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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 President 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.

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 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

1919

FIRST MEETING.

Thursday Forenoon, October 16, 1919.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania convened in the M. B. in C. Church on Tenth Street near Oley Street, Reading, Pa., October 16, 1919.

The first meeting was opened at 8 A. M., according to announcement, by singing, "Take the Name of Jesus With You." This was followed by a season of prayer during which the Lord touched our hearts. This was a time of thankfulness and praise to the Lord for His gracious help during the past year and prayer for His guidance during this conference session, and for the blessing of God upon the officers and members of the Conference as well as upon our beloved lay members of the various congregations at home who have stood by the Pastors and the Conference so nobly during the past year.

The Chairman, H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District, then read the Thirteenth Chapter of Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians followed by a very needful and helpful message.

The following members were then enrolled:

MINISTERS.

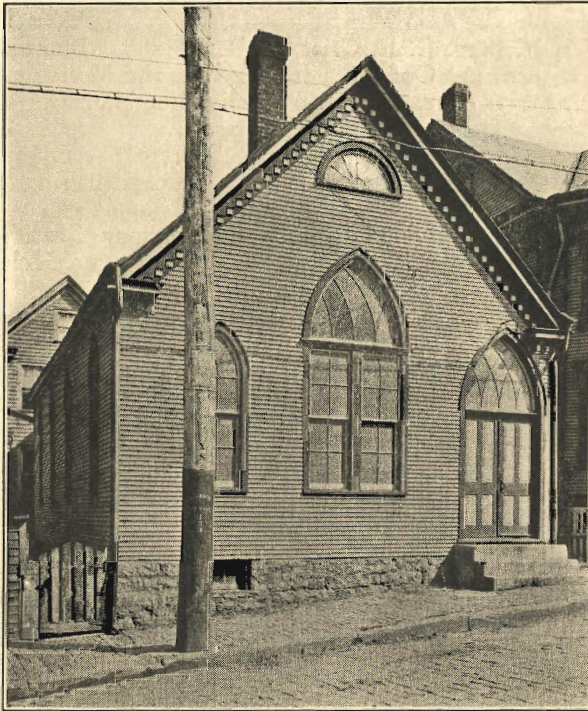
Ordained.—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, W. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, W. S. Hottel, E. N. Cassel, F. M. Hottel, J. G. Shireman, B. Bryan Musselman, E. T. Shick, R. L. Woodring, J. C. Roth, H. K. Kratz, J. F. Barrall, O. S. Hillegass, G. F. Yost, R. Bergstresser, E. E. Kublic, V. H. Reinhart, W. W.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

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

All these were present from the first meeting except W. B. Musselman, E. T. Shick, C. F. Snyder and H. W. Feldges.

DELEGATES.

H. S. Jones, Bethlehem.
 G. O. Billig, Allentown.
 S. W. Heiser, Reading.
 S. S. Geil, Philadelphia.
 O. C. Kistler, South Allentown.
 Allen M. Gehman, Emaus and Macungie.
 H. L. Shelley, Coopersburg and Springtown.
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 J. H. Bruch, Stroudsburg.



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 C. D. Bean, Graterford and Harleysville.
 Moses Snyder, Mount Carmel.
 David M. Taylor, Zionsville.
 R. S. Anderson, Shamokin.
 C. E. Eroh, Lehighton and Weissport.

Charles F. Lilly, Nazareth and Plainfield.
 Edward T. Semmel, Northampton and Walnutport.
 C. B. Brosius, Sunbury.

The Conference members thus number forty-eight.

We are very glad to have Brother M. P. Zook, Superintendent of our Missions in Chile, South America, with us at this Conference during his furlough, the first one he had after almost fourteen years of service.

We are also remembering our Foreign Missionaries who are members of our Conference, namely: Mrs. M. P. Zook, H. W. Feldges, Mrs. H. W. Feldges, C. F. Snyder, Mrs. C. F. Snyder, and Mrs. Kate Weiss. Also 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, Dionisio Oyarzun, Innocencio Gomez and Ignacio Riveros, although not members of our Church, yet are supported by our Conference, also E. O. Jago and Miss Mary A. Butterfield of Jerusalem, who have also been supported through our Foreign Mission Board during the last year.

We also continually remember our Missionary Presiding Elder, Brother W. B. Musselman, the Gospel Worker Society and the Gospel Herald Society.

Special thanksgiving has also been offered up in this morning's devotion for the noble company of believers whom the Lord has given us and special prayers were offered in their behalf.

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

The secretary appointed his assistants as follows:—Assistant Secretaries, B. Bryan Musselman and N. H. Wolf; Recording Secretary, A. G. Woodring.

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

He appointed H. K. Kratz as Reporter and W. W. Zimmerman 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:

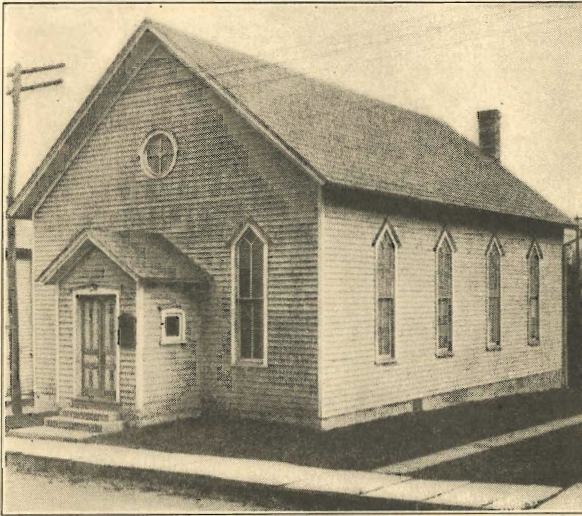
Committee on Worship: S. W. Heiser and B. Bryan Musselman.

Committee on Communication: R. L. Woodring and J. C. Roth.

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

Committee on Statistics: (of Schedules) E. N. Cassel, W. S. Hottel, J. G. Shireman and A. G. Woodring.

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



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Church,
Cypress St.
between Third
and Fourth Sts.
Lehighton, Pa.

Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records: J. C. Roth, W. W. Zimmerman, V. H. Reinhart, C. E. Eroh, C. B. Brosius, R. R. Fox, Moses Snyder, R. S. Anderson, N. H. Wolf, E. E. Kublic, S. W. Heiser, Edward T. Semmel, and David M. Taylor.

Committee on Examination of Travelling Elders: H. H. Bergey, C. D. Bean and G. K. Himmelreich.

Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists and Missionaries: G. F. Yost, H. K. Kratz and O. S. Hillegass.

Committee on Examination of Candidates for Annual Conference License: B. Bryan Musselman, E. N. Cassel and C. H. Brunner.

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

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, G. F. Yost, W. F. Heffner, H. H. Bergey, J. B. Layne, S. S. Geil, S. H. Lichtenthaler, O. C. Kistler, Chas. F. Lilly and J. H. Bruch.

Committee to Audit Schedules: H. K. Kratz, W. G. Gehman and R. W. Dickert.

Resolved, That the Pastors be limited to ten minutes in submitting their oral reports.

The Pastors now began to submit their Oral Reports.

After a number had reported, it was

Resolved, That we suspend the Rules and adjourn to the call of the Chair not later than 3.30 P. M.

Adjourned at 11.25 with prayer by R. L. Woodring and benediction by the Secretary.

SECOND MEETING.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 16, 1919.

The Chair opened the afternoon service with singing "Nearer My God to Thee," and prayer by C. E. Eroh.

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

The reports of the following Committees were read and accepted:

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:

No summary in the Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of Mt. Carmel, Stroudsburg and Fleetwood.

No mention of Presiding Elder speaking on the Duties of Officers and no mention of revision of class records, at Zionsville.

J. C. Roth	Moses Snyder,
S. W. Heiser,	R. S. Anderson,
W. W. Zimmerman,	N. H. Wolf,
V. H. Reinhart,	E. E. Kublic,
C. E. Eroh,	Edward T. Semmel,
C. B. Brosious,	David M. Taylor,
R. R. Fox,	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 and devoted to the Lord's work.

G. F. Yost,
H. K. Kratz,
O. S. Hillegass, Committee.

Report of the Committee to Examine the Annual Conference Records:

We have examined the Annual Conference Records of 1918 and found them all correct with the exception of a slight error in a date made by the last Annual Conference which was corrected.

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



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Parsonage,
438 Cypress St.,
Lehigh, Pa.

Report of the Committee on Worship:

Brother M. M. Myers shall preach this evening, followed by W. K. Ruth.

B. Bryan Musselman,
S. W. Heiser,
Committee.

Report of the Committee to Examine Travelling Elders:

We beg leave to report that we have examined all the

Travelling Elders through their delegates and found them all satisfactory.

H. H. Bergey,
C. D. Bean,
G. K. Himmelreich,
Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved, That we have a private meeting in the basement of the church this evening opening at 7.30.

The Oral Reports of the Pastors were now resumed.

Resolved, That we extend the time indefinitely.

Adjourned at 5.05, with prayer by Moses Snyder, and the benediction by R. L. Woodring.

THIRD MEETING.

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 16, 1919.

The evening meeting was opened at 7.30 with prayer by W. S. Hottel.

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 on Worship:

Friday evening there shall be two thirty-minute addresses.

R. Bergstresser shall speak first, followed by W. F. Heffner.

Saturday evening a Missionary Address shall be made by M. P. Zook, of Chile, South America.

B. Bryan Musselman,
S. W. Heiser,
Committee.

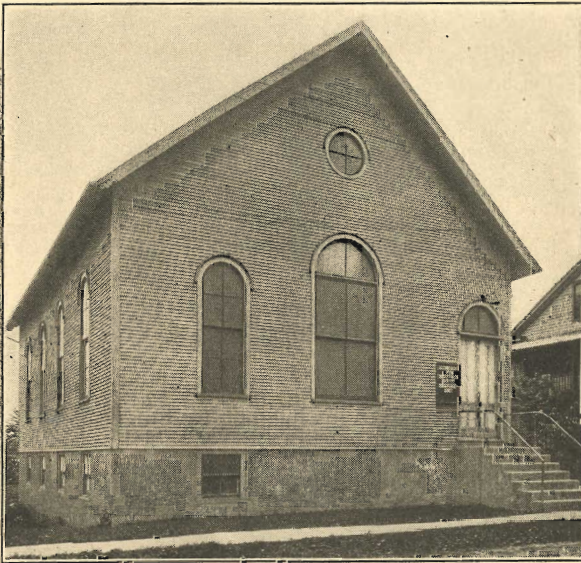
Report of Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, Pastor E. T. Shick who had been stationed by the last Annual Conference to the Gratersford and Harleysville

charge, was physically disabled during the conference year and could not any further serve his charge, and

Whereas, This circumstance made the change of a number of Pastors needful in order to the furtherance of the work, the Presiding Elders agreed and made the needful changes, therefore,

Resolved, That we are sorry for the condition of Pastor E. T. Shick, as well as for his absence from this Annual Conference, but humbly bow to Divine Providence, knowing that all things work together for good to them that love God, who are the called according to His purpose, and further



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Resolved, That we unitedly agree that the action in the change of Pastors by the Presiding Elder was most wise and proper under the circumstances, and further

Resolved, That we pray God's richest blessings upon our dear brother and co-worker in his affliction, as well as upon his beloved helpmeet and family, so that they may be able to fully trust God where they may not be able to trace all the winding paths of Providence and that He may be able to work out all the purposes in His own heart.

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

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

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

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

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

Report of the Executive Board. (See Reports.)

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

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, R. W. Dickert, J. B. Layne and N. H. Wolf have successfully passed the Reading Course examination, therefore

Resolved, That they be referred to the Committee on Ordination.

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

W. G. Gehman, President of the Gospel Herald Society, recommended W. K. Ruth, of York, Pa., and M. M. Myers, of Philadelphia, Pa., Gospel Heralds, to this Annual Conference as Applicants for Annual Conference License.

Resolved, That we hear the nature of the call of the Applicants for Annual Conference License, M. M. Myers and W. K. Ruth.

These brethren gave their experience before the Conference after which it was

Resolved, That these two brethren be referred to the Committee on Applicants for Annual Conference License.

Adjourned at 10.25 with prayer by R. L. Woodring.

FOURTH MEETING.

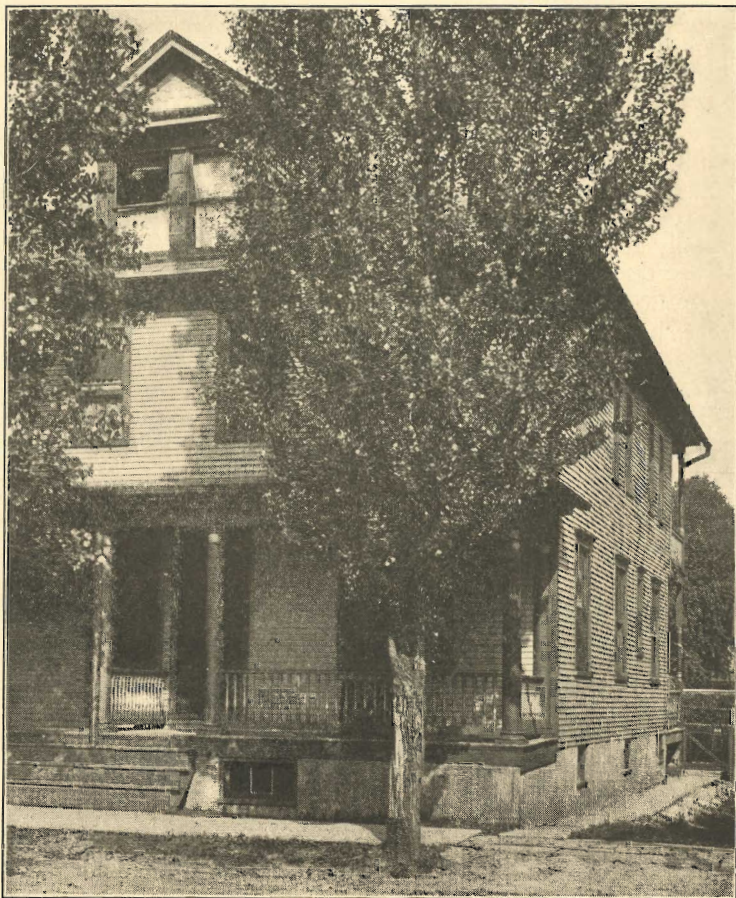
FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 17, 1919.

This meeting was opened at 8 o'clock by singing and prayer by H. H. Bergey, after which the Chairman read a part of the fifteenth chapter of Romans.

The roll was called and the minutes 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 ,W. K. Ruth and M. M.
Myers, and recommend that they be received on three years'
probation.



M. B. in C. Parsonage, Sunbury, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Bryan Musselman,
E. N. Cassel,
C. H. Brunner, Committee.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

(a) *Whereas*, We have been receiving such encouraging reports of the Lord's work through C. H. Brunner, Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Board, now carried on most successfully by our beloved, devoted and consecrated Missionaries on the various Mission fields, defining the leadings of the Lord through the labors and sacrifices of our Missionaries, and,

Whereas, The Lord has again most signally blessed the Missionaries while speaking the Truth of God's Word, souls having been saved and baptized, and

Whereas, The lives of all of our Missionaries have been so graciously spared and preserved, perfect harmony and unity prevailing among them, therefore

Resolved, That we earnestly unite in praising God for the past favors, and pray God's blessing upon our Missionaries spiritually and physically for future usefulness, so much the more as we see the Day approaching.

(b) *Whereas*, C. H. Brunner, the Editor of the Conference Journal, has a great amount of 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, and

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

Whereas, The duties of his office demand much of his time at the session of the Annual Conference in recording the minutes, as well as afterward 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 and valuable services in the faithful discharge of all his various duties, and further,

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

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

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

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

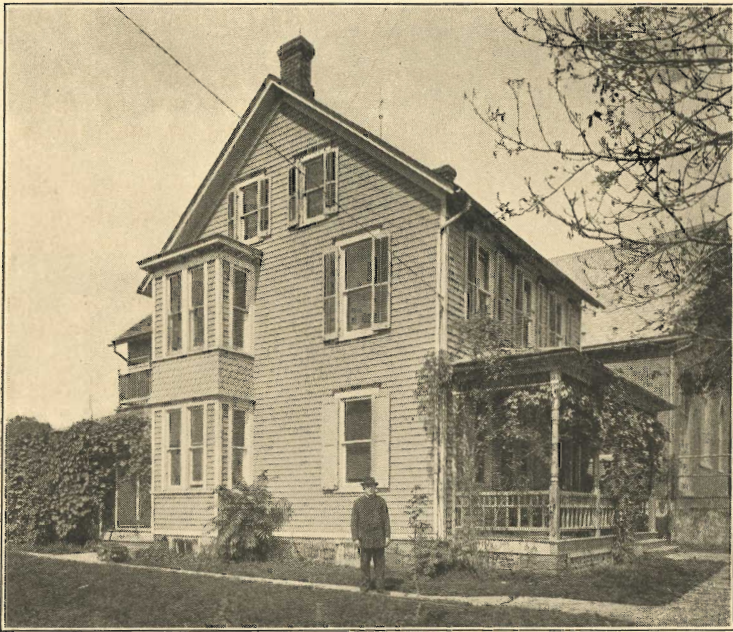
Report of the Annual Conference Treasurer. (See Reports.)

The Oral Reports of the Pastors were concluded.

The following Reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, We were privileged to listen to the encouraging reports of the various Pastors concerning the workings of the Lord on the different fields throughout the Conference, telling



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of many signal victories won, souls having been saved and baptized and added unto the Church, the believers having been edified, and the missionary spirit having been still further increased, therefore,

Resolved, That we unitedly and heartily praise God for the many blessings bestowed, the many victories made possible and the gracious leadings of the Holy Spirit throughout, and further,

Resolved, That we earnestly pray God* to continue His richest blessings, both upon the Pastors and the work, so that

the Pastors may be kept strong physically and mentally, as well as morally and spiritually, and, that the work of the Lord may go forth unhindered and may blessedly prosper until Jesus comes.

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

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

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

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

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, We were favored with the privilege of listening to the interesting Reports of our Presiding Elders and of the President of the Gospel Herald Society, in which were given to us a comprehensive survey of the work of the Lord in general, throughout the entire Conference as well as in the Gospel Herald Society, and

Whereas, They reported the work in a good, healthy condition throughout, as well as prosperous and growing, the Ministry united and devoted and willing to be used of God with a willing spirit, therefore,

Resolved, That we most heartily appreciate the devotion, earnestness and self-sacrifice of our worthy leaders, as well as their conscientious frankness, able leadership and their general oversight of the work, and further,

Resolved, That we more earnestly pray for them, and ask God to bless and keep them physically, intellectually and spiritually as well as to use them more mightily in the advancement of the cause of Christ in future days, if our Lord be pleased to tarry.

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

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, Elder M. P. Zook, the faithful and sacrificing leader and Chairman of the Missionary Work of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Chili, South America, who is at

home on furlough, is in our midst and gave us a very interesting Report of the work in this great and needy field, and,

Whereas, We highly appreciate the earnest labors and the cheerful sacrifice of our dear brother, therefore,

Resolved, That we pray God's richest blessings upon him, both physically and spiritually, so that he may be preserved physically in vigor and strength and spiritually in the love and power of God, to the end that he may be much used of God in the work of saving souls and the edification of the saints in the "regions beyond," as well as in leading forth the great work committed to his trust.

