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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.

I.—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.

J.—No offering shall be lifted 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. The Chairman of these respective Conventions shall see that the above is duly paid.

Annual Conference Proceedings 1921

FIRST MEETING.

THURSDAY FORENOON, OCTOBER 13, 1921.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania convened in Bethel M. B. in C. Church, Gordon Street, above Eighth, Allentown, Pa.

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

The Chairman, H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District, read the One Hundred and Thirty-third 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, 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, R. W. Dickert, J. B. Layne, A. G. Woodring, W. F. Heffner, N. H. Wolf, E. T. Shick, M. P. Zook, C. F. Snyder and H. W. Feldges.

All these were present from the first meeting except W. B. Musselman, W. S. Hottel, M. P. Zook, C. F. Snyder and H. W. Feldges.

DELEGATES

Harold L. Moyer, Bethlehem.
G. O. Billig, Allentown—Bethel.
John T. Kramer, Reading.

H. T. Benner, Philadelphia.
 William Haag, Allentown—Salem.
 Allen M. Gehman, Emaus, Macungie and Zionsville.
 H. L. Shelly, 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.
 James Freeze, Mount Carmel.
 H. F. Ebersole, Shamokin.
 Charles 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-seven.

We are also remembering our Foreign Missionaries who are members of our Conference laboring in the various countries.

Chile—M. P. Zook, Mrs. M. P. Zook, H. W. Feldges and Mrs. H. W. Feldges.

China—C. F. Snyder and Mrs. C. F. Snyder.

Also the following, although not members of our Conference, yet are supported by us, namely:

China—Wm. Christie, W. N. Ruhl and Miss Anna Haupberg.

Chile—Miss Anna LeFevre and Mrs. Nettie Meier.

Africa—E. E. Crist, Mrs. E. E. Crist, E. R. Hess and M. E. Barter.

India—S. P. Hamilton, Mrs. S. P. Hamilton, E. R. Carner, Mrs. E. R. Carner, Samuel Kerr, Mrs. Samuel Kerr and Miss Eunice Wells.

Annam—Wm. C. Cadman, Mrs. Wm. C. Cadman, F. L. Dodds and R. M. Jackson.

Palestine—E. O. Jago and Miss Mary A. Butterfield—28 in all.

Also our four native Pastors in Chile: Ignacio Riveros, Dionisio Oyarzun, Manuel Gomez and Innocencio Gomez.

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

Resolved, That the seats to the right and to the left of the Chair and the first three pews throughout the Church, and the basement for evening 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 O. S. Hillegass as Timekeeper.

Resolved, That no member be permitted to leave the Conference Bar without permission by the Chair, except B. Bryan Musselman and G. O. Billig, the Pastor and Delegate of the Allentown Class.

COMMITTEES

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

Committee on Worship: G. O. Billig and B. Bryan Musselman.

Committee on Communication: E. E. Kublie and R. L. Woodring.

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

Committee on Statistics (of Schedules): E. N. Cassel, H. K. Kratz, J. G. Shireman and R. W. Dickert.

Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Records: J. B. Layne and R. Bergstresser.

Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records: J. C. Roth, N. H. Wolf, V. H. Reinhart, Charles E. Eroh, J. B. Layne, C. B. Brosius, N. L. Swartz, James Freeze, E. E. Kublie, John T. Kramer, O. B. Bartholomew and H. F. Ebersole.

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

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

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

Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination: C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel and W. G. Gehman.

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

Committee on Auditing: F. M. Hottel, Harold L. Moyer, H. L. Shelly, G. F. Yost, W. F. Heffner, H. H. Bergey, H. T. Benner, R. R. Fox, Wm. Haag, J. H. Bruch, Charles F. Lilly and R. Bergstresser.

Committee to Audit Schedules: W. F. Heffner, W. G. Gehman 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.

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

Adjourned at 11:25 with prayer by J. H. Bruch, and benediction by the Chairman.

SECOND MEETING.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 13, 1921.

The Chair opened the afternoon meeting at 2:40 p.m. with singing, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," and prayer by G. F. Yost.

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 Worship:

The brethren T. D. Gehret, E. H. Musselman and N. M. Cressman shall preach this evening, about twenty minutes each.

G. O. Billig,

B. Bryan Musselman,

Committee.

Report of the Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Records:

We have examined the Annual Conference Records of 1920 and found them correct.

J. B. Layne,

R. Bergstresser,

Committee.

Report of the Committee on Examination of Travelling Elders:

We beg leave to report that we have examined all the Travelling Elders through the various delegates and found them all devoted to the Lord's service and everything in an excellent condition.

H. H. Bergey,

C. D. Bean,

G. K. Himmelreich,

Committee.

Report of the Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records:

We beg leave to report that we have examined all the Quarterly Conference Records and, with the exception of a few slight

errors which were corrected in the presence of the various Pastors, we found them in an excellent condition.

J. C. Roth	N. L. Swartz,
N. H. Wolf,	James Freeze,
V. H. Reinhart,	E. E. Kublie,
Charles E. Eroh,	John T. Kramer,
J. B. Layne,	O. B. Bartholomew,
C. B. Brosius,	H. F. Ebersole,
	Committee.

The following Annual Reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Committee to Apportion the Expenses of the Delegates to the General Conference. (See Reports.)

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

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

Report of the Hymnbook Committee. (See Reports.)

Report of the Executive Board. (See Reports.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Report of the Beneficiary Society. (See Reports.)

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

The oral reports of the Pastors were concluded.

Resolved, That we extend the time indefinitely.

The following reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Resolutions.

Whereas, The Lord has so blessedly spared all the Pastors of our Annual Conference, who at this time gave to the Conference their ever increasingly interesting oral reports of the past year's work on the different Charges, concerning the many victories won, of the many having been saved, healed, baptized and added to the Church; also of the progress made among the pilgrims, of

their sacrifices and faithfulness in these days of apostasy, therefore,

Resolved, That we unitedly praise God for His leadings during the past, and further

Resolved, That we pray the God of all grace to keep the Ministry united and Spirit-filled for their increasing duties as true pastors over God's flock, that they may be preserved in Him for spiritual progress and His kingdom upon earth.

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

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 again through His infinite love spared for the Conference both of our Presiding Elders, who at this time gave their reports, also the report of the President of the Gospel Herald Society, and

Whereas, Both reports were fraught with many touching remarks such as a devoted, loyal, self-sacrificing laity, with a united ministry, the warm reception into their many homes, their whole-hearted support and prayers, therefore,

Resolved, That we express our highest appreciation for their tender affections, labor of love, also for their frankness and heart to heart talks, their reliable leadership in these days of declension and compromise, and further

Resolved, That we as a Ministry unitedly pledge our prayers for God's highest blessing upon them so that they may be spared to still further God's cause upon earth in the completing of the Body of Christ for His Coming.

R. L. Woodring,
H. K. Kratz,
Committee.

The President of the Gospel Herald Society recommended to this body, T. D. Gehret, E. H. Musselman and N. M. Cressman of the Gospel Herald Society as Applicants for Annual Conference License.

These brethren now gave their experience and the nature of their call before the Conference, after which it was

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

Adjourned at 5:45 o'clock with prayer by H. F. Ebersole and benediction by C. H. Brunner.

THIRD MEETING.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 14, 1921.

The Chairman opened the morning meeting with singing "Precious Name," after which he read the Third Chapter of Paul's First Letter to Timothy, verses one to twelve, followed with prayer by E. N. Cassel.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

Report of the Committee over Camp Meeting Equipage and Tabernacle Outfits. (See Reports.)

Resolved, That we suspend business to meet at 9:30 a.m.

Business was resumed at 9:30 a.m.

The following reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Worship.

G. F. Yost, R. W. Dickert and R. Bergstresser shall preach tonight for about twenty minutes each.

G. O. Billig

B. Bryan Musselman,

Committee.

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

We have examined the Applicants, E. H. Musselman, T. D. Gehret and N. M. Cressman, and recommend that they be received on three years' probation.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Bryan Musselman,

F. M. Hottel,

C. H. Brunner,

Committee.

Report of the Committee on Communication.

We have received a communication from W. S. Hottel, Chicago, Illinois, which we recommend to be read to this Conference, and also the Presiding Elder's reply to the same.

R. L. Woodring,

E. E. Kublic,

Committee.

Whereas, W. S. Hottel has asked to have his name dropped from our Church enrollment as a Minister, expressing a desire to join with another people, thereby enabling him to labor to a still better advantage in his presently engaged work, therefore it was

Resolved, That his request be complied with, and his name dropped from the enrollment of the Church. It was further

Resolved, That we shall continue to pray for the brother that his sphere of usefulness in what he believes to be for his best advantage, be blessed of God both with pen and word.

We shall also continue to cherish the Lord's will in this matter, and trust that our interests may be more and more mutual for God's highest honor and glory in whatever way He may direct.

Resolved, That we extend the time indefinitely.

Adjourned at 11:35 with prayer by R. Bergstresser and benediction by B. Bryan Musselman.

FOURTH MEETING.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 14, 1921.

The meeting was opened by singing "Blessed Assurance," and prayer by John T. Kramer.

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 Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists and Missionaries:

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

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

Report of the Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination:

The probationers W. R. Stengele and P. T. Stengele have passed the Reading Course with credit. There appears to be nothing against their character nor as to their ability as workers in the Gospel Herald Society: but in so far as they have not had the privilege to labor in the Annual Conference as Pastors in order to prove their ability to the Annual Conference, we therefore recommend that the consideration of their ordination be de-

ferred until they shall have had opportunity to approve themselves.

C. H. Brunner,
E. N. Cassel,
W. G. Gehman,
Committee.

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 and E. T. Shick.

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

Conditional—None.

Resolved, That we elect two Presiding Elders.

The Chair appointed tellers as follows: W. F. Heffner, J. B. Layne and G. F. Yost.

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

Resolved, That H. B. Musselman shall be Presiding Elder over the District comprising the greater part of the Church, and W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder over the District comprising the balance of the Church and the Gospel Herald Society.

Resolved, That the two Presiding Elders, and a delegate from each station and circuit constitute the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.

Resolved, That we suspend business to meet at the call of the Chair, no later than 4:30 p.m., and that the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee sit at this time.

Business was resumed at 4:30 p.m.

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

Report of the Committee on Worship:

N. H. Wolf and W. F. Heffner shall preach on Saturday evening for about thirty minutes each.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY.

Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman shall preach the Conference Sermon on Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman shall preach at 2:00 o'clock.

At 7:00 in the evening C. H. Brunner shall preach.

All the services shall be held in the Odd Fellows' Hall and shall be in charge of Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, Chairman of the Conference.

G. O. Billig,
B. Bryan Musselman,
Committee.



An M. B. in C. Camp Meeting Scene in 1909.

Resolved, That we proceed with 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 shall 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 B. Bryan Musselman.

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, B. Bryan Musselman and F. M. Hottel.

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

Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home (For Two Years): H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel, Allen M. Gehman and H. M. Hottel.

Editorial Staff on the "Eastern Gospel Banner":

Editor: C. H. Brunner.

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

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 we eliminate the Hymn Book Committee.

Resolved, That the Executive Board have charge of the Rose of Sharon Hymn Book.

Adjourned with prayer by R. L. Woodring and benediction by F. M. Hottel.

FIFTH MEETING.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 15, 1921.

This meeting was opened by singing "Nearer, My God, to Thee" and prayer by O. S. Hillegass, after which the Chairman read the Fifteenth Chapter of Exodus.

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 on Auditing:

We, the undersigned auditors, beg leave to report that we have examined the following financial accounts:

Quarterly Conference Records, Orphanage and Home, Camp Meeting Equipage 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 slight errors which were corrected in the presence of the Pastors.

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

F. M. Hottel,
Harold L. Moyer,
Wm. Haag,
W. F. Heffner,
Charles F. Lilly,
H. T. Benner,

J. H. Bruch,
R. R. Fox,
H. L. Shelly,
R. Bergstresser,
H. H. Bergey,
G. F. Yost,

Committee.

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

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

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

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

Committee over Camp Meeting Equipage and Tabernacle Outfits: Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, J. C. Roth.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bethlehem District—C. H. Brunner.

Mt. Carmel District—J. F. Barrall.

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

Business was resumed at 9:30 o'clock.

Rev. B. F. Bohner, of the Evangelical Association, was introduced to the Conference.

The following reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Communication:

We have received a communication from W. B. Musselman, of Cleveland, Ohio, which we recommend to be read to this Conference.

R. L. Woodring,

E. E. Kublic,

Committee.

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

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

MINISTERIAL CONVENTIONS

Resolved, That we hold a Ministerial Convention sometime in the middle of the year, for one day.

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

The Presiding Elders, and one whom they shall appoint, shall constitute a Committee to arrange a program and set the date.

The Presiding Elders appointed H. K. Kratz as the third man on this Committee, and set the date April 13, 1922.

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 the next Annual Conference convene in the M. B. in C. Church, Eleventh and Ontario Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., at 8 a.m., October 12, 1922.

The following officers were elected:

Annual Ministerial Convention:

Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman.

Secretary, A. G. Woodring.

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

Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention:

Chairman, E. N. Cassel.

Secretary, N. H. Wolf.

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



Auditorium
Mizpah Grove Camp Meeting
Allentown, Pa.
An M. B. in C. Camp Meeting Scene in 1921.

CAMP MEETINGS

Resolved, That we hold two Camp Meetings on the Bethlehem District and one on the Mt. Carmel District.

Resolved, That the Divisions of the Districts remain the same as last year.

Resolved, That the two Camp Meetings of the Bethlehem District be held in Mizpah Grove, the Bethlehem Division from July 1 to 9, and the Allentown Division from August 19 to 27. The Camp Meeting of the Mt. Carmel District shall be held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., from July 22 to 30.

The Divisions shall comprise the congregations as follows:

Bethlehem Division—Bethlehem, Reading, Fleetwood, Blandon, Terre-Hill, Royersford, Spring City, Quakertown, Nazareth, Walnutport and Northampton.

Allentown Division—Allentown (Bethel), Allentown (Salem), Philadelphia, Emaus, Macungie, Zionsville, Coopersburg, Graterford and Harleysville.

Mt. Carmel District—Shamokin, Mt. Carmel, Sunbury, Lehigh, Easton and Stroudsburg.

After a short recess the Camp Meeting Divisions reported the election of their officers as follows:

Bethlehem Division—Chairman, C. H. Brunner; Secretary, A. G. Woodring; Treasurer, H. K. Kratz.

Allentown Division—Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, F. M. Hottel; Treasurer, E. N. Cassel.

Mt. Carmel Division—Chairman, J. F. Barrall; Secretary, J. B. Layne; Treasurer, N. H. Wolf.

A few of the brethren, upon request, were excused from attendance at the Monday morning meeting.

Resolved, That we extend the time indefinitely.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and adjourn to meet at 1:30 o'clock.

Adjourned at 12:10 p.m. with prayer by J. G. Shireman and benediction by C. H. Brunner.

SIXTH MEETING.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 15, 1921.

The meeting was opened at 1:30 by singing, "Hallelujah, This is My Song," and prayer by William Haag.

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

The following Committee Reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Committee to Audit Schedules:

We have audited the different Pastors' Schedules and the Summary Schedules and hereby certify them to declare the true statement of the affairs of the Conference to the best of our knowledge and belief.

W. F. Heffner,
W. G. Gehman,
A. G. Woodring,
Committee.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

(a) *Whereas*, C. H. Brunner, Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Board, who is in constant touch through correspondence with our Foreign Missionaries on the various Mission fields, has

reported how the Lord has most signally blessed the labors of our devoted Missionaries in the spreading of the Gospel and winning many souls unto the Lord, and

Whereas, The Lord spared the lives of all of our Missionaries, preserving their health and strength, therefore,

Resolved, That we unitedly praise God for His leadings in the past, and pray God to continue to bless our Missionaries spiritually and physically for future usefulness.

(b) *Whereas*, C. H. Brunner, the Editor of our Annual Year Book and Secretary of the Annual Conference, has a vast amount of labor in securing facts of value and interest and arranging matter for the press, devoting much of his valuable time throughout the entire year, therefore,

Resolved, That we highly appreciate his untiring labors in the discharge of his manifold duties and further,

Resolved, That we donate him \$35.00 out of the Annual Conference Fund as a slight token of appreciation of his services thus rendered.

(c) *Whereas*, C. H. Brunner, Editor of the "Eastern Gospel Banner," has so efficiently edited this Church paper during the last year, cheerfully devoting his time and talent, making this paper one of the cleanest on spiritual, doctrinal and dispensational lines of all Church papers, therefore,

Resolved, That we pray God's choicest blessings upon him, that he may be specially preserved in God, enabling him to continue his service in this sphere.

(d) *Whereas*, W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder and President of the Gospel Worker Society, in his telegram and letter to this Conference expressed himself as being still in the service of the Lord and still unconditionally the Lord's and our servant in his sphere of labor, publishing the "Eastern Gospel Banner" and these other publications of interest to our Conference, though the trials and tests are not a few, through which the Lord has led, therefore,

Resolved, That we highly appreciate his spirit of humility, sacrifice and devotion, and further,

Resolved, That we pray the God of all grace to preserve his life, health and usefulness unto the Coming of the Lord.

(e) *Whereas*, The Union Gospel Printing Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, has published the "Eastern Gospel Banner" for a number of years for the benefit of the Pennsylvania Conference, and

Whereas, They are publishing also the Christian Life Series of Sunday School Literature which has won its way into many Sunday Schools in practically every State of the Union and into sections of Canada and Foreign Countries, and

Whereas, They spare no sacrifice of time, energy and money to make them the nicest mechanically and the best practically, spiritually, doctrinally and dispensationally of any Sunday School Literature we know of, and

Whereas, Our Sunday Schools are using these Quarterlies and papers to much profit and interest, and

Whereas, There never before existed a closer relationship between our Conference and the Union Gospel Printing Company and the Gospel Worker Society than now, therefore,

Resolved, That we express our heartfelt thanks to God for His leadings on this line, praying God to preserve this Society in health, strength and the joy of the Lord, and that our fellowship in the Word and work of the Lord may still increase, and further,

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to stand by them in prayer and offerings and that we as Pastors pray and labor to the end that some of our young people may be found worthy of the Lord to enter this sphere of work in the Lord's vineyard.

(f) *Whereas*, The Pastor, B. Bryan Musselman, and the members of the Allentown Congregation have so abundantly provided for the entertainment of the Annual Conference members and friends of the work, all the meals being served in the basement of the church and the hall, therefore,

Resolved, That we recognize their devotedness to the Lord, His Servants and His work and therefore further,

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

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

Resolved, That W. G. Gehman, the Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District, hold all the Home Missionary meetings throughout the Conference, between New Year and the Camp Meetings, and take the subscriptions with the assistance of the respective Pastors.

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

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

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

Resolved, That whenever Pastors sell literature for which they receive the retail price, the same shall be reported on the 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 we lift no offering 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. This shall be made a standing rule. The Chairman of these respective Conventions shall see that the above is duly paid.

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, Pa., 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.

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, 1921.

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

Resolved, That we print 925 copies of our Year Book for 1921.

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 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, R. L. Woodring and J. B. Layne.

Resolved, That the two Presiding Elders and the Editor of the "Eastern Gospel Banner" act as they deem advisable in the matter of the "Eastern Gospel Banner."

Rev. G. W. Hangen, Pastor of Seibert United Evangelical Church, of the city, was introduced to the Conference.

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

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. G. W. Hangen and the benediction by C. H. Brunner.

SEVENTH MEETING.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 17, 1921.

The meeting was opened by singing "Blessed Assurance" and prayer by W. F. Heffner, after which the Chairman read the Fifth Chapter of First Peter.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

The Board of Examiners announced the division of studies for 1922. (See Reports.)

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, The I. O. O. F. have so kindly granted us the use of their commodious hall for the Sunday Services, and the basement where the meals were furnished, and the use of cooking utensils and dishes, which made it very convenient for the Pastor of the Allentown Congregation and his members to entertain our large attendance on Sunday, therefore,

Resolved, That we express our heartfelt appreciation for their kindness thus shown us and also particularly the courtesy of their Janitor, Mr George Balliet, and further,

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be conveyed to their management by Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, properly signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Annual Conference.

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

The minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned by singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and prayer and benediction by the Chairman.

Signed,

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,

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

G. O. Billig,
C. D. Bean,
H. T. Benner,
John T. Kramer,
R. R. Fox,
H. L. Shelly,
H. F. Ebersole,
Charles F. Lilly,
G. K. Himmelreich,
J. H. Bruch,
N. L. Swartz,
O. B. Bartholomew,
Charles E. Eroh,
H. H. Bergey,
C. B. Brosius,
James Freeze,
William Haag.

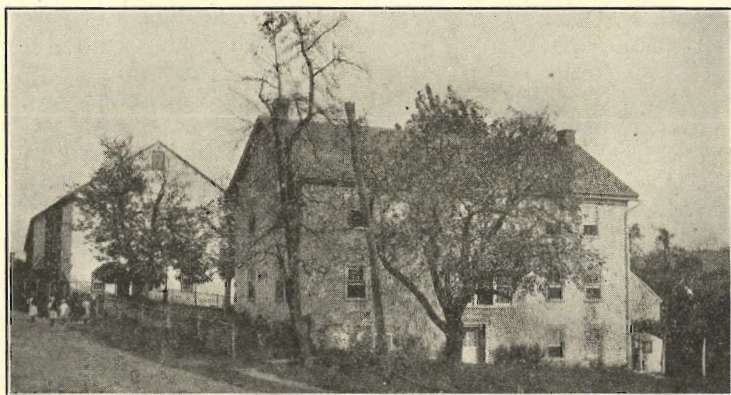


A quiet corner in Mizpah Grove, looking toward the southeast corner of the tent circle.

RETROSPECT

This Annual Conference may well be called one of the milestones in the onward march of the Pennsylvania Conference, as is seen by the reports contained in this Year Book as well as by the testimonies of those who had the privilege and pleasure to be present. Such peace and harmony prevailed from the beginning to the end so that, to say the least, we never had a better one.

This caused us to take a look backward and see where we came from. Not having any detailed official history from which to draw facts, we gathered a few fragments here and there which we trust may be of interest to our people, especially so to the younger members of our churches.



The residence of David Musselman at Dillinger Station, near Zionsville. In this house the first Conference was held, September 24, 1858.

There was a young man in the Old Mennonite Church by the name of John H. Oberholtzer, who was elected as a minister in 1842. He was a man of more than ordinary attainments, holding many more advanced and liberal views of church policy than his contemporaries.

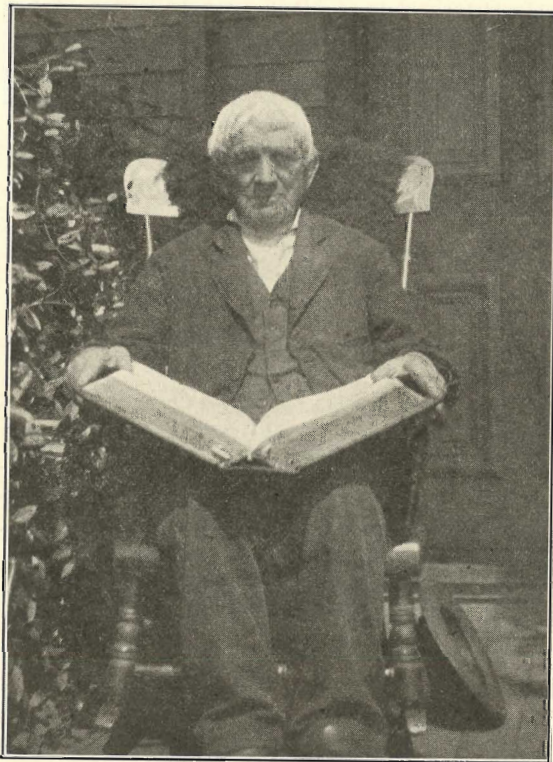
This caused a serious strain of fellowship among the conservative members of the Franconia, Montgomery County, Conference, to which the bishops and deacons of Eastern Pennsylvania belonged, resulting in the suspension of John H. Oberholtzer and a number of ministers and deacons, who held like liberal views with him, in October, 1847.

This suspension led to a separation, followed by the organization of a new society at a meeting held in Skippack, Montgomery County, on October 28, 1847, electing Elder Oberholtzer as their first Bishop.

This Society has since been known as the Conference Mennonites, designated later on in some localities as Mennonites Number Two. Among the names which appear on the records of the first meeting of this new Society we find the name of Samuel Kauffman, a deacon, the father of Abraham Kauffman, who later on became a preacher among the Evangelical Mennonites, and grandfather of our late pastor, H. A. Kauffman.

Another son of Samuel Kauffman was Milton Kauffman, for a number of years our Conference Treasurer. In a grove adjoining his farm on Chestnut Hill, near Coopersburg, Pa., our first Camp Meetings were held.

William N. Shelly was another preacher whose name appears on the records soon after the organization of the Conference Mennonites. They held their conferences semi-annually and instituted Sunday Schools in 1857. To give religious teaching to their young people, they introduced catechetical instructions.



