten in Chile, including Mrs. H. L. Weiss who is yet in Nyack, N. Y., and four native pastors who have charge of large congregations and out-stations or circuits. Then we support two in India, three in the Belgian Congo and six on the China-Tibetan border, twenty-two in all. This means that every 90 members on the roll at home support one Missionary abroad.

The offerings for Home and Foreign Missionary work along the various lines in which the Lord has directed us has averaged \$5.50 and \$6.80 respectively during the last year or a total of more than \$12.00 per member for missions alone. These are the Lord's doings and they are marvelous in our eyes. We again praise the Lord and thank our people and friends for their liberal support of this portion of the Lord's work.

For the encouragement of all who are interested we wish to add a few words from the Director of the Statistical Bureau of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America in a few of his recent letters to the Secretary:

"I have been very greatly interested to notice the per capita gifts for Foreign Missions of your Board. If I am not mistaken, this is the largest of any Church in the United States or in Canada."

In another letter relative to the report of our offerings he writes: "I





Photo by V. G. Plymire. Mohammedan road guards thrashed and punished for being unfaithful.



Photo by V. G. Plymire. Printing in Tibetan Monastery. Pressing sheet on type with roller.

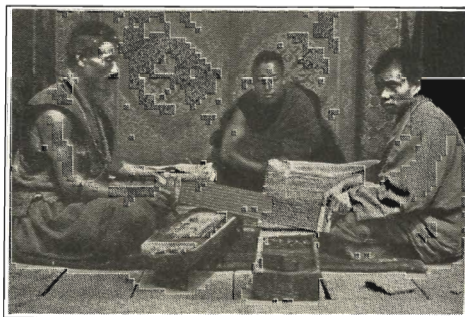


Photo by V. G. Plymire. Printing in Tibetan Monastery.



Photo by V. G. Plymire. Class of school children taught by Miss Grace I. Harkless, Min-hsien, Kansu Prov., China.



Photo by V. G. Plymire. Miss Harkless' first S. S. Class. All street children. Only about half of them present here.





believe the experience of your Church will be of value to other churches, even some whose work is more widely known. You have much to be thankful for in the loyal support which your Church has given to the work of the Kingdom of God. I am afraid that some of us are just beginning to realize what a Church may do if once it gets the proper vision."

The Christian and Missionary Alliance, with whose general officers we have been working in sympathy and fellowship for many years, have also made most commendatory remarks about our work, both in the *Alliance Weekly* and in their Annual Report.

We felt like passing this on to our people and friends.

We trust that this report, though perhaps rather lengthy, will be a source of encouragement to our members as well as an inspiration to both pastors and people for still greater forward strides next year should the Lord tarry.

The facts stated in this report have been gathered from private communications and from reports which the Board has received directly from the field from time to time during the year, which, accompanied by beautiful illustrations, will give our people at home a clear and true insight in the great work in which the Lord has privileged them to be co-partners.

### China.

A tremendous transformation is going on in China. The "Sleeping Giant" as it has been called, is waking up. Since the Boxer uprising of 1900, China has sent hundreds of her brightest young men to American institutions of learning to learn western methods and customs. This has helped much to break down its hoary traditions, prejudices and exclusiveness and open it up to the Gospel, so that, in the words of Dr. Glover in one of our churches, "the doors of opportunity in China are not only open, but they are off their hinges!"

Through the efforts of a strong forward movement, especially during last year, immense gatherings listened to strong appeals for the Gospel from men like John R. Mott, G. Sherwood Eddy, Dr. C. Y. Yeng, Dr. C. T. Nang and others, resulting in groups of influential men in about twenty of the largest cities studying the Gospel of Jesus Christ with many decisions.

The work in Kansu Province on the China-Tibetan border has been greatly blessed during the past year. About one third of this province has been allotted to this mission. This means a territory to evangelize of about the size of the state of Pennsylvania, with a population of about 3,000,000 souls who need the Gospel.

Serious political troubles and revolutionary uprisings accompanied by bloodshed have threatened the cities, and the lives and properties of our Missionaries have been dangerously threatened several times, but the unseen hand of God protected them. Titao was threatened three times during the year. Hochow was closed for several days. The spirit of revolution between the north and south caused no little anxiety among the missionaries. "The unrest all over China," writes one of the missionaries, "shows that we are living in perilous times."

The last Conference of the West China Mission decided that Brother and Sister C. F. Snyder, who had been at Titao during the absence of Brother and Sister Wm. Christie, should move to Hochow, 210 li distant, and establish a permanent station in that important city. While at Titao, Brother and Sister Snyder erected a building for a boys' school as a memorial to their little son, Albert Brenneman Snyder. In their last report, dated June 15, they state that they loaded all their household goods on four two-wheeled carts. They themselves travelled a somewhat roundabout way, stopping off at Taochow for some dental work and fellowship and prayer with the workers.

A four and a half days' journey through Tibetan territory brought them to the city of Hochow on June 14, 1918.

Hochow is a strategic center for Mohammedan, Chinese and Tibetan work. It is the largest Mohammedan city in all China. It is the center of a district of 400,000 souls without a resident missionary hitherto. The city contains 12 Mohammedan mosques. Two days to the east brings them to Lanchow, the capital of Kansu, while one day's journey westward brings them to the Tibetan border at the point of entry enroute to the famous Tibetan monastery of La-brang.

Hochow, although worked only as an out-station hitherto, yet has a nice little company of Chinese Christians, but no Moslems as yet. The latter are peculiarly hard to reach with the Gospel.

Sister Snyder writes: "As we left the home at Titao the school girls sang, 'God will take care of you'.

"How good it sounded in our ears on the second night in the road, when we stopped in a place where a foreign woman had never been seen. A monastery of five hundred Tibetan priests was just near our inn, and they did not seem very friendly, and it looked for a while as if we might have to move on, though the night was coming on and the next stopping place was nearly fifteen miles beyond. Mr. Snyder sent one of our escorts to ask the Governor of the Monastery if he could control his people and he sent word that he would call in all his priests for which we were very grateful. The last message that the inn woman gave us was to listen if we could hear any sounds in the back of the inn and that the people on the street were mixed (meaning that there might be thieving).

"I do not know that you really can know what it means to feel the oppression of the enemy in a place where God is not known or thought of, and where the devil has had full sway and has been worshipped for centuries and centuries, but if you really knew, I know you would pray more for the witness of the Gospel.

"How the enemy tries to put his fear upon you—fear of evil! And it seems almost like a hand-to-hand fight with the powers of darkness, and we pray, 'Lord, help some one to pray for us.' It was just a time like this, and the song rang in our ears, 'God will take care of you.' What music it seemed to us in the darkness of the night!

"The first part of the trip was through grass district partly where the Tibetans live in houses and partly where you see only tents and herds and big fierce dogs and the few people that watch the herds. At one place you could look north, east, south or west and see nothing but green grass—not man or beast to be seen, just our own caravan moving along. Farther on the journey we passed through beautiful farming districts, and we were surprised that the Tibetans did such splendid farming.

"On the third night we prayed that God would give us a place to spend a comfortable night and He did do it. One is so weary from the journey of riding from twenty-five to thirty-five miles a day on horse-back, that if your sleep is disturbed you hardly feel able to continue your journey.

"Most of the day we traveled over a stony road and as we neared the end of our journey dark clouds gathered overhead and we hastened to get into our inn, but our school girls were overtaken. It was not only rain, but hail and they were pretty well soaked and as we got into the little tumbled-down inn we wondered what we should do as there was no convenience to dry the wet clothing and bedding. But, 'God will take care of you'—and He had a way. Our muleteer's home was in this place so it was finally arranged that we go to his home. The kindness we received in this heathen home, I will not soon forget.

"We were given the very best the home could afford—a nice warm kang where the girls could dry their clothing—a fire, tea, milk, bread and a good supper—with milk to take with us in the morning.

"The old mother and father were so kind to us, and we do trust this may be the beginning of the Gospel in this village. They simply would take



no remuneration for their trouble. This was more than the 'cup of cold water,' and I am sure they will not lose their reward. We are praying for them. On leaving, the three school girls again sang—"God will take care of you"—the old father seemed to feel something of the sentiment of the words. Will you help pray for these?

"The last stretch was through a beautiful valley of about fifteen miles in length and five miles in width—crops as fine as you would see on well-kept farms in America. Green mountains were seen on each side of the valley and in the distance we could still see the snow-capped stone mountains—while grain was already in heads in the valley.

"Variations indeed, mountains and valleys, clouds and sunshine, rain and snow, flowers and stones, kindness and hatred—but now we are at the end of the journey—and we sing once again, 'God will take care of you'."

Brother and Sister Wm. Christie, after a short furlough in this country, left their children with kind friends in Elloam, Montana, and sailed from Vancouver on January 17, 1918. They arrived safely in Central China but were much delayed because of the dangerous conditions further west. We clip the following from a recent letter from Dr. Glover, Foreign Secretary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance:

"Their route from Central China lay thro a district infested with robber bands, some of them numbering 1,000 and 1,500 robbers, armed and desperate, stopping short of no crime. It was only after much prayer and a clear sense of the Lord's leading that they ventured out, and especially beyond the railway terminus two days from Hankow. They had to leave behind them all their baggage and goods and travel for weeks across China with only a suitcase of things. But they are true missionaries and took this cheerfully. They were at times in close touch with robbers, even occupying the same inns at night. But God wonderfully protected them from harm and violence. They arrived safely in Titao about the first of May and received a royal welcome from the Missionaries, Chinese workers, members and friends, for they are universally beloved."

They ask us to pray for their children and themselves. Brother Christie is the Superintendent of the West China Missions. We clip the following from their reports:

"We have some converts from among the wealthy, from the scholars, from the merchants, and gentry, and many from the farming and laboring classes, and even some from among the beggars. We have seen in our meetings men and women under the power of the Spirit of God weeping out their sins before the Lord in confession—all kinds of sin.

"The Lord leads us to pick out one here and another there to enter our Bible Training School for preparation for evangelistic work, and He has given us a splendid body of men, men of whom we are proud. I thank God for these native helpers, men who are true to Jesus Christ. Some fail, of course, and some give up the work. Today we have twenty-three men who are true to the Lord's service, men who have nothing to do with the official or commercial life or anything else, men who give their whole time and strength to preach Christ to their countrymen. One of these men is from the wealthy class, and he is now preaching the gospel. He will not accept a cent of American money or a cent of native offerings. He is now the pastor of one of our churches in an outstation. Then we have some from among the literati, formerly bright Confucianists. One of these men became filled with a desire for the salvation of his own people, and now from among that man's relatives and friends there are thirty-five converts in the Tih-Tao church alone. That man is the Principal of our Bible Training School. Thank God for men like these.

"John (he chose that name on baptism) is a tall man, a man with a wonderful memory. Wherever that man preaches, souls are convicted of sin, and our churches would rather hear that man than almost any foreign

missionary. For two years he was evangelist on the station where I was, and in that time I never saw that man irritated, never saw him get out of patience. He used the wisdom that only God alone could have given in dealing with many cases. Oh, how we thank God for men like that to help us in the work of the Lord!

"Very recently the Lord laid His hand upon another very bright Confucianist, a wealthy man with lands and farms. His old father was still living. He himself had sons and grand-children. For forty years he was professor in one of the government schools. The gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ reached that man's heart. What did he do? As soon as he was converted, the Spirit of God filled him with a desire to preach the gospel to his own people. He gave up his school work, and told his old father that he wanted to go to Tih Tao and go to school. His father opposed him, and said, 'I will give you a thousand ounces of silver if you will not go.' But he was true and came to school. He had to break his own wood, sweep his room, cook his food, but he did it gladly for Christ's sake, although he was a man who had done nothing for himself for many years. That is what the Lord does when He gets hold of the heart of a bright Confucianist. Thank God for Mr. Li. Already he has brought many to Christ. He has spent one year in the Bible School and is going on till he graduates. These are samples of the men God has given us.

"How they love one another, and how they love us who have been the means of bringing them to Christ! I stand here because of the grace of a Chinese Christian woman who gave herself up to save me from being shot. That is what the love of God in the hearts of those Chinese can do.

Brother Ruhl is still laboring in Taochow. Mrs. Ruhl relates how the missionaries have taken some of the girls and have given them the first schooling they ever had. "At the end of three months," she writes, "after they had studied fifty lessons, they recited all the lessons without a break or prompting! The boys did well also. They recited the first chapter of St. John from memory without a break. Of course these were not all their studies.

"The people as a rule are very noisy. It is hard to keep them quiet. Once while Brother Ruhl was preaching, an old farmer came in at the side door and yelled, as though the Missionary was deaf, 'I've got cut grass out front here.' Two of the brethren went to him trying to persuade him to sit down, but he yelled out, 'No, I've got grass for sale.' The brethren insisted that he be quiet or pass out. So he turned to go out, bumped into a bench and upset it, and still he called out, 'Tell that gentleman that I have grass for sale.' The congregation does not mind such things and Mr. Ruhl goes on with his preaching."

Miss Grace Harkless has been stationed at Minhsien, formerly called Minchow. She praises the Lord especially for His deliverances during these troublous times. Her report states that:

"In the Minhsien district everything is very peaceful. God is giving us a continual revival. Souls are being added unto Him. The district has purely Chinese work, but the Tibetans come in to seek God. God has blessed the work entrusted in the workers' hand, so that there have been more Tibetans saved in Minhsien in the last two years than in the whole mission district in nine years. Surely we ought to give praise unto our God and His Christ, for the poured-out blessing upon His people. It is like the Korean Church, each one goes out and brings another to Jesus. All we can say is, it is just Jesus our King and Lord, who is working in the hearts of our people. Satan is being defeated and the Son of Man is uplifted. Praise God with us. Continue to pray that this revival may continue.

"The devil is trying to hinder the Tibetan work and workers all he can. We must fight for every inch of ground we possess as it is Satan's stronghold.



"Special meetings for women have been conducted here in Minhsien, and as one of our missionary ladies has been ill for some weeks, it fell to my lot to take her place with my limited amount of language. But the Lord helped me. Mrs. J. A. Diehl did the regular preaching. During the three weeks of these special women's meetings the average attendance was ninety-two, not including the younger ladies.

"In my former requests for prayer I made mention of a Tibetan woman. Well, the Lord has answered and she is among the nine women that were saved during these meetings. We certainly do praise God for these saved souls and ask you to continue to pray for them that they may be kept, as they will have no easy time in being faithful to their Saviour. The harvest truly is ripe but the reapers are so few. Pray for reapers to be thrust forth into the ripened fields."