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



Entrance to Mizpah Grove Camp Grounds, Fourteenth Ward, Allentown, Pa.

Report of the Committee on Worship:
Sunday Services.

H. B. Musselman shall preach the Conference Sermon on Sunday morning at 9.45 o'clock.

W. G. Gehman shall preach the Ordination Sermon at 2.15 P. M.

In the evening the following shall give twenty-minute addresses: A. G. Woodring, Walnutport, Pa.; R. W. Dickert, Graterford, Pa., and W. S. Hottel, Bethlehem, Pa.

All the services during the day shall be in charge of the Chairman of the Annual Conference.

B. Bryan Musselman,
S. W. Heiser,
Committee.

Report of the Beneficiary Society. (See Reports.)

Resolved, That we proceed to the election of officers.

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, 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, W. F. Heffner, N. H. Wolf and M. P. Zook.

Absent:—E. T. Shick, W. B. Musselman, C. F. Snyder and H. W. Feldges.

Conditional:—None.

Resolved, That we elect two Presiding Elders.

The Chair appointed tellers as follows: F. M. Hottel, G. F. Yost and J. F. Barrall.

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 the rules and adjourn to the call of the Chair and that the Stationing Committee sit at this time.

Adjourned with prayer by Charles F. Lilly and the benediction by J. C. Roth.

FIFTH MEETING.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 17, 1919.

The meeting was opened by singing, "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go" and prayer by J. C. Roth.

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 Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee. (See Reports.)

Report of the Sunday School Lesson Committee. (See Reports.)

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 shall 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.



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

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

Board of Examiners: E. N. Cassel, B. Bryan Musselman and H. K. Krätz.

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:—

Trustees for two years:—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, E. N. Cassel, C. H. Brunner, Allen M. Gehman and H. S. Jones.

Trustee for one year in place of E. T. Shick:—F. M. Hottel.

Editorial Staff on the "Eastern Gospel Banner":—

Editor:—C. H. Brunner.

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

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

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.

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

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

The Chair now appointed the following Standing Committees:

Committee on Camp Meeting Equipage:—F. M. Hottel, J. C. Roth, B. Bryan Musselman and G. F. Yost.

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

Resolved, That section E on page 11, Special Laws and Resolutions, be expunged and on Page 5 under Boards and Committees, second paragraph, the word President shall be substituted for the word Chairman at the end of line three.

An article entitled "The Eastern Gospel Banner" was read and ordered inserted in the Journal under "Reports."

The following reports were read and adopted:—

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

A. *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 are privileged to have a splendid paper to offer to our ever-increasing constituency, therefore,

Resolved, That we as a Conference heartily appreciate his noble, self-sacrificing services, 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 manifold blessings.

B. *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 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.

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 past year



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devoted much of his most valuable time in editing these valuable, and most helpful supplies on spiritual, doctrinal and dispensational lines, and,

Whereas, Many Sunday Schools during the last year have been added to the already long list of Sunday Schools using these supplies, and

Whereas, Great blessings have been brought to our Sunday Schools throughout the Conference during the year, using these supplies, and,

Whereas, Brother W. S. Hottel has again been re-elected to the editing of the Quarterlies, therefore,

Resolved, That we heartily appreciate his devotion and sacrifice on this line of work, and pray that God may sustain and use him during the coming year.

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

Adjourned at 5.30 with prayer by S. S. Geil and the benediction by the Chairman.

SIXTH MEETING.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 19, 1919.

This meeting was opened at 8 o'clock by singing, "What A Friend We Have in Jesus," and prayer by G. O. Billig, after which the Chairman read a portion of the fifth chapter of the First Epistle of Peter.

The Roll was called and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The following reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Auditing Committee:

We, the undersigned, auditors, beg leave to report, that we have examined the following financial accounts: Quarterly Conference Records, Orphanage and Home, Equipment Fund, Executive Board, Camp Meetings, Sunday School Conventions, Annual Conference Fund, Benevolent Society, Foreign 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 accounts 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 to our best knowledge and belief.

F. M. Hottel,	H. H. Bergey,
H. S. Jones,	S. S. Geil,
W. F. Heffner,	S. H. Lichtenthaler,
Charles F. Lilly,	J. B. Layne,
H. L. Shelly,	O. C. Kistler,
J. H. Bruch,	G. F. Yost,
	Committee.

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

Report of the Committee on Ordination:

We beg leave to report that we have examined the brethren, R. W. Dickert and J. B. Layne and found them satisfactory and wish to recommend them to this Conference for Ordination on Sunday.

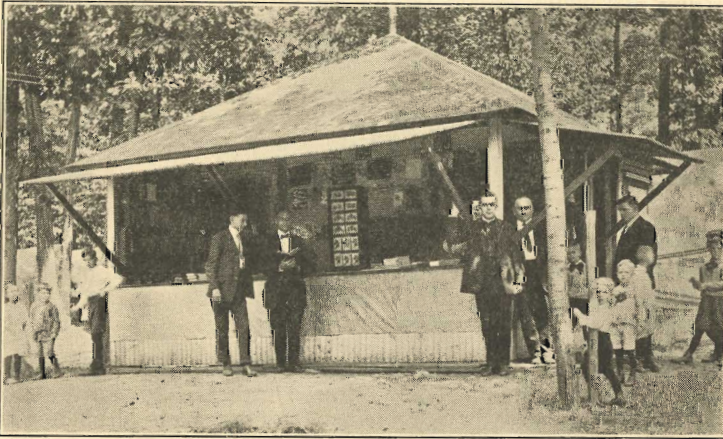
We have also examined Brother N. H. Wolf and found that he had been doing very creditable work in the Gospel Herald Society for a number of years but as he did not have the opportunity to approve himself to the acknowledgement of the Con-

ference, we therefore recommend that his ordination be postponed for the present.

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

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

Resolved, That we recommend the various Pastors to re-write the names on the Class Records just before they come to the Annual conference.



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Resolved, That the Chair appoint a Committee to devise the best plan to keep the Class Records. The Chair appointed E. N. Cassel, W. G. Gehman, W. S. Hottel, J. C. Roth, J. F. Barrall, C. H. Brunner and B. Bryan Musselman.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a Committee of three to compile a report of the Conference and the Sunday Services for the "Eastern Gospel Banner." The Chair appointed R. L. Woodring, C. H. Brunner and E. N. Cassel.

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, 1919.

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 practise to do any wholesale literature business by employing agents.

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

The Presiding Elders appointed H. K. Kratz as the third man of this Committee.

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.

Resolved. That the next Annual Conference convene in the M. B. in C. Church, Corner Main and Durham Streets, Bethlehem, Pa., at 8 A. M., September 23, 1920.

Resolved, That the next Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention convene in the M. B. in C. Church, Royersford, Pa.

The committee announced April 14, 1920, as the date of this Convention.

The following officers were now elected:

Annual Ministerial Convention:

Chairman, W. G. Gehman.

Secretary, R. L. Woodring.

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

Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention:

Chairman, E. N. Cassel.

Secretary, N. H. Wolf.

Committee on Program appointed previously: H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and H. K. Kratz.

Resolved, That we suspend business to organize for the Sunday School Conventions.

Business was resumed at 11.25 A. M.

Resolved, That we extend the time indefinitely.

The following Committees reported:

Report of the Committee to Organize for the Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention. (See Reports.)*Report of the Committee to Organize for the Mt. Carmel District Sunday School Convention.* (See Reports.)*Report of the Board of Examiners—Studies for 1920.* (See Reports.)*Report of the Committee on Communication.*

We, the Committee on Communication, beg leave to report that we have read the letter received from our Missionary Presiding Elder, W. B. Musselman, and recommend it to be read to the Conference.

R. L. Woodring,
J. C. Roth,
Committee.

Adjourned at 11.35 with prayer by G. F. Yost and the benediction by M. P. Zook.

SEVENTH MEETING.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 18, 1919.

This meeting was opened at one o'clock by singing "I Need Thee Every Hour," and prayer by R. R. Fox.

The Report of the Committee to Audit Schedules was read and adopted as follows:

We have audited the different Pastors' schedules and the summary of schedules and hereby certify them to declare the true statements of the affairs of the Conference to the best of our knowledge and belief.

H. K. Kratz,
R. W. Dickert,
W. G. Gehman,
Committee.

A Communication from our beloved and esteemed Missionary Presiding Elder, W. B. Musselman, was read by the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The following Report was read and adopted:

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 report of the work of the Gospel Worker Society, stating the marvellous leadings of the Lord during the past year in the salvation of souls, the edification of believers, and the spread of the Truth, as well as in preserving the workers in health and strength, and blessing the work all around, and,

Whereas, In this report he also informs us of the rich blessings of God upon the work of publishing Gospel literature, so that they have been enabled to produce and put out more Gospel literature the past year, than ever before, and,

Whereas, The Union Gospel Printing Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, prints and publishes so much good, Scriptural literature, such as books, magazines, papers and tracts, as well as the "Eastern Gospel Banner," and a complete line of Sunday School literature, sparing no time, thought, labor and money, as well as making a great deal of sacrifice in this great and noble work, and,

Whereas, We, as a Conference, are in hearty and full fellowship with the work of the Gospel Worker Society and the Union Gospel Printing Co., in spirit and mutual love sharing all their tests, successes and victories, as well as with all their blessed progress in the spread of the Truth and the healthy growth of the subscription lists of their splendid periodicals, therefore,

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the spirit of sacrifice and devotion, both of our beloved Brother W. B. Musselman and the Gospel Workers, in so whole-heartedly and enthusiastically devoting their time, talents and energies to the spread of the Truth in every possible way, and further,

Resolved, That we pray God's richest blessing upon the President, the Society and all their earnest efforts, 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.

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, E. N. Cassel; Secretary, B. Bryan Musselman.

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

Committee on Camp Meeting Equipage:—Chairman, F. M. Hottel; Secretary, J. C. Roth.

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

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

Hymn Book Committee:—Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; Treasurer, W. G. Gehman.

Upon request the brethren S. W. Heiser and J. H. Bruch, were excused from attendance on Monday.

Adjourned at 3.20 P. M., with prayer by W. S. Hottel, and the benediction by R. L. Woodring.

EIGHTH MEETING.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 20, 1919.

This meeting was opened at 8 o'clock by singing, "Follow, Follow, I Will Follow Jesus," and prayer by W. F. Heffner.

The Chairman read II Peter, 1:1-12.

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

Conference suspended business for a short time to the call of the Chair.

Business was resumed at 8.50, after which the following reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

A. *Whereas*, The Pastor, B. Bryan Musselman, and the members of the Reading Congregation with the many friends of the work have spared neither time, labor nor expense in providing for, and entertaining the Annual Conference members, refreshments being served in the basement of their Church, seeing to it that nothing was left undone in providing the very best of everything needful for our physical comfort, therefore,

Resolved, That we, as an Annual Conference, highly appreciate such true devotion to the Lord and His work and the hospitality shown us, with mutual fellowship in the Lord, Therefore, further,

Resolved, That we tender them a rising vote of thanks and unitedly pray God's highest blessing upon them and their work.

B. *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," and to C. L. Hunter, Mgr. Eastern Clergy Bureau. 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 this Conference elect a Reference Committee relative to Compulsory Military Training.

C. *Whereas*, The Independent Order of Odd Fellows' Hall Association of this City have so kindly favored the Mennonite Brethren in Christ with the rental of their splendid and spacious hall, with its fine auditorium and well-arranged banqueting hall, for their use, wherein to hold the Sunday services and to entertain the many attendants at the services, and

Whereas, Mr. Lutz, the janitor and his wife have been so courteous in rendering much valuable assistance to the members of the Reading Class in the entertainment of the large number of people present, Therefore,

Resolved, That we heartily appreciate the kindness of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows' Hall Association, thus shown us, and further,

Resolved, That we also most heartily appreciate the courtesy shown us by Mr. and Mrs. Lutz, in the much valuable service rendered, and further,

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the said Association as well as to Mr. and Mrs. Lutz, signed by the Chairman and Secretary.

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

Report of the Committee to Devise a Plan for Church Records:

We beg leave to report that we have taken the matter into consideration but have not arrived at any definite conclusion, and ask the Chairman to appoint a committee with power to act and report at the next Annual Conference.

E. N. Cassel,	J. F. Barrall,
W. G. Gehman,	C. H. Brunner,
W. S. Hottel,	B. Bryan Musselman,
J. C. Roth,	Committee.

The chair appointed the following committee:—W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, W. S. Hottel, E. N. Cassel, B. Bryan Musselman and J. C. Roth.

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Annual Conference be added to this Committee.

Conference elected the following as a Reference Committee on Compulsory Military Training: H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel, W. G. Gehman and W. S. Hottel.

The Report of the Committee on the Conference Report and Sunday Services was read and adopted, (See Reports.)

Resolved, That we print 975 Journals and sell them at 50 cents this year.

Resolved, That we extend the time indefinitely.

Resolved, That we ask the Board of Foreign Missions to print 600 copies of the Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Conference adjourned at 11.40 A. M., 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,
 J. B. Layne, Assistant Secretary,
 A. G. Woodring, Recording Secretary,
 Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer,

E. N. Cassel,	J. H. Bruch,
F. M. Hottel,	Charles F. Lilly,
R. L. Woodring,	H. S. Jones,
H. K. Kratz,	G. O. Billig,
J. G. Shireman,	S. S. Geil,
J. C. Roth,	O. C. Kistler,
J. F. Barrall,	H. L. Shelly,
E. E. Kublic,	R. R. Fox,
R. W. Dickert,	R. S. Anderson,
G. F. Yost,	H. H. Bergey,
R. Bergstresser,	G. K. Himmelreich,
O. S. Hillegass,	C. E. Eroh,
A. G. Woodring,	Moses Snyder,
W. F. Heffner,	David M. Taylor,
V. H. Reinhart,	Edward T. Semmel,
W. W. Zimmerman,	C. D. Bean,
N. H. Wolf,	S. H. Lichtenhaler,
S. W. Heiser,	C. B. Brosius,



Mizpah Grove Camp Grounds, Allentown, Pa.

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Conference Reports

I. The Conference.

This is the 36th session of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania. But it is actually the 40th Annual Conference held since the Conferences have been changed from semi-annual to Annual.

At the last session of the semi-annual Conferences held at Quakertown, Pa., October 6, 1879, Elder Daniel Brenneman, of Goshen, Ind., was present as a fraternal Delegate from the United Mennonites of the Western States and Canada. This conference appointed a Union Conference to be held at Zionsville, November 8, 1879. Elder Solomon Eby of Canada presided at this Union Conference. Here it was decided that each Conference should be presided over by a Presiding Elder and that its sessions should be held annually. All our Conferences prior to this had convened semi-annually, in spring and in the fall, from September 24, 1858 to November 8, 1879, 43 in all. Thus the first Annual Conference convened at Coopersburg, Pa., March 15, 1880, almost 40 years ago. At this Conference, William Gehman was elected the first Presiding Elder of the Pennsylvania Conference, and Quarterly Conferences were held.

At another Union Conference held in Harrisburg, Ohio, December 27-29, 1883, a union was effected with the Brethren in Christ of Ohio and Indiana and the name changed to Mennonite Brethren in Christ, from which date we now number our Conferences.

II. The Journal.

The first edition of the Conference Journal containing 24 pages was printed in 1896 and sold for 15 cents. This price continued until 1901 when the price was advanced to 25 cents. By this time it had grown to 40 pages with one or two illustrations in it.

From that time the Journal has been growing rapidly in size and importance until the last issue, that for 1918, contained 98 pages of printed matter with 5 illustrations in the text besides 10 full-page sheets containing 30 first-class half-tone illustrations made from photos.

Besides this the workmanship and quality of materials have been improved continually as many of our people intend to preserve them for their children. Many of our promising young people growing up in the church preserve these records and have them bound in neat volumes for future reference.

The price of material and labor have advanced so abnormally that we find it impossible to print a Conference Journal like ours, filled solid with interesting reading matter and statistics, without revenues from advertisements, at the old rate of 25 cents a copy at which it has been sold for the past 18 years. Last year the receipts did not cover the expenses and this year the Journal costs still more.

The advanced price should, however, not keep our people from purchasing the Journal as before as these records will in a few years be out of print. A book like this, with so many high class illustrations, can nowhere be printed in small quantities for fifty cents.

These Journals are the records of the Lord's doings, not ours. To Him be all the praise and the glory.

III. Presiding Elders.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF THE BETHLEHEM DISTRICT.

It is with a deep feeling of gratefulness to God, who giveth us strength as our day, that we submit this report. "Having therefore obtained help of God I continue unto this day." (Acts 26:22).

The Lord has blessed us physically and spiritually, enabling us to meet with all of the appointments during the year. The ministry of God's messengers has been signally blessed and owned of God, and a goodly number of such who received His Word "gladly" were added to the church. The brethren have had much patience with us, and their considerations, and many kindnesses shown, have caused us to feel most unworthy.

The work on the District is in a good spiritual condition. The Sunday-schools are large and the prayer-meetings are exceptionally well attended. The regular church attendance has also been most creditable throughout. Open-air meetings are again being held, with a good interest shown. The work in general is progressing nicely, in spite of the present-day conditions.

The pastors are devoted to their work, and the self-sacrifice shown by them, is also having a good effect upon the laity. The many young people on the various charges are making good progress on spiritual lines, and their willingness to walk in the Master's steps is manifestly seen, by living obedient and devoted lives for Him whom having not seen they love.

They are plain in attire, and blessedly kept from the strong currents of worldliness, and from the fleshly allurements that throng this present age. We also have a noble band of fathers and mothers who have stood by the work for many years already, and who are kept in a flourishing condition as the years roll by.

Two Camp-meetings were again held on our District, which were much owned of God. Both were held in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa. The first Camp-meeting (Bethlehem Division) had 219 tents, and the latter (Allentown Division) had 189 tents. The attendance was quite large, and the Word was preached with power.

A church building is now in course of erection, on the purchased lot on Main St., Bethlehem, Pa. The building will occupy the entire lot on which it stands and measures fifty-five and one-half feet front on Main Street, and ninety-five and one-half feet deep on Durham Street, with an approximate seating capacity of 1200. The main floor will seat about 450. The class at this place has been contributing nobly, and sacrifices are being made by them to finance this much-needed project.

On account of an affliction which befell one of the pastors of the District, causing him to be unable to serve his appointment any longer, we were obliged to make several changes in pastors to fill in the gap. God has thus far overruled in all things that His work moved forth unhindered.

We are indeed much encouraged, as we keep our eyes upon Jesus, knowing that He will never forsake His own. Our heart is kept rejoicing in the hope of the speedy coming of our Blessed Lord.

FINANCIAL.