David Musselman, in whose house the first Conference was held in 1858. This camera picture was taken when he was in his 95th year, reading his beloved old Bible without glasses, while spending his last years at the home of his son, Abraham H. Musselman, near the church. He died November 21, 1904, at the age of 96 years, 6 months and 12 days. His other son, Jonas, also one of the early ministers of the Church, was the father of Rev. W. B. Musselman, President of the Gospel Worker Society and General Superintendent of the Union Gospel Printing Co., of Cleveland, O., and of Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, of Bethlehem, Pa., and of the late Rev. A. B. Musselman.

In 1849 it was deemed necessary to select another preacher. Consequently two candidates, Samuel Stauffer, a Justice of the Peace, and William Gehman, a farmer, 22 years old, a miller by trade, were selected

as candidates. Contrary to the wish of the Bishop, the lot fell upon William Gehman, who was ordained in October, 1849.

A few years later several of these families, including the above named, by the permission of the bishops, commenced to hold prayer-meetings in their homes. These were greatly blessed of God. Next year the bishops, however, revoked this privilege.

But the converting power of the grace of God had begun to operate in the community. The prayer-meetings were continued, resulting in the formation of a new body in 1853, called the Evangelical Mennonites.

At a Conference held in Flatland Meeting House on November 7, 1865, a committee, consisting of David Henning, William Gehman, Eusebius Hershey and Joseph L. Romig, was appointed to draw up a Church Discipline. From this book of 48 pages, printed by A. E. Dambly, Skippackville, Pa., in 1867, we clip the following:

"Through the convincing grace of God and the direction of several converted and pious Mennonite Preachers called of God, and a number of their members, they united themselves in the year of our Lord 1853 in order to pray with and for one another. Their number increased; many that attended the meetings became awakened and deeply convicted of their sinful condition and found peace in the wounds of Jesus.

"In order to carry on this work properly, they appointed Sabbath afternoon and evening to be spent with one another in prayer and religious exercises, prayer-meetings once a week, family worship to be held in every family as also public protracted meetings for a time, where the Word was preached every evening in purity and power.

"The number of these that attended increased and such who received the Word felt sorrow and repentance for their sins, were born again, willing to lay down a true confession before God and men and were baptized, were added to the society.

"This was the origin of the Evangelical Mennonite Society. On the 24th day of September, 1858, the first Meeting of Preachers or Conference was held, even in the private house of David Musselmann in Upper Milford Township, Lehigh County, Pa., at which the following were present: Elders—William N. Shelly and William Gehmann. Preachers—David Henning and Henry Diehl. Deacons—David Gehmann, Joseph Schneider and Jacob Gottshall.

"The second meeting assembled itself on the first Tuesday of November, 1859, in the Evangelical Mennonite Meeting House in Haycock Township, Bucks County, Pa. After this two Conferences were held yearly, in June and November."

When this last named Meeting House was built we could not ascertain, but the records state that the Church at Upper Milford, now Zionsville, 36 by 50 feet, was built in 1859, the membership numbering 24. (See Journal for 1915, page 33.) So the church at Haycock may have been built about the same time.

This new body called Evangelical Mennonites soon spread into different directions and a church was built in Coopersburg, another in Quakertown, from the material of the Haycock church, and others in Springtown, Bangor, Terre Hill and other places until November 8, 1879, when a union was effected at Coopersburg with the United Mennonites of Canada and the name changed to "Evangelical United Mennonites."

From this time on the Conferences were held annually, in February or March, instead of semi-annually as before. From this date on we are having Presiding Elders, William Gehman being the first one, serving in this capacity for twelve consecutive years.

On December 27, 1883, at a Conference held in Harrisburg, Ohio, the Brethren in Christ of Ohio united with us and the present name, "Mennonite Brethren in Christ," was adopted.

At a Conference held at Zionsville, March 3-6, 1899, the time of the Annual Conference was changed from Spring to Fall and ever since they have been held about the second or third week in October.

The first Journal was published in 1896, thus making this the twenty-sixth issue. Many of the earlier issues are out of print and such who are in possession of complete sets, from the first volume published in 1896, may consider themselves fortunate.

The first Journal, an edition of 200 copies, contained 24 pages, without illustrations and very much condensed statistics. This year's volume, an edition of 925 copies, contains a large number of half-tone cuts, made from actual photographs never before published, and complete statistical tables.

The first Journal reports a membership of 720, while this one records 2183, an increase of over 200%.

A comparison of a few of the offerings may be interesting:

	Foreign Missions	Foreign Missions in S. S.	Sunday School Work	Total Receipts
1896	\$ 281.56	\$ 309.65	\$ 589.36	\$ 9,445.78
1921	10,203.25	7,953.94	13,872.24	169,726.76

Thus these annual Year Books are a record of what the Lord has done, not what we did. To Him be all the glory.



Scene on the Congo River in the Belgian Congo, Africa.

REPORTS

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I.—Presiding Elders

REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF THE BETHLEHEM DISTRICT

We humbly submit this report, realizing that God's goodness has been lavished upon us, enabling us to "continue unto this day" (Acts 26:22).

The Lord has blessed us with ample physical strength, enabling us to again meet all of our appointments throughout the year, for which we feel most grateful. We are also much indebted to the pastors of the District, for their true loyalty shown us in every way, as well as for the prayers and support of all God's dear people at large. The brethren have had great patience with us, and their many considerations, as well as kindnesses shown, causes us to feel the more unworthy.

The pastors are in unity one with another, and as a rule are devoted to their respective work, being possessed with the spirit of sacrifice, which always causes a good effect upon the laity. The many young people have been making creditable progress on spiritual lines, and the willingness of many to walk in the Master's steps is manifestly seen. They are not being drawn into the currents of worldliness, and fleshly allurements which flood this present day, for which we wish to praise God.

We would not forget to mention the faithful band of fathers and mothers, who continue to stand by the work so nobly, as the years keep swiftly rolling by. Sunday Schools, prayer-meetings, as well as all public services are well attended, in the midst of this age of many lovers of pleasure.

The finances are in good shape on the entire district. The pilgrims respond nobly on these lines, and the various missionary offerings as well as the pastors' support is cheerfully met, although a goodly number have felt the pressure of the times quite severely. Parsonage and church debts have been reduced.

A valuable property and lot has been purchased by the pastor and trustees of Philadelphia, to accommodate the mission opened at Wyssinoming, which is already bidding fair for a fine work at that place. Improvements have also been made at a number of churches and parsonages of the District.

Two Camp Meetings were again held on the District, with most blessed results. Both were held in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa. The first Camp Meeting (Bethlehem Division) had 221 tents, and the latter (Allentown Division) had 224 tents. The Lord spoke the Word, and favored us with messengers and messages that were indeed most blessed. The Word was effectual in having the altar filled to overflowing with seekers, such as is rarely seen in these days. The expenses were of necessity high, but were readily met by the willing-hearted pilgrims. We can only say, let us give all the praise unto Him, whose promises never fail.

All of the pastors were spared us, having been blessedly kept at their posts of duty, for which we praise God. The Church at large is possessed of a wholesome missionary spirit, and the pastors are unconditional men for God. Whatever the future may bring us, we know that God will continue to lead and ever stand by His faithful children. May we all be found faithful at His glorious appearing.

FINANCIAL**Expenditures****(a) Appropriations**

Quakertown and Hatfield.....	\$ 240.00
Northampton and Walnutport.....	216.00
Nazareth	360.00
	<hr/> \$ 816.00

(b) Moving Expenses

E. N. Cassel.....	\$ 75.00
C. H. Brunner	40.00
B. Bryan Musselman.....	75.00
O. S. Hillegass.....	40.00
R. W. Dickert.....	75.00
W. S. Hottel.....	90.00
	<hr/> \$ 395.00

(c) Miscellaneous Expenditures

For Eastern Gospel Banner—arrangements and committee's fares	\$ 165.04
C. H. Brunner, Editor of Banner.....	50.00
Bill for W. S. H., Bethlehem.....	4.85
G. F. Yost, donation.....	100.00
A. G. Woodring, donation.....	10.00
O. S. Hillegass, donation.....	25.00
W. F. Heffner, donation.....	25.00
Reading Trustees	70.00
Nazareth, chairs, etc.....	85.11
Quakertown building fund.....	50.00
Bethlehem Church	100.00
Philadelphia Work	150.00
Allentown Work	150.00
	<hr/> \$ 985.00
Total	\$ 2196.00

Receipts

Received from Treasurer of Home Mission Fund.....	2196.00
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H. B. Musselman, P. E.

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

By the goodness of God we are again permitted to report the working of the Lord during the past year. The Lord preserved the life of all the Pastors and prospered the work in their hands. They have been doing what they could to promote the Lord's work, preserving the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Quite a number of souls were saved and baptized and added to the Church on each charge. Others have been caused to grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Sunday Schools throughout are in a prosperous condition. The prayer meetings are largely attended. Where open air meetings were held the attendance was large and the results encouraging. The Ordinance meetings were very well attended, oftentimes outsiders participating.

In spite of somewhat harder times existing financially, the offerings all through have been very good as a result of God's people sacrificing for the work of the Lord. The parsonage and Church debts have been reduced, and very much so in several instances.

The Camp Meeting was held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa. A pavilion 44 x 62 feet was erected, in which all the services were held. There were 136 tents erected and occupied. The members on the District turned out well. Quite a number from the Bethlehem District were visitors from time to time. The attendance of outside people was very good.

There were many seekers at the altar from time to time, some to be saved, others to be sanctified, and quite a number to be healed. It was conceded the best Camp Meeting ever held on this District. There were twenty-four baptized in the lake. It is remarkable how the Lord led in the offerings. The expenses were of necessity very much higher than ever before and yet the offerings covered them all without a donation out of the Home Mission Treasury. The preaching was clear and distinct and with liberty and power that many declared they never heard it on this fashion before.

The members, old and young, are separated from worldliness and are devoted to the Lord and love each other and manifest their loyalty and love to their Pastors, who give their lives for the flocks. The ministry was never before more united and working together in harmony. Personally, we feel our shortcomings and our need of utterly depending upon the Lord for everything.

We wish to express our thankfulness to God, and the Pastors with their flocks for their prayerful consideration and helping us to bear our burdens which by the grace of God are made to be light. May we continue in such a way that when the summons comes to meet Him in the air we may not be ashamed, but meet Him with confidence.

FINANCIAL

Expenditures

(a) Appropriations

Stroudsburg	\$ 240.00
Lehighton	360.00
Sunbury	240.00
	\$ 840.00

(b) Miscellaneous

Fares, etc., holding Home Mission Meetings.....	\$ 285.09
R. Bergstresser, donation.....	25.00
V. H. Reinhart, donation.....	50.00
Rent for storage, Allen M. Gehman.....	20.00
	380.09
Total	\$ 1220.09

Receipts

Received from Treasurer of Home Mission Fund.....	\$ 1220.09
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W. G. Gehman, P. E.

III.—Gospel Herald Society

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GOSPEL HERALD SOCIETY

(From Sept. 1, 1920, to Sept. 30, 1921, 13 months.)

The Lord has been most graciously dealing with the Gospel Heralds and the Society during the past year. He preserved the life and health of all the brethren so that they could steadily work for the Lord in His vineyard. There are missions in Scranton, Harrisburg, York, Philadelphia, Lancaster, and Lebanon, Pa., and in Jersey City, N. J. Tent meetings were held in Scranton, Lebanon, and Philadelphia, Pa., and in Jersey City, N. J.

In all of these places souls were saved and the Lord's people established in the faith. The attendance throughout was good and a grand privilege afforded for seed-sowing. In all the missions the Lord has been signally blessing His work, though not without tests and trials. Some of His children are getting to God and more and more away from worldliness.

The Sunday Schools are making good progress. The open air meetings are well attended, with good results. The literature sales have been large in spite of financial pressure. The selling of Bibles and Testaments, and other spiritual books, The Gospel Herald, Daily Food Wall Rolls, and wall mottoes is still considered splendid missionary work and seed-sowing. A large amount of literature was again sold at the Camp Meetings of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ.

A splendid mission property was purchased in Scranton, Pa., formerly the German Methodist Church, which has been improved for our purpose of use, and several thousand dollars paid on it during the year. The chapel and lot funds in some of the other missions are swelling. The offerings on various lines throughout the Society are very good through the good hand of the Lord being upon His people who are willing to spend and be spent in His service.

The Home Mission meetings held throughout the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Conference were very well attended and the Lord's people pledged freely. The Heralds were treated most courteously by the various Pastors, who did their best to swell the attendance and subscriptions.

The Society expresses their thankfulness to the Mennonite Brethren in Christ in the name of the Lord for the donations in the past and their prayers in their behalf and the work entrusted to them. In this way new fields could be entered, and the Bread of Life handed to hungry souls.

The Heralds are consecrated to the Lord, submissive to each other in the fear of the Lord, unitedly contending for the faith, active in His service, and sacrificing for the Lord and His cause. They stand by us nobly far above what we deserve, for which we thank God and take courage. They are studious and make good marks in their monthly examinations by correspondence on certain specified portions of Scripture. They all have a mind to be used up in God's service and hasten the Coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, having in readiness for His Coming a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

(a) STATISTICAL

Ordained ministers of the M. B. C. Conference.....	2
Probationers of the M. B. C. Conference.....	4
Full Gospel Heralds.....	4
Gospel Herald Probationers.....	8

Gospel Herald Applicants.....	4
Received M. B. C. members by transfer.....	3
Total increase	3
Dropped	2
Transferred to M. B. C. Conference.....	5
Net decrease	4
Total number M. B. C. members.....	19
Baptized	45
Children dedicated	6
Sunday Schools	5
Officers and teachers enrolled.....	63
Scholars enrolled	499
Children's meetings and Sunday Schools held.....	364
Open air meetings.....	477
Prayer meetings	333
Sermons and addresses.....	3,294
Pastoral visits	2,124
Gospel Heralds sold: 6 cent edition.....	4,300
15 cent edition.....	96,842
Total	101,142
Daily Food Wall Rolls sold.....	1,882

Valuation of Mission properties:—

Lebanon, Pa.....	\$ 5,000.00
York, Pa.....	6,000.00
Philadelphia, Pa.....	4,500.00
Scranton, Pa.....	5,000.00
	<hr/> \$ 20,500.00

(b) FINANCIAL

(a) Receipts

1. Collections

Rents	\$ 2,932.00
Sundry expenses.....	3,731.82
Sinking Fund	38.41
Light	326.88
Donations, gifts, etc.....	1,571.20
President	808.77
Missionary Presiding Elder.....	81.96
Gospel Workers	345.00
Beneficiary Fund	240.00
Sunday Schools	1,444.92
Sunday School Conventions.....	80.25
Conference Fund	291.20
Gospel Herald Society Headquarters Fund.....	280.65
Foreign Missions	1,223.52
Mission Supplies	45.00
Missionary work	195.80
At Gospel Herald Society Conference.....	98.35
Chapel and Lot Fund.....	2,174.42
House rent, York, Pa.....	182.00
House rent, Lebanon, Pa.....	78.25
House rent, Philadelphia, Pa.....	352.00
	<hr/> \$16,522.40

2. Literature

Literature, etc., sold at the Missions.....	\$20,204.42
Literature, etc., sold to laity at M. B. C. Camp Meeting	1,192.91
Literature, etc., sold at wholesale to ministers.....	3 143.37
	<u>\$24,540.70</u>

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

Appropriations	\$ 1,694.00
Tabernacle meetings	256.42
Fares, utensils, freight, furniture, etc.....	1,735.74
Rent for President.....	300.00
From sale of household goods.....	27.25
For distribution of literature.....	141.00
For new advance in missionary work.....	1,249.51
	<u>5,403.92</u>
Total	<u>\$46,467.02</u>



Back yard of the home of one of the brethren in Valdivia, Chile.

(b) Expenditures

1. Appropriations.

York, Pa.....	\$ 340.00
Philadelphia	305.00
Lebanon, Pa.....	435.00
Lancaster, Pa.....	410.00
Jersey City, N. J.....	204.00
	<u>1,694.00</u>

2. Tabernacle Meetings

Philadelphia	\$ 40.94
Scranton	87.97
Jersey City, N. J.....	70.07
Lebanon, Pa.....	26.04
Harrisburg (last year's expense in part).....	31.40
	<u>256.42</u>

3. Miscellaneous.

Old Mission repairs and supplies.....	\$ 474.07	
Furniture	206.09	
Freight and express.....	81.83	
Freight and express on literature.....	138.34	
Fares, postage, telegrams, etc.....	252.12	
Cartage and moving.....	286.00	
Printing and stationery.....	57.51	
Paints and painting.....	31.60	
Rent for President.....	300.00	
Heralds, provisions, etc.....	208.18	
Literature distributed	141.00	
On hand for advance Missionary work.....	1,276.76	
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		3,453.50
Total	\$ 5,403.92	

W. G. Gehman, President and Treasurer.

IV.—Stationing, Boundary, 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 and Zionsville—J. C. Roth.
 Fleetwood, Blandon and Terre Hill—G. F. Yost.

(c) Missions

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

(d) Local Preachers

E. T. Shick, Allentown Quarterly Conference.

(e) Quarterly Conference Licensed Workers

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

(f) 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.
 Lehighton and Weissport—N. H. Wolf.
 Sunbury—V. H. Reinhart.

(c) Annual Conference Licensed Workers

J. T. Anderson, W. R. Stengele, P. T. Stengele, M. M. Myers, T. D.
 Gehret, E. H. Musselman, N. M. Cressman.

(d) Quarterly Conference Licensed Workers

W. W. Zimmerman.

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

Quakertown and Hatfield, per month.....	\$ 25.00
Northampton and Walnutport, per month.....	18.00
Nazareth, per month.....	30.00
To be used at the discretion of the Presiding Elder.....	1,000.00

2. Mt. Carmel District

Stroudsburg, per month.....	\$ 20.00
Lehighton and Weissport, per month.....	40.00
Sunbury, per month.....	30.00

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.

Wm. Haag,	Allen M. Gehman,
Harold L. Moyer,	James Freeze,
H. T. Benner,	H. L. Shelly,
G. O. Billig,	H. F. Ebersole,
R. R. Fox,	G. K. Himmelreich,
C. D. Bean,	N. L. Swartz,
John T. Kramer,	

Committee.

V.—Camp Meetings

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 2-10, 221 tents.

Allentown Division, Aug. 20-28, 224 tents.

Mt. Carmel District

This Camp Meeting was held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., Mt. Carmel District, July 23-31, 136 tents.

Receipts

Bethlehem District

Bethlehem Division.....	\$2,771.39
Allentown Division.....	3,501.39
	<hr/> \$6,272.78

Mt. Carmel District

Mt. Carmel District.....	\$2,043.78
Total	<hr/> \$8,316.56

H. B. Musselman, Chairman.

VI.—Camp Meeting Equipage

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CAMP MEETING EQUIPAGE

We beg to submit the following:

During the year we purchased some tools and cooking utensils, as well as some electrical supplies.

We also had the Camp Grove cleaned and wired, ready for Camp Meeting. The Camp Meeting equipage still needs a good deal of repairs, and some new chairs.

We labored under the direction of the Presiding Elders, and the expenses of our committee have been met by the Executive Board.

Expenditures

Car fare and labor.....	\$ 61.55
Hardware, tools and utensils.....	64.59
Miscellaneous	27.37
	<hr/> \$ 153.51

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

Committee.

VII.—Publication and Printing

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND PRINTING

We purchased some Conference supplies and had some Camp Meeting Order Books made. We submit the following accounts:

(a) Account of the Annual Conference Secretary

Receipts

Dedication Certificates	\$ 2.65	
Balance from General Conference Collections.....	4.77	
		\$ 7.42

Expenditures

Conference Journals to Annual Conference Secretaries and Railroad Companies.....	\$ 7.00	
Typewriting Reports, etc.....	17.00	
Envelopes and Stationery.....	4.80	
Postage on General Conference Journals to Pastors.....	3.27	
Class Records and Trustee Records.....	6.88	
Camp Meeting Order Blanks.....	9.50	
Donation to the Secretary.....	35.00	
		\$ 83.45

(b) Account of the Editor of the Conference Journal

Receipts

890 copies of the Journal sold.....	\$ 445.00	
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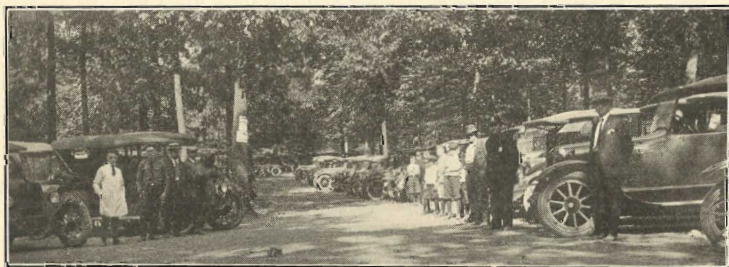
Expenditures

5 Halftone Cuts.....	\$ 21.57	
Printing 925 Conference Journals.....	500.00	
Postage on the above.....	4.83	
		\$ 526.40

(c) Account with the "Eastern Gospel Banner" and Sunday School Lessons

Expenditures

Telegrams and telephone to Cleveland, O.....	\$ 7.29	
Fares and expenses of the Lesson Committee.....	46.85	
Postage W. S. H. in connection with the Sunday School Lessons, balance to Sept. 23, 1920.....	1.08	
Postage in connection with the Eastern Gospel Banner.....	4.09	
		\$ 59.31



Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa.
Parking automobiles on Fairview Street during Camp Meeting.

(d) Account with the Board of Examiners

Expenditures

Carfare to Mid-year Examination.....	\$ 28.73
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Summary

Receipts

Received at the last Annual Conference.....	\$ 273.56
Received during the year.....	452.42
	<u>\$ 725.89</u>

Expenditures

Total expenses during the year.....	<u>\$ 697.89</u>
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C. H. Brunner, President,
A. G. Woodring, Secretary,
R. W. Dickert,

Board.

VIII.—Beneficiary Society

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BENEFICIARY SOCIETY

We have received the sum of \$661.83 at the last Annual Conference and paid out \$5.00 during the year.

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

IX.—Benevolent Society

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE LAYMEN'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Statistical

September 23, 1920, Members enrolled.....	513
Members received during the year.....	34
Members died during the year.....	4
Members withdrawn during the year.....	14
October 13, 1921, Members enrolled.....	529

Financial

Receipts

Contributions	\$1,263.50
Interest	251.50
Donation	30.00
	<u>\$1,545.00</u>

Expenditures

Donations	\$ 250.00
Sundry expenses	10.66
	<u>\$ 260.66</u>

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE, 1921

Report of the Treasurer

Receipts

September 23, 1920, Balance in Treasury.....	\$5,496.21
Received during the year.....	1,545.00
	<u>\$7,041.21</u>

Expenditures

Expended during the year.....	\$4,460.66
October 13, 1921, Balance in Treasury.....	2,580.55
	<u>\$7,041.21</u>

The Society also holds securities to the amount of \$5,700.00.

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

X.—Hymnbook Committee

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HYMN BOOK COMMITTEE

For over four years we have been using the Rose of Sharon Hymnal throughout the churches and missions with much acceptance and blessing.

We had a number of books bound in buckram which we have been selling retail at \$2.10 per copy.

We sold during the year 126 copies bound in leather and 188 bound in buckram. Among these buckram were some of the first lot which were sold at the old price.

Report of the Treasurer

Receipts

September 22, 1920, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 313.87
Sale of Rose of Sharon Hymnals.....	668.50
	<u>\$ 982.37</u>

Expenditures

Binding books, repairs and expenses.....	\$ 266.48
Paid on loan.....	550.00
October 12, 1921, Balance in Treasury.....	165.89
	<u>\$ 982.37</u>

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

XI.—Reading Course

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS ON THE READING COURSE

(A) Examinations for 1921.

(a) Applicants. On the Discipline

T. D. Gehret,	99
E. H. Musselman,	98
N. M. Cressman,	92

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

(b) Probationers on the Reading Course

	Hebrews	II Timothy	Romans	Reformed Pastor	Divine Art of Preaching	Sell's Bible Study by Books	Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation	Fletcher's Appeal	Jesus is Coming	Nelson on Infidelity	Average
Second Year's Course											
M. M. Meyers.....	92	90		85	75	86	74			75	82
W. K. Ruth.....					62	64	82			62	67
Third Year's Course											
W. R. Stengele....			81			74	75	63	86	66	74
P. T. Stengele.....			98			96	94	90	96	92	94

W. R. Stengele and P. T. Stengele having satisfactorily passed the Reading Course, we recommend them to the Committee on Ordination. W. K. Ruth has failed to appear at the fall examination and, having learned of him leaving the active work, therefore we recommend that his name be dropped from the roll of Probationers.

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

Board.

(B) Studies for 1921-1922

(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 Royersford, Pa., Tuesday, April 11, 1922, at 7 p.m.

The second examination shall be held at Philadelphia, Pa., Monday, October 9, 1922, at 7 p.m.

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

Board.

XII.—Executive Board

THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Annual Conference, held at Bethlehem, Pa., September 23 to 27, 1920, re-elected the same members again to serve on this Board for this Conference year, namely: H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel and J. G. Shireman. At its first meeting, held September 25, 1920, the following officers were elected: President, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner. The Treasurer of the Annual Conference is Treasurer of the Executive Board.

