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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 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 as specified by the discipline.
- (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 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 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 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 The Home funds.

All money collected for charitable purposes not paid over to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of The 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 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.]

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) 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 offering for the 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 to 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.

K.—The Treasurer of the Annual Conference shall be donated fifty dollars annually. The Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions shall see that this is paid annually. [Enacted October 15, 1923.]

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FIRST MEETING.

THURSDAY FORENOON, OCTOBER 11, 1923.

The Fortieth Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania convened in Ebenezer M. B. in C. Church, Main and Durham Streets, Bethlehem, Pa.

The first meeting was opened at 8 a.m., according to announcement, by singing "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine." 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 this conference year, 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.

After singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," the Chairman, H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District, read a number of passages of Scripture, followed by a very needful and helpful message.

The names of the Presiding Elders, Pastors and Delegates of both Districts were then enrolled as follows:

MINISTERS.

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

Probationers—F. B. Hertzog and P. T. Stengele.

DELEGATES.

H. L. Moyer, Bethlehem.
G. O. Billig, Allentown—Bethel.
John T. Kramer, Reading.
W. D. Evert, Philadelphia.
G. Louis Baumgartner, Allentown—Salem.
Allen M. Gehman, Emaus, Macungie and Zionsville.
H. L. Shelly, Coopersburg and Springtown.
H. V. Smith, Easton.

J. H. Bruch, Stroudsburg.
E. R. Hartman, Royersford and Spring City.
G. K. Himmelreich, Fleetwood, Blandon and Terre Hill.
H. H. Bergey, Quakertown and Hatfield.
C. D. Bean, Graterford and Harleysville.
D. S. Schoffstall, Mount Carmel.
Russel Fleisher, Shamokin.
Charles E. Eroh, Lehighton and Weissport.
Charles F. Lilly, Nazareth.
O. B. Bartholomew, Northampton and Walnutport.
C. B. Brosius, Sunbury.
Charles A. Wilcox, Scranton.

The Conference members thus number forty-two.

We are also remembering W. B. Musselman, of Cleveland, Ohio; E. T. Shick, of Allentown, Pa.; J. F. Barrall, of Shamokin, Pa.; M. P. Zook and Mrs. M. P. Zook, of Chile; C. F. Snyder and Mrs. C. F. Snyder, of China, and H. W. Feldges and Mrs. H. W. Feldges, of Ecuador, who are engaged in Home and Foreign Missionary work along various lines.

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

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

Central China—B. H. Alexander, M. E. Ekval and D. P. Olson.

Chile—Miss Anna LeFevre and Mrs. Nettie Meier.

Africa—E. E. Crist, Mrs. E. E. Crist, E. R. Hess, M. E. Barter, W. P. Darling and H. L. Pierson.

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

Annam—Wm. C. Cadman, Mrs. Wm. C. Cadman, R. M. Jackson and H. A. Jackson.

Palestine—E. O. Jago and Miss Mary A. Butterfield—34 in all.

Also our three native Pastors in Chile: Dionisio Oyarzun, Manuel Gomez and Innocenio 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 first four pews in the center and left hand sections of 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 Reporter and a Timekeeper.

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 C. H. Brunner and H. L. Moyer, the Pastor and Delegate of the Bethlehem Congregation.

COMMITTEES.

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

Committee on Worship: C. H. Brunner and H. L. Moyer.

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

Committee on Finance: F. M. Hottel, H. L. Moyer, G. O. Billig and Allen M. Gehman.

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

Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records: J. C. Roth, E. E. Kublie, V. H. Reinhart, Charles E. Eroh, J. B. Layne, C. B. Brosius, H. V. Smith, D. S. Schoffstall, Charles F. Lilly, P. T. Stengele, O. B. Bartholomew, Charles A. Wilcox, Russel Fleisher, R. Bergstresser and F. B. Hertzog.

Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Records: R. W. Dickert and P. T. Stengele.

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: W. F. Heffner, E. E. Kublie and O. S. Hillegass.

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

Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination: B. Bryan Musselman, F. M. Hottel and C. H. Brunner.

Committee on Resolutions: W. G. Gehman, R. L. Woodring and J. B. Layne.

Committee on Auditing: G. F. Yost, H. L. Shelly, H. L. Moyer, R. W. Dickert, H. H. Bergey, W. D. Evert, E. R. Hartman, G. Louis Baumgartner, J. H. Bruch, John T. Kramer and G. O. Billig.

Committee to Audit Schedules: W. G. Gehman and F. B. Hertzog.

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 not later than 3 o'clock.

Adjourned with prayer and benediction by the Chairman.

SECOND MEETING.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 11, 1923.

The Chair opened the afternoon meeting at 3 p.m. with singing, "Nearer My God to Thee," and prayer by R. W. Dickert.

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

We have examined the Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelist and Missionaries and found them all in a satisfactory condition.

W. F. Heffner,
E. E. Kublic,
O. S. Hillegass,
Committee.

Report of the Committee on Communication:

We have received a communication from J. F. Barrall, of Shamokin, Pa., which we recommend to be read to this Conference.

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

Report of the Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders:

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

satisfactory, being actively engaged in their duties and very much devoted to the Lord's service.

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

Report of the Committee on Worship:

T. D. Gehret shall speak this evening, followed by N. M. Cressman.

C. H. Brunner,
H. L. Moyer,
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. We found them in good condition, only a few slight errors which were corrected in the presence of the Pastors.

J. C. Roth,	P. T. Stengele,
J. B. Layne,	C. B. Brosius,
E. E. Kublic,	Russel Fleisher,
V. H. Reinhart,	Charles E. Eroh,
F. B. Hertzog,	Charles A. Wilcox,
H. V. Smith,	R. Bergstresser,
Charles F. Lilly,	O. B. Bartholomew,
D. S. Schoffstall,	Committee.

Report of the Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Records:

We have examined the Annual Conference Records of 1922 and have found them all correct with the exception of a few slight errors which were corrected in the presence of the Secretary.

R. W. Dickert,
P. T. Stengele,
Committee.

The oral reports of the Pastors were concluded.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, The Lord, during this Conference year has spared all the Pastors of both Districts, all reporting to this Conference

with much pleasure of the past year's work on their different charges, stating that many were saved, healed, baptized and received into church fellowship, and that much progress was made among the Lord's people, a number of them reporting large attendance in open-air meeting work, and also of tabernacle meetings held, that our people are loyal and sacrificing, and that the victories were many, therefore,

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

Resolved, That we unceasingly pray the Lord to keep the Ministry Spirit-filled and united in these days of the falling away, also that they may be kept in Christ for much usefulness in the Lord's Cause and progress even unto the coming of the Lord.

W. G. Gehman,
R. L. Woodring,
J. B. Layne,
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 through His great love has again spared both of our Presiding Elders for our Conference, who reported the work in the Conference progressing along spiritual and financial lines, also the report of the President of the Gospel Herald Society, and,

Whereas, The reports contained the words of highest praise for a devoted laity, the co-operation of the Pastors, the continued whole-hearted support of Home and Foreign Mission work and intercessions of God's people, therefore,

Resolved, That we show our appreciation by pledging our united prayers for them in their sacrifices, love and wise and safe counsels as leaders of our Conference in these days of compromise, and further,

Resolved, That we as a Ministry praise God for being privileged to stand by as one man in upholding such noble men while the Bride is being chosen for His glorious reign on earth.

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

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet this evening from 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock.

Adjourned at 5:30 with prayer by Charles E. Eroh and the benediction by J. B. Layne.

THIRD MEETING.

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 11, 1923.

The meeting was opened with prayer by J. C. Roth.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Executive Board. (See Reports.)

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

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

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

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

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

Report of the Board of Trustees of The Home. (See Reports.)

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

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

Resolved, That we extend the time indefinitely.

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

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

Report of Beneficiary Society. (See Reports.)

Upon the statement of Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman, Pastor P. T. Stengele, having labored satisfactorily during the past year in Scranton, Pa., on the Mt. Carmel District, was

recommended to the Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination.

The communication of J. F. Barrall was read and the matter was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The following report was read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, J. F. Barrall, of Shamokin, Pa., sent a letter to this Conference, stating that he could not see his way clear to be present, yet expressing a love for the Lord's work, therefore,

Resolved, That we accept his excuse and pray that the Lord may lead in his life to His own glory.

W. G. Gehman,
R. L. Woodring,
J. B. Layne,
Committee.

Adjourned at 10:30 o'clock with prayer by R. Bergstresser.

FOURTH MEETING.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 12, 1923.

The meeting was opened with singing "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine," and prayer by Charles A. Wilcox.

The Chair read the Tenth Chapter of Second Corinthians with a few appropriate remarks.

The roll was called, all being present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

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

There being no applicants for Annual Conference License we have nothing further to report.

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

Conditional—None.

Resolved, That we elect two Presiding Elders.

The Chair appointed tellers as follows: G. F. Yost, R. L. Woodring and J. B. Layne.

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.

The following Report was read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Worship:

N. H. Wolf shall preach this evening, followed by W. F. Heffner.

C. H. Brunner,
H. L. Moyer,
Committee.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and adjourn.

Adjourned at 9:10 a.m., with prayer by C. H. Brunner.

FIFTH MEETING.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 12, 1923.

The meeting was opened with singing "Down at the Cross Where My Saviour Died," and prayer by Russel Fleisher.

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

The following report was read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination:

We have examined P. T. Stengele and believe that he has proved himself satisfactory to the Conference. We therefore recommend him to be ordained at this Annual Conference.

B. Bryan Musselman,
F. M. Hottel,
C. H. Brunner,
Committee.

Resolved, That we suspend business until 3 o'clock.

Business was resumed at 3 o'clock.

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

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

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

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 W. B. Musselman be recognized as Missionary Presiding Elder Ex-Officio.

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

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

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

Treasurer of the Annual Conference: Allen M. Gehman.

Committee Over the Presiding Elders: F. M. Hottel, G. F. Yost and H. K. Kratz.

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.

Board of Trustees of The 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—W. G. Gehman.

Associate Editors—C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel, E. E. Kublie, H. K. Kratz, B. Bryan Musselman, 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, G. F. Yost, R. W. Dickert and W. F. Heffner.

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

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of five to devise a new method of keeping a Class Record as well as receipts for church pledges.

The Chair appointed: E. N. Cassel, B. Bryan Musselman, W. G. Gehman, J. C. Roth and 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 these Sunday School Conventions:

Bethlehem District—B. Bryan Musselman.

Mt. Carmel District—J. G. Shireman.

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

The following report was read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Worship:

G. F. Yost shall preach on Saturday evening, followed by A. G. Woodring.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

The morning service shall open at 9:30 o'clock. Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, Chairman of the Annual Conference, shall preach the Conference Sermon at 9:45 o'clock.

W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District, shall preach the Ordination Sermon at 2 p.m.

The evening service shall open at 7 o'clock. F. M. Hottel shall preach, followed by B. Bryan Musselman.

All the services on Sunday shall be in charge of the Chairman of the Annual Conference.

C. H. Brunner,
H. L. Moyer,
Committee.

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

Business was resumed.

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

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, Lehighton, Easton, Stroudsburg and Scranton.

Resolved, That the two Camp Meetings of the Bethlehem District be held in Mizpah Grove, the Bethlehem Division from June 28 to July 6, and the Allentown Division from August 16-24. The Camp Meeting of the Mt. Carmel District shall be held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., from July 19-27.

The Camp Meeting Divisions reported the election of their officers as follows:

Bethlehem Division—Chairman, F. M. Hottel; Secretary, A. G. Woodring; Treasurer, J. C. Roth.

Allentown Division—Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; Treasurer, E. N. Cassel.

Mount Carmel Division—Chairman, J. G. Shireman; Secretary, J. B. Layne; Treasurer, R. W. Dickert.

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

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

Adjourned at 5:20, with prayer by J. H. Bruch and benediction by R. W. Dickert.

SIXTH MEETING.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 13, 1923.

This meeting was opened with singing "I Am On the Way," and prayer by R. W. Dickert, 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 on Statistics (of Schedules). (See Reports.)

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

The various Board 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, F. M. Hottel; Secretary, G. F. Yost.

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 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.

Beneficiary Society: President, W. G. Gehman; Secretary, F. M. Hottel; Treasurer, B. Bryan Musselman.

The following Reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Committee to Audit Schedules:

We have examined the different Pastors' Schedules and the Summary Schedules and declare them to be correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

W. G. Gehman,
F. B. Hertzog,
Committee.

Report of the Committee to devise methods of keeping Class Records and Subscription Cards:

We recommend that the Chair appoint a Committee to take this matter under consideration throughout the Conference Year and report at the next Annual Conference.

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

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

MINISTERIAL CONVENTIONS.

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

Resolved, That the next Semi-Annual 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 N. H. Wolf as the third man on this Committee and announced as the date, April 10, 1924.

All ordained Ministers and 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 Bethel M. B. in C. Church, 526-30 North Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa., at 8 a.m., September 25, 1924.

The following officers were then elected:

Annual Ministerial Convention:

Chairman, C. H. Brunner.

Secretary, R. W. Dickert.

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

Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention:

Chairman, F. M. Hottel.

Secretary, R. L. Woodring.

Committee on Program (previously appointed), H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and N. H. Wolf.

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

The Board of Examiners announced the division of studies for 1924. (See Reports.)

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 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 to 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 Pastor shall report only the net proceeds, and further,

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

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

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

Resolved, That all contributions received by the Laymen's Benevolent Society shall be paid by checks or money-order, made payable to H. B. Brunner, 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 Annual Conference as convenient and no later than December 1, 1923.

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 950 copies of our Year Book for 1923.

Resolved, That we ask the Board of Foreign Missions to print 2000 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: R. L. Woodring, E. N. Cassel and J. C. Roth.

Resolved, That the Executive Board shall act as they deem advisable in the matter of the "Eastern Gospel Banner."

Upon request of the brethren, C. B. Brosius, Charles F. Lilly, O. B. Bartholomew, G. Louis Baumgartner, John T. Kramer and J. H. Bruch to be excused from attendance of this Conference after Sunday evening, was granted on condition that they sign the proceedings before they leave.

The following report was read and adopted:

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, The Home, Camp Meeting Equipage Committee, Executive Board, Camp Meetings, Sunday School Conventions, Annual Conference Fund, Benevolent Society, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Presiding Elders, Gospel Herald Society, Board of Publication and Printing and Report of the Committee on Finance.

The books and accounts were found in a satisfactory condition, with the exception of several errors, which were corrected in the presence of those directly interested.

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

G. F. Yest,
H. L. Shelly,
H. H. Bergey,
W. D. Evert,
E. R. Hartman,

G. Louis Baumgartner,

J. H. Bruch,
G. O. Billig,
John T. Kramer,
R. W. Dickert,
H. L. Moyer,

Committee.

Adjourned with prayer by Charles F. Lilly and benediction by J. G. Shireman.

SEVENTH MEETING.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 13, 1923.

This meeting was opened by singing "We're Marching to Zion," and prayer by R. W. Dickert.

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

The following report was read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

(a) *Whereas*, C. H. Brunner, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, who is in constant correspondence with our Foreign Missionaries on the various fields, has reported in detail about the work of the Lord, and,

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

Resolved, That we praise God for His leadings in the past, and pray God to continue to bless our Missionaries so that they may be further used by God in gathering many more into the fold.

(b) *Whereas*, C. H. Brunner, the Editor of our Annual Year Book and Secretary of the Annual Conference, has with his many duties secured many valuable facts of interest and arranged matter for the press throughout the entire year, therefore,

Resolved, That we highly appreciate his untiring labors, and further,

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

(c) *Whereas*, W. G. Gehman, Editor of the "Eastern Gospel Banner," has cheerfully devoted much valuable time and talent, without any remuneration for the past year, making this paper one of the cleanest of all Church papers on spiritual, doctrinal and dispensational lines, and,

Whereas, Brother Gehman has again been re-elected Editor for the coming year, therefore,

Resolved, That we pray God's choicest blessings upon him in editing this valuable paper, and that we send him as many reports from our various fields as possible.

(d) *Whereas*, The Union Gospel Publishing Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, has published the "Eastern Gospel Banner" for many years for the benefit of the Pennsylvania Conference, also publishing the Christian Life Series of Sunday School Literature, which has won its way into many Sunday Schools throughout the States, Canada and Foreign Countries, and,

Whereas, They consider no sacrifice too great in making these Quarterlies the nicest mechanically and the best spiritually, doctrinally and dispensationally of any Sunday School Literature we know of, which are used throughout our Conference, and,

Whereas, There is always existing a very close relationship between our Conference and the Union Gospel Publishing Company and the Gospel Worker Society, therefore,

Resolved, That we express our heartiest thanks to God for His leadings, and also pray God to preserve this Society in health, strength and true devotion, and that our fellowship in the Word and Work of the Lord may still increase more and more until the Lord's return.

(e) *Whereas*, The Pastor, C. H. Brunner, and the members of the Bethlehem Class have so abundantly provided for the entertainment of the Annual Conference members and friends of the work, all meals being served in the basement of the Church, therefore,

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

Resolved, That we tender them a rising vote of thanks and unitedly pray God's blessing upon them for future usefulness in God's Cause.

R. L. Woodring,

J. B. Layne,

Committee.

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.

The above Committee reported the election of H. B. Musselman as Chairman and C. H. Brunner as Secretary.