In a letter dated May 9, she says: "Praise the Lord. In my Sunday School class I had the joy of seeing three cry to God to save them. I saw them joyfully saved. These are the first Chinese converts that the Lord has permitted me to lead to Himself. You may imagine the joy it gave me."

Sister Harkless has been living with Mr. and Mrs. Diehl studying the language and assisting in the home and visiting. She has passed two examinations successfully and has been teaching a class of 23 in Scriptural instruction. "To see 23 school children," she writes, "studying at the top of their voices or if asked a question answer that folks can hear them a block away would be quite interesting to you I am sure. If I should introduce you to my street urchins, you might want to get hot water, soap and towel to begin with, though some of them might object as people here rarely if ever take a bath. But I love them, dirt and all, if only they can be reached by the light of the Gospel and their souls washed in the fountain opened for uncleanness. In this class of 65 I have had the joy of seeing 6 kneel at the altar asking Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins. The time spent with these dear children has not been in vain. They know who Jesus is, what He did and why he died. Many can repeat numbers of Scripture verses."

### Tibet.

Brother V. G. Plymire sent in a very good report likewise. He desires to thank the Board most heartily for the extra money sent him. He regards it as a direct answer to prayer. Among many other things of interest we can mention only the following for want of space:

He says that provisions have increased in price enormously. The last flour he bought was of the lowest grade but was just double what he paid for the best a few years ago. He uses some flour that he has ground from horse-beans. Horse-feed and wood likewise has advanced greatly. In addition to this and what makes matters worse is the fact that the exchange has dropped very much. In April he received for \$30.00 U. S. Gold only tael 25.71 where two years before he received tael 50.40 making the purchasing value of a dollar so much less, only about half what it used to be.

Brother Plymire has been granted a special permit by the Governor to visit Labrang and Neland, two Tibetan cities controlled by Buddhist priests. Labrang is famous for its large Tibetan monastery. The head priest has given him a special invitation to come again. This is an exceedingly rare privilege.

Pray the Lord for his protection among these wild Tibetans and that the Holy Spirit may reach their hearts with the Gospel.

The following is part of his latest communication to the Board:

"While most of the year was spent on the language—and the greater part without a teacher—I do praise God for the few opportunities I have had to go out on several trips in different directions and give His Word to the people still in dense darkness.

"One of my first trips was to visit a 'Living Buddha,' who bears the title of *Rin-po-che*, some 15 miles to the south of here. This Buddha is 81 years old and has a small, well-furnished monastery by himself, away up on the mountain-side, with only a few attendants. He was exceptionally friendly to me and spoke freely of different things and the gospel. He was very much pleased with the portions of the Scriptures which I left with him. After I had gone out—starting for home—he sent a man and asked me to go back as he wanted to see me. Upon entering, he presented me with a nice little sum of money. Since I have returned home, he has sent his two highest attendants to invite me to spend several days with him in August. While this man is nearing the end of his earthly race, yet there is still time to pray for him. He seemed to be touched in his heart by the Lord during my visit. Will you pray for his salvation?

"Early in the spring I made a trip up the Kha-Chen Valley, to the last village this side of the great 'Stone Gate,' in the high mountains of the Min-shan range, intending to go farther and visit a number of nomad encampments, but was hindered on account of much snow. This was during the few last days in April. I hope to go again this fall before the snow begins.

"I have just completed a business trip of 23 days up this valley, and a few of its branches, buying wood for our Bible School building and also for a house for Brother Christie. Then I had it drifted down the small river to the Tao river and made up into rafts and thence rafted on to Titao.

"The days spent on that trip will not soon be forgotten by me. Once for three days I could not get hay for my horse, and later for two days only one small basket full. Poor horse got rather thin because of this. Then for three days I had practically no food. One meal would have better not been touched. The little bit of butter that was put into my bowl of hot water was so rancid, I could very barely stand the smell, and the food was barley, oats, and horse peas ground into flour. This I mixed with my bowl of hot water and rancid butter, and ate it, thanking the Lord that it was not worse.

"After this I searched several *mountains*—not hills—for the larger timbers for two days. The first day in rain and wet grass several feet tall. I returned to the village at night quite soaked. Not having any change of clothes I retired in my wet clothes and had just covered up when word came from the lady of the house—'Uncle! there are bed-bugs on that kang (bed) and if they bite you, you call and we will light the lamp and hunt them.' These were indeed very comforting (?) words to a tired fellow sleeping in wet clothes. I soon went to sleep and slept thru to dawn. But *now* I know that the bugs did bite. I am trying to heal up the wounds they made. At the close of the second day I was *so* tired.

"The native I had taken with me and myself had not over four ounces of bread that day between us. Believe me, dear brother, if ever I appreciated a good meal and a nice clean bed it was when I returned home last week. In these different villages I also left a gospel message.

"After returning, I had a clean up and a rest and then left to attend several fairs. One southeast and the other south of here. Here the gospel was preached by several of our native evangelists. The crowds were mixed—Chinese, Mohammedans and Tibetans. I sold a goodly number of Gospels, distributed; everal hundred tracts and returned home last evening.

"In the morning I leave for another fair and upon returning, one opens here and continues for about ten days.

"Since December 8th I visited 48 villages for the express purpose of giving them the Gospel. Of course more villages were visited and Gospel literature left there, but many were more or less business trips of some kind of other. But to these 48 I went for no other purpose than to give them the Message of the Cross and of God's great love.

"I praise God for having kept me from serious illness during the year. It seems the greater the hardship and the rougher the roughness, the stouter I get.



"I have *learned* many very precious lessons and have come to know my Lord and Saviour as I have not known Him before. I have learned as never before how to pray thru, and how to leave things with God and rest in His tender care and guidance. Severe trials and tests have come, but God never once failed me during those hours and days. He has not let one test or trial come but what He also sent great blessing. I know God is true, that He is faithful and that His promises fail not.

"I am looking forward to the coming (conference) year for greater blessings and a larger service than ever before if Jesus tarries.

"As to the results of my labors, I leave that with the Lord. I have no station work, therefore most of my work is done by traveling. I have sown the seed and God promised to not let His Word return void. Some day the sower and the reaper will rejoice together.

"Please continue to pray for all of us on this distant and isolated field. Frequently we are completely cut off from the outside world by bands of robbers disturbing mail and telegraph routes.

"I praise the Lord for permitting me to travel without any accident or being molested in any way, 3843 li or 1281 miles on horseback or on foot; also for helping me in selling 1,360 gospels, 13,802 other portions of the Word and distributing 7,156 Gospel tracts.

"I have planned to visit all the villages in this district. Most of these were not yet visited with the Gospel. For this work I have now on hand nearly 15,000 tracts and portions of the Gospel in ordinary Chinese language. Then I have some special for Mohammedans. Then I have bought another lot of several thousand which I expect to receive any day. Besides those two lots I took money which should have been really used for clothing, and bought 10,000 more Gospel tracts for this work. I also have a supply of Gospels and expect to receive another large lot before long. Then still I hope to get another lot of perhaps 20,000 tracts more before the end of spring. Now this is a large lot of literature, but I expect to get it all into the hands of the natives, Chinese, Mohammedans, and Tibetans before the close of the year.

"Most of this village work will have to be done on Saturdays as I must devote the other days to study. Last year I did not get away very much, but even then I sold over 4,000 portions of the Scriptures in Chinese and Tibetan. Pray for me in this that I may have sufficient strength to keep it up during this year. It will mean a lot of meals missed and a lot of mountain climbing and some extra money too, as my regular allowances not will reach. But I want to get the Gospel to the people and will do all I can to this end. So do pray much for me."

Brother Plymire feels specially called for Tibetan work as is noticed in the above report. The West China mission was originally started with a view of getting into Tibet and establishing permanent mission stations there.

Taochow and Chone, two of their stations, are right near the border and are points of trade and contact with Tibet. The first workers were driven out of the country but they made trips inland, travelled among them at the risk of their lives, preaching, distributing tracts and portions of Scripture and making friends. This has been the most important guaranty of later safe travel. The situation has improved, friends have been made, a few Tibetans have been saved, four during last year, and the brethren have received earnest and friendly invitations to come and teach.

Chone, a mongrel Chinese-Tibetan town, is noted for its great Tibetan Buddhist monastery. Large numbers of Tibetans come here to trade and to attend the great religious fairs. Here are the headquarters of the Prince of Chone who has dominion over a large adjacent section of Tibet. This Prince is very friendly to Brother Plymire and has ordered him to secure for him quite an expensive photographic outfit with the promise of some very interesting photos later on.

"To say that the Tibetans 'pray without ceasing' is not an exaggeration" says J. Huston Edgar in "*The Chinese Recorder*." "On long strips of indifferent linen, cotton cloth or tough paper, countless phrases are written and attached to a high pole or stick, they flutter in the fierce winds so common in high altitudes. Those constitute the weapons with which sinful Tibetans hope to overcome demons. On mountain tops, passes, trees, houses, caravanseries, towers, bridges and loads on animals' backs they flutter in the wind over towns and settlements until the cynic wonders how sin can possibly exist in such a demon-exorcised land!"

Rows of small houses are built along rivers and streams as shown in one of Brother Plymire's photo, in which are prayer drums run by water-wheels.

"In some of these drums," says Mr. Edgar, "there are as many as half a million prayers revolving 900 times an hour. This means 21,600 revolutions a day or 7,884,000 a year. Thus if half a million prayers are supposed to be offered at each revolution this would mean the unthinkable number of 3,942,000,000 prayers in one prayer-wheel.

"Most prominent among their prayers is the famous six-syllable prayer, '*Om mani pad me hum*,' the literal meaning of which is 'O thou jewel in the Lotus hum!'"

What meaningless nonsense! What a proof of the terrible gloom and dense heathen darkness in which these benighted souls are groping for a little ray of light! What a revelation the first ray of divine light must bring to these blood-bought souls "sitting in the darkness and shadow of death." Who will not help to bring them the light which has brought such blessing to us, before they die?

### Chile.

As an introduction we wish to submit the following interesting facts from the reports of Rev. Dr. R. H. Glover, Foreign Secretary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance relative to his visit to the South American missions during the early part of the year:

"Chile has been called the Shoe-String Republic because of her peculiar shape. Her length from north to south is 2,627 miles, or equal to the distance from New York to San Francisco, while her width varies from 100 to 250 miles. This narrow strip of land is tightly squeezed in between the Andes Mountains on the east and the Pacific Ocean on the west. This means of course a great variety of climate and physical features. Four distinct zones are recognized from north to south as follows:

"The Nitrate Zone—sandy and rainless. Here lie the richest nitrate deposits in the world covering an area of about 300 miles long and an average of two or three miles wide. This product is used mainly as a fertilizer, but also for making gunpowder, yielding \$15,000,000 in export duties alone to Chile annually.

"The Mineral Zone—with very rich deposits of copper, silver, iron and tin. Enormous American and British capital is invested here.

"The Agricultural Zone—well watered and fertile, producing splendid crops of wheat, oats and other grains as well as fruits and vegetables and raising great numbers of fine horses and cattle.

"The Southern Zone—with its dense forests and excessive rain and storm including great sheep pasture lands.

"Rarely, if ever, have we tasted more luscious fruit. Grapes, peaches, plums, apples, pears, melons of all kinds were temptingly displayed for sale by women at every railway station. The muskmelons, delicious in flavor, are as big as watermelons at home.

"Osorno, where Conference was held, is the station of Mr. and Mrs. Feldges. They and their church could not have done more to provide a hearty welcome and hospitable entertainment for all. There were eleven





Wm. Christie (Supt. of West China Missions) and family.

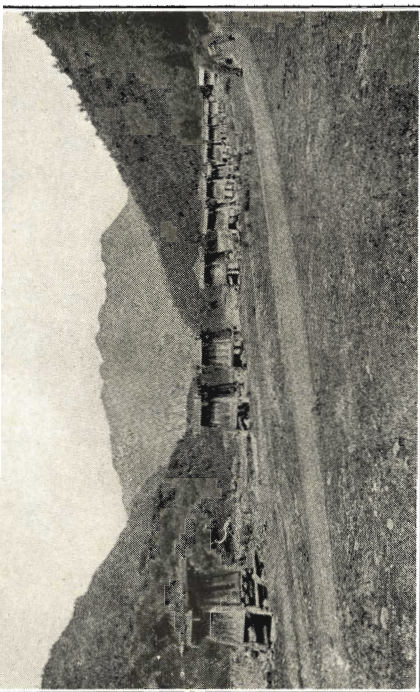


Photo by V. G. Plymire. Part of row of some 20 Tibetan Prayer Wheels, run by water wheels.



Photo by V. G. Plymire. Chinese prisoners wearing the "Conque," two inches thick. Their crime posted on the boards. Placed on street before public during the day.

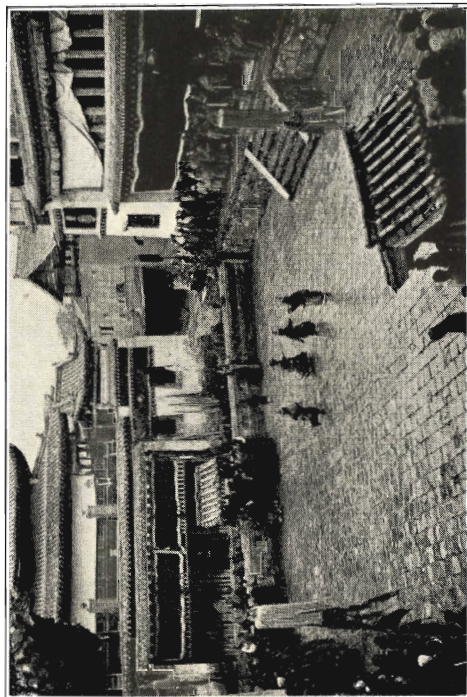


Photo by V. G. Plymire. Dance at Chone Monastery, Amdo Prov., Tibet.





foreign missionaries and their children, the same number of native workers and several of their families. There are many German colonists in our district, and quite a large and influential element in most of the southern towns, notably Osorno itself, consists of German businessmen and landowners. In the north there are more English and French.

"Conference lasted from Monday till Friday evening, and was a time of very real blessing. The evening services were public, when the church was well filled and the interest keen. One open-air service was also held in the central public square, for which special permission had to be obtained, and several hundreds listened respectfully and with close attention throughout.

"Especially was it a joy to us to become acquainted with our beloved Chilian pastors, and to feel that our visit served to strengthen the good relations between them and the Home Board. We formed the highest opinion of them and their work, and feel that they represent the highest type of native worker in all our missionary work. Indeed, these men stand shoulder to shoulder with our missionaries from North America, taking full and responsible charge of stations and churches, and fall behind in no sense in the tangible fruit of their labors. We were deeply touched by the evidences we saw of their self-sacrifice and true devotion to their task, as well as by their expressions of loyalty to the Alliance and the affectionate message of greeting they sent by us to the Board and supporters at home.

