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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.—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.]

F.—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.]

G.—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.]

H.—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.]

I.—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 PennsylvaniaTreasurer. The various Boards shall draw on the Treasurer for the funds needed, using form of voucher check furnished by the Annual Conference. They shall not draw beyond the amount of their respective funds except by permission of the Executive Board.

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

All Boards and Standing Committees shall submit a full and

classified report of their work, financial and otherwise, to the Annual Conference. They shall hold meetings annually or oftener.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Campmeetings held in Mizpah Grove shall pay into the treasury of the Executive Board, rent for the lumber that they use at the rate 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

1920

FIRST MEETING.

THURSDAY FORENOON, SEPTEMBER 23, 1920.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania convened in Ebenezer M. B. in C. Church, Corner Main and Durham Streets, Bethlehem, Pa., September 23rd, 1920.

The first meeting was opened at 8 A. M., according to announcement, by singing, "Jesus Lover of My Soul." 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. This was followed by singing, "I Need Thee Every Hour."

The Chairman, H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District, read the One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Psalm followed by a very needful and helpful message.

The following members were then enrolled:

MINISTERS

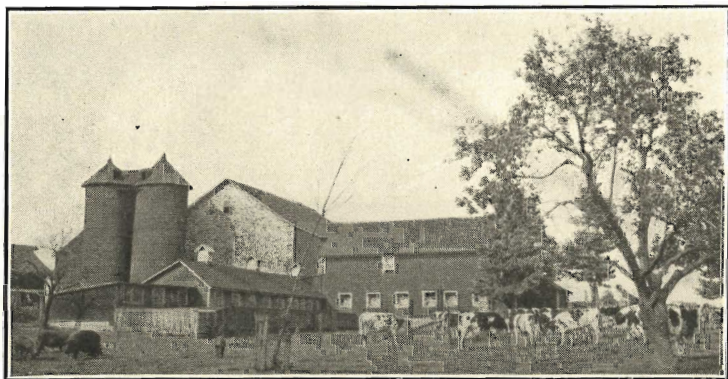
Ordained—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, W. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, W. S. Hottel, E. N. Cassel, F. M. Hottel, J. G. Shireman, B. Bryan Musselman, E. T. Shick, R. L. Woodring, J. C. Roth, H. K. Kratz, J. F. Barrall, O. S. Hillegass, G. F. Yost, R. Bergstresser, E. E. Kublic, V. H. Reinhart, W. W.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

Probationers—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, W. W. Zimmerman, M. P. Zook, C. F. Snyder and H. W. Feldges.

DELEGATES.

M. L. Musselman, Bethlehem.
 G. O. Billig, Allentown—Bethel.
 S. W. Heiser, Reading.
 S. S. Geil, Philadelphia.
 O. C. Kistler, Allentown—Salem.
 Allen M. Gehman, Emaus and Macungie.
 H. L. Shelley, Coopersburg and Springtown.
 N. L. Swartz, Easton.
 J. H. Bruch, Stroudsburg.
 R. R. Fox, Royersford and Spring City.
 G. K. Himmelreich, Fleetwood, Blandon and Terre Hill.
 H. H. Bergey, Quakertown and Hatfield.
 C. D. Bean, Graterford and Harleysville.



"HOME FARM," CENTRE VALLEY, PA.

Moses Snyder, Mount Carmel.
 H. G. Brunner, Zionsville.
 H. F. Ebersole, Shamokin.
 C. E. Eroh, Lehighton and Weissport.
 Charles F. Lilly, Nazareth and Plainfield.
 O. B. Bartholomew, Northampton and Walnutport.
 C. B. Brosius, Sunbury.
 The Conference members thus number forty-eight.

We are also remembering our **Foreign** Missionaries who are members of our Conference, namely: M. P. Zook, 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, E. E. Crist, Mrs. E. E. Crist, E. R. Hess, S. P. Hamilton, Mrs. S. P. Hamilton, Wm. C. Cadman, Mrs. Wm. C. Cadman, S. W. Kerr, Mrs. S. W. Kerr, Miss Anna LeFevre,

Mrs. Nettie Meier, E. O. Jago, and Miss Mary A. Butterfield, although not members of our Church, yet are supported by our Conference.

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 west end room for private meetings, constitute the Conference Bar.

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

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

He appointed H. K. Kratz as Reporter and J. B. Layne as Timekeeper.

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

COMMITTEES

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

Committee on Worship: W. S. Hottel and M. L. Musselman.

Committee on Communication: R. L. Woodring and B. Bryan Musselman.

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

Committee on Statistics (of Schedule): E. N. Cassel, W. S. Hottel, J. G. Shireman and R. W. Dickert.

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

Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records: J. C. Roth, N. H. Wolf, V. H. Reinhart, C. E. Eroh, J. B. Layne, C. B. Brosius, R. R. Fox, Moses Snyder, E. E. Kublic, S. W. Heiser, O. B. Bartholomew, and H. F. Ebersole.

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

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

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

Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination: C. H. Brunner, B. Bryan Musselman and W. G. Gehman.

Committee on Resolutions: W. G. Gehman, R. L. Woodring and H. K. Kratz.

Committee on Auditing: F. M. Hottel, H. L. Shelley, M. L. Musselman, G. F. Yost, W. F. Heffner, H. H. Bergey, H. G. Brunner, S. S. Geil, N. L. Schwartz, O. C. Kistler, J. H. Bruch, Charles F. Lilly and R. Bergstresser.

Committee to Audit Schedules: W. G. Gehman, H. K. Kratz and A. G. Woodring.

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

The Pastors now began to submit their Oral Reports.



Former M. B. in C.
Church,
Laurel Street,
Bethlehem, Penna.

Rev. C. D. Huber, Pastor of Emmanuel United Evangelical Church of this city was introduced to the Conference.

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

The brethren J. B. Layne, G. F. Yost and E. E. Kublic shall preach about twenty minutes each this evening.

W. S. Hottel,
M. L. Musselman,

Committee.

Resolved, That we suspend the Rules and adjourn to the call of the Chair, not later than 3:30 this afternoon.

Adjourned at 11:25 with prayer by O. C. Kistler, and benediction by the Secretary.

SECOND MEETING.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 23, 1920.

The Chair opened the afternoon service with singing, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," and prayer by C. E. Eroh.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Communications:

We have received a letter from W. W. Zimmerman which we recommend to be read to this Conference.

R. L. Woodring,
B. Bryan Musselman,
Committee.

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 record of revising of Church Records in the Fourth Quarter of the Mt. Carmel minutes.

A mistake in transferring Stewards' money in the Fourth Quarter of the Lehighton minutes.

J. C. Roth,	C. B. Brosius,
S. W. Heiser,	H. F. Ebersole,
R. R. Fox,	Moses Snyder,
J. B. Layne,	C. E. Eroh,
O. B. Bartholomew,	N. H. Wolf,
V. H. Reinhart,	E. E. Kublic,
	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 work of the Lord.

G. F. Yost,
R. W. Dickert,
O. S. Hillegass,
Committee.

Report of the Committee to Examine the Annual Conference Records.

We have examined the Annual Conference Records of 1919 and found them all correct with the exception of two slight errors.

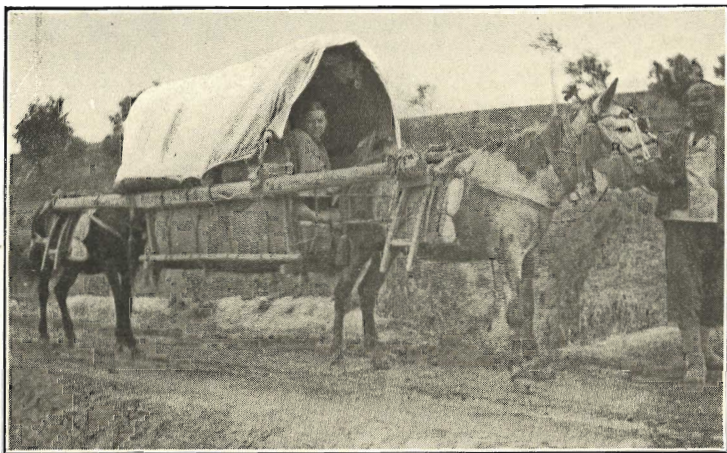
On page 2 on the Conference Minutes, we find the word Convention-Bar and in the Journal on page 16 reads Conference-Bar. On page 18 on the Conference Minutes we find the date 1919 omitted.

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

Report of the Committee to Examine Travelling Elders:

We beg leave to report that we have examined all the Travelling Elders through the various delegates and found everything in a most excellent condition without almost any exception.

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



Mule "Shantse." The usual conveyance for ladies in West China.
Mrs. W. N. Ruhl is in the "Shantse."

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

The committee met and decided to continue the present method of recording church membership for the time being.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved, That we extend the time indefinitely.

A Resolution relative to the recording of the minutes was received, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of seven to take the matter into consideration.

The Chair appointed W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, B. Bryan Musselman, E. N. Cassel, J. C. Roth, J. G. Shireman and F. M. Hottel.

Resolved, That the Chairman be added to this Committee.

Adjourned at 5:35 with prayer by J. G. Shireman, and the benediction by the Chairman.

THIRD MEETING.

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 24, 1920.

The Chairman opened the morning meeting with singing "I Need Thee Every Hour," after which he read the Second Chapter of Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, verses one to eleven, followed with prayer by F. M. Hottel.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

Report of the Committee on Resolutions.

(a) Whereas, Brother N. H. Wolf has been found an able Pastor, doing creditable work in the Conference during the last year, therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend him to the Committee on Ordination.

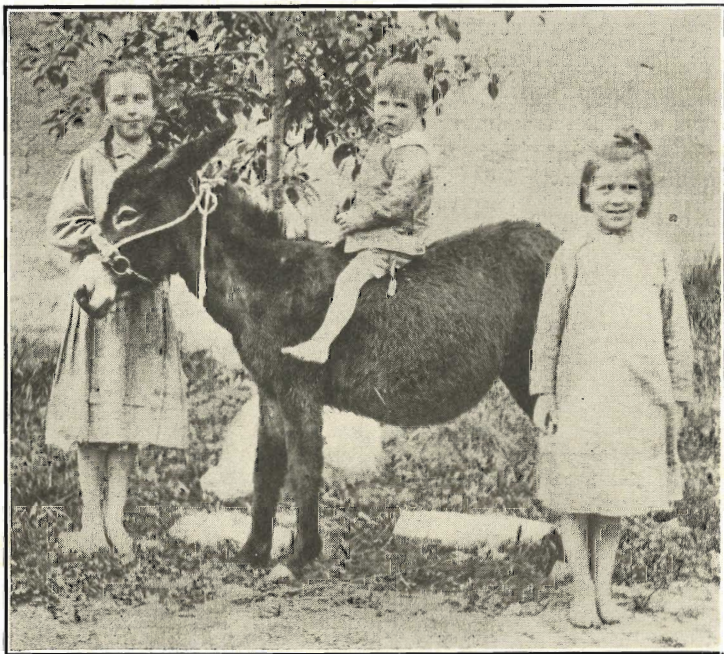
(b) Whereas, A great number of parsonages are already equipped with ranges and heaters which is very convenient in the event of a Pastor being changed, therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend each class to purchase a suitable range and heater where none are installed as yet.

W. G. Gehman,
R. L. Woodring,
H. K. Kratz,
Committee.

Report of the Committee Relative to the Annual Conference Minutes:

Resolved, That the Reports adopted by the Annual Conference, which have of late years been printed separately in the latter part of the Conference Journal under the heading



ESTHER FREDDIE RUTH
Children of Rev. and Mrs. W. N. Ruhl, Taichow, Kansu Province, China.

Reports, be copied in the Annual Conference Minute Book in typewritten form.

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

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

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

Report of the Beneficiary Society. (See Reports.)

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

Report of the Executive Board. (See Reports.)

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

Report of the Committee on Worship.

The following brethren shall preach about twenty minutes each this evening: V. H. Reinhart, N. H. Wolf and R. Bergstresser.

W. S. Hottel,

M. L. Musselman,

Committee.

The Oral Reports of the Pastors were concluded.

The following Reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, The Lord has so graciously spared all the Pastors of our Conference, and has favored us at this time to again listen to the glowing reports of the different Pastors relative to the working of the Lord on the various charges throughout this Conference, with the greatest of joy, all again relating the many victories won, many having been saved and baptized and added to the ranks, much progress being made among the believers, the sacrifices of the pilgrims ever being on the increase, therefore,

Resolved, That as a Conference we humbly and unitedly praise God for His blessing upon His own work in these last days, and further,

Resolved, That we pray the Lord ever to keep the Ministry Spirit filled and further pray God's richest blessing upon the various Pastors and flocks, so that all may be kept well spiritually, mentally, morally and physically, so that the work of the Lord may progress unhindered until He come.

W. G. Gehman,

R. L. Woodring,

H. K. Kratz,

Committee.

Resolved, That we extend the time indefinitely.

The following Reports were read and adopted:

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

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 the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, The Lord has so blessedly preserved both of our Presiding Elders in "Himself," and given us the privilege of listening to their interesting Reports, also the Report of the President of the Gospel Herald Society, giving to the Conference in detail the Lord's leading in the work entrusted them, and,

Whereas, They reported the work more united than ever before, the manifestations of God's presence and power more visibly seen, the Ministers open-hearted, obedient and loyal, the respect shown, the warm welcome received in their homes, with their whole-hearted support and prayers, therefore,

Resolved, That we most tenderly appreciate their deep affection, their earnest labors, frankness and able leadership in these days of compromise and further,

Resolved, That we humbly and unitedly pray the blessings of God upon them for still greater usefulness in the advancement of His Cause and the hastening of the Lords' coming.

R. L. Woodring,

H. K. Kratz,

Committee.

Adjourned at 11:35 with prayer by R. Bergstresser and benediction by the Chair.

FOURTH MEETING.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 24, 1920.

The meeting was opened by singing "I Will Guide Thee With Mine Eye," and prayer by J. B. Layne.

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 Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention. (See Reports.)

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

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

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

Report of the Committee on Examination of Candidates for Annual Conference License.

We, the Committee, beg leave to report, that no Candidates were referred to us.

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

The letter from Bro. W. W. Zimmerman referred to the Conference by the Committee on Communications was read to the Conference and ordered spread on the minutes.

Lebanon, Pa., September 20, 1920.

To the Chairman of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Annual Conference, Rev. H. B. Musselman, in care of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Conference convened in the Church, corner Main and Durham Streets, Bethlehem, Pa., September 25, 1920.

My Dearly Beloved Brother and Brethren:
Greetings in Him!

I hereby wish to express the thoughts of my heart to you briefly.

Inasmuch as I would like to enjoy my fellowship with you all at the Convention and Conference, but it appears the Lord leads in such mysterious ways in all of our lives and He does especially so it seems in mine. I therefore shall take it as He leads.

After much prayer and thought I concluded that I could not be with you this year. I have never doubted my calling to preach the Gospel. That has been settled with my God. I feel that I must preach it in some sphere or other. But owing to my inability in meeting the requirements of the Annual Conference, I therefore kindly ask the Conference to excuse my absence and further ask said Conference to favor me with classified Quarterly Conference License as a worker subject to the Easton, Pa., Quarterly Conference if the Conference sees it fit to do so.

And, furthermore, I wish to say that there is nothing between myself or the weakest brother of the Conference whatever. I love every one's fellowship. I always loved to work with them all. I especially want to thank Brother H. B. Musselman, for his patience, advice, counsel and favor shown. Also all the other Brethren.

I kindly ask you all to remember me at the throne of Grace in prayer for myself and family.

Trusting that you will have a most blessed Conference and that God's smiles and favors will go with each Brother in

the Ministry in this dark day of sin and that many souls may yet be won and prepared for His appearing.

I expect to meet you in the Morning.

Your unworthy Brother,

W. W. Zimmerman.

P.S.—If the Conference finds any error in this letter, please pardon the same.

W. W. Zimmerman.

Resolved, That we grant him his request.

Resolved, That we proceed to the election of Presiding Elders.

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, 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, V. H. Reinhart, R. W. Dickert, A. G. Woodring, J. B. Layne, W. F. Heffner, N. H. Wolf.

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

Conditional:—W. S. Hottel.

As an explanation of Brother Hottel's conditions he read the following statement before the Conference:

In view of the fact that I am conditional at this Annual Conference because I believe it to be of the Lord that I give the balance of my time, after the editing of the Sunday School Lesson Quarterly, to general missionary work.

I wish to state that there is nothing but love and good will in my heart towards my leader and all my brethren and that our relation in the future shall continue to be most friendly, cordial and christian like.

I humbly beg all my dear brethren to forgive me for any wrong I may ever have done to any of them, as well as my failings, shortcomings and sins of the past, and, most sincerely and heartily thank them all for all their kindnesses and love shown towards me, as well as for their patience and long-suffering with me all these years of service together.

I shall continue to pray and labor in every way possible for the best interests of the work of the Conference, and trust that our fellowship shall always continue to be most hearty and vital.

Very cordially,

W. S. Hottel.

The following report was read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Resolutions.

Whereas, Brother W. S. Hottel desires to devote his time to literary work in connection with the Sunday School Lessons and Missionary work in general, therefore,

Resolved, That we grant him his request and pray God's blessing upon him.

W. G. Gehman,
R. L. Woodring,
H. K. Kratz,
Committee.

Resolved, That we elect two Presiding Elders.

The Chair appointed tellers as follows: E. N. Cassel, R. W. Dickert 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 we suspend the rules and adjourn to the call of the Chair not later than eight o'clock tomorrow morning, and that the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee sit at this time.

Adjourned with prayer by R. L. Woodring and the benediction by the Chairman.

FIFTH MEETING.

FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 24, 1920.

This meeting was opened at nine o'clock by singing, "I Need Thee Every Hour."

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

The following report was read and adopted:

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

Adjourned with prayer by W. G. Gehman and benediction by the Chairman.

SIXTH MEETING.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 25, 1920.

This meeting was opened by singing, "Nearer My God to Thee," and prayer by J. H. Bruch, after which the Chairman

read a portion of the Sixth Chapter of Ephesians, verses ten to eighteen.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Worship:

The following brethren shall preach about 20 minutes each this evening: A. G. Woodring, R. W. Dickert and W. F. Heffner.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

H. B. Musselman shall preach the Annual Conference Sermon at 9.45 A. M.

W. G. Gehman, shall preach the Ordination Sermon at 2:15 P. M.

C. H. Brunner shall preach at 7:30 P. M. followed by an address of about 20 or 30 minutes by B. Bryan Musselman.

The Chairman of the Annual Conference shall have charge of the services throughout the day.

W. S. Hottel,
M. L. Musselman,
Committee.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

(a) *Resolved*, That our Annual Conference Secretary keep a record of Church Membership of all our Foreign Missionaries whose names have hitherto been recorded in various classes throughout the Conference, and of all the Gospel Workers who are members of our Church as well as Elders W. B. Musselman and W. S. Hottel and family.

(b) *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, describing 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.

(c) *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 afterwards 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.

(d) *Whereas*, Pastor C. H. Brunner, Editor of the Eastern Gospel Banner, has again edited most ably and acceptably this Church Organ during the past year, devoting cheerfully, considerable of his time and talent, laboring in love and working in faith, thus privileging us to have a splendid paper on spiritual doctrinal and dispensational lines to offer to the many members and outside friends of the work, therefore,

Resolved, That we, as a Conference, heartily appreciate his self-denial and sacrifice and further

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

(e) *Whereas*, W. S. Hottel, Editor of the Christian Life Series of Sunday School Quarterlies, has during the past year spent considerable of his time in editing these practical and most helpful supplies spiritually, doctrinally, and dispensationally, and

Whereas, A considerable number of Sunday Schools were again added to our list of Sunday Schools using these supplies thus spreading this teaching into almost every state and territory of the United States, in some districts in Canada, and some foreign countries, therefore

Resolved, That we thank God for His leadings on this line

and appreciate with thankful hearts to God, the labors of Brother Hottel and pray God's blessing upon him that he may be found in health physically and spiritually in his labors for the Lord in the future.

(f) *Whereas*, The Pastor, W. S. Hottel and the members of the Bethlehem Congregation, with M. L. Musselman in charge of the arrangements, have spared neither toil nor expense in providing for and entertaining the Annual Conference members, refreshments being served in the basement of their new church, therefore

Resolved, That we, as an Annual Conference, recognize their devotedness to the Lord and His work in the hospitable way manifested toward us, therefore further,

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

W. G. Gehman,
R. L. Woodring,
H. K. Kratz,
Committee.

Report of the Committee to Examine Candidates for Ordination:

We have examined N. H. Wolf, W. F. Heffner and A. G. Woodring, candidates for Ordination, and recommend them to the Conference for Ordination.

C. H. Brunner,
B. Bryan Musselman,
W. G. Gehman,
Committee.

Resolved, That these brethren be ordained Sunday afternoon:

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

Vice-Presiding Elders: C. H. Brunner and B. Bryan Musselman.

Resolved, That C. H. Brunner shall be First Vice Presiding Elder and B. Bryan Musselman be Second Vice Presiding Elder.

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

Missionary Presiding Elder: W. B. Musselman.

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

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

Treasurer of the Annual Conference: Allen M. Gehman.

Committee Over the Presiding Elders: E. N. Cassel, 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. Kratz.

Board of Foreign Missions: H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, W. G. Gehman, E. N. Cassel and B. Bryan Musselman.

Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home: J. G. Shireman, F. M. Hottel, B. Bryan Musselman, R. L. Woodring, H. G. Brunner and A. A. Wismer.

Editorial Staff on the "Eastern Gospel Banner:"

Editor: C. H. Brunner.

Associate Editors: E. N. Cassel, E. E. Kublic, H. K. Kratz, B. Bryan Musselman, F. M. Hottel, J. C. Roth and R. L. Woodring.

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, A. G. Woodring and R. W. Dickert.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a Committee of five, including himself, as a Reference Committee Relative to Compulsory Military Training. The Chair appointed the following: W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel, J. C. Roth and H. B. Musselman.

Resolved, That Article E in Special Laws on Page 7 of the Journal be re-considered and referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Resolved, That we proceed to the election of Delegates to the General Conference.

The following were elected as Delegates to the General Conference:

Ministers—W. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, B. Bryan Musselman and E. N. Cassel.

Laymen—Allen M. Gehman, G. O. Billig and Harold L. Moyer.

The following were elected as Alternate Delegates to serve in the order named below:

Ministers—J. C. Roth and F. M. Hottel.

Laymen—H. H. Bergey and H. S. Jones.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to apportion the amounts to be paid by each class to defray the expenses of the delegates to the General Conference.

He appointed the following: W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner and E. N. Cassel.

Resolved, That the amount collected be paid to the committee no later than December 1, 1920.

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 their receive the retail price, the same shall be reported on the schedule accordingly. When they sell through their members on their charge, allowing them a certain commission, the Pastors shall report only the net proceeds, and further,

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

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

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

Resolved, That all contributions received by the Laymen's Benevolent Society shall be paid by checks or money order, made payable to H. G. Brunner, Treasurer, 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 Conventions 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 Meeting, 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 J. C. Roth as the third man on 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 Bethel M. B. in C. Church, Gordon Street above Eighth, Allentown, Pa., at 8 A. M., October 13, 1921.