Adjourned with prayer by H. L. Moyer and benediction by H. B. Musselman.

EIGHTH MEETING.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 15, 1923.

The meeting was opened with singing "A Charge to Keep I Have," and prayer by W. G. Gehman, after which the Chairman read a part of the Second Chapter of Philippians.

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

The following report was read and adopted:

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



The Home.
The Manager's wife and child on the lawn.

Resolved, That we recommend the Annual Conference to interpret the meaning of the item of "Offering for Tabernacle, Missionary or Evangelistic Work on Pastor's Schedule" as follows:

"That all offerings or collections made for services held outside of the regular appointments of a real evangelistic character shall be included in this item."

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,
J. C. Roth,
Committee.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, W. B. Musselman, of Cleveland, Ohio, reports that the operation of the Gospel Worker Society and its publishing interests never before looked brighter and that he personally has his hope and boast in Christ Jesus, with absolutely no complaint against any one on earth but with much pressing work desires to be excused from attendance at Conference session, therefore,

Resolved, That we rejoice with them in their glorious victories on all these lines and pray God's continued favor upon them that they may be found of Him in peace and favor at His Coming.

W. G. Gehman,
R. L. Woodring,
J. B. Layne,
Committee.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Annual Conference be donated \$50.00 annually. The Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions shall see that this amount is paid over annually. (Standing Rule.)

Resolved, That the Conference ask Pastor C. H. Brunner to see the Mayor and the Chief of Police personally and convey to them respectively the appreciation of the Conference for their services rendered and courtesies extended during our Conference session.

The following Report was read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, The Gospel Workers Society, of Cleveland, Ohio, counts no labor and sacrifice too great in their service for our Lord in preaching the Gospel and winning souls for Christ and publishing tons upon tons of Gospel literature which is scattered abroad, therefore,

Resolved, That we most heartily pledge our support and liberal free will offerings and pray God's choicest blessings upon them that their courage and health and strength fail not but that they may always be found abounding in the work of the Lord.

W. G. Gehman,
R. L. Woodring,
J. B. Layne,
Committee.

Adjourned sine die at 11:15 a.m., with 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,	
F. M. Hottel,	G. O. Billig,
E. N. Cassel,	W. D. Evert,
J. C. Roth,	C. D. Bean,
G. F. Yost,	G. K. Himmelreich,
R. W. Dickert,	John T. Kramer,
J. G. Shireman,	Russell Fleisher,
R. L. Woodring,	H. L. Shelly,
H. K. Kratz,	E. R. Hartman,
W. F. Heffner,	O. B. Bartholomew,
E. E. Kublie,	Charles E. Eroh,
J. B. Layne,	H. H. Bergey,
V. H. Reinhart,	H. V. Smith,
R. Bergstresser,	J. H. Bruch,
P. T. Stengele,	C. B. Brosius,
F. B. Hertzog,	D. S. Schoffstall,
O. S. Hillegass,	Charles A. Wilcox,
H. L. Moyer,	Charles F. Lilly,
	G. Louis Baumgartner.



Africa.—Four Congo lads.

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The Fortieth Session

This is the fortieth session of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania.

It is now 65 years since the first Conference was held in a private house at Dillinger, Pa., near Zionsville, September 24, 1858. This is the date and birthplace of the Pennsylvania Conference adopting the name Evangelical Mennonites.

The Conference held 42 semi-annual sessions, usually in June and November, until October 6, 1879; also two special sessions, at the last of which, held at Zionsville, November 8, 1879, a union was effected with the United Mennonites of the Western States and Canada. Here the name was changed to United Evangelical Mennonites.

From here on four annual session were held until the last Union Conference convened at Harrisburg, Ohio, December 27, 1883, and the name Mennonite Brethren in Christ was adopted. The Pennsylvania Conference thus held 42 semi-annual and 44 annual sessions, including the present one; also two special sessions. The first session of the Pennsylvania Conference under the present name convened at Terre Hill, Lancaster County, Pa., on February 4, 1884.

I.—Presiding Elders

REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF THE BETHLEHEM DISTRICT

"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning. Great is Thy faithfulness" (Lam. 3:22, 23). "Let us hold forth the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised;) and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:23-25).

The Lord has again blessed us with physical strength, enabling us to meet with all of our appointments throughout this conference



Mizpah Grove.

View of some of the avenues, looking down toward the Auditorium.

year, for which we indeed feel grateful. The goodness of the Lord has been upon us in every way, for which we wish to give Him all the praise. The much patience and needed forbearance shown us by the brethren in the ministry as well as by the dear pilgrims of the respective classes, together with their many kindnesses bestowed upon us, and constant prayers in our behalf, has indeed proven a great help to us.

The pastors as a rule are devoted to their respective work, and manifest a spirit of self-sacrifice, which always has a good effect upon the laity. The brethren love one another and manifest a deep concern for the work at large. A loyal pastor can also count upon a loyal people.

The young people are continuing to make good progress on spiritual lines, and can be well counted upon in the ranks of the people of God. This keeps the aged pilgrims in a most hopeful outlook as they behold the fruitfulness of their labors. For all this we have great reasons to praise our Blessed Lord who doeth valiantly in spite of the enemy, and his deceitful workings manifested in these perilous days.

The various church services, Sunday School and prayer-meetings have been well attended throughout. The finances are also in good shape. The pilgrims respond nobly in the support of their pastors, as well as in the various missionary offerings.

The parsonage at Allentown (Salem Church) has been completed and is indeed a credit to the class, in every way. The new church building in course of erection for the Allentown (Bethel) class is making grand progress, and bids to fill a much needed place. The pastor has a fine dependable class to continue to push in the work with much zeal. The class at Philadelphia deemed it to be for the best to sell their valuable church property at 11th and Ontario Streets, on account of things that were unavoidable on their part. They have, however, recently purchased a lot with 100 feet frontage on McFerren Street, 60 feet deep on Dell Street (east) and 60 feet deep on Baker's Lane (west). The ground is situated near Broad Street, and has a nice two-story church building thereon. The price paid was \$30,000. Extensive improvements have also been made at the Bethlehem parsonage, adding much to the comfort of the pastor and his family.

Two Camp Meetings were again held on the District, with excellent results. Both were held in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa. The first Camp Meeting (Bethlehem District) had 212 tents, and the latter (Allentown District) had 259 tents. The Lord spoke the word and again favored us with messengers and messages that indeed brought help to many. The altar again and again overflowed with earnest seekers, in a manner not often seen in these days. God's power was gloriously manifested, in the saving of sinners, the sanctifying of believers, and the healing of the sick. The expenses of the Camps, although quite high, were nicely met with the free-will offerings of a willing-hearted people. These were the largest Camp Meetings ever held in our Conference, many attending from various points, as far west as California, and even some who had just come from across the ocean. We can only leave results to Him, as well as give all the praise unto Him, who doeth all these things. An interesting tabernacle meeting was also held near Brick Tavern by pastor W. F. Heffner, of Quakertown, with good results.

We also wish to thank God for sparing all the pastors with their families for further usefulness. We can only encourage all to keep "looking unto Jesus," who causes us to triumph amidst all the various tests and perplexities of these last days. May we reach forth for greater things in His Name—knowing that the harvest is great, but the true laborers are few.

FINANCIAL

Receipts

Received from Treasurer of Home Mission Fund.....\$ 1,732.00

Expenditures

(a) Appropriations

Quakertown and Hatfield.....	\$300.00
Northampton and Walnutport.....	216.00
Nazareth	216.00
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	\$ 732.00

(b) Miscellaneous Expenditures

Expenditures, "Eastern Gospel Banner" (Executive Board)	\$132.35
Editor, Eastern Gospel Banner.....	50.00
F. B. Hertzog, moving expenses, etc.....	46.19
G. F. Yost, donation.....	110.00
O. S. Hillegass, donation.....	30.46
R. L. Woodring, donation.....	50.00
A. G. Woodring, donation.....	20.00
W. F. Heffner, tabernacle (carting, etc.).....	21.00
Special Committee expenses.....	15.00
Bethlehem Church Trustees.....	150.00
Allentown Building Committee.....	150.00
Philadelphia Trustees	150.00
Mizpah Camp Grove.	75.00
	<hr/> \$ 1,000.00
Total	\$ 1,732.00

H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder.

II.—Presiding Elders—Continued

REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF THE MOUNT CARMEL DISTRICT

Another year has swiftly passed into history but we are spared to report the doings of the Lord on this district. The Pastors have been sustained by the Lord physically and in every other way. Unity exists among them which fosters the same spirit in their classes. A number of souls were led out for the Lord during the year. Many grew in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Sunday Schools are in a healthy condition. A large number, proportionately, of outside children attended, thus affording a grand missionary opportunity for sowing the true seed of the Word of God. The prayer meetings are well attended and nearly all take real active part in this service and worship. Quite a number of open air meetings were held with large attendance and a wholesome influence. Tabernacle meetings were held in Easton, Pa., which were quite well attended throughout. Many Christians of various denominations attended these services and were enlightened and strengthened. A few stepped out for the Lord and were baptized. The ordinance meetings throughout were well attended, nearly always some outside people taking part. A grand missionary spirit prevails in general.

The various offerings throughout the year were very good, which bespeaks in many instances a consecrated life. The parsonage and Church debts in a number of classes were materially reduced. The properties are in good repairs throughout. Scranton is break-

ing ground for building a parsonage. At Shamokin a lot 81 by 75 feet, in a desirable location, was purchased for a proposed new church building.

The Camp Meeting held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., was a most glorious one, the best and largest ever held on this district. There were one hundred and seventy-four tents erected. The attendance at all the services was very good. A large percentage of members from the district was present at the time. Quite a number were present from the other district. The altar was often filled with seekers for salvation, sanctification and divine healing for the body. Quite a number were baptized in the stream of water. The offerings were very good. God's servants preached the Word clearly and powerfully and with glorious and lasting results.

Our old and young people are faithful and are becoming more like Christ, further away from worldliness, and really devoted to the Lord. They love and obey their Pastors whom they consider as their leaders and over them in the Lord.

Pastors and flocks have stood by us during this year, unworthy though we be, which makes us feel very dependent upon the Lord and responsible toward Him and those entrusted to our care.

We trust that the servants of the Most High God and His people will continue to possess their souls with patience so that Satan, who does his utmost, may not be able to tire them out, but that they may "Occupy till He come" and meet Him with confidence and not be ashamed at His Coming.

FINANCIAL

Expenditures

(a) Appropriations

Stroudsburg	\$240.00
Lehighton	540.00
Sunbury	360.00
Scranton	180.00
	—————\$ 1,320.00

(b) Moving

J. G. Shireman	55.00
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(c) Tabernacle Meetings

Easton, Penna.	36.70
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(d) Miscellaneous

Fares, etc., holding Home Mission Meetings.....	\$367.93
Edgewood Grove Camp Meeting, Shamokin, Pa..	598.81
Executive work, Stroudsburg, heating.....	15.00
Rent for storage, Allen M. Gehman.....	20.00
	————— 1,001.74
Total	\$ 2,413.44
Received from Treasurer of Home Mission Fund.....	2,413.44

W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder.

III.—Gospel Herald Society

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GOSPEL HERALD SOCIETY

October 1, 1922, to September 30, 1923

The Lord has again dealt very graciously with the Gospel Heralds and the various missions during the past year. There are missions at present in Harrisburg, York, Lancaster, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Pa., and Jersey City, N. J., with the literature headquarters and store in Easton, Penna.

Quite a number of souls were saved in several of the missions and believers built up in all of the missions. The attendance and interest in all of the missions is very much on the increase. The



Gospel Herald Society.
A Children's Meeting in the Tent in Jersey City, N. J.

Sunday Schools are lively and are increasing in number and influence. The open air services are very encouraging. Large crowds stand and listen to the truth and give good offerings for the Lord's work. Cottage prayer meetings are well attended and are the means of some souls being saved. The Colportage work is very encouraging. There is quite a demand for good, clean literature which the Society is endeavoring to scatter. The Gospel Herald and Daily Food Wall Rolls have become a requisite in many homes. Bibles, Testaments, religious books and mottoes are selling quite freely. A large amount of literature was again sold at the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Camp Meetings.

The Philadelphia mission must be enlarged to accommodate the growing Sunday School and class. The York Chapel is being enlarged and considerably remodeled to house the large Sunday School

at this place. The Harrisburg Chapel and lot fund is again swelling. The Lebanon, Pa., parsonage was considerably improved. The mission in Lancaster is also too small for the growing class and Sunday School.

The various offerings throughout have been very good. Very glorious Tabernacle meetings with large attendance were held in Jersey City, N. J., and York, Pa. A large number of souls were saved and baptized during these meetings, many of whom are standing true to the Lord. The attendance at the mission is much increased since the Tabernacle meetings have closed.

The Home Mission meetings held in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Conference were well attended and the Lord's people pledged liberally. The Pastors received us with the best brotherly kindness possible and did what was in their power to make the attendance and subscriptions good. The Society is thankful to the Lord for the encouragement received from the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Conference by way of prayers and offerings, and the Heralds whose lives are in the Lord's hand for sacrifice or service desire to make the best of this in the saving of souls and establishing of believers in the faith till He come.

The Heralds seem to enjoy their monthly examinations by correspondence on various portions of Scripture.

Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, they mean to press onward until they shall see their Redeemer face to face.

(a) STATISTICAL

Ordained ministers of the M. B. C. Conference.....	2
Probationers of the M. B. C. Conference.....	6
Full Gospel Heralds.....	12
Gospel Herald Applicants.....	2
Received M. B. C. members by transfer.....	1
Total Increase.....	1
Transferred to M. B. C. Conference.....	48
Net decrease.....	47
Total Number M. B. C. members.....	18
Baptized.....	57
Children dedicated.....	10
Sunday Schools.....	5
Officers and teachers enrolled.....	68
Scholars enrolled.....	583
Children's meetings and Sunday Schools held.....	325
Open air meetings.....	268
Prayer meetings.....	249
Sermons and addresses.....	2,594
Pastoral visits.....	1,630
Gospel Heralds sold.....	81,243
Daily Food Wall Rolls sold.....	3,379

Valuation of Mission properties:

Lebanon, Pa.	\$ 5,000.00
York, Pa.	12,500.00
Philadelphia, Pa.	6,500.00
	<hr/> \$ 24,000.00

(b) FINANCIAL**(a) Receipts****1. Collections**

Rents	\$ 2,365.00	
Sundry Expenses	3,474.45	
Sinking Fund	10.16	
Light	313.32	
Donations, gifts, etc.....	1,844.98	
President	665.50	
Gospel Workers	228.51	
Beneficiary Fund	109.00	
Sunday Schools	1,667.63	
Sunday School Convention.....	78.01	
Conference Fund	200.30	
G. H. S. Headquarters Fund.....	132.71	
Foreign Missions	773.39	
Mission Supplies	121.22	
Missionary Work	531.10	
At Gospel Herald Society Conferences.....	112.11	
Chapel and Lot Fund.....	2,510.53	
House rent, York, Pa.....	275.00	
House rent, Lebanon, Pa.....	100.95	
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		\$ 15,513.87

2. Literature

Literature, etc., sold at the Missions.....	\$ 11,995.11	
Literature, etc., sold to laity at M. B. C.		
Camp Meetings	1,937.24	
Literature, etc., sold at wholesale to Min-		
isters	6,482.52	
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		20,414.87

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

Appropriation	\$ 2,280.00	
Tabernacle Meetings	88.09	
Fares, utensils, freight, furniture, etc.....	1,270.62	
Rent for President.....	300.00	
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		3,938.71

Total\$ 39,867.45

(b) Expenditures**1. Appropriations**

Harrisburg	\$ 280.00	
York	420.00	
Lebanon	420.00	
Philadelphia	480.00	
Lancaster	480.00	
Jersey City, N. J.....	200.00	
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		\$ 2,280.00

2. Tabernacles

Jersey City, N. J.....	\$ 42.00	
York, Pa.	46.09	
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		88.09

3. Miscellaneous

Old Mission repairs and supplies.....	\$ 405.33
Furniture	161.06
Freight and Express.....	30.37
Freight and Express on Literature.....	117.95
Fares, postage, telegrams, etc.....	240.90
Cartage and Moving	108.14
Printing and Stationery.....	163.17
Paints and Painting.....	43.70
Rent for President.....	300.00
	<hr/> \$ 1,570.62

Total\$ 3,938.71

W. G. Gehman, President and Treasurer.

IV.—Report of the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee

(A) APPOINTMENTS

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

(a) Stations

Bethlehem—F. M. Hottel.
 Allentown (Bethel)—B. Bryan Musselman.
 Allentown (Salem)—O. S. Hillegas.
 Reading—J. C. Roth.
 Coopersburg—R. L. Woodring.
 Philadelphia—C. H. Brunner.

(b) Circuits

Royersford and Spring City—N. H. Wolf.
 Graterford and Harleysville—E. N. Cassel.
 Emaus, Macungie and Zionsville—G. F. Yost.
 Fleetwood, Blandon and Terre Hill—A. G. Woodring.

(c) Missions

Quakertown and Hatfield—W. F. Heffner.
 Northampton and Walnutport—H. K. Kratz.
 Nazareth—F. B. Hertzog.