"In nine days we visited eleven of the fifteen central stations, speaking everywhere to nice-sized and responsive congregations. An altar service almost always followed the message, numbers coming forward, and the Lord worked in many hearts.

"All the points visited were on the railway except one. This was a town lying thirty miles from the nearest railway station, on a lake and near the foot of a snow-capped volcano, all three bearing the same name of Villa Rica. This place had to be reached on horseback, through a half-cleared wooded country and over roads thick with dust. Good brother Riveros, the native pastor, rode in to the railway point bringing extra mounts for Mr. Zook and the writer. The programme consisted of a ride out on Tuesday morning, services afternoon and evening, the return ride on Wednesday, followed by a short railway journey and another service the same evening. The horses were good and quite used to keeping up a steady canter for miles at a stretch. The same could hardly be said of a certain one of the riders, who had not been in the saddle for three years. We were not going to be beaten and took the pace, but may as well confess that we were so stiff at the end that we could hardly dismount, and literally "bore in our body the marks" for days.

"But it was a unique visit which we would not have missed for a good deal. It gave us a sample both of the labors of our Chilian workers and of the churches in the interior. That native brother himself broke the ground in this district, and has developed it single-handed until he now has companies of believers at 9 different points which he visits regularly for services. Needless to say, it keeps him incessantly on the go and taxes his strength to the limit. He is seldom at home. His brave wife—a true helpmeet—cares for the family and helps in the local work. As he kissed her and the children goodbye on leaving with us—he was to visit several points and be gone a week—the little woman turned to us and said with a smile, 'This gentleman (nodding toward her husband) comes to see us for a day or so every now and again.' Such a couple are not serving man or Mission. Theirs is a service of love for Christ and passion for souls. Of course they should have help and the field ought to be divided, but as yet there is no additional worker available. The native worker in the district adjoining them has 5 regular preaching points—and so on.

"And then the congregation we found! It was busy harvest time and the Christians' homes are widely scattered. But even at the afternoon service



we had forty or more, who had come various distances up to actually 24 miles to attend the meetings. How they did sing, and testify, and drink in the messages, and even then linger for a few personal words. We shall never forget their earnest interest and the tokens of their unfeigned affection. A satisfying joy indeed it is to minister to and mingle with such dear simple souls in Christ.

"The survey of our Chile field and work was distinctly cheering. The churches are in a healthy and growing condition, and made a marked advance last year in giving toward the support of their pastors as well as meeting all their local expenses. The spirit among the workers, native and foreign, is united and good. We see no reason why the Chilean churches cannot within a few years become fully self-supporting. Such is the Board's hope and aim, and it is beginning now to be shared very practically by the native pastors, which is a great satisfaction."

Brother M. P. Zook, Superintendent, writes:

"The past year has seen a most promising opening affected by Mr. Sanhueza, our Valdivia pastor, among the Mapuche Indians near the coast. Already eight have been baptized and about thirty more are under instruction. The brethren Sanhueza and LeFevre once visited an Indian family living far out in the country. They seemed very anxious to hear about the Gospel which they explained to them the best they could. Several months later they visited them again and found the whole family saved except a few very small children and five of them asked for baptism. This family preached from house to house, distributed tracts until now there are about 40 people coming to their mission. They are praying for an appropriation of \$30.00 monthly for the support of a teacher for these poor people. At our brother's earnest request Conference arranged so that he may have a large portion of his time free this coming year for this Indian work."

"Our Annual Conference convened in Osorno, Chile, February 5-8, 1918. With grateful hearts we praise God for a year of blessing and progress in our work. We are enjoying the spirit of unity and sweet fellowship among the workers.

"The work has been extended and new places have been opened. The brethren Feldges and Sanhueza are doing a grand work among the Indians. These people have been abused and peeled by the government. They are open to the Gospel. A number have already been baptized. The country has opened to us in a most wonderful way.

"We are not able to take in all the territory that lies before us. The south of Chile, where we are working, is becoming more and more important and the interest of the people is directed this way. Therefore the influx of people to this part of the country is large. We should keep pace with these times, and we endeavor to do so, but the means are not adequate to the needs. We need two workers at once. Are there not some young men in our churches at home who want to offer up their lives for South America? You have so many young people there and they could be such a blessing here. Another need is for a tabernacle. We could do so much more work if we had a tent to hold tent meetings. It has helped us so much in the Argentine and I am sure that we could do even more here. The spiritual side of the work is in a very hopeful condition. A large number have been baptized during the year.

"Our late Conference was a very good one. We were highly favored by the General Board to send us Dr. R. H. Glover whose visit has been such a blessing and inspiration to us. As none of us had known him personally, his visit gave us the privilege to learn to know him intimately. I went with him over the greater part of the field and surely I enjoyed it. He was very well impressed with the work as he will no doubt let you know. His visit was a great help to the Native Pastors, greatly strengthening the bonds between



them and the home end of the work.

"The Conference passed the following resolution of thanks: Resolved, That we extend a vote of thanks to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Pennsylvania Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ for their support so faithfully given for another year. May the Lord bless them more than ever in their labor for the evangelization of the whole world."

The Native Pastor mentioned by Dr. Glover in his report is probably one of those supported by our Board, namely Ignacio Riveros. Concerning this faithful brother and his work, Mrs. M. P. Zook writes in one of her reports as follows:

"Last December, accepting the invitation of Brother Riveros to attend the Convention of his district we made our first trip to Villa Rica. The last 30 miles we had to make on an ox-cart over rough roads, through a hill country. In this town, situated along a beautiful lake by the same name and on the other side an active volcano, although its summit is covered with eternal snow.

"In this town lives Brother Riveros, but he is here only one Sunday each month. The rest of his time he spends on horseback traveling over his extensive district. . . . And then the congregations, some had come on horseback, ox-carts and afoot. Some slept on their carts, but the majority on the benches and on the floor without blankets and also without a murmur. My heart rejoiced to look into their happy faces and listen to their stirring testimonies. How I longed to see more laborers entering these many open doors in this vast country and claim it for Jesus. On Christmas, the closing day of the Convention, we went down to the lake where 7 were buried with Christ in baptism."

Brother and Sister H. W. Feldges are still laboring in Osorno. Brother Feldges has opened an outstation in a town called Purrangue. He has collected enough money among his friends to build a modest chapel though large enough for present needs with rooms for a resident pastor. This last Conference has supplied Purrangue with a native pastor.

In his last letter Brother Feldges writes: "God has been leading us through a very severe trial of late, perhaps one of the severest that we ever had in all our Christian experience," referring to troubles within the church and persecutions from without. He especially asks for our prayers.

The brethren reported several remarkable cases of healing during the year, one of which was the healing of an old man of paralysis of the leg. One of the native pastors prayed for him and now he is well and strong and full of joy for what the Lord has done for him.

Miss Anna LeFevre wrote just before her return to Chile after a short furlough in the homeland: "The summer has passed very rapidly but it has been a time of great blessing to me, soul and body, and I am looking forward to my soon returning to my mission field. I feel that the Lord's coming is so near and the time is so short that I want to devote myself more faithfully than ever to the salvation of lost souls. There is no one to go back with me and I must make the trip alone with God, but He is my all and in all."

Soon after her arrival in Chile she wrote as follows:

"When He putteth forth His own He goeth before." Once again, thanks to my Heavenly Father's care and keeping, I find myself in Chile ready to take up anew the service of the Master and with a deeper sense of responsibility and consecration to put my all on the altar for the salvation of precious souls around me. I realize His coming draweth nigh and the King's business demands haste.

"I sailed from New York on the evening of January 9th, and had quite a rough, stormy trip to Panama. Many of my friends pitied me because I had to go alone, and in the natural I did think it would be a little hard, but just before starting, the Lord gave me such a precious promise from His

Word: 'And the Lord, He it is that doth go before thee; He will be with thee, He will not fail thee, neither forsake thee; fear not, neither be dismayed;' and so, although I did not know a person on board the ship and we were tossed on the stormy deep, His presence was very real and I was kept in sweet peace and joy.

"On the 21st of January I left Panama and started on the trip on the Pacific Ocean which I found much smoother than the Atlantic. When I left New York we were in zero weather, but in a few days we laid winter clothes aside and were soon sweltering in tropical heat, but in coming down the Pacific the temperature became cooler and more comfortable. The vessel stopped at a number of ports and I made some trips ashore which were interesting. On this vessel I had for company some missionaries under the Presbyterian and Methodist Boards which made the trip pleasanter for me.

"The steamer reached Valparaiso February 6th, and my brother came on board the ship to meet me and told me our Conference was in session. So although my ticket was to Talcahuana, I left the steamer, and to gain time, took the first train south arriving at Osorno the evening of the 8th where our Conference was in session. The dear brethren all gave me a kind welcome and it was sweet to be among them again. I realized throughout my long journey that I was being held up in prayer by the dear ones in the homeland for which I am very grateful. My desire is to faithfully lift up Jesus that souls may be saved and sanctified and made ready for His coming. This is a time of great opportunity. The field is white to harvest."

Miss Anna LeFevre writes about the Bible Conference held at Contulmo during the year. She says: "Here in Chile we have no Bible Schools for our native pastors, so several times a year we meet together at one of the mission stations for a week's Bible study. The place of meeting is changed from time to time in order to give each station the advantage of the conference, for it is always a great blessing to the congregation where the conference is held.

"Contulmo is situated about 40 miles from the railroad in a beautiful valley near a large lake surrounded by mountains. Some of the brethren had to leave early Monday morning. On Tuesday morning we joined the party at Victoria. Traveling third-class we arrived at Los Sances, about noon. From here we traveled by horses, ox-carts, and a coach for the ladies.

"The brethren gave very profitable Bible studies and addresses on important themes and methods of Church and Sunday School work. The services were well attended, the Lord's presence was evident, there being daily souls at the altar seeking pardon for which we praise God."

From their last Annual Report we notice that they have in all 36 main stations and 51 outstations. They report 29 organized churches with an aggregate membership of 850 baptized believers. They have 14 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 966. They have sold over a thousand Bibles and Testaments and distributed 38,500 tracts. They have in the whole district 13 Foreign Missionaries and 11 Native Pastors. The native Christians have contributed about \$3,000 U. S. money during the year.

### Africa.

Africa has been called the "Dark Continent." This no doubt is true, and so much the greater is our responsibility. Some people, even among Christian professors, seem to have an aversion toward the colored race.

Susan Ward Hayes said lately at a missionary meeting in Boston:

"I date my interest in foreign missions from hearing Father Lindley speak in my father's church, when I was a little girl. He said: 'People sometimes ask me whether I love those Africans. Love those Africans? Why, I love those Africans as I love no other part of the human race. If some of those people should meet you and learn that you were in any way connected with the men who have gone to live among them and who had given them the



blessed news of salvation, their gratitude toward you would know no bounds. Not unlikely they would stoop down and kiss your hands. And, without much doubt, they would kiss a good many hands so stingy that they had never given a dollar to help those poor Africans'." Dr. Cornelius Patton says, 'I doubt if there is another place in the world where there is such a large measure of gratitude as in Africa.'

Mr. Thomas Moody of the American Board says: "The Catholics are making hay while the sun shines. They are doing absolutely all they can to secure the Belgian Congo for Catholic missions. They are using every method to force the Catholic religion upon the people wherever they can. The government not being able to hold them in check, they are in many places taking territory from our missions, putting their mission stations right in front of ours and taking our students away from us. The government officials will knuckle right down to them and do their will. The judges are making inequitable judgments against the Protestant Christians in favor of the Catholic Christians."

This shows that the country in which our brother and sister Crist and Brother Hess are working is sadly in need of workers to push the work ahead into the unoccupied districts around them before they are occupied, controlled and influenced by the Catholics. No wonder that they are calling for more missionaries to come to their help at once.

From letters and reports received from Brother and Sister E. E. Crist we submit the following:

"We are glad to report that the past year has been one of much blessing in the work. In all 497 were baptized and taken into the church. The entire membership now is 2084. A number of new schools have been opened. The offerings given by these poor people during 1917 amounted to about \$1,300.00. We keep on pushing into new territory as fast as we can get the men ready, otherwise the work would be self-supporting now. Maduda Church sent three teachers into Kinkonzi district, and also sent two men into Portuguese Congo to the north to open a school there.

"The thing that troubles us is not how to get the people saved but how to teach and train those who are saved. Last year we could visit the schools only a few times and this year we are not much better off.

"We have been privileged to attend the Seventh Conference of the Protestant Mission Societies of Congo held at Luebo Kansai. It was a time of blessing for body, soul and spirit. The trip of 1200 miles was filled with special interest. We took a boat from Boma and traveled 50 miles up the Congo River to Matadi, where we took the train next morning. For two days we rode through very romantic scenery. The train was more than twice full. There were passengers within, all that the coaches could accommodate and the roofs were crowded with natives, goats, chickens, dogs and a variety of furniture and food. On the evening of the second day we reached the Kwa River where we took a mission steamer and sailed up the river. Crocodiles and hippopotami were plentiful. After sixteen days on the river we reached Luebo.

"Never shall we forget these days of fellowship, prayer and counsel for the evangelization of all Congo. A few days later the Chairman, Dr. Morrison, after twenty-one years of service for the Master, laid down his life, a victim of dysentery and nervous breakdown. May the Lord help us to go as speedily as possible to the one hundred untouched tribes who have not yet heard the Gospel and bring them the true light and thus hasten His coming.

"We had our first baptismal service at Boma, since our return. Three men were baptized two weeks ago. We have a church of 15 members here now. We have two Evangelists in this district for which we are very thankful. We have wanted someone here for years but could never get anyone to come. Also there was so much greater need up country that we did not feel

like taking anyone from there. Now we have some who have lived here for years, the one was converted here, so we feel they belong here.

"They have found a chief of a village about 15 miles from here who is very much interested in the Gospel. The last time they were there he said he was going to build a roof so they would have a place to gather the people for the services. We have learned since that some other chiefs have been to see him, trying to persuade him to have a Catholic teacher come to his town instead of our teachers. However, he would not consent and when they continued to urge him he said, 'All right, I will do this, we will have a Catholic teacher and a Protestant come and preach to us, and then the one we like best I will keep.' They would not agree to this and so left him. He will have to stand persecution, as the Roman Catholic people are strong in this section. Pray for him and his people. We are longing to see fruit from this district. These people have never had a chance until now.

"Pray for these Evangelists, too, as they were both sick this week, and the family of the best one has also been trying to get him to return to his country. The enemy will not, willingly, give up his hold upon these people, so he often tries to hinder the Evangelists.