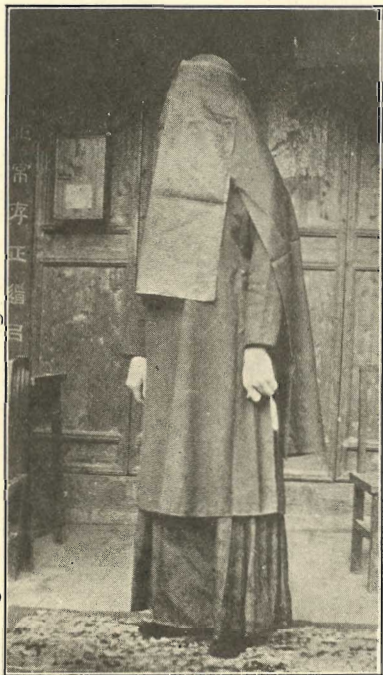
The Board held seven meetings during the year, visiting Philadelphia, Easton, Scranton, etc., by request, to discuss methods and plans relative to church and mission properties at these places.

We spent a large amount of money again in enlarging and improving our beautiful Camp Grove at Allentown, Pa., known as Mizpah Grove. We purchased all that tract on the north side of East Fairview Street from our former line above the Dining Hall, 120 feet wide and 548.35 feet long, all the way up to Gilmore Street, 120 feet above our former line, then a strip 124.35 feet wide and 441 feet long along Gilmore Street south to the end of our former line, making in all two acres and

122.12 perches. Our grove now contains nine acres and 119.88 perches, or almost 10 acres. For this new addition, purchased from John F. Saeger, we paid \$4,350.00.

A few years ago we purchased 60 feet all along the south side of our property from Andrew S. Keck. This, and quite some along the east side had not been cleaned up yet, being full of dead chestnut trees, underbrush and ivy poison.

This spring we employed quite a number of men cutting down the dead trees, removing the underbrush and poison all over the grove. We



Mrs. C. F. Snyder in Mohammedan
woman's garb, Hochow, Kansu
Province, China.

Note the head dress.

had secured several trucks to haul cinders and crushed stone to make roadways throughout the grove and enlarge our parking place for many automobiles that come to our Camp Meetings.

A number of the ministers also spent much time in the grove, taking out stumps, fixing roadways and having the general oversight of the work.

We purchased 3000 feet of poplar boards ten inches wide and twelve feet long and 1000 feet of 3 x 4 chestnut scantling from Benjamin Hottel, of Coopersburg for tent floors, as a number of our hemlock boards are being broken every year from frequent handling.

We sold to Benjamin Hottel, one telephone pole, 45 feet long, two of 40 feet and 13 of 35 feet for \$52.00, also receiving from him \$20.00, part for defective boards and the balance as a donation.

We had carpenters there to make eight new benches for the Auditorium and make some very necessary repairs around the buildings.

We also had the Consolidated telephone installed in the Literature Cottage for the summer.

The Board decided to build a brick addition to the Dining Hall and storage house, 35 x 48 feet. This work was given to James Dries. It is under roof, nearing completion.

Financial

Receipts

Interest	\$ 100.00
Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention.....	160.00
Mt. Carmel District Sunday School Convention.....	60.00
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting, Lumber rent.....	195.70
Allentown Division Camp Meeting, Lumber rent.....	190.08
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting, Balance.....	216.31
Allentown Division Camp Meeting, Balance.....	830.76
Telephone poles sold.....	52.00
Rebate and donation.....	20.00
Lumber and phone.....	2.75
	<hr/> \$1,827.60

Expenditures—Mizpah Grove

Additional ground from John F. Saeger.....	\$4,350.00
Recording deed	2.65
Tax for 1920 and 1921.....	6.00
Labor and car fares cutting down dead trees, removing stumps, building and repairing driveways and cleaning up the whole grove..	\$ 341.94
Hauling crushed stone and ashes.....	158.46
Crushed stone	56.98
	<hr/> 557.38
Tools, hardware, sharpening tools, etc.....	45.08
Carpenter work, making new benches and repairs at buildings	119.24
Lumber for the above.....	55.44
Repairing pumps and Auditorium roof.....	45.32
Repairing stoves	13.75
Telephone in grove, including tolls.....	20.37
Bill submitted by Equipage Committee.....	153.51
Lumber for tent floors.....	330.60
Error in last year's Camp Meeting account overpaid.....	11.81
	<hr/> \$5,711.15

Miscellaneous

Expenses of Board meetings to Easton, Philadelphia, Scranton, etc.	\$ 45.50
Rent of special buildings for Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention and Sunday School Convention.....	27.00
Sundries, see Secretary's Record.....	62.90
	<hr/> \$ 135.40
Total	<hr/> \$5,846.55

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

Board.

XIII. - Orphanage and Home

THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ORPHANAGE AND HOME

The Board held nine regular meetings during the year to make settlement of accounts with the Manager, Titus Hottel.

Titus Hottel has ably managed the affairs of the Home and Farm. His heart is in the work and he is desirous that all the affairs of the Home and Farm move forward and that the crops and herds do well. It is his desire that the Orphan boys be taught in the principles of the Gospel.

Elmer Willets, who lives in the farm house, and Paul Teel, who lives in the tenant house, are rendering good service on the Farm.

Kate Fearheller's health has been real good during the past year and she has rendered good service throughout the year. Alice R. Musselman, who had been laboring in the Home, has fallen asleep in Jesus during the year. Sister LaRoche, of Philadelphia, has been engaged temporarily to assist in the work of the Home.

The orphan boys are keeping well and are obedient and render good service on the farm when not in school.

Martin Hoffman, one of the orphan boys, on account of his age has left the Home and is doing well in the class where he has made his home.

The aged sisters have been kept in good health and are enjoying the hospitality of the Home.

The crops have been very good, especially so when the prolonged spells of drought are taken into consideration. The herd of Holstein Friesian cattle, comprising thirty-five head, and the large herd of Berkshire swine are doing well.

A considerable amount of money has been used during the year to increase the equipment and improve the buildings. A new garage has been erected and a portion of the implement shed was changed into a feed house. The farm buildings have been wired in conduit for light and power. New corn cribs have been constructed. A tractor and a new truck have been purchased. Thus we have increased our equipment and necessarily had to enlarge our housing room.



Members and inquirers of the church at Hochow, Kansu Province, China.
in charge of C. F. Snyder.

Financial

(A) DONATIONS

Donations have been received as follows: Mrs. A. G. Taylor, one quilt, completed; Mrs. A. H. Schwavely, one tray; David Funk, cash, \$2.00.

(B) FARM ACCOUNTS

(a) Receipts

Feed	\$47,252.09	Hauling	\$ 373.03
Milk	12,666.08	Provisions	386.05
Cattle	5,628.40	Poultry	212.81
Potatoes	3,011.23	Labor	293.93
Swine	2,132.27	Truck	205.77
Fertilizer	956.19	Seeds	125.03
Wheat	689.88	Machinery sold.....	155.50
Eggs	576.11	Berries	47.24
Refund	480.22		

Total\$75,191.83

N. B.—Products from the Farm were also used at the Home and by the farm families amounting to \$1350.00.

(b) Expenditures

Advertising, periodicals and postage.....\$	195.45	Live stock.....\$	4,514.25
Building, repairs and im- provements	1,265.82	Oil and gasoline.....	1,356.48
Carfare and telephone....	381.10	Poultry	140.85
Dairy supplies and of- ficial testing.....	634.89	Registration and trans- fers	68.50
Freight and express.....	2,906.27	Repairs and replacements	518.87
Feed, including veteri- nary services and con- dition powders.....	49,745.70	Seeds, plants and pota- toes	506.89
Fertilizer	1,531.92	Spraying material.....	128.25
Hardware and twine.....	59.13	Straw	47.07
Implements	1,960.71	Taxes	295.99
Swine	775.61	Wages and labor.....	2,621.54
Horse-shoeing	109.27	Milk and eggs.....	4,827.76
Auto maintenance.....	1,444.57	Refund	63.28
		Electric current.....	19.00
		Total	\$76,119.17

(C) HOME ACCOUNT

(a) Receipts

From the fund for the Poor (Annual Conference).....\$	452.56
Interest on various moneys.....	226.14

Total\$ 678.70

(b) Expenditures

Wages and labor.....\$	331.00	Provisions	\$ 773.11
Inmates	543.21	Repairs and replacements	7.00
Aid given outside of Home	148.00	Interest (Geho Legacy)..	24.00
Coal	306.81	Periodicals	3.00
Furnishings	8.15	Office equipment	220.50
Electric current, oils and soap	23.44	Total	\$ 2,388.22

SUMMARY TOTALS

Receipts		Expenditures	
Farm	\$75,191.83	Farm	\$76,119.17
Home	678.70	Home	2,388.22
Total	\$75,870.53	Total	\$78,507.39

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.....	\$21,000.00
Tenant's home.....	3,800.00
Implements	5,990.86

Live Stock—

Holstein Friesian Cattle.....	\$ 8,925.00
Horses	1,025.00
Swine	2,495.00
	<u>12,445.00</u>

Produce—

Potatoes	\$ 1,800.00
Ensilage	1,200.00
Hay	1,135.00
Straw	400.00
Feed	2,014.13
Wheat	440.00
Oats	66.25
Corn	850.00
Truck	25.00
	<u>7,930.38</u>

Miscellaneous—

Fertilizer	\$ 52.00
Firewood	35.00
Fence posts	15.00
Lumber	40.00
Crates	25.00
Oil	32.80
Gasoline	22.00
Bags	10.00
Shelter sheds	50.00
Furniture	115.00
Disinfectant	18.00
Soap powder	10.00
Bottle caps	22.00
Milk bottles	110.00
	<u>556.80</u>

Securities—

Money outstanding	\$ 3,800.00
Loans	6,350.00
Cash on hand.....	2,899.52
	<u>13,049.52</u>

Total	\$64,772.56
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(B) HOME

Home	\$ 4,500.00
Miscellaneous—	
Furniture	\$ 535.00
Canned goods	87.07
Provisions	83.50
Smoked meats	57.60
Coal	140.00
Soap	10.00
Poultry	255.00
Office equipment	225.00
	<hr/> 1,393.17
Total	\$ 5,893.17

SUMMARY TOTALS

Farm and Tenant's House.....	\$64,772.56
Home	5,893.17
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Grand Total	\$70,665.73

STATEMENT

Resources		Liabilities.	
Properties	\$29,300.00	Contributions to date....	\$24,975.98
Live stock.....	12,445.00	Donations to date.....	1,563.11
Implements	5,990.86	Surplus	44,126.64
Produce	7,930.38		<hr/>
Miscellaneous	1,949.97	Total	\$70,665.73
Outstanding bills.....	3,800.00		
Securities	6,350.00		
Cash on hand.....	2,899.52		
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Total	\$70,665.73		

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

E. N. Cassel, F. M. Hottel,
W. G. Gehman, A. A. Wismer,
C. H. Brunner, H. G. Brunner,
B. Bryan Musselman, 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, A. A. Wismer, H. G. Brunner and H. M. Hottel, Trustees of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Orphanage and Home, located at Centre Valley, Pa., and their successors in office the sum of.....payable one year after my decease.

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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, A. A. Wismer, H. G. Brunner and H. M. Hottel, 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.



Brother W. N. Ruhl's helpers in Taochow, Kansu Province, China.

First, Iang Keh Chang, Evangelist.
Second, Iang Hsli Chang, Evangelist.
Third, Iao ———, School Teacher.
Fourth, Chiang Ie, Doorkeeper.

XIV. Foreign Missions

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

It affords us much joy to present this our Thirty-seventh Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Pennsylvania Conference. We have great reasons to praise the Lord for all His goodness manifested toward us in the Homeland during the past year. He has greatly blessed our work in the salvation of souls, the sanctification of the believers and the edification and building up of the Church.

THE WORK AT HOME

Before we report for the foreign department of our work we wish to make a few remarks to the glory of God relative to His blessing upon the work at home, as the progress and success of the foreign work depends greatly upon the condition of the work at home. The home work is parent to the foreign work.

The reports from all the stations, circuits and missions throughout the Conference have been very good. Our leaders as well as our pastors and missionaries in the Conference, by the grace of God have been kept faithful in doctrine, true to the fundamentals, clear along the testimony of divine healing and the imminent coming of the Lord.

The Lord has also graciously blessed our Home Mission work throughout the churches as well as in the Gospel Herald and Gospel Worker Societies. Many open air services have been held in our large cities as well as in the smaller towns. Many tent meetings and conventions have also been held with blessed results.

We have again held three Camp Meetings in the Conference. Two of these were held in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., as follows:

Bethlehem Division of the Bethlehem District, July 2nd to 10th, 224 tents; Allentown Division of the Bethlehem District, August 20th to 28th, 225 tents. One was held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., Mount Carmel District, July 23rd to 31st, 136 tents.

Mizpah Grove is a beautiful place of almost ten acres of woodland within the city limits of Allentown, a city of almost 80,000 population. A large auditorium, two large brick buildings and two artesian wells help to make the place an ideal Camp Meeting place. Since we purchased this grove in 1910, 28 Camp Meetings have been held here. Many have been the testimonies that they have been larger and better this year than in any previous year. The very large attendance of our own people and their noble and loyal response, spiritually and financially, is worthy of special mention. There was also a large attendance of strangers from far and near, showing the widespread influence of these great annual gatherings.

We were highly favored to have with us for one evening's service, Rev. Paul Rader, President of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, formerly Pastor of the Moody Tabernacle of Chicago. He gave us a very forceful message and made a strong plea for a deeper consecration for service. The large audience greatly appreciated his short visit. Rev. F. H. Senft, of Philadelphia, Vice-President of the Alliance; Rev. G. Verner Brown, of Wilmington, Del., Superintendent of the Eastern District; Rev. Gates, Pastor of the Alliance Church at Plainfield, N. J., and Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Snyder, returned missionaries on furlough from Western China, were also with us and gave us very interesting and helpful addresses.

The visit and ministry of these brethren strengthened the bonds of fellowship and service which existed from the beginning between the Pennsylvania Conference and Christian and Missionary Alliance. Our Conference has been supporting 28 Foreign Missionaries and four native Pastors during the year.

THE WORK ABROAD

The Annual Conference held at Bethlehem, Pa., September 23-27, 1920, elected H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel and B. Bryan Musselman as the Board of Foreign Missions. This Board met at the same place and date and elected H. B. Musselman as Chairman and C. H. Brunner as Secretary. The Treasurer of the Annual Conference is, by virtue of his office, treasurer of the funds of the Board of Foreign Missions.



Peasant women at Neby Samuel, Palestine, the old home of the Prophet Samuel. Miss Allen and Miss Butterfield were telling the Gospel Story to these women a few minutes before this picture was taken.

Six new missionaries were added to our list of those supported by us, namely: Rev. M. E. Barter, of the Belgian Congo; Rev. F. L. Dodds and Rev. R. M. Jackson, of French Indo-China; Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Carner and Miss Eunice Wells, of India, making 28 Foreign Missionaries and four native pastors supported by our Conference. The support of Mrs. Kate Weiss has been discontinued and Miss Anna Hauberg, of Western China, has been accepted in her stead.

Brother W. N. Ruhl and family have returned to West China and Brother and Sister C. F. Snyder have come home on furlough from the same field. They have been visiting and doing deputational work throughout the United States and expect to return to China next year. Mrs. H. W. Feldges, accompanied by her daughter, Grace, came home and have been spending the summer in California as Sister Feldges' health has been very poor. She has improved very much in health since she is home. Brother Feldges expects to arrive in the homeland too this winter. Brother and Sister E. E. Crist, from the Congo, have also come home for a much needed rest.

The Lord has again graciously sustained our dear workers in the hard places on the various fields and made them a great blessing.

We have again presented all our missionaries with Diaries and the following periodicals: *Daily Food Wall Rolls*, *Eastern Gospel Banner*, *Gospel Herald*, *Christian Life Missionary*, *Gospel of Jesus*, *Jewels for Jesus*, *Bible Teachers' Quarterly* and *Young People's Society Quarterlies*. Many comments and words of appreciation have been received from the missionaries on the various fields for these periodicals and how the Lord has made them a blessing.

Rev. Paul Rader, Pastor of the large Moody Tabernacle in Chicago, has been elected President of the Christian and Missionary Alliance to succeed the late Rev. A. B. Simpson, founder and head of the Society up to his death.

Rev. Rader returned from a trip around the world in the interest of Foreign Missions just in time for the spring Council held at Nyack, N. Y., during the end of May. He had visited Palestine, India, Indo-China and South China and held important conferences with representatives from these fields and from Central China, Western China, Shanghai and Japan, meeting most of the missionaries from these fields supported by our Conference.

We clip the following from his very interesting report submitted to the Council at Nyack for the benefit of our own people and the many friends of the work. As long as a society is sane and sound in doctrine, with men of prayer at the head, our friends may safely and freely support it. In this report Mr. Rader makes

A Strong Plea for Prayer

"We might rather ask, 'Who is our power?' We know the answer is Christ, but to reach Him who has all power both in heaven and on earth, we must go by the way of prayer. Therefore, the power of our Alliance forces must be prayer. I cannot say one new thing about prayer. There is no need that I should repeat what wonderful things have already been said by others. I must, however, in the strongest terms possible, call our attention to warfare by prayer. The Alliance is what it is and has accomplished what it has because of its belief in the power of prayer. Our leaders, our branches, our missionaries have succeeded only in proportion to the place they have given prayer.

"The disciples said to Jesus, 'Teach us to pray.' He took them at their word and therefore took them for a boat ride on Galilee. They learned to pray before they reached shore, and they saw His answer in the calm waves. If we want to learn to pray, let us not be afraid of the boat trip. God has tried to teach the Alliance to pray. He is looking for a people who will pray. He has taken us out for many a troublesome boat ride, both as individuals and as a society. He does not like this method. Must He continue with the troubled waters in order to make us pray as we should? God forbid! Let us go in for a campaign of prayer. Let us go in without being forced in. Let us resolve in this Council to give a greater place in our conventions to prayer. Let us definitely arrange our own lives and the lives of our branches by a programme in which prayer will have the first place.

"Let us not get our prayer conferences so filled with business that prayer time is left out. We find money and individuals to support each of our missionaries, can we not make sure that each of our missionaries is definitely supported in prayer outside of the relatives and friends' circle? If this council knew one-tenth of the awful, horrible, deadening, weakening, browbeating, discouraging power of the devil in heathen lands upon our missionaries, I am sure we would respond to this call for more thorough-going, persistent prayer for our dear sacrificing comrades out in the outmost trenches. Our prayer travail brings the new-

born babes forth into the body of Christ. Oh, for a mighty revival among us in prayer. Weeks of prayer, nights of prayer. Pray, beloved. We must have more prayer. It is our fighting power. Only prayer brings forth God's kind of money for missions. Only prayer brings forth God's kind of missionaries. Yes, prayer is our power. Our glorious Lord of Hosts can extend His right arm as we pray.....

"Beginning at Jerusalem,' our forces literally reach unto the 'uttermost parts of the earth.' We have a long trench line which girdles the globe.....

"Remember that the sun never sets upon Alliance missionaries. Let us remember, not to boast, but to pray. Any hour in the night when you are awakened, if you pray, you will be praying while an Alliance missionary is speaking to the heathen. Any time in the day you may go to prayer, and you will be praying while an Alliance missionary is working among the heathen. Ours is a twenty-four hour a day enterprise. While some of the trenches are silent in sleep, the others are blazing away some place else in the world."



A few boys and missionaries from the Boys' School in Jerusalem on an outing. The Arabic expression for an "outing," says Miss Butterfield, is "Shem I Hawa," "smell the air."

A Strong Plea for Men

Then Mr. Rader enumerates the sixteen fields occupied by Alliance missionaries, giving a short sketch of each field, stating what God has wrought in sending out workers and in saving thousands of souls, opening new territory and doors of service.

Mr. Rader makes a very strong, urgent plea for men, a strong, organized body of consecrated, God-called men, not discounting women and the great work they are doing, often beyond their strength and sphere, but emphasizing the special need of men.

Again we clip from his report:

"This is the line of trenches around the globe. In these trenches laboring today are 129 men and 203 women. It will only take any earnest Christian but a moment to see the tremendous need when the above figures are given. In all this terrific line of trenches only 129 men and 203 women are behind the guns. Here in this long, splendid line of opportunity, our faith missionaries, under God, have carved out the trenches. There is a stupendous call for forces. The way has been blazed around the globe, and now a great army of young men and women must arise and fill these trenches and make great advances.....

"Take these two figures, and look steadily at them. You will see what the first policy of this society must be. The figures show nearly twice as many women as men. WE MUST HAVE MEN. There must be a movement at once to get men for the foreign field.....

"I ask that this Council look these figures squarely in the face before God, and at once enact legislation that will send our society courageously forth in faith after men. I would most earnestly ask that men be the uppermost note at all our coming conventions.....

"We must pray men, think men, talk men, dream men. We must have men for all these yawning trenches around the globe..... The Lord has entrusted fifty millions of heathen into our care and many of these will perish unless we have men to bring them the Gospel."

PALESTINE



Miss Mary A. Butterfield, of Jerusalem.

Rev. E. O. Jago and Miss Mary A. Butterfield Our representatives in "the land of promise" are Rev. E. O. Jago and Miss Mary A. Butterfield. Miss Butterfield is home on furlough and has spoken in a number of our churches. Her addresses have always been very earnest, touching and instructive. Miss Butterfield sent a number of photographs to the Secretary of the Board, several of which appear in this report.

Relative to the work in Palestine, she writes: "There had been quite some rioting in Jerusalem before I left last summer between the Jews, Mohammedans and Christians, but all is quiet again. The British are dealing with the matter very diplomatically. The High Commissioner, Sir Herbert Samuel, a Jew himself, is governing most wisely. He is entrusting power alike to Jew, Moslem and Christian. I hear that the people like him.

"The Jews cannot go back to Palestine very fast, for there are no houses yet. The Government has wisely made a rule that provisions for



Miss Best "gossiping" the Gospel to women at
Neby Samuel, Palestine.

homes must be made first. There is plenty of vacant land to be occupied and in time there will no doubt many more Jewish colonies be established throughout the land. If there should be a great influx at once there would likely be an uprising among the Arabs.

"Recent letters tell of progress in our work there. There has been a spirit of revival—there usually is where Mr. Jago is. Two new missionaries and several returning from furlough have arrived on the field by this time, as well as a visit from our President, Rev. Paul Rader, so I can well imagine the time of rejoicing and blessing which must have come to the work there."

It seems as though the Lord was especially opening the doors of service in the Holy Land. The workers state that they should explain the way of Salvation from the Scriptures in at least seven different languages. The following news from the field is interesting:

"During a period of four months some 2446 copies of the Scriptures, etc., including 42 Bibles, 154 Testaments, 52 Psalms, 723 Portions, and 1,425 tracts have been sold or distributed, the languages including Hebrew, Jargon, Judeo-Spanish, English, French, Italian, Greek, Russian, German, Turkish, Arabic, Armenian and Roumanian.

"In the streets, shops, houses, hospitals, in the law courts and post office, at the railway station, in Talmud Torah, Jewish schools, and at times even in the synagogues, testimony has been given by word of mouth or through the silent page.

"Many visits have been paid to private houses, sometimes to Hebrew Christians, sometimes to the sick and the poverty-stricken and the blind. The eagerness often with which the Scriptures and tracts are taken and read, surprises, humbles and rejoices us, as we still are often fearful and of little faith."

One of the missionaries had recently been invited to three different Jewish weddings where he was privileged to give his testimony and distribute the Scriptures. The third occasion brought the mother and the bride to the mission hall, a most unusual place for a Jewess to find herself.

From a report from one of the missionaries we wish to insert the following very encouraging notes:



Two peasant women near Ram Allah, Palestine.
"The high place of God."

"On December 9, at the grand parade on the occasion of the third anniversary of the deliverance of Jerusalem under General Allenby when, as the High Commissioner of Palestine, Sir Herbert Samuel, was making an inspection of the smart Allied troops and five aeroplanes were circling in the beautiful blue Syrian sky overhead, I spoke freely in the crowd of the only hope of the Jews being the coming again of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of Israel, whose blood delivers us from sin, and there was no open resentment expressed.

"We have, praise God, already had many confessions of faith in Christ and many are asking for baptism. One Jewish bald-headed brother who came from Belgium, who was, through the exigencies of war as a Russian subject, condemned to death before a Bolshevik Committee, and of whose family a number have been cut off cruelly under the soviet government, has come out boldly and brightly for the Lord, confessing Him in believers' baptism, and has testified in the hospital, on the train and in various parts of Palestine to his faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and seeks to bring others, both Jew and Gentile, to the same Saviour and Lord.

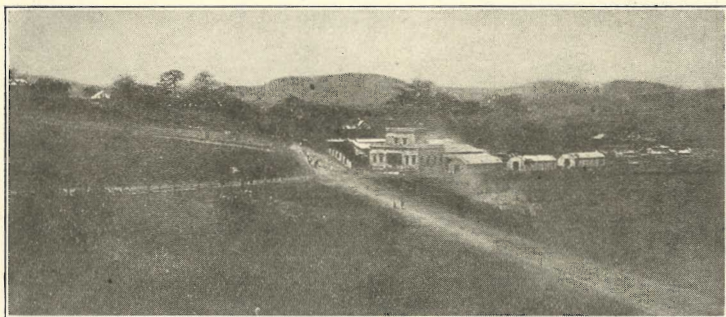
"Another brother, a Roumanian Jew, brings good news of his companions who confessed Christ in the American Church in the same way, and brought recently two other young men who wanted to take the same step, and these have been coming regularly for Bible instruction with that end in view.