(d) Local Preachers

E. T. Shick, Allentown Quarterly Conference.

(e) Quarterly Conference Licensed Workers

E. W. Martin, W. J. Fretz, H. M. Gehman, Mrs. C. H. Brunner, Allen W. Gehman.

(f) Tabernacles to be supplied.

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

(a) Stations

Mt. Carmel—R. Bergstreser.
 Easton—J. B. Layne.
 Shamokin—J. G. Shireman.

(b) Missions

Stroudsburg—E. E. Kublic.
 Lehighton and Weissport—V. H. Reinhart.
 Sunbury—R. W. Dickert.
 Scranton—P. S. Stengele.
 Wissinoming, Philadelphia—To be supplied.

(c) Local Preachers

J. F. Barrall, Shamokin Quarterly Conference.

(d) Annual Conference Licensed WorkersJ. T. Anderson, W. R. Stengele, M. M. Myers, T. D. Gehret,
E. H. Musselman, N. M. Cressman.**(e) Quarterly Conference Licensed Workers**

W. W. Zimmerman.

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

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

2. Mt. Carmel District

Stroudsburg, per month.....	\$ 20.00
Lehighon and Weissport, per month.....	45.00
Sunbury, per month.....	30.00
Scranton, per month.....	15.00

(C) MOVING EXPENSES

F. M. Hottel.....	\$75.00
J. C. Roth.....	60.00
C. H. Brunner.....	75.00
N. H. Wolf.....	75.00
G. F. Yost.....	60.00
A. G. Woodring.....	50.00
H. K. Kratz.....	75.00
V. H. Reinhart.....	75.00
R. W. Dickert.....	75.00

The President of the Gospel Herald Society shall be donated
\$25.00 per month out of the Home Mission Treasury.

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

(D) Gospel Herald Society

W. G. Gehman, President

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

H. B. Musselman, Chairman,
W. G. Gehman, Secretary,
G. Louis Baumgartner, E. R. Hartman,
H. L. Moyer, G. K. Himmelreich,
Russell Fleisher, W. D. Evert,
C. D. Bean, Allen M. Gehman,
H. L. Shelly, D. S. Schoffstall,
G. O. Billig, John T. Kramer.
H. V. Smith,

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, June 30—July 8, 212 tents.

Allentown Division, August 18—26, 259 tents.

Mt. Carmel District

This Camp Meeting was held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., on July 21—29, 174 tents.



Mizpah Grove.
Entrance to our beautiful camp grove.

Receipts

Bethlehem District

Bethlehem Division	\$ 3,080.43
Allentown Division	3,811.30
	<hr/> \$ 6,891.73

Mt. Carmel District

Mt. Carmel Division	2,193.25
Total	<hr/> \$ 9,084.98

H. B. Musselman, Chairman.

VI.—Camp Meeting Equipage

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CAMP MEETING EQUIPAGE

We beg leave to submit the following:

During the year we had the Camp Grove wired and had the camp chairs, tools and pump repaired ready for Camp Meeting.

We also purchased electrical supplies, some cooking utensils and tools needed for camp.

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

Expenditures

Electrical supplies	\$ 28.00
Repairing Pump	46.79
Canvas for Chairs.....	44.47
Carfare and expenditures of Committee.....	65.24
Tools and Hardware	22.75
Repairing Tools and Waste Pipe.....	8.25
Roofing Paper	14.70
Cooking Utensils	7.90
Parafining Tabernacle	6.34
	<hr/> \$244.44

B. Bryan Musselman, Chairman,

J. C. Roth, Secretary,

F. M. Hottel,

G. F. Yost,

R. W. Dickert,

W. F. Heffner,

Committee.

VII.—Publication and Printing

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND PRINTING

We had one hundred Steward's Books and a number of voucher books made and report blanks printed.

Account of the Annual Conference Secretary

Receipts

930 Year Books sold.....	\$465.00
180 Dedication Certificates	10.50
	<hr/> \$475.50

Expenditures

950 Year Books	\$401.00
Half-tone Cuts	13.03
Postage on Year Books.....	10.17
19 Year Books to Conference Secretaries, Railroad Companies and G. W. Soc.....	9.50
Voucher Books for the Home.....	10.85
1000 report blanks each for Class Leaders, Stewards and Building Fund Collectors.....	8.55

Trustee Account Books.....	14.00
100 Steward's Books.....	75.00
Expenses of Mid-Summer Examination on Reading Course	24.64
Printing errata, postage.....	8.33
Stationery for Annual Conference.....	2.86
Fares and Sundry Expenses.....	25.02
Conference Supplies	6.60
Conference Donations	35.00
	<hr/> \$644.55

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

VIII.—Beneficiary Society

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BENEFICIARY SOCIETY

We have received the sum of \$638.64 at the last Annual Conference and paid out \$100.00 during the year.

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

IX.—Benevolent Society

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

October 9, 1922, Members enrolled.....	538
Members received during year.....	25
Members died during year.....	5
Members withdrawing during year.....	7
October 8, 1923, Members enrolled.....	551

Financial

Receipts

Contributions	\$ 1,289.00
Interest	417.00
	<hr/> \$ 1,706.00

Expenditures

Donations	\$ 375.00
Sundry Expenses	6.00
	<hr/> \$ 381.00

Report of the Treasurer**Receipts**

October 9, 1922, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 3,626.13
Received during the year.....	3,306.00
	<u>\$ 6,932.13</u>

Expenditures

Expended during the year.....	\$ 5,381.00
October 8, 1923, Balance in Treasury.....	1,551.13
	<u>\$ 6,932.13</u>

The Society also holds securities to the amount of \$9,500.00.

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

X.—Reading Course**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS ON THE READING COURSE****Examinations for 1923****Probationers on the Reading Course**

	First Timothy	Second Timothy	Hebrews	Reformed Pastor	Sell's Bible Study by Books	Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation	John 13-17	Divine Art of Preaching	Church History	Lessons in Holiness	Average
First Year's Course											
F. B. Hertzog.....	91	...	...	...	82	87	96	....	84	94	89
Second Year's Course											
T. D. Gehret.....	...	99	98	93	98	94	...	99	...	...	97
N. M. Cressman....	...	98	97	87	95	89	...	88	...	...	92
E. H. Musselman...	...	93	89	76	85	92	...	89	...	...	87

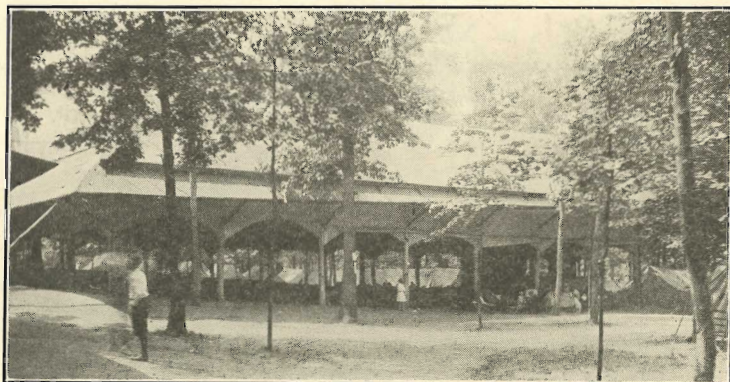
E. N. Cassel,
B. Bryan Musselman,
H. K. Kratz,
Board.

XI.—Executive Board**TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

We held a number of meetings during the year. We had 150 Rose of Sharon Hymnals bound in buckram and 243 in full leather. We also had 5,024 copies made of the small book called "Selections from Rose of Sharon Hymnal." We purchased a lot of boards and scantling for the Camp Grove.

Receipts

Interest, etc.	\$ 154.35
Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention	497.04
Mt. Carmel District Sunday School Convention	50.00
Lumber Rent, Bethlehem Div. Camp Meeting..	184.70



Mizpah Grove.
The Auditorium, 72 x 102 feet.

Lumber Rent, Allentown Div. Camp Meeting..	220.15
Balance, Bethlehem Div. Camp Meeting.....	678.92
Balance, Allentown Div. Camp Meeting.....	887.47
Hymn Book Account.....	1,088.18
Donated to Mizpah Grove.....	75.00
	<hr/> \$ 3,835.81

Expenditures

Lumber Rent for Camp Meeting, 1922.....\$	26.21
Binding Rose of Sharon Hymnals (Buckram).	99.75
243 Rose of Sharon Hymnals (in full leather) and delivered to Easton	236.94
5024 Selections from Rose of Sharon.....	485.20
Acoustic improvements in Auditorium in Mizpah Grove	131.42
Expenses Board, Meetings.....	110.97
Carfare and Telephone.....	12.69
Telephone and Toll in Mizpah Grove.....	29.54
Tax	6.00
Repairing Buildings in Grove.....	32.26

Labor, Mixpah Grove.....	7.50
Lumber for Mizpah Grove.....	359.82
Camp Meeting Equipage Committee.....	244.44
Keck Lumber Co., Lumber Rent.....	13.51
Sundries	50.05
	<hr/> \$ 1,846.30

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

XII.—The Home

THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HOME

The Board held ten meetings during the year. The present manager, Frank L. Musselman, took charge of the affairs of the Home and Farm on February 6, 1923.

We have again hired Albert Moser, who had been working for us previously, as our farmer.

Mrs. Kate Fearheller, the matron, and Mrs. Frank L. Musselman, the manager's wife, have been serving the Home very acceptably, looking well to the needs of the inmates and to the household affairs.

The aged sisters have been kept in good health during the year and are enjoying the hospitality of the Home. The boys are keeping well and are doing work on the farm.

The crops have been good considering the drought which prevailed during the summer. The large herd of Holstein Friesian cattle is doing well. The herd is under federal inspection in order to produce Grade A milk. We discontinued our milk route and are selling our milk to J. B. Yeakle & Son, who are selling it on their Bethlehem Routes.

The herd of Berkshire and Duroc swine is also doing well. New runs have been built to the hog stables.

The farm buildings have been painted, which gives them a much better appearance.

Donations have been received during the year as follows:

H. M. Hottel—Material and labor to paper the front room down stairs at the Home. Also a lot of tomato and celery plants.



F. L. Musselman.
 Manager at The Home.

E. N. Cassel—A lot of tomato plants.
 Robert Kuhn—Six pounds of honey, 500 cabbage plants and a lot of celery plants.
 Edwin Fehnel—Basket of apples.
 Edna Kauffman—Home made stand cover.
 "A Friend"—One lawn mower.

Financial

(A) FARM ACCOUNTS

(a) Receipts

Feed	\$ 21,913.01
Milk	7,232.22
Cattle	3,700.25
Potatoes	914.07
Swine	564.09
Fertilizer	181.36
Wheat	776.20
Eggs	481.56
Refund	466.53
Hauling	79.90
Provisions	144.32
Poultry	152.99
Labor	133.60
Truck	254.64
Seeds	29.24
Machinery sold	81.25
House rent	56.00
Donations	15.00
Electric current	6.00
Loans	2,850.00
	<hr/> \$ 40,032.23

N.B.—Products from the farm were also used at the Home and by the farm family amounting to \$1,325.55.

(b) Expenditures

Advertising, periodicals and postage.....	\$ 105.65
Auto maintenance	762.67
Building, repairs and improvements.....	946.10
Carfare, toll and telephone.....	539.25
Dairy supplies and official testing.....	181.32
Electric current	228.00
Freight and express.....	1,061.68
Feed, including veterinary services and condition powders	20,697.98
Fertilizer	643.62
Hardware and twine.....	17.50
Horseshoeing	53.90
Implements	359.60
Livestock	4,173.40
Milk and eggs	673.35
Oil and gasoline.....	1,330.67
Poultry	72.14
Registration and transfers.....	71.33
Repairs and replacements.....	759.88
Seeds, plants and potatoes.....	309.97
Spraying material	60.16
Straw	89.97

Swine	488.00	
Taxes	314.09	
Wages and labor.....	2,414.45	
New building	24.95	
Loans	1,500.00	
		\$ 37,879.63

(B) HOME ACCOUNT

(a) Receipts

From the Fund for the Poor (Annual Conference)	\$ 410.71	
Interest on various monies.....	117.92	
		\$ 528.63



The Home.
Old ladies on the lawn.

(b) Expenditures

Wages and labor.....	\$ 194.00	
Inmates	375.93	
Aid given outside of the Home.....	178.00	
Coal	399.04	
Provisions	698.03	
Repairs and replacements.....	107.49	
Interest, Geho legacy.....	24.00	
Furnishings	31.41	
Electric current and oil.....	53.08	
Periodicals	3.00	
Taxes	6.18	
		\$ 2,070.16

SUMMARY TOTALS

Receipts

Farm	\$ 40,032.23	
Home	528.63	
		\$ 40,560.86

Expenditures

Farm	\$ 37,879.63	
Home	2,070.16	
	<hr/>	\$ 39,949.79

STOCK ACCOUNT

A Committee of five appointed by the President of the Board of Trustees from among their number took the following inventory of the real estate and personal property:

(A) FARM

Farm, including the land at the Home	\$ 21,000.00
Tenant's home	3,800.00
Implements	5,537.92

Livestock—

Holstein Friesian cattle	\$ 10,035.00	
Horses	1,000.00	
Swine	1,118.00	
	<hr/>	12,153.00

Produce—

Potatoes	\$ 1,000.00	
Ensilage	1,500.00	
Hay	1,200.00	
Straw	150.00	
Feed	610.45	
Wheat	434.63	
Corn	532.00	
Truck	15.00	
Flour	63.00	
	<hr/>	5,505.08

Miscellaneous—

Fertilizer	\$ 122.00	
Fire wood	25.00	
Fence posts	10.50	
Crates, etc.	58.25	
Oil	53.75	
Bags	10.00	
Shelter sheds	100.00	
Furniture	110.00	
Disinfectant and soap powder	12.50	
Milk bottles	100.00	
Auto tire	13.50	
Milk pails	20.00	
Sterilizer	75.00	
Milk cooler	60.00	
	<hr/>	770.50

Securities—

Money outstanding	\$ 1,455.68	
Loans	4,100.00	
Cash on hand	3,345.56	
	<hr/>	8,901.24

Total\$ 57,667.74

(B) HOME

Home		\$ 4,500.00
Miscellaneous—		
Furniture	\$ 500.00	
Canned goods	220.50	
Provisions	58.35	
Smoked meat	34.25	
Coal	100.00	
Soap	27.50	
Office equipment	225.00	
		<u>1,165.60</u>
Total		\$ 5,665.60



The Home.
The Matron, Mrs. Kate Fearheller.

SUMMARY TOTALS

Farm and tenant house.....	\$ 57,667.74
Home	<u>5,665.60</u>
Grand total	\$ 63,333.34

STATEMENT

Resources

Properties	\$ 29,300.00
Livestock	12,153.00
Implements	6,147.92
Produce	5,818.18
Miscellaneous	1,013.00
Outstanding bills	1,455.68
Securities	4,100.00
Cash on hand.....	<u>3,345.56</u>
	\$ 63,333.34

Liabilities

Contributions to date.....	\$ 24,975.98
Donations to date.....	1,607.21
Surplus	36,750.15
	<hr/> \$ 63,333.34

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. M. Hottel,
	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 Home, located at Centre Valley, Pa., and their successors in office, the sum of.....Payable one year after my decease.

DEVISE

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

XIII.—Foreign Missions

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

The Work at Home

With grateful hearts we wish to present to our Conference and the many friends of our work, this, the thirty-ninth annual report of your Board. The Lord has wonderfully blessed our work in the homeland. All our pastors have been spared. Likewise our workers who are engaged in mission work at home. Many have been saved on the various charges and missions and brought from the power of Satan unto God. The work of salvation, sanctification, and separation of the believers preparatory to the near coming of the Lord is going forward all through the Conference. There have been many remarkable cases of healing of the sick in direct answer to prayer. The aim of our ministry as a unit is to have a church that is saved, sanctified and separated from the world and all its modes and customs, its societies and schemes, its unholy pleasures and unscriptural methods and policies, "looking for the blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13). Such a church will be a missionary church as a natural result; it cannot be anything else. This accounts for the interest our Conference is taking in missionary work.

We praise the Lord for a ministry true to the standard of New Testament life and doctrine, free from materialism, evolution, higher criticism and other destructive doctrines of this apostate age. It is deplorable how these damnable heresies are honey-combing the life and faith of the Protestant churches in the homeland. When many of the churches at home, even such who a few years ago were sound in the faith and true to the word of God, are drifting away from the old Apostolic foundations of the faith, what can we expect of the future of the church but a general breakdown and ruin! When Satan is permitted to remove the old landmarks which our fathers have placed and destroy the foundation of true Scriptural teaching and practice what will become of the work of the Church on the foreign field? If the teaching that the young people of our churches get in the so-called Christian countries of today from the pulpit, press, seminaries and schools is unscriptural, unsound and destructive, what will be the nature and teaching of the missionaries sent out by such churches? How will such conditions affect the heathen who are starving for want of the Bread of Life? A powerless, Christless church at home will never bring the pure, unadulterated milk and meat of the word of God to the heathen. How can the church among the heathen be better and more spiritual than the church at home? How can the stream at its outlet be purer than it is at its source?