"Mrs. Crist and I expect to go to visit some villages next week, spending three or four days in giving them the Gospel. We would like to go oftener, but there seems to be something to hinder most of the time. Another man could find plenty to do here.

"The work up country continues to grow; Mr. Hess has baptized and received into the Maduda church this year about 200 members. Other churches have also had large increases in membership, so we again expect the best year in our history this year.

"We are hoping it will be possible soon to have an Evangelists' school as our teachers need better training. I should have said Bible School. For about three years we have had no one to take it and we feel the need very much.

"We expect to hold our Convention at Kinkonzi next month. We are looking to the Lord for His presence in a marked way. We get very empty sometimes and long for special seasons of refreshing from the Lord.

"Food is very high here now. I suppose this is a common subject, but it seems to be a very necessary one these days. Flour is \$65 a barrel, sugar has been selling as high as 70 cents a pound, American ham \$1.20 a pound and other things in proportion. If we could get our things out from home it would not be so bad, but there has been but one boat from New York since last July. A sailing boat came from New York about a month ago, but it had been chartered to bring out beer, having almost 2,000 cases on, and then they filled up with other things. We have goods waiting in New York since June, 1917, and so far as we know, they are there yet. We should be able to live off the country in a place like this, but it is not possible now. To make matters worse, we had very little rain last season so that the corn crop was a failure. There was an epidemic among the fowls in some sections and they are very scarce now. However, we have not been in want. The Lord has been providing and we believe He will continue to provide. We trust the war will close ere long, and then things will, perhaps, get better.

"Yes, it looks very much as though the Lord was preparing the world for His return. We often wonder just how near His appearing in the clouds is. It will be a day of rejoicing to His chosen ones, but how many will wake up that day to learn that Jesus meant what He said, when He said, 'I will come again'.

"Mabengi, whose photo appears with this report, is one of our oldest teachers and evangelists. He has the care of a church of over 400 members. He has established at least 20 out-schools which are in a flourishing condition. You may have read how he, in a dream, was shown how to construct a brick-making machine and the next day made it and it has proven as satis-



factory as the machine bought by the mission in England. He has a very fine Christian wife."

A Missionary writing in the "Alliance Weekly" concerning one of their conventions for Native Workers and Christians on the Congo says: "One of the services was called a missionary meeting, for such it seemed to some of us, as a representative native from each of the seven churches told of God's working in their midst and in the outlying parts of their districts.

"It was good to hear Mabengi, our veteran teacher from Ndingi, tell of a vision he had received. While reading his Bible one evening, a man had appeared at his side and told him to evangelize in a hitherto untouched country, extending to the coast as far as Babinda. Mabengi obeyed the call, for it was in accordance with Scripture. The Lord manifestly went before and with them, and as a result a school was planted in Portuguese Congo. A young man who was the first to receive the Word with gladness, was shortly afterwards wounded in the hand as a result of a gun explosion, from the effects of which he died. He gave, however, a bright and clear testimony till the end and exhorted all his people to accept Jesus as their Saviour.

"God undoubtedly speaks to the natives in visions, and dreams and Mabengi has often dreamed to some purpose.

"Paku, our ordained pastor, also told of how God had given him a vision showing the power of prayer. During the past year a very severe trial came to him, in that his wife had been unfaithful and seemed to be demon possessed. But in his dream Paku saw how he was hemmed in by the prayers of his brethren and was thus held fast. God also answered prayer and fully restored his wife.

"The Yema congregation (a photo of their church was shown in last year's report), had sent ten men to evangelize a section of the country rendered hostile by the Romanists, and were prepared to send ten more if the first ten were killed, as the people had promised to kill them. The expenses of these men were paid by the church members apart from the regular offerings, and as a result two schools have been placed in that particular part, and fruit is already forthcoming.

"Kinkonzi church (also shown in last year's report) told of additions and of launching out into new parts. Indeed, additions to all the churches were reported."

Brother Crist is the Superintendent of the Belgian Congo Missions.

Rev. E. R. Hess has the oversight of the Maduda District with Kinkonzi the central station of the Belgian Congo Missions as his headquarters. He is kept very busy with his station and outstations, preparations for the erection of a new brick church, looking after schools, etc. The following are quotations from Brother Hess' recent report:

"In our work we are realizing God's blessing and are encouraging ourselves in Him. Throughout the whole field there are evidences of an increase in interest and a corresponding increase in the numbers of those baptized.

"A recent trip through the Maduda district, accompanied by his assistant, brought encouragement to all. The principal schools were visited and many of the outschools. In most of them services were held and examinations for baptism took place.

"The welcome afforded us spoke to us of the heart gratitude of the people for the Gospel which has been brought to them. Everything possible was done for our comfort. Houses were placed at our disposal and food in abundance, and water were supplied.

"The services were times of refreshing and help. They were largely attended and the eagerness with which the Messages were received was good to behold. Very often a nearly motionless audience sat with fixed gaze upon the speaker, so eager were they for God's Message to them.

"The examinations, held in the central schools were wearisome but



interesting. The seasons of sitting were long and the questioning was somewhat slow because of the timidity of the candidates. While some answers were slow and some somewhat ludicrous, many revealed a true and intelligent grasp of the truth, the word of God. Among this class a number of boys and girls distinguished themselves. Thank God the young are receiving the Gospel message and making it their own.

"When the journey was completed and the examinations ended, one hundred (100) candidates had been accepted and they followed their Lord through the waters of baptism. To have beheld the sight was a privilege indeed and joy filled our hearts to overflowing.

"Connected with that memorable day there is a story which is speaking for the glory of God. A woman, one of the first members of the Maduda church, had been put out from church because of some misdeed. She had been seeking readmission and on Saturday June 29 (the day of the baptism) she was to have been interviewed regarding the matter.

"On that day, as usual, she went to her work in her fields. She was as strong and well as at any time in her life. In the evening she returned to her house and having prepared food she set it before her husband. She then lay down to sleep. Some time during the night she awoke with an annoyance in her throat. She called for Mato the leading native worker of the Maduda district. He was not in the town so she asked that the Christians should come for she had something to tell them.

"When they had assembled she said: "For a long time I have been seeking to come back into the Church but you have been telling me to wait. I am now going to heaven. My mother went down the road to Mbungulu (destruction) but I am going to God. He is calling me and His angels are right here to take me. Good-bye."

"Having spoken these words, she turned over as if to sleep—she had gone. Without the least degree of pain or suffering she had been removed from earth to Heaven, from our presence to that of the one in whom she trusted.

"Many such instances are known, relating God's dealings with this ignorant people. Thanks be unto God that the most ignorant may be well acquainted with God and be in tune to His voice.

"We are praising God for several new schools which have been opened in the Maduda and other districts. The faithfulness of teachers and their zeal for the work of God are also matters for thanksgiving. God is graciously working, and in the new additions (521) to the Church of the whole work since the beginning of this year we find cause for thanksgiving and for encouragement. We are constrained to say 'The power of God is the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth'.

"Pray for us—first of all that His work shall not be hindered by the wicked designs of the priests (Catholic) and their children. Pray that the plans for centralization and consolidation of the smaller districts may be accomplished and that thereby the work may prosper. Also pray for definite guidance with regard to the planting of a new station within the borders of the French Congo."

#### Argentina.

Brother Miller, our representative at Saladilla, Argentine, writes, "We praise Him for all the hard trials and rejoice over the victories. God has confirmed His word in the lives of some since we have been here, among whom are 7 Argentinians of mixed Spanish and Indian blood, 3 Hollanders, 1 Spaniard and 1 Italian. A number more are on the way. We invite your prayers for these converts. If you knew what they have to battle against and what they have to come out of! It means hanging on to God for them to get them established, doctrinated and equipped. They are witnessing and shedding the light much faster than we foreigners.





Photo by M. P. Zook. Baptism at Maileff, Chile.

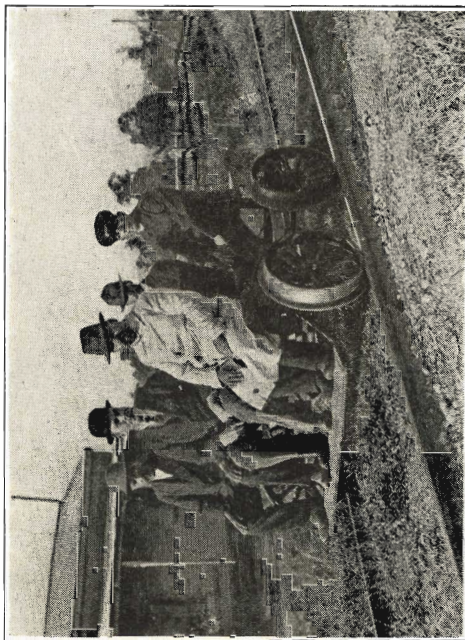


Photo by M. P. Zook. Superintendent Zook, Pastor Higuera (Native) and members on way to baptism at Maileff, Chile.



Photo by M. P. Zook.

#### MISSIONARIES AT CONFERENCE, OSORNO, CHILE.

From left to right—Last Row—Wm. Urquiza, M. Gomez, Andres Urquiza, Arturo Oyarzun, F. Higuera, Emilio Jacobsen, Krauss, Juan Urrea, S. W. Diener. Third Row—Dionisio Oyarzun, H. W. Feldges, Chas. LeFevre, Vital Sanhueza, Ignacio Os, Innocencio Gomez. Second Row—Mrs. Gomez, Harry Gomez, Mrs. Urquiza, Nettie Meyer, Mrs. Zook, Mrs. Feldges, Chas. LeFevre, Miss A. Aeby, Miss Anna LeFevre, Mrs. Diener. Front Row—Lucrecia Urquiza, Anna Urquiza, John B. Grace Feldges, Paul Gomez, Walter Zook, M. P. Zook, Dr. R. H. Glover.





"The Lord is with us and keeps us in body and spirit, giving us assurance that our labor is not in vain. We shall soon enter a new town that lies unoccupied and from which I hear reports of people who are reading the Word. They must hear the witness as well. A colporteur has recently visited and says he sold a good many Bibles and Testaments there. Our group here are standing true in spite of persecution and outside influences of Satanic depression, on material lines. Living is very high and work scarce and poorly remunerated. Pray for this town; with us it is called Roque Perez, and has about 4,000 people. Pray that God may give us a good location and a hall where we can invite the people to and teach them. While the great masses of these people are engulfed in the world of unbelief and sin, there are those here and there who will get saved. Men are talking war and it is hard to get them to listen to the Gospel and get their attention long enough to get them to God and become established. They are being warned and invited and we can do no more but leave the results with God. We are looking upward as well as around us, and want to be found occupying when the Lord comes."

### India.

Rev. and Mrs. S. P. Hamilton arrived in India in the autumn of 1894. From their communications and reports we extract the following: "There were eleven missionaries in our party. Five months after our arrival one of our number fell asleep in Jesus after a few days illness. We laid her away in Bishop Heber's church-yard and her four pall-bearers were the first to become Christians.

"In those days we had no churches; our Sunday meetings were held under trees. Now we have eight church buildings and several 'churches in the house' with the prospect of more.

"Besides these we have ten substantial bungalows, and in addition two well-built orphanages, each large enough to accommodate about five hundred orphans. We have also native houses for twenty-one families in the Bible Training School.

"Twenty-two years ago, before the orphanages came into existence, a dozen boys were studying on our veranda. We had an auto-harp, and how they enjoyed learning Gujarati hymns. Some of them are still living and are now teaching and preaching. These became the nucleus of the Dholka Orphanage later with its teeming numbers of boys, at one time over five hundred. In 1900, during the terrible famine, they were sent to us by cart-loads. The distress was very acute in Gujarat and over a thousand boys and girls were taken into our mission. Fifty of that number are now preaching. Besides the orphans we took one hundred and fifty whose parents were living but too poor to support them. At the close of the famine, we kept twenty-five of that number to educate. Some of them are also preachers now.

"We have had about two thousand baptized believers since the work began. We have now sixty preachers.

"One of the greatest assets of our mission in Gujarat is the splendid band of Indian workers. These are a part of the spiritual family God has given during these twenty-two years of service. As we see these young men agonize with God for the salvation of souls, and hear them preach with such clearness and unction the blessed story of the cross, and we remember that only a few years ago these same men were being taught as children the worship of idols, our own hearts have been much moved, and we are led to exclaim, 'What hath God wrought!' I hope we shall be pardoned when we say that spiritually they stand head and shoulders above the average preacher in the home land. Like good Aquila and Priscilla, they could teach many an Apollo the secret of being filled with the Spirit. We need many more such. Please pray over this problem of multiplication.

"Could you see our Christians gathered together in our large melas (convention), you would feel it worth while to plod on in dark India. It is almost impossible to describe one of these melas. The annual one has just



closed. About five hundred Christians from many different villages, some by train, some on foot, and not a few in 'oxomobiles' came from long distances to attend. The large church in Mehmedabad was filled till all available space was occupied. A new party of missionaries had arrived and with our superintendent and Mrs. Fuller, we numbered twenty-two. A prayer tent was kept especially for those who wished to continue in prayer between the meetings. Several tents were pitched to accommodate the overflow of people, and temporary grass huts were erected for the occasion. The tide of blessing rose very high. One encouraging part of the convention was the setting apart of two men by the laying on of hands to be sent out by the native missionary society to unoccupied districts.

"We have been exceedingly busy during the past year. I am very sure that you have held us up before the throne of grace and I want to thank you for your faithfulness.

"About a year ago we went on a three months' evangelistic tour with 14 of our Indian workers from our Bible Training School. We praise God for all he did on this tour. The people were looking for us to come this year again but then the plague broke out. All our workers, some 60 in number, came here for three months' Bible study. We study the books of the Bible, 'Jesus is Coming,' and 'Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation.' O pray for us that we may be kept from that awful scourge till our work is done. As the end draws near, we may see the judgments of God being poured out upon this earth."

Mrs. Hamilton writes in her last letter:

"We are in great need of prayer. The plague is raging in the villages. They seem to be veritable cities of death. The rats die and the stench of them soon brings the plague to the people. Fleas also inoculate it. The victims live only a few hours. On the whole nearly all of the Christians have been kept, but we have lost four of our workers with it who have laid down their lives in ministering unto others. One Missionary took it but recovered. It has now reached our own bungalow and compound and the rats are dying.

"Some high-caste Hindus," writes Miss Fuller in the India Alliance, "in a plague-infested quarter, who wanted to get rid of their rats without the sin of killing them, caught them alive in traps and turned them loose through the wire fence into our compound. Our cook saw them and managed to kill three of them."