(a) Appropriations

Quakertown and Hatfield, Pa.....	\$ 180.00	
Northampton and Walnutport, Pa.....	240.00	\$ 420.00
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(b) Moving

H. K. Kratz.....	\$ 50.00	
R. L. Woodring.....	60.00	
R. W. Dickert.....	35.00	
W. F. Heffner.....	31.00	
E. T. Shick.....	61.70	237.70

(c) Miscellaneous

Fares for brethren to Graterford.....	\$ 7.08	
For Brother Shick, miscellaneous at parsonage.....	22.00	
Special expenses, Spring City.....	69.22	
Committee expenses, Emaus, Pa.....	10.00	
O. S. Hillegass, Zionsville, donation.....	60.00	
E. N. Cassel, South Allentown, donation.....	60.00	
Pastor's widow, donation.....	50.00	
G. F. Yost, Fleetwood, donation.....	24.00	
Bethlehem Church.....	100.00	
Reading Parsonage.....	25.00	
Philadelphia Church.....	25.00	452.30
Total.....		\$1110.00
Received from Treasurer of Home Mission Fund.....		\$1110.00

H. B. Musselman, P. E.

IV. Presiding Elders.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF THE MT. CARMEL DISTRICT.

We humbly acknowledge the goodness of the Lord toward us and the work during the past year. The health and life of all the Pastors has been preserved thru the grace of our Lord. All of the Pastors have a mind to work and have their heart in the Lord's work. Their ministries are signally blest in the salvation, sanctification and general edification of the believers.

The prayer and ordinance meetings are very well attended throughout. The Sunday Schools are steadily moving on. The open air meetings are well attended in spite of social and political unrest and are wielding a wholesome influence upon the respective communities. Souls were saved and baptized and admitted to the Church throughout the year. The various offerings were real good. Current expenses are met in spite of the high cost, by the Lord's people giving in simplicity.

In Sunbury a nice parsonage was bought with all the improvements, at a reasonable price. It faces Sixth St., the lot being at right angles with the rear of the Church lot and along an alley.

In Leighton a real cozy parsonage on a large lot was purchased at a reasonable price, almost half the amount paid for it being paid off during the year, which is very commendable.

At Nazareth a parsonage was quite recently bought alongside the Church and an additional piece of ground in back of the lot which greatly enhances the value of the parsonage bought at a reasonable price. Repairs and improvements are being made for occupancy in the near future.

The Shamokin Church was considerably and creditably remodeled to increase the seating capacity, and the Sunday School room in the basement. Sunbury, Stroudsburg, and Easton paid considerable on their Church properties during the year.

The Camp Meeting was held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., in spite of the copious fall of rain for the first half of the Camp Meeting, the altar was filled with souls, many of whom were saved, others freed from physical and spiritual bondage. After the weather cleared up the attendance of outsiders increased and the Word of God preached so faithfully by the Lord's servants brought forth glorious results. There were 125 tents on the ground and all occupied. The members on the district turned out well, also in the services. The offerings were good. The Lord's people sacrificed cheerfully.

Owing to the physical inability of one of the Pastors, changing of Pastors was made necessary. This affected Lehighton, Stroudsburg and Nazareth on our district. Already they are well settled in their new fields of labor and the work of the Lord moves on unmolested.

The members, old and young, have their hearts in the work and stand loyally by their pastors, expecting the Lord from heaven soon to appear. We heartily yet humbly express our thankfulness to the Pastors for their loyalty and faithfulness and obedience to the Lord and us in the manifold trials during the year and trust they shall all continue faithful until 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.....	240.00	
Lebanon, Pa.....	180.00	
Washington, N. J.....	15.00	\$1467.00

(b) Moving

J. B. Layne.....	25.00	
V. H. Reinhart.....	50.00	
E. E. Kublic.....	59.80	
J. G. Shireman.....	80.12	
N. H. Wolf.....	20.49	235.41

(c) Miscellaneous

Fares, etc., holding Home Mission Meetings.....	244.40	
J. G. Shireman, for Stroudsburg, Pa., Church Property.....	250.00	
J. B. Layne, for Easton, Pa., Church Property.....	100.00	
Toward Shamokin, Pa., Camp Meeting Expenses.....	182.01	
Donated to R. Bergstresser.....	25.00	
Donated to N. H. Wolf.....	50.00	
Rent for storage, Allen M. Gehman.....	20.00	871.41
Total.....		\$2573.82
Received from Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund.....		2573.82

W. G. Gehman, P. E.

V. Gospel Herald Society

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GOSPEL HERALD SOCIETY.

(From Oct. 1, 1918 to Sept. 30, 1919.)

Great and numerous were the blessings of the Lord resting upon the Gospel Heralds and their labors during the past year. There were glorious deliverances from sickness and the Lord preserved the lives of all of them so that they all are now in active service.

There are missions in Harrisburg, York, Scranton, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, Pa., and Washington, N. J. Services of late have been held in Netcong, N. J., where several were gloriously saved. In Washington, N. J., also a number were saved and baptized. Lancaster, Pa., was opened August 8 with a series of Tent Meetings which were well attended and blest to the edification of many souls and the salvation of a few. At present they live and worship in a house and hold cottage prayer meetings and open air services, hitherto not having been able to acquire a regular mission place. Very successful Tent Meetings were also held in Scranton and Philadelphia, Pa. Quite a number of souls were saved and baptized. The attendance throughout was very good.

In all the missions the Lord has been working with visible results. The attendance throughout in the missions is very good. All along the line many souls were saved and some 70 baptized during the year, and many others brought into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

The Sunday School and open air work is moving along nicely.

Grand forward strides have been made in colportage work. Many Bibles, and other good literature, including the Gospel Heralds, Daily Food Wall Rolls and Bible Calendars were disposed of. A large amount of literature was sold at the Mennonite Brethren In Christ Camp Meetings.

A mission property was purchased at 6214 Gray's Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. The lot is 35 by 125 feet on which stands a large frame house. It is proposed to erect on this lot a mission house in the near future. The location is good and the price paid for the property appears to be reasonable. Quite a neat sum is accumulating in Harrisburg in Lot and Chapel Fund. In Scranton a friend before he died remembered the Building Fund with quite a neat sum in his will. The Sunday School also made a nice donation for the same purpose.

The Home Mission Meetings held throughout the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Conference were well attended and the people of the Lord pledged freely for the missionary cause. The Pastors received the Heralds with brotherly kindness and did what they could in making the attendance and subscriptions good and large. The subscriptions were much larger than ever before. The Society wishes to thank the Mennonite Brethren in Christ in the name of the Lord for past favors shown in giving so freely and liberally and in holding the Heralds and their work before God in prayer, thus enabling them to hold forth the Word of Life to hungry souls who are languishing in a land of plenty for the want of the Bread of Life.

The Heralds are submissive and loyal to God and their President, and active in His service and willing to sacrifice, to spend and be spent for God. Their work of faith, their labor of love, and their patience of hope, will be rewarded at the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The sowing is accompanied with many tears of sorrow. The reaping shall be with joy.

(a) STATISTICAL

Ordained Ministers of the M. B. C. Conference.....	3
Probationers of the M. B. C. Conference.....	3
Full Gospel Heralds.....	7
Gospel Herald Probationers.....	7
Gospel Herald Applicants.....	2

Received into M. B. C. membership.....	2
Received M. B. C. members by transfer.....	4
Total Increase.....	6
Transferred to M. B. C. Church.....	9
Dropped.....	1
Total decrease.....	10
Net decrease.....	4
Whole Number M. B. C. members.....	32
Baptized.....	71
Children dedicated.....	3
Sunday Schools.....	6
Officers and teachers enrolled.....	66
Scholars enrolled.....	518
Children's meetings and Sunday Schools held.....	279
Open Air Meetings.....	381
Prayer Meetings.....	332
Sermons and Addresses.....	2644
Pastoral Visits.....	2279
<i>Gospel Herald</i> s sold: 10-cent Edition.....	89876
" " " 5-cent Edition.....	21702
" " " Total.....	111,578
<i>Daily Food</i> Wall Rolls sold:—50 cent Edition.....	3,686
" " " " 25 cent Edition.....	2,678
" " " " Total.....	6,364

Valuation of Mission Properties:—

Lebanon, Pa.....	\$ 5,000.00	
York, Pa.....	6,000.00	
Phila., Pa.....	4,500.00	
Washington, N. J.....	2,500.00	\$18,000.00

(b) FINANCIAL

(a) Receipts.

1. Collections.

Rents.....	\$ 1,873.00	
Sundry Expenses.....	2,973.24	
Sinking fund.....	38.74	
Light.....	232.03	
Donations, gifts, etc.....	1,751.90	
President.....	688.00	
Missionary Presiding Elder.....	46.42	
Gospel Workers.....	252.99	
Sunday Schools.....	953.30	
Sunday School Conventions.....	61.37	
Conference Fund.....	234.49	
Gospel Herald Society Headquarters.....	245.37	
Beneficiary Fund.....	238.00	
Foreign Missions.....	708.23	
Poor.....	28.50	
Missionary work.....	44.91	
At Gospel Herald Society Conference.....	86.12	
Mission supplies.....	25.05	
Chapel and lot fund.....	304.96	
House rent, York, Pa.....	144.00	
House Rent, Lebanon, Pa.....	130.00	
Barn and lot rent, Washington, N. J.....	38.50	
		\$11,099.12

II. Literature.

Literature, etc., sold in the missions.....	\$14,408.63	
Literature, etc., sold to laity at M. B. C. Camp.....	1,127.43	
Literature, etc., sold at wholesale to ministers.....	2,222.04	\$17,758.10

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

Appropriations.....	\$ 975.00	
Tabernacle Meetings.....	86.84	
Fares, utensils, freight, furniture, etc.....	667.89	
Rent for President.....	180.00	
From sale of household goods.....	4.68	1,914.41
Total.....		\$30,771.63

(b) Expenditures.

Appropriations:		
York, Pa.....	\$ 255.00	
Philadelphia, Pa.....	300.00	
Lebanon, Pa.....	310.00	
Washington, N. J.....	110.00	\$ 975.00
Tabernacle Meetings:—		
Philadelphia, Pa.....	\$ 21.00	
Scranton, Pa.....	36.90	
Lancaster, Pa.....	28.94	86.84
Miscellaneous:—		
Old Mission repairs and supplies.....	\$ 95.14	
Furniture.....	114.09	
Freight and express.....	59.11	
Freight and express on literature.....	104.54	
Fares, postage, telegrams, etc.....	149.10	
Cartage.....	87.65	
Printing and Stationery.....	48.75	
Paints and painting.....	14.19	
Rent for President.....	180.00	852.57
Total.....		\$ 1,914.41

W. G. Gehman, President and Treasurer.

VI. Stationing, Boundary and Appropriations.

REPORT OF THE STATIONING, BOUNDARY AND
APPROPRIATING COMMITTEE.

(A) APPOINTMENTS.

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

- (a) **Stations.**
 Bethlehem—W. S. Hottel.
 Allentown—C. H. Brunner.
 South Allentown—E. N. Cassel.
 Philadelphia—F. M. Hottel.
 Reading—B. Bryan Musselman.
 Zionsville—O. S. Hillegass.

(b) Circuits.

Royersford and Spring City—H. K. Kratz.
 Graterford and Harleysville—R. W. Dickert.
 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—W. F. Heffner.
 Northampton and Walnutport—A. G. Woodring.

(d) Local Preachers.

E. T. Shick, Allentown Quarterly Conference.

(e) Quarterly Conference Licensed Workers.

Mrs. C. H. Brunner, Titus Hottel, H. M. Gehman, E. W. Martin,
 W. J. Fretz and P. J. Musselman.

(f) Tabernacles to be supplied.**2. Mt. Carmel District—W. G. Gehman, P. E.****(a) Stations.**

Mt. Carmel—R. Bergstresser.
 Easton, Pa.—J. B. Layne.

(b) Missions.

Nazareth and Plainfield—J. G. Shireman.
 Stroudsburg—E. E. Kublic.
 Shamokin—J. F. Barrall.
 Lehighton and Weissport—N. H. Wolf.
 Sunbury—V. H. Reinhart.
 Lebanon—W. W. Zimmerman.

(c) Annual Conference Licensed Workers.

J. T. Anderson, W. R. Stengele, P. T. Stengele, W. K. Ruth, M. M.
 Myers.

(d) Tabernacles.

To be supplied.

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

Quakertown and Hatfield, per month.....	\$ 18.00
Northampton and Walnutport, per month.....	18.00
To be used at the discretion of the Presiding Elder.....	700.00

2. Mt. Carmel District.

Nazareth and Plainfield, per month.....	\$ 20.00
Stroudsburg, per month.....	18.00
Lehighton and Weissport, per month.....	20.00
Shamokin, per month.....	18.00
Sunbury, per month.....	20.00
Lebanon, per month.....	40.00

The president of the Gospel Herald Society shall be donated \$25 per month out of the Home Mission Treasury.

We further recommend that the Executive Board be authorized to buy one or more tabernacles out of the Home Mission Funds, if needed.

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.
 Lancaster, 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.

S. W. Heiser
 S. S. Geil
 G. O. Billig
 H. L. Shelly
 H. S. Jones
 R. R. Fox

C. D. Bean
 Moses Snyder
 Allen M. Gehman
 David M. Taylor
 G. K. Himmelreich
 O. C. Kistler
 Committee.

VII. Camp Meetings.

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

Two 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 28-July 6, 219 tents.
 Allentown Division, Aug. 16-24, 189 tents.

Mt. Carmel District.

This Camp-Meeting was held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa.
 Mt. Carmel District, July 19-27, 126 tents.

Receipts.

Bethlehem District.

Bethlehem Division.....	\$ 2,384.78	
Allentown Division.....	2,360.54	\$ 4,745.32

Mt. Carmel District.

Mt. Carmel District.....		\$ 1,600.81
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Total.....		\$ 6,346.13
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H. B. Musselman, Chairman.

VIII. Camp-Meeting Equipage.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CAMP-MEETING EQUIPAGE.

During the year we have repaired and parafined several of the tabernacles and repaired the camp-stools and other camp-meeting outfit. We purchased some new tools and stakes and some dishes and cooking utensils

as well as some electrical supplies. The Camp-Meeting equipage is in real good condition but the tabernacles are in bad physical condition. We submit the following statement of our expenses:

Sharpening tools.....	\$ 2.25	
Carfares and meals.....	16.86	
Electrical supplies.....	10.24	
Tools.....	7.47	
Parafining tents.....	20.96	
Stakes.....	51.10	
Repairing tents, etc.	2.00	
Dishes, boilers, table cloths and covers.....	19.22	
Roofing.....	12.60	\$ 142.70

F. M. Hottel,
E. N. Cassel,
J. C. Roth,
Committee.

IX. Publication and Printing.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND PRINTING.

We had some check books and order books printed for some of the various Boards. Also some Missionary Barrel labels, Home Missionary Pledge Cards, etc., as specified in the following statement.

Expenditures.

(a) Account of the Printing Committee.

12,500 Gummed Missionary barrel labels.....	\$ 7.50	
6,000 Home Mission Pledge Cards.....	10.00	
10 Camp-meeting account books.....	2.75	
10 Camp-meeting order books.....	2.75	
6 double-stub voucher books for various Boards.....	13.50	\$ 36.50

(b) Account of the Secretary of the Annual Conference.

Conference donations.....	\$ 35.00	
Expenses Annual Ministerial Convention.....	8.21	
Notifying Conference members of postponement of Convention and Conference.....	8.12	
Conference supplies.....	5.50	56.83

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

Receipts.

915 Copies of the Annual Conference Journal sold.....	\$ 228.75
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Expenditures.

Photos.....	\$ 5.00	
8 Half-sones cuts.....	32.41	
935 Conference Journals, printing.....	240.00	
Postage and mailing.....	7.25	
Journals to Railroad Companies and Missionaries.....	4.00	288.66

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

Postage, Eastern Gospel Banner material.....	\$ 10.99	
Postage and paper Sunday School Lesson Committee.....	36.36	\$ 47.35
Total.....		\$429.34

C. H. Brunner, President,
B. Bryan Musselman, Secretary,
A. G. Woodring.
Board.

X. Beneficiary Society.**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BENEFICIARY SOCIETY.**

Receipts.

Received at Annual Conference.....	\$367.24	
Interest.....	30.69	\$397.93

We have no expenditures to report this year.

W. G. Gehman, President,
F. M. Hottel, Secretary.

XI. Benevolent Society.**EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
LAYMEN'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.**

Members reported October 10, 1918.....	447
Members received during the year.....	60
Members died during the year.....	4
Members withdrawn during the year.....	5
Members enrolled October 16th, 1919.....	497

Financial.

Receipts.

Contributions.....	\$ 1,175.00	
Interest on Deposits.....	207.50	\$1,382.50

Expenditures.

Donations.....	\$ 250.00	
Sundry Expenses.....	5.66	\$ 255.66

Report of the Treasurer. *

Receipts.

October 10, 1918, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 1,957.78	
Received during year.....	2,582.50	\$ 4,540.28

Expenditures.

Expended during the year.....	\$ 255.66	
October 16, 1919, Balance in Treasury.....	4,284.62	\$ 4,540.28

The Society also holds securities to the amount of \$1800.00.

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

XII. Hymn Book Committee.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HYMN BOOK COMMITTEE.

We have now been using the "Rose of Sharon" Hymnal for over two years. The collection of hymns compiled by the Committee has met with the most enthusiastic approval of our people. Some books have been purchased by outside people who also appreciate them very much. We, however, are sorry that the binding has not been stronger and even more durable for such a large and heavy book because of the hard and constant use which our people make of them.

Report of the Treasurer.

Receipts.

November 4, 1918, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 95.27	
Sale of Rose of Sharon Hymns.....	519.50	
		\$ 614.77

Expenditures.

Expended insurance, postage, express, etc.....	36.38	
Paid on loan.....	550.00	
October 17, 1919, Balance in Treasury.....	28.39	
		\$ 614.77

(The Committee owes a loan of \$1,050.00.)

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

XIII. Reading Course.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS ON THE READING COURSE.

(A) Examinations for 1919.

(a) Applicants: On the discipline.

W. K. Ruth.....	93
M. M. Meyers.....	98

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

(b) Probationers on the Reading Course.

	St. John Chapters 13-17	Leviticus and Hebrews	First Timothy	Romans	Reformed Pastor	Divine Art of Preaching	Lessons in Holiness	Church History	Sell's Bible Study by Books	Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation	Fletcher's Appeal	Jesus is Coming	Nelson on Infidelity	Average
First Year's Course														
W. R. Stengele.....	91		77					90	66	61	63			75
P. T. Stengele.....	99		100					99	95	88	92			96
Second Year's Course														
A. G. Woodring.....		87			92	92			93	81				89
W. F. Hefner.....		81			91	93			83	82				86
Third Year's Course														
R. W. Dickert.....				90					90	82	89	98	92	90
J. B. Layne.....				82					93	89	97	96	94	92
N. H. Wolf.....				92					97	96	96	97	96	96

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

(B) Studies for 1919-1920.

(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 History of Christianity, 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 History of Christianity. Pages 138-end.
Bible, John, Chapters 13-17.

Second Year's Course.

Reformed Pastor, Baxter.
Bible, Hebrews and 2 Timothy.

Third Year's Course.

Romans.
Fletcher's Appeal.
Jesus is Coming, by Blackstone.