We can thank God that the ministers of our Conference, though their number is not large, are true to the Lord and His word. In the second place we praise God that He has given us a faithful, true, loyal laity, men, women and children who stand together and give a clear ringing testimony to the grace and power of God and have a deep interest in the work of the Lord, not in the homeland only but also in the regions beyond throughout the whole world. In the third place, our missionaries whom we support, are working faithfully in the dark corners of the globe, every one preaching Christ as the same Saviour, the same Sanctifier, the same Healer and the same

Lord that we preach here in America. We also praise the Lord for this fellowship. It is worthy of mention that our ministry and laity at home as well as our missionaries on the field are a unit in looking hopefully for the soon appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in person to receive His faithful ones home unto Himself (See I Thess. 4:16-18; Phil. 3:19,20).

Our members and friends can feel very much assured that the money they give us toward the support of this work is not used for reform, relief or educational purposes but for the bringing of the Gospel of salvation to those who are sitting in darkness and the shadow of death. All the work of the Board is even done without salary or rent.

Our Camp Meetings are always a source of great spiritual power and blessing. Here we get in touch with thousands of our friends from far and near. We held three of these blessed summer gather-



India.
Baptism of an aged woman. Little boy to be baptized next. Brother Hamilton says there was an immense crowd on this side of the river.

ings again this year, two in the Bethlehem District, held in our beautiful Mizpah Grove in the City of Allentown. The first of these comprising the Bethlehem Division with 212 tents was held June 30 to July 8, and the second one, the Allentown Division with 259 tents from August 18 to 26. The Camp Meeting of the Mount Carmel District was held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., July 21 to 29, with 174 tents. At each of these Camp Meetings large numbers came forward for prayer, some for salvation, some to be restored to fellowship, others to be filled with the Holy Spirit and still others for the healing of their bodies.

At the first of these we had the pleasure of having Rev. C. Eicher, Dean of the Missionary Training Institute of Nyack, N. Y. Rev. E. R. Hess, returned missionary from the Congo, Africa, also stopped off for a short time. At the Allentown Division Camp Meeting we had Rev. Paul Rader, of Chicago, Ill., President of the Christian and Missionary Alliance for the afternoon and evening service on Wednesday. Miss Mary A. Butterfield, Missionary on furlough from Jerusalem, was also with us throughout the week. Their messages were greatly enjoyed by the large gatherings.

From every field and from about every one of our representatives we have received the most grateful expressions of thanks for the continued prayers and support from our Board and from the whole conference. They also cannot speak highly enough of the literature sent to them by the Board, telling us how they use them in their services, schools and homes. At some places they give them to English-speaking natives, in hospitals and jails, etc. Space forbids us to record all these notes of appreciation.

The Board had again decided to continue to send the following literature to all our missionaries for 1913: "The Eastern Gospel Banner," "Gospel Herald," "Christian Life Missionary," "Gospel of Jesus," "Jewels for Jesus," "Sunday School Teachers' Quarterly," "Young People's Society Quarterly," "Foreign Missionary Report," and "Vest-pocket Diary."

The Work on the Foreign Field

In the name of the Lord we are sending forth this missionary report, trusting that the Lord will make it a world-wide blessing. We want the Lord to speak to our hearts concerning the world as He sees it and also His will concerning our part in this great and important work. Those whose heart-cry is "Lord, come quickly" must not forget that they have a part in hastening His coming. "It shall be, if He call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak Lord; for Thy servant heareth" (I Sam. 3:9). "God speaketh in one way, yea, in two, though man regardeth it not" (Job 33:14, Marg.). "See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh" (Heb. 12:25).

God speaks through godly teachers: Richardson of Madagascar was first prompted to become a missionary when his teacher showed him a picture of the martyrdom of Christians in Madagascar.

God speaks through pious parents: Alexander Duff, of India, first became interested in missions when his father showed him pictures of idols. When Mackay, of Uganda, was a young boy his mother used to read the Bible and missionary stories to him while the father was preaching in the distant kirk.

God speaks at the family altar: One missionary says: I have always believed in missions; it would have been impossible for anyone brought up in our home to be otherwise; missionary books and papers on the library table, missionary maps and pictures on the walls, and daily prayers for the missionaries at the family altar."

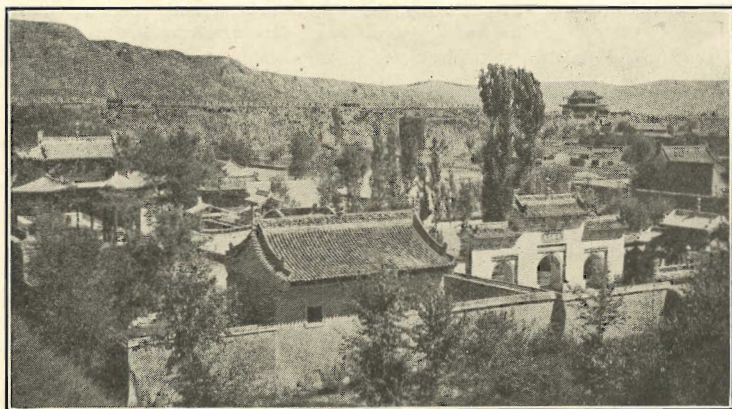
Children raised in such a spiritual, missionary atmosphere, with good bringing up, and attended by the fervent prayers of holy, consecrated parents have become the strong, staunch pioneers of early missionary work. They have blazed the trail through forest and jungle, over mountains and desert plains, among the wild, savage tribes, when traveling was much more slow, inconvenient and dangerous, thus making the work much easier for the missionary of today. God bless those heroes of the cross; their reward will be great.

But they have simply begun the work. Conditions today are yet appalling and present a tremendous challenge to the Church to arise from its sleep and lethargy and move forward and "possess the land!" The work is not done, the task is not finished! Read the following, "Millions Without the Gospel," compiled from "Unoccupied Mission Fields of Asia and Africa." Then, what about the many millions in South America, the Great Amazon Valley, who never heard the Gospel?

Millions Without the Gospel

"The world conditions today surely call for much earnest prayer! It is overwhelming to think of the vastness of the harvest field! Few, comparatively, are actively engaged; many are unawakened to the stupendous need, and still many others are indolent, unwilling, or indifferent to the call to go as laborers in the over-ripe whitened fields.

"At the beginning of the Twentieth Century such rapid progress has been made in Missions that there is an impression among some that all the doors are open, and that the problem of evangelization has become one of opportunism simply depending on an adequate supply of men and means. The statement has been made that Tibet is the one country to which the Christian missionary has not penetrated! But this is not the case.



Western China.
Temple of the city god, Hochow, Kansu Province.

"In viewing unparalleled progress in the work of missions in recent years, and the wonderful opportunities which challenge the Church to win whole nations, we must not be blind to the fact that there is still work which remains to be begun, as well as work which remains to be finished. There are still many portions of the world and great areas of population without organized missionary effort; where the forces of evil hold their own as securely as if the Saviour had never conquered; where the famine-stricken have never heard of the Bread that came down from Heaven for the heart-hunger of the world; where the darkness of superstition and error have never been illumined by the touch of civilization or the light of the Gospel.

"It is a fact full of pathos that after all the centuries of missionary effort, what may be called the heart of the two continents of Asia and Africa must still be classified under the head of "Unoccupied Fields."

Asia

"In Central Asia a stretch of country is practically unoccupied whose vastness is literally appalling. The province of Helung-Kiang contributes 1,500,000 who are without any missionary provision whatever.

"Moving westward, the needs of at least 2,500,000 of Nomad Monguls, the deserts of Gobi and the stretches of Mongolia, come into view.

"South of this lies Tibet. Here there are 6,000,000 people as yet wholly destitute of missionary ministrations.

"Then there is Afghanistan with 4,000,000; and north of Afghanistan, other territories together with Russia proper, which represent a population of at least 20,000,000, all of them without a missionary.

"Immediately south of Tibet there are two other independent kingdoms, both still unoccupied territory. Nepal stretches from east to west five hundred miles, and in its area of 54,000 square miles there is a population of 5,000,000.

"Almost hidden on the map of Asia but not from the love of God, entirely within the Himalayan range of mountains, lies the little independent state of Bhutan. Its length from east to west is only 160 miles. Here is a population estimated at about 300,000.

"Before leaving the survey of the unoccupied fields in Asia we must speak of Arabia, the cradle of Islam, and still a challenge to Christendom. It is a Gibraltar of fanaticism and pride that shuts out the messenger of the Christ. Here there are only four points on the coast of 4,000 miles where there are resident missionaries. There is not a single mission station far inland. No missionary has ever crossed the peninsula. Hadramaut, one of the widest regions untouched by missionary efforts, has a population of perhaps 1,000,000 souls. All the northern plateau with its Bedouin population has no resident missionary. The total population unreached by the Gospel in these Arabian provinces can be estimated at 4,000,000.

Africa

"Africa presents even a darker picture, and the question may be raised: Has the Church made more than a beginning in the evangelization of the heart of the Dark Continent? Here, scattered over an immense area, not including the desert stretches of the Sahara, are to be found some 50,000,000 people—almost one-third of the continent—not only unreached, but without any existing agency contemplating their evangelization as far as any plans and hopes are concerned.

"The field which is larger in expanse, and is the most important because of its location and strategy, is the Sudan. That mysterious West—what lands and scenes are lit up by the sun as it throbs its way daily across this great continent! It is a land of varied races and of a multitude of tongues and peoples, stretching across a span exceeding that from San Francisco to New York. This could be divided into three regions: Western Sudan, Egyptian Sudan and Central Sudan. The total population of the Sudan in the widest area has been estimated by Dr. Kumm and others at no less than 40,000,000.

"In Northern Nigeria is an empire larger than all Japan.

"In Egypt Sudan is a territory larger than all India, with a population of 800,000, not only without a missionary, but not even within the prospective of any mission.

"The Spanish possession of Dio de Oro has a population of 130,000 and is without missions. Abyssinia, together with French, British and Italian Somaliland represents another great unoccupied area. The total population is estimated at from 9,000,000 to 11,000,000.

"On the western side of the Niger River, West Africa, and the region north of the Cross River, there are fields wholly unevangelized, and many of them not even explored. North of the Zambesi, there is practically no mission work; and the Portugese Congo, a district representing a population of 7,000,000, has never been brought in touch with the Gospel. Morocco, south and east of the Atlas range, is almost wholly an uncultivated area. It is said that one can travel from Kairwan directly southwest for two thousand two hunred miles before reaching Upoto on the Congo, this being the nearest mission station in that direction! Could any statement give a clearer idea of the vast areas in the Dark Continent that await the light of the Gospel? When we think of the utter destitution and the long neglect of these vast areas and teeming millions, the lines written on seeing Gordon's statue as it stands facing the great desert and the Sudan have a living message:



Africa.
An ideal native Congo village.

"The strings of camels come in single file,
Bearing their burdens o'er the desert sand;
Swiftly the boats go plying on the Nile,
The needs of men are met on every hand.
But still I wait
For the messenger of Christ who cometh late.

"I see the cloud of dust rise in the plain,
The measured tread of troops fall on the ear;
The soldier comes the Empire to maintain,
Bringing the pomp of war, the reign of fear.
But still I wait;
The messenger of Peace, he cometh late.

"They set me looking o'er the desert drear,
 Where broodeth darkness as the deepest night.
 From many a mosque there comes the call to prayer;
 I hear no voice that calls on Christ for light.
 But still I wait
 For the messenger of Christ who cometh late'."

PALESTINE

Palestine is the country that stands out prominently, historically and prophetically, more so than any other country in the world. Since the days of Abraham it has been promised to the Jews as their country. Here Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was born, lived, was crucified and buried. But here He will appear again and "His feet shall stand upon the mount of Olives." To it all the nations shall look for counsel, guidance and blessing in time to come, when Jerusalem shall become the metropolis of the whole world, when "out of Zion shall go forth the law and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem" (Micah 4:2, R.V.), "and many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of Hosts in Jerusalem, and to intreat the favor of the Lord" (Zech. 8:22, R.V.). Then "whoso of all the families of the earth goeth not up unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of Hosts, upon them there shall be no rain" (Zech. 14:17).

Therefore, because of its past and future importance we may give Palestine and the Jews a little special consideration.

There was a time when the Jews in Europe were forbidden to own land and were so oppressed that they were compelled to resort to dealing only in old clothes and money.

In 1802 Emperor Alexander I of Russia encouraged the Jews to locate on farms and by 1897 the Jewish farm population had increased to 200,000. Then, like in the days of Moses, the restrictions of the Government compelled many of them to leave the farms for other pursuits.

The first settlement of Jews on farms in this country was in colonial days but, says Thomas Chalmers, all of them except a few in south Jersey failed until the Jewish Agricultural Society was formed in 1900. Since then there has been a great exodus of Jews to the farms, so that this Society now reports Jewish farmers in every State of the Union, having over 1,000,000 acres under cultivation, valued at more than \$100,000,000.

The Rutenberg Concession has been granted for seventy years to Pinchas Rutenberg, a Russian-Jewish engineer at the head of the Palestine Electric Corporation, "to develop the water power of the Jordan and other streams of Palestine to furnish electric power and light for the whole land." One power plant has already been erected and is in operation at the Auja River, near Jaffa, the Joppa of the days of Jonah and Peter (Jonah 1:3; Acts 10:5).

There are five concerns engaged in the stone-crushing business near Jerusalem, four owned by Jews and one by an Arab. The largest of these concerns is the Jewish Coöperative Labor Association, which has put up its plant right on the highway leading from Jerusalem to Jaffa, near the village of Lifta. Building groups at Jaffa and other places throughout the country have ordered large amounts of the stone.

The Government has restored the ancient Pools of Solomon so that after many centuries of disuse they are again supplying the Holy City with water. The Department of Public Works is erecting a large pumping station designed to force the water through the pipeline laid by the army in 1918.

The railway running from Jaffa, the seaport, to Jerusalem, the first railway ever built in Palestine, opened September 26, 1892, has been taken over by the Palestine Government. It was originally owned by a French company.

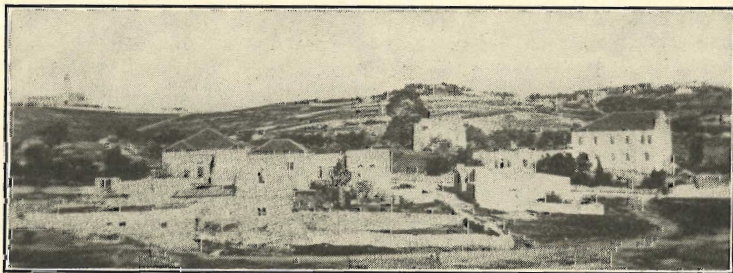
According to "The Sentinel, a Jewish weekly, approximately 70,000 Jews in New York alone have become believers in Christian Science. To counteract this, a new organization, Jewish Science, has been devised, the membership of which is constantly increasing. Rabbi Lichtenstein, its leader, is reported as saying that "sickness is not a punishment. Jewish Science does not believe that God punishes. Does not believe in heaven and hell. God created the world in a spirit of love and set a number of standards, rules. He who observes these rules, is healthy and enjoys life. He who does not, he who breaks these rules, becomes sick. God does not punish him; he gets sick because of his own negligence—he punishes himself." The same Deceiver who instituted Christian Science to deceive Christians has also devised Jewish Science to deceive the Jews. All these signs point to the fact that the devil is trying to get the whole world ready to receive his representative, the Anti-Christ.

Missions to convert Jews to Christ are more and more successful wherever wisely prosecuted. And the converted Hebrew is a wonderful missionary and evangelist. Here is the testimony of a Bowery, New York, Jewish Christian:

"Serf de Lord, and den if He don't give satisfaction, go back and serf de devil again. You won't be noding out. You can't lose. From curiosity I went into de Mission meeting. I sat half dozing until a man got up and said, 'What shall it profit a man?' Ven I heard dot I woke up, a Jew can't sleep when he hears of profit! De leader said, 'Salvation for de drunkard, de gamblers, de drug fiend, everybody.'

"Den she looked at me and said, 'Salvation for de Jews!'

"I went forward and salvation paid! I bring Him misery, He gives me joy. I bring poverty, He gives prosperity. I bring selfishness and He gives de joy of doing something for de oder fellow. Dot is a good bargain. Salvation is a paying business. So dis Hebrew stuck to it 27 years."



Palestine.

Distant view of Mount of Olives. German Hospital in extreme left.

There are 1,600 automobiles in Jerusalem, mostly of the light American type, for the use of tourists, and 24 sight-seeing cars similar to those used in New York, only they are said to be more comfortable. It is quite easy to make the trip from Jerusalem to Jericho, River Jordan and Dead Sea in one day by automobile and be back before six o'clock. To "do" the Sea of Galilee and Nazareth occupies two days.—"Jewish Missionary Magazine."

The number of immigrants into Palestine in the month of November last was 829, according to government statement. The number for the year 1922 was 7,844. The number of Jews who entered Palestine since September, 1920, was 20,658.

America, within the past few years, has become the largest Jewry in the world. According to the latest estimate there are now 3,750,000 Jews in the United States. If the probable Jewish population of the world is 15,000,000, then one-quarter of the entire population is in America. In Metropolitan New York there are 1,750,000 Jews. This constitutes an extraordinary community, the like of which has never been seen in the world before. Yet the number of synagogue sittings in New York City are only 175,000, or one-tenth of the number of Jews in the city. Warsaw, the largest center of Jewish population in Europe, has but 303,000 of this race. All the countries of Western Europe, together with the countries of South America, Canada, and Palestine combined, have not as many Jews. There are, moreover, in the United States 160 other cities having a Jewish population of 1,000 to 300,000—"Immanuel's Witness."