"A third, a middle-aged photographer, brought three others to the Bible class who seemed most open to the truth. He had originally been led to take his Christian vow in the Greek Church, but because of further light though not desiring to be baptized again, came out with a clear testimony to his faith in Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour after he had backslidden through the cold treatment he had received at the hands of the Eastern Church officials. I met him as I was sitting conversing earnestly with two Zionist modern Jews in an open-air restaurant at Haifa.

"Beloved friends, while we ask you to join us in praising the Lord, we need intensely your fervent prayers, for the problems of Palestine increase hourly and the possibilities of the spread of the Word of God are unbounded."

AFRICA

Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Crist **Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Crist** are at present in this country on furlough for a change and a much needed rest, arriving in New York May 1, 1921. We hope that most of our people will have a chance to hear them before they return. Brother Crist is the Chairman or Superintendent of the Al-



Railroad Station at Boma, Congo Belgé, Africa.

Notice the fence at the rear end of Brother and Sister Crist's back yard.

liance Missions in the Belgian Congo. They have 25 Foreign Missionaries and 237 native workers under their supervision. Both of them and Brother E. R. Hess are supported by our Conference. We copy the following very interesting items from their reports. Last spring Brother Crist wrote:

"First I want to thank you for the papers, quarterlies, diaries, etc., you are sending us. I have been unable to do much on my station, Boma, as I am all alone with all the business of the mission on my hands. People are asking us to come to them with the Gospel but we are bound. I am hoping to make a trip next month to open two schools. The teachers are there but they cannot get settled until the Missionary has a talk with the Chief of the place. The place is two days' walk from here, so it will mean a week's work to go to that one place."

Later he reported:

"We are glad to report that the Training School has at last become a reality. A good brick dormitory with an iron roof has been erected and paid for, entirely by funds received from the missionaries. Three sessions of one month each have been held, a total of 106 teachers having attended. Most of them have made good progress. One session

more will be held for the less efficient workers and then the school will be opened for a more advanced class of workers.

"Miss Smootz has been conducting preparatory work in some of the out-schools, remaining a month in a place, instructing the most promising young men in elementary work and giving Bible teaching to all who would attend.

"We have now 278 out stations and sub-out stations, an increase of fifty over last year. Of the 237 native workers, 75 receive no pay.

"The Day schools number 266, with an average attendance of 5,203. The Sunday Schools number eleven, with an average attendance of 800.

"The total membership of our ten organized churches is 3,587. During the year 526 were baptized, while 955 inquirers await further instruction. 50,987 regularly held services were conducted. The native workers held 31,110 services in the village and other Christians 12,861.



A group of natives in an African town in the Belgian Congo.

"The offerings for the year totaled 18,935.40 francs. Owing to the depreciated value of the franc this would represent in American money but \$1,262. but to the contributors it meant much more than that. Cloth has risen in price over 600%, and other necessities in like proportion, so that the offering the past year has meant real sacrifice. The increase was more than 50% over that of last year.

"A new Hymn book has been compiled during the year and 2,000 copies were printed. The second edition of 5,000 is now on the press. Mrs. Crist has completed a book to assist beginners in the study of the Congo language and we believe it will fill a long felt need. The manuscript is now in the hands of the printer.

"Before the French Congo can be opened, young men must be available who can teach school in the French language as under a recent decision of the Government schools must be opened before any other Mission work can be undertaken. Thus far we have no young men to

enter should the doors open. We must have young men and to work in French Congo they must be able to teach French."

Brother Crist goes on to report concerning the Lord's work all over the field, from which we only clip a few remarks concerning the work of our dear Brother Hess:

"Maduda has a membership of 921. These meet quarterly at five different centers, if Mr. Hess is able to meet with them so often, where they have special meetings for a day or two, examine candidates for baptism, baptize those accepted, deal with church matters such as discipline, etc. During the year eighty-two were baptized and many more are under instruction and will soon be taken into the church. There are seventy-two schools cared for by twenty-five paid and twenty-five unpaid teachers. Twelve teachers are working in other districts, four of whom are also supported by the Maduda church, fifty young men attended the Training school and are preparing for the Lord's work. The offering for the year was 4,192.40 francs.

"Palanga, one division of Maduda church, has an excellent record. God has been working marvelously. It has now 210 members, twenty-two having been added during the year.

"Mabengi, our veteran evangelist, is seeking new fields of service. He feels that he has about finished his work at Ndingi and the Lord showed him in a vision where he should go to begin a new work. It is marvelous the way the Lord showed him the place to go and told him how to proceed, etc. The place is in Cabinda, Portuguese territory. He went to the local Government asking their consent to establish a school and it was granted him. He is only waiting now for the Lord to tell him to move. We praise God for men like Mabengi."

Our readers will no doubt remember the photo of Mabengi in our report for 1918. Brother Crist told us at that time that he was one of their oldest teachers and evangelists, having the care of a church of over 400 members. He had already at that time established at least 20 schools which were in a flourishing condition. In a dream the Lord had showed him how to construct a brick-making machine. This he made next day and it proved as satisfactory as the one the mission had bought in England.

Years ago we heard a well-known Christian professor say that the Africans were no human beings. But we never heard that he did anything near the work for God that Mabengi has been doing.

The devoted and trustworthy negro of Acts 8:37 is dead. The negro slave who became the statesman and diplomat, Frederic Douglass, is dead. The orator, scholar and philanthropist, Booker T. Washington, is dead. So is Bishop Crowther. Men whose names appear in our largest dictionaries, encyclopedias and histories, "dead, yet speaketh."

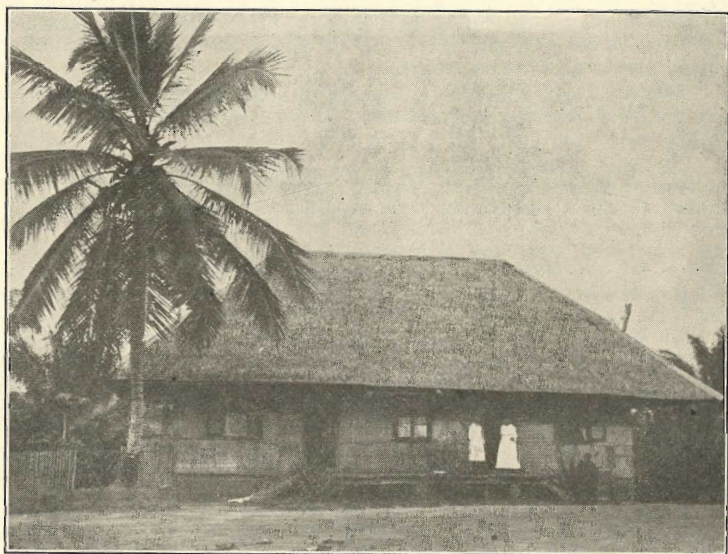
The following clipping from the *Congregationalist* also proves what the African race is capable of if given a chance. What they can do for the country they can do for God.

"There are over 14,000 negroes in the employ of the federal government. Their salaries, as reported by the Republican campaign text-book, amount to \$8,255,761. The highest salary is \$10,000, paid to the United States minister to Hayti, but a considerable number of colored government officials receive salaries of from \$2,500 to \$5,000 per year. Nearly three hundred negroes are postmasters, while about three thousand are connected with the post office department. There are a number of high-grade negro clerks in the patent office at Washington. One of these is an expert examiner who has held his position for twenty-two years. In the government departments in Washington are 5,768 negroes on salaries. There are forty-eight of them in the library of Congress."

Rev. E. R. Hess Brother Hess has been laboring very hard during the past few years and has been suffering somewhat from the overstrain. He writes:

"I saw the piles and piles of work and I pitched in without reserve. The Lord has called a halt and I think I have learned my lesson, though it has been hard and it will be more difficult to keep from having to learn it over again, for my great temptation is work.

"When I see the work, of which I have a part, suffering because of neglect, it gets on my nerves and it is hard for me to work leisurely..... My responsibilities have been so many and so heavy that it was impossible to look after all of them properly. My correspondence was shamefully neglected, as you have occasion to know.



One of the Mission Houses at Kinkonzi.

"The fact is that our work has grown so rapidly and so extensively and has therefore become so complicated that it has been impossible for our present force to take care of it—we simply couldn't keep up with the work.

"Within the province of Kinkonzi Station there are about 3000 Christians, a very moderate estimate. These have had very little teaching. There have been the regular meetings of course, but practically no special teaching.

"Our native workers should by all means have more teaching and training but there was no Bible School for the last few years. The reason for this was because there was no building for it.

"As a result of my 'Martha' labors we now have a dormitory for this school and a few sessions have already been held for the younger workers. For the older workers there is yet no provision made. These younger workers number about 175 perhaps.

"In the Maduda district alone, where I have charge, there are about 50 of these young men who have yielded themselves for service. In

most cases their wives also are willing to go with their husbands into other districts. How we praise God for this, because it means so much for them to leave their own people and go to another part to live. A few years ago we were asking the Lord to call forth native workers and now we see the answer. O how we praise Him for these young men!

"I can speak more fully of the Maduda Church than any other as that is the one of which I have charge, and have had for the last six years. There is a membership of 921 and the church has been self supporting for the last three years.

"About a year ago this church took a new step in the line of self support by pledging itself to provide fields and houses for all their workers. I am very glad to say that we have found the plan very practical thus far. Almost without exception there has been a noble response in every section of the district. In just a few places where they had been a little slack, they made up for it in the last few months.

"In addition to providing for the native workers, they also provide a house for the missionary, where he stops during the Quarterly meetings. Then they also provide wood and food and transport our trunks free of charge from one place to another during our round of meetings through the district. They, of course, build their own houses of worship. These have to be enlarged from time to time as the work keeps growing.

"At this writing I am at Palanga, one of the divisions of this church—there are five. This is one of the most encouraging divisions of this church. In the last three years we have had to expel only two members and there have been very few palavers in this section of the church. They are now building a new house of worship which has a capacity of about 800. The old building holds about 450 and is much too small.

"About a dozen young men from this church have already gone to other districts. Four of these are laboring in the Boma district and the others in the Vungu and Kinkonzi districts. Three of them are supported by their home church. So you see we are doing real missionary work and I am very happy for it.

"We have met some real problems in this work but the Lord has given victory and blessing and so far as the work itself is concerned, we are encouraged. There are some very discouraging features about the work on Kinkonzi Station. The principal difficulty is that we have not sufficient housing for the workers that are so badly needed and consequently we are obliged to send them where they are not needed so much as here. And that is simply another way of saying that we are forced to neglect the work in a measure here because we can't keep up with it. This is a matter for earnest prayer.

"Let me assure you that I appreciate the interest and support of our dear Mennonite Brethren and I often make mention of them in my prayers. May God continue to bless your work as He has in the past.

"Brethren, pray for us that we may minister to these Congo lambs in the power and blessing of the Spirit and that we may be faithful in our part of the work of choosing out from among the heathen a people for His name to be presented together with us who labor and you who support us, to Him at His glorious appearing."

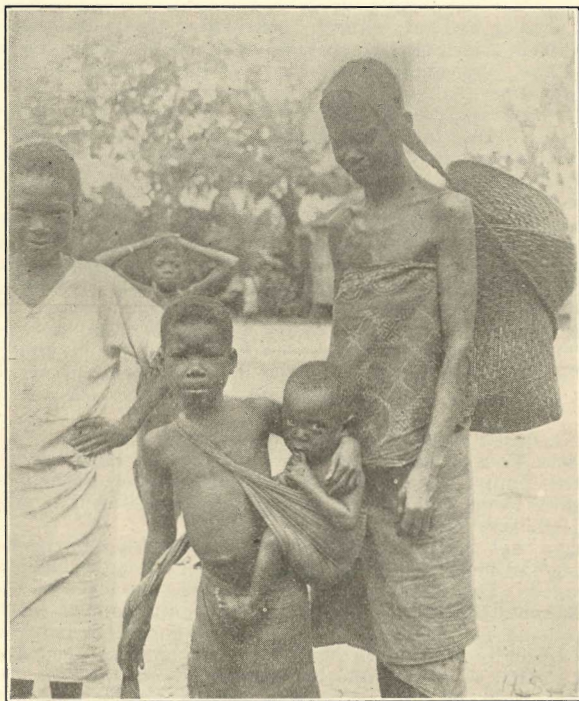
While just about finishing this report we received a letter from Brother Hess, in which he states that he expects to be married about the middle of October to a Miss McIlrath, after which they will settle down at Mboka, their newly appointed home. He then writes:

"After seven and a half years of laboring at Kinkonzi and getting into the hearts of the people, it seems hard to leave, but the Lord knows all about it. My strength has been gradually failing, but I have been able to keep up in an astonishing manner. The Lord has surely been

giving His strength, else I could not have endured the strain.

"At Mboka my principal work will be pastoral work. How I have longed many times for more opportunity to get out among the people and tell out the story.

"Pray for our work at this time. Much persecution has come through a "spirit" movement, claimed, of course, to be of the Lord, but savoring more of being of the enemy. Some of our teachers have been



A Kinkonzi mother and her children. The father, formerly a very trying character, is now a faithful carrier for the mission, saved by the grace of God. They are all very much attached to each other.

arrested and imprisoned by the State and have been flogged, all because of prejudice and misunderstanding. The innocent must suffer with the guilty.

"Deeds have appeared in this movement which should justly be followed by punishment, but the trouble is that all our native workers are identified with it by the State Officials. One of our most faithful men was falsely accused and was taken in custody and beaten so cruelly that his body was all swollen up so that he could not come to the station for a few days. When he came I could count twelve sores where the stripes had been laid and the blood had gone through his trousers. He is a fine young man and he said, 'Tata, I am not discouraged. I want to be willing to suffer for Jesus' sake.'

"At Mboka there is much trouble at this time. The Portuguese Government is insisting upon our teaching Portuguese only. It is a crime to teach the native language or even to write it. I am appointed by our Executive Committee to go to Loanda, the headquarters, to have an interview with the Officials and to try to find out what we may and may not do. Pray about this matter. There has been much trouble one way and another in that work the past few years, but I feel that the Lord can take care of that work and that He will make the difficulty to work out for His glory and for the furtherance of the Gospel.

"The Portuguese Government is even urging the Missionaries to become naturalized citizens of Portugal. Somehow I am expecting God to overrule this also.

"I am interested in what you write about your work and often pray for you dear people who stand with us so faithfully in this glorious work of the Gospel. Kindly remember me to those who know me.

"Pray that we may have a fruitful ministry in Congo and that we may continue faithful until Jesus Comes. Surely He can't be far away, and O how my heart has longed these past few years to see Him coming.

Rev. M. E. Barter In the beginning of the year Brother M. E. Barter, laboring in the Belgian Congo, Africa, was added to the list of missionaries supported by the Pennsylvania Conference. Brother Barter has arrived in the homeland for his first furlough. The following is from his first letter to the Secretary:

"My first furlough from Congo has come due and so I find myself in the homeland. On February 23rd, I left Boma on the Steamship "Albertrille" for Antwerp, Belgium. From there I crossed to London, remaining there three days. Southampton was reached by train and we boarded the White Star liner "Adriatic," by which we crossed the Atlantic to New York.

"During all the five weeks I was traveling there was not a sick moment. In every way the journey was beautiful and full of the enjoyment of God's blessings upon me during those days, I desire to give thanks, for I am sure He was with me.

"Only a week prior to my leaving my station at Kinkonzi I received your yearly report, in which I learned the truly surprising but delightful news that you dear people had undertaken my support. I could not believe my eyes as I read it, but it was true, nevertheless. How can I thank God enough for all His benefits and blessings upon my life? But in giving thanks unto Him, I also desire to return thanks to you and your dear people for taking thought of one who feels himself unworthy of any notice in this world.

"You and we are workers together in this great task of giving the Gospel to the four corners of the earth. Now we do rejoice in what God has been doing in one corner of the great field—Congo. It has been my privilege to help in preaching out in the districts for two weeks at a time. In some of these towns we have had hearty responses; in others we have met with indifference and disregard.

"It has also been my lot to assist in the teaching—training of the teachers of our work. There were 237 of them who needed such training. Since my coming away, there may be more enrolled in this most important work. The larger number are supported by the native churches and some of them have been sent out to other sections of our districts as evangelists, leaving friends, homes, fields and old associations. It is the real missionary spirit, sending witnesses to the 'other sheep.'

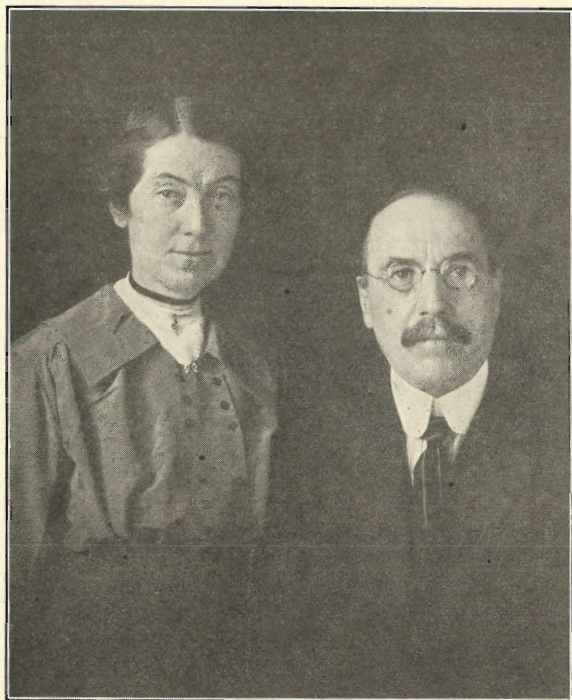
"In the three sessions of school in which I had a helping hand, we had 120 men, young and old, who left their towns for a month in order

to get their training. They came in groups of 40, 37 and 42 respectively. The three R's were taught, with Geography and a course in Bible, covering the subject of Sin and Salvation. This latter work was under the supervision of Mr. Mason. The work is very simple for it is in its infancy. We are hoping, planning and praying for an enlargement of the courses in order to give these undershepherds the training necessary for efficient workers. Pray for them.

"It is a joy to be joined once more to the dear ones here, but my heart is over yonder in the harvest field. It will be a greater joy to return as He leads the way.

"In closing, it is my desire to express again my heartfelt thanks to you who are standing with me for God's will in Congo. May He return to you all far more than you have ever dreamed of."

INDIA



Rev. and Mrs. S. P. Hamilton,
Dholka, India.

**Rev. and
Mrs. S. P.
Hamilton**

Rev. and Mrs. S. P. Hamilton, who had been home on furlough and visited several of our churches, sailed from New York, October 25, 1920, for their old field of labor in Kaira, India. A short time before they left, Brother Hamilton wrote: "We have had such a good furlough and met so many kind friends everywhere, but our hearts feel a very strong pull for India

in order that we might bring some more of the lost sheep for whom Jesus gave His life."

On the day before they sailed he wrote: "We are so glad that we have met you and your dear people and are sure that it is going to mean much to have such a band of praying men and women standing back of us in intercession. We have seen wonderful things wrought by God in the past but we expect to see still greater things in the future."

From the next letter, dated Kaira, December 24, 1920, we copy the following:

"Just a few lines to let you know that we arrived in Bombay, November 25th. We were thirty-one days on water. We had a few rough days but on the whole we had a nice voyage. After passing Gibraltar we encountered a severe storm on the Mediterranean. We had life-boat drill one day and had to put on our life-belts for practice. They wanted



Rev. and Mrs. Hamilton's first home in India.

us to know which life-boat was assigned to us in case of danger. One night we did not undress, conditions were so serious, our ship was in peril. A young Mohammedan climbed the mast to fix the wireless when the ship gave a sudden lurch, he fell and was killed. This was our seventh voyage but our first taste of real sea-sickness.

"There were forty missionaries on board and we had most precious fellowship together. Our first stop after leaving New York was Port Said, which is at the entrance to the Suez Canal on the Mediterranean side. Here we went ashore and made the purchase of cork hats, as the heat on the Red Sea is very intense.....

"Eleven days later we reached Bombay and in a few hours our band of missionaries had broken up and were taking trains to their respective fields of labor, probably never to meet again till we meet at His feet. We took the night train out of Bombay for Gujarat and when we awaked in the morning the old familiar scene of monkeys playing in the trees greeted us. It is needless to say that we were overjoyed to meet our Indian Christians once more and, according to Indian custom, they showed their appreciation of our return by garlanding us with sweet-scented flowers. We are now in our old field, where we have spent a good many days and among them a good many weary ones, but very soon all weariness will be over and we shall enter that eternal rest that

has been promised to the children of God. We are beginning our fourth term of service and are looking forward to days of great blessing."

In the next letter written by Mrs. Hamilton she says:

"We were called to hold special meetings on another station. The burden was heavy but God did wonderful work. Many wrongs were righted and the whole company of Christians came up to higher ground spiritually. There were several cases of healing. The days of miracles are not past. God graciously healed a boy, ten years old, who was given up to die of an incurable disease.

"As the burden of prayer came upon us I felt definitely led to tell the parents that their boy must soon die unless they sought the Lord and gave their hearts to Him. It was the message of the Spirit and when they saw us burdened they broke down and became Christians. A real victory was won and others crowded in to see them. They were touched with love and concern for others. Unless we see His hand stretched out to heal, we shall be giving only half a gospel.

"God speedily and wonderfully healed the child. He had been almost gone and could not sit up; there was little left of him but skin and bone. He is now running around saying he is Jesus' child, a real work having also been wrought in his heart. Other caste people then came bringing a child on a stretcher to be healed, but we had already gone to another part of the district. We want to just give you a glimpse of how your prayers are being answered."

In her last letter Sister Hamilton writes:

"Praise God, after a month of special prayer the monsoon broke. The bandits had begun to get so bold in our district that we could never feel safe except as the Lord interfered, but now it is better on account of the averted famine.

"But the political outlook is dark; threatening clouds gather. There is a serious outbreak in Madras Presidency; not much news filters through as the railway is out of commission and all telegraph lines are cut. Mr. Gandhi, who is now the greatest man of the East, says, 'There will be rivers of blood this fall. Mohammed Ali, the great Mussulman leader, says, "to kill a Christian is equal to Paradise and will insure entrance to eternal bliss."

"I am so glad that we understand the signs of the times and know what hour it is by God's clock. I am teaching in the Bible School daily. We and our people are in great need of much prayer ere the darkness deepens."

**Rev. and
Mrs. Samuel
Kerr**

In a recent letter to the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, Mrs. Samuel Kerr, one of our representatives in India, writes, concerning the goodness of the Lord to them and His blessings upon the work, from

which we clip the following:

"Your lovely gifts of diaries and edifying literature reached us before we started for our Annual Conference, which is held at our Mission Headquarters in Akola. There we had a blessed time of three weeks' fellowship with our fellow missionaries and our beloved President, Rev. Paul Rader..... Brother Rader's ministry was blessed to all. The missionaries and native workers were refreshed and strengthened and several were saved. His open meetings were attended by high caste people and British Government officials and we rejoice to know of a real stirring up amongst these opposers of the Truth and to know of some who actually accepted Christ as their Saviour.

"At this juncture allow me to thank you right heartily for the little diaries which are in daily use, and also for the lovely literature which we are so glad to receive. The faithfulness of our dear home folks is a

source of real encouragement and blessing to us, and in reciprocation we can only pray God's blessing upon you as individuals and as a company of His children.

"During the year 1920 we have been constantly reminded of the presence and goodness of the Lord. As a family we have enjoyed the best of health in spite of the trying climate and ever-prevalent diseases. Then God has provided for us a good substantial outfit comprising tents, horse and vehicle. By means of this equipment we can do three times as much work as we did while we had to visit the villages on foot. Up until convention time we were out in the District and had a blessed time giving forth the Word of Life. The messages were received with open hearts in nearly all the places which we visited and about daily there were apparently earnest enquirers after the Truth. Invariably, at the point of decision the question of being outcasted, accompanied by the inevitable persecution which must follow if the poor, hungry, con-



Rev. S. P. Hamilton and a little group of Christians at an outstation in Gujarat Province, India.

vinced and convicted soul turns from idols to serve the true and living God, comes up and too often they remain unprofessed believers. Do unite with us in asking God by His Spirit to shatter this cursed caste system of India to its very foundations. It is the one big barrier which we find in preaching the Gospel in India.