The first examination shall be held in Royersford, Pa., April 12, 1920 at 7 P. M.

The second examination shall be held at Bethlehem, Pa., September 20, 1920, at 7 P. M.

E. N. Cassell, President,
B. Bryan Musselman, Secretary,
H. K. Kratz, Board.

XIV. EXECUTIVE BOARD.

THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Board held a number of meetings during the year, most of which were of an informal nature. Upon the request of the Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District the Board met at Nazareth and encouraged the Pastor and class to purchase a parsonage aside of the church with some additional ground in the rear and on the north side. The Board also visited Philadelphia upon the request of the President of the Gospel Herald Society and recommended the purchase of a house and lot for the Gospel Herald Society Mission.

The Board also recommended the erection of a double brick house on the site of the old Ebenezer M. B. C. Church in Bethlehem, if the Building Committee deems it advisable.

The Board also encouraged the purchase of a parsonage at Lehighton and one at Sunbury.

We have re-arranged the lights in the auditorium in Mizpah Grove making three rows throughout the building in the place of four. The wires have been hung on rods making it more convenient to put them up and take them down.

Otherwise we have made practically no improvements outside of some necessary repairs. Quite a few places in the grove are needing repairs very badly, however. Some of the roadways should be repaired and more trees should be planted. The many young trees which we planted several years ago are growing most beautifully.

Financial.
Receipts.

Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention.....	\$ 150.00	
Mt. Carmel " " " "	50.00	
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting, Lumber rent.....	187.57	
Allentown " " " "	157.92	
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting, Balance.....	275.79	
Allentown " " " "	538.80	\$1,360.08

Expenditures.

Donations—	
Reading Class, account Annual Conference, 1918, during Influenza quarantine.....	\$ 100.00
Seibert U. Evangelical Church, Allentown, for Sunday School Convention.....	15.00
E. Allentown Fire Co.....	10.00

Repairs at Mizpah Grove		
Changing wires in Auditorium.....	85.78	
Repairs in Auditorium, pump and buildings..	38.21	
Fares, telephone and meals.....	27.40	
Telephone installation.....	3.50	
Telephone, Rental.....	2.50	
Labor, cleaning Grove.....	17.00	
Legal papers (Preisch property conveyance).....	4.65	
Fares and meals, Board Meetings.....	10.16	
Equipage Committee:	—	
Bill rendered.....	229.74	\$ 543.94

(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.

XV. Orphanage and Home.

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

The board of trustees have chosen H. B. Musselman, E. N. Cassel and Allen M. Gehman as a Board of Managers to oversee the work.

Titus Hottel, the manager, has ably managed the affairs of the Home and Farm under the directions of the Managing Board. He is ever busy and alert; endeavoring to always labor for the best interests of the Home and Farm.

Elmer Willits who lives in the farm house is laboring diligently for the best interests of the farm. Albert Moser now lives in the tenant house adjoining the farm, recently purchased by the Board of Trustees. His son Edgar, who had been taking care of in the Home, is now staying with his father and is laboring on the farm.

Mrs. Kate Fearheller who has been Matron of the Home since it has been opened and who has been very faithful in the discharge of her duties has become indisposed during the year and is at the time of this report slowly recovering but is not able to do any work. The Board of Managers have secured the services of Sister Alice Musselman to take charge of the work.

Three orphan boys were admitted into the Home during the year: George, Raymond, and Kenneth MacNutt of Mount Carmel, orphan children of Albert and Jennie MacNutt, deceased. The boys appreciate their home. All the orphan boys are doing well and when out of school are assisting with the work on the Farm. The aged sisters are keeping well and are appreciating the hospitality of the Home. The Board of Trustees have also given aid to several outside of the Home.

The Executive Board sold the property in Bethlehem known as the Preisch property for \$1800.00 securing \$500.00 in cash and a mortgage of \$1300.00. This was deemed advisable as the property was not in the best of repair.

The Board of Trustees, realizing the need of having a tenant house close to the Farm, bought a small lot and house adjoining the farm for \$2600.00. The lot contains about eleven acres of land; a very good barn, and many fruit trees are on the place. The house was not in the very best condition

but has since been renovated and repaired and is now in very good shape. This was a valuable acquisition to our property, as we now have a home for hired help with a family.

Since we have the farm there has never been a decent milk-house, or room, on the place. During the year a commodious milk-house has been built near the barn and a complete milk-cooling and utensil-cleaning outfit installed. Much of the milk is now sold to the Bethlehem Baby-Health-Station. The cattle and swine are doing well. The crops have been very good. The manager, farm hands, and the inmates of the Home have been kept well. The blessing of the Lord has been resting on the work all around.

Financial.

(A) DONATIONS

Donations were received as follows: Mrs. Oscar Baer, 10 towels; John Yeakel, 2 baskets peaches.

(B) FARM ACCOUNTS

(a) Receipts

Milk.....	\$10,245.65	Wheat.....	\$ 2,089.82
Cattle.....	9,200.90	Implements.....	120.00
Feed.....	10,007.55	Labor.....	404.17
Swine.....	3,078.00	Eggs.....	136.77
Beef and Pork.....	658.41	Hay.....	193.53
Potatoes.....	2,616.96	Hauling.....	449.22
Truck.....	52.50	Fertilizer.....	686.33
Sweet Corn.....	206.34	Poultry.....	11.25
Refund.....	887.41		
		Total.....	\$41,044.81

N. B.—Products were also used at the Home and by the Farm Family amounting to a total of \$1,220.75.

(b) Expenditures

Advertising, periodicals, and postage.....	\$ 173.36	Registration and transfer.....	\$ 143.10
Buildings, repairs and im- provements.....	410.19	Repairs and replacements.....	362.05
Carfare and telephone.....	225.51	Seeds and plants.....	384.09
Freight and express.....	749.88	Spraying materials.....	156.00
Feed, Veterinary services, condition powders.....	17,046.28	Bedding.....	193.96
Fertilizer.....	1,293.13	Twine and crates.....	97.60
Implements.....	2,397.24	Automobile maintenance.....	561.51
Swine.....	1,085.50	Taxes.....	113.26
Horse-shoeing.....	56.40	Milk house outfit.....	648.57
Wages and labor.....	1,825.91	Milk and eggs.....	806.75
Live stock.....	8,675.65	Tenant house and lot.....	2,600.00
Gasoline and oil.....	828.34	Repairing tenant house.....	832.90
Provisions.....	5.40	Dairy supplies.....	49.69
Poultry.....	73.10	Fire wood.....	43.35
		Ice.....	64.30
		Sale commission.....	82.00
		Total.....	\$41,985.02

(C) HOME ACCOUNTS

(a) Receipts

From the fund for the Poor (Annual Conference).....	\$408.47
Interest from various money.....	401.31
Total.....	\$ 809.78

(b) Expenditures

Wages and labor.....	\$184.20	Electric current, oil and soap	\$ 35.34
Inmates.....	368.57	Provisions.....	788.23
Aid given outside of Home....	81.00	Repairs and replacements.....	26.09
Building, repairs and im-		Taxes.....	25.37
provements.....	13.10	Interest (Geho Legacy).....	24.00
Coal.....	206.51	Fares paid for Bd. meetings	29.97
Furnishings.....	60.55		
		Total.....	\$1,842.93

(D) BETHLEHEM PROPERTY ACCOUNTS

(a) Receipts.

By Rent.....	\$ 10.00
Part payment on property.....	500.00
Total.....	\$510.00

(b) Expenditures.

Sale commission and deed.....	\$ 38.00
Repairs on property.....	.94
Total.....	\$ 38.94

SUMMARY TOTALS.

Receipts		Expenditures	
Farm.....	\$41,044.81	Farm.....	\$41,985.02
Home.....	809.78	Home.....	1,842.93
Bethlehem property.....	510.00	Bethlehem property.....	38.94
Total.....	\$42,364.59	Total.....	\$43,866.89

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 land at the Home.....	\$18,000.00
Tenant's Home.....	3,500.00
Implements.....	4,528.84
Live Stock—	
Holstein-Friesian Cattle.....	\$13,323.00
Horses.....	900.00
Swine.....	2,670.00
	16,893.00
Produce—	
Potatoes.....	\$ 2,380.00
Ensilage.....	2,400.00
Hay.....	1,365.00
Straw.....	400.00
Feed.....	541.40
Wheat.....	356.40
Mangels.....	100.00
Corn.....	500.00
	8,042.80

Miscellaneous—

Fertilizer.....	\$ 15.00	
Binder Twine.....	17.25	
Firewood.....	50.00	
Fence posts.....	15.00	
Lumber.....	50.00	
Crotes.....	25.00	
Auto tires.....	52.00	
Oil.....	16.60	
Disinfectant.....	20.43	
Shelter Shed.....	25.00	
Furniture.....	115.00	\$401.28

Securities—

Money outstanding.....	\$ 1,104.50	
Loans.....	4,600.00	
Cash on Hand.....	5,758.12	11,462.62
Total.....		\$62,828.54

(B) HOME

Home..... \$4,250.00

Miscellaneous—

Furniture.....	\$ 535.00	
Canned Goods.....	185.45	
Dried Fruit and Vegetables.....	21.50	
Provisions.....	110.80	
Coal.....	200.00	
Poultry.....	97.00	
Soap.....	7.70	
Brooms.....	16.20	1,173.65
Total.....		\$5,423.65

SUMMARY TOTALS

Farm and tenant's home.....	\$62,828.54
Home.....	5,423.65
Grand Total.....	\$68,252.19

STATEMENT

Resources	Liabilities
Properties.....	Contributions from the
Livestock.....	church to date.....
Implements.....	Donations to date.....
Produce.....	Surplus.....
Miscellaneous.....	Total.....
Outstanding bills.....	
Securities.....	
Cash on hand.....	
Total.....	

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, F. M. Hottel, 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, F. M. Hottel, 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,
F. M. Hottel,
H. G. Brunner,
H. S. Jones,
Board.

XVI. Foreign Missions.
THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

With grateful hearts we wish to submit to our people this report concerning the work of the Lord in the "regions beyond." During these days of war, plague, pestilence, famine and a general unrest the world over, the Lord has graciously spared all our missionaries. For all this we desire to thank the Lord most heartily.

These days of trouble and world-restlessness may be only the precursors of more severe and strenuous times ahead of us in the near future. It may well be that this is the last year before our Lord's return to bring His faithful laborers home to Himself. This thought should ever be before all of us—those who are toiling at the ends of the earth as well as those who are toiling at home praying, supporting and holding the ropes at this end. We must not slacken our pace, hang down our hands or tie our purse strings, up to the moment when the trumpet sounds and the laborers are called from labor to reward when "he that reapeth receiveth wages."



Baptismal Scene at Pillanelbum, Chile, South America.

Among the changes during the year may be mentioned the home-coming on furlough of Brother and Sister M. P. Zook and their two boys. This was the first furlough that Brother Zook had after an absence of almost fourteen years. The brethren M. B. Fuller and S. P. Hamilton have also arrived home from India for much needed rest. Brother and Sister Plymire have returned home from the field as stated elsewhere in this report. This accounts for the increase in the transportation accounts this year.

We again wish to express our gratitude as a Board to the dear brothers and sisters throughout the Conference for their liberal offerings which they have contributed to the work during the year. These offerings, in spite of the building of churches, the building and purchasing of parsonages throughout the Conference, have been larger than ever.

Not only do we desire to thank our people for their very liberal contributions in money but also for their interest, their concern, their prayers. As we levy no taxes and make no assessments, we believe the Holy Spirit has a chance to speak to the people and they feel to give the more cheerfully and liberally.



Mount of Olives
 Path up the Mount
 Gethsemane in the Center
 Road down to Jericho
 Valley of Kidron
 Road to Bethany

We praise the Lord that He has helped us right in the beginning of our Missionary work to start on a Scriptural basis of financial management. The offerings brought to the Annual Conference, collected during the year are always for the continuation and extension of the work during the following year without any debts or deficits on our books.

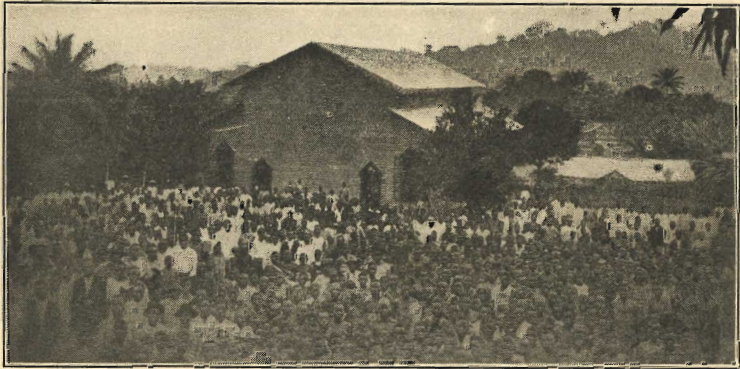
On February 13, 1896, our Board pledged for the first time the support of a missionary on the Foreign field for one year. This is now nearly twenty-four years ago. From there on our people became interested, the Lord blessed them and the work made progress.

The Board held two regular meetings during the year besides a few of a rather informal nature. We accepted Rev. E. O. Jago and Miss Mary A. Butterfield, both of them missionaries in Jerusalem, as our representatives

in that very interesting center and pledged their support for the present. We had the pleasure to have Brother Jago at our last Camp Meeting in Mizpah Grove this fall. He gave us several messages full of inspiration and information relative to the condition of things as they exist in Palestine today. Miss Butterfield expects to return to America on furlough next year.

Dr. R. H. Glover met our Board at the home of the Secretary on February 5, 1919. We had a most profitable time together and in the evening he preached a stirring sermon in the church on Gordon St. which was crowded to the doors.

We are continuing to send the *Eastern Gospel Banner*, *Gospel Herald*, *Christian Life Missionary*, *Jewels for Jesus*, *Christian Life Teachers' Quarterly* and the *Daily Food* wall roll to all our missionaries every year; also a copy of the Standard Dairy. They have written repeatedly what great blessings these supplies have been to them and thanked the Board most heartily for the same.



A Convention Audience at the Yema Church, Belgian Congo, Africa. 1100 present
See cut of Church in the report of 1917.

During the year some one sent a number of little Sunday School Lesson Cards and also some of the large Sunday School charts to some of the Missionaries for which they were very thankful. They can use many of those to illustrate divine truths to both young and old and give them for rewards. Any one having any of these cards to spare may send them by mail, well wrapped and tied but not sealed, to any of our missionaries, the full addresses of whom you find in the directory as the end of this report.

Africa.

We are supporting three missionaries in the Belgian Congo, Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Crist and Rev. E. R. Hess. Brother Crist is the Superintendent and Chairman of the Executive Committee with headquarters at Boma. From the proceedings of their Thirtieth Annual Convention we note the following facts:

"The average number of Missionaries on the field during the year was fifteen. We received 908 members into the church by baptism during the year. There are 622 others, either inquiring or professing conversion. We have now 9 organized churches with a total membership of 2934. There are 215 out-stations and sub-out-stations in charge of 192 native teachers, 101 of these receiving no pay from the mission funds. We have 202 day schools with an average daily attendance of 4125 and 7 Sunday Schools with an average attendance of 535. The native workers held 23,370 services in the villages and other Christians held 12,651. The amount contributed by the native churches during the year was \$2,244.00.

"It fell to our lot at Boma this year," reports Brother Crist, "to care for sick folks of our Society as well as of other missions. For five months we had sick people continually, two children dying here.

"There were six missionaries stationed at Kinkonzi during the year. Rev. E. R. Hess has charge of the station and also oversees the construction of



Valdivia, Chile.

Section of Cemetery. Hundreds buried here. They unseal the slab, put the coffin in and seal again. Notice the wreaths. All the inmates of the family are buried in one of these openings, often one coffin on top of the other.

buildings, besides the oversight of Maduda District. Of course he has found it impossible to do all he wanted to do, as the work of building is enough for one man. The building proceeded rather slowly as both men and food were hard to get.

"The work in the Maduda District has gone forward by leaps and bounds, 369 having been baptized during the year. The church has grown so large that instead of continuing as one congregation it has been divided into four, and still the buildings do not accommodate all the people who attend the services. In the immediate vicinity of the main schools there is not a village to be found without a house of worship. In almost the whole district the people are friendly and open to the Gospel.

"There are 66 out-schools and sub-out-schools in this District in charge of 14 paid and 45 unpaid teachers. Besides supporting all their own workers and building their own churches, which is no small task, the Maduda church supports two teachers in the Kinkonzi District, and also gives one tenth of all its offerings to work in other mission fields."

Besides all these duties, Brother Hess spent two months in Boma in the beginning of the year, while Brother and Sister Crist attended the General

Conference of Congo Missions at Luebo. He also made one trip to Mboka and several through the Maduda district.

According to the various reports, the influenza epidemic hit Africa pretty hard too. Thousands of the natives have died; even the monkeys in the forests apparently suffered and died from it.

War conditions also have left their effects upon the country. Food is hard to get. Brother Crist writes: "Because of the scarcity of food, it was impossible to hold any native conventions this year. We could not get food to sell to the people, and they had none to bring with them. The people have keenly felt the pinch of hunger.

"One of the workers said he never saw the teachers look as thin and yet so resolute. One has just sold his house to buy food. Some of the teachers could have more food if they would return to their own villages, as it is not quite so scarce in the forest country. But none of them want to abandon their schools; all are determined to stay. One teacher sent his wife and children back to their people, as he said he could not stand it to see them suffer."



Valdivia, Chile.

The milkman making his morning rounds. Two cans hanging to each side of his horse.

Brother Crist writes in the last issue of *The Congo Mission News*:

"The work in general continues to prosper, and we praise God for the way He is turning men unto Himself. Everywhere our church buildings are becoming too small and we must enlarge them; or, in most cases we are dividing the districts and making more church centers.

"The people are beginning to suffer from the effects of the drought. We know that before the next rains many will have died from hunger. All through our district there has been no rain for the past two years and streams are drying up. One of our stations, Lolo, is threatened with a water famine. At present the water must be carefully husbanded. The people in the Boma district are moving to the swamps and making their fields in the swamp beds, hoping thereby to get some food to help them to live through the season. We are glad rice is becoming a little more plentiful in Boma and trust it will continue to come down in price."

Brother Crist sent a few of the Missionaries over into the French Congo to select a suitable site for a station in that neglected district. Dr. R. H.

Glover, Foreign Secretary, who is on his way to India and Palestine, stopped off at Paris to consult with the authorities of the French government relative to the establishing of a permanent work in the French possessions on the Congo.

Chile

The beginning of our work in Chile dates from the spring of 1897 when Brother and Sister H. L. Weiss sailed from New York. When they arrived in Chile they got in touch with a German woman, Mrs. Vogel, through whose ministry a number of Germans were saved and also some Chileans, even though they did not understand a word of German. This became the nucleus of the work of Brother and Sister Weiss and their associates.



Baptismal Scene in Chile, South America, principally among the Indians.

The first years of their ministry were marked by severe persecution and hardships. They sacrificed much; their lives were in danger many times as plots were laid to kill them, but the promise, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper" (Isa. 54:17), upheld them.