The recent census taken by the British Government in Palestine, gives some interesting facts, gathered from "The Palestine Weekly." The population of the land is 757,182, of which 590,890 are Moslems; 83,744 Jews; 73,010 Christians; or 78.03 per cent Moslems; 11.06 per cent Jews; and 9.64 per cent Christians. There are 7,018 Druses; 163 Samaritans; 265 Bahais; 156 Metwalis; 1,544 Hindoos and 408 Sheiks. The population of Jerusalem is 62,083 souls, of which 33,971 are Jews; 14,699 Christians, and 13,413 Moslems. Jaffa has about an equal number of Jews and Moslems, over 20,000 each, and 6,850 Christians. Haifa has a population of 24,469; Gaza 17,477; Tiberias 6,954; Safed 8,760; Hebron 16,577—all Moslems except 430 Jews and 73 Christians. The population of Nazareth is 7,424; Bethlehem 6,658; of which 5,838 are Christians, 818 Moslems, and 2 Jews. By "Christian"—including the small minority of Evangelical believers—is meant those who compose the Eastern Churches. The census of Damascus, the world's oldest city, shows a population of 609,127. The Jews there number 6,059, or less than one per cent.

Considerable space is given in several issues of "The Palestine Weekly" to the census. The experience of King David numbering Judah and Israel is given some prominence, quoting from the Old Testament Scriptures. The time required, under David, to complete the task—"nine months and twenty days"—is compared with the recent census, which "by taking one a seventh of the time in counting up the number of heads, we only get a tenth of David's magnificent total" given as 1,570,000 for Judah and the Northern Kingdom.

One man, when asked to state his nationality, was roused to fervor, saying: "Born in Germany, of Russian extraction, Polish citizenship, but now, thank God, I am a subject of Palestine, the land of our fathers"; while another, equally fervent, restrained himself within the limits of the subdued lyrical: "Born in America—of German descent; religion Jewish—subject of God."

It will be noted that the results of the census show the Jews to be second in point of numbers in Palestine, and that the steady influx into the country of able-bodied men and women with capital, culture and energy will tend more and more to change the balance of power in favor of the Jews. Surely prophecy is being fulfilled. "And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them" (Amos 9:14). With these and other potent signs, we are encouraged to heed the exhortation, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth night" (Luke 21:28).

Miss Mary A. Butterfield has been kept very busy since she is home on furlough in deputational work throughout the United States and Canada. She writes:

"Previous to the war, most of our work was west of the Jordan and south of Bethlehem, excepting the Philistine Plain, with stations in Jerusalem, Hebron and Beersheba. This has all been resumed and several new outstations opened. Souls are finding the Lord in each place. This section is under the British mandate and has a population of Jews, Oriental Christians and Mohammedans.

New Work Across Jordan

"Last year, a new district was entered across the Jordan in the land of Moab. This is under the Arab government. The majority of the people are Mohammedans, though the city of Medeba, where our station is located, is comprised mostly of Christians (nominal unborn-again ones).

"This fall, the Hauran, a large territory south of Damascus and east of Lake Galilee will be opened. This is under the French Mandate. Most of the people are Mohammedans.

The Challenge of Moslem Zeal

"The Moslems, themselves, spend much time in praying to their prophet. Five times daily their prayer-crier calls out: 'It is time to pray. It is better to pray than to sleep. It is better to pray than to eat.' With each call they constantly remind the people, 'There is no God but one God and Mohammed is His Prophet.' If God could find as many Christian men who would give their time to publishing His story of salvation, as this religion has for advertising its



Palestine.
Tiberius on Lake Galilee.

tenets, what could He not accomplish? And if the response among Christians were as spontaneous as is seen among the followers of Islam, what revival flames would be kindled all over the world! Without a moment's waiting to finish the task in hand thousands of Mohammedans fall to their knees at the first call to prayer five times a day. Does that account for the onward march of Islam in heathen lands and also its subtle and steady inroad into so-called Christian countries? Is some unseem power hearing and answering the Moslems' prayers? Shall we not give our God an opportunity to hear and answer the prayers for which He waits in order to re-open this closed door?

Jewish Opportunity and Needs

"Our opportunity for Jewish work is increasing with the incoming of Jews to Palestine. Some are open to the truth. For this feature of the work, special prayer is requested. A man is needed to take Mr. Payne's place, as he has gone to work among the Jews in Haifa, with Mr. Rohold. Then, too, a man and his wife are needed to take charge of the Jewish Shelter which is being established. People wonder sometimes why we say no more about this work than we do. Those who are actively engaged in it in the homeland will understand that too much publicity only gives Satan an opportunity to work. So far as apparent results are concerned, we haven't always so much to report. This is true of Jewish work everywhere. But the truth is being preached to a goodly number of them every week, in meetings and through personal work, as well as in special study classes and some are being saved. However, God is working as fast as He can in proportion to the believing prayers He hears for it, the gifts He receives for it and the lives placed at His disposal for service among these people. It is impossible for our force there to do more than they are doing until they have more recruits and equipment. Thank God for those who are so nobly standing behind us there. Your prayers are being answered. Your sacrifices are bearing fruit. Keep on praying and believing for men for the harvest field. Yes, we can and will use women, but oh, may God hasten the day when there will be men enough to do the men's work, so women can give their time and strength to the women's work instead of having to try the impossible task of fitting into both spheres. Mr. Thompson writes that they need at least nine more men in addition to those in training—two for Jewish work, one for the Training School and six for Field work. Pray earnestly for these."

In her last letter, Miss Butterfield reports:

"'Ye that are Jehovah's remembrancers, keep not silence and give Him no rest till He establish and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth' (Isa. 62:6,7). This is our Lord's request for prayer. How many of God's children are praying definitely, daily, for this request? If ever this ministry of intercession was needed for Jerusalem, it is now.

"Three great religious forces are contending for supremacy in the Holy Land. The Jews say, 'The land is ours for God gave it to Abraham and to his seed forever.' The Mohammedans declare, 'The land is ours for we are the seed of Abraham through Ishmael, Abraham's first-born son.' The Oriental Christians assert, 'The land is ours for we are the seed of Abraham through Christ and God took it from the Jews to give it to us.'

"As prophecies concerning the return of the Jews to Palestine are being fulfilled, the Christians are uniting with the Mohammedans in a political move to try to prevent the Jews from getting control.

But there are factions within factions in each of the three classes and no defined policy of government can be formed and adhered to by any of them. Meanwhile, Sir Herbert Samuel, the Chief High Commissioner under the British Mandate, keeps a steady hand in the government of all classes—and God goes on working out His program for His land as mapped out in His book.

"The Jewish papers of the day are full of the return of the Jews to Palestine. The great Zionist organization is calling for men who will sacrifice everything to make Palestine a home for the Jews. In response, 'the choice of their people, scholars and idealists, have turned brick layers and hod-carriers—for the sake of Israel and Palestine' and with bricks and shovels, trowels and wheelbarrows, they are building homes, living in tents in the meanwhile. Men and



Palestine.
Christian boys in Alliance school in Jerusalem.

women who could occupy chairs in universities are sitting by the roadsides pounding stones to build new roads, literally blazing the trail for the nation that is coming.

"The following paragraph gives a fair idea of the progress that is being made. It is quoted from "The New Palestine":

"Palestine has been desolate since the days of the last Jewish occupation. The hand of the stranger has been laid on the country for two thousand years. Today Palestine is beginning to blossom under the plow of the Chalus (Hebrew word for "pioneer"). A network of roads begins to cover her soil. The Jewish Colonies are the brightest spots in Palestine—earnests of labor and of hope."

"Yes, they are earnest, but only earnest yet, of the glory of the Israel to be. The hum of new industries, great irrigation schemes and magnificent educational institutions will soon have made a tremendous difference in the land as we have known it, but

the vision of the ancient prophets has more in it than the Zionists seem to have perceived yet. The rattle of the dry bones coming together has begun. Jewish nationality is taking form, putting on some sinews and flesh. But 'there is no breath in them,' and there will be none till God breathes upon them in answer to prayer.

"Notice the story in the 37th chapter of Ezekiel and see how Ezekiel was commanded to 'prophecy to the wind' (spirit), urging the fulfillment of the word of the Lord. When Ezekiel obeyed, 'breath came into them and they lived.' It would seem that God waits for the breath of prayer to be mingled with His breath before He breathes on others. No wonder He urges us to give Him no rest till He accomplishes His purpose for Jerusalem! Shall we fail Him in this momentous hour? God forbid. Let us pray for the Jews as they return to Palestine.

"Our mission work in Palestine is being greatly blessed of the Lord in answer to your prayers. As you know, we work among all classes. Last winter there was a precious revival in the Bible Training Institute for Young Men. For a long time the devil had hindered real spiritual work in their hearts and few of the students seemed to have any interest in the work of the Lord. But in answer to prayer the Holy Spirit began to convict the boys and before long they were confessing all kinds of sin and seeking forgiveness. Before the revival ended, every student had come to the Lord. A number caught the missionary vision so keenly that they could not be restrained from going out to others with the gospel. If something prevented them from making a visit to the villages, they would talk to individuals on the streets of Jerusalem. One boy who had been a great trouble in the school was so changed that a boy friend of his remarked, 'If I had never believed in a God, I would have to do so now since I have seen the change in your life.' A number have volunteered to go into Arabia as soon as they finish their course, in spite of the fact that they know it will mean danger and possibly death. Pray for them as they go on with their preparation for service.

"Mr. Jago has had a blessed ministry in Beer-sheba, preaching in the little Church that has been organized there, and making long trips out among the Bedouin encampments with his evangelists. Many of the Arabs love him for his friendly ways and he has many a long talk with one and another about eternal verities. He has now come into Jerusalem, as Chairman of the Mission, in the absence of Mr. Thompson who has come to America on furlough. This means great responsibility and added cares for him and Mrs. Jago and I am sure they will appreciate your earnest prayers.

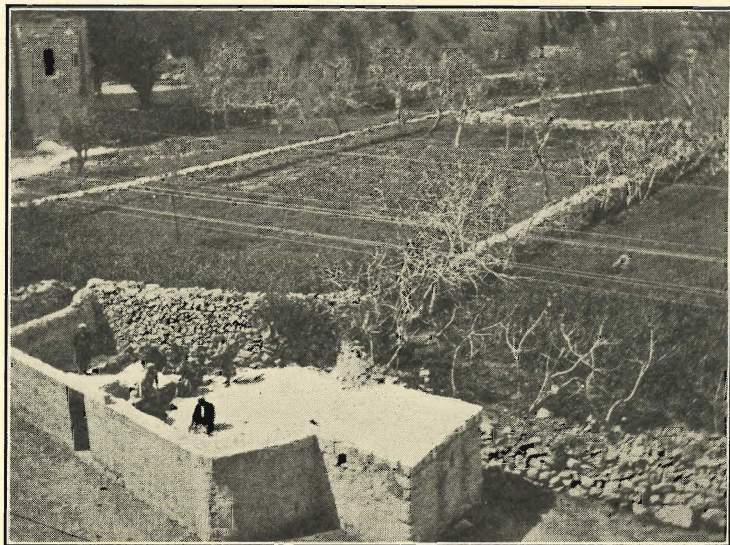
"During the past year the entire policy of our missionary work has been changed, with a view to getting the gospel out further than we have carried it before. Our great objective now is Arabia with its million square miles and a population estimated at from five to eight million souls. There are large sections of that country with thousands of Arabs—some in fixed villages, others wandering about with their tents—where no herald of the gospel has ever been. God's commission to preach the gospel in ALL the world will not have been fulfilled until these tribes hear His message, too.

"Away up in the Great Hauran, which borders on the most northern part of Arabia, we have a lonely worker—a young man—and his Syrian evangelist. They have lived in a native hut with many discomforts, where food is hard to get and where life is anything but enjoyable in the natural. The Lord has wonderfully

blessed him in learning the language and he has already had the joy of leading some souls to Christ there.

"We have two stations in Trans-Jordania, east of the Dead Sea, each being occupied by two missionaries this Fall. A young man and his wife opened up the work here two years ago in the midst of difficulty and danger. So God is giving the land of Moab its opportunity to hear the gospel and men and women there are seeking the way of life. Hold on in prayer for a spiritual revival in this section. It will mean much for our hopes of entering Arabia.

"The Bible Training Institute for Young Men has been moved to Ain Karim, about five miles west of Jerusalem. The object of the Institute is to train students for Christian work in the near East, and none but candidates for Christian work will be allowed to enter. As soon as possible all instruction in the School will be given in the Arabic language. A similar work for young women is being carried on in Jerusalem in the Mission House there.



Palestine.
Mohammedans praying, Hebron.

"New hopes and plans for Jewish work are being entertained by our missionaries and some are set apart for this work alone. There are unprecedented opportunities for witnessing to the Jews as they return to their land, and we are praying for capable laborers to come to the aid of those now engaged in this work.

"In Hebron, a young lady missionary is holding the fort with the aid of her Syrian Bible woman. It is no easy task for a woman, but the Lord is blessing the ministry of His handmaidens there. A new missionary and his family are sailing this fall to take up the work in Beer-sheba. They will need much prayer.

"And now, may we not depend upon those whose eyes have scanned this bird's-eye view of our Palestine and Arabian Border Mission Field to pray as never before? God awaits our co-operation

in fulfilling His promise to Abraham and to his seed forever. Abraham's seed through Isaac have Palestine; through Ishmael and the sons of Keturah, the land of Arabia; through Christ, the whole world. It is His and His forever. An enemy has seized it for the time being and the Lord is leading us out to win it back to Himself. Christ Himself will come again in Person to finish up the conflict. We are scattering hand-bills these days for the greatest event this world of ours has ever seen. It will be ushered in over there at Jerusalem, on the Mount of Olives, and will continue until the last man and last woman on the earth shall have fallen at the feet of our Lord Jesus Christ in praise and worship 'and the knowledge of the glory of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.' Hallelujah!

"Let us be faithful in publishing the tidings. We shall be held responsible if we have not done our share in announcing His salvation to the ends of the earth. Oh, may the vision grip us all until we shall count no sacrifice too great to make it known to all who have not yet heard! One of the greatest strongholds in this conflict of the ages is Palestine and Arabia. The devil is loath to give them up and with the iron-grasp of Moslem fanaticism and blind superstition he is forbidding the entrance of the gospel to a people whose hearts are as hungry for the love of God and the blessing which comes only through Christ as your heart ever was. Let us believe God and go forward in His name."

Rev. E. O. Jago Rev. E. O. Jago, whom many of our people met at the Mizpah Grove Camp Meeting several years ago, has opened a mission at Beersheba on the southern borders of Palestine. He desires us to pray for the entrance of the Gospel at this important place. The following interesting items are from his report:

"Beersheba is developing. The Standard Oil Company is drilling wells, eight hours by horse south of us. If oil is found, this town will boom.

"The Christian population grows slowly. We have the only church building in town, although the Greek Catholics maintain a service. Two thousand to four thousand Arabs come into town every Wednesday for a great bazaar. I was down last Wednesday to look over the situation. Verily the god of this world hath blinded their eyes—they shout, they roar, they gesticulate, they fight. How to get the Gospel to them is my problem.

"We are encouraged, however, in the Lord with the work—not large, but bright as the promises of God. The work, I believe, tells for God as it stands for the pure Gospel."

In another letter last winter he wrote:

"It is now over three years since we sailed with the first missionary party returning to officially re-open the work in Palestine after the war.

"My family and myself are as far out as our lines extend, being in Beersheba, in the heart of the Bedouin district, almost on the edge of the desert in the extreme south. My worker, a converted Romanist, came from Dan in the extreme north. We have nothing but Arabs around us down here. We have a nice mission compound, school and a new church. The people who come are largely Eastern Catholics. I came here largely, I believe, to start a New Testament church of believers. We have 45 children in school, 42 Eastern

Catholics, Arabic speaking, and 3 Roman Catholics. All our children attend Sunday School and Church every Sunday. We distribute to them the cards received from the Union Gospel Printing Co., and they prize them very highly. We also value their other publications, which you are sending us, very greatly. I wish they were in every church at home.

"Five hours north of us we are commencing a modest building in a large Moslem town, and five hours north of that is our Hebron station with a lady missionary in charge.



Palestine.

Mrs. E. O. Jago and her son Ray in their mission yard at Beer-Sheba.

"Our Bible Institute, located at Ain Karim, the birthplace of John the Baptist, about five miles northwest of Jerusalem, has been blessed of God. This is for the training of native men for pastors. One of these is an Armenian who is going back to preach to his own people; another is from the Hauran District a few hours south of Damascus. This man has for years had charge of the only organized church in that District. Another is from our new station across the Jordan, back of Mount Nebo, while still another has been head master of the Viceroy's Boarding School at Ain Karen.

"Here we opened a simple village Boarding School for boys about two years ago. This has been entirely under the management of our own graduate workers. This has been very successful and we are enlarging the work considerably. As our native brethren there desired a Missionary's help, we sent them Miss Best, who has for years been Principal of our Boys' Boarding School.

"We have crossed the Jordan and have established a station among the Arabs of Mount Nebo. This station has seen strenuous times. When the missionary in charge and myself went over there a year ago to open up a work we had a lively time for a few minutes under rifle fire. The Arab government expelled our native Evangelist and head master.