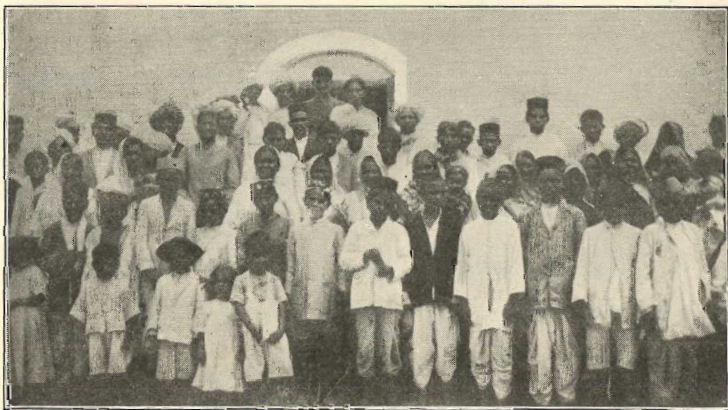
"Last Monday, at 1:30 a.m., Mr. Kerr and the native evangelists started for a camping place in the far off corner of the District, arriving there at 8 o'clock in the evening, tired but happy in the expectation of a fruitful ministry for the Master. In this particular place the Gospel has been preached only once and the one convert of five years ago has stood alone but true! Praise God! He was there to meet Mr. Kerr and the evangelists. May God richly feed his poor, hungry soul these weeks and better fortify him for witnessing among the heathen.

"Last year the annual rainfall was very inadequate and as a result the people are feeling the pinch of high prices and subsequent poverty. Recently there have been robberies and even murders in many places. A few nights before we left for our annual convention the bungalow was broken into and all our clothes already packed, to the extent of over \$200 worth, were stolen. Mr. Kerr was off at one of the villages, so, except for a few natives on the compound, our sixteen-months-old

boy and myself were all alone. When I awoke at 2:30 a.m. and saw the thief in my bedroom, I immediately raised the alarm, but in spite of police investigations, no trace of the robbers or of the stolen goods has been discovered. Naturally we regret the loss of our clothing but we surely praise the Lord that our precious little son and myself are well and uninjured, as so many of these robbers are well armed with knives, etc."

The Gospel and the Outcastes

"When we remember the many 'Fear Nots' that ring out from all parts of the Bible, it looks as if the Scriptures were written specially for the outcastes of India, and when Pariahs, Malas, Madigas, or Doms take hold of these promises and make them their own, their lives are transformed. From the beginning of our missionary work we have had Brahmans and other high caste men in our ranks, but the first Indian to be the superintendent of a circuit was an outcaste. The first Indian we chose to be Chairman of a Provincial Synod was an outcaste. And the one Indian Minister we chose to send to England as our representative at the Centenary Celebration was an outcaste. The outcastes are worth saving."—*Rev. H. Guard Price, B.A., in The Foreign Field.*



Part of Rev. S. P. Hamilton's congregation at Dholka, Gujarat Province, India.

**Rev. and
Mrs. E. R.
Carner**

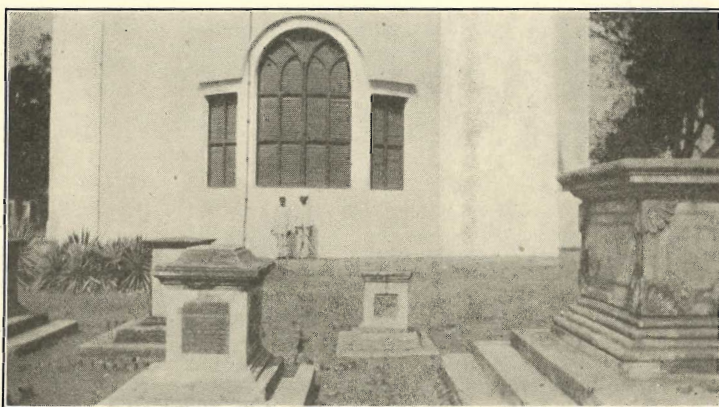
"The copy of the Thirty-sixth Annual Report of your Board of Foreign Missions which you so kindly sent us came today in the home mail. It was very kind of you to remember us with a copy and the beautiful little diaries enclosed are both pretty and useful. We have begun to use them already and they will, I trust, serve us throughout the year that has just begun, if the Lord should not come before its end. We want to thank you for the attractive report of your missionary work and for the little books also.

"It may interest you to know that we have just finished a time of itinerating work. We were out in our district for over six weeks and have only come in to our station now because we have to prepare for the entertainment of our missionaries at our annual convention, which will begin on the 14th of this month if all goes well.

"We had a most interesting tour and found interested listeners in every village which we were able to visit. We are most thankful to report two converts from this tour and a few more enquirers. Will you not specially pray that those who have professed Christ may go on to know the Lord and stand in His grace in hours of persecution and temptation; also that many others from that section of our district may soon turn to the Lord?"

"Our district is very large and there are villages that have not had the message of God's love once in twenty years, which of course means that most of those living in them now have *never* heard the story of Jesus. We are praying about a plan whereby we may be able to carry the message more rapidly and reach a larger number each touring season and would be glad to have you unite with us in prayer about it.

"I desire to thank you and all the friends with you and associated with you in standing with us in the Lord's work."



Part of Bishop Heber's church in India, writer of "From Greenland's Icy Mountains." Here a few Alliance missionaries are buried.

Photo by S. P. Hamilton.

In one of his reports Brother Carner tells of Paul Rader's visit to Akola. Among other things he says, "Paul Rader did not come to India to see the sights, for, as he said, he could see those during the Millennium. It was to get God's vision of India's need and His immediate plan to meet that need that he came.

"He spent a strenuous Sunday with us, during which he preached three times to large Indian audiences. Among the large audience in the morning was a group of Brahmin lawyers who had probably never been inside of a chapel. One of these said afterward that what this great preacher said was not theory but actuality, a big admission for a Brahmin to make about a preacher of Christ.

"After the morning message a British official knelt at the altar alongside the brown-skinned Indians to give his allegiance to Christ. During the mid-day hours Mr. Rader was in prayer with a few of the missionaries, and those who heard him talk with God could not wonder why he knew how to talk with men.

"At half past nine in the evening we left the chapel and took the train for Murtizapur, thirty miles east, arriving a little after midnight. After two hours' rest we started on a fourteen mile ride on a bullock

cart, which, in response to the strenuous efforts of the driver, bumped along the rough, dirty road at something over two miles an hour.

"Here we visited the *Yatra*, the great Hindu religious fair, where perhaps a hundred thousand people were gathered together. Very calmly we walked through the piles of dust and clouds of dust in the maze of carts, bullocks and people, through the narrow, temporary streets in the center of this mass of heathenism up to the shrines where men and women, shivering in the chill of the early morning, were making their offerings of flowers, holy water and mumbled words before the idols!

"The camera got pictures of holy men, lepers, worshippers, beggars and idols, while Mr. Rader's heart caught visions of darkness, ignorance, filth, sin and death, real Hinduism at home, a vision of mal-fed, mal-treated and mal-thought souls and bodies, deepening his determination to be used of God to get the other story—God's story—quickly to the ends of the earth.

"From here we traveled again by bullock cart eight miles to the nearest railroad station for the next appointment. When it seemed impossible to get there in time for the next train, as the team went slower than it was promised, Mr. Rader prayed and the train was just about so much late that we had a few minutes rest on the station platform."

CHINA

Rev. and
Mrs. C. F.
Snyder

From a report sent in by Brother Snyder early in the year we submit the following interesting notes:

"We have great reason to praise the Lord for His goodness to us. Instead of continuing in rented quarters the Lord has helped us to purchase a centrally, and I might say splendidly, located property belonging to the Alliance, so that in very truth and deed, God's little ones can worship under their own vine and fig tree. God is good.

Prayer for the major portion of two years ascended to the throne of grace for this very thing. And the Lord, how true He answered to His word "My God shall supply all your need!" Perhaps, the difficulty can all the more be appreciated by the reader when I say that although the mission in Hochow had been opened ever since 1908, yet no foreign missionary had lived there permanently—it meant the living down of opposition and prejudices, practically the same as in a new centre; then Hochow is very conservative.

" 'Lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes' has the real missionary ring in it. The direct spiritual work has been pressed, and consequently extended, along the lines of the Pauline doctrine, 'to preach the gospel in the region beyond.' For instance, the out-station Ningho 60 li from Hochow, located in a region quite promising, where the predominant element is Chinese, now has three Christians and at least one inquirer. One of the three, a Mr. Huang, as soon as he definitely decided for Christ and became baptized, found his cross awaiting him, for his aged grandmother, his mother, and even his younger brother opposed. Those prominent in power in his village insisted that he pay the idol dues as his family had been wont to do. In an unobtrusive manner he declined to deny his Lord and now the case has been happily arranged for, so I judge he will never need to feel concerned on that score again. The local magistrate has issued a proclamation affording him protection.

"Funds for two years' rental of the out-station came in addition to regular mission funds—the second year's rent has been very nearly made up by the local Chinese church. Would you join your prayers with others for this branch of the Lord's work?"

"Labrang, the seat of one of the largest and most important monasteries in north-eastern Tibet, while under present arrangement belonging to Taochow Tibetan mission of the Alliance, nevertheless is located at least 40 li nearer to Hochow than to Taochow.

"Is there not good reason to give thanks to Almighty God that through His Providence He has enabled his servants to rent eight apartments in an inn, the very best inn in the town.



Mrs. C. F. Snyder, Hochow, Kansu Province, China.

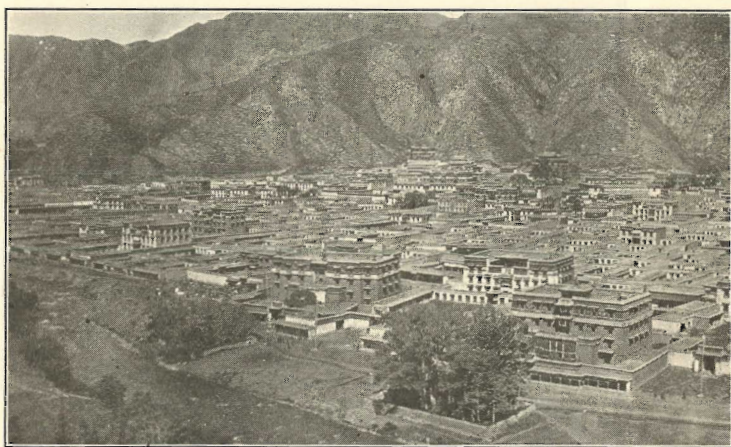
"Imagine the joy it gave your unworthy servant to be permitted to preach the gospel in the Tibetan language to Tibetan monks and laymen, and to sell the Word in the identical spot where twenty-two years ago our little company were driven out, and, but for God's special intervention, might have been severely handled even to the extent of taking our lives.

"Many tracts were sold and distributed, one of our number going so far as to offer tracts to the august company of seated priests assembled on the outside of the inclosure in which masked devil dancers performed, and they were accepted. An entrance was effected into the cook-house whose culinary equipment consisted of five large copper vats and we meandered without molestation through the streets to the monastery.

"Was not this the village where the late Rev. D. Lelacheur visited and in which his heart was intensely interested? Yes, even so. 'Then,' you ask, 'how did this change come about?' Well, the Lord permitted the Moslem military forces of Sining and Hochow to give the Tibetans in Labrang and Amchok districts a severe castigation. The drubbing administered sufficed to bring down their haughtiness and pride so that the way is now open for the gospel messenger.

"The itinerating and colportage departments received a boost, and the full and final results will, no doubt, be revealed in eternity, not saying that there were no immediate results.

"Three was the number of evangelists coming into the district, and it is understood that the pastor and Chinese worker on the particular field concerned accompanied them to and fro.



Panoramic view of Labrang Monastery, in Tibet.

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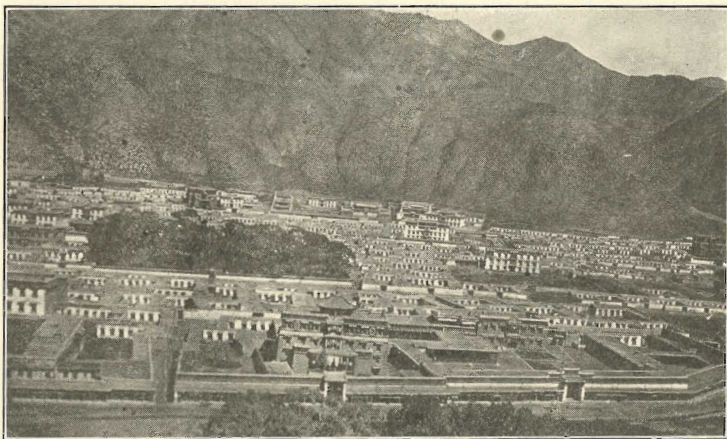
"Their method was simple, yet perhaps unique, for, armed with a banner, upon which there was inscribed the name and location of the band, several military horns, hymn books and scriptures, they passed through village after village preaching the glorious gospel.

"The tooting of the horns summoned together the crowd; although the initial appearance of the small company in the midst of a village sometimes gave the impression of a body of soldiers. In one place the men actually hid. An explanatory word, however, cleared up the situation and the dissemination of the truth went on apace. In this way much of the district was covered.

"As to colportage, a large number of portions were disposed of. I say large, for so it is for our section. The colporteur was formerly a prodigal, a soldier under Gen. Tong fu-hsiang, who fought the foreigners in Peking in 1900; today he is assisting them in advancing the cause of Christ. This is nothing short of a miracle for he who aforehand played the role of gambler is known now as the 'one with the big voice' referring to his vociferous preaching which accompanies his book-selling. Thank God for Li Tsong-pao.

"Again, it is befitting also to sound a note of praise for the remarkable outpouring of God's Spirit upon our two conferences this year, the one, Chinese, the other that of the foreign missionaries. Some broke down in tears, all melted up, because they felt the burden of concern put upon them for the brethren not present, realizing keenly that they were their brother's keeper. To make people do this outside of the blessed Holy Spirit's influence would be a travesty, real farcical. No, no, no one could mistake it for the Comforter who had come in blessing and conviction manifested Himself in our midst and in our hearts. Bless God, the Holy Spirit is in the Alliance. The situation in the congregation in Hochow at the time of the departure of Mrs. Snyder and myself for furlough was that of victory.

"Coming to the foreign conference which convened this year



Tibetan Monastery in Labrang, Tibet.

3500 priests reside here. Brother Snyder and others were royally welcomed here by the head priest. (Continued from previous page.)

in Hochow for the first time, there was simply overwhelming victory. The sweet influences of the Holy Spirit were surely binding such a knitting together, a getting down on our faces, a pouring out of the soul before our Maker, our Father, in abhorrence of self and sin, I am sure produced great joy among the angels in heaven!

"The whole was centripetal in effort and put the Kansu Tibetan Border Mission in trim to 'ask and expect great things from God,' even for a revival on a large scale in our beloved western field.

"Victory, in the hard Hochow district, as noted above, became possible for two very prominent reasons, i.e.,

"First—Unity between Chinese and foreign missionaries.

"Second—Prayer, prayer, and more prayer.

"'But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.'"

Brother and Sister Snyder arrived in San Francisco on their furlough November 27, 1920. They spent the winter in California and other states along the Pacific coast in conventions, while this

summer they have been travelling throughout the country in deputational work among the Alliance branches and conventions. They were with us at our first Camp Meeting in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., and gave us several stirring addresses. Sister Snyder gave several talks to the children. They expect to pay a visit to our Conference some time during the winter.

Brother Snyder expects to spend several months as a student at the Kennedy School of Missions in Hartford, Conn., for the purpose of studying Arabic and things pertaining to Mohammedanism, in order to reach the Moslems in their Hochow District in Kansu Province.



Rev. W. N. Ruhl and family, stationed at Taochow (Old City), Kansu Province, China, near the borders of Tibet.

Rev. W. N. Ruhl Brother W. N. Ruhl and family had been home on furlough and while here Brother Ruhl took a course in practical dentistry in the office of a personal friend of his, a dentist in Norristown, Pa. This will be a great advantage

to the missionaries on the Tibetan border, being isolated from any foreign dentist by many week's journey. Brother Ruhl and family left for the field again on March 18, 1921, and we trust they have arrived safely at their destination by this time.

Although the work on the West China field does not look as promising, numerically and visibly, as in some of the other mission fields, yet some eighty have been saved and baptized during the last year and opportunities are presenting themselves which are very hopeful indeed. This is seen from the following report from Brother Ruhl:

"Doors of opportunity are open unto us, such as had not swung open here-to-fore. The missionary can travel with far more freedom and can preach most anywhere he chooses, and that to attentive



Recently baptized converts from our Tibetan station, writes Rev. W. N. Ruhl from Taochow, Kansu Province, China. These are mostly half Tibetans.

listeners. Even among the wild Tibetans the door is opening wider, giving many more splendid opportunities for a real forward movement among those people.

"Among the Tibetans also not a few of the formidable barriers have been broken down. The pride of the Tibetans in and around Taochow district has been humiliated by the Mohammedans who laid waste many of their sacred shrines about a year and a half ago. Some of their very sacred idols (made of brass or copper and overlaid with gold) have been carried away by these Mohammedans and made into cooking vessels and fire pans.

"This experience alone has caused men to somewhat lose faith in the power of their gods to save them, since they could not even save themselves from the small Mohammedan army. God has again made the wrath of man to praise Him in this indirect way, opening new doors for the missionary. It was, no doubt, partially due to this

that our missionaries have been enabled to open a new out-station farther afield in the town of Labrang, about 70 miles over the border and right in among the Tibetans. This is a very important and strategic center.

"All this is indeed cause for profound thankfulness to God because it is clearly showing us that He is working and the harvest is ripening. You and I need to really and truly be looking on the fields. It is a call to us to go and gather in the ripening grain."

One of the discouraging things, however, which the missionary meets is the coldness and apathy shown among God's professing children in the homeland. This, no doubt, is seen more clearly by the missionary who returns from the field where many thousands never had the privilege to hear the good news of salvation than by the majority of Christians at home. Concerning this Brother Ruhl writes:

"The missionary comes home with great hopes that young people will take his message to heart and without undue delay give themselves wholeheartedly to the work and really get going, but instead of this, almost the opposite is met, so few to respond. Some do respond, but never get started going. Some get started going, but drop out long before they get to the field. The harvest is indeed plenteous, no matter where you look, but the sad part of it all is 'the labourers are few.'

"May the Lord give us a new vision of the crying and dying millions and then also of the Christ who died for them.

"Young men and young women: It must be that God, by His Spirit, has spoken to some of you. Have you hesitated? Have you questioned? Have you refused to go? and by so doing, there are today scores of cities

'Without a ray of hope or light,
With future dark as endless night,
They're passing—passing—to their doom!'

"Will you not pray that our young people may be responding to the call speedily and go ere it is

'Too late'?"

ANNAM OR FRENCH INDO-CHINA

**Rev. and
Mrs. W. C.
Cadman**

Soon after their arrival at Hanoi, Brother Cadman wrote a long letter full of praises, from which we clip the following:

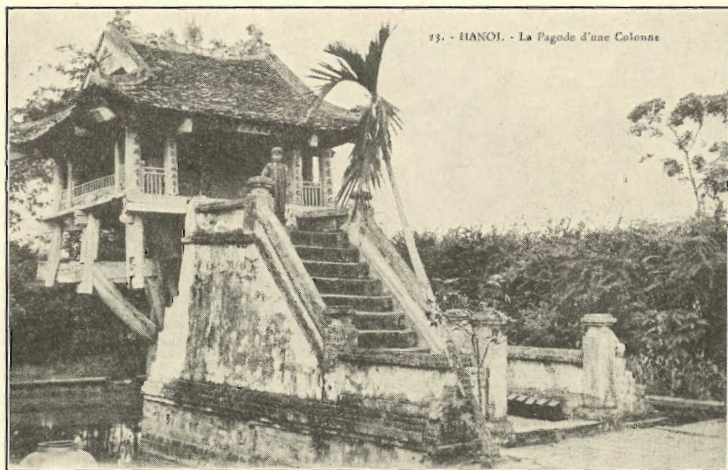
"Greetings from Hanoi! How we do praise God for this privilege of being once again in Indo-China. God is surely good to us in every way. During our furlough it seemed as if Satan was doing his utmost to hinder our return to this most needy land. Through God's abundant grace and mercy here we are! Satan defeated, Christ triumphant!

"Owing to difficulties in securing passages on the different connecting steamers we did not arrive in Hanoi till the 16th of December, 1920. All the way to Saigon the voyage was very pleasant, but the five days spent on a small coasting steamer from Saigon to Haiphong were most unpleasant. But we counted it 'all joy' to endure the hardship caused by the very rough sea and the exceedingly poor accommodation, and were fully recompensed by the joy of being back once again in the land of our adoption.

"The small band of Christians in Hanoi gave us a warm welcome. For some months they had been without a Gospel Hall to meet in, owing to having been unable to rent for another year the previous

fine Gospel Hall. This was a blow to the work. But by the time we arrived, another store, much smaller and not so well located, had been rented and fixed up as a Gospel Hall. This was opened when we arrived.

"The meetings have been very encouraging, the hall being well filled with attentive listeners. Many of the heathen are beginning to show an interest in the Gospel, but it seems that most of them have some, to them, apparently insurmountable obstacle to their accepting Christ as their Saviour. For example, one has a mother who is a fervent Buddhist and she objects to his following the Gospel, therefore he says he dare not disobey her; another has been adopted by a rich uncle as his heir, and he is afraid this uncle will cast him off if he comes out openly for Jesus, the uncle's purpose being that this nephew shall worship and so provide an abiding place for his spirit when he dies. This uncle being childless and so



One of the heathen shrines in Hanoi, French Indo-China. Here worshippers bow down before idols of wood and stone.

having nobody to do the necessary worship; another has written a book and seems to fear he may have to recant some of the ideas he has written which may be contrary to the Jesus' doctrine.

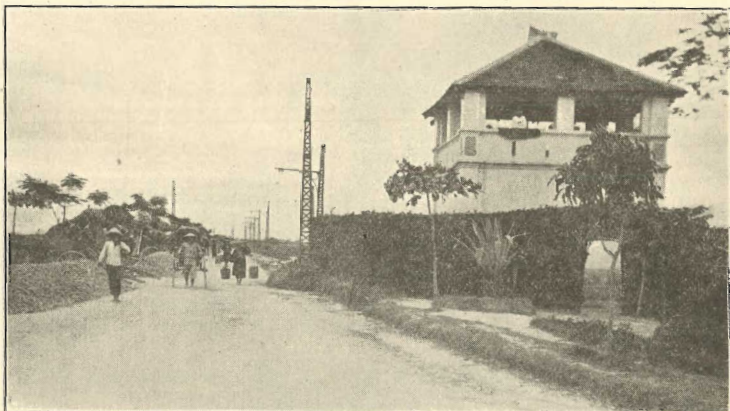
"One pitiable old man we visited last week confessed that the doctrine was true, but that circumstances were too much for him and he could not follow and be saved. We plead and pray with such people as these, but we realize, oh so much, how the mighty power of God alone can change such hearts and cause them to see things from the right perspective. Buddhism, Confucianism, and Romanism are deeply entrenched in the minds and hearts of these poor people. How they do need Jesus, and how little do they recognize it! Please remember and pray for this work, and for the above typical cases I have given of the many excuses offered for rejecting Christ. God is able! 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit saith the Lord.'

"We are much encouraged by the faithfulness of the small handful of converts here. It is true, two of the thirteen baptized

since the beginning of the work seem to have fallen away, and we do not hear from them nor do they attend the services. But we are following them with our prayers. One has gone to a distant place to live, and the other never comes near the hall. However, the remainder have stood true, and are joining heartily with us in the work of preaching the Gospel.

"How we do enjoy the literature we receive from the Union Gospel Printing Co., Cleveland, Ohio. The *Eastern Gospel Banner* is quite newsy, and the exchanges are so often suggestive. Mrs. Cadman joins me in thanking you all for sending us this helpful literature. If our Conference decides we should begin a monthly, then these weeklies will be still more helpful to us.

"We have a big note of praise to God for the healing of our little Agnes. A few days after our arrival we took off the plaster cast. For a time she could hardly walk, but now she gets around very freely, although still limping somewhat. We are trusting God that she will get stronger and outgrow the limping."



One of the French military forts or blockhouses scattered through the length and breadth of French Indo-China, thus making secure the occupation by the French.

In one of his later letters he writes:

"We had our annual business meeting in January. It was most encouraging to hear their earnest discussion of the different phases of the work. I now have a list of six names of those who are willing for me to call on them to attend the regular evangelistic services and help in the preaching of the Gospel. Each evening we try and have three of the converts give short messages after the missionary has preached. During the month we have been here they have made progress in boldness and fluency. The heathen are much impressed by the fact that the converts are willing to publicly confess Christ, and we are praying for much fruit as a result of their witnessing.

"Mr. Thuc, who is a professor in the government schools, is a source of much encouragement and praise to God. He has taken fresh steps in consecration and is going on nobly in the Lord. He is widely known and highly respected by the Annamese. This year he has doubled the amount of his pledge for the Lord's work in

Hanoi. Three others followed his example and doubled their pledges also.

"At the business meeting it was decided that we should open another Gospel Hall in the suburbs of the city, using the offerings of the Christians to pay the rent, upkeep, etc. Between eight and nine dollars monthly is the total amount so far pledged, so we will still lack five dollars monthly. Please pray that these dear ones will give yet more largely to the Lord, and that others may be won who will also freely give. Our deep desire is to see all the expenses of this new Gospel Hall met with Annamese money, and not a cent of foreign money in any way. How wonderful it all is to see the Gospel Chariot being propelled by those who so recently were heathen.