At their last Annual Conference held in Valdivia, Chile, January 10th, 1919, the missionaries sent a special note of greetings to the Home Board of the Pennsylvania Conference, thanking the Church at home for their continued support in the past with their offerings and prayers. They especially praise the Lord, says their report, "for his protection from the awful ravages of the Spanish Influenza which raged in the homeland and many other countries. While many were afflicted, yet the disease did not manifest itself in a very malignant form and comparatively few died."

The reports from the various stations show that the enemy was exceptionally busy during the year, yet there is a deeper interest in the work and a greater hunger for the Truth than ever, and the Christians are more established in the Lord.

Two new native workers have been added to their force who give promise of efficiency. New territory has been entered and several new advances have been made to carry the Gospel to the Indians. One of the native workers expects to devote his whole time, "to this branch of the work, while another has extended his field well into the Andes Mountains."

"There is still much unreached territory in Chile," says their Conference report. "Each worker has more than he or she can take care of, and our hearts are burdened as we see the many towns and villages, without a messenger of the Gospel. In view of the need and the speedy coming of the Lord we send out a plea for immediate re-enforcements from home."



Pastor Keo in the center, John to his left both mentioned in the report of 1918. Keo is pastor of one of the Churches in Kansu Province, China.

Their report shows 132 baptisms during the year, with a total church membership of 1082. They sold 558 Bibles or portions of the Bible and distributed 33,020 tracts.

About eleven years ago Brother Zook and one of his colleagues made a journey eastward toward the snow-capped mountain, Villa Rica, in order to explore the country and preach the Gospel in territory where Christ had not been named yet. After passing through dense Chilean forests, fording streams, crossing mountains, they arrived at a town situated on the borders of a beautiful inland lake. Here they stayed for a few days preaching the Gospel to a few apparently disinterested listeners and left again. What was the result? Did it pay? About three years ago there was a Christian Convention in this same town of which he writes:

"What was our joy and surprise to find a company of Christians gathered together from the town, Villa Rica, and the surrounding country, eager to hear the message of the Cross. These services continued three days. The attendance and interest increased daily, numbers were baptized. These are some of the results of the preaching of the Gospel throughout this new territory.

"The faithful native pastor, Brother Ignacio Riveros, literally lives for his people, travelling and preaching constantly through these forests and valleys. He has a group of more than sixty church members in the circuit including some of the most influential and prosperous farmers. Quite recently the Lord has been pouring out his special blessings upon the work at Villa Rica. A number have been baptized and the Gospel has been preached in a new locality where the people had never heard it before. What God has done for this isolated section of Chile He is ready to do in many other places if He had such who were willing to go for him."

In one of his reports, Brother Zook writes: "The priests are telling the people all kinds of stories about us; that the pastor had a white powder which he kept in his hands that when he shook hands with the people it would do them harm; that when the people entered the chapels they would have to step upon the image of the Virgin Mary and spit upon it; that they had a devil in the chapel with hoofs and horns.



Mohammedan Funeral, Kansu Province, China. The fancy chair in the lead contains the sacred writings. This accompanies only the very highest. The corps follows in the bier. At the grave the body is removed and placed in the grave wrapped only in cloth. No coffin.

"A section foreman on the railroad was persuaded by one of his men to come to our mission. He drank himself full of whiskey to give him boldness, but after a few visits he got convicted and saved. He and his family were strict Catholics. He brought his family along and soon they got saved. He comes regularly, walking three miles over very bad roads. Sometimes he brings from ten to thirty of his workmen along, urging them to accept Christ. The railroad company has since promoted him to be assistant to the district superintendent, as he is a faithful, conscientious man. Sometime ago I went down and baptized nine as the result of that man's preaching and life."

On April 13th, 1919, Brother M. P. Zook, Mrs. Zook and their boys, Walter and John Bradley, arrived at New York on furlough, after spending almost fourteen years of consecutive service in Chile and Argentina. It took nearly fifty days to make the trip from Chile to New York as they were delayed considerably at Panama on account of crowded steamers. They have been very busy at Conventions and Camp-Meetings during the summer while the time between they are spending with Sister Zook's relatives at Rummerfield, Pa.

Brother H. W. Feldges writes very encouraging letters. There are, however, a number of very unpleasant things facing the work. Lawlessness, unrest and violence seem to abound everywhere. Robbers had broken into the chapel but they heard them and drove them away. The authorities are suspicious of the foreigners and compel them, missionaries and all others, to identify themselves and register. Strange, fanatical sects, advocates of "unknown tongues", etc., have been trying to enter in among the flock like grievous wolves and have succeeded in leading astray some of the weak, unwary and unstable. But in spite of this, the Lord has been giving them souls so that he has been baptizing converts quite frequently. The manager of the State Telegraph Company, of Osorno, has been saved and baptized



Mohammedan Funeral, Kansu Province, China. Priests chanting their sacred writings while a few men pass through the crowd giving every one a few cash for having come to the funeral.

recently. This will mean much for that town because the majority of the Christians of that town are from the lower class. A convert from the ranks of the middle class will cause a stir among them and give the work more prestige.

Miss Anna LeFevre has been shepherding the large congregation at Valdivia during the year since Conference. Brother Vital Sanhueza, the native pastor, who had charge of this congregation for several years, felt that he was called to work among the Indians exclusively. Thus they had no one to take charge, so the work fell upon Sister LeFevre. Besides this, she edits and publishes the "Chile Missionary Tidings," the organ of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Chile, a sixteen-page quarterly full of reports and good things. She reports that there are abundant signs of the blessing of the Lord upon the work in Valdivia. Three have been baptized recently and the Sunday School has begun to increase remarkably.

China.

Brother and Sister C. F. Snyder who have now been laboring at Hochow for over a year report very favorably concerning the work in that large district. This is seen from the following clippings from their interesting and encouraging letters.

"The city of Hochow is the largest Mohammedan city in China. It contains twelve Mohammedan mosques or places of worship and is the center of a very populous district of 400,000 souls. Mrs. Snyder and myself are the first resident missionaries in this vast district. It is strategically situated, being only two days' journey from Lanchow, the capital of Kansu Province, and only one day's journey from the borders of Tibet enroute to the famous Tibetan monastery of Labrang."

In one of his letters, Brother Snyder writes, "Living as we do among the Mohammedans, I have a great desire to be able to read Arabic so as to be enabled to read Moslem tracts and the Scriptures in Arabic. Chinese Moslems speak the Chinese language but their "ahungs" or priests read Arabic."



Dragging logs out of the mountain forests in Tibet.

On February 7th, Brother Snyder purchased a very much needed property for the C. & M. A. in Hochow which together with some necessary changes and repairs will cost about \$2000 gold. This amount has been secured by Brother Christie from a friend in the United States while he was home on his last furlough.

Brother Snyder writes:

"During last March, in company with three Christian and Missionary Alliance evangelists, we made a tour of a part of Hochow district north of the city. This district north of the Yellow River had never been visited by a missionary of the Cross. In two weeks' time we visited 68 villages, preached the Gospel to 4735 persons and travelled 189 li."

In one of his latest communications, dated June 28, 1919, he says:

"The Chinese Annual Convention convened at Hochow on June 19th to 23rd. This was owned by God. Eleven were immersed in the stream outside the East Gate of the city, in the presence of a large crowd, Mohammedans included. During the convention nine confessed Christ. Thank God! Sometimes the place was packed. It was grand. The Holy Spirit used the brethren Christie and Keo of Titao who were the visiting speakers. The offerings were good, in fact excellent, considering the poverty of our members. Money has come in for the opening of an outstation at Ningho, 60 li away, where there is an outlook for a fine work in the future. We expect this to be an accomplished fact in a short time."

Mrs. C. F. Snyder, in her last letter writes: "We have been living here now for a little more than a year. We have had eight foreigners visit us during this time, an American Vice-Consul and seven missionaries. We praise God for his many answers to prayer in so many ways since we are here.



Tibetan woman, milking.

"We have from sixty to eighty children coming to our children's services every Sunday. Most of them are from heathen families, giving us a good chance to sow the precious seed into these young hearts.

"The women are beginning to attend better. We have an attendance of about twenty women at the Sunday services. On special occasions we have about forty in attendance. Quite a number have confessed Christ and four women have been baptized lately. One of them was an aged grandmother, more than eighty years of age. Soon after, during the ravages of the Spanish Influenza, she got sick and fell asleep happy in the Lord.

"The other Sunday, a woman who lives about two days' journey out in the country, confessed Christ. She had been a most earnest idol worshipper. She read her classics four times a day, went to the temple on feast days.

denying herself of meat, vinegar and good things to eat in order to "tah kong" (gain merit). She gave us her books, and in place she went home with a Gospel of John, a catechism and some tracts, wrapped in her yellow cloth in which she had carried her idol books. She also took some Gospel posters along to hang up on the wall in her home in place of the idolatrous things there.

"Some women come three miles to church. When I tell you that all these women have small, bound feet, only three or four inches long, you will wonder how they can do it. The new General that is now located in Hochow is trying to press the matter of the women unbinding their feet. I truly hope he will be successful."



Woman of Ram Allah, 10 miles north of Jerusalem making the Ram Allah shawl worn by well-to-do women.

In Mr. Snyder's last letter dated August 11th, 1919, he writes:

"Since our residence in Hochow of over a year, 'the Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad,' 15 have been baptized and added to the church while 46 professed faith in Christ."

Tibet.

Brother C. F. Snyder, of Hochow, writes that he expects in the near future to spend a month in a village inside the Tibetan mountain pass, about 80 li away, where many Tibetans are residing. Labrang, containing the famous monastery by the same name, is only 200 li away from Hochow. The Mohammedan soldiers have been invading Tibet, killing and plundering the

Tibetans. We hope that this may be God's plan of opening the way for the entrance of the Gospel into that place of rock-ribbed Buddhism, Labrang.

Brother V. G. Plymire and his wife, formerly Miss Grace I. Harkless, have returned home from the China-Tibetan border on account of Brother Plymire's failure in the study of the Tibetan language.

India.

Poor India has been suffering very much. This year they have been passing through a very severe famine. Last year the Influenza epidemic swept away hundreds of thousands of its inhabitants. The year before the terrible bubonic plague caused thousands of deaths.



Bethlehem

Well-to-do women of Bethlehem. The high hat is worn only by married women.

During these three years of plague, Influenza and famine many thousands of children have been left orphans with no one to care for them. This famine has been more severe than the famine of 1899-1900. Flour is now twice as high as it was during the worst years of the former famine. The price of jawari, a grain similar to Kaffir corn, which is the main food of the poor, has risen greatly in price and will likely cost eight times as much as in normal years before long.

Thousands of the poor people are already subsisting on a thin porridge made of weak buttermilk with a little coarse flour cooked in it. We wonder what these poor people will do when their supply of grain is exhausted.

"We are compelled to listen," says Mr. Hamilton, "to sad stories of need and dire want. Little starving children are brought to the missionaries, and friends, we will have to shake our heads and send them away to die because we don't have the means to care for them."

Poor India! Its 330,000,000 gods cannot help them during these trying days of plague, pestilence and famine! Only God can help India. Only God can break down the heavy barriers of caste and superstition.

"The farmers," writes Brother Hamilton, "always keep their oxen as long as they can during famine for if they lose them they have no way to cultivate their land after the famine is over. Thousands of oxen have starved to death while many more have been sold to the tanners for the mere price of the hides."

During the famine of 1899-1900 the Alliance gathered in over a thousand orphans which, by the help of some generous friends, they were enabled to care for. They educated these boys and girls and gave them the Gospel.



Palestine
Village woman making bread.

Today there are hundreds of Christian homes established by these rescued orphans now grown up. Moreover, there are over one hundred native preachers today in the Alliance Mission in India who once were the starving little waifs gathered in during that awful famine. The Lord surely turned the curse of famine into great spiritual blessing. Let us hope and pray for great blessings coming from this famine likewise.

Our representatives in India have been Rev. S. P. Hamilton and Rev. M. B. Fuller. Brother Fuller has spent practically his lifetime in missionary work in India. For several years his health was failing so that he was compelled to come home during the year. The Mission decided that Brother and

Sister Hamilton, whose time for furlough would have been up next year, should accompany Brother and Sister Fuller on their homeward journey.

Brother Hamilton has been attending conventions throughout the United States and Canada during the summer. Mrs. Hamilton has not been in good health but is improving. They are living at present at Chittenango, N. Y.

Palestine

The Christians throughout the world rejoiced to hear of the occupation of Palestine and especially Jerusalem by the British. This means the downfall of Turkish and Mohammedan rule in the ancient Land of Promise. After some deliberation the Board decided to have a share in the missionary work in this land. Upon the suggestion of Dr. R. H. Glover in a conference with the Board, on February 5th, the Board decided to support Rev. Ethan O. Jago and Miss Mary A. Butterfield, both Missionaries of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Jerusalem.



Bethany

Ruins of the house of Simon the Leper at top. The house of Mary and Martha and the tomb of Lazarus are near by.

When the war began, the missionaries in Palestine were compelled to close up their operations, being American subjects. The only way for Mr. Jago and Miss Butterfield to return to Jerusalem was to take up Red Cross work.

Miss Butterfield wrote from Palestine in her first letter to the Board, dated April 8th, 1919, saying:

“It seems such a mark of the goodness of God to reveal to us His temporal provisions just as we are about to become regular missionaries again. It is good of the dear saints in Pennsylvania to take us thus into their ranks, and we will surely pray to be worthy representatives of those who have chosen us. I shall feel as if I belonged to you in a very real way and want to become

acquainted with you all. Somehow one feels that personal fellowship and acquaintance strengthen prayer-power."

In another letter dated July 28th, 1919, she writes:

"When Mr. Jago and I arrived here over a year ago, we found that the church services had been continued from the time we left the field in 1917, under the direction of one of the native elders. The attendance was not large, but there was the nucleus of our congregation and from time to time since, one and another who were in exile are returning.

"As we were under the Red Cross, we could not take up regular mission work but we could attend the services and gave what encouragement we could as occasion served. We were glad that we came, for it gave us an opportunity to get in touch with our people again. Soon after we left the Red Cross work when it was closed up, we had permission to open up mission work.

"In June Mr. Jago went to the United States to confer with the Board and do deputational work for our mission. During his absence Mr. Payne came on from London to substitute until others return. Mr. Payne has charge of all the Church services and prayer meetings and has some classes for young Jews every night.

"You will receive a letter of acknowledgment shortly for the amounts you sent us for our work out here, a thing which was an impossibility during the War. It is a joy to know that not a dollar of what was sent failed to reach us, although during the war it had sadly depreciated in value by the time it got to us. Though I was not really ill in bed, my nerves had been badly shattered during the trying times we passed through, but the Lord has answered your prayers and my recovery has been nothing short of miraculous.

"Since July I have been working most of the time on Mission work and I cannot remember when the work seemed so easy, or rather so light a burden in spite of the fact that it is difficult. We are all full of joy over the fact that it will not be long until we can have all of the work going again, and even though we get tired physically we do not mind it. Continue in prayer for us. Our greatest need is a spiritual revival. It is coming. It must come. We have prayed for it all these years and have urged others to pray for it. God is answering as surely as He is in heaven.

"A number of our Syrian helpers are in the employ of the Government while others are helping in the preparation for the re-opening of the schools this fall. Our Bible woman is back at work, visiting among the people. Most of our boys and girls are witnessing for Christ wherever they are, longing for the time when they can return to the schools. Recently a young man who found Christ as his Saviour in the Boys' School said, 'I want my brother to come to the school, to become a Christian, no matter what else he learns!'"

Rev. E. O. Jago returned from Palestine sometime in June, after the Red Cross work was over. He had been doing a great deal of relief work in Jerusalem and other towns of Palestine, as well as having a most blessed ministry among the Armenians in Syria.

We rejoiced to have him with us at our Mizpah Grove Camp-Meeting, Allentown Division, on Aug. 18th and 19th and become personally acquainted with each other. His earnest addresses will never be forgotten. He was accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Turnbull, Principal of the Nyack Missionary Training Institute, both of whom also gave us several acceptable messages.

Brother Jago said in one of his forceful addresses at our Camp-meeting:

"The deliverance of the Holy Land from the hands of the Turk is one of the most stupendous miracles of this age. For 600 years the Turk ruled, or rather mis-ruled, Palestine, but God's time came for the deliverance of His land. The British army was in Egypt. There were 200 miles of desert between; not a tree in sight, not a blade of grass. The British had to cross that desert; they laid pipe lines and built railways for their military operations.



The new Jewish flag with the triangled shield of David. Wherever "Mogen David" (the Shield of David, or Protector of David) occurs in the Hebrew Ritual it always refers to the Messiah, one of the Triune Holy Ones in the God-head.—Courtesy of Philippe Spievacque, Editor of the *Jewish Evangelist*.

"For months the British army lay before Gaza, and suffered serious reverses. But God had a man ready, and when General Allenby arrived, Gaza fell and soon his army was marching towards Jerusalem. Jerusalem was well fortified; 70,000 Turkish troops were entrenched around the city. The cannon stood on Mt. Olivet wheel to wheel. The machine guns bristled on the walls. Strange to say, the Turks retired from Jerusalem almost without firing a shot. A few days later the Turks recovered their senses and for four days they made strong counter attacks, as high as fourteen in twenty-four hours. But God's time of deliverance had come, and Jerusalem was safe.

"Before I left for America I called upon the Military Governor who said to me: 'Allow your missionaries back? We do not only allow your missionaries back but we welcome them back.' General Allenby has given the Christian and Missionary Alliance the fullest and freest opportunity to return and resume their missionary work, although the country is closed yet to the ordinary traveling public.

"I was told that 1,500,000 Jews are purposing to go to Palestine as soon as possible to begin the redemption of the land,—their own land—and make it a Jewish republic. All over Jerusalem you see the new Jewish flag flying, with its blue and white stripes and the blue double triangle, the Shield of David.

"On the other hand, Mohammedanism, joined by Catholicism, has declared that if the land is given unto the Jews, insurrection will rage in the streets. I know what that means for I passed through Egypt on my way home and station after station had been burned and destroyed, because this spirit of unrest and nationalism has been stirring all Egypt. There is a tremendous stirring among Mohammedan leaders to save Mohammedanism as their political powers are slipping away from them."

In conclusion we would urge all our people to pray earnestly for our missionaries as well as for their members and their work. Pray that the Lord may protect them in hours of danger. Pray that they may never be discouraged and that they may through the grace of God win many souls for God.

Any information relative to this great work will be cheerfully furnished by the Secretary, C. H. Brunner, 819 Gordon St., Allentown, Pa. Any contributions toward this work will be cheerfully received by any of our pastors or by the Secretary at the above address. No one on the Board receives a salary. All money received is used for Missionary purposes as is shown by the financial statement.



Jerusalem

The Mosque of Omar on the site of the Temple. In this Mosque the rock of Mt. Moriah is shown, supposed to be the place where Abraham offered up Isaac.

Financial.

Receipts

Received during the year (Special).....	\$331.50
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(These amounts were donated for special purposes and were forwarded directly without going through the treasury.)