"Nevertheless we have not abandoned the East but have just sent a native worker to ancient Kir of Moab (see Isa. 15), two days south of Madaba, towards Arabia. We have also sent our first missionary to Syria to take the place of the brother studying in the Bible Institute."

Mr. Jago has been going about in each district, riding in the Ford which some one generously gave him last year, wherever the roads permit. He has visited the different stations and outstations and also prospected for new ones. As a result of his itineration in the Hauran, the mission has opened a station there as he reports:

"In the Hauran country beyond the Jordan we have a station at Ara where we have 100 boys in a school; half of them are Greek Catholic and the other half are Druzes. Here we are offered a property for \$500 which would accommodate our school and worker. Please stand with us for this need. We also need a small bell for the church very badly at this station, as we have nothing with which to call the people to the services and very few people have clocks.

"Thus we are in three Countries, under three Governments—In Syria under the French, in Palestine under the English and in Moab under the Arabs. This constitutes a big problem in itself.

"It was such a delight to have met with you people at the Camp Meeting at Allentown while I was in the homeland. Miss Butterfield also expressed the same thought."

AFRICA (Belgian Congo)

The Foreign Department of the Christian and Missionary Alliance has issued a very comprehensive Missionary Atlas giving very valuable and interesting information concerning the eighteen fields occupied by them. We clip the following from this book:

"The Congo Country derives its name from the Congo River, formerly called Zaire, one of the great rivers of the world in Southern Africa. The mouth of the river was known to the Portuguese in 1485, but the lower part of its course was first explored by an English expedition in 1816, ascending the river for 172 miles. In 1867, Livingstone traced its course to Nyangwe. From this point its exploration was taken up in 1876-77 by Stanley, who proved its identity with the Congo. It carries more water to the ocean than the Mississippi, its volume being next to that of the Amazon. Its total length is perhaps 3,000 miles. The lower Congo ends at Matadi, ninety miles up the river. From there to Leopoldville it is unnavigable because of rapids. A railroad, 335 miles long, connects these two points."

Dr. Pardington writes in his book, "Twenty-five Wonderful Years":

"John Condit was a member of the pioneer party to the Congo in the fall of 1884. His name, indeed, heads the list of our African missionaries. He went to his reward in 1885. While in Westminster Abbey looking at the grave of Livingstone, he was heard to say, 'Yes, God buries his workmen, but carries out his work. Livingstone has passed away, but the work continues, and God is calling out others to fill the places of those who have laid down their lives in the Dark Continent'."

Again we copy from the "Missionary Atlas":

"The field of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Belgian Congo is a territory near the mouth of the Congo River, containing a population of about 300,000. There are five stations in the Congo Mission, four being in Belgian Congo and one in the section of Portu-



Africa.

Women and children in native village. Lo! White man has come!

gese Congo northeast of our Belgian field. Of the more than 20,000 believers baptized in the various mission fields since the beginning of the Alliance work, nearly 5,000 have been in Congo. In this small field there are also more than one-fourth of the total number of native workers in the eighteen fields, as well as the same proportion in church membership.

"The work in **Boma** began about 1896. It is the receiving home and transport station for our Congo Mission. English and native services are held. There is a church membership of 16 and four outschools. The population is very scattered and difficult to reach as part of the district is swampy.

"At **Lolo** station the Alliance began work about 1901. There is a membership of 110 and eleven outschools.

"**Kinkonzi** opened about 1895, is our central station, reaching over 200,000 people. It has the oversight of five distinct churches; viz., Kinkonzi, 744 membership, 71 outschools; Maduda 948 membership, 63 outschools; Yema, 885 membership, 55 outschools; Ndingi, 536 membership, 26 outschools (of this number, ten were closed in 1921 by the Portugese Government); Kwimba, 180 membership, 11 outschools. There are eight missionaries here. The Bible Training School, located at Kinkonzi, accommodates fifty students. A printing press is also at Kinkonzi.

"**Vungu** was entered about 1892. Ngangila, now an outstation from Vungu, was the first station opened. Report for 1921 gives 148 church members and six outschools.



Africa.

Davidi Mato, deacon in Maduda Church, Belgian Congo, for many years a faithful co-laborer of Brother Hess.



Africa.

Mosi Ngimbe, deacon in Kinkonzi Church, one of the most spiritual and faithful men in the mission.

"**Mboka**, opened in 1907, is the only Alliance station in Portugese Congo, which has a population of about 12,000. There is one other Protestant station in this section. There are about seventy-five church members at Mboka. This is the only station in the Congo Mission without any missionary graves. The native people are favorable to the mission and want teachers. The work has progressed slowly but souls are being saved.

"This may look good but this district is only a small spot on the map of this great country. In the northeastern part of Congo Belge is a large tract of territory, two hundred and fifty thousand square miles, having fifty-two tribes with a population of 1,612,140, and also twelve other tribes whose population is unknown, who are without a messenger of the Cross. No society as yet has entered these untouched tribes with the Gospel, nor is there, to our knowledge, any one planning to enter. The English Baptist Society, who are nearest to this territory, say, 'It is impossible for us to enter.'"

Rev. E. E. Crist Brother Crist, Superintendent of the Congo field, writes under date of June 28, 1923:

"I wanted to write you for some time but have been very busy and did not get it done. Of course you realize that as the work grows the duties increase.

"It will soon be a year since we returned and it has been the busiest year in Congo. With the increased number of schools in our district to look after one never lacks a job. I do not know if I told you that we now have 9 schools outside of Boma. At our last monthly meeting 300 people were here and 100 of them were women. You do not know how this cheers us, after seeing no women here for years.

"Last week I found time to visit two new schools for the first time. It is not best to open schools in new districts without going with the teachers, but it was impossible for me to go so I sent the teachers alone. I wish you could have seen the reception I received in every village I went through as well as in the school villages. Everywhere they asked me to come and teach them to worship. In some villages they were disappointed because I could not stay over night. In six different villages I was presented with a fowl from the chief, and they were surprised that I gave them anything in return. Then other food in abundance they wanted us to take. O how I longed to have months to spend in the villages now while all are so open and ready and eager to hear.

"In the one school we had a service Saturday morning before seven o'clock as I had to leave by 7.30, having four hours to walk and I wanted to get back to the station by noon. Well, I got started just about 7.30 and after walking about five minutes we met a procession coming towards us and learned that the people came from another village to hear the Gospel. It was impossible for me to stop then so I had to tell them "another time." Of course the teacher is in the district and they hear the Gospel. I passed through several villages on the way home and it was always the same, someone would see me and say, 'Wait, I will call the people from their fields, we want you to hold a service.' Perhaps you wonder why I was in such a hurry to get back to the station. This was the reason. The following day was Sunday, and being alone I had two services to prepare for. Well, I arrived at the station at noon and thought I would have time in the afternoon to prepare for Sunday, but the first thing I learned upon returning was that a carload of wood that I had ordered some weeks before had arrived and I would have to



Africa.

Ideal woman life in Belgian Congo. Coming home from the field after a day's work.

see to getting it home. Thanks to our Ford truck we got it up in about two hours.

"Then, just as I was preparing to take a bath after my strenuous work, Mrs. Crist announced that a caravan had arrived from Lolo. Well, the day was gone and I didn't get time to prepare for Sunday services until night. However, the Lord blessed and spoke to several through the message. One backslider decided he had better not wait any longer to get right with the Lord. Another boy, who used to be a Catholic but who has been working for us for some time, seemed anxious to know what the Gospel meant. Several backsliders have come back to the Lord recently.

"Next Sunday we expect to baptize the first converts from this district. I do not know how many there will be, perhaps not more than two or three, but we praise God for the first-fruits. We know more will follow. The first one to be accepted was a chief of a village, a fine intelligent man. Pray for him, his name is Anabwela.

"Our new church is going up rapidly: the walls are up to the square. We hope to be able to use it by September or October. The one we use now is too small. I will take some photos later and send them."

Mrs. E. E. Crist In a letter dated March 17, 1923, Mrs. Crist writes: "The work in this district continues very encouraging.

Our chapel is far too small to accommodate the many who attend the services. The people are extremely anxious to hear the gospel and from every quarter they are calling for teachers. We now have six in this district and expect to place three more shortly. In one of the villages the people have built a house for a teacher and also one for worship and are looking to us to send them someone who can tell the words of God. Each week someone from the town comes to see if a teacher is not soon coming, for they say, 'everything is now ready.' We are planning to place one in that village. Pray that it may not be long before many who are now so interested in the Gospel shall be saved.

"The excavation for the new church here is about completed. We are sorry to say that the man who came out with us to do the building returned to New York last month as his wife developed tuberculosis. We shall probably be obliged to give the work to a contractor and unless the value of the franc rises we fear we shall not have enough money to erect the building. There is but one contractor and without competition the cost will be much more than otherwise.

"The Ford truck has been and is a great money and labor saver. Without it we should not have been able to accomplish a fourth of what has been done.

"I trust the Lord may lay it upon your hearts and upon the hearts of other praying friends to pray for a large district in North-east Congo, absolutely without the gospel. This vast district is 500 miles long and equally as wide—250,000 square miles without a witness for Jesus. We are praying and trusting that the Alliance may feel led of the Lord to enter and possess the land for the Master. No other society feels able to enter at the present time. The Gospel means everything to us and it would mean that to the teeming millions sitting in dense darkness, not knowing they are lost.

Rev. H. L. Pierson Brother Pierson, of Vungu Station, Congo Belge, in a letter dated April 13, 1923, writes:

"We were glad indeed to receive the Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions. I see that you are continually enlarging your missionary work in all fields. 'Advance' seems to be the watchword of the times. We have been trying to keep the vision of lost souls before us. The thought which has inspired me most during the past year is that the 'time is short.' It may be only a few years at the most and Jesus will come and we must by all means get the Gospel to all the people in our district. Otherwise we will be sorry when He comes and finds so many who have not had the opportunity to prepare to meet Him. I remember the motto that says, '**The resources of God** can be claimed only by those who undertake **the program of God.**' We plan to spend more time than ever in training native workers for the Lord's work. That is the only



Africa.

Native Congo chief and his soldiers.

way to accomplish the evangelization of any land. We praise God for your fellowship in this great work that is before us.

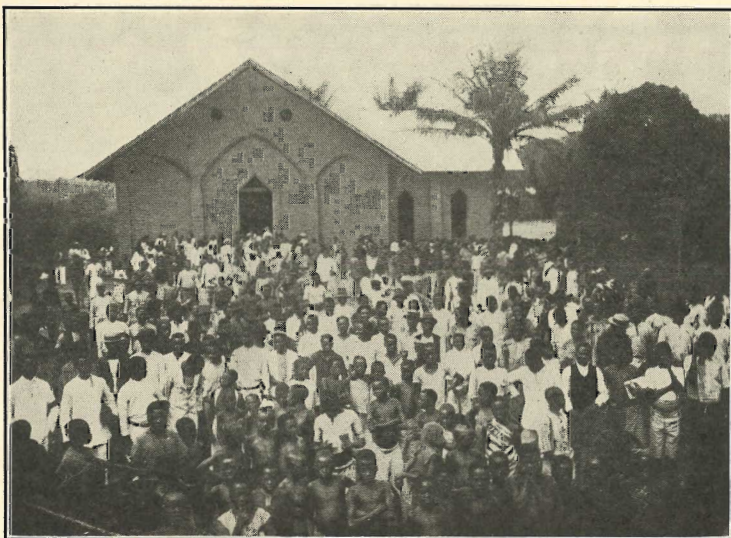
"I want to give you a little summary of God's working in Vungu district during 1922. At the close of each year we have to sum up the year's work and make report to the Chairman of the Mission. At the close of 1922 we were constrained to praise our Heavenly Father for the great advances made during the year. You who have stood with us in prayer will be glad to know that God has heard and answered prayer. I believe the best way to show you what united prayer has done is to compare the years 1921 and 1922:

	1921	1922
Converts baptized	9	60
Native workers	10	31
Outschools	9	28
Pupils enrolled in Vungu schools.....	261	612
Gospel services held	3321	8477
Sessions of school held.....	1524	3113

The average attendance in 1922 was higher than in 1921, i.e., 25 average at all sessions of school and 46 at all services. Twelve new districts were opened to the Gospel during the year.

"I know that figures are always disinteresting unless one really knows what they mean. The great increase in the Vungu work during 1922 simply means that God has heard prayer and has poured out His Spirit in reviving power on His church and in convicting and saving power upon sinners.

"Two weeks ago we held our first quarterly gathering of 1923, which was a time of great blessing. The whole church covenanted again to pray daily for a greater measure of blessing and salvation during 1923, and for the evangelization of the still unevangelized parts of the Vungu district. We want you all to join with us in the same covenant.



Africa.

Native congregation at Kinkonzi, Belgian Congo, just after the service.

"During the first four days of the meeting we examined 61 converts, 33 were accepted as ready for baptism, so on Sunday morning, April 1, we went to the stream in the valley south of the station. About 300 people were present. Each convert gave his or her testimony. A short message explaining baptism was given and then these redeemed ones followed their Lord in the symbol of His death and resurrection. This is the largest number ever baptized at Vungu at one time. It was a special joy to find three native chiefs among them. Several of these converts are from places where they have been almost entirely without the Gospel until less than a year ago.

"Two sad happenings cast a shadow over the close of the meetings. One of the converts was from a land called Tsinga. There are about 15 towns in that district and for three years our native evangelists have faithfully intinerated there, but the people have

never wanted them to reside there. Finally many young men became interested in the Gospel and 14 of them came to the Mission Station to work and attend school. Several have decided for God and one of them was to have been baptized but was taken sick with grippe on Friday. We thought he was recovering, but when we returned from the baptismal service on Sunday he was found dead.

"On Monday two of our young native preachers made the casket. When it was finished one of them went to his house and fainted, falling into a pot of boiling water on an open fire. He was burned and scalded from face to knees. I never saw such an awful sight. He lived a week and then died, leaving his outstation without a pastor.

"These sad things are hard to understand but God knows best. On Wednesday I was called to an outstation ten miles southeast of here. A Catholic priest had intimidated the people with all manner of threats and was trying to drive our preacher away by force. When I arrived he proceeded to heap on me all the abuse that he could find words to express. He called me a liar, thief, deceiver, coward, fool, servant of the devil and other things too numerous to mention. He heaped insult upon the Bible and everything and everyone connected with it. I tried to reply but the storm of words poured out of his mouth at such a rate that no one else could be heard. He told me and my teacher to leave and forbade the people to ever again listen to the missionaries or native preachers.

"All this was contrary to law and after he had made a beast of himself in the eyes of the natives, I pulled out a tablet and pen and began to make some notes. I asked for the names of all those who wanted to drive our teacher away. One chief, the priest and his native teacher were the only ones who signed up. Then I asked for those who wanted to keep our teacher and nearly the whole population responded.

"I then told him that the matter could not be settled there but that we would let the authorities decide whether or not he had the right to expel mission teachers from their schools. The flow of words ceased very suddenly and he began asking the people, 'What evil have I done to Pierson?' He said there should be no more quarreling and went to read his prayer book. I wrote the whole story and sent it to the State and they have promised an investigation. This is only one of many instances that might be told of Catholic propaganda and persecution. But our God has been giving one victory after another.

"In about a month the dry, cool season will begin. An unusually large amount of rain has fallen this season and the grass is very high and dense, in some places 15 feet high. An automobile road is being built by the State from Boma and passes two miles from Vungu Station, so soon we hope to be able to get goods from Boma by auto instead of on men's backs.

"We want to thank all who have written to us. Mail is very much enjoyed in the mission field. May I remind you that Vungu is not on the Postal map and all mail must be addressed to Boma, Congo Belge, Africa. The postal rate is five cents.

"For several months our chickens were being killed by an animal and all our efforts to kill the animal had been in vain until the other morning when we found it inside the garden fence—a species of pole cat weighing ten pounds when full grown. Natives gathered and shot at it three times without hitting it because it ran from one end of the garden at such a terrific speed. When I got

there it had hid in the high grass. The natives drove it out and I tried my skill but missed it the first shot as it dashed past. But then we drove it into a corner and my second shot felled it. The station boys had a polecate feast that day.

"Recently we have made a change in our school work on the station. We put a native in charge of all the primary grades and Miss Killer is giving all her time to the more advanced grades and especially to those men and women who want to prepare for Christian work. We will give them as good a start as we can and then send them to the training school at Kinkonzi to finish. In this way we hope to hasten the training of workers for this district. Please stand with us in prayer for this work."

Rev. W. P. Darling Brother Darling, of Lolo Station, writes in a letter dated September 22, 1922, which came too late for last year's report:



Africa.

Some fifty carriers just arrived at the mission home with cases from home and from England. Brother Hess is ready to weigh their loads and pay the men for carrying.

"I am sending you a short report of a quarterly meeting trip from which I just returned.

"Our district in the past few months has been divided so we have one quarterly meeting at the Station and also one at a distance, about eight hours from here.

"After holding the first quarterly meeting here at Lolo Station on September 3rd, Mr. Stoddard and I left on September 8th for Kipasi, the place of our other meeting. We traveled about six hours the first day and giving out the Word at the towns to which we came. We stopped for over night at one of our outschools. Here we had two services, one in the evening and another again in the morning, to which many people gathered.