"Our printing and publication work is to open up again next month. It had to be stopped during our absence as it was too much for the two younger missionaries who have been holding the fort. There are difficulties of language, and the best location for this press, to be considered at our next Annual Conference. Pray for this most important work.

"The first two weeks after our arrival I had an attack of malaria, but am now well again. We have been very, very busy, and this is one of the first letters I have written since our arrival. We are expecting Mr. Rader to arrive early next month in Indo-China. We are then to have our Annual Conference in Tourane, where we first opened work in this land. We are looking forward to a time of refreshing and much blessing.

"Dear Brother, in the difficult work here we are so much encouraged by the fact that we know you and your people remember us in prayer before the throne. Please pray on and we are sure that soon there will be a big break, and souls will be freed from the power of Satan, and the scales of sin, superstition, and idolatry will fall from their eyes and they will see Jesus, their Saviour. How we do so long for that day to come. The souls already saved are, we believe, but an earnest of many who are going to be saved here in Hanoi. How glorious it will be when Jesus comes to meet these redeemed ones from Indo-China among the multitudes that will surround Him singing forth His praises!"

Rev. F. L. Dodds We have received several very good letters from Brother Dodds, our representative in Cochin-China, southernmost province of French Indo-China. This province has a population of 3,000,000 people. Brother Dodds arrived on the field at Saigon, November 23, 1919, and has since been busy studying the language. Being a stranger to us and yet coming from Bethlehem he felt like giving testimony to his conversion. We trust that his testimony will open the eyes and hearts of other young men that they might consecrate themselves, their time and talents to the Lord's work. We insert part of it here:

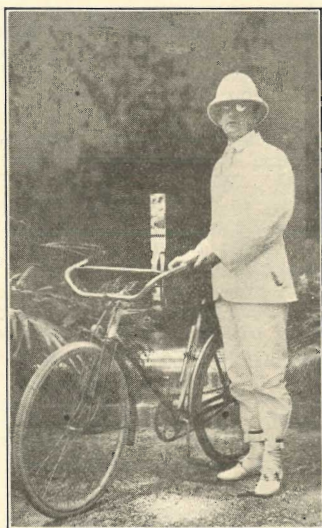
"My heart was lifted up in praise to God the other day when I received the Annual Report of your Pennsylvania Conference and thereby learned that the Lord was sending my support through the Mennonite Brethren in Christ. I truly praise the Lord for bringing this to pass, because I know that I not only receive my temporal support from you but also the spiritual support of your prayers, which is even more highly prized. I don't know any of you 'after the flesh' but if the Lord tarries until my furlough arrives, I hope to visit you. While I was at Nyack our dear Dr. Turnbull spoke in a few of your churches and told us students something of the great

work you are doing in sending the Gospel to the 'regions beyond.' Praise God for such companies in these end-days of terrible apostasy.

"When I remember that I used to live in Bethlehem, I can realize that it is indeed of the Lord that my support should come from there. I attended Lehigh University for four years, graduating in the Class of 1910. I lived at 234 Packer Avenue, in Mr. Brodhead's house, while he was in Congress, and at the old Sayre residence, opposite the Church of the Nativity. The names of Easton, Allentown, Nazareth, etc., are very familiar to me, but in those days I had more use for Rittersville than for Mizpah Grove.

"I was just an ordinary college youth, with no thoughts of Jesus Christ or of the consequences of the sins that are so sadly common among college students. I never heard of the Mennonite

Rev. F. L. Dodds, of Saigon, Cochín-China,
starting out on a trip.



Brethren, that I can remember, and if I had, I would probably have derided them as 'fanatics.' But, Halleluia! I am a "fanatic" myself now, and 'a new creature in Christ.' How different and how wonderful is this new life! I can never praise Him enough for His mercy and goodness to me!

"Perhaps you would like to know something of the one you support, so I will give a brief outline of the Lord's dealings with me.

"I was brought up in a Christian home and taught to reverence the Bible as the word of God, but I never knew Christ as my personal Saviour, and when I left home I soon forgot all my early training and seldom went to church.

"I had the advantage (or disadvantage?) of seeing much of the world. My father is an army officer and we have lived in all parts of the States. When I was fourteen I was in the Philippines for a year with my family and came back by way of Suez, thus completing a trip around the world. While in Manila we took a side trip and spent three weeks, in August, 1902, in Hongkong. When

I landed there, a year ago, on my way to Saigon, my heart was full of joy as I realized the changes in my life since those days!

"After leaving Lehigh, I worked for a short time at High Bridge, N. J., then went west to Alliance, Ohio, and then to Butler, Pa. In the spring of 1915, I was working in the big Standard Steel Car Works at Butler, with a good position and good chances of advancement. I was outwardly respectable and as indifferent as ever to the claims of Jesus Christ.

"Who would ever have prophesied that within four years I would be on my way to a foreign land as an Ambassador for Christ? 'How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out.' In spite of my 'advantages,' there was sin in my life which I was powerless to get rid of, though I longed to. But I had a mother



The hearse in an Annamese funeral. Some distance ahead is the music, consisting of tom-toms and cymbals, to drive away the devils, also roast pigs, rice, etc., for the spirit in the other world. A priest is carried inside with the corpse. Taken by F. L. Dodds in front of the mission house. A modern city but Oh! the spiritual darkness.

who prayed for me, and finally God, in His mercy, showed me the way "through Christ Jesus."

"A young convert of some revival meetings, held in Butler, was led of the Lord to start some cottage prayer meetings for the young people of Butler. He met with much opposition but kept at it and those meetings are still being held every Tuesday night and from them ten have already gone to Nyack or Moody! They are interdenominational and backed by no organization and yet the Lord has wonderfully used them in saving souls and sending workers into His vineyard.

"A cousin of mine attended the third meeting held and asked me to go to the next one—and I went! Only the Lord can explain why I consented to go, because a prayer meeting was very much out of my line in those days! Surely 'His ways are wonderful!' I was not converted in the first meeting but there was something in

the prayers and testimonies of those young people (about thirty were there that night) and in the short message that followed, that showed me that some of them had a peace and a joy that I didn't have and that I wanted. I began to really read my Bible and to pray.

"The Lord had my early Bible training to work upon and it was not long before I knew that I was reconciled to God through the precious blood of Jesus Christ. I can never forget those early days of my new life or of the day in January, 1916, when I consecrated my life to Him and He filled me with joy and victory! He put the foreign field on my heart and after investigating several Seminaries and Bible Schools, I started for Nyack in September, 1916.

"After three blessed years of school and a short time of training in the home work, I set out for my 'adopted land' and landed at Saigon November 23, 1919. Since then I have been busy at language study, and praise the Lord that I have gotten to the place where I can begin to talk both in French and Annamese. I also praise Him that He has kept me in good health in this trying tropical climate.

'Halleluia! What a Saviour!
Who can take a poor lost sinner,
Lift him from the miry clay and set him free.
O! I'll ever tell the story,
Shouting Glory! Glory!! Glory!!!
Halleluia! Jesus ransomed me!'"

Along with his personal testimony Brother Dodds also sent in the following interesting notes concerning the work:

"Cochin China was the latest field opened to the Gospel when Brother Olsen and Brother Stebbins arrived a little over two years ago. Although neither of them knew any French or Annamese, the Lord blessed by sending them a native teacher whose heart was open to the Truth. I arrived a year later, just in time to witness his baptism. This is truly marvelous when we consider the language barrier and compare it with Robert Morrison who labored heroically for fourteen years before his first convert was baptized. To God be all the glory.

"In the fifteen months since then, eight more have been baptized and we believe that these will be the nucleus of a strong church in the future. One of these is a Frenchman about eighteen years of age who came out of the Catholic Church and has stood firm in spite of many obstacles. At first the meetings were held in our living room but last March we rented a chapel near the large market and meetings are held there twice a week. It was truly a wonderful privilege to be present at the first public presentation of the Gospel in Cochin China.

"But our work is barely begun and our hearts are often saddened as we think of the thousands in the interior who are still in heathen darkness. During January Brother Olsen and I took a trip into the interior which made us realize more than ever before, the open door which the Lord has placed before us. We were gone three days and covered about 300 miles by train, launch, auto and native boat. We visited six cities of from 20,000 to 60,000 people and passed scores of villages.

"There are only three of us here with a parish of over 3,000,000! But we are very happy to be here as an entering wedge for many more in years to come, if He tarries. We surely need your prayers, for the power of the devil is so unhindered here that we

can almost see and feel the opposition as we take up the burden of intercession. But in spite of the hard places I count it a priceless privilege to be here as His ambassador and would not exchange places with anybody! Brethren, pray for us!"

The following items of interest we glean from his latest reports:

"Praise the Lord for the work He is doing through your Conference. The Churches may be small but then the Lord always chooses the small things for His work 'that no flesh should glory in His presence' (I Cor. 1:26-31). In the Lord's work the fruit is always 'hand-picked' and therefore very select.

"All the literature that you enumerated reaches me safely and I appreciate it all very much. The quarterlies are fine and so different from some that I have seen. We have not reached the stage in our work when we can have a Sunday School but they will be invaluable in the future and even now I read the lesson over each Sunday for my own spiritual edification. Praise the Lord, we never graduate from the Sunday School!

"The climate here is one of the most unhealthy in the world, due to the incessant heat and humidity, and our chairman insists that we have a vacation each year in as cool a climate as we can reach. This is one of our most difficult problems, because of the expense of getting to a cooler climate from anywhere in Cochin-China. There are several delightful French resorts in the mountains and we hope in a few years to be able to build a bungalow for the use of the missionaries.

"Since I last wrote to you we have had the blessing of a flying visit from our President, Mr. Rader and his wife. They arrived in Saigon March 2 and left Hanoi March 21, which is a very short visit for a country 1000 miles long and with 18,000,000 souls!

"It is the first chance that I have had really to meet Mr. Rader and the more I saw of him the more I felt that he is indeed the Lord's man to take Dr. Simpon's place as head of the Alliance. He is a big man in every way. He knows the world, he knows men and above all, he knows the Lord. He has a wonderful ability to get at the heart of any problem and yet he seems to be truly humble and ready to learn from anyone. I believe the Lord has given him a real missionary vision during his world trip.

"He was only in Saigon a few days and then we all went up to Tourane, overland, a trip by train and auto of about 600 miles. None of us will ever forget that trip! The first day by auto we ran into several washouts and were stuck three times in the mud. At each place we worked from one to two hours, up to our knees in mud and water, getting our autos started again. At the last place we didn't get started again until long after sunset and, working in the dark, Mr. Rader tore a great gash in his foot on a nail. Praise the Lord it didn't turn into blood-poison, but it pained him for weeks after.

"Everything possible on an auto trip seemed to happen to us and we knew that it was the devil trying to keep us from the blessing in store for us at Conference. So we just kept on praying and praising God and there was real victory in our souls. We arrived in Tourane at 2 A.M. of the fourth day, a very much worse-for-the-wear looking crew!

"As we expected, the Lord blessed us all wonderfully in the Conference and some very delicate questions were settled in the unity of love of the Spirit. Surely the Lord has wonderful things in store for us here if we keep united and bow at His feet. Please pray for this unity!

"We praise Him that He is already leading us forward in some real advance steps. We expect this fall, by His grace, to take four definite forward steps. A Bible School, to train our future native workers, is to be opened in Tourane under Brother Jeffrey. Then three new cities are to be opened for the first time to His blessed gospel! In the north, Brother Richmond Jackson is to open up Haiphong, the sea-port of the capital. Brother Jackson is also supported by your conference and was married the first of this month, June, as you probably know. In the south the two important cities of Sadec and Vinh Long, about 50 miles south of Saigon, are to be opened. Brother and Sister Stebbins will be at Sadec and I (D. V.), with Brother Herbert Jackson, will be at Vinh Long.

"I would like to ask you all to pray very much for us as we advance to attack these strong-holds of Satan, for we all know that he will be stirred to desperate action. We are all young. We will have to face not only the powerful opposition of the Catholic Church but also the suspicion of the French officials who cannot conceive of us being here simply to preach the Gospel. But more formidable still is the great spiritual ignorance and indifference of these poor people. Truly the difficulties and risks before us are insurmountable in the natural and we would never dare go ahead, but we have a great and mighty Captain who has never lost a battle and who promises to go with us all the way. Halleluia! So, trusting in Him, we dare to go forward and are sure of victory! Brethren, pray for us!

"Since returning from Conference, the work here, in Saigon, has not changed much. This is the seed sowing time and it is sometimes discouraging, but, as you say, we must look to Him for victory over discouragement too. We do praise Him for a fine, faithful native preacher and for several inquirers who seem really earnest in seeking salvation and not 'rice'! One of these is from a village of about 500 people, about ten miles from Saigon. Brother Olsen was out there to hold a service a short time ago and he reported a good attendance and good interest. If the Lord leads, we hope to have an out-station there before long. Pray for this!

"The Christians, of course, are being constantly attacked by the enemy and it is sad to see their weakness and real ignorance of what, as Christians, the Lord would have them do. But when we consider that they have only recently come out of heathendom and that they have no Bible in their own language to be a 'light unto their path,' we find it hard to blame them too severely. Praise God, He is the Judge and a merciful one! Please pray for them and for us that we may teach them faithfully and patiently what the will of the Lord is, and that they may have a warm heart to obey."

CHILE

**Rev. and
Mrs. M. P.
Zook**

Rev. M. P. Zook, Superintendent of the Missions in Chile, reports very encouragingly notwithstanding the trials and hindrances which the enemy is continually trying to put in the way of the Lord's work. Sister Zook had quite a siege of sickness until she almost despaired of life as she said: "When at last I gave up and went to bed with a burning fever it seemed there was little hope of ever getting up again. We did not consult a doctor. We knew that our only hope was in the Lord, our God. Days passed when it seemed I was face to face with eternity. I longed for a little longer while to redeem the time to care for and love my boys into the fold, to go in and out among the needy ones and to pray as never before for the native pastors. But the Lord touched my body and raised

me up. Since that day I have been getting much stronger, taking life and strength from Jesus, knowing that as my days so shall my strength be."

The following interesting facts are taken from letters and reports from Brother Zook and speak well of the work:

"The year has been one of preparations for advance movements, rather than the realization of the same. We did station a worker on the Island of Chiloe, to look after the Christians in Ancud and the Island Sebastian. But there is an important town on the other end of Chiloe which would give us access to numerous islands around, where there is no Gospel work of any nature carried on. We should station a worker there, but as yet we have not been able to do so for lack of them.



Bible Conference, Victoria, Chile.

Standing, left to right—Francisco Higuera, Dionisio Oyarzun, H. W. Feldges, Andreas Urquiza, Lizzie Diener, M. P. Zook, Guy Bucher, Henry Wagoner, Chas. Lukesh, Chas. LeFevre, Manuel Gomez, Jose Zapota. Sitting—Mrs. Diener and child, Mrs. Zapota, Elsie Acby, Marie Hostetter, Catharine Wagoner, Mrs. Wagoner, LeFevre's adopted boy, Rose LeFevre, Mrs. Nettie Meier, Anna LeFevre with Diener's boy.

"At our recent Annual Conference we stationed a worker at an important seaport and coal mining center, Lebu, a city of seven or eight thousand. We have also sent another worker to Rio Bueno, where we have a good chapel and quite a large and spiritual congregation, which has been almost abandoned for years only as some workers visited it at intervals from the nearest stations.

"We have not been able to open in Puerto Montt as yet owing to the difficulty of securing any kind of property. The town is growing very rapidly and the houses are scarce. We are still hoping that something may be done there in the course of the year. It is a city of about ten thousand people and very fanatically Catholic.

"We desire to make special mention of the plan which the Lord gave Brother LeFevre for Biblical instruction of native workers and others having interest. His idea is that in two central points he spent five months each year for a space of three years teaching Bible and

kindred subjects. We regard this plan as an answer to prayer, meeting a real need on the field and desire that you join with us to the end that it may be successful.

"We also earnestly request special prayer that all the workers, native and foreign, demonstrate in preaching and life, in these days of lawlessness and apostasy, the truths which we hold so dear.

"At Villa Rica (Rich Village) one of the native pastors supported by our Conference, Ignacio Riveros, has been working for a number of years and has preached the Gospel to hundreds of souls in the village and the country round about. The work in the town is small but our brother visits nine outstations regularly. He is home very little and reminds one of the old-time Methodist circuit riders.

"The government is talking about extending a branch of the railroad from Loncoche to Villa Rica. This would facilitate the work in this section very much.

"This has been a year of great activity on the part of the workers, also of severe tests physically and otherwise. The Lord has answered prayer very definitely in healing some of our workers as well as among some of our congregations.



Sister Acuña, of Chile, and part of her Sunday School Class.

"The Gospel has been faithfully preached in city and country, many have been saved and our baptisms totalled 127 for the year. Not as many as the previous year. While we have had real revivals in some parts and whole families have been saved, we feel safe in saying that the enemy has never attacked us more severely and in a more stealthy manner than during the past year. Our total membership also shows a slight decrease. The real cause of this is that on one of our stations the records gave a large number of members which cannot be accounted for at present and as a consequence were dropped from the list.

"The total amount of money collected during the year shows an increase of about \$653.90 or a total of \$16,069.88. The exchange is so variable that we usually count about five to one on an average. We might add that the exchange has been very favorable for us during the past few months, thus recompensing for the losses of the past few years.

"The reports for the year were encouraging, and showed a steady

progress in the work, notwithstanding the trials and hindrances the enemy is continually raising up in these perilous times. We have now twenty-five organized churches with fifty-eight out-stations. There were 127 baptisms during the past year and there are some 200 more in preparation for baptism. 727 Bibles and Testaments were sold, 1798 Scripture portions were given out and more than 31,000 tracts were distributed. Our printing office has printed and put into circulation 255,400 pages of Christian literature. The work has been extended by two more out-stations being provided with resident pastors: Rio Buene to the south, where Bro. Marcos Gomez, a new worker, has been stationed, and Lebu to the north, where Bro. Inocencio Gomez has located. Also in the past year work has been re-opened in the island of Chiloe and the neighboring islands.

"Another new feature recently inaugurated in our mission is the Bible School for our native workers. Bro. LeFevre has felt himself called to dedicate himself exclusively to that work. We have at present an enrollment of 20 students. This is very encouraging for a beginning. While many of the students do not expect to enter the ministry, they are being prepared for church and Sunday School workers, a thing which is also very much needed in our mission. It has been a very difficult matter to get suitable teachers for our Sunday Schools because of the lack of training. Our schools have been growing within recent years and we need experienced teachers to keep abreast of the advance.

"My wife is suffering intensely with rheumatism and needs your prayers constantly."

Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Feldges	Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Feldges have been laboring faithfully in Osorno, Chile, for about ten years. That Chile needs missionaries of the cross is evident from what he writes in one of his reports, part of which we submit here:
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"Yesterday was Good Friday, a special holiday here. All stores were closed and all churches had extra meetings. The Roman Catholics had a procession on the street. Two saints were taken out of their places and carried on the shoulders of the faithful. After them was borne aloft on a bier an image of Christ just crucified with a fence (like those on a cemetery) around, cross and all. How sad this procession was! I saw them go into their church where they are burning candles to it continually until tomorrow, resurrection, and ever after when they get a notion.

"We see the people still clinging to their idols, although they are now beginning to open their eyes. But what do they gain? Follow Jesus in His rejection with us, the most rejected people, they will not, so off they go, especially the men, to what they call democracy, but which might rightly be called a mild form of Bolshevism or lawlessness. From one extreme to the other. We'd rather they would stay Roman Catholics, for we seldom if ever get one from these latter-day libertines.....

"On the other hand, the Romans still hold on to many, with their superstitions, etc. For instance, a sister told me the other day that she visited a woman who is very sick, who has a patron saint to whom she prays. She put the saint down on its face for punishment because he did not hear and answer her petitions. How foolish and how absurd!

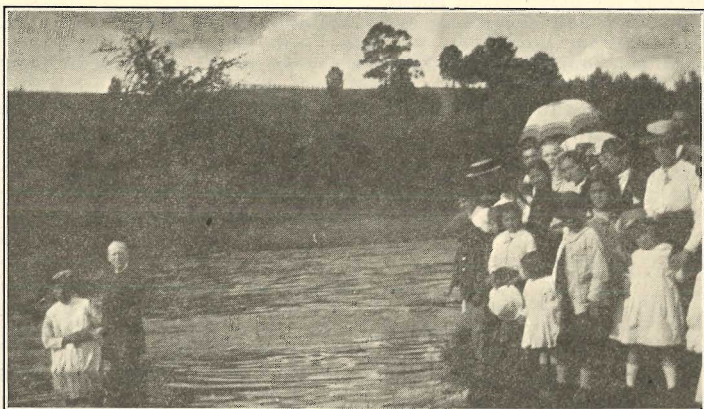
"Up in Santiago, the Capital, they take Saint Isidro a prisoner (image) and put him in prison with his face to the wall because he does not make it rain. When the rain does come they let him loose. Does it not make one think of the prophets of Baal?

"We had about six weeks of hard work lately. Our roof was in a bad condition, or rather the cornice work, and the rain had been coming

in for years. So we got to work and fixed things up a little. Our hands were knocked up quite some, calloused of course. The cement and dust gave us a rough appearance.

"One of our new missionaries, Brother C. Lukesh by name, is another Brother Weiss and he did hustle us around. Brother Zook had a fall with the scaffold, which broke when a piece of the wall fell on it, but was only scratched a little.

"Praise God for all His works to the children of men! How glad we were to show the town-folks that we were not afraid to soil our hands to help on God's work. The material cost us about \$140. The work was done by the missionaries. A good native brother helped for about two days, which was appreciated. It seems that the winter rains



Brother H. W. Feldges baptizing in Chile.

are beginning, so you can imagine how glad we are now to know our cornices are safe and the water runs off.

"May God bless you all. Brethren, God is blessing and has blessed your investment in me out here. I am praying that God would only make me more useful to spread His Gospel. Pray for us."

Sister Feldges came to California last winter for a much needed rest as her constitution had been very much run down. Their daughter, Grace, also accompanied her. As steamship rates are very high, they came up on a slow coastwise steamer to San Francisco, taking about six weeks. This fall Brother Feldges expects to come up, too, when they expect to spend their furlough in the homeland.

Conclusion

We have thus permitted our co-laborers at the other end of the line to submit their own reports in a measure by using many extracts from their letters from the field.

As there has been a great demand for our Annual Report during the last years we printed 1500 copies of last year's report. Outside of the cost of these reports the amount of money used by the Board for incidental expenses as postage, fares, etc., was again less than one half of one per cent.

As this report is being sent out among the many friends of our work, many of whom have been contributing to this work, we pray God's

richest blessings upon it and hope it will encourage such who are toiling faithfully in the Lord's service in the dark places of the earth as well as those who are working, praying and sacrificing at home to push the work along and thus hasten the day when the last member of the body of Christ shall be added to the number of the redeemed and the Lord Himself shall come to call the laborers home. May the Lord bless you all.

According to the report of the Committee on Finance, the various congregations and friends have contributed during the past Conference year the sum of \$10,203.25, while the Sunday Schools throughout the Conference have contributed \$7,953.94, or a total of \$18,157.19 to be used in Foreign Mission work during the coming year. We also received \$438.46 for Near East Relief.

The Committee also reported that \$17,264.75 have been received for the various channels of missionary work in the homeland, making a total of \$35,860.40 for missions, or an average of \$16.43 per member, while the receipts for all religious purposes during the year has reached



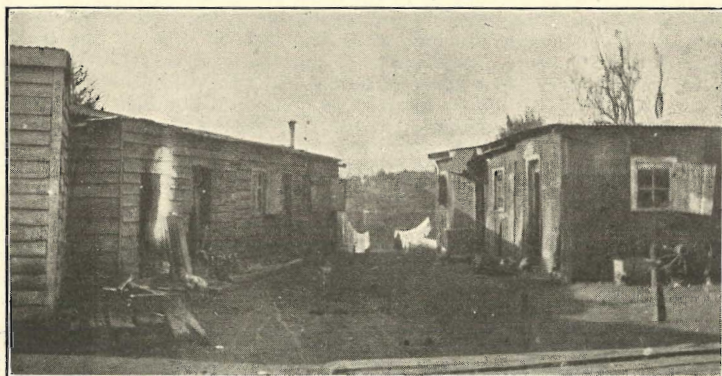
Grace Feldges and part of her Sunday School Class in Osorno, Chile.

the excellent average of \$77.75 per member. This is certainly the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes, and so much the more when the cry of hard times is heard all over.

We wish to praise the Lord and thank our members and friends for thus standing by us again so nobly during the year.

The Board has accepted Miss Anna Haupberg, of Kansu Province, Western China, in the place of Mrs. H. L. Weiss, who intends to remain in the homeland. We also decided to pledge the support of 7 more missionaries for the coming year, making 35 in all, or one missionary on the foreign field for every 62 members at home, besides supporting four native pastors.

Any one who may be led of the Lord to assist in the support of these noble workers in the regions beyond may send their contributions to the Secretary of the Board, Pastor C. H. Brunner, 125 West Laurel Street, Bethlehem, Pa., or to any other member of the Board, or to any of the Pastors of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of the Pennsylvania Conference, who will furnish a receipt thankfully acknowledging the same. The financial statement follows:



Street in the slums of Valdivia, Chile.