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

The committee announces April 14, 1921, as the date of this Convention.

The following officers were elected:

Annual Ministerial Convention:

Chairman, F. M. Hottel.

Secretary, W. F. Heffner.

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

Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention:

Chairman, C. H. Brunner.

Secretary, R. L. Woodring.

Committee on Program appointed previously: H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and J. C. Roth.

The Chair appointed the following Chairmen to organize for the Sunday School Conventions—

Bethlehem District—J. C. Roth.

Mt. Carmel District—J. F. Barrall.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and adjourn to 1:30 P. M.

Adjourned with prayer by H. L. Shelly and benediction by E. N. Cassel.

SEVENTH MEETING.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 25, 1920.

The meeting was opened at 1:30 by singing, "I'm On the Way," and prayer by W. F. Heffner.

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

The following Committee Reports were read and adopted:

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

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

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to compile a report of the Conference and the Sunday Services for the Eastern Gospel Banner.

The Chair appointed the following Committee: E. N. Cassel, H. K. Kratz, and J. G. Shireman.

Resolved, That we grant the request of G. K. Himmelreich, O. B. Bartholomew, J. H. Bruch and H. F. Ebersole to be excused from attendance at Conference after the Sunday evening service.

Resolved, That we recommend each Pastor to furnish his respective Presiding Elder with a complete list of subscribers to the "Eastern Gospel Banner," "Gospel Herald" and "Christian Life Missionary," on his charge as soon after the Annual Conference as convenient and no later than December 1, 1920.

Resolved, That the price of the Conference Journal be fifty cents and in case of a deficit this shall be provided for out of the Conference Fund.

Resolved, That we print 925 Journals.

Resolved, That we ask the Board of Foreign Missions to print 1500 copies of the Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

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 the various Railroad Companies. Also to the Secretaries of the various Annual Conferences and ask for an exchange.

The following report was read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Communication:

We have received a communication from W. B. Musselman, President of the Gospel Worker Society of Cleveland, Ohio, and recommend it to be read to this Conference.

R. L. Woodring,
B. Bryan Musselman,
Committee.

The above letter was read and referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and adjourn until Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

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

EIGHTH MEETING.

MONDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 27, 1920.

This meeting was opened with singing "Jesus Is Good to Me," and prayer by S. W. Heiser.

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 the Statistics of the Schedules.
(See Reports.)

Report of the Committee to Audit Schedules.

We have audited the different Pastors Schedules and the Summary of Schedules also the Summary Statistical Report of the General Conference Quadrennium, and hereby certify them to declare the true statements of the affairs of the Conference to the best of our knowledge and belief.

W. G. Gehman,
H. K. Kratz,
A. G. Woodring,
Committee.

Report of the Committee to Compile a Report of the Conference and Sunday Services for the "Eastern Gospel Banner." (See Reports.)

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, Camp Meeting Equipment Committee, 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 several errors which were corrected in the presence of the Pastors.

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

F. M. Hottel,
H. L. Shelly,
G. F. Yost,
W. F. Heffner,
H. G. Brunner,
M. L. Musselman,
J. H. Bruch,

H. H. Bergey,
Charles F. Lilly,
N. L. Swartz,
S. S. Geil,
R. Bergstresser,
O. C. Kistler,

Committee.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

(a). *Whereas*, W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder and President of the Gospel Worker Society in his communication to Conference expressed himself as being still in the Lord's service and trusting in Him in spite of trials and tests on many lines through which the Lord has brought him gloriously, and

Whereas, He sincerely thanks the Conference in the name of the Gospel Worker Society for their prayers and support in general to date, and

Whereas, He expresses their willingness to do all they can or are asked for by the Annual Conference for the "Eastern Gospel Banner," and otherwise, as heretofore, therefore

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

Resolved, That we pray God's richest blessing upon the President and the Society in all their earnest labors, and further

Resolved, That we continue our hearty support both by prayer and offerings.

(b). *Whereas*, The Union Gospel Printing Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, W. B. Musselman, General Supt., prints and publishes various good scriptural books, magazines, papers and tracts, and a complete line of Sunday School literature, as well as the

"Eastern Gospel Banner," sacrificing time, talent, labor and money in this great and noble work, therefore

Resolved, That we as a Conference pledge our hearty support in prayer and in fellowship of the Spirit and in their work of spreading the Truth in every respect.

(c). We recommend that on page 7 in the Journal, paragraph E under Quarterly Conference rules be expunged.

W. G. Gehman,
R. L. Woodring,
H. K. Kratz,

Committee.

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

Business was resumed at 12 M.

The various Boards and Committees report the election of the following officers:

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

Executive Board: President, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner.

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

Board of Examiners: President, E. N. Cassel; Secretary, B. Bryan Musselman.

Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home: President, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, R. L. Woodring; Assistant Secretary, J. G. Shireman.

Committee over Camp Meeting Equipage and Tabernacle Outfits: Chairman, F. M. Hottel; Secretary, J. C. Roth.

Board of Publication and Printing: President, C. H. Brunner; Secretary, A. G. Woodring.

Hymn Book Committee: Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner.

Reference Committee Relative to Compulsory Military Training: Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner.

Adjourned at 12:10 P. 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,
B. Bryan Musselman, Assistant Secretary, Second
Vice Presiding Elder,

A. G. Woodring, Recording Secretary,

N. H. Wolf, Recording Secretary,

Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer,

W. S. Hottel,

E. N. Cassel,

F. M. Hottel,

J. C. Roth,

R. L. Woodring,

H. K. Kratz,

R. W. Dickert,

J. G. Shireman,

J. F. Barrall,

G. F. Yost,

E. E. Kublic,

R. Bergstresser,

W. F. Heffner,

O. S. Hillegass,

V. H. Reinhart,

J. B. Layne,

M. L. Musselman,

G. O. Billig,

O. C. Kistler,

S. S. Geil,

S. W. Heiser,

H. L. Shelly,

R. R. Fox,

C. D. Bean,

Charles F. Lilly,

H. F. Ebersole,

J. H. Bruch,

G. K. Himmelreich,

O. B. Bartholomew,

C. E. Eroh,

Moses Snyder,

H. H. Bergey,

H. G. Brunner,

N. L. Swartz,

C. B. Brosius,

For convenience we insert the following

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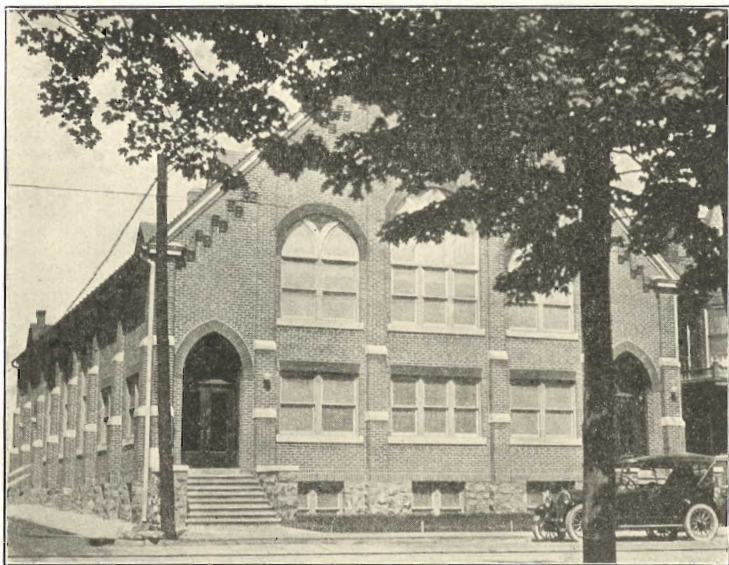
Reports.

I. Presiding Elders.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF THE BETHLEHEM DISTRICT.

"Behold, I am according to thy wish in God's stead; I also am formed out of clay" (Job 33:6). "I will bless the Lord who hath given me counsel; my reins also instruct me in the night seasons. I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved" (Ps. 16:7-8). "When He giveth quietness who then can make trouble (Job 34:29).

It is with a deep sense of the mercies of God, that we are once more permitted to submit this report. God's goodness has been bestowed upon us in every way, giving us special strength, both physically and spiritually,



New M. B. in C. Church, Cor. Main and Durham Streets, Bethlehem, Pa.
Dedicated February 8, 1920.

enabling us to meet with all the appointments during the year. The much patience and forbearance shown us by the ministering brethren, as well as by the church at large, together with the many kindnesses bestowed upon us, and the much prayer in our behalf, has been a great help to us. "Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day" (Acts 26:22).

The labors of the various pastors have been signally blessed, and the work in general is in a good spiritual condition. The Church attendance has been very good throughout. Prayer meetings have been largely attended

and the various Sunday Schools are in a flourishing condition. Open air meetings have been held with an excellent interest manifested. The many young people on the various charges have been making good progress on spiritual lines. They manifest a willing and obedient spirit, being kept plain in attire, and can be counted on for God. We also have a noble band of fathers and mothers who have stood by the work for many years, and are still fruitful and flourishing as the years roll by. A number of our aged people have been laid away during the year to await the Master's call at His glorious appearing.

The pastors are devoted to their respective work, and the self-sacrifice shown by them has had a good effect upon the laity as well as upon the public in general. The offerings of the district have been larger than ever, and the various parsonage debts have been reduced in a most creditable manner. All of the Church finances are in good shape.

The new church built on the lot at Main and Durham Streets, Bethlehem, at a cost of almost \$37,000, has been dedicated to the worship of Almighty God in the early part of the year, and is now being made good use of. The building is neat but plain, and has been affording ample room to accommodate all who desire to come. The class and friends have done most nobly in subscribing and contributing towards the paying of this building. The brethren stood by the pastor in a most creditable manner, and we wish to give both pastor and people their due honour in the sacrifices made in this behalf. May this Church be used for God's glory and be flooded with Divine power, in a manner even exceeding the former Church building, which had been so signally used for God, for these many years. Repairs have also been made at a number of Church properties on the various charges which are indeed noteworthy.

Two Camp-meetings were again held on the District which were much owned of God. Both were held in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., The first Camp-meeting (Bethlehem Division) had 238 tents, and the latter (Allentown Division) had 195 tents. The attendance was excellent at both of these gatherings, and people came from far and near to attend this feast of tabernacles. The Word was preached with power, the Lord giving the brethren much liberty through the power of the Holy Spirit. The altar was filled to overflowing with seekers, and we have reason to believe that much fruitage has been the result. The expenses were of necessity very high, but were easily met by willing hands and hearts who contributed most nobly.

All of our pastors were spared us, and were remarkably kept at their posts of duty for which we praise God. The future outlook for the work of the District is encouraging in spite of the unrest prevailing on all sides. The Church at large has a wholesome missionary spirit, and the pastors are unconditional men for God. Whatever surprises may be ahead, whatever lightning changes may develop, the Church looks for her "Lord in the air" (I Thess. 4:17). The world longs for Creation's Lord to hush her groans and bid her birth-pangs cease (Rom. 8:22). Lo, at any "moment" the saints' Hope may be realized (I Cor. 15:52). The day shall yet dawn when it is said, "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ" (Rev. 11:15). May God enable us all to ever remain true, and to be of such who take heed to the Saviour's command, "Occupy Till I Come" (Luke 19:13). For "If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small" (Prov. 24:10).

FINANCIAL.

(a) Appropriations

Quakertown and Hatfield, Pa.....	\$216.00	
Northampton and Walnutport.....	216.00	\$432.00

(b) **Miscellaneous**

O. S. Hillegass.....	\$ 80.00	
E. T. Shick.....	10.00	
G. F. Yost.....	70.00	
E. N. Cassel.....	50.00	
W. F. Hoffner.....	25.00	
Fares for brethren.....	20.92	
Philadelphia Class.....	100.00	
Bethlehem Class.....	344.08	\$700.00
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Total.....		\$1132.00
Received from Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund.....		1132.00
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H. B. Musselman, P. E.

II. Presiding Elders Continued.**REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF THE MT. CARMEL DISTRICT.**

The gracious Lord again enables us to report of His goodness and power manifested toward us and His work on this district during the past year. The Lord has been prospering and keeping in health the Pastors on the various fields of labor. They have a mind to work for the Lord and have been doing what they could to cause the work of the Lord to move forward. A number of souls were saved and baptized and added to the church and with others have been caused to grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The prayer and ordinance meetings were very well attended during the year. The Sunday Schools are in a prosperous condition. The finances throughout are in good shape as a result of liberal offerings. The parsonage and church debts have been materially reduced in quite a number of instances.

The Camp Meeting was held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa. There were 127 tents erected and all occupied. The members on this district turned out well. There was also a nice sprinkling of pilgrims from the other district present at different times of the Camp Meeting. The attendance of outside people was very good throughout. The altar oftentimes was filled with seekers. Many young people consecrated their lives forever to the Lord. There were the most glorious heart melting seasons at times. Many pronounced this the best Camp Meeting ever held on this district. There were 24 baptized in the lake while torrents of rain were pouring upon the audience. The pilgrims and friends responded freely in the offerings to help to defray the expenses. The Pastors preached the Word with liberty and power and in love.

The members throughout the district, old and young, are standing loyally by the Pastors and the work of the Lord, more so than ever before. The Pastors with their flocks have stood by us faithfully and loyally, having prayed for us and helped us to bear our burdens for which we express our thankfulness to God. We are assured that He will reward them at that day when the trumpets of God shall sound and we shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air and shall ever be with our Lord.

FINANCIAL.(a) **Appropriations**

Nazareth.....	\$240.00	
Stroudsburg.....	216.00	
Lehighton.....	240.00	
Shamokin.....	216.00	
Sunbury.....	240.00	
Lebanon.....	480.00	\$1,632.00
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(b) Miscellaneous Expenditures

Fares, etc., holding Home Mission Meetings.....	\$175.79	
1 large tabernacle 45x70 (By order Executive Bd.).....	676.20	
2 smaller tabernacles 30x40 (by order Executive Bd.).....	586.04	
Freight hauling, treating tents, and repairing vat.....	78.29	
Making tabernacle boxes.....	26.32	
J. G. Shireman, moving in Nazareth and fare to Strouds- burg.....	24.56	
R. Bergstresser, donation.....	100.00	
Toward Shamokin Camp Meeting.....	179.31	
Rent for storage, Allen M. Gehman.....	20.00	\$1,866.51
Total.....		\$3,489.51

Receipts.

Received from executors settling a brother's estate, for buying a tabernacle.....	\$700.00	
Received from Treasurer of Home Mission Fund.....	2798.51	\$3,498.51

W. G. Gehman, P. E.

III. Gospel Herald Society.**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GOSPEL HERALD SOCIETY.**

(From Oct. 1, 1919, to Aug. 31, 1920, 11 months only.)

The Lord has been bountifully blessing the Gospel Heralds and their labors during the past year. They are preserved in health and strength for which we praise our Lord.

There are missions in Harrisburg, York, Scranton, Lebanon, Philadelphia. In Lancaster just recently we rented a real nice, spacious hall near Center Square, where glorious meetings are being held. We closed Washington, N. J., mission, sold the property and moved to Jersey City where glorious open-air meetings are being held, and Gospel Herald papers are being sold. Hitherto we have been unable to secure a suitable mission place, however. This appears like a promising mission field for us.

Tent meetings were held in Lancaster for about 10 weeks. A very good interest was manifested. At this time tent meetings are being held in Harrisburg, Philadelphia, and Scranton. These tent meetings are very well attended. Souls have been saved at each of these places and believers have been led into deeper truths. A large number were baptized recently and which are not recorded in this report.

In all the missions the Lord has been working effectually. People are being separated unto the word and work of the Lord. The Sunday Schools are progressing nicely. Grand forward strides have been made in co-portage work. A large number of Bibles and Testaments, other good books, the Gospel Heralds, Daily Food Wall Rolls, Bible Calendars and wall mottoes were sold. This is good seed sown from which some one may expect to reap a harvest sometime. A large amount of literature was sold at the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Camp Meetings.

The chapel and lot funds in various missions are gradually swelling. The various offerings are very good thru the sacrifices of God's people and friends of the work.

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 most cor-

dially and were successful in making the attendance good and the subscriptions liberal. The subscriptions were far in excess of any previous year. The society expresses their thankfulness to the Mennonite Berthren in Christ in the name of the Lord for past favors shown in giving so freely and liberally and in supplicating the throne of grace in behalf of the Heralds and their work entrusted to them, thus enabling them to hold forth the word of life to hungry souls who are languishing in a land of prosperity for 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 for God and His cause. They and their work are not without testings and trials, but the God of all grace and power gives new enablings in His name, and prepares a people for our Lord's glory till He comes.

(a) STATISTICAL.

Ordained ministers of the M. B. C. Conference.....	3
Probationers of the M. B. C. Conference.....	5
Full Gospel Heralds.....	6
Gospel Herald Probationers.....	7
Gospel Herald Applicants.....	1
Received M. B. C. members by transfer.....	1
Total increase.....	1
Transferred to M. B. C. Church.....	3
Transferred to Gospel Worker Society.....	1
Dropped.....	6
Total decrease.....	10
Net decrease.....	9
Total number M. B. C. members.....	23
Baptized.....	17
Children dedicated.....	14
Sunday Schools.....	5
Officers and teachers enrolled.....	63
Scholars enrolled.....	492
Children's meetings and Sunday Schools held.....	281
Open air and jail meetings.....	407
Prayer meetings.....	387
Sermons and addresses.....	2650
Pastoral visits.....	1882
Gospel Heralds sold: 5 cent edition.....	11,152
10 cent edition.....	52,630
15 cent edition.....	38,684
Total.....	102,466
Daily Food Wall Rolls sold: 50 cent edition.....	4966
30 cent edition.....	32
25 cent edition.....	676
Total.....	5,674
Valuation of mission properties:—	
Lebanon, Pa.....	\$5000.00
York, Pa.....	6000.00
Philadelphia, Pa.....	4500.00
Lot rear 1134 Northampton St., Easton.....	1400.00
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	\$16,900.0

(b) FINANCIAL.

(a) Receipts.

1. Collections.

Rents.....	\$2,286.50
Sundry expenses.....	3,264.41
Sinking fund.....	37.58

Light.....	241.24	
Donations, gifts, etc.....	1,548.04	
President.....	683.84	
Missionary Presiding Elder.....	60.25	
Gospel Workers.....	263.48	
Sunday Schools.....	1,095.45	
Sunday School Conventions.....	85.46	
Conference fund.....	309.93	
Gospel Herald Society Headquarters fund.....	281.44	
Foreign missions.....	485.53	
Mission supplies.....	148.33	
Missionary work.....	205.00	
At Gospel Herald Society Conference.....	75.51	
Chapel and lot fund.....	527.11	
House rent, York, Pa.....	148.00	
House rent, Lebanon, Pa.....	124.50	
Barn rent, Washington, N. J.....	26.00	
		<u>\$11,897.60</u>

2. Literature.

Literature, etc., sold in the missions.....	\$16,958.64	
Literature, etc., sold to laity at M. B. C. Camp.....	1,292.42	
Literature, etc., sold at wholesale to ministers.....	2,479.09	<u>\$20,730.15</u>

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

Appropriations.....	\$ 896.00	
Tabernacle meetings.....	190.79	
Fares, utensils, freight, furniture, etc.....	1,269.00	
Rent for President.....	300.00	
From sale of household goods.....	27.50	<u>\$ 2,683.29</u>
Total.....		<u>\$35,311.04</u>

(b) Expenditures.

Appropriations.

York, Pa.....	\$ 275.00	
Philadelphia.....	300.00	
Washington, N. J.....	95.00	
Jersey City, N. J.....	171.00	
Lancaster, Pa.....	55.00	
		<u>\$896.00</u>

Tabernacle Meetings.

Philadelphia.....	\$ 101.83	
Scranton.....	41.19	
Lancaster.....	47.77	
		<u>\$190.79</u>

3. Miscellaneous.

Old mission repairs and supplies.....	\$ 285.55	
Furniture.....	190.28	
Freight and express.....	10.56	
Freight and express on literature.....	222.53	
Fares, postage, telegrams, etc.....	178.68	
Cartage and moving.....	134.80	
Printing and stationery.....	16.93	
Paints and painting.....	23.37	

Rent for President.....	300.00	
Heralds, provisions, etc.....	106.58	
Literature distributed.....	54.22	
First month's rent, Jersey City, N. J.....	37.00	
First month's rent, Lancaster, Pa.....	36.00	\$1596.50
Total.....		\$ 2,683.29

W. G. Gehman, President and Treasurer.

IV. 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—C. H. Brunner.
Allentown, Bethel—B. Bryan Musselman.
Allentown, Salem—O. S. Hillegass.
Philadelphia—F. M. Hottel.
Reading—R. W. Dickert.

(b) Circuits.

Royersford and Spring City—H. K. Kratz.
Graterford and Harleysville—E. N. Cassel.
Coopersburg and Springtown—R. L. Woodring.
Emaus, Macungie, Zionsville—J. C. Roth.
Fleetwood, Blandon, Terre Hill—G. F. Yost.

(c) Missions.

Quakertown and Hatfield—W. F. Heffner.
Northampton and Walnutport—A. G. Woodring.
Nazareth—J. G. Shireman.

(d) Annual Conference Licensed Workers.

W. S. Hottel was granted his request to labor in connection with the publishers of the Christian Life Sunday School Supplies and in general missionary work, and will be salaried as per agreement arranged with the respective parties.

(e) Local Preachers.

Ex T. Shick, Allentown Quarterly Conference.

(f) Quarterly Conference Licensed Workers.

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

(g) Tabernacles to be Supplied.

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

(a) Stations.

Mt. Carmel—R. Bergstresser.
Easton—J. B. Layne.
Shamokin—J. F. Barrall.

(b) Missions.

Stroudsburg—E. E. Kublic.
Leighton and Weissport—N. H. Wolf.
Sunbury—V. H. Reinhart.

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

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

(d) **Quarterly Conference Licensed Workers.**

W. W. Zimmerman.

(e) **Tabernacles to be supplied.**(B) **APPROPRIATIONS****1. Bethlehem District.**

Quakertown and Hatfield, per month.....	\$ 20.00
Northampton and Walnutport, per month.....	18.00
Nazareth, per month.....	50.00

Moving.

C. H. Brunner.....	\$ 40.00
B. Bryan Musselman.....	75.00
R. W. Dickert.....	75.00
E. N. Cassel.....	75.00
W. S. Hottel.....	75.00
O. S. Hillegass.....	40.00
To be used at the discretion of the Presiding Elder.....	1000.00

2. Mt. Carmel District.

Stroudsburg, per month.....	\$ 20.00
Lehighton and Weissport, per month.....	30.00
Sunbury, per month.....	20.00

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

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

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

W. G. Gehman, President.

York, Pa.—To be supplied.
 Harrisburg—To be supplied.
 Scranton—To be supplied.
 Philadelphia—To be supplied.
 Lancaster—To be supplied.
 Lebanon—To be supplied.
 Jersey City, N. J.—To be supplied.

Gospel Worker Society.