"Early the next day we reached Kipasi and were surprised to find awaiting us twenty-three candidates for baptism. Upon examining, nineteen were accepted for whom we praise God. There were also five others received back into the church.

"The people came in numbers and at the Sunday morning service there were four hundred and nine present. Following the Sunday morning service we went to the water for our baptismal service. The accepted candidates were baptized with hundreds witnessing. From here we again went to the church where one hundred and twenty-five Christians sat at the Lord's table. When the day was over, we were tired in body but were rejoicing in our hearts for what God had done for this little portion of the globe.

"The next morning Mr. Stoddard and I separated, he going on for two more weeks of such work and I returning by a roundabout way home, telling the story of the Cross in the towns through which I passed.

"We sure praise God for His working in this the Lolo district, which for so many years has seemed so hard and unfruitful. May this be only the beginning of greater things to come."

In a later report written July 5, 1923, Brother Darling states that his time for furlough is almost up and that his address in the homeland would be 533 E. South Street, Corry, Pa. From this letter we clip the following:

"The work here is prospering and I believe that the prayers of God's saints back in the U. S. A. are the cause of it. The people around here are waking up and great crowds gather. 760 gathered here at Lolo at the last quarterly meeting. 62 have been baptized this year and the church offerings are going to more than double for the year.

"Towns all over the district are sending in their petitions for teachers, and we have now some 33 teachers at work, an increase of 20 in 18 months, but when you remember that there are 225 towns in the district and that these towns represent about 25,000 souls, you will easily see that 33 teachers have a good deal of work to do with a responsibility of 750 souls each to look after.

"At Kimpasi, where we have a church membership of 175, the old church building became too small and the church has now built a new building 40 x 60 feet, with a wing 20 x 20 feet, which will be used as a school, leaving the main building entirely for church services. This building represents a lot of hard work accomplished entirely by the natives, with a native roof of leaves. This building was completed in about three and a half months and now we want to dedicate it the last of August.

"At Lolo, owing to the large crowds which are gathering, the church, which is very small being about 70 members, have decided to build and are now building a large house to shelter the people when they come in for monthly meetings, as in the cold season it is hard to sleep out doors. It rejoices our hearts the way they respond to the work of building and the way the people all over the entire district are awakening.

"We have been able, through prayer and faith, to enter into four strategic centers which were formerly held by the Catholics.

"When the priest heard of the placing of these schools he immediately arrived on the scene and ordered our teacher to leave, saying that he owned that territory. But God heard him and also our prayers and we are still there and owing to that stand have been able to enter into the surrounding towns and they also are asking for the words of God and teachers."

Brother and Sister Darling are on their way home from the Congo, having left the field on September 1, 1923.

Rev. E. R. Hess Brother and Sister Hess and their baby are home on furlough now for almost a year. They have spoken in a number of our churches, besides their deputational work in other state.

INDIA

Rev. and Mrs. S. P. Hamilton On December 29, 1922, Brother Hamilton, of India, wrote as follows:

"I have had it in my mind for several days to write, so will not put it off any longer. As you will see we are on tour; have been out a little over a month and the Lord has given us much blessing in the preaching of the gospel. We spent three weeks in Alindra, preaching the Word of God and the Lord saved several. Among them was an old man, about 90 years of age. The Christians in that town said that his conversion was nothing less than a miracle. I hope to send you his photo soon. Several are to be baptized here at the river next Lord's day.

"I think I wrote you that I had a very serious breakdown last hot season and while I am much better than I was then I find that the intense heat of this land is very hard on me so we have decided to leave India about two months later. Out of the party of eleven who came out here a little more than twenty-eight years ago Mrs. Hamilton and I are the only ones left on the field. We do indeed thank God for the years of service the Lord has given us in this land and for the precious fruits He has given. He surely has done great things.

"We want to thank God for the prayer offered for us by His faithful people in the homeland, and no doubt much of the fruit He has given is the result of their intercession. It will not be easy to leave India and her people for we have become very much attached to them, but both of us are pretty well worn physically and perhaps the Lord will give us a little place of service in our own land where the climate will not be so trying. We are expecting Dr. and Mrs. Turnbull about a month later and if it can be arranged we shall sail for home with them."

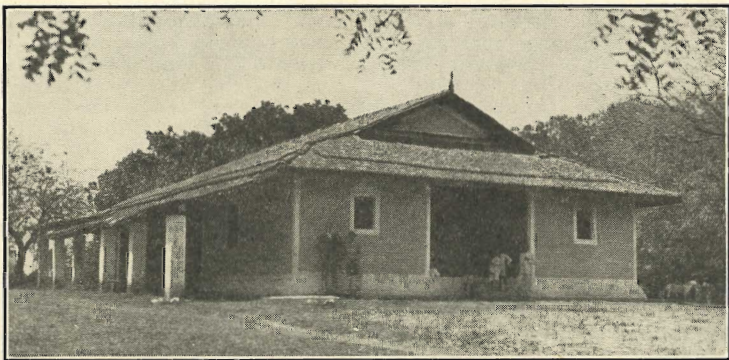
Brother and Sister Hamilton left India on April 10, 1923, and arrived in New York on May 26. Recently they were in a serious automobile accident which confined Sister Hamilton to her bed for several weeks but is making rapid progress towards full recovery, for which we praise the Lord. Their home address is 211 N. Peterboro Street, Canastota, N. Y.



India.
Mrs. S. P. Hamilton and a child in native dress.

Mrs. Samuel Kerr In a letter dated October 10, 1922, Mrs. Kerr, of Sanand, Gujarat, B. P. India, writes:

"Greetings in the matchless Name of our Lord and Master. For your every remembrance of us in prayer and loving thought we heartily thank you, while we give the praise to Him who alone is worthy. It is such an inspiration to us who are to such a large extent cut off from the privileges of personal contact and fellowship with those of our own tongue and colour to realize that day after day on our behalf supplication is made, and many are the times that our hearts tingle with fresh love for the Master and for those for whom He died, recognizing that we are not called 'to bear all this people alone' but that with us God has raised up a noble band of intercessors whose prayers reach the throne on behalf of dear, dark, needy India. May He continue to bless you abundantly in your every enterprise for His glory.



India.
Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hamilton at their mission station at Dholka.

"We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for the soul-lifting literature which you so very kindly provide us with and which we receive on schedule time. The last Quarterly arrived just two hours too late to be on hand for the first lesson of the quarter! We find it a great help and blessing. Your papers plus the Alliance Weekly constitute the major part of the reading matter received from the homeland, so needless to say we eagerly devour the contents.

"During the last year and a half we have been endeavoring to supervise the Ahmedabad work, which owing to a dearth of missionaries on the field, was minus a resident missionary, but a recent marriage in our ranks has provided 'heads' for that station, so now we are free to devote all our time and energy to Sanand and its Christian out-station, Ashapur. We are glad to report a bungalow in process of erection at Ashapur, and are planning to spend the bulk of our time there just as soon as the building is completed.

"At Sanand here we have no Christians excepting the evangelists and mission servants, while at Ashapur we have a nice little community of 150 or so very human Christians who require a great deal of instruction, patience and love. Pray for us as we minister to them and seek to lead them into the fulness of the gospel of

Christ. For the last month or so Mr. Kerr has practically lived at Ashapur in order to supervise the building and at the same time he is having opportunity to feed the flock from the precious word of God. Men, women and children turn out to the services arrayed in their flashy Oriental colours and reverently and in most cases intelligently listen to the preaching and teaching of the Word. Occasionally in the evenings a select few and the sahib visit one of the several heathen villages in that vicinity to tell the Old, Old Story. There are gleams of encouragement along the way and we plod away, believing that 'our labour is not in vain in the Lord.'

"Recently a caste man from a nearby village has been attending our Sunday services here in the bungalow and his two brothers are earnestly listening to the plan of Salvation. Do pray that these leaders might have the courage of their convictions to step out of all the rites and forms of heathenism and proclaim themselves followers of the only Saviour. The one who attends the services has eaten with out Christian people, which is considered nothing less than a crime by the members of his caste, so our hopes for his conversion are high. We are pleading with God to send a real wave of conviction for sin in the hearts of these people. It is very hard for them to believe that they are actually sinners. Once they realize their position before God the half of the battle is fought. The printed Word is still being scattered broadcast and we believe eternity will have amazing results to record from this sowing of the Seed.

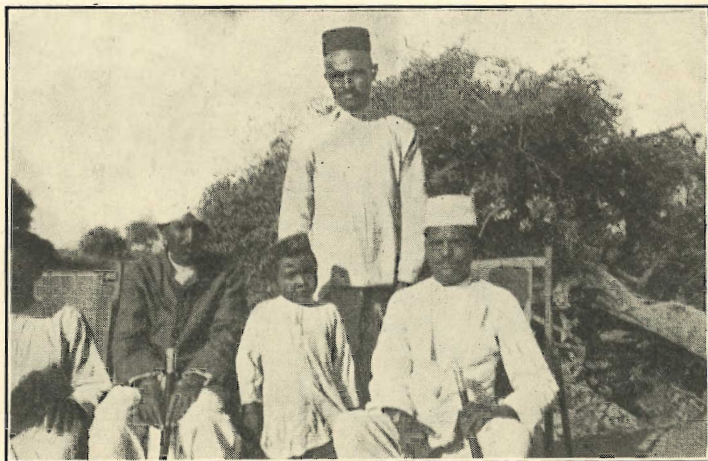
"God graciously blessed this land with an abundance of rain this season and the harvest betokens plenty of food for both man and beast. It is marvelous to see the effect of only a few days' rain after the ground has been baked for eight or nine months in all the strength of the Eastern sun. Grass shoots up like magic and ere long leaves quickly followed by abundant foliage are seen on every tree and plant, while the growth of the different grains quite surpass anything we have seen in the homeland in the same length of time. On our own compound our little three year old trees are affording shade from the sun and a blaze of bloom of zenias, mari-golds and balsams speaks to us of the possibilities of flowers and fruitage in the lives of our heathen neighbors if they would drink of the Water of Life—but they will not!

"Since the imprisonment of the great home leader, Mr. Gandhi, the people seemed to have settled down in the old routine, and a few white caps worn by Gandhi's would-be followers serve as about the only reminder that less than a year ago the agitation for Home Rule was very much felt, principally in the large cities. We always live in more or less dread of a Mohammedan uprising. They are a blood-thirsty, merciless lot and will ever hiss at the name of Jesus, so please pray that we may be delivered from these 'unreasonable and wicked men.'

"Our oldest and valiant missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, are planning to return to the homeland in February and it is with a very keen sense of our own weakness and inexperience that we anticipate burdening the responsibility of the work so ably handled by them for upwards of thirty years. The condition of both Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton's health make this change imperative. One by one our old veterans are dropping out of the ranks and in the natural we would be almost tempted to hoist the white flag, but when we look upward we are reminded that He has promised to be with us always, therefore in spite of everything we expect victory.

"We must not close this informal letter without sounding a note of praise to our God for the marvelous way in which He grants us good health and supplies our every need—sometimes in most unexpected ways. Both Mr. Kerr and myself enjoy real physical strength and energy in spite of the enervating tendencies of the climate. Our two dear children, aged three years and ten months respectively, are just as healthy and well as any homeland children could be. How like our gracious God to adjust us all in this wonderful way to this foreign climate."

Rev. Samuel Kerr Brother Kerr writes under date of April 11, 1923: "You will no doubt wonder what has happened to your missionaries. We are quite well and trust you are likewise. We have just got marching orders, at least a couple of weeks ago. We are booked to sail on furlough on May 31. Of



India.

High Caste people at Brother Hamilton's tent to hear the Gospel. The man with the white "Ghandi" cap on is a teacher. He is wonderfully impressed and hungry.

course, we will not come to America directly. As perhaps you know, we are both Irish and many of our relatives still live there, including both of our fathers. We will spend a month or two there. We had hoped to get away sooner and would have, had we known that we were destined to go this year. Several reasons made it necessary for us to go this year. The important one being that our Board desires the Mission to go forward into the great unoccupied territory North and West of us, and next year nearly all our force, at least the experienced men are due for furlough, hence we and another couple are going ahead of time so as to return in 1924 for the 'Push' forward. I must confess, it was a hard blow for both of us to pull up our tent pegs and get out at present. We have fruit apparently ready to pick and have to leave it for better or worse. Of course it will be taken care of. We have had the best year of our term just completed. It has seemed that each year has brought us nearer to the people and our work, and if Jesus tarries until we return, we

certainly look for great things. We feel as if Mission work is taking an entirely new turn for the better in its history. We have just got our Annual reports from the press and I will send you one later.

"For some reason or other, the Quarterlies both for Sunday School and Young People's work have not come this year. We have missed them terribly. Now if you could possible manage it, I would like very much to have them too. If it means any extra expense, I will very gladly pay anything to get them.

(A few weeks later we received a note from Brother Kerr that all the back numbers to date have arrived.)

"We shall soon be able to come your way, perhaps, and get better acquainted. It is getting fearfully hot here now. The temperature remains at 100 to 105, and each day it gets a little hotter. By the time we leave it will have mounted up to 115-120 in the shade. We wished we could get away before then, but we cannot



India.
Mr. and Mrs. Kerr and their son John, Mrs. Turnbull and group of Indian Christians at Sanand.

get accommodation. The steamship lines are all choked up full with tourists—a great many of which are Americans. I met a Methodist preacher from Ohio a few days ago in the city. I understand he was traveling for his wife's health."

Brother and Sister Kerr are now on furlough at their home in Galform, Gracehill P. O., County Antrim, Ireland.

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

Brother Carner, who came from the western part of Pennsylvania, has been a faithful and efficient missionary in India for many years. In a short letter dated November 24, 1922, he writes:

"We are away from our station, living in a tent and preaching the sweet story of God's love to heathen hearts every day. This is a wonderful privilege, and our hearts are full of joy as we look ahead and see the day dawn and the day star—our Lord Jesus—arise. Then every ugly idol will be cast away, and the people will bow down and worship, as we now love to do, in the name of Jesus. It is now nearly nineteen years since I landed in India, and I have no sorrow

for having given these years toward the building of a great kingdom. My part has been very small, not discernible at all by the world, but I have had the conscious smile of Jesus and, that is perfectly satisfactory to me."

In another letter he states:

"I have wanted this long time to write you a letter and tell you how much I appreciate the kindness of yourself and your society in that you still send us such good literature. The Sunday School Quarterly you send me is especially useful and gives me just the help I need in my teaching. I have the men's class in the church at Akola, of which I am the pastor, and I find the notes of R. E. Neighbor and others in that Quarterly of good spiritual tone and true to the Word of God. I do not get as much time as I should like in the preparation of the lesson and these notes are a great help. I wish I could send you something for your paper occasionally but I seem to have less and less time for writing.

"At present we are in the district touring and we find in nearly every village a company of people who listen attentively to the story of God's love. This morning we visited two villages but we found the second one deserted on account of bubonic plague, which has been quite prevalent of late in our district. At that village we could find only a few men at the road-side, to whom to preach. The darkness of heathen hearts is terrible indeed and Oh what a privilege it is to give to them the message of Light! I know of no joy that is sweeter than that of telling those who have not known it how Jesus saves and gives peace and assurance within every trusting heart.

"I hope that you are well and that the Lord is greatly blessing all your work. We are nearing the end of the age and the time is very precious."

WESTERN CHINA AND TIBET

Rev. C. F.
Snyder

Brother Snyder has made two successful missionary journeys through Tibetan territory during the fall and winter of 1922, as he relates in the following

report on

Missionary Work in Tibet

"There lies a beautiful valley approximately one and a half days journey in length, extending from the Tibetan pass, 20 miles from Hochow, into real Tibetan territory, which valley is called Hortsang-kog.

"While still in Taochow Mr. Ruhl and I greatly desired to visit this region in the interest of the Gospel in the year 1914, the very year of the White Wolf raid. This changed all such plans, nevertheless all these years the desire had never left me to get some openings in homes located in that region.

"We missionaries did traveling in Hortsang-kog, traversing it many times, but we had no Tibetan acquaintances.

"In previous years we had Tibetans come to our mission compound, as a result, of course, of our laboring among them, and give us invitations to their villages and homes: then by an interchange of presents and scarfs, we had our "chu ren chia," or friend.

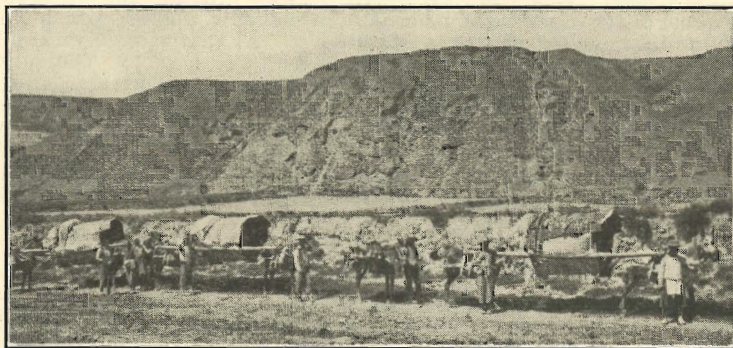
"Not so in my two year-end trips; one made from September 26th-30th, the other from December 12th-16th, 1922. As an outcome of this effort there are now eight places where the missionary has admittance, six being homes and two monasteries.