Allowances.

Palestine—

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

Africa—

Rev. E. E. Crist.....	\$ 360.00	
Mrs. E. E. Crist.....	360.00	
Rev. E. R. Hess.....	360.00	
Rev. M. E. Barter.....	360.00	
		1,440.00

India—

Rev. E. R. Carner.....	\$ 360.00	
Mrs. E. R. Carner.....	360.00	
Rev. S. P. Hamilton.....	360.00	
Mrs. S. P. Hamilton.....	360.00	
Rev. Samuel Kerr.....	360.00	
Mrs. Samuel Kerr.....	360.00	
Miss Eunice Wells.....	360.00	
		2,520.00

China—

Rev. Wm. Christie.....	\$ 360.00	
Rev. C. F. Snyder.....	360.00	
Mrs. C. F. Snyder.....	360.00	
Rev. W. N. Ruhl.....	360.00	
Miss Anna Haupberg.....	180.00	
		1,620.00

Indo-China—

Rev. W. C. Cadman.....	\$ 480.00	
Mrs. W. C. Cadman.....	480.00	
Rev. F. L. Dodds.....	480.00	
Rev. R. M. Jackson.....	480.00	
		1,920.00

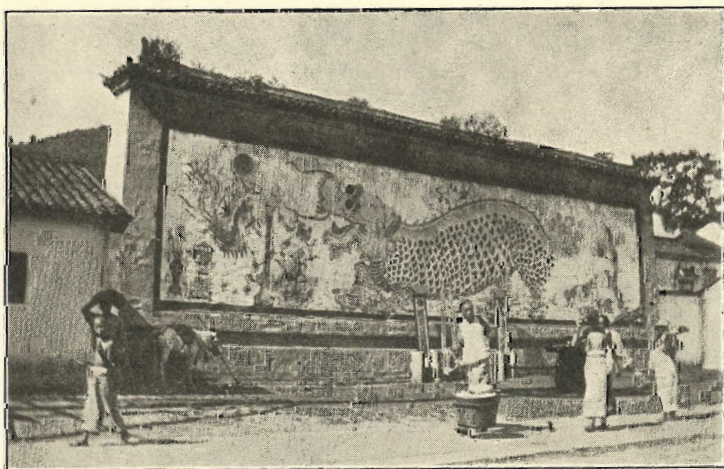
Chile—

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.....	150.00
Manuel Gomez	200.00
Innocencio Gomez	200.00
Ignacio Riveros	200.00
Dionisio Oyarzun	200.00
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	3,830.00
Extra for increased allowances.....	1,000.00

Miscellaneous

\$13,290.00

Transportation (Half), Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Snyder and Mrs. H. W. Feldges, coming home on furlough.....	\$ 635.00
24 Half-tone Cuts for Annual Report.....	99.16
Printing and binding 1500 copies of the Annual Report	215.00
Car fare and postage in connection with the above.....	9.82
Diaries, reports and journals to all the missionaries, postpaid	34.26
Periodicals and Daily Foods to the missionaries.....	146.97
Missionary Ammunition to the Pastors.....	8.50
Fares, to Nyack Council, B. Bryan Musselman and C. H. Brunner	18.13
Extra bedding for missionaries at C. M.....	18.90
Donations to the Treasurer, Paul Rader, and G. V. Brown at Camp Meetings.....	95.00
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	\$ 1,280.74
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	\$14,570.74



The dragon in front of the "yamen," in Wuchang, or office of the Governor of Hupeh Province, China. Brother and Sister Snyder once lived just back of this yamen.

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Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa.

Hess, Rev. E. R.

Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa.

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Carner, Rev. E. R. }

Akola, Berar, India.

Carner, Mrs. E. R. }

Dholka, Gujarat, B. P., India.

Hamilton, Rev. S. P. }

Sanand, Gujarat, B. P., India.

Hamilton, Mrs. S. P. }

Kaira, Gujarat, B. P., India.

Kerr, Rev. Samuel }

Kerr, Mrs. Samuel }

Wells, Miss Eunice

(d) China

Christie, Rev. Wm.

Titao, Kansu Province, China.

Hauptberg, Miss Anna

Taochow, Old City, Kansu Province, China.

Ruhl, Rev. W. N.

Taochow, Old City, Kansu Province, China.

Snyder, Rev. C. F. }

c/o T. H. Brennenman, 122 Crescent St., Goshen, Ind. (Home on furlough.)

Snyder, Mrs. C. F. }

Field address, Hochow, Kansu Province, China.

(e) Annam or French Indo-China

Cadman, Rev. Wm. C. }

Rue de la Citadelle, voie 85, Hanoi, French Indo-China.

Cadman, Mrs. Wm. C. }

120 Rue Paul Blanchy, Saigon, Cochin China, French Indo-China.

Dodds, Rev. F. L.

Rue de la Citadelle, voie 85, Hanoi, Tonkin, French Indo-China.

Jackson, Rev. R. M.

(f) Chile, S. A.

Feldges, Rev. H. W. }

Casilla 202, Osorno, Chile, S. A.

Feldges, Mrs. H. W. }

Casilla 57, Valdivia, Chile, S. A.

LeFevre, Miss Anna

Victoria, Chile, S. A.

Meier, Mrs. Nettie

Casilla 312, Temuco, Chile, S. A.

Zook, Rev. M. P. }

Zook, Mrs. M. P. }

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 Contulmo, Chile.

Riveros, Ignacio, Native Pastor Adopted October, 1915. Stationed at Villa Rica, Chile.

H. B. Musselman, President,

C. H. Brunner, Secretary,

W. G. Gehman,

E. N. Cassel,

B. Bryan Musselman, Board.

FORMS OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE**BEQUEST**

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

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DEVISE

I give and devise unto H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, W. G. Gehman, B. Bryan Musselman and F. M. Hottel, Board of Foreign Missions of the Pennsylvania Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, and their successors in office, the following described real property together with the appurtenances, in fee simple, viz: (Describe nature, situation and contents of property), possession to be given one year after my decease.

XV.—Ministerial Convention (Semi-annual)

The Eighteenth Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania convened in the M. B. in C. Church, Chestnut Street, Emaus, Pa., on Thursday, April 14, 1921.

The Presiding Elders and all the Pastors of both Districts were present. We were glad for the presence of a large number of the Pastors' families also.

According to the program, Brother H. B. Musselman, of Bethlehem, Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District, had charge of the forenoon meeting and gave a very helpful address to the Pastors and their families from Hebrews 3:12, 13.

AFTERNOON MEETING

The afternoon meeting was opened at 2 o'clock by the Chairman, Pastor C. H. Brunner, with singing and prayer. Pastor R. L. Woodring, of Coopersburg, recorded the minutes.

After the enrollment of the members of the Convention and the fixing of the Convention Bar, the minutes of the previous Semi-Annual Convention were read and approved.

The following Committees were then appointed by the Chair:

Committee on Resolutions—W. G. Gehman, B. Bryan Musselman and R. W. Dickert.

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

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

Timekeeper—N. H. Wolf.

Reporter—H. K. Kratz.

W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Mount Carmel District, read a very comprehensive and instructive essay on "The Pastor: His Character, His Department and His Work." The discussions on the essay were also very interesting.

EVENING SERVICE

The evening service was held in the Second Street Evangelical Church as our church was too small. The Pastor of the Emaus Circuit, Brother J. C. Roth, opened the service at 7.30 with a song service, after which three twenty-minute addresses were delivered, as follows:

"The Qualifications of a Successful Ministry"—Pastor F. M. Hottel, of Philadelphia.

"Ministerial Unity and the Promotion Thereof"—Pastor C. H. Brunner, of Bethlehem, Pa.

"Present Day Dangers Confronting Pastors and Workers"—Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, Allentown, Pa.

These messages were very instructive and helpful.

The weather was fair and the attendance very good; the churches, both in the afternoon and evening, were crowded to the doors.

The Pastor, Brother J. C. Roth, assisted by his classes at Emaus, Macungie and Zionville, provided excellent entertainment for the members of the Convention and the many friends who had gathered from far and near.

The brethren H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and J. C. Roth had been the Committee appointed for the arrangement of the program for the day.

C. H. Brunner, Chairman.

R. L. Woodring, Secretary.

XVI.—Ministerial Convention (Annual)

The Thirty-first Annual Ministerial Convention of the Pennsylvania Conference convened in Bethel M. B. in C. Church, Gordon Street above Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa., at 10 a.m., Wednesday, September 12, 1921.

The Chairman, Pastor F. M. Hottel, opened the Convention with singing, and reading the fifth chapter of First Thessalonians, followed by a season of prayer. Pastor W. F. Heffner recorded the minutes.

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

The Chairman appointed the following Committees:

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

Committee on Publication—H. B. Musselman, N. H. Wolf and E. N. Cassel.

Committee to examine the Minutes of the last Annual Convention—G. F. Yost and H. K. Kratz.

Timekeeper—V. H. Reinhart.

Reporter—H. K. Kratz.

The Chairman of the Annual Conference, Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, was then given charge. He gave us a very searching and helpful address on "The Unity of the Ministry," after which the forenoon meeting was adjourned.

AFTERNOON MEETING.

The afternoon meeting was opened at 2 o'clock with singing and prayer by E. E. Kublic.

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

"The Minister in His Study," Pastor J. B. Layne, Easton, Pa.

"Sanctification," Pastor C. H. Brunner, Bethlehem, Pa.

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

EVENING MEETING.

The evening meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7:30 with a song service and prayer. After the roll call and the reading of the proceedings of the afternoon meeting, an essay was read by Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, of Allentown, Pa., on "The Spirit-filled Life." Both the essay and the discussion that followed were very instructive and edifying.

The attendance was excellent all day.

The Committee on Publication recommended that copies of the essays read at this Convention be handed to the Editor of the Eastern Gospel Banner to be used as may be deemed advisable.

The Committee which had arranged the program for the day consisted of H. B. Musselman, B. Bryan Musselman and W. G. Gehman.

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

XVII.—Sunday School Convention (Bethlehem District)

The Thirty-third Annual Sunday School Convention of the Menonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania (Bethlehem District) convened in the Methodist Episcopal Church, corner Seventh Street and Erie Avenue, Philadelphia, on Memorial Day, May 30th, 1921.

The Convention was opened by the Chairman, Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, of Allentown, Pa. Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman led in prayer. Pastor J. C. Roth, of Emaus, Pa., recorded the Minutes.

The Presiding Elder and all the Pastors on the District were present, as well as all the superintendents and delegates. Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman, of the Mount Carmel District, was present, also Gospel Heralds N. M. Cressman, M. M. Myers and G. M. Reinbold.

H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner and F. M. Hottel had been the Committee appointed to arrange the program for the day.

After the fixing of the Convention Bar and the 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—R. L. Woodring, H. K. Kratz and W. F. Heffner.

Committee on Publication—H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner and G. F. Yost.

Committee on Statistics—A. G. Woodring, H. L. Shelly and S. W. Heiser.

Committee on Finance—F. M. Hottel, R. W. Dickert, J. G. Shireman and Albert L. Wentz.

Reporter—H. K. Kratz.

Timekeeper—W. F. Heffner.

The superintendents of the twenty Sunday Schools represented submitted their oral, statistical and financial reports, limited to five minutes each. All of these were very interesting, instructive and encouraging. They showed a marked progress in all the various departments of Sunday School work.

AFTERNOON MEETING

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

"A Model Sunday School Teacher"—Miss Dora Koch, Allentown (Bethel).

"A Model Sunday School Superintendent"—O. C. Kistler, Allentown (Salem).

Both of these essays, as well as the general discussions which followed, were very instructive, timely and helpful.

Both essays were ordered to be published in the *Eastern Gospel Banner*.

EVENING MEETING

The evening meeting was opened at 6:50 with a rousing song service, in charge of Pastor F. M. Hottel. This was followed by two twenty-minute addresses, as follows:

"The Christian Home"—Pastor C. H. Brunner, Bethlehem, Pa.

"Dangers Confronting Our Young People"—Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, Allentown, Pa.

The weather was rather threatening in the morning but the attendance was large, the spacious church being crowded at each service. The various Sunday Schools were well represented.

The Male Quartettes and the Male Octette of Bethlehem and the Female Quartette of Coopersburg sang a number of excellent and appropriate selections.

The Lehigh Valley Transit Company furnished us with a special train of their finest coaches from Allentown and back. The pastor, F. M. Hottel, and his loyal, sacrificing congregation furnished excellent entertainment in the basement of their church for the hundreds of people present from a distance. All through, this Convention was a pronounced success.

Statistics.

Sunday Schools represented..	20	Scholars Enrolled.....	2872
Officers Enrolled.....	162	Total Enrollment.....	3313
Teachers Enrolled.....	284	Home Department Members.....	2291
Total increase in enrollment over last year.....			281

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

Report of the Treasurer

Receipts

May 30, 1920, Balance in Treasury.....	\$	1.81
Received at this Convention from the various Sunday Schools		327.46
		<hr/> \$ 329.27

Expenditures

Expended at this Convention.....	\$	166.62
Donated to the Executive Board.....		160.00
May 30, 1921, Balance in Treasury.....		2.65
		<hr/> \$ 329.27

F. M. Hottel, Treasurer.

B. Bryan Musselman, Chairman.

J. C. Roth, Secretary.

XVIII. — Sunday School Convention (Mount Carmel District)

The Thirty-third Annual Sunday School Convention of the Menonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania Conference (Mt. Carmel District) convened in the M. B. in C. Church, 619 Race Street, Sunbury, Pa., May 25, 1921.

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 R. G. Blank, N. M. Cressman and E. H. Musselman of the Gospel Herald Society.

R. Bergstresser, of Mount Carmel, Pa., was Chairman of the Convention. N. H. Wolf, Lehighton, Pa., recorded the Minutes and E. E. Kublic, of Stroudsburg, Pa., was Treasurer.

W. G. Gehman, J. F. Barrall and V. H. Reinhart had been the Committee to arrange the program for this Convention.

The Chair appointed the following Committees:

Committee on Finance—E. E. Kublic, J. F. Barrall and W. E. Manney.

Committee on Statistics—W. R. Stengele, M. M. Myers and J. H. Bruch.

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

Committee on Resolutions—V. H. Reinhart, J. B. Layne and N. H. Wolf.

Committee on Auditing—Harvey Manney and J. C. Evans.

Committee on Absentees—W. G. Gehman, J. F. Barrall and J. B. Layne.

Timekeeper—C. E. Witt.

Reporter—W. R. Stengele.

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 Successful Sunday School Teacher"—Miss Ruth Fortune, Shamokin, Pa.

"The Model Sunday School Superintendent"—Elder J. B. Layne, Easton, Pa.

These essays were well prepared and well read, showing that they were prayerfully considered and written for the benefit of the cause that they were intended for. The discussions of both essays were spiritual and very instructive to all present. Both essays were ordered printed in the *Eastern Gospel Banner*.

A discussion was opened by Elder N. H. Wolf, Lehighton, Pa., on "The Home Department," which was very practical and instructive.

EVENING SERVICE

The evening service was in charge of the pastor, V. H. Reinhart. After a hearty Song Service there were three fifteen-minute addresses, as follows:

"Early Conversion of Children"—Elder P. T. Stengele, Scranton, Pa.

"The Christian Home and Its Influences"—Elder E. E. Kublic, Stroudsburg, Pa.

"How to Promote Spirituality among the Young People"—Elder M. M. Myers, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Gospel Heralds N. M. Cressman and R. G. Blank with their stringed instruments and grand spiritual singing, the male quartet

from Sunbury, Pa., and the four Gehman sisters from Easton, Pa., proved a great blessing to all present.

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

The Pennsylvania Railroad Co. furnished a special coach to convey the Scranton people to the Convention and home again.

A large number came by truck from Mt. Carmel and Harrisburg, and also a large number were present from Shamokin, Pa. There were also a number present from some of the other Gospel Herald Missions and Pastorates of the Church to enjoy this spiritual and uplifting feast.

Statistics

Sunday Schools represented..	12	Scholars enrolled.....	1312
Officers enrolled.....	76	Total enrollment.....	1510
Teachers enrolled.....	122	Home Department members.	310

The Home Department members are not included in the total enrollment of any of these Sunday Schools. The Conference having transferred Nazareth to the Bethlehem District, makes one Sunday School less on this district. Outside of this there has been a considerable increase in the total enrollment over last year.

Report of the Treasurer

Receipts

May 26, 1920, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 13.69
Received at this Convention from the various Sunday Schools.....	213.47
	<hr/> \$ 227.16

Expenditures

Expended at this Convention.....	\$ 158.96
Donated to the Executive Board.....	60.00
May 25, 1921, Balance in Treasury.....	8.20
	<hr/> \$ 227.16

E. E. Kublic, Treasurer.

R. Bergstresser, Chairman.

N. H. Wolf, Secretary.

XIX.—General Conference

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO APPORTION THE EXPENSES OF THE DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

We beg leave to report that we have apportioned the expenses of the delegates to the General Conference to the various charges and have received from the Pastors the following amounts:

Bethlehem	\$ 37.51	Quakertown	\$ 8.22
Allentown (Bethel).....	34.25	Hatfield	1.24
Reading	24.95	Graterford	10.66
Philadelphia	25.00	Harleysville	4.34
Coopersburg	14.88	Northampton	5.58
Allentown (Salem).....	10.69	Walnutport	4.96
Spring City.....	10.69	Easton	11.16
Royersford	11.16	Stroudsburg	9.30
Zionsville	8.83	Mt. Carmel.....	5.58
Emaus	12.71	Nazareth	7.50
Macungie	6.20	Lehighton	6.66
Fleetwood	6.82	Shamokin	15.03
Blandon	4.18	Sunbury	8.21
Terre Hill.....	8.06	Total	\$ 314.37

Paid H. B. Musselman account General Conference expenses..... 309.60

Balance paid into the Annual Conference Fund.....\$ 4.77

W. G. Gehman,
C. H. Brunner,
E. N. Cassel,
Committee.

XX.—Conference Report

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

The Thirty-Eighth Session of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania convened in Bethel Church, Gordon Street, above Eighth, Allentown, Pa., October 13-17, 1921.

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

The reports of the Presiding Elders and of the Pastors were gratifying and encouraging. Many were saved, baptized and added to the Church. Remarkable instances of healing were reported, reminding one of the days of the Apostles. The people of the Lord have made much progress during the past year. They are loyal, obedient, self-sacrificing and separated on all lines.

On the various charges the Pastors report large congregations composed of members and friends of the work. Young people are much in evidence. Prayer-meetings are well attended, where old and young enjoy themselves together in the Lord. Open-air meetings are held in many places, where the Word of God is preached to the multitudes.

The Gospel Herald Society and the Gospel Workers' Society, of which Elders W. G. Gehman and W. B. Musselman, respectively, are the presidents, are doing great and effectual work along home missionary lines, in conducting Gospel meetings, indoor and open-air, as well as spreading good, sound, scriptural literature from house to house.

The Sunday Schools are interesting and well attended. In many instances the church buildings are too small to adequately accommodate them. All the Sunday Schools are using the Christian Life Series publications with marked satisfaction.

The Home Department work has been the means of entering into many homes, and bringing many into the Church.

The Foreign Missionary work is continually extended. Seven new missionaries have again been accepted by the Board, making the total number of missionaries supported by this Conference 35. Also four native Pastors. The missionaries have sent glowing and encouraging reports of the Lord's doings in those regions.

The different offerings were much higher than last year. The offerings for Home and Foreign Missionary Work reached the splendid amount of \$35,860.40, and for all purposes, \$169,726.76.

H. B. Musselman and W. G. Gehman were re-elected Presiding Elders and C. H. Brunner and B. Bryan Busselman were re-elected Vice Presiding Elders.

H. B. Musselman was elected Chairman of the next Annual Conference; C. H. Brunner, Secretary, and Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer. All the Pastors were returned to their former charges.

T. D. Gehret, E. H. Musselman and N. M. Cressman were granted Annual Conference licenses.

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

The next Annual Conference is announced to convene in the M. B. in C. Church, on 11th Street, near Ontario, Philadelphia, Pa., on October 12, 1922.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

The services opened at 9:30 a.m. by singing, and prayer by Pastor C. H. Brunner. The large and commodious I. O. O. F. Hall on North Ninth Street, which was secured to hold the Sunday meetings, was nicely filled at all the services.

The Conference Sermon was preached by Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, Chairman of the Annual Conference, clearly setting forth the qualifications and duties of a good minister of Jesus Christ, basing his remarks on I Tim. 4:6.

The afternoon meeting opened at 2 o'clock with a song service. At 2:30, W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District, preached a powerful sermon on, "Christ Jesus the Lord," I Cor. 3:11 and John 12:21.

The evening meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. by singing and prayer, after which Pastor C. H. Brunner, of Bethlehem, Pa., preached an instructive sermon on Heb. 9:24. The weather was fair. Many came from great distances to enjoy the spiritual feast. The Lord's presence was manifest at all the services, melting and welding the hearts of the hearers.

The Allentown congregation provided abundantly for the physical needs of the many that came from the many charges.

E. N. Cassel,
R. L. Woodring,
J. B. Layne,
Committee.

XXI.—Announcements for 1922**(A) SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS****(a) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO ORGANIZE FOR THE
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CON-
VENTION FOR 1922**

The Convention shall convene at Reading, Pa., on Memorial Day, May 30, 1922.

The following officers were elected

Chairman, C. H. Brunner; Secretary, R. L. Woodring; Treasurer, F. M. Hottel.

Committee on Program—H. B. Musselman, R. W. Dickert and C. H. Brunner.

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.

C. H. Brunner, Chairman,

E. N. Cassel, Secretary.

**(b) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO ORGANIZE FOR THE
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CON-
VENTION FOR 1922**

This Convention shall convene at Easton, Pa., on Thursday, May 25, 1922.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, J. F. Barrall; Secretary, N. H. Wolf; Treasurer, E. E. Kublic.

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

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 M. B. in C. Church at Royersford, Pa., on Thursday, April 13, 1922.

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

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

(b) Annual Ministerial Convention

This Convention is announced to convene in the M. B. in C. Church, Eleventh and Ontario Streets, Philadelphia, on October 11, 1922.

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

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

(C) CAMP MEETINGS

Bethlehem District:

Bethlehem Division, Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., July 1 to 9, 1922. Chairman, C. H. Brunner; Secretary, A. G. Woodring; Treasurer, H. K. Kratz.

Allentown Division, Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., August 19 to 27, 1922. Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, F. M. Hottel; Treasurer, E. N. Cassel.

Mt. Carmel District, Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., July 22 to 30, 1922. Chairman, J. F. Barrall; Secretary, J. B. Layne; Treasurer, N. H. Wolf.

(D) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Thirty-Ninth Annual Conference Session shall convene, should the Lord tarry, in the M. B. in C. Church, Eleventh and Ontario Streets, Philadelphia, at 8 a.m., October 12, 1922.

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

XXII.—Conference Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE TREASURER

(A) Executive Board

Receipts

September 16, 1920, Balance in Treasury...	\$ 1,037.97	
Received during the year.....	6,627.60	\$ 7,665.57

Expenditures

Expended during the year.....	\$ 5,846.55	
October 6, 1921, Balance in Treasury.....	1,819.02	\$ 7,665.57

The Board owes loans to the amount of \$5,100.00.

(B) Board of Foreign Missions

Receipts

September 16, 1920, Balance in Treasury...	\$12,640.75	
Received during the year.....	17,052.80	\$29,693.55

Expenditures

Expended during the year.....	\$14,570.74	
October 6, 1921, Balance in Treasury.....	15,122.81	\$29,693.55

(C) Orphanage and Home

Receipts

September 7, 1920, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 5,536.38	
Received during the year.....	75,870.53	\$81,406.91

Expenditures

Expended during the year.....	\$78,507.39	
September 22, 1921, Balance in Treasury...	2,899.52	\$81,406.91

(D) Board of Publication and Printing

Receipts

September 16, 1920, Balance in Treasury...\$	116.60	
Received during the year.....	725.98	\$ 842.58

Expenditures

Expended during the year.....\$	697.89	
October 6, 1921, Balance in Treasury.....	144.69	\$ 842.58

(E) Home Missions

Receipts

September 16, 1920, Received at the Annual Conference..	\$ 8,792.76	
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Expenditures

October 6, 1921, Expended during the year.....	\$ 8,792.76	
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(F) Beneficiary Society

Receipts

September 16, 1920, Balance in Treasury...\$	1,655.83	
Received during the year.....	661.83	\$ 2,317.66

Expenditures

Expended during the year.....\$	5.00	
October 6, 1921, Balance in Treasury.....	2,312.66	\$ 2,317.66

Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer.