"The plague takes a new form this year. The victim's body turns black and he dies in a few hours. The fever runs very high, the patient is exceedingly delirious and often has to be strapped to the bed. It is very contagious. We do not fear, but these are surely awful days. O pray for us."

Brother M. B. Fuller writes that he had not been so well but the Lord had raised him up again. He thanks us for our prayers for him as well as for the literature sent him to. "On every side are open doors, the people begging the missionaries to come and teach them," he says.

Should the Lord tarry another year we will again pledge our prayers and help to strengthen the hearts and hands of our co-laborers. Let us all, both missionaries abroad and supporters at home, take for our motto "Jehovah-jireh," "The Lord will see or provide" (Gen. 22:14).

For information relative to this important work or concerning contributions toward the same apply to any of our pastors, or write to the Secretary, C. H. Brunner, 819 Gordon Street, Allentown, Pa.

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**Financial**

## Receipts

Received during the year, donations, etc.....		<u>\$200.00</u>
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## Expenditures

## (a) Allowances

Africa—		
E. E. Crist and family.....	\$ 720.00	
E. R. Hess.....	360.00	\$1080.00

Argentina—		
C. H. Miller.....		480.00

Chile—		
M. P. Zook and family.....	\$ 960.00	
H. W. Feldges and family.....	960.00	
Anna Le Fevre.....	480.00	
Manuel Gomez.....	200.00	
Innocencio Gomez.....	200.00	
Dionicio Oyarzun.....	200.00	
Ignacio Riveros.....	200.00	
Mrs. Kate Weiss (at Home).....	360.00	3560.00

China—		
C. F. Snyder and family.....	\$ 720.00	
Wm. Christie.....	360.00	
W. N. Ruhl.....	360.00	
V. G. Plymire.....	360.00	
Grace I. Harkless.....	360.00	2160.00

India—		
M. B. Fuller.....	\$ 360.00	
S. P. Hamilton.....	360.00	720.00

## (b) Miscellaneous

Special Donations paid out.....	\$ 190.00
Half return transportation for Wm. Christie.....	162.50
Increase of Allowances for Oct. 1 to Dec. 13, 1917.....	300.00
Extra, V. G. Plymire.....	75.00
20,000 Missionary Receipt Cards.....	54.00
Printing 250 F. M. Reports.....	40.00
21 Half-tone cuts.....	43.66
150 extra prints of photos for Missionaries.....	10.00
21 Diaries.....	12.60
6,000 F. M. Pledge cards.....	10.00
5 Journals to Missionaries.....	1.25
Postage.....	4.24
14 Subscriptions to	
"Eastern Gospel Banner"	
"Gospel Herald"	
"Christian Life Missionary"	
"Jewels"	
"Teachers' Quarterly"	
17 Wall Rolls	

Total.....	59.30	962.55
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**DIRECTORY****(a) Africa**

Crist, Rev. E. E.  
Crist, Mrs. E. E.  
Hess, Rev. E. R.

Address, Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa.  
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**(b) Argentine, S. A.**

Miller, Rev. C. H.

Address, Saladilla, F. C. S., Argentine, S. A.

**(c) Chile, S. A.**

Feldges, Rev. H. W.  
Feldges, Mrs. H. W.  
Gomez, Manuel

Address, Casilla 202, Osorno, Chile, S. A.  
Address, Casilla 202, Osorno, Chile, S. A.  
Adopted October, 1912. Stationed at Temuco, Chile.

Gomez, Innocencio

Adopted October, 1912. Stationed at Capitan, Pastene, Chile.

Le Fevre, Miss Anna  
Oyarzun, Dionisio

Address, Casilla 57, Valdivia, Chile.  
Adopted October, 1915. Stationed at Lautaro, Chile.

Riveros, Ignacio

Adopted October, 1915. Stationed at Villa Rica, Chile.

Weiss, Mrs. Kate  
Zook, Rev. M. P.  
Zook, Mrs. M. P.

Nyack, N. Y.  
Address, Casilla 312, Temuco, Chile.  
Address, Casilla 312, Temuco, Chile.

**(d) China**

Christie, Rev. Wm.  
Plymire, Rev. V. G.

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Address, Taochow, Old City, Kansu Province, China.

Rhul, Rev. W. N.

Address, Taochow, Old City, Kansu Province, China.

Snyder, Rev. C. F.  
Snyder, Mrs. C. F.

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Address, Hochow, Kansu Province, China.

**(e) Tibet**

Harkless, Miss Grace I.

Address, Min-hsien, Kansu Province, China.

**(f) India**

Fuller, M.A., Rev. M. B.  
Hamilton, Rev. S. P.

Address, Akola, Berar, India.  
Address, Dholka, Gujarat, India.

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

Board.



## XII. Report of the Conference Treasurer

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE TREASURER.

#### (A) Executive Board.

Receipts.			
October 11, 1917, Balance in Treasury.....	\$	261.89	
Received during the year.....		1,763.22	\$ 2,025.11
Expenditures.			
Expended during the year.....		754.74	
Loans paid off.....		1,000.00	
October 11, 1918, Balance in Treasury.....		270.37	\$2,025.11

#### (B) Board of Foreign Missions.

Receipts.			
October 11, 1917, Balance in Treasury.....	\$	18,308.95	
Received during the year.....		483.40	\$ 18,792.35
Expenditures.			
Expended during the year.....	\$	8,990.30	
October 11, 1918, Balance in Treasury.....		9,802.05	\$ 18,792.35

#### (C) Orphanage and Home.

Receipts.			
September 27, 1917, Balance in Treasury.....	\$	5,760.04	
Received during the year.....		24,491.32	\$ 30,251.36
Expenditures.			
Expended during the year.....	\$	25,990.94	
September 27, 1918, Balance in Treasury.....		4,260.42	\$ 30,251.36

#### (D) Board of Publication and Printing.

Receipts.			
October 11, 1917, Balance in Treasury.....	\$	250.23	
(Conference Fund)			
Received during the year.....		206.80	\$457.03
Expenditures.			
Expended during the year.....	\$	377.46	
October 11, 1918, Balance in Treasury.....		79.57	\$457.03

#### (E) Home Mission Fund.

Receipts.			
October 11, 1917, Received at the Annual Conference.....			\$ 4,599.92
Expenditures.			
October 11, 1918, Expended during the year.....			\$ 4,599.92

#### (F) Beneficiary Society.

Receipts.			
October 13, 1917, Balance in Treasury.....	\$	850.89	
Received.....		288.29	
Interest.....		6.38	\$ 1,145.56

Expenditures.			
Expended during the year.....		\$	290.00
October 1, 1918, Balance in Treasury.....		855.56	\$ 1,145.56

Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer.

### XIII. Reading Course

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

##### (A) Examinations for 1918.

###### (a) Applicants, on the Discipline.

W. R. Stengele.....	80
P. T. Stengele.....	100

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

###### (b) Probationers, on the Reading Course.

PROBATIONERS	St. John: Chapters 13-17	Leviticus and Hebrews	First Timothy	Divine Art of Preaching	Reformed Pastor	Lessons in Holiness	Church History	Sell's Bible Study by Books	Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation	Average
First Year's Course										
A. G. Woodring.....	95		84			95	89	79	95	90
W. F. Heffner .....	94		100			88	88	67	93	88
Second Year's Course										
R. W. Dickert.....		87		91	95			89	95	91
J. B. Layne.....		92		90	93			90	90	91
N. H. Wolf.....		89		92	96			96	97	94

##### Examiners:

W. G. Gehman, President,  
E. N. Cassel, Secretary,  
W. S. Hottel,  
Board.



**(B) Studies for 1918-1919.****(a) First Semi-Annual Studies.****First Year's Course.**

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, Walker, Chap. 1-5.

Sell's Bible Study by Books, Chap. 1-17.

Bible, First Timothy.

Horsch's Church History, Pages 1-137.

**Second Year's Course.**

The Divine Art of Preaching, Pierson.

Sell's Bible Study by Books, Chap. 18-32.

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

**Third Year's Course.**

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation (Walker), Chap. 13-end.

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

Nelson on Infidelity.

**(b) Second Semi-Annual Studies.****First Year's Course.**

Lessons in Holiness.

Horsch's Church History, Page 138-end.

Bible, John, Chapters 13-17.

**Second Year's Course.**

Reformed Pastor, Baxter.

Bible, Leviticus and Hebrews.

**Third Year's Course.**

Romans.

Fletcher's Appeal.

Jesus is Coming, by Blackstone.

The first examination shall be held in Philadelphia, Pa., April 14, 1919, at 7 P. M.

The second examination shall be held at Reading, Pa., October 13, 1919, at 7 P. M.

W. G. Gehman, President,

E. N. Cassel, Secretary,

W. S. Hottel,

Board.

**XIV. The Eastern Gospel Banner**

The value of good, sound literature cannot be overestimated. Books are the best thoughts of men and women preserved for the benefit of their fellow-men and for future generations.

The greatest and most popular source of general information is the press. The most successful method for the dissemination of literary, scientific and religious information are the newspapers, journals, magazines and books.

These are the days in which knowledge shall be increased as foretold by the prophet Daniel (Dan. 12:14).

The printing of books and magazines has greatly increased during the last quarter of a century. This is especially true of works on fiction.

While the country is being flooded by false doctrines, Higher Criticism, Russelism, New Thought, and other "damnable heresies," many of them ingeniously disguised, it behooves us to be wide awake and do all we can to spread the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

The promulgators of these dangerous doctrines are often not satisfied by simply offering their wares unto the public, but employ agents, colporters,

and tract distributors who scatter broadcast or urge christian people most strenuously to purchase their books. Thus innocent people are often imposed upon through striking headlines or deceptive titles.

Who should be more capable of giving good advice to the people, especially our own members, as to the best and most useful and wholesome books, etc., that can be procured, than the minister?

Young people in general, some much more than others, love to read. The majority of parents do not spend on an average one hour a month in giving good, wholesome, sound talks to their children on the fundamentals of physical, social, business and religious life. This is a serious error which parents will later on see and regret. Nothing can take the place of proper, wholesome, parental advice, but where this is absent or even when it prevails, a good book or paper has already been of incalculable value. Therefore, the importance of good books and papers cannot be urged too strongly by our pastors upon our people.

It is the aim of the *Eastern Gospel Banner* to present unto its readers the best thoughts of the best and most spiritual writers in original and selected articles for their edification, encouragement and comfort in these last and perilous days.

This paper, though not two years old yet, has met with success above expectation. There is possibly not a home found among the members of our Conference where this paper is not found. Considering the high standard maintained by the contributors of the original matter, the excellent selections, the quality of the paper, the high grade of workmanship, the size (sixteen large pages weekly, 50 issues, without any paid advertisements), the price of the paper has been regarded as very low at \$2.00 per year, or \$1.50 if paid in advance. The regular reading matter outside of reports, announcements, etc., would annually make seven volumes of 500 pages of ordinary books. This religious weekly has made remarkable progress as it is closing its second year, as many as 160 going to one Post Office weekly.

The following officers had been elected at the last Annual Conference for this past year: Editor, C. H. Brunner; Associate Editors, W. S. Hottel, E. N. Cassel, H. K. Kratz, B. Bryan Musselman, H. A. Kauffman, J. G. Shireman and E. E. Kublic. These brethren did splendid service in submitting their weekly, wholesome and edifying articles. Some of them also sent in excellent clippings.

We confess that we feel the loss of our associate, Pastor H. A. Kauffman, very keenly. He always took a great interest in the success of the *Eastern Gospel Banner*, both in submitting excellent articles and securing new subscribers.

Much credit is due to the efforts of the Publishers, the Union Gospel Printing Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, for the superior quality of material and workmanship used and the regularity of its issues.

## XV. Sunday School Lessons

### REPORT OF THE S. S. LESSON COMMITTEE.

The Christian Life Series of Sunday School helps on the International Lessons consists of the following quarterlies: Bible Teachers, Bible Scholars, Home Department, Juvenile Teachers, Intermediate, Junior, Colored Primary Cards and Wall Charts. In one of our large western cities one Sunday School uses over 2,000 Home Department Quarterlies every quarter. This series has now almost completed its fourth year.

The following served during the year again: Editor-in-Chief, W. S. Hottel. Committee: Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; W. G. Gehman, E. N. Cassel and W. S. Hottel.



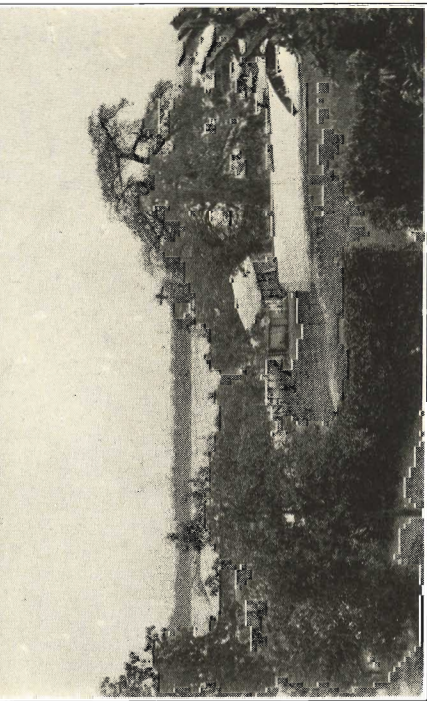


Photo by E. E. Crist. Boma. View from front porch.



Photo by E. E. Crist. One of the pretty islands in the Lulua River.

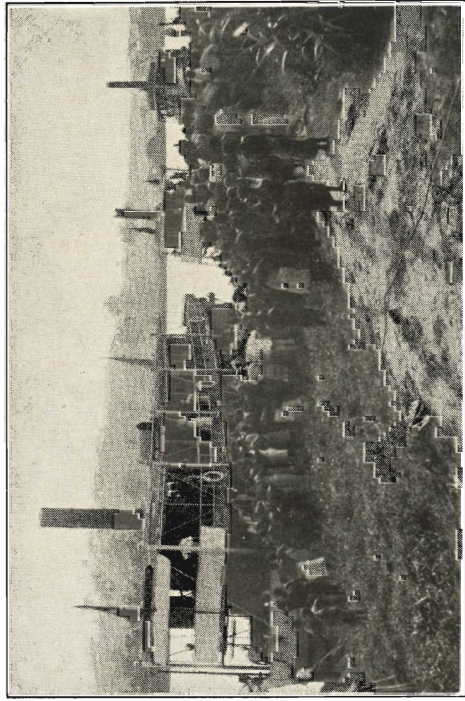


Photo by E. E. Crist. Steamers anchored on the Congo.



Photo from C. H. Miller. Argentine Missionaries.  
C. H. Miller standing fourth from the left.