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

H. B. Musselman, Chairman.

W. G. Gehman, Secretary.

G. O. Billig
 S. W. Heiser
 M. L. Musselman
 N. L. Swartz
 Allen M. Gehman
 G. K. Himmelreich
 H. F. Ebersole

R. R. Fox
 C. D. Bean
 H. L. Shelly
 H. G. Brunner
 Moses Snyder
 S. S. Geil
 O. C. Kistler

Committee.

V. Camp Meeting.**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL CAMP-MEETING COMMITTEE.**

Two Camp Meetings were held in Mizpah Grove, in the Fourteenth Ward, in the City of Allentown, Pa., as follows:

Bethlehem District.

Bethlehem Division, July 3-11, 238 tents.

Allentown Division, Aug. 14-22, 195 tents.

Mt. Carmel District.

This Camp Meeting was held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa.

Mt. Carmel District, July 24-Aug. 1, 127 tents.

Receipts.

Bethlehem District.		
Bethlehem Division.	\$3,057.89	
Allentown Division.... .	2,887.52	\$5,945.41
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Mt. Carmel District.		
Mt. Carmel District... .	\$1,719.98	\$1,719.98
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Total.....		\$7,665.39

W. G. Gehman, Chairman.

VI. Camp Meeting Equipage.**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CAMP MEETING EQUIPAGE.**

During the year we purchased a lot of new tools and stakes, also blocking, prongs and end-poles, some dishes and cooking utensils, as well as some electrical supplies.

We also treated the three new tabernacles and repaired the camp-stools and other things belonging to the camp meeting outfit. The camp-meeting equipment is now in a real good condition. We submit the following statement of our expenses:

Stakes, prongs and poles.....	\$ 83.00	
Dishes and cooking utensils....	43.55	
Carfares and meals including wiring and cleaning grove	59.95	
Wiring and cleaning grove.....	59.95	
Tools.....	25.94	
Hardware	19.12	
Canvass.....	18.76	
Hauling.....	32.00	
Fire extinguishers.....	30.00	
Blocking.....	16.25	
8 Rolls, Roofing paper.....	18.00	
Repairing tabernacle.....	9.80	
Labor.....	4.25	
Telephone.....	3.70	
Electrical supplies.....	3.00	
Lumber.....	1.70	
<hr/>		\$369.02
Received from the Executive Board.....		\$369.02

F. M. Hottel, Chairman,
J. C. Roth, Secretary,
B. Bryan Musselman, G. F. Yost,
Committee.

VII. Publication and Printing.**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND PRINTING.**

We had some Eastern Gospel Banner Receipt and Order Books printed. Also some Home Missionary pledge cards. We also purchased various Conference supplies.

(a) Account of the Printing Committee.**Receipts.**

12 Dedication Certificates.....	\$.50
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Expenditures.

16,000 Home Mission Pledge Cards.....	\$25.50	
Building Fund Collection Report Blanks.....	2.00	
500 Loose-leaf sheets for Annual Conference Minute Book.....	5.00	
17 Annual Conf. Journals to Missionaries, Annual Con-		
ferences and R. R.....	8.50	
Eastern Gospel Banner Triplicate Receipt Books.....	34.00	
Eastern Gospel Banner Duplicate Order Books.....	32.50	
80 Sheets of Carbon paper for above.....	1.50	
24 large clasp envelopes.....	.96	
Postage on above.....	3.16	
Other supplies.....	2.50	
800 Instructions to Campers.....	12.50	
Paper for Annual Conference Minutes.....	.90	
6 large account books.....	9.82	\$138.84

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

Conference Donations.....	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
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(c) Account of Editor of Conference Journal.**Receipts.**

902 Copies of the Annual Conference Journal sold.....	\$449.00	\$449.00
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Expenditures.

Photos.....	\$ 16.25	
13 halftone cuts.....	47.87	
Printing 975 Conference Journals.....	306.00	
Postage on above.....	5.33	
		\$374.45

(d) Acct. with Eastern Gospel Banner—S. S. Supplies

Postage on Eastern Gospel Banner material.....	\$ 12.32	
Postage and paper—Editor S. S. Lessons.....	15.25	
		\$ 27.57

(e) Account with Board of Examiners

Carfares to Mid-year Examinations for 2 years.....	\$ 31.14	\$ 31.14
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C. H. Brunner,
B. Bryan Musselman,
A. G. Woodring,
Board.

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

Received at Annual Conference.....	\$407.34	
Expenditures.....	5.00	
		<hr/> \$402.34

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

IX. Benevolent Society.**NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LAYMEN'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.**

Members reported October 16, 1919.....	497
Members received during the year.....	55
Members died during the year.....	8
Members withdrawn during the year.....	37
Members enrolled September 23, 1920.....	513

Financial.**Receipts.**

Contributions.....	\$1,247.00	
Interest on Deposits.....	217.88	\$1,464.88

Expenditures.

Donations.....	\$550.00	
Sundry Expenses.....	3.29	\$553.29

Report of the Treasurer.**Receipts.**

October 16, 1919, Balance in Treasury.....	\$4,284.62	
Received during year.....	1,964.88	\$6,049.50

Expenditures.

Expended during the year.....	\$ 553.29	
September 23, 1920, Balance in Treasury.....	5496.21	\$6,049.50

The Society also holds securities to the amount of \$1,500.00.

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

X. Hymn Book Committee.**FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HYMN BOOK COMMITTEE**

We have used the Rose of Sharon Hymnal for over three years now with much favor and success.

We had 200 hymnals bound in buckram during the year which we have been selling at \$2.10 per copy. These are all gone and 100 more are in the bindery.

Report of the Treasurer.

Receipts.

October 17, 1919, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 28.39	
Sale of Rose of Sharon Hymnals.....	538.50	\$566.89

Expenditures.

Insurance, express, hauling, binding 200 books.....	\$253.02	
September 22, 1920, Balance in Treasury.....	313.87	\$566.89

(The Committee owes a loan of \$1050.)

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

Committee.

XI. Reading Course.**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS ON THE READING COURSE.****(A) Examinations for 1920.**

Probationers on the Reading Course.

	St. John Chapters 13-17	Leviticus and II Timothy	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:														
M. M. Myers.....	99		98				90	78	89	92				91
W. K. Ruth.....	94		98				72	82	74	72				82
Second Year's Course														
W. R. Stengele.....		77			76	72			75	72				74
P. T. Stengele.....		99			86	96			97	93				94
Third Year's Course														
A. G. Woodring.....				91					92	92	73	98	96	90
W. F. Heffner.....				88					92	81	73	96	81	85

A. G. Woodring and W. F. Heffner having satisfactorily passed the Reading Course, we recommend them to the Committee on Ordination.

E. N. Cassel,
B. Bryan Musselman,
H. K. Kratz,
Board.

(B) Studies for 1920-1921.**(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 Second Timothy.

Third Year's Course.

Romans.

Fletcher's Appeal.

Jesus is Coming, by Blackstone.

The first examination shall be held in Emaus, Pa., April 12, 1921, at 7 P. M.

The second examination shall be held at Bethel Church, Allentown, Pa., October 11, 1921, at 7 P. M.

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

Board.

XII. EXECUTIVE BOARD.**THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.**

The Board held a number of meetings this year, most of which were of a rather informal nature. The Annual Conference again re-elected the same members on the Board.

The Board spent a great deal of time and money on improvements in Mizpah Grove during the year. Last fall we secured 30 Oriental Plane trees from Andrew F. O'Connel of Overbrook, Pa., 6 for the Home Farm and the remaining 24 we planted in Mizpah Grove. Many of these, however, failed to grow. This was strange as among the many trees which we planted in former years very few failed.

The driveways in the grove had been in a bad condition and needed repairs very much. With the aid of a number of the pastors and a few hired men these were put into a fairly good condition. We used a lot of stones besides 107 tons of crushed stones. A good deal more material and labor should be expended along this line.

When we purchased the grove, ten years ago, we drilled an artesian well at the entrance, 42 feet deep, which has hitherto supplied us with an abundance of the best fresh, clear water. Only on a few occasions were there signs of failing. However, the great demand for water from the rapidly increasing number of campers and attendants at the Camp Meetings, especially on hot Sundays when people had to wait a long time to get water, and to guard against a possible failure of the well, the Board decided to dig another well near the upper end of the grove.

After many disappointments we secured Mr. J. Wilmer Shaw, of Quakertown, who drilled a six inch well 72 feet deep. This, when finished, contained 40 feet of water, also clear, cold and soft. [Although in a limestone region we found no limestone in either of our wells.]



Mispah Grove, (Auditorium) Allentown, Pa.

The gutters on the roof of the auditorium had broken down. So we spent quite a lot of money raising and securing them and patching the roof.

We also made 12 new benches for the auditorium, a lot of spruce end poles for the tents, and bought a stove for the Campers' Dining Hall.

We purchased 305 boards, 10 inches wide and 105 scantling, 3 by 4 inches, for tent floors.

The Board also purchased an additional 40 feet along the south side of our property, 700 feet long, from Andrew S. Keck, for \$1,000. Being within the limits of the city of Allentown, the ground is naturally very expensive.

We now own a very beautiful and valuable grove, 416 feet wide and 700 feet long along the south side of Lawrence Street, containing 6.685 acres. We also own 5 lots, 20 feet wide on the north side of Lawrence Street extending 120 feet along the east side of Ellsworth Street, for 60 feet of which we paid \$25 a foot front, five years ago.

According to the will of our late Elder William Gehman, we have received the sum of \$1,000 from his estate to be used wherever most needed.

Financial.

Receipts.

Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention	\$	180.00
Mount Carmel " " " "		75.00
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting, Lumber Rent.....		210.19
Allentown " " " "		160.08
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting, Balance.....		364.89
Allentown " " " "		559.07
Legacy from the estate of the late Elder Wm. Gehman..	1,000.00	
Interest.....	50.00	
		\$2,599.23

Expenditures

Expenditures			
Planting trees—			
24 large Oriental Plane trees.....	\$	45.00	
Hauling.....		11.90	
Fares and bone meal.....		8.42	\$ 65.32
Repairing driveways—			
107 tons crushed stone.....	\$	48.50	
Hauling.....		114.13	
Labor.....		28.00	190.63
New Well—			
Drilling 72 feet, casing.....	\$	225.00	
Moving drill.....		18.30	
Pump set up complete.....		41.74	
Material and hauling for pump floor.....		25.75	310.79
Auditorium—			
Repairing roof.....	\$	11.90	
Repairing gutter, material and labor.....		66.86	78.76
New Benches (12)—			
Lumber.....	\$	69.80	
Carpenter work.....		27.30	97.10
Cleaning grove, sounding board.....	\$	26.05	
Repairing old pump.....		1.45	
Stove for campers' dining hall.....		26.00	
Camp Meeting equipage Committee, bills.....		369.02	
Fares.....		47.61	
End poles for tents, spruce.....		38.00	
Lumber for tent floors.....		237.05	
Lumber for tents, rented.....		39.55	
An addition of 40x700 feet to grove.....	1,000.00		
Recording deed.....		2.65	
Tax.....		3.00	
Special expenses of Board meetings and special trips		39.79	
Rent of special buildings for Sunday School Convention and Annual Conference.....		75.00	1,905.17
Total.....			\$2,647.77

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

XIII. Orphanage and Home.

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

The Board of Trustees has discontinued the Board of Managers during the year and is now meeting regularly every month at the Home to make settlement with the Manager, Titus Hottel.

Titus Hottel has again ably managed the affairs of the Home and the Farm. He is always concerned that the work in its various branches should go forward harmoniously and that the income of the Institution should always be above the expenses, and that the herd and crops should do well. He is concerned that the orphan boys should be taught to be obedient and live good Christian lives.

Elmer Willits lives in the farm-house and labors diligently on the farm. The Board of Trustees has engaged Paul Teel to labor on the farm. He lives in the tenant house adjoining the farm.

The health of Katie Fearheller has been greatly improved and she is again giving good service in the Home. Alice Musselman, who has been laboring faithfully during the past year, has been relieved of her duties for the present on account of failing health.

The orphan boys are keeping well and are obedient and rendering very good service on the Farm when not in school. The aged sisters are keeping in good health and are enjoying the hospitality of the Home.

Maria Widmaier, an aged sister of German birth, and a member of the Evangelical Association of Philadelphia, has been admitted during the year and is greatly enjoying the Christian influences of the Home.

A public sale of the Holstein-Freisian cattle was held in April, at which almost the entire herd of cattle was disposed of. Since that time some cattle have been bought so that at the present time the herd comprises twenty-four head.

The cattle and swine have done well during the year and the crops have been good. The Lord has blessed the work.

Financial.

(A) DONATIONS

Donations have been received as follows: H. F. Hottel, one shelter shed; C. H. Brunner, Iron bedstead and spring, large music box with records and stand; Verna Musselman, a lot of toweling.

(B) FARM ACCOUNTS

(a) Receipts

Milk.....	\$10,437.03	Refund.....	\$407.60
Potatoes.....	2,713.31	Truck.....	463.40
Feed.....	30,257.28	Implements.....	97.68
Cattle.....	15,069.55	Eggs.....	200.99
Swine.....	2,004.11	Poultry.....	48.67
Hauling.....	644.70	Meat.....	304.19
Wheat.....	1,079.62	Hides.....	26.44
Fertilizer.....	488.51	Provisions.....	749.93
Labor.....	134.04	Seeds.....	108.48

Total..... \$65,235.53

N.B.—Products from the Farm were also used at the Home and by the farm family amounting to \$1,300.00.

(b) Expenditures.

Advertising, periodicals, and postage.....	\$201.49	Live stock.....	\$11619.61
Building, repairs and improvements.....	322.52	Oil and gasoline	835.18
Carfare and telephone.....	224.31	Poultry.....	45.00
Dairy supplies and official testing.....	345.15	Registrations and transfers...	143.75
Freight and express	1296.30	Repairs and replacements.....	403.40
Feed, veterinary services and condition powders.....	39,143.28	Seeds, plants and potatoes...	1035.00
Fertilizer.....	914.57	Spraying materials.....	172.72
Hardware and twine.....	62.40	Straw.....	183.26
Implements	1099.39	Taxes.....	310.14
Swine.....	715.15	Wages and labor.....	2090.10
Horseshoeing.....	80.23	Milk and eggs.....	984.44
Lime.....	9.46	Auto maintenance.....	880.77
		Refund.....	45.38
		Sale expenses.....	687.82
		Total.....	\$63,850.82

(C) HOME ACCOUNTS

(a) Receipts

From the fund for the Poor (Annual Conference).....	\$ 449.11
Interest on various money.....	264.09
Donations (Cash).....	1,338.67
Legacy, Estate of the late Allen M. Gehman, Zionsville, Pa.....	400.00
Total.....	\$2,451.87

(b) Expenditures

Wages and labor.....	\$312.00	Provisions	\$1092.42
Inmates.....	510.91	Repairs and replacements.....	7.75
Aid given outside of Home...	96.00	Interest (Geho Legacy).....	24.00
Building, repairs and improvements.....	55.74	Periodicals.....	3.00
Coal	90.81	Dr. Jordon's claim (settlement).....	85.00
Furnishings.....	10.50		
Electric current, oil and soap	20.19	Total.....	\$2,308.32

SUMMARY TOTALS

Receipts	Expenditures
Farm.....	Farm.....
Home.....	Home.....
Total.....	Total.....

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.....	\$20,000.00
Tenant's Home.....	3,800.00
Implements.....	4,940.96
Live Stock—	
Holstein-Freisian cattle.....	\$8,050.00
Horses.....	1,100.00
Swine.....	2,865.00
	<u>12,015.00</u>

Produce—

Potatoes.....	\$3,500.00	
Ensilage.....	48.00	
Hay.....	1,237.50	
Straw.....	320.00	
Feed.....	2,832.35	
Wheat.....	345.00	
Oats.....	250.00	
Mangels.....	100.00	
Corn.....	3,000.00	
Truck.....	100.00	
Apples.....	40.00	11,772.85

Miscellaneous—

Fertilizer.....	\$ 6.68	
Binder Twine.....	16.50	
Firewood.....	50.00	
Fence posts.....	15.00	
Lumber.....	30.00	
Crates.....	25.00	
Auto tires.....	50.00	
Oil.....	32.40	
Bags.....	30.00	
Shelter sheds.....	50.00	
Furniture.....	115.00	420.58

Securities—

Money outstanding.....	\$3,997.00	
Loans.....	7,050.00	
Cash on hand.....	5,536.38	16,583.38

Total.....\$69,532.77

(B) HOME

Home.....\$ 4,500.00

Miscellaneous—

Furniture.....	\$ 535.00	
Canned goods.....	154.05	
Dried fruit and vegetables.....	7.00	
Provisions.....	125.77	
Smoked meats.....	36.52	
Coal.....	70.00	
Soap.....	7.20	
Poultry.....	181.25	1,116.79

Total.....\$ 5,616.79

SUMMARY TOTALS

Farm and Tenant's Home.....	\$69,532.77
Home.....	5,616.79
Grand Total.....	\$75,149.56

STATEMENT

Resources		Liabilities	
Properties.....	\$28,300.00	Contributions to date.....	\$24,975.98
Live stock.....	12,196.25	Donations to date.....	1,553.11
Implements.....	5,590.96	Surplus.....	48,620.47
Produce.....	12,173.39		
Miscellaneous.....	305.58	Total.....	\$75,149.56
Outstanding bills.....	3,997.00		
Securities.....	7,050.00		
Cash on hand.....	5,536.38		
Total.....	\$75,149.56		

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.

FORMS OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath unto H. B. Musselman, R. L. Woodring, Allen M. Gehman, B. Bryan Musselman, 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 ofpayable one year after my decease.

DEVISE

I give and devise unto H. B. Musselman, R. L. Woodring, Allen M. Gehman, B. Bryan Musselman, 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.



HOME FARM, CENTRE VALLEY, PA.

XIV. Foreign Missions.

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

We have much reason to praise the Lord again for His help rendered to us during the past year. The Lord has gloriously blessed our work in the homeland in the salvation of souls and the edifying of the Church. When the Home Mission work prospers the blessings will naturally flow out into the Foreign fields. The pastorates and missions throughout the Church and in the missions of the Gospel Herald Society have been blessed and strengthened.

Three Camp Meetings were held with much spiritual blessing and power, and many converts. Two Camp Meetings were held in the Bethlehem District in beautiful Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., as follows: Bethlehem Division, July 3rd to 11th, 238 tents; Allentown Division, August 14th to 22nd, 195 tents. One was held in the Mount Carmel District, in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., July 24th to August 1, with 130 tents.



MOLAI

A fine alto singer from the Congo. A regular day school and Sunday School Scholar.

We were glad to have Dr. R. H. Glover, Foreign Secretary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, with headquarters and offices at 690 8th Avenue, New York City, with us at the first-named of these Camp Meetings. He gave us two strong messages which we trust will bear much fruit for the Master.

We were also privileged to have Pastor Wm. Fetler, of Philadelphia, Director of the Russian Evangelization Society, with us at the Camp Meeting. He had with him 18 young men, Russians, from his Training School in Philadelphia, whom he expects to take to Russia for active Missionary work this fall.

The Annual Conference, held at Reading, Pa., October 16-20, 1919, had re-elected H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel and W. S. Hottel, as the Board of Foreign Missions. The Board at its first meeting re-organized with the same officers, namely, President, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner. The Treasurer of the Annual Conference by virtue of his office, is Treasurer of the funds of the Board of Foreign Missions. The Board held four meetings during the year.

Among the changes during the year have been the following: Rev. M. B. Fuller, of India, has come home, and because of his age and declining health may not be able to return to the field. Rev. C. H. Miller, of Argentine, has retired from our fellowship. The Board decided to accept Rev. and Mrs. Wm. C. Cadman of Annam, Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Kerr of India, and Mrs. Nettie Meier of Chile. thus making in all 22 missionaries and 4 ordained native pastors supported by the Pennsylvania Conference.

Brother and Sister M. P. Zook and their two sons, after spending eleven months in the homeland on furlough, returned to Chile again. Brother and Sister Wm. C. Cadman and daughter also returned from furlough, sailing from New York August 28th for Annam, via England and France. Brother and Sister S. P. Hamilton, after a furlough, also expect to return to India in October or November.

We still continue to send to all our missionaries the *Eastern Gospel Banner*, *Gospel Herald*, *Christian Life Missionary*, *Gospel of Jesus*, *Jewels for Jesus*, *Christian Life Teachers' Quarterly*, *Young People's Societies' Quarterly*, *Daily Food* wall roll and a Diary. Many comments and words of thanks and appreciation have been received from the various fields relative to the blessing and help these publications have brought to them for their own personal benefit, as well as for use in their services. Many articles have been translated and printed in different languages.

REV. ALBERT B. SIMPSON.

Rev. Albert B. Simpson, founder and President of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, fell asleep in Jesus at his home at Nyack, N. Y., on October 29, 1919, in his 78th year.

It was the privilege of the writer, as Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, upon invitation, to be present at his funeral in the Gospel Tabernacle, 692 Eighth Avenue, New York City, on November 4th, 1919.

The large Tabernacle, which he built and in which he served as pastor for 30 years, was much too small to hold the many friends who had gathered to pay their last tribute of respect. The ceremonies were simple, yet very impressive.

Dr. Simpson was born on Prince Edward Island, of old-school Scotch Presbyterian parents. His father, James Simpson, was a successful ship-builder. Owing to financial reverses he moved to western Ontario when Albert was three years old. There in a little log cabin near Chatham, ten miles from town and church, with no luxuries and few comforts, and few books, he changed the maiden forest into golden fields of grain. No doubt Dr. Simpson owed his strong, robust constitution to the hardships and toil of his younger days. The Sundays were kept strictly, forbidding all work and play. After returning from a twenty-mile ride to and from church on a springless wagon over bad roads, the family spent the day reciting the shorter catechism and the Bible. The mother, who was very fond of poetry, was the cultured and highly endowed daughter of William Clark, member of the Provincial Assembly.

In 1865, Albert graduated from Knox College, Toronto, and became pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, Ontario, the same year. In 1874 he accepted a call to the Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church, Louisville, Ky., and in 1880 became pastor of the Thirteenth Street Presbyterian Church, New York City. In 1881 he resigned his pastorate and withdrew from the New York Presbytery and was immersed in a very humble mission building in New York City. Here he started out to preach a four-fold gospel, trying to reach the non-churchgoing masses especially. With a few dozen earnest Christians standing by him he preached the Gospel in halls, theatres and tents. In 1882 he organized what is now the Gospel Tabernacle with 35 members. Rev. A. E. Funk says that when he became associated with Dr. Simpson in 1885 he "found that the church with about fifty members was paying \$6,000 annual rent for the Twenty-Third Street Theatre, and was supporting the full Gospel work carried on therein every evening of the year." In 1889 he built the present church building seating 1,000 people. In February, 1880, he printed the first number of *The Gospel in All lands*, an illustrated missionary magazine, the first one of its kind in the United States. This was the beginning of his literary work. His published volumes, not counting tracts and pamphlets, number over 70. It is said that "he never found it necessary to retract or modify his testimony, or to revise his earlier writings to meet new conditions."