Expenditures

(a) Allowances

Africa—

E. E. Crist and Mrs. Crist.....	\$ 720.00	
E. R. Hess.....	360.00	\$1080.00

Argentina—

C. H. Miller.....		360.00
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Chile—

M. P. Zook and Mrs. Zook.....	\$ 960.00	
H. W. Feldges and Mrs. Feldges.....	960.00	
Miss Anna LeFevre.....	480.00	
Manuel Gomez.....	200.00	
Innocencio Gomez.....	200.00	
Dionicio Oyarzun.....	200.00	
Ignacio Riveros.....	200.00	
Mrs. Kate Weiss (Nyack, N. Y.).....	360.00	3560.00

China—

C. F. Snyder and Mrs. C. F. Snyder.....	\$ 720.00	
Wm. Christie.....	360.00	
W. N. Ruhl.....	360.00	
V. G. Plymire and Mrs. Plymire.....	420.00	1860.00

India—

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

Palestine—

E. O. Jago.....	\$ 480.00	
Miss Mary A. Butterfield.....	480.00	960.00

(b) Transportation

Half transportation expenses—M. P. Zook, and family, M. B. Fuller, S. P. Hamilton, and V. G. Plymire.....	1069.00
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(c) Miscellaneous

Donations forwarded as specified by the donors, friends of our Missionary work.....	\$ 301.00	
Donated for special purposes by the Board.....	\$ 145.00	
600 copies of the Annual Report of the Board, printing....	85.00	
27 half-tone cuts for the Annual Report.....	83.90	
75 extra prints of each cut.....	10.00	
Postage on Annual Reports, Diaries, Missionary material to Missionaries and Pastors.....	13.97	
Foreign Missionary literature to Pastors, etc.....	10.00	
14 Subscriptions to <i>Eastern Gospel Banner</i> , <i>Gospel Herald</i> , <i>Christain Life Missionary</i> , <i>Teachers' Quarterly</i> , <i>Jewels</i> , <i>Wall Rolls</i> sent to the Missionaries.....	59.40	
Diaries to Missionaries.....	14.50	
Fares to Board Meetings.....	5.46	\$ 427.23
Total.....		\$10036.23

DIRECTORY.

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Gomez, Innocencio	Adopted October, 1912. Stationed at Pua, Chile.
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Address, C. & M. A. Mission, Box 50,
Jerusalem, Palestine**FORMS OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.****BEQUEST.**

I give and bequeath unto H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, W. G. Gehman, E. N. Cassel and W. S. Hottel, Board of Foreign Missions of the Pennsylvania Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, and their successors in office, the sum of.....
payable one year after my decease.

DEVISE.

I give and devise unto H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, W. G. Gehman, E. N. Cassel and W. S. Hottel, Board of Foreign Missions of the Pennsylvania Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, 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,
C. H. Brunner, Secretary,
W. G. Gehman,
E. N. Cassel,
W. S. Hottel,

Board.

XVII. Ministerial Convention (Semi-Annual).

The Sixteenth Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention convened in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church on Eleventh St. near Ontario, Philadelphia, Pa., on Wednesday, April 16, 1919.

The Presiding Elders and all the Pastors of both districts, a number of the Pastors' families, and a number of Gospel Heralds were present.

The forenoon meeting was opened at 10.15 by H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District, who gave a very profitable address, winding up by a very impressive anointing service.

AFTERNOON MEETING.

The afternoon meeting was opened at 2.30 with devotional exercises by the Chairman, W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Mount Carmel District. The Secretary, Pastor R. W. Dickert of Quakertown, Pa., recorded the minutes.

After the enrollment of the members of the Convention, the Convention bar was fixed and the Minutes of the previous Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention were read.

The Chairman appointed the following committees:

Committee on Resolutions—R. L. Woodring, E. N. Cassel and B. Bryan Musselman.

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

Committee on Absentees—H. B. Musselman, J. G. Shireman and G. F. Yost.

Time-Keeper—V. H. Reinhart.

Pastor E. T. Shick, of Graterford, Pa., then read an essay on "The Pastor; His Character, His Department and His Work." This essay was very comprehensive and the discussions which followed were profitable.

EVENING MEETING.

The evening meeting was opened by the Pastor, F. M. Hottel, at 7.30 o'clock, with a short song, service after which two twenty-minute addresses were delivered, as follows: "Perilous Times in Which We Are Living," by Pastor C. H. Brunner of Allentown, Pa., and "What Effect Has the Doctrine of the Lord's Coming on the Believer," by Pastor W. S. Hottel, of Bethlehem, Pa. Both of these messages were God-inspired and most timely.

Notwithstanding the weather having been very cold, stormy and rainy, the attendance was very good. The church was crowded in the evening.

The Pastor and his class at Philadelphia furnished abundant entertainment for the Convention and friends.

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

W. G. Gehman, Chairman,
R. W. Dickert, Secretary.

XVIII. Ministerial Convention (Annual).

The Twenty-ninth Annual Ministerial Convention of the Pennsylvania Conference convened in the M. B. in C. Church on Tenth Street near Oley Street, Reading, Pa., at 10.30 A. M., Wednesday, October 15, 1919.

The Chairman, Pastor J. G. Shireman, opened the Convention with singing and reading the First Psalm. Pastor H. K. Kratz recorded the Minutes.

The Presiding Elders of both Districts, all the Pastors with one exception and nearly all the Delegates were present from the opening of the first meeting, also Missionary M. P. Zook, Superintendent of the work in Chile, who is home on furlough.

The Chair appointed the following Committees:

Committee on Publication—W. G. Gehman, B. Bryan Musselman and F. M. Hottel.

Committee on Resolutions—W. S. Hottel, R. W. Dickert and A. G. Woodring.

Committee on Absentees—E. N. Cassel, R. L. Woodring and G. F. Yost.

Time Keeper—E. E. Kublic.

Reporter—M. W. Zimmerman.

The Chairman of the Annual Conference, Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, now made a very timely and helpful address to the Convention.

AFTERNOON MEETING.

The afternoon meeting opened at 2 o'clock with singing and prayer by M. P. Zook.

After the roll call and the reading of the Minutes of the forenoon meeting an essay on "The Faithful Pastor," was read by Pastor J. C. Roth of Emaus, Pa. This was followed by a discussion on "Present Day Needs" opened by Pastor W. S. Hottel of Bethlehem, Pa. Both of these subjects were filled with very helpful thoughts and the discussions that followed were also very timely.

EVENING SERVICE.

This service was opened at 7.30 o'clock with a short song service in charge of the Pastor, B. Bryan Musselman.

This was followed by two twenty-minute addresses as follows:

"The Pastor's Devotion," Pastor C. H. Brunner, Allentown, Pa.

"Soul Winning," Pastor R. L. Woodring, Coopersburg, Pa.

The "Ladies Chorus" sang an excellent selection. The weather was somewhat rainy but the attendance was very large.

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

J. G. Shireman, Chairman,

H. K. Kratz, Secretary.

XIX. Sunday School Convention (Bethlehem District)

The Thirty-first Annual Sunday School Convention of the Bethlehem District of the Pennsylvania Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ convened in Seibert United Evangelical Church, Corner Ninth and Liberty Streets, Allentown, Pa., on Memorial Day, May 30, 1919.

The Convention was opened at 9.15 A. M. by the Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman. A. G. Woodring recorded the minutes.

The Presiding Elder and all the Pastors of the District were present at the roll call as well as all the Superintendents and Delegates. The Presiding Elder of the Mount Carmel District and several of his pastors were also present.

The Chairman appointed the following Committees:

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

Committee on Publication—H. B. Musselman, E. N. Cassel and J. C. Roth.

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

Committee on Statistics—R. W. Dickert, P. Ward Musselman and Myron H. Gehret.

Committee to Read the Minutes—E. N. Cassel and J. C. Roth.

Committee on Absentees—C. H. Brunner, O. S. Hillegass and W. S. Hottel.

Reporter—H. K. Kratz.

Timekeeper—J. C. Roth.

The Superintendents of the eighteen Sunday Schools represented submitted their Oral, Statistical and Financial Reports, limited to five minutes. These were very interesting, instructive and encouraging. They showed a marked increase in the total enrollment as well as in the progress of the Home Department.

AFTERNOON MEETING.

At two o'clock the Chairman opened the meeting with devotional exercises followed by roll call, reading of the minutes of the forenoon meeting and reports of committees after which the following Essays were read and discussed:

"The Sunday School Teacher"—P. Ward Musselman, Allentown, Pa.

"The Sunday-School Superintendent"—Timothy D. Gehret, Bethlehem, Pa.

A discussion on "The Home Department" was opened by Walter J. Mann, Bethlehem, Pa., limited to fifteen minutes.

Both of these essays, the discussion assigned, as well as the general discussions were very instructive and helpful.

EVENING MEETING.

The evening meeting was opened at half past seven o'clock with a Song Service in charge of the Pastor, C. H. Brunner. This was followed by four short addresses, limited to fifteen minutes, as follows:

"Prayer"—Pastor A. G. Woodring, Walnutport, Pa.

"How to Promote Spirituality Among the Young People"—Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, Reading, Pa.

"How to Promote Church Attendance"—Pastor W. S. Hottel, Bethlehem, Pa.

"Fragments That Remain"—Pastor C. H. Brunner, Allentown, Pa.

These were very inspirational and instructive.

The Preachers' Quartette, Men's and Mixed Chorus of Allentown and Male Quartette of Bethlehem sang a number of excellent selections during the day.

The weather being delightful, the attendance was very large, the large auditorium of Seibert's Church being crowded from the entrance up to the pulpit all day.

Pastor C. H. Brunner and the Congregation of Bethel M. B. in C. Church furnished excellent entertainment in the basement of Bethel church for the hundreds of people who had come from a distance.

All through this was pronounced by many to have been one of the best if not the best Sunday School Convention they ever attended.

Statistics.

Sunday Schools represented.....	18	Scholars enrolled.....	2725
Officers enrolled.....	144	Total enrollment....	3134
Teachers enrolled.....	265	Home Department Members.....	2213

The members of the Home Department are not included in the Total Enrollment.

The reports showed marked progress and increase in the various departments of Sunday School work. The reports showed an increase of 150 over last year in the total enrollment and an increase of 718 in the Home Department.

Report of the Treasurer.

Receipts.

May 30, 1918, Balance in Treasury.....	\$	4.69	
Received at this Convention from the various			
Sunday Schools.....		213.04	\$217.73

Expenditures.

Expended at the Convention.....	\$ 65.46	
Donated to the Executive Board.....	150.00	
May 30, 1919, Balance in Treasury.....	2.27	\$217.73

F. M. Hottel, Treasurer.

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

B. Bryan Musselman, Chairman.
A. G. Woodring, Secretary.

XX. Sunday School Convention. (Mt. Carmel District.)

The Thirty-first Annual Sunday School Convention of the Mount Carmel District of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of the Pennsylvania Conference convened in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, 711 East Commerce St., Shamokin, Pa., on Wednesday, May 21, 1919.

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 E. H. Musselman, C. H. Shearer, N. M. Cressman, and A. L. Vaughn of the Gospel Herald Society.

R. Bergstresser of Mt. Carmel, Pa., was Chairman of the convention, W. F. Heffner of Nazareth, Pa., recorded the Minutes.

The Chair appointed the following committees:

Committee on Statistics—W. F. Heffner, J. B. Layne, J. H. Bruch.

Committee on Finance—J. F. Barrall, Wm. E. Manney, V. H. Reinhart.

Committee on Publication—W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman, Charles F. Lilly.

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

Committee on Absentees—W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman, E. E. Kublic.

Committee on Auditing—E. E. Kublic, W. R. Stengele.

Timekeeper, C. E. Witt. Reporter, W. W. Zimmerman.

The oral reports of Superintendents from the various Sunday Schools were very interesting and gratifying. Two new Sunday Schools were organized during the year. One on Union Hill, Weissport, Pa., and the other in the Gospel Herald Society Mission at Philadelphia. The finances throughout the district are in good standing, and much satisfaction was expressed by the different ones on the district relative to "The Christian Life Series" Helps published by the Union Gospel Printing Co., of Cleveland, Ohio.

AFTERNOON MEETING.

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

First, "The Need and Influence of Sunday School Work," by P. T. Stengele, Scranton, Pa.

Second, "The Successful Sunday School Teacher," by E. E. Kublic, Lehighton, Pa.

These essays were very well prepared and read, showing much study and meditation for the promotion of Sunday School work throughout. The discussions were practical and full of instructions.

EVENING MEETING.

The evening service was in charge of the Pastor, J. F. Barrall, with three fifteen-minute addresses on the following subjects:

First, "Early Conversion of Children," by Pastor J. B. Layne, Easton, Pa.

Second, "The Christian Home," by Pastor W. F. Heffner, Nazareth, Pa.

Third, "Effectual, Fervent Prayer," by Pastor J. G. Shireman, Stroudsburg, Pa.

The Gospel Heralds with their stringed instruments and grand spiritual singing, and the male quartet from Sunbury, Pa., proved a great blessing to all.

The different ones who have attended this convention will go home, elated over the spiritual uplift they received at this convention.

The evening service was a grand affair. The speakers having grand liberty in the delivery of their messages.

In spite of the copious showers of rain during the day, the church and balcony were crowded to the doors and all were enthusiastic for the work in the future.

The class and friends of Shamokin entertained the Convention most cordially under the noble leadership of J. F. Barrall. Neither work nor sacrifice was spared. Ample refreshments were served the Convention members in the basement of the church.

Statistics.

Sunday Schools represented.....	15	Total enrollment.....	—	1632
Officers enrolled.....	92	Home Department Members...	168	
Teachers enrolled.....	128	Cradle Roll (not counted in total		
Scholars enrolled.....	1412	enrollment.....	86	

There is an increase of 278 in the enrollment since last year's Convention. Also an increase of 59 in the Home Department.

Report of the Treasurer.

Receipts.

May 22, 1918, Balance in Treasury.....	\$.37	
Received at this Convention from the various			
Sunday Schools.....	204.87		\$205.24

Expenditures.

Expended at this Convention.....	\$148.03		
Donated to the Executive Board.....	50.00		
May 21, 1919, Balance in Treasury.....	7.21		\$205.24

J. F. Barrall, Treasurer.

Committee on Program—W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman and J. F. Barrall.

R. Bergstresser, Chairman
W. F. Heffner, Secretary.

XXI. Conference Report.

Report of the Committee appointed to compile a report of the Conference for the *Eastern Gospel Banner*. Also of the Sunday Services.

The Thirty-sixth Session of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania convened in the M. B. in C. Church on Tenth Street near Oley Street, Reading, Pa., October 16-20, 1919.

All the active ministers and all the Delegates were present at the opening of the first meeting.

The reports of the Pastors and Presiding Elders were very interesting and encouraging and spoke of much devotion and hard work bestowed by them during the Conference year. Progress was manifested along all lines, spiritually, statistically and financially. A large number were saved, baptized and added to the church. The believers made progress in the life of Christ. Many were healed. We as a church still believe in separation from the world. Our people are more saved from the ungodly fashions and styles of this godless age and more free from its entangling political and social systems than they ever were.

The attendance throughout the Church is remarkable. The prayer meetings are largely attended. The Presiding Elders reported the ministry united, zealous, devoted and loyal, and the various appointments in a promising condition.

The Sunday School work is also making forward strides in all directions. The Home Department has been a great blessing to our various Sunday Schools. Our Sunday Schools as well as those of other churches which are using the "Christian Life" Series of Sunday School Helps are very well pleased with our literature. The publishers, the Union Gospel Printing Company of Cleveland, Ohio, in their last report, say that they can hardly keep up with the demand. During the last quarter, 74 new Sunday Schools have sent in orders for a whole line of their supplies or a portion of them. One Sunday School uses over 2,000 quarterlies of one kind alone. Some of our Sunday Schools use as many as 750 copies of the *Christian Life Missionary* every Sunday; one is even using 1050 copies every Sunday. This paper is meeting with remarkable success.

The Gospel Herald Society and the Gospel Worker Society have been scattering an immense amount of the best and most Scriptural literature that can be found.

The reports of our missionaries laboring in the "regions beyond" have been very interesting and encouraging. Brother M. P. Zook, Superintendent of our work in Chile, was with us at our Camp Meetings and at our Conference and gave us a very interesting account of their work.

W. K. Ruth and M. M. Myers, applicants from the Gospel Herald Society, were granted Annual Conference license, and R. W. Dickert and J. B. Layne were ordained.

The offerings for the past year were excellent, far above those of any former year. The offerings for Home and Foreign Missionary work in the various channels amounted to \$27,375.68 or an average of \$13.34 per member. The total offerings for all purposes in the Lord's work throughout the Conference amounted to \$136,219.02, or an average of \$66.38 per member. "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes" (Ps. 118:23).

H. B. Musselman and W. G. Gehman were re-elected Presiding Elders, C. H. Brunner and W. S. Hottel, Vice-Presiding Elders, H. B. Musselman was elected Chairman of the next Annual Conference, C. H. Brunner, Secretary and Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer.

One of the Pastors, Brother E. T. Shick, having become physically disabled and deprived from active service during the year, the Presiding Elders were obliged to make a few changes in the pastorates before the Conference. These changes were sustained by the Annual Conference as follows: Graterford, R. W. Dickert; Quakertown, W. F. Heffner; Nazareth, J. G. Shireman; Stroudsburg, E. E. Kublic; Leighton, N. H. Wolf. All the other Pastors remained for another year.

The Conference was one of great blessing. Harmony and unity prevailed. Every business session was owned of the Lord, and blessed to the edification of the whole Conference.

The devotional and evangelistic services in the evenings were seasons of power and spiritual blessing that will not soon be forgotten. The brethren spoke the word of truth with much liberty. Brother M. P. Zook, of Chile,

South America, gave a strong Missionary address on Saturday evening.

The next Annual Conference shall convene D. V. at Bethlehem, Pa., in the new church in course of construction, on September 23, 1920.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

On Sunday morning all the members of the Conference as well as the congregation and friends of the Tenth and Oley Streets Church, assembled in Odd Fellows' Hall, on the corner of Eighth and Frankling Streets, Reading, Pa., which had been secured for this day's services.

At 9.50 the first service was opened with singing led by R. L. Woodring. At 10 o'clock Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, Chairman of the Annual Conference preached the Conference Sermon. This was a strong address to the ministers relative to their calling, character, work and reward. The Lord blessed the message and stirred our hearts, reminding us afresh of our duties and responsibilities and stimulated us to greater faithfulness.

The afternoon service opened at 2 o'clock. After singing and prayer, Brother W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Mount Carmel District, preached a very clear Ordination Sermon. In this address he emphasized the great importance of a definiteness in the calling and life of a faithful minister, and the blessings attending a proper, Scriptural Ordination.

This was followed by a very impressive ordination service in charge of the Chairman, assisted by a number of the ministers. The Brethren R. W. Dickert, Pastor of the Graterford and Harleysville circuit and J. B. Layne, Pastor of Easton Station, were ordained.

The Ladies' Chorus of Reading, the Male Octette of Allentown, and the Junior Male Quartette of Bethlehem sang a number of excellent selections during the day. All the services were in charge of the Chairman of the Annual Conference.