We hear nothing but the best comments on these helps from many sources. The quality of material and workmanship compares favorably with any on the market and are a credit to the Publishers who also publish the following:

### **The Christian Life Missionary.**

This is a large four-column monthly printed in sections of four pages for every Sunday in the year. This is a paper especially designed for the Sunday School, and the home, for the old folks as well as for the children. It is profusely illustrated with original drawings designed by noted artists especially for this paper. As many as 600 copies are sent to one Sunday School monthly. It is now in its 14th year and is eagerly sought and read by thousands. Published at 50 cents a year, in advance.

### **The Jewels.**

This is a beautiful, illustrated little paper for children and for the primary Department in the Sunday School. It is also printed monthly in sections of four pages for every Sunday of the year. Prices of all these as well as samples can gladly be had by applying to any of our Pastors or by writing to the Union Gospel Printing Co., Cleveland, O.

This reliable and well established publishing house prints only sound, Scriptural religious literature. Besides printing a dozen or more religious periodicals of a high grade, they also publish the Daily Food Wall Rolls, a beautiful twelve-sheet wall calendar with artistic cover printed in many colors. Every page is printed in colors and contains appropriate selections from the Scriptures with numerous side references.

Our Foreign Missionary Board sends a copy of each of these periodicals and wall rolls to each of our Missionaries who appreciate them very highly.

## **XVI. Hymn Book Committee**

### **THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HYMN BOOK COMMITTEE.**

For over a year we have now been using the "Rose of Sharon Hymns" throughout all the churches of the Conference, and also in a number of the Gospel Herald Missions.

The hymns have met with universal approval and much praise. Calls for the books have come from many sources outside of the church and are used with profit and pleasure.

We wish to praise the Lord for this fine collection. During the year 500 copies have been bound in buckram.

In the beginning of the year the books, except those stored with Deputy Brothers, were handed over to W. G. Gehman, Treasurer of the Committee. He reported the sale of 83 copies of the leather-bound edition and 266 copies of the buckram binding.

### **Report of the Treasurer**

#### **Receipts.**

September 27, 1917, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 442.17	
Sale of "Rose of Sharon Hymns".....	1,050.00	\$ 1,492.17

#### **Expenditures.**

Expended binding books, etc....	\$ 896.90	
Paid on loan.....	500.00	
November 4, 1918, Balance in Treasury.....	95.27	\$ 1,492.17

The Committee owes a loan of \$1,600.00.

H. B. Musselman, Chairman,  
C. H. Brunner, Secretary,  
W. G. Gehman, Treasurer,  
E. N. Cassel, J. F. Barrall,  
Committee.

### XVII. Conference Report

The following report was compiled for the *Eastern Gospel Banner* by a Committee consisting of W. G. Gehman, H. K. Kratz and J. C. Roth, appointed by the Chairman.

The Thirty-fifth Session of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania, convened in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church on Tenth Street near Oley Street, Reading, Pa., November 4, 1918, at 7 P. M.

All the Ministers in the active work and all the Delegates were present at the opening of the first meeting.

Marked progress was made during the year along spiritual lines. A large number were saved, baptized, added to the Church, sanctified, and healed. Openings were effected and calls extended to preach the Word outside of the regular preaching places, and a very good interest was manifested by members and friends by the attendance at the various services. The report of the Presiding Elders showed forth their untiring zeal, and devotion to the work as well as their considerateness towards the pastors laboring under them.

The ministry is a unit and are laboring in a sacrificing way for the establishing of the believers and the hastening of the coming of the Lord. The Church is blessed with a noble class of members, through whose loyalty and earnestness much of the success is due.

The Sunday School work has likewise made forward strides; and the Home Department has increased numerically and is exerting a very good influence throughout the Conference.

The prayer meetings are largely attended, which is an indication of a healthy condition of the work.

A large amount of good Gospel literature was scattered and effective mission work was done by the Gospel Herald and Gospel Worker Societies.

The Reports of our Missionaries laboring in the "regions beyond" show that they were greatly used in disseminating good literature, leading to the salvation of souls and building up of the believers.

P. T. Stengele, of Scranton, Pa., and W. R. Stengele, of Harrisburg, Pa., were granted Annual Conference License.

The offerings for the past year were much higher than former years.

For Home and Foreign Missionary work in the various channels the offerings amounted to \$23,624.19 or an average of almost \$12.00 per member. The total offerings for all purposes in the Lord's work throughout the Conference amounted to the large sum of \$116,331.32, or an average of almost \$60 per member. Truly this is of the Lord and we wish to give Him all the praise.

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 re-elected Vice Presiding Elders.

All the Pastors were returned to their former charges, except the following: R. L. Woodring was stationed to Coopersburg, Pa., H. K. Kratz to Spring City and Royersford, Pa., J. B. Layne to Easton, Pa., and V. H. Reinhart, to Sunbury, Pa.



Rev. William Gehman, Vera Cruz, Pa., Rev. Horace A. Kauffman, Spring City, Pa., Gospel Herald A. P. Deckman, Scranton, Pa., and Sarah, wife of Rev. J. G. Shireman, Stroudsburg, Pa., departed this life during the year.

Although the Conference was postponed for a few weeks due to the Spanish Influenza epidemic, the Lord in a wonderful manner over-ruled in Conference matters.

Harmony prevailed and forbearance was shown towards one another. The Conference closed with the blessing of God resting upon it.

### XVIII. Ministerial Conventions

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

The fifteenth Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention convened in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, Chestnut St., Emaus, Pa., on Thursday, April 11, 1918.

The Presiding Elders of both districts and all the Pastors with one exception were present as well as quite a number of their families.

The forenoon meeting opened at 9.45 by H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District, who gave us a very profitable talk on "The Mind of Christ," from the second chapter of Ephesians.

#### AFTERNOON MEETING.

The afternoon meeting was opened at 2 o'clock with devotional exercises by the Chairman, Pastor R. L. Woodring of Easton, Pa. The Secretary, Pastor H. A. Kauffman of Spring City recorded the minutes.

After the enrollment of the members of the Convention the Secretary read the minutes of the previous Semi-Annual Convention, the Convention bar was fixed and the following Committees were appointed by the Chairman:

**Committee on Resolutions**—J. G. Shireman, E. N. Cassel, E. T. Shick.

**Committee on Publication**—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, J. F. Barrall.

**Committee on Absentees**—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, G. F. Yost.

**Timekeeper**—H. K. Kratz.

**Reporter**—J. C. Roth.

Pastor F. M. Hottel of Philadelphia then read a very timely and practical essay on "The True Minister and His Work for These Days." This essay was very helpful and the discussions which followed were profitable.

Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, of Reading, Pa., then opened a discussion of the subject: "What Constitutes a True Christian?" This discussion as well as those that followed were very practical and helpful.

#### EVENING MEETING.

The evening meeting opened at 7.30 with a song service in charge of the Pastor, J. C. Roth.

At 7.45 Pastor C. H. Brunner of Allentown, Pa., gave a very practical and searching twenty minute message on the subject: "Truth for These Last Days."

After some special singing, another very helpful and Scriptural twenty-minute message was delivered by Pastor W. S. Hottel of Bethlehem, Pa., on the subject, "The Pastor His Own Evangelist."

In spite of the cold and gloomy weather the church was well filled in the afternoon and crowded to its utmost capacity in the evening.

The entertainment furnished by the Pastor and his helpful staff of assistants from his classes at Emaus and Macungie was abundant and fully adequate for all the comfort and needs of the body.

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

R. L. Woodring, Chairman,  
H. A. Kauffman, Secretary.

(b) **Annual Ministerial Convention.**

There was none held this year on account of the Influenza quarantine at this time.

**XIX. Sunday School Conventions**

**REPORT FOR 1918**

(a) **Bethlehem District.**

The Thirtieth Annual Sunday School Convention of the Bethlehem District of the Pennsylvania Conference convened in the Emmanuel United Evangelical Church, on the corner of Union and Center Streets, Bethlehem, Pa., on Memorial Day, May 30, 1918.

The convention was opened by the Chairman, E. N. Cassel of South Allentown, Pa., at 9.15 a. m. This being a day of humiliation and prayer called by the President, a number of prayers were offered invoking God's blessing upon those in authority in the government, and upon the church, as well as upon the convention.

The Minutes were recorded by Pastor H. A. Kauffman of Spring City, Pa.

The Presiding Elder and all the pastors of the district were present as well as all the Superintendents and Delegates. Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman of the Mt. Carmel District was also present.

The Chairman appointed the following Committees:

**Committee on Resolutions**—C. H. Brunner, B. Bryan Musselman, G. F. Yost.

**Committee on Publication**—H. B. Musselman, H. K. Kratz, A. G. Woodring.

**Committee on Statistics**—R. W. Dickert, A. Gaumer, Myron H. Gehret.

**Committee on Absentees**—W. S. Hottel, F. M. Hottel, B. Bryan Musselman.

**Committee on Finance**—E. T. Shick, H. L. Shelly, F. M. Hottel.]

**Committee to Read Minutes**—O. S. Hillegass, J. C. Roth.

**Reporter**—W. S. Hottel.

**Timekeeper**—R. W. Dickert.

The Oral, Statistical and Financial reports of the Superintendents of the eighteen Sunday Schools represented, were very interesting, instructive and encouraging.

**AFTERNOON MEETING.**

The following essay was read and discussed: "The Sunday School Teacher" by A. Gaumer, Allentown, Pa.

This was followed by two discussions, First, "The Sunday School Superintendent," opened by Pastor H. A. Kauffman, Spring City, Pa.

Second, "The Home Department," opened by H. S. Jones, Bethlehem, Pa.

Both the essay and discussions were full of very instructive and suggestive points, helpful for the better preparation of the Sunday School workers.



## EVENING MEETING.

The evening meeting was in charge of Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman. After a brief song service, fifteen-minute addresses were delivered on the following subjects.

"The Early Conversion of Children," Pastor C. H. Brunner, Allentown, Pa.

"The Christian Home," Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, Reading, Pa.

"Fragments that Remain," Pastor W. S. Hottel, Bethlehem, Pa.

Special selections were sung during the day by the Male Quartet, Junior Male Quartet, Female Quartet and Male Chorus of Bethlehem, and the Male Quartet of Allentown, which were very much appreciated.

Pastor W. S. Hottel and the congregation at Bethlehem furnished excellent entertainment for the Convention. They had secured the very commodious and spacious Emmanuel U. E. Church for this occasion. This church was filled up at all the services and no doubt the Convention left a good impression upon all who attended.

## Statistics.

Sunday Schools Represented.....	18	Scholars Enrolled.....	2579
Officers Enrolled.....	140	Total Enrollment.....	2984
Teachers Enrolled.....	265	Home Department Members.....	1493

Note: The Home Department Members are not added to the total enrollment of any Sunday School.

The total offerings from the various Sunday Schools toward the expenses of the Convention amounted to \$216.43.

## Report of the Treasurer.

## Receipts.

May 30, 1917, Balance in Treasury.....	\$4.04	
Received at this Convention from the various Sunday Schools.....	216.43	\$220.47

## Expenditures.

Expended at this Convention.....	\$ 55.78	
Donated to the Executive Board.....	160.00	
May 30, 1918, Balance in Treasury.....	4.69	\$220.47

**Committee on Program**—H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, W. S. Hottel.

E. N. Cassel, Chairman  
H. A. Kauffman, Secretary  
F. M. Hottel, Treasurer.

## (b) Mount Carmel District

The Thirtieth Annual Sunday School Convention of the Mt. Carmel District of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of the Pennsylvania Conference convened in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Chapel, Broad St., Nazareth, Pa., on Wednesday May 22nd, 1918.

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 Pastors G. F. Yost, R. W. Dickert, W. S. Hottel, A. G. Woodring, C. H. Brunner, F. M. Hottel of the Bethlehem District, and J. W. Juergensen, N. M. Cressman and F. N. Sperry of the Gospel Herald Society.

E. E. Kublic of Lehighton, Pa., was Chairman of the convention, J. F. Barrall of Shamokin, Pa., recorded the Minutes, and R. L. Woodring of Easton, Pa., was Treasurer.

The Chair appointed the following committees:

**Committee on Statistics**—J. F. Barrall, J. B. Layne and E. C. Goucher.

**Committee on Finance**—R. L. Woodring, Wm. E. Manney and V. H. Reinhart.

**Committee on Publication**—W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman and J. H. Bruch.

**Committee on Resolutions**—J. G. Shireman, N. H. Wolf and P. T. Stengele.

**Committee on Auditing**—R. Bergstresser and C. E. Witt.

**Timekeeper**—E. J. Rutman.

**Reporter**—W. W. Zimmerman.

The oral reports of the superintendents from the various Sunday Schools were very interesting and gratifying. "Progress" is the motto of all the schools in the district according to the different reports given. Much improvement on all lines was reported. All finances are in good standing.

Much satisfaction was expressed throughout the district relative to the "Christian Life" series of Sunday School lesson helps.

The following essay was read, discussed and adopted in the forenoon: "The Superintendent and His Work," by N. H. Wolf of Philadelphia, Pa.

#### AFTERNOON MEETING.

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

First, "The Teacher's Preparation and Application of the Lesson," J. B. Layne, Sunbury, Pa.

Second, "The Relation between the Christian Home and the Sunday School," E. C. Goucher, 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.

The class at Nazareth entertained the convention most cordially under the noble leadership of W. F. Heffner. 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 meeting was in charge of Pastor W. F. Heffner. The brethren had secured the large local Moravian Church for this service.

Two addresses were given as follows: "Christian Unity," Pastor R. Bergstresser, Mount Carmel, Pa.

"The Early Conversion of Children; Influences that Hinder and Promote the Same," Pastor J. G. Shireman, Stroudsburg, Pa.

The Church was filled to the door during the day and the evening audience in the Moravian Church was very large.

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

The members left this convention, returning to their respective Sunday Schools with renewed courage and fervor for the work of the Master in the future.

#### Statistics.

Sunday Schools Represented.....	13	Scholars Enrolled.....	1154
Officers Enrolled.....	84	Total Enrollment.....	1354
Teachers Enrolled.....	116	Home Department Members...	109
Cradle Roll.....	82		

**Note:** The Home Department and Cradle Roll Members are not counted in with the total enrollment of any Sunday School.



**Report of the Treasurer.****Receipts.**

May 23, 1917, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 6.27	
Offerings for Convention Expenditures.....	139.99	\$146.26

**Expenditures.**

Expended at this Convention.....	\$ 100.89	
Donated to the Executive Board.....	45.00	
May 22, 1918, Balance in Treasury.....	.37	\$146.26

**Committee on Program**—W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman, R. L. Woodring.

E. E. Kublic, Chairman,  
J. F. Barrall, Secretary,  
R. L. Woodring, Treasurer.

**XX. Announcements for 1919.****(A) SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS****(a) Report of the Committee to Organize for the Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention for 1919.**

This Convention shall convene at Allentown, Pa., on Friday (Memorial Day), May 30, 1919.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, A. G. Woodring; Treasurer, F. M. Hottel.