Nothing can equal personal contact in human influence over other lives. Dr. Leon Tucker said about Dr. Simpson: "His voice was a wonderful vehicle for his message—melodious and musical, full, resonant, passionate and triumphant. He was a poet-preacher. While multitudes were going broader he was going deeper." One of the speakers said at his funeral, "No man ever gripped my soul like Dr. Simpson." His voice was heard in all the large cities of the United States as well as in Europe and many of the heathen countries, while his writings are read and his hymns are sung all over the world in many languages. As an organizer of Foreign Missionary work he had no equal. During his lifetime, the Christian and Missionary Alliance which he founded occupied 16 countries, built up 108 stations and nearly 400 out stations occupied by over 300 missionaries assisted by more than 600 earnest native workers with a total foreign church membership of over 10,500.

God buries His workers but carries His work right on. Rev. Paul Rader, Pastor of the Moody Tabernacle in Chicago has been chosen President of the Christian and Missionary Alliance to succeed Dr. Simpson.

Africa.

Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Crist.

Boma, near the mouth of the mighty Congo River, is the gateway for all missions operating in Belgian Congo. It is also the headquarters of the missions of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in the Belgian Congo. Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Crist are stationed here and have charge. Brother Crist is the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

In one of his reports he writes as follows:

"This has been the busiest year I have ever seen in Congo. There seemed to be so much extra work. Then too, Mrs. Crist has not been well; she has suffered from rheumatism for a long time, then in June she sprained her ankle on a broken step and it took months for her to recover from it. Later, about two months ago she simply collapsed, she had no more strength and any little thing would make her tired. She just seems to be run down in her system and she cannot get her strength back. I had wanted her to take a vacation for almost a year but she did not want to go. Now she has gone to one of our other stations for a couple of weeks rest. It may be too late, though, for her to get much benefit, and we may have to go on furlough in the Spring.

"I wanted to write you about a trip which I took recently with Brother Myers to Brazzaville, the capital of French Congo. We went, hoping to get permission from the French Governor to begin work in their Colony, but they will not consent at present, at least not until the Peace Treaties are fully adjusted. We do not know how much longer we will have to wait but ask that you will join with us in prayer that the Lord will remove every obstacle.

"We do not know when we shall be able to enter French Congo, but hope it will not be long until the way opens. Pray that every obstacle may soon be removed. The people need the Gospel and are dying without a knowledge of it. Neither do the French people want them to have it. They are per-



Children of the English Sunday School at Boma, Belgian, Congo, Africa.
Mrs. Crist standing to the right.

fectly willing for us to teach industrial work to the natives, also, to teach them French, but so far as the Gospel is concerned they do not want it." (For detailed account of this trip see "Eastern Gospel Banner" for February 26, 1920.)

From other reports we gather the following:—

"There are many encouraging features of the work to report. It is exceedingly gratifying to note the constant progress manifested by our new missionaries in language study and in many other phases of the work. To facilitate the study of the language a new beginner's book is in course of preparation under the direction of Mrs. E. E. Crist. A new collection of native hymns is almost ready for the press.

"Last year the food shortage was a serious problem, but since abundant rains have fallen the outlook for food is promising.

"At Kinkonzi the prospering condition of the work made it necessary to erect another brick dwelling. We herald with joy and gladness the news of the beginning of the Bible Training School for teachers and evangelists. The new dormitory has been completed. The great burden of this work has fallen upon Brother E. R. Hess. The task is not easy, but against all difficulties he labors with the same zeal and devotion as he manifests in the spiritual upbuilding of the lives of these people.

"We have reason to praise God for the advance made in our work. Brothers C. R. Myers and W. C. Boyer have itinerated several hundred miles into the French Congo. Provision is being made for new advances West and North of Boma, a section which has been little evangelized. Three schools have been opened in the district.

"We rejoice to hear of the noble stand taken by some of our Christians in the face of severe persecution. One native woman, having refused to live in sin, was cast into prison by her wicked husband. Sometimes for days she was without food but refused to deny her Lord. Finally her faith in the Lord Jesus triumphed and she was released, a victor."

In his Annual Report for 1919 Brother Crist reports 198 out-stations and sub out-stations, 228 native workers, 10 organized churches with a total membership of 3172. During the year they received by baptism 429. They still have 617 enquirers. They maintain 235 day-schools with an average attendance of 4522. The native workers conducted 27,800 services in villages apart from the main stations and 12,284 extra meetings were held by other Christians.

One of the great needs on this field is the opening of a training school for native evangelists. This is very evident when they have 228 natives converted from the raw material who shall teach others the way of salvation. Brother Crist writes, "Lack of food has prevented us from opening our Evangelists' Training School. The natives have been existing for the past year but many are thin and gaunt from malnutrition. There have been abundant rains thus far during this rainy season, and there is promise of better days coming. Just as soon as possible we expect to open this school."

"In 1918 we succeeded in opening one outstation one-half day from Boma," reports Brother Crist, "and although the teacher was there but half the time, we are glad to report one Christian from that place. The Chief of the village met our Evangelists in another village and, after listening to the Gospel, invited them to come to his village and teach his people. . . . When they arrived he urged them to stay. After learning of his desire I visited him and decided to place a teacher there. From the very first this Chief seemed to drink in the Gospel and when he understood its meaning he accepted Christ as his Saviour. He had to stand alone as none in his village nor any of his friends from surrounding villages approved of his step. He came to Boma occasionally to the Sunday Services and enjoyed hearing the Gospel. The last time he was here he told us that he had put away all his women except his first wife, and that he had stopped making clay pipes, saying: 'Since it is not fit for Christians to smoke tobacco, neither is it fit for me to make the pipes.' We rejoiced to see how God was dealing with him. He took sick and suffered about two months. The night before he passed away his wife wanted him to try some of the native medicines and fetiches. He rebuked her strongly, telling her that he was going to die and go to Heaven. He admonished her to forsake her sins and serve the Lord or she would never see him again. We prayed and hoped for his healing but we trust that his triumphant death may speak more loudly than his life could have done.

"In some districts the drought hindered the work much. The people are very hungry and weak in body. A mother of three little children went in search of food leaving the children at home. While she was away they

went to the woods where they found some roots which they brought home, boiled and ate. When the mother came home in the evening she found her three little ones dead, having been poisoned by the roots."

Some of these converts have to bear a great deal of persecution. "A young girl living near one of our out-stations," writes Brother Crist, "became interested in the Gospel and would stay at the school several days at a time to hear about Jesus. Her people tried in every way to persuade her to give up this new notion of hers but she refused. At last she was made a prisoner by the Chief and kept under guard for several weeks. When her people failed to induce her to enter a life of sin, her aunt took her to Matadi, sixty miles away, to some relatives in the most immoral section of the town, and there deserted her. Being without money, friends or food she became discouraged and in order to procure food she yielded to temptation. Being convicted of sin, a month later when she saw a man from the school she had attended, she returned with him to the school, confessed her sin, and promises to become a true follower of the Lord.



Convention group, Belgian Congo, August, 1919.

"Another case is the deacon of the church at Lolo who is also a teacher. Whenever he goes itinerating, several in the village who were at one time members of the church destroy his fields, steal his fowls, etc. The Chief of the village, though not a Christian, finally decided to put a stop to this and called all those who had been put out of church together intending to give them a beating. The deacon, feeling that this was not the right way to deal with them, interceded for them and the Chief was dissuaded from his purpose."

A Miss G. M. Welles, writing in the *Congo Mission News*, speaks of a meeting she attended at the Yema Church, built by Brother Hess a few years ago.

"On my way home from Mboka in Portuguese Congo where I have been residing, it was my pleasure to be at Yema Church quarterly meetings. Probably 1200 or more were in attendance. Sixty-four were baptized at that time, one of the number being an old woman with white hair. Another of the candidates was formerly, first a state kapita and then a Catholic teacher. Five years ago I knew of him as kapita, and several of our Christians received most shameful treatment at his hands, but the power of the Gospel has brought about a complete change in his life."

Rev. E. R. Hess.

Brother E. R. Hess is still faithfully laboring in the Belgian Congo. The following letter written by Brother Hess to Mr. Ralph C. Norton of the Belgian Gospel Mission was published in the Sunday School Times:

"On a recent itineration in my district I found much joy in reading in *The Sunday School Times* the account of your wonderful work among the Belgians. I made the matter known to the native congregation, asking them to pray earnestly for you and your blessed work.

"How we rejoiced together because God has at last opened the door of the Gospel to the Belgians.

"It has so pleased the Christians of the Maduda Church that they have decided to send one-half of the tenth of their offerings during the year to *your* work; the other half goes to Palestine. And we are sure to feel the effects in Congo Belge, where the priests have so greatly baffled us in the past by their iniquitous methods.

"The Maduda Church would appreciate a brief word from you. May God continue to make you a blessing to many. Herewith cheque for Frs. 133.45."

Mr. Norton writes concerning this letter: "It has touched our hearts in a way that it would be impossible to describe. What a joy it is to have these children of God in South Africa fellowshipping with us in the Gospel here by their prayers and their gifts. It has also put us to shame."

This is a wonderful record from a poor African congregation just lately saved from heathen darkness. Someone must have planted this noble missionary spirit into the hearts of these simple, devoted people. Where are the critics of Foreign Missionary work? Where are those who think that the Africans are not worth the trouble to bring them the Gospel? Let us hear from them. All this speaks very highly of the quiet, unassuming labors of Brother Hess.

We have not received much news from Brother Hess directly as he no doubt has been kept extremely busy, but we will insert the following extract from the reports of Brother Crist:

"Mr. Hess has charge of Kinkonzi Station where he has put in the most strenuous year of his life. One dwelling house begun last year was finished with its necessary outbuildings. A brick dormitory, 18 by 135 feet, for the Evangelists' Training School, is almost completed. This, together with the spiritual work, has kept him extremely busy.

"Mr. Hess also has the oversight of the Maduda district. The Maduda Church had again to be divided. There are now five divisions with a total membership of 840. There are 68 schools taught by 66 teachers of whom only 15 receive any pay. The church is supporting three of their own teachers in the Kinkonzi district and has now sent the fourth one to the Vunzu district with still two others ready to come to the Boma district as soon as arrangements can be made. . . . Quite a number of young people have offered themselves for service for the Lord and are only waiting for the necessary training. We hope to see missionaries from Maduda going to all parts of the lower Congo.

"Besides that which they have already done the Church has undertaken to keep fields at all the schools for the teacher and his family, also to transport free of charge the missionaries and native workers who visit them, as well as provide for extra carriers.

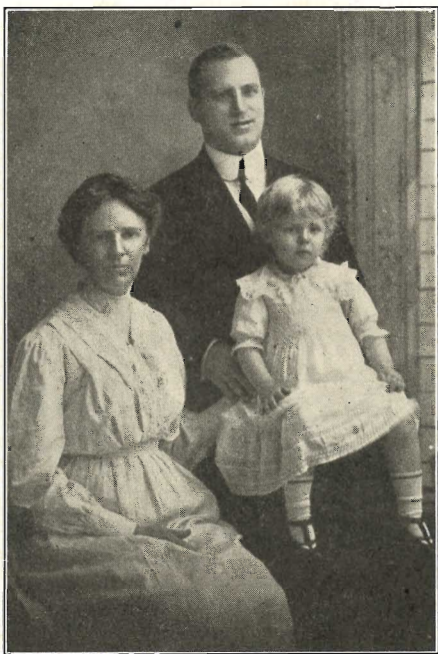
"Although Mr. Hess had so much other work he managed to spend several days with the people at the different schools giving special Bible teaching, finding the people very open and ready to receive the Word. The teachers also made good progress in the special studies he gave them."

From the latest reports we learn that they have opened a Teachers' Training School at Boma with 27 young men, evangelists, in attendance, all of them hungry for Bible study.

Annam.**Rev. and Mrs. Wm. C. Cadman.**

Early in the year the Board accepted Brother and Sister Cadman as their representatives in the much neglected country of Annam, or French Indo-China.

Brother Cadman was converted in 1905 while working in a publishing office in London, England, convicted by the stand taken by a young fellow apprentice during persecution, although none of his family and friends were Christians. Soon afterward he went to Toronto, Ontario, joined the Presbyterian Church, attended a Bible School, later spent a year at the Nyack Missionary Training Institute, after which he went to Wuchow, South China.



Rev. and Mrs. Wm. C. Cadman and daughter Agnes.
Hanoi, French Indo-China.

After four years of publication and evangelistic work there he, with four other missionaries, went to dark Annam. One of these was Miss Hazenberg, whom he married soon after, and took charge of the work at Tourane and later on they opened their present station at Hanoi, the Capital.

We had the privilege of having Brother and Sister Cadman speak in a few of our churches during their furlough.

Day after Christmas their little daughter Agnes, about five years old, took very sick and became perfectly helpless with something like spine disease. Through the earnest prayers of God's people she has, however, improved remarkably so that they could leave for their field of labor on August 28th.

In a letter from Brother Cadman on the day of their sailing he writes: "We are just off for the steamer. How wonderfully God has wrought on our behalf! Agnes is almost running around, all excited with going on the 'big,

big ship.' Hallelujah! All glory to God! We thank you and yours, dear brother, for their faithfulness in praying for her healing. Pray on for her complete recovery. We are returning to the work full of joy and praise to God, encouraged to know that we have a praying people to work with us."

From some of their letters, articles, and reports we gather the following items for this report.

"Indo-China is composed of five states, Tonkin, Annam, Cochinchina, Cambodia and Laos. The whole country is sometimes called 'Annam', but correctly speaking, 'Annam' is only one of the states of Indo-China.

Cochinchina is a French possession while the other states are French Protectorates. The latest French statistics give the population at 16,000,000. The Christian and Missionary Alliance is the only Protestant Missionary Society working among all these many millions of souls.

"One or more Bible Training Schools are an absolute necessity. The missionary can then send the promising young men and women from among the members of his church to these schools and have them fitted out to become efficient workers. It is only through the Annamese themselves that we can ever hope to reach the millions of this land. The native workers know the language better than the missionary can ever hope to learn it. They also know the customs and traditions of their own people. The inestimable value of Spirit-filled, trained native workers has been proven in Tourane and Hanoi.

When the missionaries first entered Annam there was not a single page of Protestant literature to be found in the Annamese language, not a leaflet, not a tract. It was felt that to supply this lack we should have a mission printing press. This was made a subject of prayer and the money began coming in until enough was received to purchase, equip and run for the first year (1918) a small but practical printing press for the supply of Gospel literature.

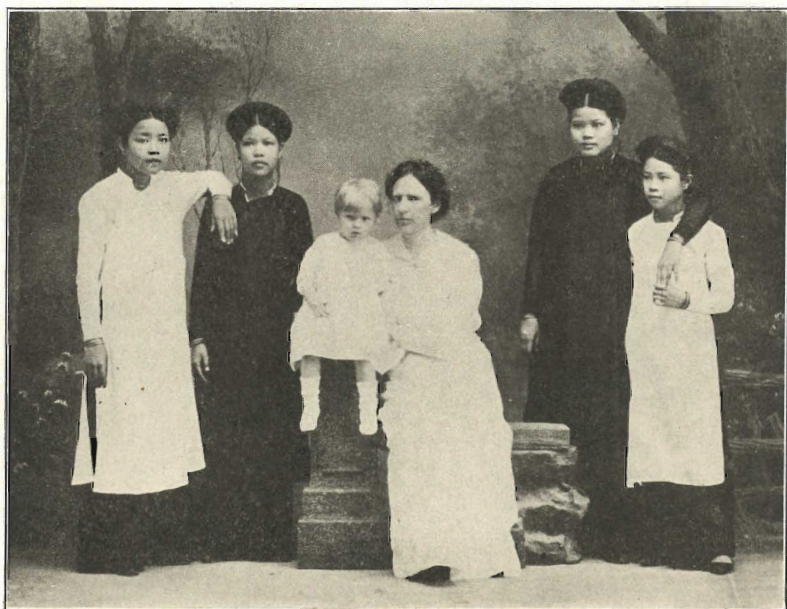
"Besides clear, pointed tracts, we printed a hymnal of one hundred hymns in Annamese which are now used in the chapel services. The influence of the printed page is of incalculable value in Annam today, as these little leaflets are being scattered broadcast from this mission press telling the millions of Annam of the love of the Son of Man who 'came to seek and to save that which was lost.'

"A number of years ago, under the auspices of the British and Foreign Bible Society, translations of the Gospels and Acts had been made and small, tentative editions printed. When missionary work was begun these editions were out of print and badly in need of revision. Therefore the Bible Society authorized the missionaries to engage qualified native assistants and prepare revisions and translate new portions of the Scriptures. Two of the Gospels, as well as Acts are now printed and on sale, while the other two Gospels, Romans and Genesis, are going through the press. Our aim is to give the Annamese people the whole Bible, sold at such a low price, and printed in such simple language, that all may own and read it. The missionary without the Bible in the colloquial language is handicapped in his work, and the native converts, deprived of the word of God, can not become strong. Our next aim is to give them translations of good spiritual books and pamphlets which have been widely used of God in other lands; as also Sunday School literature and the like; already cheap and immoral novels are being devoured by the youth of our land. Satan is stealing a march on us and sowing tares in atheistic and evolutionary literature. Hence this need is very urgent.

"To carry out all this program for Annam, God urgently needs missionaries. Yes, hundreds of them, men and women devoted to God, sure of their royal commission, whom no discouragements or disappointments, no humiliation, no lack of human sympathy or honors will ever be able to turn back from their appointed task. These are the men and women who have caught

the vision of Jesus, and of a great company of saved ones from Annam who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, ready to meet the Bridegroom when He comes.

There have been a number of most remarkable cases of conversion from among the Annamese, principally from the educated classes. Space will not allow the accounts of them. Brother and sister Cadman have written a book on the work of the Lord in Annam which will soon be off the press, nicely illustrated, which will give very interesting sketches of the conversion of a number of faithful workers and members in the churches in Annam.



Mrs. Wm. C. Cadman and daughter and four Annamese girl students.

The Opening of Annam.

Mrs. Wm. C. Cadman.

My parents, early in their lives, felt the call of God to leave the comparatively pleasant pastures and still waters of the home ministry, for the journeyings oft and far on the dry veldt of South Africa. Their missionary labors in that distant land—more especially among the Boers and the Dutch-speaking natives—were blessed of God. Also their only child was being “trained” for another work in another and yet more needy mission field.

In 1913, after the dear parents had both gone to their eternal reward, I set sail for Annam (French Indo-China).

Though three other missionaries were already in Tourane, yet work was only just being begun in the native Annamese language, as the previous two or three years had been spent in preparatory study of French and Annamese.

The meetings were first held on the veranda of the mission bungalow; and there on those quiet Sabbath mornings the little audience would gather to hear the old, old story. Most of them were men, and many came merely out of curiosity to hear something of the "deceiving doctrine"—for this is the definition of Protestantism which is given in the Roman Catholic dictionaries. We thank God that many of those who in those early days, came merely to hear "some new thing" have now come to know Jesus who alone can satisfy the craving of the human heart.

After a time, when I had a small working vocabulary of Annamese, I would go out to the little homes built of bamboo and straw with hard mud floors. Here the neighbors would gather while I tried to tell them some simple Gospel truths. Many a time a screaming baby or mischievous child would disturb, and the mothers would scold them noisily. Sometimes in the midst of an earnest sentence, some woman would ask the price of one's clothes, one's age, whether married or single, etc., etc.

Often on a Sunday afternoon I would take a walk along the seashore and stop and talk with a group of fisher-folk or enter some poor little fishing village and soon have an interested audience listening to the message of Jesus and his love.

Some months after my arrival in Tourane the first bamboo chapel was completed and thus a more commodious place provided for evening and Sunday meetings. Here we often had good audiences of attentive listeners—men, women and children. Those were days of seed-sowing and the harvest was not yet. Only a few were baptized during 1914 and 1915, but the Gospel was being preached in various out-lying villages as well as in Tourane itself.

In 1915 the Annual Missionary Conference was held in Tourane in the month of March and the future then appeared bright with promise. There were then nine missionaries on the field and it was decided to open up new work in Tonkin. Four missionaries therefore took up residence in the city of Haiphong, Tonkin. They did some itinerating, selling several thousand Gospel portions in Chinese.

Since these first days great advances have been made in the Tourane work. Two chapels have been built, an enlarged one next to the missionary home to replace the first one blown down by a furious typhoon, and another in a distant part of the city. Most encouraging of all, the infant church has grown rapidly numbering now over one hundred members from the various ranks of life. During the past year they have taken over the entire support of their own native preacher and Bible woman and also the upkeep of the bamboo chapels. Thus early in the work the importance of self-support is being grasped.

Last year some 450 children were attending the three Sunday Schools; two in Tourane and one in Hanoi. Sunday School picture cards are given as rewards.

Chile.

Rev. M. P. Zook.

On April 13, 1919, Brother M. P. Zook, sister Zook and their two boys Walter and John Bradley, arrived in New York on furlough after spending almost fourteen years of continued service in Chile and Argentina. They spent their furlough very busily in Camp Meeting and Convention work. Brother Zook made an address at the Annual Conference at Reading in October, 1919, and during December and January he held missionary service at each of our appointments throughout the Conference. All of these meetings were well attended and very interesting and we trust will result in much fruit for the Master. Sister Zook not having been very strong, she spent several months at the Missionary Home, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, which seemed to be very helpful to her.

Arrangements had already been made for their departure for Chile on the 21st of February but on account of the illness of Sister Zook and the boys, of influenza, their sailing had to be postponed until March 20th, when the Secretary of the Board, accompanied by a number of the brethren, bade them farewell as they left the harbor on the S. S. Ebro.

In their company was a missionary couple whom they had known from Chile, also a young lady who was going to teach in the Methodist Mission School in Lima, Peru.

Later we received the following letter from Brother Zook:

"We arrived at our destination safely on the evening of the 9th of April and all felt happy to be on Chilean soil again. We had a good voyage all through and very little rough weather. I was not sick at all and the family was only sick for a few times and only a short while each time. So we thanked God for His evident blessing, and the answers to our prayers and those of others.

Chile.

Rev. M. P. Zook.

"Our brethren were sincerely glad to see us again and everywhere I have gone since we are home I have met the most enthusiastic welcome. The work has also gone forward without any serious hindrances during our absence. We have been enabled to see appreciable advances on many lines during the year. This was best manifested at our Annual Conference. The boys are now at school and seem to get along quite well."

The Annual Conference of the Missionaries and Native Pastors of Chile held at Freire, Chile, April 14-17, 1920, appointed Rose Z. LeFevre, Nettie Meier and S. Feldges as a committee to compile greetings and a synopsis of their report to be sent to our Board. Their report follows:

Freire, Chile, April 17, 1920.

To the Home Board of the

Mennonite Brethren in Christ,

Allentown, Pa.

Dear Co-Laborers:

The members of the Chile Conference greet you in the name of our blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ "in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col. 2:3).

The missionaries and native workers of the Chile Alliance have keenly felt the home-going of our beloved leader, Dr. Simpson, during the past year. He has gone on before but his influence is still felt and we shall ever praise God for having had the privilege of knowing him and his saintly life.

Our annual conference, which usually convenes early in January, had been postponed until April 14-17, because of the delay in the return of our Chairman. However, we are thankful that our chairman, Mr. M. P. Zook, arrived in Chile on the 9th inst. accompanied by Mrs. Zook and their two boys.