The commodious Odd Fellows' Hall was packed to the doors at every service. A special train from Allentown consisting of four coaches brought a large delegation from Allentown, Bethlehem and the neighboring congregations. The weather was ideal and all seemed to enjoy the day very much.

The Reading congregation under the judicious supervision of their Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, made abundant provision in the elaborately arranged dining room of the Hall for the entertainment of the large number of friends who had come from a distance.

R. L. Woodring,
C. H. Brunner,
E. N. Cassel,
Committee.

XXII. The Eastern Gospel Banner.

These are days of peril to Christian faith and vital godliness; days of deceitful honey-combed religiousness and clever infidelity. The "modern" pulpit (generally speaking) is the hotbed of cunning atheism, and so also, are the present-day religious papers and magazines. There are some blessed exceptions to this general condition, for which we heartily praise God.

Who can realize and estimate the power and influence of the printed page? We unhesitatingly affirm that no one can do so. By it have been handed down to us the glorious news of salvation through Christ, as well as the knowledge of the eternal counsels and purposes of God, in the Bible. By it the news of world happenings are carried unto the ends of the civilized world. It is a great means for the spread of the Truth and the dissemination of the Gospel of Christ, when made use of by the people of God.

Satan and his servants also know the power of the printed page. The advocates of false teachings make good use of the press and the printed page. In this way they press their teachings into the homes of the innocent, the simple and the unenlightened, and, lead them to embrace their self-conceived doctrine of delusion and deception, inspired by Satan the "god of this world." They spare no time, labor and means to get their doctrines before the public. They are in live earnest, they are possessed by a burning enthusiasm; they are moved by a passionate impulse and under the spell of subtle inspiration.

Then why should not we, who have the Truth of God given to us by Divine inspiration, and, who know its blessings and power in reality, do all in our power to spread it and get lost souls under its influence? Why should we have less enthusiasm and inspiration than the advocates of false doctrine? Why should we be satisfied with just ordinary formal efforts, when they are so strenuous? Nay, verily, we should do all in our power to get the best, the most scriptural and the most spiritual literature before the people, and, to get it into as many homes as possible, all over the country.

And, now, with humility and deep gratitude of heart we say, we have this literature at hand. Indeed, no better, more scriptural, more spiritual and more helpful paper can be found than the *Eastern Gospel Banner*. The editorials, written by our esteemed and worthy brother and co-worker, C. H. Brunner, are always suggestive, illuminating and helpful. The original articles, written by our esteemed Presiding Elders, as well as those written by the associate editors are also most valuable and helpful. The selected articles are also of the highest type and order. This religious weekly is enjoying a fine circulation, is splendidly holding its own, as well as gaining new friends right along.

The Publishers, the Union Gospel Printing Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, are sparing no time, labor and means to make this paper up-to-date in quality and workmanship. The price of this paper is very reasonable and low at \$2.00 per year, or \$1.50 if paid in advance, and especially so, in view of the consideration that it contains sixteen large pages weekly (50 issues per year), with no paid advertisements.

Brethren, in the ministry, let us do all in our power to get as many subscribers to the *Eastern Gospel Banner* as possible; let us get it into all the homes possible in our communities and let us seek to introduce it everywhere. It is worthy of our best and most earnest effort and support.

W. S. Hottel.

XXIII. Sunday School Lessons.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON COMMITTEE.

The Christian Life Series of Sunday School lesson helps on the International Sunday School lessons is rapidly gaining favor.

The following served on the Editorial Staff during the past 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.

These helps consist of the following quarterlies: Bible Teacher, Bible Scholar, Home Department, Juvenile Teacher, Junior, Colored Primary Cards and Wall Charts.

Pastor W. S. Hottel has charge of a large congregation and in addition to his many pastoral duties has been very ably writing the notes and expositions contained in these quarterlies. Brother Hottel is sound in doctrine and his clear presentations of Scriptural truths so much needed in these last days has proven a great blessing to thousands. We pray that the Lord will keep him well and preserve him unto His coming.

It is said that the churches of the United States get 400,000 members from the Sunday Schools annually, and if it were not for the Sunday Schools the churches would become extinct within fifty years. Eighty per cent of the Sunday School scholars in Pennsylvania are under 20 years of age.

Hon. Charles Fairbanks has said: "There is nothing which exerts a more beneficent effect on our citizens than the American Sunday School. Those who are desirous of advancing the common welfare can do it in no more effective manner than by sustaining, to the extent of their ability, the Sunday School in our midst."

We praise the Lord for good, solid, sound religious literature; including our Sunday School supplies, free from Higher Criticism and the many erroneous teachings of the present day. This is essential to the spiritual growth of our many young people.



Jesus said: „Suffer the little children to Come Unto Me.“

The Quarterlies.

These supplies are at present used in nearly every state in the Union. Also in a number of Provinces in Canada and other foreign countries. The Publishers, the Union Gospel Printing Company of Cleveland, Ohio, report that they can hardly keep the supply up to the demand. In their last report they state that they have received orders for some or all of their supplies from seventy-four new Sunday Schools during the last quarter.

In one of our large western cities more than 50 Sunday Schools use these supplies. More than 120 Sunday Schools use them in one state exclusive of the Sunday Schools of our own church. One Sunday School uses more than 2,000 Quarterlies of one kind regularly.

The Christian Life Missionary.

This is a large monthly made up of sections of four pages for each Sunday in the year. The type is beautiful, clear and easily read. It is printed in a large four-column form. It is profusely illustrated with many original engravings drawn by noted artists especially for this paper. All the Sunday Schools of the Pennsylvania Conference use these supplies and distribute large numbers of this paper, one of them using 750 copies weekly while another uses 1050 copies every week. These papers have been a great help in our homes, our Sunday Schools and our work in general. They have been a very valuable addition to our Sunday School work, especially in the Home Department. We find that they are not an expense on our hands but a financial asset in addition to the spiritual help, as they more than pay for what they cost us. Sunday Schools using the Christian Life Missionary instead of complaining that they cannot afford to get a good paper for free distribution say, we could not afford, financially even, to be without it.

This paper is now in its 15th year and is eagerly sought and read by thousands weekly. It is published at the exceedingly low price of 60 cents a year in single copies by mail to subscribers.



Cleveland, Ohio.
Gospel Worker Society Home.
Their large Printing Establishment (Union Gospel Printing Co.,)
is seen to the right through the tree.

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.

Daily Food Wall Rolls.

The most beautiful and artistic production by this noted publishing house is the Daily Food Wall Roll. This is a beautiful twelve-sheet wall calendar with an artistic cover. Every sheet is specially designed by an excellent artist and printed in a number of colors and tints on extra coated heavy paper. Every page contains appropriate selections from Scripture for daily reading and Bible Study.

This reliable house prints only sound, Scriptural religious literature of a high grade.

Our Foreign Mission Board sends a copy of all these publications to each of our missionaries which are very highly appreciated.

The Publishers shall be glad to send samples of their papers and Sunday School supplies free to any person or Sunday School which has not seen them yet by writing to the Union Gospel Printing Company, Cleveland, Ohio.

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

Committee.

XXIV. Announcements for 1920.

(A) SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS.

(a) Report of the Committee to Organize for the Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention for 1920.

The Convention shall convene at Philadelphia, Pa., on Ascension Day 1920.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, C. H. Brunner; Secretary, R. W. Dickert; Treasurer, F. M. Hottel.

Committee on Program: H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner and F. M. 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 and the Pastors of the Mt. Carmel District and to the Missionary Presiding Elder, W. B. Musselman, to be present.

E. N. Cassel, Chairman,
F. M. Hottel, Secretary.

(b) Report of the Committee to Organize for the Mt. Carmel District Sunday School Convention for 1920.

This Convention shall convene at Stroudsburg, Pa., on Wednesday, May 26, 1920.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, J. F. Barrall; Secretary, J. B. Layne; Treasurer, R. Bergstresser.

Committee on Program: W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman, and E. E. Kubic.

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 to the Missionary Presiding Elder, W. B. Musselman, to be present at this Convention.

J. G. Shireman, Chairman,
J. B. Layne, Secretary.

(B) MINISTERIAL CONVENTIONS.**(a) Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention.**

This Convention is announced to convene in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church at Royersford, Pa., on Wednesday, April 14, 1920.

Chairman, E. N. Cassel; Secretary, N. H. Wolf.

Committee on Program—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, H. K. Kratz.

(b) Annual Ministerial Convention.

This Convention is announced to convene in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, Corner Main and Durham Streets, Bethlehem, Pa., Wednesday, September 22, 1920.

Chairman, W. G. Gehman; Secretary, R. L. Woodring.

Committee on Program: H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, W. S. Hottel.

(C) ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Conference Session shall convene, should the Lord tarry, in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, Corner Main and Durham Streets, Bethlehem, Pa., at 8 A. M., on Thursday, September 23, 1920.

Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; Treasurer, Allen M. Gehman.

XXV. Conference Treasurer.**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE TREASURER.****(A) Executive Board.**

Receipts.

October 11, 1918, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 270.37	
Received during the year.....	1,360.08	\$1,630.45

Expenditures.

Expended during the year.....	\$ 543.94	
October 11, 1919, Balance in Treasury.....	1,086.51	\$1,630.45

(B) Board of Foreign Missions.

Receipts.

October 11, 1918, Balance in Treasury.....	\$9,802.05	
Received during the year.....	11,193.83	\$20,995.88

Expenditures.

Expended during the year.....	\$10,036.23	
October 11, 1919, Balance in Treasury.....	10,959.65	\$20,995.88

(C) Orphanage and Home.

Receipts.

September 27, 1918, Balance in Treasury.....	\$4,260.42	
Received during the year.....	45,364.59	\$49,625.01

Expenditures.

Expended during the year.....	\$43,866.89	
September 30, 1919, Balance in Treasury.....	5,758.12	\$49,625.01

(D) Board of Publication and Printing.

Receipts.

October 11, 1918, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 79.57	
(Conference Fund)		
Received during the year.....	* 416.38	\$ 495.95
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Expenditures.

Expended during the year.....	\$ 429.34	
October 11, 1919, Balance in Treasury.....	66.61	\$ 495.95
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(E) Home Mission Fund.

Receipts.

October 11, 1918, Received at the Annual Conference..	\$5,593.55
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Expenditures.

October 11, 1919, Expended during the year.....	\$5,593.55
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(F) Beneficiary Society.

Receipts.

October 1, 1918, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 855.56	
Received.....	397.93	\$1,253.49
October 11, 1919, Total in Treasury.....		<hr/>
		\$1,253.49

Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer.

XXVI. Report of the Committee on Finance.

Receipts, October 16, 1919.

Appointments	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Foreign Missions in S. S.	For the Poor	Beneficiary Fund	Annual Conference Fund	Total
Bethlehem District							
Bethlehem.....	\$ 862 25	\$1230 25	\$ 921 68	\$ 45 00	\$ 21 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 3105 18
Allentown.....	874 85	1461 75	725 37	43 00	30 00	28 00	3162 97
Reading.....	421 00	511 25	516 73	50 00	20 00	20 00	1538 98
Philadelphia.....	735 00	530 00	425 60	50 00	35 00	20 00	1795 60
Coopersburg.....	381 25	324 40	267 46	24 75	12 85	9 75	1020 46
Springtown.....	23 00	37 00					60 00
So. Allentown.....	185 00	202 00	205 00	18 05	7 90	5 80	623 75
Spring City.....	170 26	152 50	123 13	7 75	5 80	3 45	462 89
Royersford.....	186 80	116 05	110 84	7 90	10 42	5 10	437 11
Zionsville.....	138 70	132 75	223 60	16 40	8 04	3 16	522 65
Emaus.....	249 75	227 25	267 51	11 20	7 90	10 00	773 61
Macungie.....	155 75	212 50	148 93	10 10	5 45	4 35	537 08
Fleetwood.....	142 00	136 75	167 00	8 00	7 88	3 31	464 94
Blandon.....	87 25	48 00	56 72	5 35	3 75	2 00	203 07
Terre Hill.....	183 50	173 50	68 32	16 20	3 93	3 47	448 92
Quakertown.....	198 25	158 20	123 95	23 65	10 55	5 07	519 67
Hatfield.....	34 75	42 25		2 40	2 50	2 51	84 41
Graterford.....	135 75	125 75	232 72	13 19	13 37	5 32	527 10
Harleysville.....	106 20	83 25	59 74	12 00	8 63	4 05	273 87
Northampton.....	91 15	48 90	71 75	5 72	4 45	3 36	225 33
Walnutport.....	82 00	62 60	64 50	4 24	4 75	3 35	221 44
Total.....	\$5444 46	\$6017 90	\$4780 55	\$374 90	\$224 17	\$167 05	\$17009 03
Mt. Carmel District							
Easton.....	\$ 266 45	\$ 232 00	\$ 211 73	\$ 14 00	\$ 18 80	\$ 5 35	\$ 748 33
Stroudsburg.....	90 25	70 50	156 80	5 71	5 00	5 00	333 26
Shamokin.....	270 00	209 00	300 00	13 40	12 20	9 00	813 60
Mt. Carmel.....	64 50	51 25	45 45	5 36	4 87	2 83	174 26
Nazareth.....	155 50	78 75	155 07	13 30	8 00	4 50	415 12
Plainfield.....	48 00	20 85	7 60	3 32	1 15	1 00	81 92
Lehighton.....	79 29	66 50	72 60	6 16	3 15	3 91	231 61
Sunbury.....	167 85	96 71	176 60	12 96	10 00	8 85	472 97
Gospel Herald Society.....			708 23				708 23
Total.....	\$1141 84	\$ 825 56	\$1834 08	\$ 74 21	\$ 63 17	\$ 40 44	\$ 3979 30
Grand Total.....	\$6586 30	\$6843 46	\$6614 63	\$449 11	\$287 34	\$207 49	\$ 20988 33

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

XXVII. STATISTICS. Report of the Committee on Statistics.

Pastors	BETHEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. F.											MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																		
	Presiding Elder	Ordained Ministers	Probationers	Applicants for Annual Conf. Licenses	O. C. Licensed Preachers & Evangelists	Deacons	Class Leaders	Stewards	Rent Collectors	Baptized	Members not Baptized	Children Dedicated	Received into Church Fellowship	Received by Transfer	Total Increase	Died	Withdrawn	Dropped	Moved to other Churches	Transferred	Total Decrease	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Total Membership	Appointments	Sermons Preached	Pastoral Visits	Prayer Meetings Visited	Sunday Schools Visited	
Bethlehem.....	1	2	1	1	1	4	4	4	25	11	21	3	24	4	4	1	13	3	21	3	21	3	235	1	186	208	82	45		
Allentown.....						4	4	4	13	3	12	17	29	5	5		5	18	16	13			224	1	194	268	111	44		
Reading.....						3	3	3	11	11	3	14		9	9		9	8	17	13			159	1	187	319	123	43		
Philadelphia.....						3	3	3	25	20	18	12	30	9	9		9	3	15	15			167	1	190	310	120	44		
Coopersburg.....						3	3	3	5	5	6	11		2	2		2	14	16				91	1	128	205	60	37		
Springtown.....						1	1	1															6	1	10	15				
So. Allentown.....						3	2	2	3	2	2	2		1	1		2	6	9				7	1	158	207	86	46		
Spring City.....						1	1	1	7	1	4	9	13	3	3		3	10	16				6	1	97	204	43	44		
Royersford.....						1	1	1	4	2	4	9	13	1	1		4	2	7				66	1	81	253	37	44		
Zionsville.....						2	2	2	5	1	4	4	8	1	1		1	3	5				61	1	115	231	69	46		
Emaus.....						2	2	2	5	1	4	5	9	1	1		1	1	2				79	1	110	215	72	34		
Macungie.....						1	1	1	1	2	2	2	6	1	1		2	4	5				38	1	69	71	29	24		
Fleetwood.....						1	1	1	1	1	2	2	4	1	1		2	3	1				26	1	53	46	26	14		
Blandon.....						1	1	1	1	1	1	3		2	2		2	5					2	2	44	1	56	69	4	11
Terre Hill.....						1	1	1	4	1	5	5		1	1		3	4	1				48	1	101	244	32	42		
Quakertown.....						1	1	1	2	2	4	4		2	2		2	9					9	1	90	60	17	42		
Hatfield.....						1	1	1	1	1	2	2		1	1		1	2	4				65	1	89	101	55	42		
Graterford.....						1	1	1	2	2	2	2		1	1		1	2	6				27	1	67	75	22	22		
Harleysville.....						1	1	1	1	1	2	4		2	2		2	4					30	1	66	124	22	23		
Northampton.....						1	1	1	1	3	7		7	1	1		1	2	5				33	1	73	142	34	19		
Walnutport.....						1	1	1	5	3	7		7				5	4	2				33	1	73	142	34	19		
Total.....	1	12	3	6	5	38	37	34	120	1	58	104	80	184	12	8	55	3	76	154	61	31	1157	21	212	3409	1076	612		

Easton.....						2	1	2	3	2	4	3	6	2	2		3	4	9				59	1	142	154	75	42	
Stroudsburg.....						3	3	3	10	14	12	12		3	3		2	4	9				48	1	145	159	42	41	
Shamokin.....						1	1	1	3	4	5	5		2	2		2	3	2				90	1	151	200	98	45	
Mt. Carmel.....						1	1	1	8	4	10	21	31	3	3		3	7	24				36	1	127	102	39	45	
Nazareth.....						1	1	1	1	4	4	7		1	1		1	7					59	1	155	168	30	42	
Plainfield.....						1	1	1	1	33	2	1	3	1	1		1	10	10				47	1	133	377	53	35	
Lehighton.....						1	1	1	5	3	2	1	3	1	1		3	4					47	1	133	377	53	35	
Weissport.....						1	1	1	3	3	4	7		3	3		3	4					52	1	130	265	66	44	
Sunbury.....						1	3	2	7	3	2	4	6	3	1		3	9	10				32	1	264	279	332	270	
G. H. Society.....						1	6	5	105	61	42	35	77	3	12		40	55	39	17	42		83	695	3570	742	655		
Total.....						12	11	12	105	61	42	35	77	3	12		40	55	39	17	42		31	1157	21	212	3409	1076	612
Presiding Elders.....																													
G. H. Society.....																													
Grand Total.....	2	18	8	2	6	5	50	48	46	225	1	119	146	18	8	67	3	116	212	100	51	2049	29	6355	6979	1818	1267		