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

There shall be two meetings. The advisability of having an evening service shall be left to the discretion of the Committee on Program.

A hearty invitation shall be 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.

W. S. Hottel, Chairman,  
F. M. Hottel, Secretary.

**(b) Report of the Committee to Organize for the Mt. Carmel [District Sunday School Convention for 1919.**

This Convention shall convene at Shamokin, Pa., on Wednesday, May 21, 1919.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, R. Bergstresser; Secretary, W. F. Heffner; Treasurer, J. F. Barrall.

Committee on Program: W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman, and J. F. Barrall.

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 advisability of having an evening service shall be left to the discretion of the Committee on Program.

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

J. G. Shireman, Chairman,  
J. F. Barrall, Secretary.

**(B) MINISTERIAL CONVENTIONS****(a) Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention.**

This Convention is announced to convene in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church at 3362 Goodman Street, Philadelphia, on Wednesday, April 16, 1919.

Chairman, W. G. Gehman; Secretary, R. W. Dickert.

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

**(b) Annual Ministerial Convention.**

This Convention is announced to convene in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church on Tenth Street near Oley Street, Reading, Pa., Wednesday, October 14, 1919.

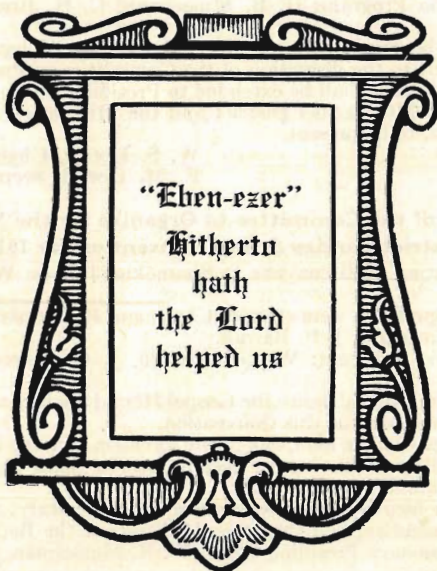
Chairman, J. G. Shireman; Secretary, H. K. Kratz.

Committee on Program: H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, B. Bryan Musselman.

**(C) ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The Thirty-sixth Annual Conference Session shall convene, should the Lord tarry, in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church on Tenth Street near Oley Street, Reading, Pa., at 8 A. M. on Thursday, October 15, 1919.

Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; Treasurer, Allen M. Gehman.





## XXI. Report of the Committee on Finance

## Receipts, October 10, 1918

Appointments	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Foreign Mission in S. S.	For the Poor	Beneficiary Fund	Annual Conference Fund	Total
<b>Bethlehem District</b>							
Bethlehem.....	\$ 925 75	\$ 959 75	\$ 868 80	\$ 72 00	\$ 24 00	\$ 28 00	\$ 2,878 30
Allentown.....	780 37	1,060 00	606 93	36 50	40 80	26 16	2,550 76
Reading.....	376 25	444 60	411 79	30 50	17 50	17 25	1,297 89
Philadelphia.....	461 75	372 50	371 00	35 00	25 00	20 00	1,285 25
Spring City.....	176 46	202 50	161 68	7 00	5 53	3 50	556 67
Royersford.....	124 07	141 35	134 97	12 51	6 98	5 25	425 13
Coopersburg.....	337 08	292 70	241 44	12 23	6 26	6 61	896 32
Springtown.....	21 50	27 00		1 50	1 25	75	52 00
So. Allentown.....	166 75	174 25	176 85	15 62	7 15	7 25	547 87
Fleetwood.....	140 00	134 00	163 08	10 80	5 00	3 00	455 88
Blandon.....	62 50	63 50	59 13	3 68	2 09	2 57	193 47
Terre Hill.....	151 75	176 75	67 21	18 00	3 01	3 30	420 02
Graterford.....	141 05	101 00	177 87	9 05	4 64	2 64	436 25
Harleysville.....	85 50	87 85	45 61	5 30	3 32	1 80	229 38
Quakertown.....	91 21	113 85	127 45	18 46	11 31	4 56	366 84
Hatfield.....	53 50	41 25		5 50	1 80	1 80	103 85
Zionsville.....	143 20	130 80	169 10	13 65	5 57	3 68	466 00
Emaus.....	151 75	228 25	190 22	20 85	14 25	5 25	610 57
Macungie.....	146 75	136 25	84 88	7 30	8 45	3 45	387 08
Northampton.....	55 55	37 75	57 36	5 61	3 57	2 50	162 34
Walnutport.....	63 35	35 25	47 18	3 25	3 10	2 49	154 62
Total.....	\$4656 09	\$4961 15	\$4162 55	\$344 31	\$200 58	\$151 81	\$ 14476 49
<b>Mt. Carmel Dist.</b>							
Shamokin.....	\$ 198 35	\$ 145 75	\$ 218 43	\$ 12 25	\$ 6 00	\$ 7 00	\$ 587 78
Easton.....	183 00	182 00	167 40	11 75	8 30	7 85	560 30
Stroudsburg.....	77 25	98 30	100 13	5 00	5 00	5 00	290 68
Mt. Carmel.....	46 05	45 35	68 35	5 16	5 80	2 78	173 49
Sunbury.....	189 85	60 00	146 12	15 00	5 25	4 25	420 47
Nazareth.....	114 40	71 70	81 12	5 60	6 01	4 16	282 99
Plainfield.....	34 00	26 25	13 15	5 00	1 80	1 61	81 81
Lehighton.....	94 56	66 45	72 39	4 40	3 50	3 17	244 47
Gospel Herald Society.			495 24				495 24
Total.....	\$ 937 46	\$ 695 80	\$1362 33	\$ 64 16	\$ 41 66	\$ 35 82	\$ 3,137 23
Grand Total.....	\$5593 55	\$5656 95	\$5524 88	\$408 47	\$242 24	\$187 63	\$17,613 72

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

Committee.





Appointments	Sunday Schools					Church Property				Offerings								
	Prayer Meeting Classes	New Classes Organized	M. B. in. C. S. S.	New M. B. in. C. S. S.	Officers and Teachers Enrolled	Scholars Enrolled	Total Enrollment	Total Attendance	Home Dept. Members	Subscribers to Eastern Gospel Banner	Church Property	Present Valuation of Church Property	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Foreign Missions in Sunday Schools	For the Poor		
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.																		
W. S. Hottel.....	4	1	1	1	42	305	347	267	325	156	1	\$10,200 00	\$925 75	\$959 75	\$868 80	72 00		
C. H. Brunner.....	4	1	1	1	53	242	296	287	308	*206	1	12,500 00	780 37	1,060 00	606 93	36 50		
C. B. Musselman.....	3	1	1	1	33	236	269	209	131	54	1	14,000 00	376 25	444 60	411 79	30 50		
F. M. Hottel.....	3	1	1	1	36	217	253	186	115	85	1	14,000 00	461 75	372 50	371 00	35 00		
H. K. Kratz.....	3	1	1	1	18	120	138	89	176	29	1	5,000 00	337 08	292 70	241 44	12 23		
Coopersburg.....	3	1	1	1	18	120	138	89	176	29	1	5,000 00	337 08	292 70	241 44	12 23		
Springtown.....	3	1	1	1	27	166	193	115	105	2	1	1,500 00	21 50	27 00	241 44	1 50		
So. Allentown.....	3	1	1	1	27	166	193	115	105	31	1	5,300 00	166 75	174 25	176 85	15 62		
H. A. Kaufman.....	1	1	1	1	23	77	100	92	105	35	1	4,650 00	176 46	202 50	161 68	7 00		
Spring City.....	1	1	1	1	19	123	142	100	92	39	1	4,000 00	124 07	141 35	134 97	12 51		
Royersford.....	1	1	1	1	15	58	72	58	62	14	1	5,050 00	143 20	130 80	169 10	13 65		
O. S. Hillegass.....	2	1	1	1	22	124	146	109	34	21	1	7,800 00	151 75	228 25	190 22	20 85		
J. C. Roth.....	2	1	1	1	22	124	146	109	34	21	1	2,050 00	146 75	136 25	84 88	7 30		
Macungie.....	1	1	1	1	13	48	61	45	55	14	1	4,800 00	140 00	134 00	163 08	10 80		
Fleetwood.....	1	1	1	1	13	93	106	64	55	14	1	2,000 00	62 50	63 50	59 13	3 68		
Blanton.....	1	1	1	1	12	91	103	53	51	4	1	3,500 00	151 75	176 75	67 21	18 00		
Terre Hill.....	1	1	1	1	18	111	129	69	34	17	1	7,500 00	91 21	113 85	127 45	18 46		
Quakertown.....	1	1	1	1	16	70	86	62	34	17	1	1,500 00	53 50	41 25	127 45	5 50		
Hatfield.....	1	1	1	1	16	87	103	83	32	19	1	5,800 00	141 05	101 00	177 87	9 05		
Graterford.....	2	1	1	1	16	76	92	62	45	9	1	1,000 00	85 50	87 85	45 61	5 30		
Harleysville.....	1	1	1	1	16	76	92	62	45	9	1	5,250 00	55 55	37 75	57 36	5 61		
Northampton.....	1	1	1	1	14	79	93	55	18	16	1	3,850 00	63 35	35 25	47 18	3 25		
A. G. Woodring.....	2	1	1	1	14	79	93	55	18	16	1	3,850 00	63 35	35 25	47 18	3 25		
Walnutport.....	2	1	1	1	14	79	93	55	18	16	1	3,850 00	63 35	35 25	47 18	3 25		
Total.....	38	11	18	406	2324	2729	2005	1429	800	21	14	3(\$13,300 00)	\$121,250 00	\$4,656 09	\$4,961 15	\$4,162 55	\$344 31	
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																		
R. L. Woodring.....	1	1	1	1	18	137	155	90	108	23	1	9,000 00	183 00	182 00	167 40	11 75		
J. G. Shireman.....	1	1	1	1	17	78	95	76	47	18	1	9,500 00	77 25	98 30	100 13	5 00		
J. F. Barrall.....	3	1	1	1	32	129	161	117	76	38	1	10,600 00	198 35	145 75	218 43	12 25		
Shamokin.....	1	1	1	1	17	95	112	88	13	14	1	5,300 00	46 05	45 35	68 35	5 16		
Mt. Carmel.....	1	1	1	1	14	60	74	55	13	13	1	3,000 00	114 40	71 70	81 12	5 00		
Nazareth.....	1	1	1	1	14	60	74	55	13	13	1	5,000 00	34 00	26 25	13 15	5 00		
Plainfield.....	1	1	1	1	8	37	45	36	3	3	1	3,000 00	94 56	66 45	72 39	4 40		
Leighton.....	1	1	1	1	14	53	67	45	48	100	1	3,000 00	94 56	66 45	72 39	4 40		
E. E. Kubic.....	1	1	1	1	1	88	105	94	108	22	1	1,300 00	189 85	60 00	146 12	15 00		
Weissport.....	1	1	1	1	1	88	105	94	108	22	1	4,500 00	189 85	60 00	146 12	15 00		
J. B. Layne.....	2	1	1	1	17	88	105	94	108	22	1	4,500 00	189 85	60 00	146 12	15 00		
Sunbury.....	2	1	1	1	17	88	105	94	108	22	1	4,500 00	189 85	60 00	146 12	15 00		
W. G. Gehman, Pres.....	1	1	1	1	57	340	487	245	11	11	1	4,500 00	189 85	60 00	146 12	15 00		
G. H. Society.....	1	1	1	1	57	340	487	245	11	11	1	4,500 00	189 85	60 00	146 12	15 00		
Total.....	9	21	7	194	1107	1301	846	108	242	9	4	1	4,200 00	52,700 00	937 46	1,191 04	867 09	64 16
Orphanage Home.....																		
Mizpah Grove.....																		
Grand Total	47	31	25	600	3431	4030	2851	1537	1042	30	18	4	\$24,487 51	\$233,642 82	\$85,593 55	\$6,152 19	5,029 64	408 47

NOTE\*—This includes 29 to Missionaries and their friends.

NOTE\*—This includes 29 to Missionaries and their friends.