Chile did not escape the epidemics which made such havoc all over the world. While there has been much sickness and many deaths among the unsaved and even in some of the other missions, we praise the Lord that comparatively few deaths occurred in our congregations.

The Lord saw fit to take home Brothers Wm. Krause and Emil Jacobsen. While Brother Jacobsen was not officially connected with our mission, yet he was one of us and in full fellowship. While he was on his deathbed, he advised his congregations, numbering fifty-seven persons, to officially unite with us in church fellowship, which they have done.

We have been very happy to welcome into our midst the new missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Bucher, who, after but four weeks in Chile, show marked progress in the language. We are glad for these reinforcements but when we realize the necessity of extension as well as manning and establishing our present churches, the need of more missionaries is imperative.

Another urgent need is more trained native workers, and for this we covet a Bible School for their training.

The present conference was the occasion of the dedication of a beautiful new chapel in Freire. Work is also in progress on five other new chapels in as many districts.

A number of conversions were reported from the new outstations opened during 1919.

The Indian work is very encouraging. There have been a number of conversions but we are unable to report many additions in the church because of a common difficulty. The Indians live rather isolated and do not follow the marriage customs of the country, the greater part of them not having been married by law and do not see the necessity of doing it. This, of course, impedes their uniting with the church. A primary school has been opened



Group of Indians in Valdivia, Chile. One has a drum.

for the Indians and in rainy weather even some of the grown-ups attend. The native worker stationed there is very desirous that the Indians learn to read the Bible for they are almost all illiterate.

Another day-school has been begun in one of our more northerly stations because of the opposition of the Catholic school teacher to the children of Christians. Two of the girl students were baptized at the close of the school year.

We report for the year 1919:

Baptisms.....	165
Meetings held.....	3,745
Bibles and Testaments sold.....	706
Tracts and portions distributed.....	42,090

We thank you for your prayers in our behalf and covet them for the future, for we know that this is one of our greatest needs and without which we would face certain defeat.

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued and liberal support during the year and your kind interest.

Working while it is day, we long for the coming of the Lord.

M. P. Zook, Chairman.

From reports gathered from other sources we find that the number of church members now is 1277. The total amount of offerings from these churches for 1919 was 14,778 pesos or about \$3000 in U. S. money.

Brother Zook writes that they had opened a work among the 100,000 Indians in Chile, which is promising most encouraging results. He states that "Rev. Vital Sanhueza, one of the Chilean pastors, felt the call of God to dedicate his life and talents to the evangelization of this needy people. One of the many interesting incidents met with in his work is related by himself. Through another converted Indian he got permission to hold a meeting in a new Indian reservation, where they never had heard the Gospel. He had engaged a house for the meeting on the following Sunday. Upon arriving there on the Sunday, in company with a number of his brethren from the congregation of Valdivia, he discovered the village was almost deserted. He went to the house where the service was to be held and found no one home except a young girl, who upon being asked where her parents were, simply shrugged her shoulders. Turning around, on a hill nearby they saw the men of the reservation mounted on horseback, and on approaching them saw that they were sulky and hostile.

"Mr. Sanhueza said to his brethren, 'We must not back down now.' So he rode up to the men and asked permission to hold the meeting, but was flatly refused. He then said, 'We will go to the public road and hold the meeting; no one can prohibit our preaching there.' He invited the men to follow, which they did. There they sang some hymns, testified and preached to the mounted congregation. The prejudice and mistrust was entirely broken down, and the Indians became quite enthusiastic in their approval of the preaching and invited the brethren to come back again, assuring them that they would find a home where they could preach. They also followed them a long distance on their way home, continually assuring them of their good will."

Rev. H. W. Feldges.

Brother Feldges also writes relative to this grand work among the Indians:

"Our special worker among the Mapuche Indians, Brother Sanhueza, reports many openings and has already 20 baptized believers in his congregation. They are getting ready to build a meeting-house for the Indians in Niebla, near Valdivia. Two of our Indian brethren are in prison under false charges. It is difficult to do anything for them, because their enemies have money and influence with which to prolong any action that might be brought against them and cause it to fail. One Christian was brutally murdered with an axe. The murderer had stolen this man's ox because he was an 'evangelical deceiver'."

Mrs. H. W. Feldges.

"We will triumph in Thy victory" (Ps. 20:5).

"We cannot refrain from giving glory to God for his goodness and mercy all along the way. In a cottage meeting the other night, while listening to the testimonies, the thought came to me, no doubt of the Lord, that the people in the homeland, who hold us and the work here, up in prayer, have a right to know and to rejoice with us and give glory to God for all His wondrous works.

"Our hearts are filled with joy as we see precious souls coming to the Saviour. We have been praying to God for a revival, and although we are having such cold, wet weather, people come out to the meetings; and even if we have meeting every night, they do not find it too much.

"One Sunday night lately, as the invitation was given for souls to come to seek the Lord, one young man ran from his seat to the altar and cried aloud for mercy, and it did not take long for him to find peace and pardon at Jesus' feet. Others followed, and we know there was great joy both here and among the angels of God. One young man, such a slave to drink, has been wonderfully saved, and although he could not read, he is now learning and making good progress; he is full of joy and gladness; he says he wants all to know what the Lord has done for him, he has asked to be baptized and says he wants to go all the way with Jesus.

"Another young man, also recently converted, when he heard the former ask for baptism, saw that he was not living up to his privileges and was not obeying God as he should. A few days later, as we visited at his home, he told us he could not sleep all night because he had not obeyed God. He has now asked to be baptized and others are following, praise God.

"One sister, in her testimony said the other night, she has to weep at times now when she thinks of the time when she was in such awful darkness, and now knows and enjoys the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Convention Group at Loncoche, Chile, South America.

"New people are coming to the meetings right along, and we are looking to God for their salvation. God is blessing the work of the Sunday School. He has given us some good teachers, and all scholars show deep interest in the lessons, also in the Bible questions which are given from Sunday to Sunday. This week they are learning all the names of the Books of the Bible by memory. Some have answered most of the questions that Brother Brunner has put in the "Eastern Gospel Banner." Of course not in English, but in Spanish. There has been much talk of enlarging the chapel, so as to have more room for the Sunday School. The children are asking for prayer; they want to serve the Lord. Beloved, pray for us and the work, we as never before long to see real Bible salvation preached and lived in these dreadful days of lukewarmness and formality and when it often seems to us that the enemy is doing all in his power to destroy and devour. But God is able to save and keep, and do exceeding abundant above all that we ask and think. Praise His name evermore!"

Miss Anna LeFevre.

Sister LeFevre is still located at Valdivia, having charge of the mission there and also of the printing plant.

The Alliance Mission in Chile prints a very interesting little paper called the *Chile Missionary Tidings*, of which Miss LeFevre is the editor and publisher. She also prints thousands of tracts in Spanish. "According to the new postal regulations in Chile," she writes, "the postage on all foreign correspondence has been doubled; we now have to pay 40 cents, Chilean money, on each letter to the homeland.

"The past year has been one of some trials and testings for the Valdivia Church, 'but God' has been faithfully caring for His own and blessing His work. It has been a time of reconstructing and through faith and prayer victories have been won and encouragements have taken the place of discouragements but there are still needs that keep them much in prayer. There is a good interest in the meetings and the attendance in the Sunday School by actual count has just doubled.

"Quite a number have been baptized in Valdivia during the year. Most of them are young people and we praise the Lord for these lives which have been given to Him.

"The Directory for the new year was elected the last night of the old year, also seven young men of the church were newly-appointed as exhorters to work with some others who were already in the work. It is especially encouraging to see how these young men, some of them yet in their teens, have consecrated themselves to the Lord and His service. They are earnest in Bible study and faithful in all the services of the church, and workers in the Sunday School and in the evenings and on Sundays when their time is not occupied in the chapel, they go out two by two to the different parts of the city and surrounding country preaching the Gospel in the open air or in the homes of the people where they can find an open door and distributing tracts. They are all young men who are employed during the day and have not much opportunity for study but they are glad to witness for the Master who has saved them. We wish our readers could know them personally and we know you would love them. Some one would be glad for a course in a Bible School and we feel the Lord would have some consecrate their lives to His service. Hold them up in prayer that they may be kept humble and faithful and grow in grace and the knowledge of the Lord and be real soul-winners for Him.

"During the middle of January the workers gathered for a week's Bible Conference in Ran Bueno. The chapel was filled to overflowing daily. The last evening the altar was filled with those seeking salvation and victory in the Lord.

"Rio Bueno is a town of about three thousand inhabitants and the surrounding country is well populated.

"Our mission has had a regular work established there for about fifteen years and we have a chapel there with living rooms for a pastor, but because of lack of workers for the past few years there has been no pastor stationed there, and it has only had occasional visits from the pastor in La Union, a town quite a distance away, and as Rio Bueno has no railroad connection it is not so easily reached for regular visits by workers from other stations.

"Our members in Rio Bueno generously entertained the Conference and gladly did all they could for the visiting workers and manifested their hearty appreciation of the Conference and glad fellowship with the workers and are desirous that souls be saved and believers edified in their town and gather regularly for meetings even though there is no pastor. At the close

of the Conference they made an earnest and definite appeal that a regular worker be stationed in Rio Bueno. The Christians there feel the need of it and there is a large population lost in sin and spiritual darkness and needing the Gospel. There is not even a regular Sunday School in the town. They should really have a pastor, but the only answer that could be given to their request was that the Committee would consider the matter and do what they can to help them. But our workers are scarce and there are more open doors than there are workers to enter them, so it seems they will have to wait a little longer and in the meantime precious souls for whom Jesus died are passing into a Christless eternity.

"Dare we be indifferent to this call for help? Are there none to answer, 'Lord, here am I, send me'? 'The fields are white unto harvest but the laborers are few.' And there are other needy places in this country where there are hungry hearts calling for help. If you cannot go you can be an intercessory missionary. 'Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He would thrust forth laborers into His vineyard'."



School Children at Valdivia, Chile.

A Conference at Villa Rica.

"In the homeland," writes Sister LeFevre, "often the great event of the year for many earnest Christians is an annual camp meeting. It is sometimes looked forward to with earnest prayers and interest for weeks or months before. And some who have gone to the 'regions beyond' love to think back over some blessed days spent at some camp meeting in the woods when the Lord blessedly met them, and possibly they may be tempted at times to feel a little homesick for another such spiritual feast.

"Here in Chile we have not yet arrived at a real camp meeting, but we praise God for a little foretaste of such a happy occasion. The first week of October we held our Semi-Annual Bible Conference at Nuble, about fifteen miles back from the railroad at Loncoche, and it was in some respects novel and different from other Conferences.

"This district of our mission field is in charge of two of our native pastors, Brothers Riveros and Higuera, who work among a scattered population in a country district between Loncoche and Villa Rica. One of them has about

nine regular preaching places and the other six. Much of their time must be spent on horseback traveling over rough mountain roads in order to fulfill their many duties. By their ceaseless labors they have won many for the Lord whose hearts are aglow with love and zeal and it was a real joy and inspiration to spend a few days among them.

"The Conference began on Thursday and so Wednesday was a day of travel for the workers. After a trip on the train we arrived at Loncoche where a number of well-saddled horses awaited us. All were soon mounted and started off eastward towards the mountains where the grand snow-capped Villa Rica volcano arose in the distance. The roads went up hill and down, over streams and through woods, and in some places were not so bad but most of the way were very rough and sometimes with mud up to the horses' bodies, and often steep and full of deep gullies but our horses were plucky and sure-footed. Sometimes the roads were so bad that we turned aside through fields or woods, but ours was a happy, cheerful group of travelers even though a drizzling rain accompanied us part of the way.

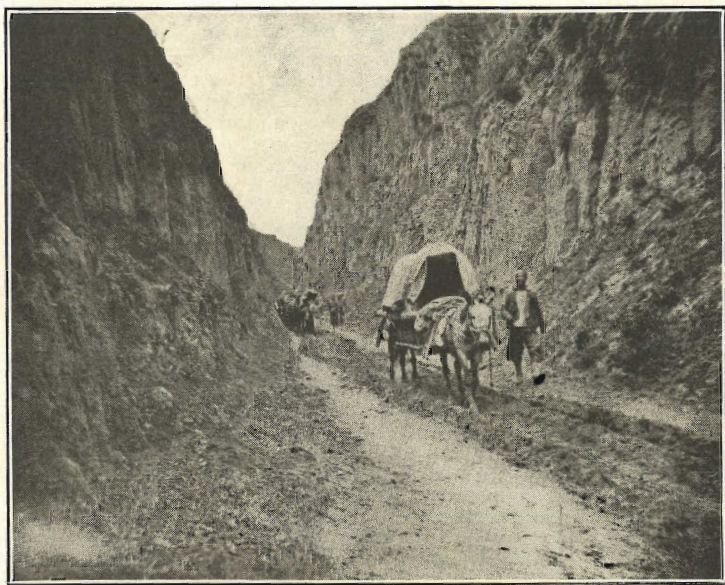
"After four hours of horseback riding we reached our destination about dark. Usually our headquarters for a Conference is a chapel and a pastor's or missionary's home, but here we found new conditions awaiting us. All the workers of the Conference were entertained by a good brother in the country. His large country home, although not yet completed was generously given over to the Conference. The best rooms were fixed up for comfortable bedrooms; a large hall had boards put in for seats and was arranged for a chapel. Our kind host and hostess worked hard, early and late, to serve their many guests. Not only was the 'fatted calf' brought forth, a full-grown one at that, but sheep, hog and poultry were generously sacrificed in honor of the Conference visitors who fared sumptuously every day. The young people of the neighborhood gathered and gladly helped at serving tables or in any way they could. From the very beginning we felt welcome and at home and the whole plantation was put at our disposition.

"At first it seemed such a lonely out-of-the-way place to have meetings and as we looked around over the hills and woods one might wonder where enough people would come from to have a meeting; there was no town for miles around, no trolleys nor coaches and only a few farm houses scattered over the hills, yet we never had a Bible Conference with better attendance and interest throughout than in this clearing in the woods in camp meeting style. The people came from miles around on foot or horseback, some coming a distance of thirty miles. They came for the morning meetings and stayed all day and heartily enjoyed all the services, sometimes until near midnight; then they retired to a nearby house where they often continued singing and praying. Many slept just on the floors or boards without bedding. Whole families came long distances, mothers carrying babies and little children running along. They did not bring much food for themselves, some only a small bag of toasted wheat flour which they mixed with water to eat. They had such a keen appetite for spiritual food that they thought little of material things.

"The day sessions were occupied with Bible studies, and papers on different phases of Christian work were read and discussed. The evenings were given to evangelistic services. There was such a sweet responsiveness among these humble country people and we felt the ground had been prepared by faithful prayer, so that the seed sown fell in good ground and readily sprang up, and souls were saved and hearts filled with joy and blessing. Then the testimony meetings were times of praise and rejoicing. The people had real testimonies for they came into vital touch with the Lord who had done great and mighty things for them. They joyfully testified to salvation, deliverance from vices and the power of sin and liberty from the bondage of image worship and penances of the Roman Catholic Church; they testified to healings

and to the glorious hope of soon meeting the Lord in the air. Also there were little groups between services, sometimes out on the hills or surrounding woods when hearts were poured out in supplication and praise.

"But Sunday was the great day of the feast and early in the day the people came marching up in a procession singing hymns. We were favored with a beautiful day and it was soon evident that the people could not near all get into the house. So in a sawmill nearby that belonged to our host, boards were arranged for seats and the afternoon meeting was held there in the open air. Between three and four hundred people gathered. The beginning of the afternoon was devoted to a short memorial service for our dear Brother Jacobsen who in July went home to be with the Lord. Later we had a baptismal service at the river near by, when five persons consecrated themselves to the Lord and publicly confessed their faith by baptism. A large crowd witnessed the impressive service and several of the brethren spoke.



Highway in Shensi Province. The Ruhls enroute from Kansu Province to the coast.

"Words are not adequate to describe the blessings of those Conference days, the spiritual hunger and earnestness of these humble, sincere people that live away in the country and have so few advantages. Only about once a month can their pastor give them a regular preaching service. At present they have no chapel but they are preparing to build one. As we think of their fervent prayers, hungry hearts and loving gratitude, we know that it surely was worth any sacrifice it may have cost to win them for the Lord, and we wish it were possible for the dear ones in the homeland to really see and know them as they are, and you would not ask, 'Does missionary work pay?'"

"In this land there are many other country districts with thousands of lost souls who have not yet heard the message of salvation because there are none to go and tell. They too might be singing praises to the Lord if they only knew. We trust you will remember them in prayer."

Mrs. Nettie Meier.

Mrs. Nettie Meier, stationed at Valdivia, Chile, was also accepted by our Board. Having had a little money when she came to Chile she supported herself up to this time. In a letter dated July 29th, 1920, she writes:

"When Brother Zook returned from the States in April he brought me the very surprising, but agreeable news that the Mennonite Brethren in Christ had undertaken my support. Last week I received my first allowance, thanks to your worthy Board, and I am now writing to express my heartfelt gratitude. I really count it such a privilege to be adopted into the Mennonite family, and am looking to God that He may bless every giver a hundred fold in spiritual blessings. I hope to be the very best investment you have, by God's help. I take this as another token of His love.

"I could not begin to tell how good He has been to me ever since I came to Chile. I count it such a joy to be His child, such a privilege to be called and chosen as His servant.



Converts from our Tibetan station, recently baptized. These men are mostly half Tibetans.

"The splendid literature that you folks send out has been coming for several months now. This is another cause for gratitude to God and your people for it has been a great blessing to me to read the good articles. The children's papers provide me with good articles for my Children's Class that meets every Wednesday afternoon.

"Our Sunday School is flourishing and our Spanish meetings are well attended in all kinds of weather. Victoria has always been looked upon as a hopeless place but God has honored our faith and humble efforts and eternity alone will tell how much good really has been done.

"Believe me, I am truly grateful to you and the body of people you represent. I covet your earnest prayers for a continual ingathering of souls and the perfecting of the believers here. If not before, we shall know each other when Jesus comes to gather us home."

China.

The missionaries supported by our Board are all located in Kansu Province in Western China, on the borders of Tibet. As one of their stations, the Lelacheur Memorial Station, formerly Ru-pa monastery, is located within Tibet and many Tibetans live in the Chinese border towns our missionaries have many opportunities to bring the Gospel to these poor benighted heathen. Besides many special opportunities during the great market, trading and fair seasons when many Tibetans come to the border towns to trade.



Christian Funeral Service Outside of Taichow, Kansu Province, China.
Coffin made by the Missionaries. Funeral of one of the school girls who had died of influenza

Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Christie.

Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Christie are living at Titao. As Brother Christie is the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the West China Mission and has to spend much time travelling through the Province holding Foreign and Native Conferences, Rev. and Mrs. Mosely are also stationed at this place.

In one of his letters Brother Christie writes:

"We receive the *Eastern Gospel Banner*, *Gospel Herald*, *Christian Life Missionary* regularly. Some copies however, got lost in the mail, probably through the rebellion in the province of Shensi, east of us, but this cannot be helped. We also get the *Christian Life Teacher's Quarterly*. This comes

about a month after the beginning of the quarter but we are glad for the helps for the two months of the quarter. We send our warm thanks to you and the Board for all these presents. We assure you, we all appreciate good reading matter out here.

"We rejoice to hear that you are still adding more missionaries to support. May the Lord make this the means of great blessing to those who give for their support.

"I wish the Lord would send out some of the fine strong young men from your Conference. Men who have been fully conquered by Jesus, tested and approved. O for men who wholly follow the Lord and permit the Holy Spirit to use them.



CHINESE WHEELBARROW.

"Pray for me. I shall have to be on the go from the end of April up to the end of August, visiting stations, holding conferences and Committee meetings. The Lord is blessing and prospering the work."

The Lord has been greatly using the brethren in this difficult field having added "56 fresh converts during the past year." However, the "Assemblies of God," whose leaders have received their experience, training and language through and at the expense of the Alliance mission, have, through their strenuous efforts, succeeded in leading astray quite a number of the members of the Kansu Mission, trying to locate as near to the Alliance missions as possible and build up their work from the members of the Alliance stations instead of saving souls from heathen darkness and superstition. Relative to this matter Brother Christie desires us to pray especially.

Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Snyder.

Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Snyder are stationed at Hochow. This is a large city, the centre of a population of over 400,000. It is the centre of Mohammedanism in China, having more Mohammedanism than any other city in China.

Brother Snyder reports that the Lord is blessing the work on their station. An Evangelistic Band has traversed the Hochow District three times during the past three years. They have made ten tours reaching 37 market towns and 841 villages, held 1398 preaching services and dealt personally with 2902 souls of whom 43 made profession of faith in Christ.

As a rule these towns occupied about a month at a time after which the workers spent some time at home for relaxation and rest as the poor food and water, bad, unsanitary, vermin-infested sleeping quarters, etc., demand a change. Concerning one of these tours Brother Snyder says:

"Five or six times preaching in connection with traveling is about the sum total of a day's work—twenty minutes or even longer the time consumed in delivering one message.

"The people in the different villages are summoned together by the loud blast on an old style Chinese trumpet or on a modern military horn.

"Curiosity is awakened in new places as to the significance of this rumpus, and as the people flock together inquiries are forthcoming what official business this could be—fear is removed when the truth of our mission is made known. Should the town or village be of large size several open air meetings are held—otherwise only once. Subsequent to preaching Scripture portions are offered for sale, or per chance, tracts distributed.



A Few Missionaries and Native Christians of Hochow, Kansu Province, China.

"In this way a good deal of territory has been traversed in the country district of Hochow—to the southwest to the rock range 60 li—from there on the south another 60 li—to the west to the village of the famous late Moslem general Ma an-liang 120 li; to the north to the limit of Hochow boundary on that side 150 li; to the east till to the banks of the Tao River 100 li.

"Last week I incorporated myself into the ranks of the band and sallied forth into the above last-named region, i. e., the noted Tong-hsiang (east country) where for the greater part the population is Moslem.—

"They are originally Mongols but during the putting down of the Mongols who at one time under the regime of Genghis Khan over-ran all Asia and a good portion of Europe, by the Chinese and later on an injection of Mohammedanism caused a change here.

"The populace of Tong-hsiang still converse in their native gibberish—those along the main highway know Chinese—while there are many in the remoter places, in particular, women who can not speak in Chinese; thus one finds the anomaly of people in person Mongolians, as also in talk; in religion Mohammedans."

Mrs. C. F. Snyder writes an account of one of their late services:

"Brother Snyder was away to the outstation, 20 miles away, so the services were in charge of the evangelist, Mr. David Nang. It was a full day, with over one hundred children at the Sunday School, more people than our little chapel could accommodate and some were turned away.

"Our Sunday School text was the same one that you are probably now reciting over in America, 'If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.'

"The women in attendance were over thirty in number. The morning evangelistic service brought a message about sin and its consequences. This message was given by our bookseller who does not very often preach from the pulpit. He is an ex-soldier, and though he would not be counted among the wise, his message came from the heart.



A tent meeting in a small village in Kansu Province, West China.
The high racks back of the tent are used to hang grain on until threshing time.