XXVII. STATISTICS. Report of the Committee on Statistics,—Continued

Appointments	Pastor	Sunday Schools										Church Property					Offerings								
		Prayer Meeting Classes	M. B. in C. Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers Enrolled	Scholars Enrolled	Total Enrollment	Total Average Attendance	Home Dept. Members	Subscribers to Eastern Gospel Banner	Churches	Parsonages	Janitors' Homes	Increase of 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.																									
Bethlehem.....	W. S. Hottel.....	4	1	43	272	315	263	364	143	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Allentown.....	C. H. Brunner.....	1	1	55	419	474	307	595	177	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Reading.....	B. M. Musselman.....	3	1	33	256	289	215	299	49	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Philadelphia.....	F. M. Hottel.....	3	1	35	266	301	217	136	92	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Coopersburg.....	R. L. Woodring.....	3	1	18	124	142	98	173	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Springtown.....	E. N. Cassel.....	2	1	25	139	164	101	93	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Spring City.....	H. K. Kratz.....	1	1	21	104	125	85	83	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Royersford.....	O. S. Hiltgass.....	2	1	18	110	128	87	73	38	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Zionsville.....	J. C. Roth.....	2	1	21	148	169	101	38	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Emaus.....	G. F. Yost.....	1	1	17	122	139	89	60	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Fleetwood.....	".....	1	1	12	83	95	55	62	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Blandon.....	".....	1	1	19	90	109	73	35	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Terre Hill.....	W. F. Hefner.....	1	1	17	83	106	71	35	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Quakertown.....	R. W. Dickert.....	1	1	18	88	106	82	39	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Hatfield.....	A. G. Woodring.....	1	1	16	93	109	62	99	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Gratersford.....	".....	1	1	16	110	126	75	57	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Harleysville.....	".....	2	1	16	110	126	75	57	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Northampton.....	".....	1	1	16	110	126	75	57	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Walnutport.....	".....	2	1	16	110	126	75	57	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Total.....		34	18	413	2637	3036	2100	2208	737	20	14	3	18	17,200	00	138,450	00	185,444	46	16,017	90	14,780	53	3,374	90
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																									
Easton.....	J. B. Layne.....	1	1	19	132	151	101	123	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					
Stroudsburg.....	E. E. Kubic.....	1	1	35	102	117	71	4	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					
Shamokin.....	J. F. Barrall.....	3	1	31	188	169	125	48	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					
Mt. Carmel.....	J. R. Bergstresser.....	1	1	17	86	103	75	13	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					
Nazareth.....	J. G. Shireman.....	1	1	16	73	91	32	13	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					
Plainfield.....	".....	1	1	8	31	39	34	52	63	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					
Lehighton.....	N. H. Wolf.....	1	1	11	67	78	45	52	63	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					
Swetsport.....	".....	1	1	11	130	161	78	45	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					
Lehigh Valley.....	V. H. Reinhart.....	2	1	18	124	142	99	45	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					
Sunbury.....	W. G. Gehman, Pres.....	1	1	66	518	584	325	162	190	9	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					
G. H. Society.....	".....	11	9	1	212	1423	1635	1915	162	190	9	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					
Total.....		34	18	413	2637	3036	2100	2208	737	20	14	3	18	17,200	00	138,450	00	185,444	46	16,017	90	14,780	53	3,374	90
Orphanage Home.....														63,450	00	181,141	84	825	56	181,834	08	8	74	21	
Mizpah Grove.....														20,000	00			8,559	37	168,252	19				
Grand Total.....		45	27	1	625	4060	4703	3115	2370	947	29	21	4	36,509	37	290,152	19	86,586	30	1,608,843	46	166,611	63	8449	11

OFFERINGS—Continued

Appointments	Pastor	Church Properties	Repairs	Church Properties	Hall Rent	Parsonage and	Text and	Sunday Schools	Presiding Elders	Missionary Presiding	Ministers in Cash	Ministers in WWWW	Other Contributions	Beneficiary Fund	Gospel Worker	Society	Tabernacle, Missionary
Bethlehem.....	W. S. Hottel	\$ 5,697 49	\$ 161 18	\$ 581 09	\$1,812 79	\$ 416 00	\$ 213 00	\$ 1,692 61	\$ 476 00	\$ 21 00	\$ 852 78	\$ 126 21					
Allen town.....	C. H. Brunner	2,302 55	103 93	1,002 52	1,320 51	491 75	160 25	1,144 95	303 47	30 00	571 10	452 73					
Reading.....	B. B. Musselman	1,903 32	393 80	510 26	733 08	380 00	116 00	1,176 20	280 85	20 00	552 15	85 00					
Philadelphia.....	F. M. Hottel	1,680 95		83 82	791 27	458 00	123 00	1,657 70	257 00	35 00	433 67	218 50					
Coopersburg.....	R. L. Woodring		100 00	256 19	265 25	199 68	44 00	746 75	205 00	12 85	156 09						
Spring City.....	E. N. Cassel	159 25		276 69	291 36	168 25	52 00	671 60	144 60	7 90	172 50	7 28					
Spring City.....	H. K. Kraus			353 29	202 38	108 79	28 82	455 35	94 53	5 80	88 50						
Royersford.....	O. S. Hilligass			317 75	201 19	95 17	30 37	385 15	74 61	10 42	115 75						
Zionsville.....	J. C. Koff	839 69		278 02	70 34	95 17	22 48	402 45	127 94	8 04	47 53						
Maun's.....	O. S. Hilligass	88 75		378 28	368 84	130 00	41 25	794 60	257 32	7 90	100 35	390 50					
Pleasantwood.....	J. C. Koff	438 14		179 50	101 50	51 67	121 00	28 35	275 56	5 45	44 82	120 75					
Blandville.....	G. F. Vost			152 00	190 00	196 42	150 29	13 40	369 20	116 00	57 80	40 00					
Terre Hill.....	"			69 65	64 55	127 88	78 05	10 35	199 95	30 32	27 30	23 00					
Quakertown.....	W. F. Heffner	86 04		344 72	157 07	70 00	17 93	234 60	40 00	210 87	44 76	50 00					
Graterford.....	R. W. Dickert	24 00		45 85	100 74	151 54	18 70	409 80	183 73	13 37	50 35	23 00					
Harleysville.....	A. G. Woodring	425 00		46 00	30 32	225 98	13 46	250 65	145 02	8 43	53 43	10 00					
Northampton.....		112 50		174 05	92 28	174 42	17 40	350 90	85 50	4 45	29 84						
Wahuptport.....				93 00	149 14	164 42	86 57	239 20	80 89	4 75	42 69						
Total.....		\$12,997 68	\$ 670 64	\$2,006 51	\$ 5,889 84	\$7,344 27	\$3,427 23	\$1,021 82	\$11,957 66	\$3,338 43	\$224 17	\$3,501 04	\$1,802 24				

MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.

Easton.....	J. B. Layne	\$ 531 39		\$ 217 75	\$ 351 23	\$ 213 77	\$ 216 40	\$ 35 30	\$ 585 50	\$ 306 00	\$ 18 80	\$ 105 41					
Stroudsburg.....	E. E. Kubic	559 75		217 95	379 55	154 33	146 54	28 50	557 52	91 78	5 00	57 62					
Shamokin.....	I. F. Barral	681 20	580 43	317 74	289 03	217 00	44 00	586 65	200 09	12 20	117 38	15 00					
Mt. Carmel.....	T. Bergstresser		188 8	239 32	127 68	100 42	13 71	342 50	160 00	4 87	27 13	17 16					
Nazareth.....	J. G. Shireman			469 48	424 13	174 10	23 86	334 95	142 80	8 00	108 15	90 11					
Plainfield.....				30 45	29 16	41 88	7 06	60 20	27 08	1 15	12 83	33 08					
Lehighton.....	N. H. Wolf	518 89		185 75	138 96	122 18	19 00	304 35	200 60	3 15	44 50						
Weissport.....					108 55			497 20	326 21	10 00	117 03						
Sunbury.....	W. H. Reinhardt	710 71		75 00	460 94	236 53	133 17	29 71	46 42	252 99	1,221 09						
G. H. Society.....	V. G. Gehman, Pres.			1,875 00	3,542 82	953 30	688 00	46 42									
Total.....		\$ 3,001 94	\$ 769 23	\$2,785 51	\$ 5,929 30	\$2,461 38	\$1,801 14	\$ 247 50	\$ 3,268 87	\$3,206 37	\$ 63 17	\$ 843 94	\$1,451 44				
Grand Total.....		\$15,999 62	\$1,439 87	\$4,792 12	\$11,819 04	\$9,805 65	\$5,228 37	\$1,269 38	\$15,226 53	\$6,544 86	\$287 34	\$4,344 08	\$3,253 68				

XXVII. STATISTICS. Report of the Committee on Statistics—Concluded

Appointments	Pastor	Camp Meetings	Sunday School and Other Conventions	Annual Conference Fund	Annual Conference	Annual Conference Fund	Delegatae Conference	Benefvolent Society	Subscriptions and Literature Sold	India Famine Sufferers	Armenian and Syrian Relief	Total Offerings
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OFFERINGS—Concluded

BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. P.												
Bethlehem.....	W. S. Hottel.....	\$ 32 12	25 00	19 00	276 50	1,347 62	155 00					16,915 17
Allentown.....	C. H. Brunner.....	30 00	28 00	25 00	177 50	794 70	190 71				10 00	12,344 64
Reading.....	B. B. Musselman.....	20 45	20 00	28 50	81 00	585 00						7,484 59
Philadelphia.....	F. M. Hottel.....	27 00	20 00	36 50	114 50	850 25						9,179 76
Coopersburg.....	R. L. Woodring.....	11 40	9 75	20 00	8 00	59 00	97 10					3,260 02
Springtown.....					2 00	10 00	5 00					140 50
So. Allentown.....	E. N. Cassel.....	11 50	5 80	15 06	20 50	223 05	100 00					3,115 45
Spring City.....	H. K. Kratz.....	7 41	5 10	7 07	36 50	145 03				40 00		2,030 56
Royersford.....	O. S. Hillegass.....	9 00	5 10	12 93	40 00	160 66				39 00		1,915 69
Zionsville.....	J. C. Roth.....	3 79	3 16	2 22	26 50	41 13						1,816 97
Emaus.....		5 55	10 00	10 95	26 50	140 50					35 00	4,512 54
Macungie.....		3 10	4 35	8 46	19 00	59 25					5 00	1,680 90
Fleetwood.....	G. F. Yost.....	6 00	3 31	6 65	45 50	121 75						2,362 09
Blandon.....		5 06	2 00	3 80	18 50	25 00						883 42
Terre Hill.....		8 50	3 47	5 65	40 50	40 50						1,336 09
Onakertown.....	W. F. Heffner.....	9 06	5 07	20 50	48 50	215 83					38 00	2,634 70
Hatfield.....		2 51	2 51	14 50	14 50	29 65						455 27
Graterford.....	R. W. Dickert.....	9 41	5 32	11 71	28 00	95 45	58 89					2,578 09
Harleysville.....		4 05	8 83	4 00	4 00	21 30	62 77					1,887 65
Northampton.....	A. G. Woodring.....	7 25	3 36	9 17	45 50	178 45						1,653 59
Walnutport.....		6 25	3 53	6 00	2 50	402 59						1,615 77
Mizpah Grove.....	Camp Meeting.....	\$ 4,745 32										4,745 32
Total.....		\$ 4,745 32	\$ 212 79	\$ 167 05	\$ 264 50	\$ 985 50	\$ 5,546 71	\$ 669 47	\$ 158 00	\$ 83,548 78		

MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. P.

Easton.....	J. B. Layne.....	\$ 16 55	5 35	15 00	62 50	307 50	100 00					3,812 73
Stroudsburg.....	E. E. Kublic.....	18 00	5 00	21 00	51 50	314 49	34 00					3,040 79
Shamokin.....	J. F. Barral.....	15 65	9 00	30 50	10 50	1,242 46						5,161 14
Mt. Carmel.....	M. T. Bergstresser.....	7 12	2 83	15 18	11 00	150 00				6 25		1,580 53
Nazareth.....	J. G. Shireman.....	15 00	4 50	21 37	22 50	223 18						2,440 30
Plainfield.....		12 15	1 00									335 81
Lehighton.....	N. H. Wolf.....	9 00	3 91	14 92	10 00	438 29						2,363 56
Weissport.....		9 00										3,340 24
Sunbury.....	V. H. Reinhart.....	40 53	8 85	17 54	2 00	220 70						117 55
G. H. Society.....	W. G. Gehman, Pres.....	631 37			19 50	17,758 10						28,876 72
Edgewood Grove.....	Camp Meeting.....	\$ 1,600 81										1,600 81
Total.....		\$ 1,600 81	\$ 204 47	\$ 40 44	\$ 135 51	\$ 189 50	\$ 20,654 72	\$ 134 00	\$ 6 25	\$ 52,670 24		
Grand Total.....		\$ 6,346 13	\$ 417 26	\$ 207 49	\$ 400 01	\$ 1,175 00	\$ 26,201 43	\$ 803 47	\$ 164 25	\$ 136,219 02		

E. N. Cassel, W. S. Hottel, J. G. Shireman, A. G. Woodring, 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	1919	1919	Graterford, Pa.
Gehman, W. G.....	1896	1899	P. E.	1136 Northampton St., Easton, Pa.
Heffner, W. F.....	1917		1919	25 S. Third St., Quakertown, Pa.
Hillegass, O. S.....	1889	1892	1914	Zionsville, Pa.
Hottel, F. M.....	1905	1909	1914	3362 N. 11th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Hottel, W. S.....	1930	1903	1914	125 W. Laurel St., Bethlehem, Pa.
Kratz, H. K.....	1906	1909	1918	311 Yost Ave., Spring City, Pa.
Kublic, E. E.....	1901	1907	1919	21 S. Sixth St., Stroudsburg, Pa.
Layne, J. B.....	1916	1919	1918	119 S. 14th St., Easton, Pa.
Musselman, H. B.....	1890	1893	P. E.	507 N. Avenue C, Bethlehem, Pa.
Musselman, W. B.....	1883	1886	M.P.E.	Cleveland, Ohio
Musselman, B. B.....	1913	1916	1918	936 Oley Street, Reading, Pa.
Reinhart, V. H.....	1937	1909	1918	144 N. Sixth St., Sunbury, Pa.
Roth, J. C.....	1930	1903	1915	25 N. 5th St., Emaus, Pa.
Shireman, J. G.....	1898	1900	1919	16 S. Broad St., Nazareth, Pa.
Wolf, N. H.....	1916		1919	438 Cypress St., Lehighton, Pa.
Woodring, R. L.....	1898	1930	1918	Coopersburg, Pa.
Woodring, A. G.....	1917		1917	Walnutport, Pa.
Yost, G. F.....	1908	1913	1918	Fleetwood, Pa.
Zimmerman, W. W.....	1899	1901	1917	251 S. Fifth St., Lebanon, Pa.

II. Local Preachers

Shick, E. T.....	1899	1931		538 N. Law Street, Allentown, Pa.
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III. Annual Conference Licensed Preachers

Anderson, J. T.....	1909			Gospel Herald Society.
Myers, M. M.....	1919			" " "
Ruth, W. K.....	1919			" " "
Stengele, P. T.....	1918			" " "
Stengele, W. R.....	1918			" " "

IV. 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			Weaverand, Pa.
Musselman, P. J.....	1905			Philadelphia, Pa.

RECORD OF CONFERENCES

Yr.	Time.	Place.	Chairman.	Secretary.
I. EVANGELICAL MENNONITES. (Semi-Annual)				
1858	Sept. 24	Upper Milford, Pa.	William Gehman	David Gehman
1859	Nov. 1	Haycock, Pa.	"	"
1860	May 28	Upper Milford	"	"
1860	Nov. 6	"	"	"
1861	June 4	"	David Henning	"
1861	Nov. 5	Haycock	"	"
1862	June 3	Upper Milford	William N. Shelly	A. W. Stauffer
1862	Nov. 4	Haycock	E. Hershey	"
1863	June 2	Upper Milford	"	David Gehman
1863	Oct. 1	Haycock	William Gehman	"
1864	June 7	Upper Milford	William N. Shelly	"
1864	Nov. 3	Haycock	David Henning	"
1865	June 6	Upper Milford	"	"
1865	Nov. 7	Flatland	William Gehman	"
1866	June 6	Upper Milford	"	"
1866	Nov. 3	Mount Joy	William N. Shelly	"
1867	June 4	Flatland	David Henning	"
1867	Nov. 5	Upper Milford	William Gehman	Joseph Romig
1868	June 2	Flatland	William N. Shelly	"
1868	Nov. 5	Upper Milford	William Gehman	David Gehman
1869	June 1	Flatland	David Henning	"
1869	Nov. 1	Upper Milford	William N. Shelly	"
1870	June 7	Coopersburg	William Gehman	"
1870	Oct. 31	Upper Milford	David Henning	"
1871	June 5	Coopersburg	E. Hershey	"
1871	Nov. 6	Upper Milford	David Henning	"
1872	June 3	Coopersburg	William Gehman	Jonas Musselman
1872	Nov. 6	Quakertown	William N. Shelly	David Gehman
1873	June 3	Upper Milford	David Henning	"
1873	Nov. 11	Coopersburg	William N. Shelly	"
1874	June 1	Quakertown	William Gehman	"
1874	Nov. 10	Upper Milford	David Henning	"
1875	June 5	Coopersburg	William N. Shelly	"
1875	Nov. 6	Quakertown	William Gehman	"
1876	*March 30	Coopersburg	"	"
1876	June 3	Upper Milford	David Henning	Jonas Musselman
1876	Nov. 11	Mount Joy	William N. Shelly	"
1877	June 2	Coopersburg	William Gehman	"
1877	Nov. 10	Upper Milford	E. Hershey	"
1878	June 3	Quakertown	A. Kauffman	"
1878	Oct. 7	Coopersburg	J. Rosenberger	"
1879	March 22	Upper Milford	William Gehman	S. M. Musselman
1879	Oct. 6	Quakertown	"	"
1879	**Nov. 8	Upper Milford	S. Eby	S. M. Musselman

II. EVANGELICAL UNITED MENNONITES. (Annual)

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

RECORD OF CONFERENCES (Continued)

† III. MENNONITE BRETHERN 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	"	"
1919	Oct. 16-20	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

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			
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1892	" "	Royersford		
1893	" "	Spring City		
1894	" "	"	Catasauqua	
*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	"
1905	"	113 "	82 Spring City	"
1906	"	136 "	125 Reading	"
1907	"	122 "	145 Reading	"
1908	"	148 "	164 Easton (Mt. Carmel Dist)	90 Shamokin
1909	Waldheim	153 "	139 Easton (Mt. Carmel Dist.)	75 Shamokin
1910	Mizpah G've (Allen. Div.)	167 Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)	154 Easton (Mt. Carmel Dist.)	89
1911	Mizpah G've (Allen. Div.)	156 Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)	160 Mizpah G've. (Mt. Car. D.)	100 Shamokin
1912	Mizpah G've (Allen. Div.)	163 Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)	169 Mizpah G've. (Mt. Car. D.)	75 Shamokin
1913	Mizpah G've (Allen. Div.)	165 Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)	170 Mizpah G've. (Mt. Car. D.)	76 Shamokin
1914	Mizpah G've (Allen. Div.)	143 Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)	174 Mizpah G've. (Mt. Car. D.)	68 Shamokin
1915	Mizpah G've (Allen. Div.)	145 Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)	194 Shamokin	66 Shamokin
1916	Mizpah G've (Allen. Div.)	155 Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)	203 Shamokin	106
1917	Mizpah G've (Allen. Div.)	162 Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)	183 Shamokin	120 Harrisburg
1918	Mizpah G've (Allen. Div.)	199 Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)	219 Shamokin	105
1919	Mizpah G've (Allen. Div.)	189 Mizpah G've Beth. Div.	219 Shamokin Mt. Car. D.	126

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.

RECORDS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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