XXIII.—Financial Report
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Receipts, October 13, 1921

Appointments	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Foreign Missions in S. S.	For the Poor	Beneficiary Fund	Annual Conference Fund	Total
Bethlehem District							
Bethlehem	\$ 878 00	\$ 1531 05	\$ 838 27	\$ 53 00	\$ 30 00	\$ 32 00	\$ 3362 32
Allentown, Bethel.....	1188 75	2265 00	853 45	111 44	37 25	24 85	4480 74
Reading	605 25	698 25	405 10	33 27	21 87	13 00	1776 74
Philadelphia	823 00	1052 50	463 48	35 00	30 00	20 00	2423 98
Coopersburg	496 35	503 00	289 60	20 50	11 15	7 55	1328 15
Springtown	30 00	33 00					63 00
Allentown, Salem.....	205 25	269 50	164 05	16 10	13 61	4 75	673 26
Spring City.....	203 55	218 50	119 80	6 00	5 18	4 18	557 21
Royersford	274 65	193 00	205 92	15 00	8 42	6 01	703 00
Emaus	386 50	375 25	406 33	27 85	20 35	14 00	1230 28
Macungie	192 50	302 75	252 24	11 00	11 50	7 60	777 59
Zionsville	304 25	221 45	268 69	15 05	7 60	6 00	823 04
Fleetwood	233 00	210 00	189 00	8 50	7 75	3 00	651 25
Blandon	71 75	71 00	69 54	4 25	3 75	1 60	221 89
Terre Hill	218 00	210 00	73 00	7 50	8 05	3 63	520 18
Quakertown	204 50	200 50	178 47	18 00	10 25	9 50	621 22
Hatfield	44 00	33 50		4 00	2 43	1 50	85 43
Graterford	199 75	179 25	272 86	13 10	9 25	6 80	681 01
Harleysville	136 00	145 15	92 34	10 50	8 10	5 60	397 69
Northampton	123 40	101 50	99 49	7 50	6 30	5 85	344 04
Walnutport	66 75	54 00	60 00	4 75	4 00	4 00	193 50
Nazareth	216 00	187 50	200 00	9 00	7 00	5 00	624 50
Total	\$7101 20	\$ 9055 65	\$5501 63	\$431 31	\$263 81	\$186 42	\$22540 02
Mt. Carmel District							
Shamokin	\$ 306 00	\$ 263 00	\$ 242 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 15 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 856 00
Easton	512 25	450 35	320 46	15 07	10 50	10 16	1318 79
Sunbury	224 00	123 50	180 51	18 75	10 57	22 31	579 64
Stroudsburg	161 50	148 75	232 10	11 00	8 00	11 00	572 35
Lehighton	118 75	98 75	115 55	5 13	4 00	4 00	346 18
Weissport			51 47				51 47
Mt. Carmel	78 55	63 25	86 70	10 50	5 75	4 00	248 75
Gospel Herald Soc'y			1223 52				1223 52
Total	\$1401 05	\$ 1147 60	\$2452 31	\$ 80 45	\$ 53 82	\$ 61 47	\$ 5196 70
Grand Total.....	\$8502 25	\$10203 25	\$7953 94	\$511 76	\$317 63	\$247 89	\$27736 72

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

Ministers and Officers			Membership										Appointments			Pastoral Visits			Prayer Meetings Visited		Sunday Schools Visited							
Presiding Elders	Missionary P. E.	Ordained Ministers	Applicants for Annual Conf. Licenses	Q. C. Licensed	Preachers & Evangelists	Deacons	Class Leaders	Stewards	Rent Collectors	Baptized	Children Dedicated	Received into Church Fellowship	Received by Transfer	Total Increase	Died	Withdrawn	Dropped	Transferred	Total Decrease	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Total Membership	New Appointments	Sermons Preached	Pastoral Visits	Meetings Visited	Sunday Schools	
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.																												
Bethlehem	1	2		2	2		4	4	4	4	6	5	14	19	2	2	5	15	22	3	239	1		1	191	463	103	50
Allentown, Bethel							4	4	4	4	4	5	10	15	4	5	13	20	5	216			1	154	292	142	47	
Reading		1		1			3	3	3	7	6	8	4	12	4	4	11	16	4	170			1	154	373	96	48	
Philadelphia		1		1			4	4	4	24	30	28	5	33	2	4	7	13	20	170		1		170	280	115	60	
Coopersburg		1		1			3	3	3	5	3	9	1	10	3		6	9	1	91				112	283	122	47	
Springtown							1	1	1										1	5				9	12	87	47	
Allentown, Salem		1		1			3	2	1	4	6	11	9	20	1	1	7	8	12	81				147	428	103	47	
Spring City		1		1			1	1	1	1	4	1	3	4		5	4	6	2	67				95	138	50	45	
Royersford		1		1			1	1	1	2	2	2	5	7		4	4	4	1	83				83	159	43	45	
Emaus		1		1			1	1	1	1	1	5	7						4	42				80	210	66	36	
Macungie							1	1	1	1	1								2	42				56	56	23	3	
Zionsville							1	1	1	1	1								14	16				56	59	30	5	
Fleetwood		1		1			2	2	2	1	5	3	1	3		1	14	16	3	44				62	110	24	12	
Blandon							1	1	1	1	1	3	4	1	2	1			4	4				56	150	22	19	
Terre Hill							1	1	1	1	1	3	1	10	3		3	5	7	60				153	393	60	48	
Quakertown		1		1			2	2	2	10	3	8	10	3	3		3	5	4	48				92	132	85	44	
Hatfield							1	1	1	1	1	2	5						31				105	100	40	25		
Graterford		1		1			2	2	2	1	2	3	5		1		1	4	40	40			80	162	27	21		
Harleysville							1	1	1	1	5	5			1		1	2	9	5			85	241	53	21		
Northampton		1		1			2	1	1	13	3	9	2	11	3	1		2	6	5				135	190	42	49	
Walnutport		1		1			1	1	1	1			11	11	3	1												
Nazareth		1		1			1	1	1	1																		
Total	1	14		7	3	41	40	39	83	60	103	80	183	20	14	20	96	150	73	1695	22	1	2210	4362	1280	663		
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																												
Easton	1	2		1			2	2	2	8	4	10	6	16		3	5	11		83				136	170	88	50	
Stroudsburg		1		1			2	2	2	13	13	17	2	19		1	2	17		77				144	415	86	48	
Shamokin		1		1			3	3	3	3	7	5	5						3	100				135	450	116	49	
Mt. Carmel		1		1			2	2	2	7	4	8	3	11		1	7	8	3	39				140	110	65	49	
Lehighton		1		1			1	1	1	10	4	13	13				3	4	9	52				195	400	75	48	
Weissport																												
Sunbury		1		1			2	2	2	1	1	5	1	6		4	4	2		55				126	180	82	49	
G. H. Society										45	6	3	3			5	7		4	19				3294	2124	333	364	
Total	1	7	3	1	12	12	12	87	39	58	15	73	2	1	20	9	32	45	4	425	6			4170	3549	845	706	
Presiding Elders																												
G. W. S. Miss., etc.		1																						499				
Grand Total	2	25	3	8	3	53	52	51	170	99	161	106	267	22	15	40	106	183	128	44	2183	28	1	6879	7911	2125	1369	

XXIV—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—Continued

Appointments	Pastor	Sunday Schools					Church Property					Offerings						
		New Classes Organized					Subscribers to Eastern Gospel Banner	Churches	Parsonages	Increase of Church Property	Decrease of Church Property	Present Valuation of Church Property	Home Missions	Foreign Missions				
		M. B. in C. Sunday Schools	New M. B. in C. Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars Enrolled	Total Enrollment									Average Attendance	Home Dept. Members		
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.																		
Bethlehem	C. H. Brunner	4	1	1	46	352	398	613	134	1	1	1			\$ 49,500 00	\$ 878 00	1,531 05	
Allentown, Bethel	B. E. Musselman	4	1	1	51	323	374	274	465	105	1	1			20,000 00	1,188 75	2,265 00	
Reading	R. W. Dickert	3	1	1	33	244	277	206	265	59	1	1			14,000 00	605 25	698 25	
Philadelphia	F. M. Hotel	3	2	2	41	266	307	255	185	92	1	1	6,000 00		20,000 00	823 00	1,052 50	
Coopersburg	R. L. Woodring	3	1	1	21	135	156	128	170	31	1	1			5,000 00	496 35	503 00	
"	"														33 00	30 00	33 00	
Springtown	"														1,500 00	30 00	33 00	
Allentown, Salem	O. S. Hillegass	2	1	1	24	172	196	148	123	30	1	1			6,000 00	205 25	269 50	
Spring City	H. K. Kratz	1	1	1	18	111	129	95	109	35	1	1			4,850 00	203 55	218 50	
Royersford	"	1	1	1	19	116	135	93	40	35	1	1			4,000 00	274 65	193 00	
Emaus	J. C. Roth	2	1	1	21	160	181	128	50	27	1	1	1,800 00		10,800 00	386 50	375 25	
Macungie	"	2	1	1	14	62	76	56	56	13	1	1			2,050 00	192 50	302 75	
Zionsville	"	1	1	1	13	71	84	60	43	17	1	1			5,050 00	304 25	221 45	
Fleetwood	G. F. Yost	1	1	1	20	128	148	91	98	14	1	1			4,800 00	233 00	210 00	
Blandon	"	1	1	1	13	86	99	60	43	5	1	1			2,000 00	71 75	71 00	
Terre Hill	"	1	1	1	17	109	126	72	72	37	1	1			3,500 00	218 00	210 00	
Quakertown	W. F. Hefner	2	1	1	18	105	126	93	72	37	1	1			8,000 00	204 50	200 50	
Hatfield	"	1	1	1	18	84	102	74	63	21	1	1	400 00		1,500 00	44 00	33 50	
Graterford	E. N. Cassel	2	1	1	18	76	94	63	126	19	1	1			6,700 00	199 75	179 25	
Harleysville	"	1	1	1	18	76	94	63	126	19	1	1			1,000 00	136 00	145 15	
Northampton	A. G. Woodring	1	1	1	17	101	118	78	63	22	1	1			5,750 00	123 40	101 50	
Walnutport	"	2	1	1	19	66	85	81	29	22	2	1			3,850 00	66 75	54 00	
Nazareth	J. G. Shireman	1	1	1	19	66	85	81	29	22	2	1			10,000 00	216 00	187 50	
Total		40	20	1	441	2767	3208	2364	2459	743	23	14	3	\$ 8,200 00	\$ 900 00	\$189,650 00	\$7,101 20	\$ 9,055 65

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

Easton	J. B. Layne	2	1	1	19	127	156	123	127	29	1	1			9,000 00	512 25	450 35
Stroudsburg	E. E. Kubie	2	1	1	18	132	150	112	48	31	1	1			10,000 00	161 50	148 75
Shamokin	J. F. Barrall	2	1	1	30	140	170	125	40	36	1	1			11,000 00	306 00	263 00
Mt. Carmel	R. Bergstresser	2	1	1	17	114	131	80	67	27	1	1			12,000 00	78 55	63 25
Lehighton	N. H. Wolf	1	1	1	13	68	81	58	67	50	1	1			5,500 00	118 75	98 75
Weissport	"	1	1	1	14	132	146	74	43	27	1	1			1,300 00	224 00	123 50
Sunbury	V. H. Reinhart	2	1	1	18	95	113	80	43	27	1	1			8,000 00		
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	1	1	1	63	499	562	328		13							
Total		12	1	7	192	1327	1509	980	325	213	7	6	1		56,800 00	1,401 05	1,147 60
Orphanage Home,														4,483 83	70,665 73		
Mizpah Grove,														8,000 00	30,000 00		
Grand Total		52	3	27	1	633	4084	4717	3344	2784	956	30	20	4	\$16,200 00	\$5,383 83	\$347,115 73
																\$8,502 25	\$10,203 25

XXIV—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—Continued

OFFERINGS—Continued

Appointments	Pastor	Foreign Missions in Sunday Schools	For the Poor	Church Properties	Repairing Church Properties	Parsonage and Hall Rent	Session and Sundry Expenses	Sunday Schools	Presiding Elders	Missionary Presiding Elders	Ministers in Cash	Ministers in Other Contributions
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.												
Bethlehem	C. H. Brunner	\$ 838 27	\$ 53 00	\$ 32 265 60	\$ 42 00		\$ 1,224 99	\$ 1,892 46	\$ 472 50	\$ 185 00	\$ 1,793 88	\$ 565 23
Allentown, Bethel	B. B. Musselman	853 45	111 44	731 24			1,039 06	1,067 40	584 00	189 00	1,701 90	470 00
Reading	R. W. Dickert	405 10	33 27		784 00	373 95	574 72	1,087 61	472 72	145 92	1,431 75	334 66
Philadelphia	F. M. Hotel	463 48	35 00	550 00		847 40	1,112 22	938 73	536 00	122 00	2,001 35	402 00
Copersburg	R. W. Woodring	289 60	20 50			81 47	194 42	520 36	242 00	6 25	912 79	230 00
Springtown							3 09			6 25	50 75	10 00
Allentown, Salem	O. S. Hillegass	164 05	16 10		218 23	169 15	166 27	331 91	171 89	50 63	820 57	210 23
Spring City	H. K. Kratz	119 80	6 00		200 00	64 05	362 20	279 35	129 00	29 50	588 35	128 83
Royersford		205 92	15 00		175 00	86 00	289 02	336 87	118 00	35 50	534 25	147 81
Enaus	J. C. Roth	406 33	27 85	1,118 15		113 30	854 55	509 08	315 00	76 55	1,284 85	440 52
Macungie		252 24	11 00	127 00		56 25	229 36	86 35	144 50	29 35	332 25	173 21
Zionsville		268 69	15 05	307 00			135 74	265 67	159 50	20 25	482 35	250 00
Fleetwood	G. F. Yost	189 00	8 50			134 00	83 74	161 21	80 00	12 14	180 15	69 45
Blandon		69 54	4 25			76 35	287 25	137 92	71 00	17 56	331 05	120 50
Terre Hill		73 00	7 50			91 70	693 79	480 36	182 00	29 00	569 01	277 30
Quakertown	W. F. Hefner	178 47	18 00		157 84	423 75	212 24			6 16	178 65	61 37
Hafield			4 00			45 20	148 86	288 20	102 00	39 40	658 50	399 59
Graterford	E. N. Cassel	272 86	13 10		150 00	321 65	119 89		104 00	29 35	335 25	649 81
Harleysville		92 34	17 50			167 05		332 91	103 78	20 54	509 80	215 00
Northampton	A. G. Woodring	99 49	4 75	90 00	175 50	245 55	167 60		34 10	21 55	315 35	85 00
Walnutport		60 00	4 75	90 00	77 75	162 15	248 67	281 88	170 00	41 50	726 46	88 97
Nazareth	J. K. Shireman	200 00	9 00	403 30		308 75	620 94	373 50				
Total		\$5,501 63	\$431 31	\$6,682 29	\$1,980 32	\$3,767 72	\$ 8,907 12	\$10,146 87	\$4,342 74	\$1,182 55	\$76,226 00	\$5,463 17
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GHEHMAN, P. E.												
Easton	J. B. Layne	320 46	15 07	843 00		302 30	476 56	592 88	268 10	40 32	1,054 75	266 53
Stroudsburg	E. E. Kubie	232 10	11 00	410 92	415 95	237 90	460 83	388 91	224 00	43 50	779 00	253 00
Shamokin	J. F. Barrall	242 00	20 00	868 08	37 17		210 40	432 76	232 25	60 00	1,145 05	175 00
Mt. Carmel	R. Bergstresser	86 70	10 50		245 73	115 70	286 67	237 78	117 35	24 40	485 75	158 00
Leighton	N. H. Wolf	115 55	5 13	10 00		190 25	169 60	190 87	169 40	18 25	365 55	297 4

XXIV—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—Concluded

OFFERINGS—Concluded

Appointments	Pastor	Beneficiary Fund	Gospel Worker Society	Tabernacle, Missionary or Evangelistic Work	Camp Meetings	Sunday School Conventions	Annual Conference Fund	Annual Conference Delegate	General Conference Fund	Benevolent Society	Subscriptions and Literature Sold	Near East Relief	Total Offerings
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.													
Bethlehem	C. H. Brunner.	\$ 30 00	\$ 799 45	\$ 61 00		\$ 44 18	\$ 32 00	\$ 21 68	\$ 37 51	\$ 219 00	777 80		\$ 14,764 60
Allentown, Bethel	B. B. Musselman	37 25	741 75	375 00		32 00	24 85	29 00	8 25	184 00	830 00		13,069 34
Reading	R. W. Dickert.	21 87	565 00	41 23		22 37	13 00	32 41	24 95	68 50	369 74		8,020 27
Philadelphia	F. M. Hottel.	30 00	619 44	143 00		24 00	20 00	27 00	25 00	115 00	1,096 02	\$259 46	11,236 60
Coopersburg	R. L. Woodring.	11 15	215 19	163 00		24 00	7 55	17 50	14 88	11 00	105 00		4,120 51
Springtown	"	6 00	215 19	163 00		24 00	7 55	17 50	14 88	2 00	105 00		144 59
Allentown, Salem.	O. S. Hillegass.	13 61	195 60			10 00	4 75	11 52	10 69	20 00	85 67		3,205 62
Spring City	H. K. Kraatz.	5 18	133 50			10 00	4 18	8 28	10 69	38 50	165 51		2,704 97
Roversford	"	8 42	177 70			13 47	6 01	10 72	11 16	39 50	139 60		2,817 60
Emaus	J. C. Roth.	20 35	192 87	387 75		15 82	14 00	15 50	12 71	86 50	235 40		6,868 83
Macungie	"	11 50	57 82	274 75		13 50	7 60	9 45	6 20	21 00	95 35		3,803 55
Zionsville	G. F. Yost.	7 60	72 01	247 25		9 50	6 00	7 35	8 83	26 50	62 30		2,860 85
Fleetwood	"	7 75	63 73	140 00		12 00	3 00	7 35	6 82	58 00	110 00	132 00	2,635 08
Blandon	"	3 75	21 25	90 00		11 00	1 60	4 00	4 18	18 50	35 00	16 00	1,079 88
Terre Hill	"	8 05	55 50	70 00		9 00	3 63	6 00	8 03	30 00	171 14		1,801 72
Quakertown	W. F. Heffner.	10 25	95 65	233 18		11 82	9 50	16 00	8 22	47 50	171 14		4,087 78
Hatfield	"	2 43	19 06	104 56		12 00	1 50	4 50	1 24	16 50	15 70		3,072 68
Graterford	E. N. Cassel.	9 25	115 40	7 90		6 80	5 60	11 06	10 66	28 00	100 45		1,966 91
Harleysville	"	8 10	57 48			16 00	7 60	7 60	4 34	4 00	90 45		2,409 40
Northampton	A. G. Woodring.	6 30	49 95			13 00	5 85	17 63	5 58	47 50	240 00		1,889 34
Walnutport	"	4 00	50 93			13 00	4 00	8 00	4 96	2 50	240 00		3,852 41
Nazareth	J. G. Shireman.	7 00	248 25			20 00	5 00	20 00	7 50	39 00	159 75		6,272 78
Mizpah	Camp Meeting.				6,272 78								
Total		\$263 81	\$4,563 53	\$2,478 62	\$3,272 78	\$233 66	\$186 42	\$292 22	\$258 43	\$1,071 00	\$ 4,996 38	\$438 46	\$101,938 88
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.													
Easton	J. B. Layne.	10 50	159 48	13 50		34 00	10 16	22 52	11 16	70 50	626 06		6,100 65
Stroudsburg	E. E. Kubic.	8 00	100 61	94 90		24 00	11 00	29 00	9 30	51 00	360 60		4,455 77
Shamokin	J. F. Barrall.	15 00	158 25	200 25		25 00	10 00	22 00	15 03	29 50	1,570 65		6,114 39
Mt. Carmel	R. Bergstresser	5 75	49 58	134 25		13 00	4 00	29 00	5 58	21 50	150 00		2,316 04
Lehighton	N. H. Wolf.	4 00	59 97			15 15	4 00	11 32	6 66	8 00	282 90		2,131 56
Weissport	"					10 00							177 11
Sunbury	V. H. Reinhart.	10 57	113 47	27 29		12 07	22 31	32 50	8 21	12 00	310 85		3,390 48
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, P.		345 00	3,684 88		371 45					24,540 70		41,063 10
Edgewood Grove.	Camp Meeting.				2,043 78								2,043 78
Total		53 82	986 36	4,155 07	2,043 78	504 67	61 47	146 34	55 94	192 50	27,841 76		67,792 88
Grand Total.		\$317 63	\$5,549 89	\$6,633 69	\$8,316 56	\$828 33	\$247 89	\$438 56	\$314 37	\$1,263 50	\$32,838 14	\$438 46	\$169,726 76

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

Shick, E. T.	1899	1901	515 Green Street, Allentown, Pa.
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III. Annual Conference Licensed Preachers

Anderson, J. T.	1909	Gospel Herald Society.
Cressman, N. H.	1921	" " "
Gehret, T. D.	1921	" " "
Meyers, M. M.	1919	" " "
Musselman, E. H.	1921	" " "
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.
Herzog, F. B.	1921	Emaus, Pa.
Hottel, Titus	1910	Coopersburg, Pa.
Martin, E. W.	1901	East Earl, Pa.
Musselman, P. J.	1905	Philadelphia, Pa.
Zimmerman, W.W.	1899	Easton, Pa.

RECORD OF CONFERENCES

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

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

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† 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. Kaufman.....
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.....	"	"
1921	Oct. 13-17.....	Allentown.....	"	"

*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	"							
1893	"		Royersford					
1894	"		Spring City		Catasauqua			
*1895	"		"		Weissport		Annandale	
*1896	"		"		Walnutport		"	
*1897	"		"		Rittersville		"	
1898	Quakertown		"		"		Sunbury	
1899	"							
1900	Macungie		Northampton		Terre Hill	64		
1901	"		Neffsville		Mohnsville			
1902	"	56	Northampton		"			
1903	"	52	"		Reading (East)			
1904	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)	
1908	"	148	"	164	Easton (Mt.	75	Shamokin	85
					Carmel Dist.)		(Bunker Hill)	75
1909	Waldheim	153	"	139	Easton (Mt.	75		
					Carmel Dist.)			
1910	Mizpah Grove	167	Mizpah G'Ve.	154	Easton (Mt.	89		
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		Carmel Dist.)			
1911	Mizpah Grove	156	Mizpah G'Ve.	160	Mizpah G'Ve.	100	Shamokin	43
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1912	Mizpah Grove	163	Mizpah G'Ve.	163	Mizpah G'Ve.	75	Shamokin	58
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1913	Mizpah Grove	165	Mizpah G'Ve.	169	Mizpah G'Ve.	76	Shamokin	71
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1914	Mizpah Grove	143	Mizpah G'Ve.	170	Mizpah G'Ve.	68	Shamokin	78
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1915	Mizpah Grove	145	Mizpah G'Ve.	174	Mizpah G'Ve.	66	Shamokin	86
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1916	Mizpah Grove	155	Mizpah G'Ve.	194	Shamokin	106		
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1917	Mizpah Grove	162	Mizpah G'Ve.	203	Shamokin	120	Harrisburg	65
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1918	Mizpah Grove	199	Mizpah G'Ve.	183	Shamokin	105		
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1919	Mizpah Grove	189	Mizpah G'Ve.	219	Shamokin	126		
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1920	Mizpah Grove	195	Mizpah G'Ve.	238	Shamokin	128		
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1921	Mizpah Grove	224	Mizpah G'Ve.	221	Shamokin	136		
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			

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.

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GENERAL CONFERENCES

1. ZIONSVILLE, PA. November 8-12, 1879.
A Union Conference, including sixteen Members of the Pennsylvania Conference. Name changed to Evangelical United Mennonites.
2. ELKHART, IND. 1882.
Wm. Gehman, John Traub.
3. HARRISBURG, O. December 27-29, 1883.
Wm. Gehman, A. Strawn.
A Union Conference with the Brethren in Christ. Name changed to Mennonite Brethren in Christ.
4. ZIONSVILLE, PA. 1885.
Wm. Gehman, P. E., A. Strawn.
5. BERLIN, ONTARIO. 1888.
Wm. Gehman, P. E., A. Strawn, W. B. Musselman.
6. HARRISBURG, O. 1892.
W. B. Musselman, P. E., Wm. Gehman, Noah Detweiler, M. A. Zyner.
7. COOPERSBURG, PA. 1896.
W. B. Musselman, P. E., Wm. Gehman, C. H. Brunner.
8. BERLIN, ONT. 1900.
C. H. Brunner, P. E., H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman, Layman, A. A. Wismer.
9. NAPPANEE, IND. 1904.
H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., C. H. Brunner, M. P. E., W. G. Gehman.
Laymen, Allen M. Gehman, J. D. Moyer.
10. BROWN CITY, MICH. 1908.
H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. G. Gehman, P. E., W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., J. C. Roth, C. H. Brunner, W. S. Hottel.
Laymen, O. B. Bartholomew, Allen M. Gehman.
11. BETHLEHEM, PA. October 23, 1912.
H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. G. Gehman, P. E., C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel, W. S. Hottel. W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., Publisher of the Gospel Banner.
Laymen, Allen M. Gehman, H. H. Bergey.
12. NEW CARLISLE, OHIO. October 11, 1916.
Announced for Berlin, Ontario, on the second Wednesday in October, 1916, at 9 A. M., but changed to New Carlisle, O., on account of the war.
H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. G. Gehman, P. E., C. H. Brunner, W. S. Hottel, E. N. Cassel. W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., Publisher of the Gospel Banner.
Laymen, G. O. Billig, H. S. Jones, Allen M. Gehman.
13. 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.
14. Announced for Brown City, Michigan, on the third Wednesday in October, 1924, at 9 o'clock in the morning.