"One woman who has been in some trouble and who looked ill, came into the service for the first time. On her back was sewed a piece of red cloth with some characters written upon it and on each shoulder two little pieces of cloth were also attached. This was supposed to be helpful for her sickness. She arose in the meeting to confess the Lord, and in an after service we had prayer with her. I told her she should take the pieces off her dress. And so during the next meeting she pulled off her outside garment and began ripping them off, even though it was meeting. I said nothing, but thought, let the good work go on. She said, 'Now I believe.' Anyway she went away with a simple catechism and a large Gospel Poster to put up on her walls in her home. Oh, that Jesus Christ might be born in many of these hearts!

"The Chinese New Year's days are now at a close and things will go on in their normal condition again. Fire crackers and the beating of drums has been the order of day and night for the last two weeks. The night of the 'Lantern Festival,' the street was crowded with people and the chapel was opened and there was preaching until ten o'clock.

"Continue to pray for us that the Word of God may run and that God may yet give us a time of great soul-gathering here.

"When we saw all the idolatrous worship during these New Year's days, we could not help but say—'But His hand is stretched out still.' One wonders at His love and mercy; 'How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!'



Mr. John Keo(gu)
Mr. Titus Wang
Chinese Evangelists
of Kansu Province.

"Some one has said, 'It is when we begin, continue and end our work at the Master's feet, that our service will be of the right kind'."

Brother and Sister Snyder expected to leave Hochow about the middle of September, sailing from Shanghai on the first week of November for the homeland on furlough. Their permanent address during their furlough will be care of T. H. Brenneman, 122 Crescent St., Goshen, Ind.

Palestine.

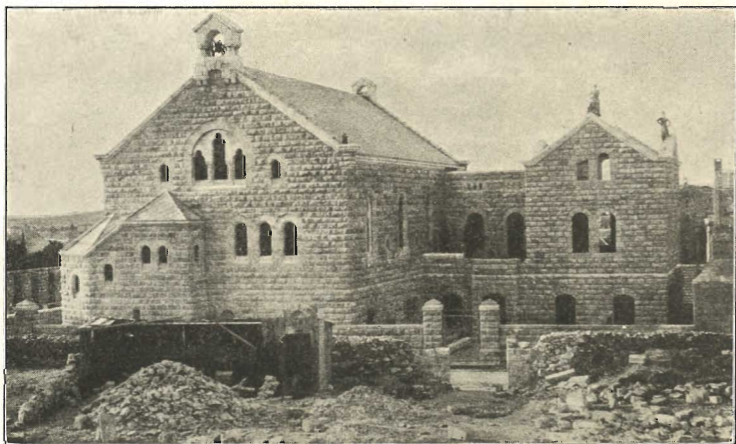
Rev. E. O. Jago.

Brother Jago after having spent a short time in America on business returned to Palestine, sailing from New York, November 6th, 1919. Writing on the steamer as they were approaching Naples, dated November 19th, he says:

"I have been quite sick upon the voyage . . . For awhile it was quite serious, days in bed with pain, but am feeling quite a little better now. Pray for us. I came aboard worn out and should really be beginning my furlough

rather than starting for the field. But God is able to make all grace abound and to those that have no might he increaseth or giveth strength. I yet look with delight upon my visit at Mizpah Grove Camp Meeting and meeting with the brethren. I loved them from the very first and felt that they took me right into their hearts and love. Am reading your paper, the *Eastern Gospel Banner* today; a fine paper. God bless you all, brethren. Had a very rough voyage, two men lost overboard, one at the beginning and one day before yesterday."

From later reports from Brother Jago we learn the work at Jerusalem and Beer-sheba is going on with splendid opportunities and bright prospects. Brother Jago hopes very soon to open work in a Moslem village called Sittawf, two and a half hours walk from Jerusalem. He says, "I have secured a copy of a photograph of the plans of a great new Jewish Temple which the Jews hope to have erected within two years. Is this the temple in which the Anti-Christ is to sit?" Is not this significant?



Christian and Missionary Alliance Church at Jerusalem.
Not quite finished.

"The British Mandate over Palestine was confirmed by the Allied Supreme Council at its recent San Remo meeting. The Military Government, therefore, gave place on July 1st to a Civil Administration with the Hon. Herbert Samuels as Governor, with his headquarters in the palace built by the German Kaiser on Mount Scopus. As he is a Jew, there is considerable feeling of resentment among the Moslem and Oriental Christian sections of the population, which are bitterly opposed to Jewish control. Several outbreaks have taken place, and the whole situation is very unsettled and calls for earnest prayer.

Miss Mary A. Butterfield.

In a recent letter dated March 15th from Miss Mary A. Butterfield, one of our representatives in Jerusalem she writes:

"I have so many things to thank you for—the papers, the calendar, the diary and your Foreign Missionary report. I appreciate them all but more especially the thought behind them. . . . God has been answering prayers, but there is yet much land ahead to be possessed. Our church and Sunday

School are well attended. The day school has about 100 under Mrs. Jago with three teachers who teach them God's Word as well as secular studies. It would do you good to hear them repeating whole chapters of the Bible and singing hymns. The Boy's school is doing well under the management of Miss Best and Mrs. Clark. The Lord is working in the hearts of these boys. They sometimes make open confessions in evening prayers. Some have come forward to the altar in the church also and have confessed Christ as their Saviour . . . Miss Parsons expects soon to go to Beersheba and reopen the work there. Mr. Jago and Mr. Payne will go on ahead and have some meetings there. The people are waiting expectantly for the work to open up again."

The Arabs have declared Prince Feisel as king of Damascus, laying claim to all of Syria, Palestine and the country beyond the Jordan from the Euphrates to the Red Sea. The Allies as well as the Jews will naturally oppose this Mohammedan advance while some are opposed to all European dictatorship.



Teachers and Scholars of Day School at Jerusalem.
Revs. Rohold and Payne and Miss Butterfield.

Miss Butterfield urges us to pray for the work in Palestine, the salvation of souls, especially of the young people.

She left Palestine May 1st for her furlough, extremely weary in body and mind, needing a complete rest. The only way for her to get away was on a U. S. Army transport via the Philippines and the Pacific.

The latest reports say: "We have been seeing definite decisions for Christ at our Sunday night services in the church, including Jews, Moslems and Oriental Christians and a number of young men are anxious to get out with the Gospel message to the villages of Palestine and Moab."

Conclusion.

Before we submit our annual financial statement We wish to thank all our pastors and officers as well as the members of our various congregations and Sunday Schools for the interest they have continued to manifest and

the noble offerings they have given toward this great work. We also desire to thank our many friends not connected with our work, some unknown by face to us who have helped, some giving hundreds of dollars, in order that the Gospel might be carried to the "regions beyond," in order that the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ might be hastened.

The rates of transportation on ocean steamships have increased enormously since the beginning of the war, but until of late missionaries could obtain special rates. These special rates for missionaries have, however, been withdrawn and yet are granted to members of the Diplomatic and Consular service and other government officials. The Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America is endeavoring to secure a re-establishment of these reduced rates.



JERICHO

This is the new city. The ruins of old Jericho and Elisha's fountain are a mile away near the hills.

Our Board is endeavoring to use the funds entrusted to them with the greatest economy and discretion. Outside of the printing of the Annual Report every cent expended went directly to the missionaries on the field, with the exception of postage and expenses of Board Meetings, which was less than one-half of one per cent, and even this is provided for outside of the offerings of the people. As no member of the Board receives a salary and there are no office expenses, our people, friends and supporters can feel assured that not a cent they give will be spent otherwise than for the purpose for which it was given.

Any further information relative to this work will be cheerfully furnished by the Secretary, C. H. Brunner.

Any contributions will be cheerfully acknowledged by the Secretary or by any of our Pastors.

(a) Allowances

Africa—

Rev. E. E. Crist.....	\$360.00	
Mrs. E. E. Crist.....	360.00	
Rev. E. R. Hess.....	360.00	\$1080.00

Chile—

Rev. M. P. Zook.....	\$480.00	
Mrs. M. P. Zook.....	480.00	
Rev. H. W. Feldges.....	480.00	
Mrs. H. W. Feldges.....	480.00	
Miss Anna LeFevre.....	480.00	
Mrs. Nettie Meier.....	480.00	
Mrs. Kate Weiss.....	360.00	
Innocencio Gomez, Native Pastor.....	200.00	
Manuel Gomez, Native Pastor.....	200.00	
Ignacio Riveros, Native Pastor.....	200.00	
Dionisio Oyarzun, Native Pastor.....	200.00	
		\$4040.00

China—

Rev. C. F. Snyder.....	\$360.00	
Mrs. C. F. Snyder.....	360.00	
Rev. Wm. Christie.....	360.00	
Rev. W. N. Ruhl.....	360.00	
		\$1440.00

French Indo China—

Rev. Wm. C. Cadman.....	\$480.00	
Mrs. Wm. C. Cadman.....	480.00	
		\$ 960.00

India—

Rev. S. P. Hamilton.....	\$360.00	
Mrs. S. P. Hamilton.....	360.00	
Rev. Samuel Kerr.....	360.00	
Mrs. Samuel Kerr.....	360.00	
		\$1440.00

Palestine—

Rev. E. O. Jago.....	\$480.00	
Miss Mary A. Butterfield.....	480.00	
		\$960.00
Extra for increased allowances.....	750.00	
		\$10,670.00

(b) Transportation

Transportation expenses of M. P. Zook and family, return to Chile (Half).....	\$503.00	
Wm. C. Cadman and family, return to Annam (Half).....	610.00	
S. P. Hamilton and Mrs. Hamilton, to India (Half).....	425.00	
W. N. Ruhl, Taichow to Lancaster (Half).....	230.00	
		\$1768.00

(c) (Miscellaneous)

Special Donations to Missionaries.....	\$102.00	
Foreign Missionary Report—Printing.....	\$85.00	
Half-tone cuts (18).....	49.00	
Postage and Envelopes.....	9.29	143.29
Diaries.....		13.79
5000 Barrel labels.....		15.00
Postage, envelopes, fares, literature.....		7.71
Outfit, M. P. Zook and family.....		203.91
To the Treasurer.....		25.00
Periodicals to Missionaries.....	59.13	\$569.83
Total.....		\$13,007.83

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Crist, Rev. E. E. Address, Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa
 Crist, Mrs. E. E. Address, Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa
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(b) Annam

Cadman, Rev. Wm. C. Address, 44 Rue de Takau, Hanoi, French Indo-China.
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 Weiss, Mrs. Kate Address, Allentown, Pa.
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Mohammedan Mosque at Beer-sheeba.
 American officer in front. New railway station in the distance
 built by the British during the war.

Gomez, Manuel, Native Pastor	Adopted October, 1912.	Stationed at Temuco, Chile.
Gomez, Innocencio, Native Pastor	Adopted October, 1912.	Stationed at Pua, Chile.
Oyarzun, Dionisio, Native Pastor	Adopted October, 1915.	Stationed at Con-tulmo, Chile.
Riveros, Ignacio, Native Pastor	Adopted October, 1915.	Stationed at Villa Rica, Chile.

(d) China

Christie, Rev. Wm.
Ruhl, Rev. W. N.

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Snyder, Mrs. C. F.

Address, Hochow, Kansu Province, China
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(e) India

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Hamilton, Mrs. S. P.
Kerr, Rev. Samuel
Kerr, Mrs. Samuel

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Jago, Rev. E. O.

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Jerusalem, Palestine.

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

Board.

FORMS OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.**BEQUEST.**

I give and bequeath unto H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, W. G. Gehman, E. N. Cassel and B. Bryan Musselman, 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 B. Bryan Musselman, 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.

XV. Ministerial Convention (Semi-Annual)

The Seventeenth Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania convened in the M. B. in C. Church, Royersford, Pa., on Wednesday April 14th, 1920.

Both of our Presiding Elders and all of the Pastors of both districts were present, as follows:

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

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

We were glad for the presence of a large number of the Pastors' families, also.

Brother H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District, opened the forenoon meeting at 10 o'clock with prayer and gave an address on "The Christian Ministry," with many profitable remarks.

AFTERNOON MEETING

The afternoon meeting was opened at 2 o'clock with devotional exercises in charge of the Chairman, Pastor E. N. Cassel of South Allentown, Pa. Pastor N. H. Wolf of Lehighton, Pa., recorded the Minutes.

After the enrollment of the members of this Convention, the convention bar was decided upon, and the Minutes of the previous Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention were read and approved.



Drawing water from a well in Palestine.

The following Committees were then appointed by the Chairman:

Committee on Resolutions—B. Bryan Musselman, W. S. Hottel and G. F. Yost.

Committee on Publication—H. B. Musselman, R. L. Woodring and W. G. Gehman.

Committee on Absentees—F. M. Hottel, J. G. Shireman and J. F. Barrall.

Timekeeper—R. Bergstresser.

Pastor R. W. Dickert of Graterford, Pa., then read a very comprehensive essay on "The Unity of the Ministry and How to Promote a Closer Fellowship."

We recommend this essay to be published in the "Eastern Gospel Banner."

Pastor J. C. Roth of Emaus, Pa., opened a discussion on "Things That Disqualify for the Ministry."

Further discussions on both subjects followed with many helpful remarks.

EVENING SERVICE

The evening service was opened by the Pastor, H. K. Kratz, at 7:30 o'clock, with an inspiring song service, followed with a stirring sermon on "What Constitutes Separation from the World?" by Pastor C. H. Brunner, of Allentown, Pa. This message was God-inspired and God-given. The Preachers' Quartet sang several selections during this service.

The weather was ideal in every respect. The attendance was large.

The Pastor, H. K. Kratz, with the members of the Spring City and Royersford classes, furnished excellent and abundant entertainment for the Convention and friends.

The Brethren H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and H. K. Kratz had been the Committee for the arrangement of the Program for the day.

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

XVI. Ministerial Convention (Annual).

The Thirtieth Annual Ministerial Convention of the Pennsylvania Conference convened in Ebenezer M. B. in C. Church, Corner Main and Durham Streets, Bethlehem, Pa., at 10 A. M., Wednesday, September 22, 1920.

The Chairman, Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman, opened the Convention with singing and reading Eph. 4: 1-16. Pastor B. Bryan Musselman led in prayer and Pastor R. L. Woodring recorded the minutes.

The Presiding Elders of both districts, all the pastors and nearly all the Delegates were present from the opening of the first meeting.

The Chair appointed the following committees:

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

Committee on Absentees—C. H. Brunner, J. B. Layne and G. F. Yost.

Committee on Resolutions—B. Bryan Musselman, J. C. Roth and E. E. Kublic.

Timekeeper—V. H. Reinhart.

Reporter—H. K. Kratz.

The Chairman of the Annual Conference, Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, was given charge, and read an essay on the unity of the Christian ministry, published in the Gospel Banner, after which the ordinance of feet-washing and Communion was observed among the ministry.

AFTERNOON MEETING.

The afternoon meeting opened at 2 o'clock with singing and prayer by Pastor J. G. Shireman.

After the roll call and the reading of the minutes of the forenoon meeting, the following essays were read:

"The Pastor in His Study and Home," by pastor F. M. Hottel, Philadelphia, Pa.

"Present Day Truths," by Pastor R. W. Dickert, Graterford, Pa.

Both of these essays were filled with many helpful thoughts and the discussions that followed were also very edifying.

EVENING SERVICE.

This service was opened at 7:30 o'clock with a song service in charge of Pastor F. M. Hottel. Prayer by Pastor C. H. Brunner.

This was followed by another essay, "The Leaders and Pastors of our Church and their Duties and Responsibilities One toward Another," by Pastor E. N. Cassel, South Allentown, Pa. The weather was ideal and the attendance large.

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

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



Sacred Mountain in Southwest Kansu Province, China.

Brother Ruhl's horses and servant. A temple is built on each of these highest peaks. Some 90 places of worship on this mountain. This is on the highway between Titao and Taochow.

XVII. Sunday School Conventions (Bethlehem District)

The Thirty-second Annual Sunday School Convention of the Pennsylvania Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ (Bethlehem District) held its sessions and the evening service in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Corner Seventh Street and Erie Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., on Ascension Day, May 13th, 1920.

The Convention was opened at 9:30 a. m. with devotional services in charge of the Chairman, Pastor C. H. Brunner of Allentown, Pa. Pastor E. N. Cassel led in prayer. Pastor R. W. Dickert of Graterford, Pa., recorded the Minutes.

The Presiding Elder and all the Pastors of the district were present, as well as all the Superintendents and Delegates, except O. C. Kistler, Super-

intendent of the South Allentown Sunday School, who could not be present on account of sickness, but sent in his report which was read by the Secretary of the Convention.

Pastor J. G. Shireman of the Mt. Carmel District and N. M. Cressman and M. M. Myers of the Gospel Herald Society were also present.

After the fixing of the Convention Bar and adoption of rules to govern the Convention, the Chairman appointed the following committees:

Committee to Read the Minutes—E. N. Cassel and G. F. Yost.

Committee on Resolutions—W. S. Hottel, B. Bryan Musselman and G. F. Yost.

Committee on Publication—H. B. Musselman, R. L. Woodring and E. N. Cassel.

Committee on Statistics—A. G. Woodring, Ralph A. Weiss and Albert L. Wentz.

Committee on Finance—J. C. Roth, R. R. Stengele, S. W. Heiser and F. M. Hottel.

Committee on Absentees—F. M. Hottel, B. Bryan Musselman and O. S. Hillegass.

Reporter—H. K. Kratz.

Time Keeper—W. F. Heffner.

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

AFTERNOON MEETING

At two o'clock the Chairman opened the meeting with devotional services, Pastor W. S. Hottel led in prayer followed by roll call. reading of the Minutes of the forenoon meeting and reports of Committees, after which the following essays were read, discussed and adopted:

"The Sunday School Teacher,"—Howard M. Swank, Philadelphia, Pa.

"The Sunday School Superintendent"—Elmer A. Piper, Bethlehem, Pa.

A Discussion on "The Home Department" was opened by Oliver Kufen, Allentown, Pa.

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

EVENING MEETING

The evening meeting was opened at half-past seven o'clock with a rousing song service in charge of Pastor F. M. Hottel. This was followed by three short Addresses limited to twenty minutes each, as follows:

"How to Win Souls"—Pastor W. F. Heffner, Quakertown, Pa.

"How to Keep the Young People in the Church"—Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, Reading, Pa.

"The Imminent Coming of the Lord in Relation to the Believer"—Pastor W. S. Hottel, Bethlehem, Pa.

These brethren were at their very best in bringing God's Word to the hearts of all present.

The Junior Male Quartet of Bethlehem, the Male Octette of Allentown and the Ladies Quartet of Coopersburg sang a number of excellent selections during the day. At the evening service the Preachers' Quartet sang a selection entitled, "The Church in the Wildwood."

The weather was rather threatening, but the attendance was large. The various Sunday Schools were well represented by strong delegations.

The Pastor, F. M. Hottel, and his loyal, responsive and sacrificing congregation, furnished excellent entertainment in the basement of their church for the hundreds of people who had come from a distance. All through, this Convention was a pronounced success.

Statistics.

Sunday Schools represented.....	18	Scholars enrolled.....	2623
Officers enrolled.....	149	Total Enrollment.....	3037
Teachers enrolled.....	265	Home Department Members....	2417

The Home Department members are not included in the total enrollment of any Sunday School.

Report of the Treasurer.

Receipts.

May 30, 1920, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 2.27	
Received at this Convention from the various Sunday Schools.....	319.49	\$321.76

Expenditures

Expended at the Convention.....	\$139.95	
Donated to the Executive Board.....	180.00	
May 30, 1920, Balance in Treasury.....	1.81	321.76

F. M. Hottel, Treasurer.

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

C. H. Brunner, Chairman,
R. W. Dickert, Secretary.

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

The Thirty-second Annual Sunday School Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of the Pennsylvania Conference (Mount Carmel District), convened in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, 23 South 6th St., Stroudsburg, Pa., May 26th, 1920.

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 Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, Pastors W. F. Heffner, G. F. Yost, R. L. Woodring, J. C. Roth, B. Bryan Musselman, R. W. Dickert and F. M. Hottel of the Bethlehem District, and J. T. Anderson, E. J. Rutman, E. H. Musselman, F. N. Sperry, N. M. Cressman, A. L. Vaughn and R. G. Blank of the Gospel Herald Society.

J. F. Barrall of Shamokin, Pa., was Chairman of the Convention, J. B. Layne of Easton, Pa., recorded the Minutes and R. Bergstresser of Mt. Carmel, Pa., was Treasurer. W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman and E. E. Kublic had been the Committee to arrange the Program.

The Chair appointed the following committees:

Committee on Finance—R. Bergstresser, W. E. Manney and V. H. Reinhart.

Committee on Statistics—J. B. Layne, M. M. Meyers and J. H. Bruch.

Committee on Publication—W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman and C. E. Witt.

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

Committee on Auditing—W. R. Stengele and Charles F. Lily.

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

Timekeeper—C. E. Witt. **Reporter**—W. W. Zimmerman.

This Convention was one of the best Sunday School Conventions ever held on this district. The reports given by the various Superintendents showed that they have their hearts in the work of the Lord. The Convention was a grand success for the furtherance of the Sunday School cause throughout the district.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company furnished a special coach to convey the Scranton people to the Convention and home again. Some came by trucks and trolleys from other places to enjoy this spiritual and uplifting feast.

AFTERNOON MEETING

The afternoon meeting was opened with singing and prayer. After the reading of the Minutes, and the reports of committees, the following essays were read, discussed and adopted:

"The Model Sunday School Superintendent," P. T. Stengele, Scranton, Pa.

"The Weak and Strong Points of a Sunday School Teacher," Miss Miriam Frack, Nazareth, Pa.

These essays were well prepared and well read, showing that they were prayerfully considered and written to further the cause that they were intended for. The discussions of both essays were spiritual and very instructive to all present. Both essays were recommended to be published in the "Eastern Gospel Banner."

EVENING SERVICE

The evening service was in charge of the Pastor, E. E. Kublic. After a hearty Song Service there were three fifteen minute addresses, as follows:

"The Home Department,"—N. H. Wolf, Lehighton, Pa.

"Pure and Impure Literature,"—J. B. Layne, Easton, Pa.

"The Foreign Missionary Cause,"—J. G. Shireman, Nazareth, Pa.

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

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

This Convention was indeed a grand and spiritual feast for all present; the brethren were at their best and the Lord certainly used them to convey their subjects to the hearts of the hearers. The church was crowded to the doors, the weather was ideal, and the spiritual atmosphere healthy and clear.

The different ones who attended this Convention left for their homes well satisfied and encouraged for the work entrusted to them.

Statistics.

Sunday Schools represented	13	Total enrollment.....	1533
Officers enrolled.....	81	Home Department members.....	315
Teachers enrolled.....	121	Cradle Roll.....	187
Scholars enrolled.....	1331		

The members of the Home Department and Cradle Roll are not included in the total enrollment.

Report of the Treasurer.**Receipts**

May 21, 1919, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 7.21	
Received at this Convention from the various		
Sunday Schools.....	210.37	\$217.58

Expenditures

Expended at this Convention.....	\$128.89	
Donated to the Executive Board.....	75.00	
May 26, 1920, Balance in Treasury.....	13.69	\$217.58

R. Bergstresser, Treasurer.

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

J. F. Barrall, Chairman,

J. B. Layne, Secretary.

XIX. Conference Report.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO COMPILE A
REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE AND SUNDAY SERVICES
FOR THE EASTERN GOSPEL BANNER.**

The Thirty-Seventh Session of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania convened in Ebenezer Church, Main and Durham Streets, Bethlehem, Pa., September 23-27, 1920.