## XXII. CONFERENCE. Report of the Committee on Statistics—Continued

Appointments	Pastors	Church Properties	Repairing Properties	Parsonage and Hall Rent	Sundry Expenses	Sunday Schools	Presiding Elders	Missionary Presiding Elder	Ministers in Cash	Ministers in Other Contributions	Beneclary Fund	Gospel Worker Society	Tabernacle Missionary or Evangelical Work
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.													
Bethlehem.....	W. S. Hottel.....	\$2,257 05	\$ 291 69		\$ 867 39	\$1,662 73	\$ 444 15	\$ 216 00	\$ 1,527 66	\$ 414 00	\$ 24 00	\$ 695 12	\$ 41 60
Allentown.....	C. H. Brunner.....	400 00	324 75		499 72	859 97	400 90	168 40	1,072 65	263 09	40 80	484 87	190 00
Reading.....	C. B. Musselman.....	932 00		235 10	565 63	518 39	375 00	133 03	866 86	237 00	17 50	464 70	215 00
Philadelphia.....	F. M. Hottel.....	1,202 35		56 77	545 74	537 39	369 00	126 50	1,134 30	335 00	25 00	263 35	184 85
Coopersburg.....	H. K. Kratz.....				116 28	185 24	144 62	38 40	619 75	155 00	6 26	103 07	27 25
Springtown.....	E. N. Cassel.....	711 00		185 40	171 70	260 97	195 65	5 00	39 00	5 42	1 25	4 00	
So. Allentown.....	H. A. Kaufman.....				363 28	200 46	137 00	32 21	649 15	137 53	7 15	144 00	
Spring City.....	Royersford.....				348 45	240 66	130 00	37 29	418 20	135 04	5 53	95 25	52 00
Zionsville.....	O. S. Hillegass.....				151 11	73 58	104 49	21 98	345 65	104 71	6 98	111 85	48 92
Emaus.....	J. C. Roth.....	3,040 36		97 50	293 69	266 49	112 10	35 50	679 05	270 90	14 25	37 70	145 50
Macungie.....	G. F. Yost.....	244 00		58 50	111 57	44 98	112 25	25 80	214 93	87 86	8 45	36 71	65 50
Fleetwood.....					206 70	82 34	70 00	20 95	312 45	113 88	5 00	54 50	34 00
Blandon.....					60 84	74 67	146 30	13 42	193 30	37 60	2 09	34 65	25 00
Terre Hill.....	R. W. Dickert.....	99 49	399 74	242 35	106 52	114 79	77 02	26 79	199 20	85 07	3 01	51 16	69 18
Quakertown.....	Hatfield.....			44 55	37 18	120 84	68 68	9 14	306 35	95 15	11 31	45 42	11 24
Graterford.....	E. T. Shick.....	208 61		84 35	75 56		13 13	13 13	443 85	38 90	1 80	22 54	
Harleysville.....	A. G. Woodring.....	198 50		39 65	39 92	181 88	65 96	11 58	194 45	176 75	3 32	48 93	
Northampton.....		103 00		163 25	131 15		50 00	15 28	220 45	106 50	3 57	27 85	
Walnutport.....				95 76	97 75	101 66	83 75	17 98	173 85	109 75	3 10	40 22	
Total.....		\$9,396 36	\$1,016 18	\$1,303 18	\$4,950 23	\$5,702 30	\$3,227 77	\$1,053 70	\$10,059 65	\$3,190 38	\$200 58	\$2,867 75	\$1,110 04
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.													
Easton.....	R. L. Woodring.....	675 00		219 75	427 88	155 49	168 50	38 25	490 95	150 00	8 30	82 50	82 00
Stroudsburg.....	J. G. Shireman.....	438 45		247 45	304 46	134 76	141 00	18 80	540 55	112 57	5 00	77 07	203 57
Shamokin.....	J. F. Barrall.....	540 89		162 00	214 27	272 81	166 50	37 10	532 80	135 60	6 00	96 56	148 50
Mt. Carmel.....	R. Bergstresser.....		113 80	160 41	198 38	155 01	79 11	12 05	336 60	83 25	5 80	37 31	17 81
Nazareth.....	W. F. Hefner.....	125 00		154 25	225 54	127 30	128 71	22 41	283 75	162 32	6 01	51 63	13 00
Plainfield.....	E. E. Kubic.....	470 00		26 05	15 63	43 87	7 10	7 10	62 05	34 83	1 80	10 08	5 00
Lehighon.....				192 00	104 44	108 67	104 50	19 73	263 55	206 23	3 50	30 90	33 50
Weissport.....													
Sunbury.....	J. B. Layne.....			104 30	373 24	213 50	154 69	17 35	303 05	136 00	5 25	64 86	
G. H. Society.....	W. G. Gehman, Pres.....			1,937 00	2,983 04	716 79	523 03	37 34	1,409 51			166 98	600 03
Total.....		2,249 34	274 21	3,042 80	4,846 88	1,928 20	1,466 04	210 13	2,813 30	2,430 31	41 66	617 89	1,103 41
Grand Total		\$11,645 70	\$1,290 39	\$4,345 98	\$9,797 11	\$7,630 50	\$4,693 81	\$1,263 83	\$12,872 95	\$5,620 69	\$242 24	\$3,485 64	\$2,213 45



## Offerings—Concluded

Appointments	Pastors	Camp Meetings	Sunday School Conventions	Annual Conference Fund.	Annual Conference Delegate	Benevolent Society	Subscriptions and Literature Sold	Armenian and Red Cross Relief	Total Offerings
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.									
Bethlehem.....	W. S. Hottel.....		\$37 95	\$28 00	\$22 10	\$208 50	\$1,412 94	\$496 00	\$13,473 18
Alentown.....	C. H. Brunner.....		30 50	26 16	23 25	198 50	701 88	370 07	8,631 31
Reading.....	B. B. Musselma.....		13 75	17 25	24 00	97 00	585 00	36 00	6,598 35
Philadelphia.....	F. M. Hottel.....		22 00	20 00	38 00	103 00	790 00		6,936 73
Coopersburg.....	H. K. Kratz.....		8 72	6 61	8 00	8 00	90 37	172 31	2,630 10
Springtown.....				75 00		2 00	8 00		115 42
So. Allentown.....	E. N. Cassel.....		12 50	7 25	16 00	20 50	153 35	140 00	3,400 07
Spring City.....	H. A. Kaufman.....		9 20	3 50	10 52	32 00	393 00	52 00	2,486 83
Royersford.....			9 25	5 25	11 75	21 00	317 05	60 00	2,211 71
Zionsville.....	O. S. Hillegass.....		5 77	3 68		16 00	33 13	227 18	1,585 95
Emaus.....	J. C. Roth.....		8 25	5 25	7 35	20 00	111 20	73 00	5,850 63
Macungie.....			4 75	3 45	11 00	19 00	64 95		1,488 88
Fleetwood.....	G. F. Yost.....		6 00	3 00	6 25	44 50	132 00	20 00	1,559 45
Blandon.....			6 00	2 57	5 75	19 00	38 00	16 71	864 71
Terre Hill.....			9 85	3 30	5 40		85 00		1,580 56
Quakertown.....	R. W. Dickert.....		7 00	4 56	17 64	42 00	141 73	108 50	2,043 73
Hatfield.....				1 80	2 36	14 50	37 70	21 25	454 96
Graterford.....	E. T. Shick.....		7 64	2 64	8 27	21 50	78 50	70 16	1,860 29
Harleysville.....				1 80	5 50	38 50	38 50	73 00	897 38
Northampton.....	A. G. Woodring.....		8 30	2 50	9 75	47 50	94 85	8 34	1,425 94
Walnutport.....			7 00	2 49	7 75	5 50	256 50	8 32	1,263 41
Mizpah Grove.....	Camp Meeting.....	4,699 26							
Total.....		4,699 26	216 43	151 81	242 64	940 00	5,655 65	1,952 84	72,060 85
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.									
Easton.....	R. L. Woodring.....		18 00	7 85	20 00	51 00	144 95	30 00	3,314 57
Stroudsburg.....	J. G. Shireman.....		10 25	5 00	20 00	31 00	188 80	67 50	2,826 91
Shamokin.....	J. F. Barrall.....		15 25	7 00	20 00	4 50	929 55	25 00	4,002 91
Mt. Carmel.....	R. Bergstresser.....		12 00	2 78	10 00	16 50	103 45	7 00	1,402 37
Nazareth.....	W. F. Hefner.....		8 22	4 16	18 75	18 50	167 26	5 00	1,794 63
Plainfield.....			2 28	1 61	5 60	2 00	43 50		339 80
Lewington.....	E. E. Kubic.....		6 00	3 17	13 56	10 00	885 58	12 00	2,705 13
Weissport.....									
Swatara.....	J. B. Layne.....		24 00	4 25	27 00	29 00	509 34		2,347 80
C. H. Society.....	W. G. Gehman, Pres.....		173 82				15,257 11		24,328 89
Mizpah Grove.....		1,207 46							
Total.....		1,207 46	269 82	35 82	134 91	162 50	18,229 54	146 50	44,270 47
Grand Total.....		5,906 72	486 25	187 63	377 55	1,102 50	23,885 19	2,099 34	116,331 32

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

## ROLL AND DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS

## I. Itinerants

NAME	Licensed	Ordained	Received Present Charge	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Barrall, J. F. ....	1901	1904	1917	710 E. Sunbury St., Shamokin, Pa.
Bergstresser, R. ....	1901	1904	1917	132 W. 4th St., Mt. Carmel, 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.
Gehman, W. G. ....	1896	1899	P. E	1846 Fairview Ave., Easton, Pa.
Heffner, W. F. ....	1917		1918	49 S. Whitfield St., Nazareth, Pa.
Hillegass, O. S. ....	1889	1892	1914	Zionsville, Pa.
Hottel, F. M. ....	1905	1909	1914	3362 Goodman St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Hottel, W. S. ....	1900	1903	1914	26 W. Laurel St., Bethlehem, Pa.
Kratz, H. K. ....	1906	1909	1918	311 Yost Ave., Spring City, Pa.
Kubic, E. E. ....	1901	1907	1915	334 Cypress St., Lehigh, Pa.
Layne, J. B. ....	1916		1918	119 S. 14th St., Easton, 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	1918	936 Oley St., Reading, Pa.
Reinhart, V. H. ....	1907	1909	1918	942 Augusta St., Sunbury, Pa.
Roth, J. C. ....	1900	1903	1915	25 N. Fifth St., 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	1918	Coopersburg, Pa.
Woodring, A. G. ....	1917		1917	Walnutport, Pa.
Yost, G. F. ....	1908	1913	1918	Fleetwood, Pa.
Zimmerman, W. W. ....	1899	1901	1917	25 S. Fifth St., Lebanon, Pa.

## II. Annual Conference Licensed Preachers

Anderson, J. T. ....	1909		Gospel Herald Society.
Stengele, P. T. ....	1918		" " "
Stengele, W. R. ....	1918		" " "
Wolfe, N. H. ....	1916		" " "

## III. Quarterly Conference Licensed Missionaries

Brunner, Mrs. C. H. ....	1892		Allentown, Pa.
Fretz, W. J. ....	1898		Bethlehem, Pa.
Gehman, H. M. ....	1897		South Allentown, Pa.
Hottel, Titus. ....	1910		Coopersburg, Pa.
Martin, E. W. ....	1901		Weaverland, Pa.
Musselman, P. J. ....	1905		Philadelphia, Pa.



## RECORD OF CONFERENCES

Yr.	Time.	Place.	Chairman.	Secretary.
<b>I. EVANGELICAL MENNONITES. (Semi-Annual)</b>				
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 .....	"	"
1917	Oct. 11-15 ..	Allentown .....	"	"
1918	Nov. 4-6.....	Reading.....	"	"

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

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

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



### GENERAL CONFERENCES

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1.                ZIONSVILLE, PA. November 8-12, 1879.  
A Union Conference, including sixteen Members of the Pennsylvania Conference. Name changed to Evangelical United Mennonites.
2.                ELKHART, IND. 1882.  
Wm. Gehman, John Traub.
3.                HARRISBURG, O. December 27-29, 1883.  
Wm. Gehman, A. Strawn.  
A Union Conference with the Brethren in Christ. Name changed to Mennonite Brethren in Christ.
4.                ZIONSVILLE, PA. 1885.  
Wm. Gehman, P. E., A. Strawn.
5.                BERLIN, ONTARIO. 1888.  
Wm. Gehman, P. E., A. Strawn, W. B. Musselman.
6.                HARRISBURG, O. 1892.  
W. B. Musselman, P. E., Wm. Gehman, Noah Detweiler, M. A. Zyner.
7.                COOPERSBURG, PA. 1896.  
W. B. Musselman, P. E., Wm. Gehman, C. H. Brunner.
8.                BERLIN, ONT. 1900.  
C. H. Brunner, P. E., H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman, Layman, A. A. Wismer.
9.                NAPPANEE, IND. 1904.  
H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., C. H. Brunner, M. P. E., W. G. Gehman.  
Laymen, Allen M. Gehman, J. D. Moyer.
10.              BROWN CITY, MICH. 1908.  
H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. G. Gehman, P. E., W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., J. C. Roth, C. H. Brunner, W. S. Hottel.  
Laymen, O. B. Bartholomew, Allen M. Gehman.
11.              BETHLEHEM, PA. October 23, 1912.  
H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. G. Gehman, P. E., C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel, W. S. Hottel. W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., Publisher of the Gospel Banner.  
Laymen, Allen M. Gehman, H. H. Bergey.
12.              NEW CARLISLE, OHIO. October 11, 1916.  
Announced for Berlin, Ontario, on the second Wednesday in October, 1916, at 9 A. M., but changed to New Carlisle, O., on account of the war.  
H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. G. Gehman, P. E., C. H. Brunner, W. S. Hottel, E. N. Cassel. W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., Publisher of the Gospel Banner.  
Laymen, G. O. Billig, H. S. Jones, Allen M. Gehman.
13.              Announced for Kitchener, Ontario, on the Second Wednesday in October, 1920, at 9 A. M.

## CAMP MEETINGS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

YEAR		TENTS		TENTS		TENTS		TENTS
†1879								
1880	Chestnut Hill	4						
1881	"							
1882	"							
1883	"							
1884	"							
1885	"							
1886	"							
1887	"							
1888	"							
1889	"							
1890	"							
1891	"							
1892	"		Royersford					
1893	"		Spring City		Catasauqua			
1894	"		"					
*1895	"		"		Weissport	Annandale		
*1896	"		"		Walnutport	"		
1897	"		"		Rittersville	"		
1898	Quakertown		"		"	Sunbury		
1899	"		"		"	"		
1900	Macungie		Northampton		Terre Hill	64		
1901	"		Neffsville		Mohnsville	"		
1902	"	56	Northampton		"			
1903	"	52	"		Reading (East)			
1904	Wescovesville	104	Hellertown	73	Spring City			
					(Bonnie Bray)			
1905	"	113	"	82	Spring City			
					(Bonnie Bray)			
1906	"	136	"	125	Reading			
					(Heiner's Spgs)			
1907	"	122	"	145	Reading	90	Shamokin	
					(Spg. Valley)		(Bunker Hill)	85
1908	"	148	"	164	Easton (Mt.	75	Shamokin	75
					(Carmel Dist		(Bunker Hill)	
1909	Waldheim	153	"	139	Easton (Mt.	75	"	
					Carmel Dist.)			
1910	Mizpah G've	167	Mizpah G've.	154	Easton (Mt.	89	"	
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		Carmel Dist.)			
1911	Mizpah G've.	156	Mizpah G've.	160	Mizpah G've.	100	Shamokin	43
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. D.)			
1912	Mizpah G've.	163	Mizpah G've.		Mizpah G've.	75	Shamokin	58
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. D.)			
1913	Mizpah G've.	165	Mizpah G've.	169	Mizpah G've.	76	Shamokin	71
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. D.)			
1914	Mizpah G've.	143	Mizpah G've.	170	Mizpah G've.	68	Shamokin	78
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. D.)			
1915	Mizpah G've.	145	Mizpah G've.	174	Mizpah G've.	66	Shamokin	86
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. D.)			
1916	Mizpah G've.	155	Mizpah G've.	194	Shamokin	106	"	
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. D.)			
1917	Mizpah G've.	162	Mizpah G've.	203	Shamokin	120	Harrisburg	65
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. D.)			
1918	Mizpah G've.	199	Mizpah G've.	183	Shamokin	105	"	
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. D.)			

## NOTES.—

†A Grove Meeting held on Chestnut Hill.

\*Camp Meeting was also held at Fairview Park, between South Allentown and South Bethlehem, in 1895 and 1896.

Sunbury Camp Meetings comprised the Church appointments of Mount Carmel and Girardville and the Gospel Worker Society.

The Gospel Worker Society held Camp Meetings at Pine Station above Williamsport in 1902, 1903.

Where the number of tents is not given the number could not be ascertained.

Editor.