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

The Conference opened with the presence of God in evidence. Very good and encouraging reports were given by both the Pastors and Presiding Elders. Sacrifices were made along many lines, and a holy zeal was shown as is evidenced by the results seen in their labors. A healthy progress was noticeable along various lines. The finances are excellent, the missionary offerings being twenty-six percent higher than last year. The statistics have also increased.

The spiritual end of the work is gratifying, as we behold both young and old enjoying themselves in the services of the Lord and purifying themselves for the Coming of Christ.

The lines of separation are still very noticeable among us as a body of believers and we trust that this distinction may be preserved among us.

On the various charges the Pastors report large congregations composed of members and friends of the work. The prayer-meetings are largely attended; the open-air services are influencing many and the missionary prayer-meetings result in much fruit.

Many were saved, baptized, sanctified and healed during the year. The church buildings are too small to accommodate the people comfortably in a number of places.

A large and commodious church building was completed and dedicated during the year at Main and Durham Streets, Bethlehem, Pa., at a cost of nearly thirty-seven thousand dollars. The seating capacity is about eleven hundred. The building is nicely arranged, having a large main auditorium, a prayer-meeting room, a Sunday School room, and two balconies. There is also a large and nicely arranged basement well adapted to serve refreshments for special occasions.

The Gospel Herald Society and Gospel Workers' Society of which Elders W. G. Gehman and W. B. Musselman, respectively, are the Presidents, are

doing a great and noble work along home missionary lines both in conducting services in Missions and selling literature from house to house.

The Sunday School work is making progress along the various lines; the fruit is seen in the conversion of a number of children. The Sunday School literature of the "Christian Life Series" is being used throughout the schools.

The Home Department is increasing in numbers and influence, people being reached in this manner and brought into the churches.

The Foreign Missionary work is ever widening out; a few new missionaries were accepted during the year. The total number being twenty-six. Their reports were very encouraging, showing the results of the Gospel in the salvation of a large number on the various fields.

N. H. Wolf, A. G. Woodring and W. F. Heffner were ordained to the Ministry.

The different offerings were much higher than last year. The Home and Foreign Missionary money amounted to \$35,291.99. The total offerings for all purposes collected during the year amounted to \$165,647.61, or \$78.44 per member.

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

Pastor W. S. Hottel was granted his request to put in the balance of his time in general missionary work after the editing of the "Christian Life Series" of Sunday School quarterlies.

The Conference was owned by the Lord, the deliberations were clear and satisfactory. There was a spirit of unity prevailing throughout and the decisions were whole-heartedly accepted by the Pastors and the Delegates who represent the various classes.

There were seven delegates elected, four from among the Ministry and three from among the laity, the Presiding Elders going by virtue of their offices, to be sent to the General Conference to convene at Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, October 13, 1920.

The evening services were well attended and the addresses were of a spiritual and instructive nature. The services were owned by the Lord.

The next Annual Conference shall convene D. V. in Bethel Church, Allentown, Pa., October 13, 1921.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

The services opened at 9:45 A. M. by singing and prayer by Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman. The large, new and commodious church was well filled with our dear people and friends from far and near.

The Conference Sermon was preached by the Presiding Elder, H. B. Musselman, Chairman of the Annual Conference, was a strong and convincing one. The call and qualifications of the ministry were set forth in plain terms; clear and scriptural principles along the lines of salvation, practical living and service were set before the ministry.

The afternoon service opened at 2 o'clock by singing and prayer. Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman, of the Mount Carmel District, preached the Ordination sermon. The message was charged with timely thoughts on Christian experience and doctrine. The following brethren were ordained to the ministry:

A. G. Woodring, Pastor of the Northampton and Walnutport charge; W. F. Heffner, Pastor of the Quakertown and Hatfield charge and N. H.

Wolf, Pastor of the Lehighton and Weissport Charge. This was a very heart-searching and impressive service.

The evening service opened at 7:00 P. M. by singing and prayer. Elder C. H. Brunner, the newly appointed Pastor to Bethlehem, was the first speaker, followed by Pastor B. Bryan Musselman. The weather was fair, though very warm, still all enjoyed their coming to this spiritual feast. The spiritual atmosphere was very marked by the attention given and the effects shown in part by the "Amen" that were said, and the unbidden tears that flowed.

The Male Chorus, the Junior Male Quartette, the Senior Male Quartette of Bethlehem, the Preachers' Quartette and the Female Quartette of Coopersburg rendered appropriate selections during the day.

The Bethlehem congregation abundantly provided for the physical needs in the basement of the church for the many that came from the various charges.

E. N. Cassell,
H. K. Kratz,
J. G. Shireman,
Committee.

XX. Announcements for 1920.

(A) SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS.

(a) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO ORGANIZE FOR THE BETHLEHEM DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION FOR 1921.

The Convention shall convene at Philadelphia, Pa., on Memorial Day, May 30, 1921.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, J. C. Roth; 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 the Presiding Elder, W. G. Gehman, and the Pastors of the Mt. Carmel District and the Missionary Presiding Elder, W. B. Musselman, to be present.

J. C. Roth, Chairman,
R. W. Dickert, Secretary.

(b) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO ORGANIZE FOR THE MT. CARMEL DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION FOR 1921.

This Convention shall convene at Sunbury, Pa., on Wednesday May 25 1921.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, R. Bergstresser; Secretary, N. H. Wolf; Treasurer, E. E. Kublic.

Committee on Program—W. G. Gehman, J. F. Barrall and V. H. Reinhart.

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. F. Barrall, Chairman,
N. H. Wolf, Secretary.

(B) MINISTERIAL CONVENTIONS.

(a) Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention.

This convention is announced to convene in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church at Emaus, Pa., on Thursday, April 14, 1921.

Chairman, C. H. Brunner; Secretary, R. L. Woodring.

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

(b) Annual Ministerial Convention.

This Convention is announced to convene in the Bethel Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, Gordon Street above Eighth, Allentown, Pa., Wednesday, October 12, 1921.

Chairman, F. M. Hottel; Secretary, W. F. Heffner.

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

(C) ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Conference Session shall convene, should the Lord tarry, in the Bethel Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, Gordon Street above Eighth, Allentown, Pa., at 8 A. M., on Thursday, October 13, 1921.

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

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

Receipts.

October 11, 1919, Balance in Treasury.....	\$1,086.51	
Received during the year.....	2,599.23	\$3,685.74

Expenditures.

Expended during the year.....	\$2,647.77	
September 16, 1920, Balance in Treasury.....	1,037.97	\$3,685.74

Note.—This Balance includes a loan of \$300.00 which the Board still owes.

(B) Board of Foreign Missions.

Receipts.

October 11, 1919, Balance in Treasury.....	\$10,959.65	
Received during the year.....	14,688.93	
Received during the year.....	14,688.93	\$25,648.58

Expenditures.

Expended during the year.....	\$13,007.83	
September 16, 1920, Balance in Treasury.....	12,640.75	\$25,648.58

(C) Orphanage and Home.

Receipts.

September 30, 1919, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 5,758.12	
Received during the year.....	71,437.40	\$77,195.52

Expenditures.

Expended during the year.....	\$71,659.14	
September 7, 1920, Balance in Treasury.....	5,536.38	\$77,195.52

(D) Board of Publication and Printing.

Receipts.

October 11, 1919, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 66.61	
Received during the year.....	656.99	\$723.60

Expenditures.

Expended during the year.....	\$607.00	
September 16, 1920, Balance in Treasury.....	116.60	\$723.60

(E) Home Missions.

Receipts.

October 18, 1919, Received at the Annual Conference.....	\$6,586.30	
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Expenditures.

September 16, 1920, Expended during the year.....	\$6,586.30	
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(F) Beneficiary Society.

Receipts.

October 11, 1919, Balance in Treasury.....	\$1,253.49	
Received during the year.....	407.34	\$1,660.83...

Expenditures.

Expended during the year.....	\$ 5.00	
September 16, 1920, Balance in Treasury.....	1,655.83	\$1,660.83

Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer.

XXII. Report of the Committee on Finance.

Receipts, September 23, 1920.

Appointments	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Foreign Missions in S. S.	For the Poor	Beneficiary Fund	Annual Conference Fund	Total
Bethlehem District							
Bethlehem.....	\$912 99	\$1223 75	\$1007 00	\$ 45 00	\$ 28 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 3241 74
Allentown, Bethel.....	1175 77	1779 50	834 87	51 25	46 00	24 25	3911 64
Reading.....	565 00	577 00	540 45	35 00	31 00	27 50	1775 95
Philadelphia.....	1082 25	827 30	500 60	50 00	32 00	15 00	2507 15
Coopersburg.....	465 75	402 50	312 83	16 62	13 92	11 80	1223 42
Springtown.....	22 00	28 00					50 00
Allentown, Salem.....	260 00	269 75	285 95	15 05	10 55	8 70	850 00
Spring City.....	202 00	207 75	134 51	8 50	6 00	5 50	564 26
Royersford.....	280 15	207 71	189 05	13 55	6 50	7 00	703 96
Zionsville.....	173 85	218 15	264 52	15 86	13 45	5 10	690 93
Emaus.....	390 50	399 30	377 72	34 00	19 00	15 70	1236 22
Macungie.....	211 25	231 25	279 91	13 00	13 20	6 55	755 16
Fleetwood.....	272 50	167 75	195 00	11 25	7 00	5 65	659 15
Blandon.....	114 15	40 50	71 81	4 86	4 82	2 05	238 19
Terre Hill.....	239 50	207 00	68 50	7 35	7 21	7 34	536 90
Quakertown.....	215 50	181 00	161 44	20 00	10 00	7 50	595 44
Hatfield.....	43 70	30 50		4 23	1 66	2 00	82 09
Graterford.....	203 00	217 00	304 83	13 35	9 77	5 51	753 46
Harleysville.....	153 25	158 50	89 83	17 10	11 39	5 75	435 82
Northampton.....	105 95	70 40	89 80	4 85	4 50	4 50	280 00
Walnutport.....	113 00	70 85	63 70	3 45	3 00	4 25	258 25
Total.....	\$7202 06	\$7515 46	\$5772 32	\$384 27	\$278 97	\$196 65	\$ 21349 73
Mt. Carmel District							
Shamokin.....	\$ 430 00	\$ 375 00	\$ 305 00	\$ 15 00	\$ 15 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 1150 00
Easton.....	371 75	350 00	224 36	15 00	111 20	14 25	1086 56
Nazareth.....	190 25	189 75	162 25	10 50	6 00	6 00	564 75
Sunbury.....	234 50	111 80	160 77	7 00	15 76	26 61	556 44
Stroudsburg.....	110 90	110 40	300 00	10 22	5 78	10 89	548 19
Lehighton.....	171 10	88 50	102 90	5 50	5 12	5 41	378 53
Weissport.....			103 31				103 31
Mt. Carmel.....	82 20	57 80	66 65	5 07	4 00	3 75	219 47
Gospel Herald Society..			485 53				485 53
Total.....	\$1590 70	\$1283 25	\$1910 77	\$ 68 29	\$162 86	\$ 76 91	\$ 5092 78
Grand Total.....	\$8792 76	\$9798 71	\$7683 09	\$452 56	\$441 83	\$273 56	\$ 26442 51

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

Appointments	Pastors	Ministers and Officers										Membership										Appointments	Sermons Preached	Pastoral Visits	Prayer Meetings Visited	Sunday Schools Visited							
		Presiding Elders	Missionary P. E.	Ordained Ministers	Probationers	O. C. Licensed Preachers & Evangelists	Deacons	Class Leaders	Stewards	Parsonage Bldg. Fund & Rent Collectors	Baptized	Members not Baptized	Children Dedicated	Received into Church Fellowship	Received by Transfer	Total Increase	Died	Withdrawn	Expelled	Dropped	Transferred						Total Decrease	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Total Membership			
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.																																	
Bethlehem.....	W. S. Hottel.....	1		2	2	2	1	4	4	4	12	11	11	12	8	20	1	4	2	3	3	13	7	3	242	1	151	251	1	171	342	85	44
Allentown.....	C. H. Brunner.....			1	1	1	1	4	4	4	12	11	11	12	13	19	1	4	6	6	6	22	2	3	221	1	171	342	1	171	342	128	44
Reading.....	B. B. Musselman.....			1	1	1	1	4	4	4	12	11	11	12	13	19	1	4	6	6	6	22	2	3	221	1	171	342	1	171	342	116	47
Philadelphia.....	F. M. Hottel.....			1	1	1	1	4	4	4	12	11	11	12	13	19	1	4	6	6	6	22	2	3	221	1	171	342	1	171	342	120	43
Coopersburg.....	R. L. Woodring.....			1	1	1	1	4	4	4	12	11	11	12	13	19	1	4	6	6	6	22	2	3	221	1	171	342	1	171	342	120	43
Springtown.....	E. N. Cassel.....			1	1	1	1	4	4	4	12	11	11	12	13	19	1	4	6	6	6	22	2	3	221	1	171	342	1	171	342	120	43
Allentown, Salem.....	H. K. Kratz.....			1	1	1	1	4	4	4	12	11	11	12	13	19	1	4	6	6	6	22	2	3	221	1	171	342	1	171	342	120	43
Spring City.....	E. N. Cassel.....			1	1	1	1	4	4	4	12	11	11	12	13	19	1	4	6	6	6	22	2	3	221	1	171	342	1	171	342	120	43
Royersford.....	H. K. Kratz.....			1	1	1	1	4	4	4	12	11	11	12	13	19	1	4	6	6	6	22	2	3	221	1	171	342	1	171	342	120	43
Zionsville.....	O. S. Hillegass.....			1	1	1	1	4	4	4	12	11	11	12	13	19	1	4	6	6	6	22	2	3	221	1	171	342	1	171	342	120	43
Emaus.....	J. C. Roth.....			1	1	1	1	4	4	4	12	11	11	12	13	19	1	4	6	6	6	22	2	3	221	1	171	342	1	171	342	120	43
Macungie.....	G. F. Yost.....			1	1	1	1	4	4	4	12	11	11	12	13	19	1	4	6	6	6	22	2	3	221	1	171	342	1	171	342	120	43
Fleetwood.....	Blandon.....			1	1	1	1	4	4	4	12	11	11	12	13	19	1	4	6	6	6	22	2	3	221	1	171	342	1	171	342	120	43
Terre Hill.....	W. F. Heffner.....			1	1	1	1	4	4	4	12	11	11	12	13	19	1	4	6	6	6	22	2	3	221	1	171	342	1	171	342	120	43
Quakertown.....	R. W. Dickert.....			1	1	1	1	4	4	4	12	11	11	12	13	19	1	4	6	6	6	22	2	3	221	1	171	342	1	171	342	120	43
Hatfield.....	A. G. Woodring.....			1	1	1	1	4	4	4	12	11	11	12	13	19	1	4	6	6	6	22	2	3	221	1	171	342	1	171	342	120	43
Graterford.....				1	1	1	1	4	4	4	12	11	11	12	13	19	1	4	6	6	6	22	2	3	221	1	171	342	1	171	342	120	43
Harleysville.....				1	1	1	1	4	4	4	12	11	11	12	13	19	1	4	6	6	6	22	2	3	221	1	171	342	1	171	342	120	43
Northampton.....				1	1	1	1	4	4	4	12	11	11	12	13	19	1	4	6	6	6	22	2	3	221	1	171	342	1	171	342	120	43
Walnutport.....				1	1	1	1	4	4	4	12	11	11	12	13	19	1	4	6	6	6	22	2	3	221	1	171	342	1	171	342	120	43
Total.....		1	13	2	7	4	38	37	34	85	77	91	58	149	13	11	2	33	51	110	58	19	161	21	2068	3687	1119	622					
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																																	
Easton.....	J. B. Layne.....	1		2	2	2	1	2	2	2	14	3	11	5	16	1			2	2	13	3	13	72	1	122	134	1	122	134	78	44	
Stroudsburg.....	E. E. Kubic.....			1	1	1	1	4	4	4	16	20	15	15	15	1			2	2	12	3	12	60	1	148	352	60	47				
Shamokin.....	J. F. Barral.....			1	1	1	1	4	4	4	16	20	15	15	15	1			2	2	12	3	12	60	1	148	352	60	47				
Mt. Carmel.....	R. Bergstresser.....			1	1	1	1	4	4	4	16	20	15	15	15	1			2	2	12	3	12	60	1	148	352	60	47				
Nazareth.....	J. G. Shireman.....			1	1	1	1	4	4	4	16	20	15	15	15	1			2	2	12	3	12	60	1	148	352	60	47				
Lehighon.....	N. H. Wolf.....			1	1	1	1	4	4	4	16	20	15	15	15	1			2	2	12	3	12	60	1	148	352	60	47				
Weissport.....				1	1	1	1	4	4	4	16	20	15	15	15	1			2	2	12	3	12	60	1	148	352	60	47				
Sunbury.....	V. H. Reinhart.....			1	1	1	1	4	4	4	16	20	15	15	15	1			2	2	12	3	12	60	1	148	352	60	47				
G. H. Society.....	W. G. Gehman.....			1	5			2	2	2	17	14	1	1	1	1			6	4	10	1	9	23	1	125	213	76	48				
Total.....		1	7	6	10	10	11	94	1	65	56	7	63	4	1	1	34	14	54	33	24	432	7	3638	3402	852	636						
Presiding Elders.....																																	
G. W. Society.....				1																													
Grand Total.....		2	1	20	*8	7	4	48	47	45	179	142	147	67	214	17	12	3	67	65	164	93	43	2099	28	6190	7089	1971	1258				

*Three of these Probationers were ordained at this Conference.

XXIII STATISTICS. Report of Committee on Statistics,—Continued

Appointments	Pastor	SUNDAY SCHOOLS										CHURCH PROPERTY					OFFERINGS			
		Prayer Meeting Classes	M. B. in C.	Officers and Teachers	Scholars Enrolled	Total Enrollment	Total	Average Attendance	Home Depl. Members	Subscribers to Eastern Gospel Banner	Churches	Parsonages	Janitors' Homes	Increase of Church Property	Present Church Valuation of	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	46	299	345	266	346	138	1	1	1	1	24,300 00	\$49,500 00	912 99	\$1,223 75	\$1,007 00	\$45 00	
Alentown, Bethel.....	C. H. Brunner.....	4	1	52	326	378	289	621	*190	1	1	1	1	7,500 00	20,000 00	1,175 77	1,779 50	834 87	51 25	
Reading.....	B. B. Musselman.....	3	1	32	260	292	209	345	193	1	1	1	1		14,000 00	565 00	577 00	540 45	35 00	
Philadelphia.....	F. M. Hottel.....	3	1	37	259	296	233	195	95	1	1	1	1		14,000 00	1,082 25	827 30	500 60	50 00	
Coopersburg.....	R. L. Woodring.....	3	1	18	119	137	70	170	26	1	1	1	1		5,000 00	465 75	402 50	312 83	16 62	
Springtown.....		2	1	23	154	177	105	107	32	1	1	1	1		1,500 00	22 00	28 00			
Alentown, Salem.....	E. N. Cassel.....	1	1	18	103	121	77	90	32	1	1	1	1	700 00	6,000 00	260 00	269 75	285 95	15 05	
Spring City.....	H. K. Kraatz.....	1	1	18	134	152	94	60	30	1	1	1	1		4,650 00	202 00	207 75	131 51	8 50	
Royersford.....		1	1	18	134	152	94	60	30	1	1	1	1		4,000 00	280 15	207 71	189 05	13 55	
Zionsville.....	O. S. Hillegass.....	2	1	16	62	78	57	48	16	1	1	1	1		5,050 00	173 85	218 15	264 52	15 86	
Enns.....	J. C. Roth.....	2	1	20	137	157	117	48	23	1	1	1	1		9,000 00	390 50	399 30	377 72	34 00	
Macungie.....		1	1	14	56	70	59	42	12	1	1	1	1		2,050 00	212 25	231 25	279 91	13 00	
Fleetwood.....	G. F. Vost.....	1	1	18	130	148	93	83	14	1	1	1	1		4,800 00	272 50	167 75	195 00	11 25	
Blandon.....	".....	1	1	12	88	100	52	51	9	1	1	1	1		2,000 00	114 15	40 50	71 81	4 86	
Terre Hill.....	".....	1	1	19	101	120	71	8	11	1	1	1	1		3,500 00	239 50	207 00	68 50	7 35	
Quakertown.....	W. F. Heffner.....	1	1	17	99	116	81	53	24	1	1	1	1		8,000 00	215 50	181 00	161 44	20 00	
Hatfield.....		2	1	17	88	105	84	57	20	1	1	1	1		1,500 00	43 70	30 50	4 23		
Graterford.....	R. W. Dickert.....	2	1	18	67	85	64	111	16	1	1	1	1		6,300 00	203 00	217 00	304 83	13 35	
Harleysville.....		1	1	18	67	85	64	111	16	1	1	1	1		1,000 00	153 25	158 50	89 83	17 10	
Northampton.....	A. G. Woodring.....	2	1	16	115	131	84	55	21	1	1	1	1	500 00	5,750 00	105 95	70 40	89 80	4 85	
Walnutport.....		2	1	16	115	131	84	55	21	1	1	1	1		3,850 00	113 00	70 85	63 70	3 45	
Total.....		37	18	411	2597	3008	2105	2400	779	21	14	21	14	33,300 00	\$171,450 00	\$7,202 06	\$7,515 46	\$5,772 32	\$384 27	
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																				
Easton.....	J. B. Layne.....	1	1	19	135	154	108	118	25	1	1	1	1		9,000 00	371 75	350 00	224 36	15 00	
Stroudsburg.....	E. E. Kubic.....	1	1	16	90	106	90	48	26	1	1	1	1	300 00	10,000 00	110 90	110 40	300 00	10 22	
Shamokin.....	J. F. Barrall.....	3	1	31	129	160	122	48	32	1	1	1	1		11,000 00	430 00	375 00	305 00	15 00	
Mt. Carmel.....	R. Bergstresser.....	1	1	16	115	131	81	48	17	1	1	1	1	3,000 00	12,000 00	82 20	57 80	66 65	5 07	
Nazareth.....	J. G. Shireman.....	1	1	14	43	59	60	25	22	2	1	1	1	700 00	10,000 00	190 25	189 75	162 25	10 50	
Lehighon.....	N. H. Wolf.....	1	1	13	58	71	53	52	44	1	1	1	1		5,500 00	171 10	88 50	102 60	5 50	
Weissport.....	".....	1	1	13	142	155	76	66	0	1	1	1	1		1,300 00			103 31		
Sunbury.....	V. H. Reinhart.....	2	1	19	101	120	95	42	22	1	1	1	1	250 00	8,000 00	234 50	111 80	160 77	7 00	
G. H. Society.....	W. G. Gehman, Pres.....	1	1	63	492	555	325		13	1	1	1	1					485 55		
Total.....		10	8	204	1307	1511	1008	333	195	9	7	1	7	4,250 00	67,700 00	\$1,590 70	\$1,283 25	\$1,910 77	\$68 29	
Orphanage Home.....														6,897 37	75,149 56					
Mizpah Grove.....														2,000 00						
Grand Total.....		47	26	615	3904	4519	3113	2733	974	30	21	31	21	31,46,147 37	\$336,299 56	\$8,792 76	\$8,798 71	\$7,683 09	\$452 56	

OFFERINGS—Continued

Appointments	Pastor	Church Properties	Church Properties	Repeating Properties	Parsonage, Building Fund and Hall Rent	Sunday and Sundry Expenses	Sunday Schools	Presiding Elders	Missiary Elders	Ministers in Cash	Ministers in Other Contributions	Beneficiary Fund	Gospel Worker Society	Tabernacle, Missionary or Evangelistic Work
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.														
Bethlehem.....	W. S. Hottel.....	\$15,963 92				\$820 45 51	1,751 75	427 00	180 00	1,705 51	490 00	28 00	\$763 57	\$92 17
Allentown, Bethel.....	C. H. Brunner.....	817 09	365 31			792 65	1,904 74	537 60	199 00	1,520 10	401 02	46 00	658 51	117 00
Reading.....	B. B. Musselman.....		594 49			916 89	905 86	435 00	156 50	1,448 75	335 00	31 00	593 14	275 00
Philadelphia.....	F. M. Hottel.....	2,070 94				1,130 95	858 88	1,021 52	147 50	2,156 05	375 00	32 00	644 51	107 00
Coopersburg.....	R. L. Woodring.....					70 85	200 29	514 13	66 00	887 60	275 00	13 92	209 42	
Springtown.....									5 75	45 25	15 00		5 75	
Allentown, Salem.....	E. N. Cassel.....		382 00			195 10	333 97	177 00	55 30	872 95	415 69	10 55	159 36	32 75
Spring City.....	H. K. Kratz.....					386 50	263 25	128 53	29 20	475 95	101 94	6 00	134 50	
Royersford.....	O. S. Hillegass.....					396 88	278 62	115 93	36 71	549 25	106 57	6 50	154 22	
Zionsville.....	H. K. Kratz.....					84 84	65 74	26 74	75 80	506 25	178 00	13 45	50 78	
Macungie.....	J. C. Roth.....					464 24	464 65	200 45	35 00	1,184 60	282 95	19 00	155 90	390 00
Fleetwood.....	G. F. Yost.....	152 00				101 17	74 93	158 30	75 80	328 15	115 28	13 20	54 64	121 25
Blandon.....		74 70				192 34	239 79	206 50	29 96	462 80	155 85	7 00	68 42	20 00
Terre Hill.....	W. F. Hefner.....	92 10				92 91	184 95	76 50	15 37	188 05	48 00	4 82	33 45	20 00
Quakertown.....			97 04			188 40	124 62	100 00	19 90	267 30	85 00	7 21	59 48	40 00
Hatfield.....	R. W. Dickert.....	200 00				335 54	342 55	156 75	28 44	520 65	218 17	10 00	74 09	285 14
Graterford.....	A. G. Woodring.....	90 00				72 86	294 21	8 10	45 04	124 00	43 60	1 66	26 36	55 16
Harleysville.....		90 00				187 15	198 29	250 01	8 10	590 50	223 91	9 77	95 40	
Northampton.....		90 00				84 15	74 46	105 45	19 20	301 65	207 60	11 39	43 37	
Walnutport.....		90 00				211 20	155 59	65 41	19 20	361 00	90 00		39 55	
						172 50	245 05	102 61	17 35	302 40	75 00	3 00	53 91	
Total.....		\$19,500 75	\$1,963 34	\$5,189 46	\$6,994 68	\$9,291 58	\$4,018 52	\$1,226 00		\$14,798 76	\$4,170 58	\$278 97	\$4,078 36	\$1,575 47
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.														
Easton.....	J. B. Layne.....					436 91	445 61	218 50	39 50	823 21	337 85	111 20	136 86	26 50
Stroudsburg.....	E. E. Kubic.....	839 47	198 50			231 90	541 51	351 11	40 50	587 60	303 58	15 78	135 20	
Shamokin.....	J. F. Barrall.....	533 62	65 10			237 91	391 07	245 00	50 00	884 10	275 00	15 00	139 00	
Mt. Carmel.....	R. Bergstresser.....		113 02			70 90	158 31	91 00	15 05	298 35	102 50	4 00	22 35	
Nazareth.....	J. C. Shireman.....	565 08				259 10	383 56	165 61	146 00	509 25	76 71	9 00	106 75	
Lehighon.....	N. H. Wolf.....	165 53				192 75	128 82	158 55	18 91	368 60	302 27	5 12	61 65	
Weisport.....							160 47							
Sunbury.....	V. H. Reinhart.....	579 90				263 51	301 89	149 27	35 34	598 75	218 45	15 76	122 89	30 00
G. H. Society.....	W. G. Gehman, Pr.....					3,505 65	1,095 45	683 84	60 25		1,548 04		263 48	1,573 47
Total.....		2,683 60	376 62	3,288 80	5,753 46	3,138 34	1,875 61		289 55	4,070 56	3,254 40	162 86	939 08	1,629 97
Grand Total.....		\$22,234 35	\$2,339 96	\$6,478 26	\$12,748 14	\$12,429 92	\$5,894 13	\$1,515 55	\$18,869 32	\$7,424 98	\$441 83	\$5,017 44	\$3,205 44	

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

Appointments	Pastor	BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSELMAN, P. E.			OFFERINGS—Concluded					Armenian-Syrian Relief	Total Offerings
		Camp Meetings	Sunday School and Other Conventions	Annual Conference Fund	Annual Conference	Delegate Fund	Benevolent Society	Subscriptions and Literature Sold			
Bethlehem.....	W. S. Hottel.....	\$ 33 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 30 78	\$ 215 00	\$ 1,097 79	\$ 26,812 68				
Allentown, Bethel.....	C. H. Brunner.....	41 00	24 25	32 33	185 00	815 68	12,298 67				
Reading.....	B. B. Muselman.....	25 00	27 50	35 50	87 50	610 00	8,639 06			60 00	
Philadelphia.....	F. M. Hottel.....	31 00	15 00	30 00	115 00	1,050 00	12,910 00			140 00	
Coopersburg.....	R. L. Woodring.....	28 00	11 80	17 00	14 50	32 00	3,765 56				
Springtown.....	".....	".....	".....	".....	2 00	26 00	149 75				
Allentown, Salem.....	E. N. Cassel.....	12 50	8 70	15 71	20 50	305 40	3,987 53				
Spring City.....	H. K. Kratz.....	10 00	5 50	10 85	31 00	199 45	2,335 43				
Royersford.....	".....	11 00	7 00	12 50	51 50	180 80	2,597 51				
Zionsville.....	O. S. Hillegass.....	6 28	5 10	8 22	26 50	25 13	1,781 34				
Emaus.....	J. C. Roth.....	16 70	15 70	13 96	64 50	454 87	5,015 59				
Macungie.....	".....	6 55	6 55	8 85	21 00	137 85	1,986 38				
Fleetwood.....	G. F. Yost.....	12 00	5 65	10 00	46 50	180 65	2,455 96				
Blandon.....	".....	11 00	2 05	7 95	18 50	66 45	1,076 02				
Terre Hill.....	".....	9 00	7 34	6 12	90 80	90 80	1,619 62				
Quakertown.....	W. F. Heffner.....	11 01	7 50	24 25	48 50	141 20	3,503 82			116 00	
Hatfield.....	".....	".....	2 00	4 00	16 50	34 90	761 78				
Graterford.....	R. W. Dickert.....	14 25	5 51	15 36	30 00	162 49	3,032 25				
Harleysville.....	".....	".....	5 75	10 48	4 00	91 25	1,459 62				
Northampton.....	A. G. Woodring.....	16 05	4 50	11 82	47 50	150 00	2,198 17				
Walnutport.....	".....	17 00	4 25	10 39	2 50	373 59	1,938 20				
Mizpah.....	Camp Meeting.....	5,945 41					5,945 41				
Total.....	Total.....	5,945 41	311 34	196 65	316 07	1,048 00	6,226 30	316 00			106,370 35
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.											
Easton.....	J. B. Layne.....	17 35	14 25	19 00	68 50	467 12	4,355 37				
Stroudsburg.....	E. E. Kubie.....	18 00	10 89	25 00	49 50	739 79	4,759 05				
Shamokin.....	J. F. Barrall.....	21 25	10 00	26 50	21 50	1,134 34	5,175 29				
Mt. Carmel.....	R. Bergstresser.....	18 45	3 75	14 05	11 00	212 75	1,661 48			11 00	
Nazareth.....	J. G. Shireman.....	10 00	6 00	17 02	21 50	125 00	2,981 03				
Lehighton.....	N. H. Wolf.....	9 00	5 41	15 15	8 00	403 73	2,382 62				
Weissport.....	".....	9 00	".....	".....	".....	".....	212 78				
Sunbury.....	V. H. Reinhart.....	21 92	26 61	26 25	10 00	478 30	3,392 91				
G. H. Society.....	W. G. Gehman.....	395 39			9 00	20,730 15	32,636 75				
Edgewood Grove.....	Camp Meeting.....	1,719 98					1,719 98				
Total.....	Total.....	1,719 98	520 36	76 91	142 97	199 00	24,291 18	11 00			59,277 26
Grand Total.....	Grand Total.....	\$7,665 39	\$831 70	\$273 56	\$459 04	\$1,247 00	\$30,517 48	\$327 00			165,647 61

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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	1920	125 W. Laurel St., Bethlehem, Pa.
Cassel, E. N.	1901	1904	1920	Graterford, Pa.
Dickert, R. W.	1916	1919	1920	936 Oley St., Reading, Pa.
Gehman, W. G.	1896	1899	P. E	1136 Northampton St., Easton, Pa.
Heffner, W. F.	1917	1920	1919	25 S. Third St., Quakertown, Pa.
Hillegass, O. S.	1889	1892	1920	344 Priscilla St., Allentown, Pa.
Hottel, F. M.	1905	1909	1914	3362 N. 11th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Kratz, H. K.	1906	1909	1918	311 Yost Ave., Spring City, Pa.
Kubic, E. E.	1901	1907	1919	21 S. 6th 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	1920	819 Gordon St., Allentown, Pa.
Reinhart, V. H.	1907	1909	1918	144 N. Sixth St., Sunbury, Pa.
Roth, J. C.	1900	1903	1915	25 N. Fifth St., Emaus, Pa.
Shireman, J. G.	1898	1901	1914	16 S. Broad St., Nazareth, Pa.
Wolf, N. H.	1916	1920	1919	334 Cypress St., Lehighton, Pa.
Woodring, R. L.	1898	1900	1918	Coopersburg, Pa.
Woodring, A. G.	1917	1920	1917	Walnutport, Pa.
Yost, G. F.	1908	1913	1918	Fleetwood, Pa.

II. Local Preachers and Evangelists

Hottel, W. S.	1900	1903	1820 Spring Garden St., Phila.
Shick, E. T.	1899	1901	538 N. Law Street, Allentown, Pa.

III. Annual Conference Licensed Preachers

Anderson, J. T.	1909		Gospel Herald Society.
Meyers, 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		Bethlehem, Pa.
Fretz, W. J.	1898		Bethlehem, Pa.
Gehman, H. M.	1897		Allentown, Pa.
Gehret, Timothy D.	1919		Bethlehem, Pa.
Hottel, Titus.	1910		Coopersburg, Pa.
Martin, E. W.	1901		Weaverland, Pa.
Musselman, P. J.	1905		Philadelphia, Pa.
Zimmerman, W.W.	1899		Easton, Pa.

XXIV. QUADRENNIAL REPORT FROM SEPTEMBER 21, 1916 TO SEPTEMBER 23, 1920

Year	Ministers and officers										Membership										Offerings				For the Poor						
	Presiding Elders	Missionary P. E.	Ordained Ministers	Probationers	Applicants for An. Conf. Licenses	Q. C. Licensed Preachers & Evs.	Deacons	Class Leaders	Stewards	Building Fund, Parsonage & Rent Collectors	Baptized	Members not Baptized	Children Dedicated	Received into Church Fellowship	Received by Trans.	Total Increase	Died	Withdrawn	Expelled	Dropped	Moved to other Conferences	Transferred	Total Decrease	Net Increase		Net Decrease	Total Membership	Appointments	New Appointments	Sermons Preached	Pastoral Visits
1917	2	125	4	2	6	5	49	47	44	288	131	193	39	232	16	10	3	85	2	41	157	119	44	1889	29	7608	7567	2191	1007		
1918	2	123	6	2	6	5	50	47	47	198	106	190	127	317	22	3	55	126	3	126	206	158	47	2000	29	6936	7261	2049	1342		
1919	2	118	8	2	7	5	50	48	46	225	119	146	115	261	18	8	67	3	116	212	100	51	2049	29	6355	6979	1818	1267			
1920	2	120	8			7	48	47	45	179	142	147	67	214	17	12	3	67	65	164	93	43	2099	28	6190	7089	1971	1258			
Total	2	120	8			7	48	47	45	890	1	498	676	348	1024	73	33	6	274	5	348	739	470	185	2099	28	1	27089	28896	8029	4874

Year	Church Property										Offerings				For the Poor									
	Prayer Meeting Classes	New Classes Organized	M. B. in C. Sunday Schools	New M. B. in C. Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers Enrolled	Scholars Enrolled	Total Enrollment	Total Attendance	Home Department Members	Churches	Parsonages	Janitors' Homes	Increase of Church Property	Present Valuation of Church Property		Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Foreign Missions in Sunday Schools						
1917	46	3	588	3682	4270	2625	976	29	16	4	20,855	31	224,655	31	\$ 4,599	\$ 92	\$ 4,259	\$ 71						
1918	47	3	600	3431	4030	2851	1537	30	18	4	28,987	51	233,642	82	\$ 5,593	\$ 55	\$ 6,152	\$ 19						
1919	45	27	625	4060	4703	3115	2370	29	21	4	36,509	37	290,152	19	\$ 6,586	\$ 30	\$ 6,843	\$ 46						
1920	47	26	615	3904	4519	3113	2733	30	21	3	46,147	37	336,299	56	\$ 8,792	\$ 76	\$ 8,798	\$ 71						
Total	47	3	26	2	615	3904	4519	3113	2733	30	21	3	\$127,999	56	\$ 336,299	56	\$ 25,572	\$ 53	\$ 26,054	\$ 07	\$ 23,771	\$ 56	\$ 1,617	\$ 94

XXIV. QUADRENNIAL REPORT FROM SEPTEMBER 21, 1916 TO SEPTEMBER 23, 1920.

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OFFERINGS—Continued

YEAR	Church Properties	Repainting Church Properties	Parsonage and Hall Rent	Sunday Expenses	Sunday Schools	Presiding Elders	Missionary Presiding Elders	Ministers in Cash	Ministers in Other Contributions	Beneficiary Society	Gospel Worker Society	Tabernacle, Missionary or Evangelistic Work
1917	\$57,441	64,815	554 74	\$ 3,607 92	\$ 9,253 53	\$ 5,731 34	\$ 4,156 68	\$ 1,043 94	\$ 11,114 41	\$ 232 29	\$ 2,993 46	\$ 1,615 69
1918	11,645 70	1,290 39	4,345 98	9,797 11	7,630 50	4,693 81	1,263 83	12,872 95	5,620 69	242 24	3,485 64	2,213 45
1919	15,999 62	1,439 87	9,797 11	11,819 04	9,805 65	5,228 37	1,269 38	15,226 53	6,544 80	287 37	4,344 08	3,253 68
1920	22,234 35	2,439 96	6,478 26	12,748 14	12,429 92	5,894 13	1,515 55	18,869 32	7,424 98	441 83	5,017 44	3,205 44
Total	\$57,321 31	\$86,624 96	\$19,314 28	\$43,617 82	\$35,597 41	\$19,972 99	\$ 5,092 70	\$58,083 21	\$ 24,606 21	\$ 1,203 73	\$15,840 62	\$ 10,288 26

OFFERINGS—Concluded

YEAR	Camp Meetings	Sunday School and Other Conventions	Annual Conference Fund	Annual Conference Delegate Fund	General Confer. Fund	Benevolent Society	Subscriptions and Literature Sold	Armenian and Syrian Relief and Red Cross	India Famine Sufferers	Total Offerings
1917	\$ 5,956 34	\$ 462 57	\$165 26	\$ 294 63	\$174 60	\$1,058 50	\$19,166 23			\$94,741 14
1918	5,906 72	486 25	187 63	377 55		1,102 50	23,885 19	2,099 34		116,331 32
1919	5,346 13	417 26	207 49	400 01		1,175 00	26,201 43	164 25	803 47	136,219 02
1920	7,665 39	831 70	273 56	459 04		1,247 00	30,517 48	327 00		165,647 61
Total	\$25,874 58	\$2,197 78	\$833 94	\$1,531 23	\$174 60	\$4,583 00	\$99,770 33	\$2,590 59	\$803 47	\$512,939 09

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We have audited the foregoing summary Statistical Report of the General Conference Quadrennium and hereby certify that it declares the true statements of the affairs of the Conference to the best of our knowledge and belief.

W. G. Gehman, H. K. Kratz, A. G. Woodring, Auditors.

RECORD OF CONFERENCES

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

II. EVANGELICAL UNITED MENNONITES. (Annual)

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

RECORD OF CONFERENCES (Continued)

† III. MENNONITE BRETHREN IN CHRIST. (Annual)

1884	Feb. 4	Terre Hill	William Gehman	W. H. Gehman
1885	Feb. 2	Quakertown	"	M. A. Zyner
1886	Feb. 1	Upper Milford	"	"
1887	Feb. 7	Reading	"	A. Kauffman
1888	Feb. 6	Coopersburg	"	"
1889	Feb. 4	Terre Hill	"	"
1890	Feb. 3	Bethlehem	"	M. A. Zyner
1891	Feb. 2	Quakertown	"	C. H. Brunner
1892	Feb. 1	Upper Milford	W. B. Musselman	"
1893	Feb. 6	Coopersburg	"	"
1894	Feb. 2	Terre Hill	"	"
1895	Feb. 1	Reading	"	"
1896	Feb. 7-10	Allentown	"	"
1897	Feb. 19-22	Royersford	"	"
1898	March 4-7	Bethlehem	"	"
1899	March 3-6	Upper Milford	C. H. Brunner	W. G. Gehman
1900	Sept. 14-17	Reading	"	"
1901	Oct. 4-7	Bethlehem	W. B. Musselman	"
1902	Oct. 17-20	Reading	H. B. Musselman	"
1903	Oct. 16-20	Mt. Carmel	"	"
1904	Oct. 27-31	Allentown	"	"
1905	Oct. 12-16	Bethlehem	"	"
1906	Oct. 11-15	Reading	W. G. Gehman	C. H. Brunner
1907	Oct. 10-14	Royersford	"	"
1908	Oct. 8-12	Bethlehem	H. B. Musselman	"
1909	Oct. 14-18	Allentown	"	"
1910	Oct. 13-17	Reading	"	"
1911	Oct. 12-16	Royersford	"	"
1912	Oct. 10-14	Allentown	"	"
1913	Oct. 9-13	Reading	"	"
1914	Oct. 15-19	Bethlehem	"	"
1915	Oct. 14-18	Royersford	"	"
1916	Sept. 21-25	Philadelphia	"	"
1917	Oct. 11-15	Allentown	"	"
1918	Nov. 4-6	Reading	"	"
1919	Oct. 16-20	Reading	"	"
1920	Sept. 23-27	Bethlehem	"	"

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

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

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

CAMP MEETINGS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

YEAR		TENTS		TENTS		TENTS		TENTS
†1879								
1880	Chestnut Hill	6						
1881	" "							
1882	" "							
1883	" "							
1884	" "							
1885	" "							
1886	" "							
1887	" "							
1888	" "							
1889	" "							
1890	" "							
1891	" "							
1892	" "		Royersford					
1893	" "		Spring City		Catasauqua			
1894	" "		"		"			
*1895	" "		"		Weissport	Annandale		
*1896	" "		"		Walnutport	"		
1897	" "		"		Rittersville			
1898	Wuakertown		"		"	Sunbury		
1899	"		"		"	"		
1900	Macungie		Northampton		Terre Hill			
1901	"		Neffsville		Mohnsville	64		
1902	"	56	Northampton		"			
1903	"	52	"		Reading (East)			
1904	Wescosville	104	Hellertown	73	Spring City			
	"		"		(Bonnie Bray)			
1905	"	131	"	82	Spring City			
	"		"		(Bonnie Bray)			
1906	"	136	"	125	Reading			
	"		"		(Heiner's Spgs.)			
1907	"	122	"	145	Reading	90	Shamokin	
	"		"		(Spg. Valley)		(Bunker Hill)	85
1908	"	148	"	164	Easton (Mt.	75	Shamokin	75
	"		"		Carmel Dist.)		(Bunker Hill)	
1901	Waldheim	153	"	139	Easton (Mt.	75		
	"		"		Carmel Dist.)			
1910	Mizpah G've.	167	Mizpah G've.	154	Easton (Mt.	89		
	(Allen Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Carmel Dist.)			
1911	Mizpah G've.	156	Mizpah G've.	160	Mizpah G've.	100	Shamokin	43
	(Allen Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1912	Mizpah G've.	163	Mizpah G've.		Mizpah G've.	75	Shamokin	58
	(Allen Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Carmel D.)			
1913	Mizpah G've.	165	Mizpah G've.	169	Mizpah G've.	76	Shamokin	71
	(Allen Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. D.)			
1914	Mizpah G've.	143	Mizpah G've.	170	Mizpah G've.	68	Shamokin	78
	(Allen Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. D.)			
1915	Mizpah G've.	145	Mizpah G've.	174	Mizpah G've.	66	Shamokin	86
	(Allen Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. D.)			
1916	Mizpah G've.	155	Mizpah G've.	194	Shamokin	106		
	(Allen Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. D.)			
1917	Mizpah G've.	162	Mizpah G've.	203	Shamokin	120	Harrisburg	65
	(Allen Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. D.)			
1918	Mizpah G've.	199	Mizpah G've.	183	Shamokin	105		
	(Allen Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. D.)			
1919	Mizpah G've.	189	Mizpah G've.	219	Shamokin	126		
	(Allen Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. D.)			
1920	Mizpah G've.		Mizpah G've.	238	Shamokin	128		
	(Allen Div.)	195	(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. D.)			

NOTES—

†A Grove Meeting held on Chestnut Hill.

*Camp Meeting was also held at Fairview Park, between South Allentown and South Bethlehem in 1895 and 1896.

Sunbury Camp Meetings comprised the Church appointments of Mount Carmel and Girardville and the Gospel Worker Society.

The Gospel Worker Society held Camp Meetings at Pine Station above Williamsport in 1902, 1903.

Where the number of tents is not given the number could not be ascertained.

Editor.

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.
6. 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. Kitchener, Ontario, on the Second Wednesday in October, 1920, at 9 A. M.
H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. G. Gehman, P. E., W. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel, B. Bryan Musselman.
Laymen: Allen M. Gehman, G. O. Billig, Harold L. Moyer.