"Let me now describe to you my experience in these itineraries. I armed myself with tracts and Gospels as also with presents and the must-not-be-forgotten Tibetan "ka-rtag" or scarf, and accompanied by one of our colporters, a Chinaman, who had a Chinese friend, an inn-keeper, on a village whither we were destined.

"This head of the caravansary fortunately was held in good esteem by the Tibetans of that quarter. Here then was the connecting link—Colporter, Inn-keeper—Tibetan. But where or rather who should be that Tibetan? The day wore away and seemingly my objective had not been accomplished. In my heart I offered a silent prayer to God, telling Him I had come for His name's sake and that I looked to Him to open doors.

"The following morning a very sociable Tibetan with pleasing manners dropped into the inn—his name is Yi-dam, meaning oath, promise; also name of a god.

"In the conversation I asked this man whether he could lead us to some Tibetan home in a near-by village he contemplated visiting that morning. In an off-handed way, he declared he could.



Western China.
The Snyders and Diehls traveling through Kansu en-route to the coast.

"Well, to make sure of his ground and lest he be entrapped, he asked the in-keeper's son privately whether there would be any objection to take this foreigner with him. The latter replied very confidently in our favor.

"With that we mounted our mounts and in a very brief space of time we found ourselves in a Tibetan head-man's home. Very soon also food was in course of preparation and a chance afforded for speaking about the Saviour, accompanied by the presentation of literature. This was followed by the induction into another head-man's domicile.

"I felt this to be worth while, in fact, in one's spirit there was a Heavenly exhilaration. You who are workers, I am sure, enter into my meaning. 'Let us go into the next towns,' said the Lord and so my partner and I moved on, but not before he had disposed of all his Chinese Scripture portions to the villagers of Ching-Shiu (Clear Water) in Tibetan called Cun-mgo—"head of the water."

"The mountain stream here is delightfully clear. Our next stop 8 1/3 miles farther on, in due course, brought us in contact with Aku-Lo-bsan, 'sound sense,' a Lama whose position is by appointment for eight years instead of by re-incarnation.

"We were ushered into his official quarters where we regaled ourselves in 'rtsam-pa,' barley flour. There evidently remained no doubt as to the why and wherefore of the missionary's presence in their midst for literature was handed him with some words of explanation.

"Says he: 'Whenever you come up and down this way, just stop here.'

"Our host friend is a prominent lama in his monastery and it is said his word goes and is respected in four villages.

"Again, methinks it proved worth our while. From here the party's steps were retraced, wending our way back to the city 100 li distant, or 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ miles.

"The second try at making friends and getting acquainted materialized when another trip was undertaken covering five days, from December 12th-16th.

"For part of the way Messrs. Moffat and Botham, the former a Harvard, U. S. A., student, the latter a C. I. M. missionary, and the guests of Sister Snyder and I in Hochow while passing through, were our fellow-travelers; they were bound farther on.

"I made it a point to put up Tibetan posters at important places along the route, so for a considerable distance walls were placarded with the Gospel message. Thank God, for that!

"Through the kindly assistance of the Chinese inn-keeper's son in Uanj-ka-tan a new door in a Tibetan village opened. The village is called Tiger's Head and the Tibetan official's name Rgya-mtsan.

"This seemed to be the acme of my experience on these two missionary journeys: the man and his wife were all smiles upon our landing in their courtyard and your unworthy servant was ushered into the room, planted down on a cushion, used by lamas, on the highest seat (in Tibet no chairs are used).

"Then the feasting bout commenced, as it were, in relays. First, tea with floating butter thereon and accompanied with excellent and tasty roasted barley flour, etc. Talk about light suppers ere going to bed! That certainly proved not to be my experience that evening.

"Rgya-mtsan had sent his servant to the Chinese inn to conduct me to his fine house, but his hospitality did not end there as already signified above. Trays of meat (fresh mutton), well-boiled and very tasty came steaming hot upon the 'kang' table, and armed with knives the visitors were bidden to help themselves; 'mien' or boiled dough strips or macaroni followed suit in the menu. Not all Tibetan homes give one such digestible food as in the above instance.

"For these carnal things I endeavored to requite them by giving catechism, Gospels and tracts.

"Not being of a taciturn disposition it was easy to converse with out friend, preach and talk about Christ and His claims upon us.

"Another Tibetan residence was entered and with a stay over night rounded off our Tibetan experiences on this trip.

"I failed to mention that in the first itinerary I had another unique experience. In passing below Tai I ang kuh village (Tibetan name Riagar mar) where Tibetans were engaged in stacking wheat, a priest accosted me and engaged in conversation. In the course of the conversation I queried him regarding the advisability or rather possibility of securing a 'descending place' or 'obab sa.' He 'allowed'

that there was. Thereupon, we moved on, but had not proceeded far when he insisted upon us abiding in his brother's house over night, which accordingly was done.

"It is our expectation to repeat these missionary incursions so as to extend to places beyond into new territory.

"Hallelujah for these privileges and opportunities to represent our Lord where He is unknown!"

On February 2, 1923, Brother Snyder wrote:

"The Executive Committee very considerably has appointed two evangelists to be co-workers with me in Hochow city and district, and another one is to go to an outstation, Ningho, 20 miles away: that is a promising town and district.



Western China.
Members of Chinese-Tibetan Conference in Taochow.

"Further, in answer to prayer, God has given us both an excellent Chinese Primary School teacher and a new property, just purchased, which is to house the school, teacher and family, with one evangelist and his family. The whole negotiation went through with such precision and promptness, reminding one of the clicking sound in closing a Yale lock. The Lord assuredly was in it. Sister Snyder's co-worker is a Bible-woman, widow of our former gate-keeper.

"Mr. and Mrs. Koenigswald, recently married, are now in Paongan, a town in Tibetan territory where I lived for six months in 1898-1899. Later Mr. and Mrs. Shields were rioted out there. Thank God for this re-opening. We now have four stations in Tibet and two on the border."

The following is Brother Snyder's interesting report of the Hochow Station from August, 1922, to August, 1923:

I. Chinese Mission Field

"Shortly after our return from the yearly Missionary Conference held in Tao Chow last year, we held our local Chinese Convention, from September 21 to 24, which proved a success. This gathering was later than usual on account of the missionaries belated arrival upon the field from furlough. Eleven candidates were examined, accepted and received by baptism into the church at the time.

"I believe to engage in itineraries for the Lord is capital exercise for the missionary, both spiritually and physically: such is necessary to keep tab on the work, be in touch with church members and inquirers during this time when the Laodicean spirit of drowsiness



Central China.
Christian Chinese children at Chang-te.

is already manifest, and in order to give the gospel to the perishing. The writer visited all the Chinese church members in Hochow and Ninggho areas with the exception of two, where, in the one instance, the husband is away on soldier duties, and in the other the son forbids missionaries to call on his mother, the latter being a Christian.

"A visit to a certain village called Feng-chia chuang afforded a rare opportunity to tell out the old story in the open air to an audience of about 100. Again had two days of actual preaching by Messrs. Uang, Hsü and myself at a religious fair, or better, an idol dedication with the new temple, just completed, in Chi-chia Chai. It is reported that about 10,000 persons attended this fair—good crowds listened attentively from morning until evening, among them a certain old gentleman about 70, who made it a point to come especially to hear the truth. A total of three trips were made to Ningwho and Huma-ling with its surrounding section, where the Alliance has a number of Christians.

"The Evangelistic Band put in a month of good and profitable work, during which time they traversed the district to the south, southeast and west of the city—the colporteur Cheo and Evangelists Uang and Keo gave assistance.

"Under the heading of itinerary there might be embraced two separate journeys on errands for the Lord, which it was my privilege to make, to be present at a Committee meeting and Workers' Conference. If I remember correctly, by the grace of God who vouchsafed health and strength unto me, I have been enabled not to miss one Foreign Missionary Conference, Chinese Workers' Convention, or an Executive Committee Session, when a member thereof, all these 26 years of missionary service in this land. All glory is ascribed to Him.

"In spite of proselyting and divisive work of the A. of G. association in our midst, the work in Hochow is progressing, though somewhat slowly. The members and workers are united with resultant harmony. There are 51 members on the church record, and 23 inquirers, inquiring to a greater or lesser extent, among these are some zealous and interesting cases. Allow me to mention Lo-Ko, a Hochowite, who during his absence from home for ten years as a soldier fell in with the missionaries of Longchow, Shensi, and became soundly converted. He already has fruits to show, for he prevailed upon his mother, younger sister and brother to publicly confess Christ.

"Another inquirer, Huang S. S., our primary school teacher claimed he accepted the Lord in Titao, anyhow, he has been recognized as an inquirer and weekly instruction is given him from John's Gospel. After acceptance of the school position with us, an offer came along from the principal of the Ning-ho Government schools in order to secure his services as an instructor; this he turned down and remained here.

"Our colporteurs, Cheo Tai-ping and Uang Shen Tang, do not find book sales so brisk as was the case formerly—the highest mark of sales in one month by Colporteur Li ran up to 1300 odd, up to the present time the highest number is 765 portions.

"The Hochow station Bible Society book shelves were simply deluged with the small one-half cent booklets which are of course, not the best sellers, but which must needs be disposed of. From September, 1922, to end of May, 1923, their two full time colporteurs, in a period of nine months, sold 3,980 copies of the above mentioned booklets, inclusive, of course of some larger sized, both Chinese and Tibetan, not forgetting to mention a small amount of Diglots of Matthew in Chinese and Arabic.

"There are now three evangelists in this region, apportioned as follows:

"Hsü S. S. for city work; Keo S. S. for country field, and Uang S. S. in the Ningho district.

"Hsü holds forth in the street chapel daily each week, except Saturdays. He is able to gather encouraging audiences and does good work. Besides this he takes his turn in other week-day and Sunday services.

"Keo S. S. accompanied by Uang Ioh-seh busy themselves four days of each week to preach at fairs and in villages. Keo also takes trips to far off places and for this purpose uses a horse especially procured for this sort of travel.

"On the second Sunday following communion Sundays he and sometimes I go to the 'hsiao nan hsiang,' where Christians and Inquirers hailing from Man-lu-chi, Lo-chia chi, Hu-ma ling and Chichia-chai congregate. The outlook of mission effort in those parts is very bright; thus far no place of worship has been procured, it being the case of having the church in the 'house' at each service, nevertheless, some of us have an eye on a suitable building which is so necessary. May it soon come into our hands. The Christians are willing to undertake the rental of the place.

"It was very blessed how the Lord worked in our behalf in the opening of the Primary School, this being the second effort in our Hochow career. The first time the teacher came from the old stylers who knew nothing of modern studies and teaching.



Central China.

Heathen Chinese listening to the preaching of the Gospel.

"At the time of the Workers' Conference in Titano in January of this year no school was in sight, but 'prayer was made.' The first answer came in the appointment of Huang-chien-kong. Having the man, he and the school needed a place to house them. I will not enter into further detail than to say that like the click of a Yale combination lock when it shuts, so the acquisition of a property, the purchase of which had been pending for several years, came to pass. Twenty pupils, twelve boys and eight girls are enrolled on the school list. Eight of them are outsiders.

II. Tibetan Mission Field

"I want to offer another note of praise to God for what surely is another leading and guidance from Him. My mind carries me back to the year 1914, the year of the White Wolf raid when both Brother Ruhl and myself realized a burden upon our hearts to go to Hortsan-kog, the beautiful Tibetan valley beyond Heh-tso and extending within 60 li of Hochow city. The upper edge is 185 li from here. The intended efforts of the missionaries were frustrated by the actions of White Wolf. All along, the idea and wish to do something for the Tibetans remained and I promised the Lord to do Tibetan work in my present circumstances as He opened the door. Sure

enough He did. I was prompted to make this request to the Executive Committee which was granted, enabling me to operate up and down the valley.

"Acting upon this permission, the first Tibetan trip was undertaken and consumed five days, going and coming, from September 26-30. The points touched were Ching-shui, Rtsa dan cun-bo, Chiao-kuh or O-ses in Tibetan, and Ri-gar-ma.

"The second venture was made from December 12-16. This time reached Tsao-ku, Uang-wa tan and the Tibetan village of Stag-mgo (head of tiger). (These trips have been reported more fully in a previous letter.)

"The hospitality was grand and genuine, and the joy to give out as best as one could, the old Gospel story proved a treat to the soul. Such joy lingers with one yet. Never shall forget the ecstatic and exuberant heavenly joy and praise welling-up in my innermost being while traversing the bit of road between Ching-shui and Chao-ku on the first journey in September. Glory to God!

"To come to the third itinerary taken just recently, it turned out, also, to be successful. This time the route lay via Huai-shu kuan and included in it T'u fang or Tibetan Rgya-pyi, Kar-rgya new and old monasteries, and by actual reckoning covered 365 li. In these three evangelistic trips many Chinese and Tibetan tracts and posters were scattered and stuck-up, and gospel portions sold while witnessing in Tibetan to the people was carried on. We now have friends in ten different places. Each of these, except one, were visited and received the missionary.

"We hope that in the future every one of these hundreds of villages in the areas mentioned shall contain a friend or friends of ours, yea, more, be the birthplace of many Tibetan Christians. Another desire of the writer is to repeat in several other districts what we have done in this valley.

III. Personal Addenda and Needs

"During the winter semester, 1921-22, a period of sixteen weeks, I spent a very profitable and happy time in the School of Missions, Hartford, Conn., pursuing a course of study in Arabic and taking lectures on Moslem Theology and Chinese Religions. Since returning to the field I commenced to take a course of Arabic lessons, termed 'Arabic Simplified,' which course is issued in Cairo, Egypt and contains 200 lessons. After 10 lessons are covered and the student feels himself competent to answer the set of questions at the end, he is at liberty to do so, hit or miss. These answers are then mailed to Rev. A. T. Upson for examination. I have gone over 40 of the 200 lessons, but do not pretend to say competency is mine in this line, for in spite of stick-to-it-ivness, without a shadow of a doubt, Arabic grammar is the stiffest thing I have tusseled with. This is universal testimony.

"There were building and repair operations on this station from beginning of March to beginning of April, and thus was fulfilled the Tibetan saying, 'the house is the patient and the landlord is the doctor.'

"As to needs, I would enumerate that of a suitable church building, the lot upon which it is to be constructed having already been purchased, and a suitable place wherein to receive Tibetan guests who may come.

"Will you join in prayer for these things and for a revival to break out, for while the attendance on the whole is good in Hochow, yet we see so few turning to the Lord.

"In the spiritual sphere victory is perched on our banners through our Lord Jesus Christ; we have good courage to go on, love God's work and in the words of Paul would exclaim, 'Now thanks be unto God which always causeth us to triumph in Christ' (II Cor. 2:14)."

Mrs. C. F. Snyder In her report to the Board, Mrs. Snyder, under date of July 10, 1923, writes as follows:

"It is with praise in our hearts to God that we send you a short report of the past year. It is just a year, the 15th of this month, since we reached our station. God has given us a happy year of service and has given us peace in our borders, which is much to praise God for when you are a missionary in China.



Central China.
Congregation at Ta Tung.

"We cannot at this time tell you the name of the President of China, neither do we know if there is a President or not—but here we are 'under His shadow,' living among the heathen. God still remembers us and cares for His own and helps us to sing the 'songs of Zion here in a strange land.'

"We have given the best part of our time during the year to teaching some of our Christian women to read. The youngest of those who have studied are two girls, 17 years of age, and the oldest is a Mrs. In, who is 50 years of age (and she is doing well). With only one exception, each one has been in a class by themselves. This takes much more time, but is the only way to make progress. What we want to see is a New Testament in the hands of each of our women. Think of what it would mean to us to not be able to read the wonderful Bible!

"Among those who have studied was my Bible woman, two of the evangelists' wives, the daughter of one of the evangelists, the gate-keeper's daughter, the school teacher's wife and others.

"We have had the opportunity of taking the morning prayers with the Primary School pupils. Among these is a very exceptional boy of about eleven years of age. His parents are heathen but his grandmother is a Christian. She has been bringing this child to church with her since he was quite small. He loves the Gospel and expects to be a preacher. He took a beating for wanting to come to our school, but you should have seen the smile on his face when he came with his books under his arms, his grandmother with him, to enter the school. I visited the home the other day and the mother said, while he hasn't made confession of the Lord, he is very different since he listens to the preaching. His opposition is from the grandfather on the father's side—who told him, when the little fellow asked him if he could make public confession, that he must leave home if he does. Pray for this fine young lad.

"On Sunday there are most always a hundred outside children (from the heathen homes) in attendance at the Sunday School. We believe much good is resulting from this. It takes many cards for so many children, but so far this year God has provided all that I needed.

"Last Sunday not far from 30 women were in attendance at the services; our woman's side of the chapel, with the children, was more than full. Besides the regular weekly women's meetings, there have been about twenty women's meetings either in homes, as a rule in Christian homes, or in the guest room. The Bible woman helps in this work and in visitation work.

"Pray that we may not fail God in being all that He would have us be to these women and children to whom He has sent us.

"With Christian greeting to all and thanking you for your kindly support and praying that God may give the vision and the 'Macedonian' call to many of your young people."

Again Sister Snyder writes:

"We have travelled more than a thousand miles on mule-litter since we are back in China. We had to travel over one hundred miles to our Conference each way. There was a good attendance. Many came at night, like Nicodemus with lantern in hand, among whom was the Military General's Chief-of-Staff. Two brothers and their wives had walked nineteen miles to attend this conference, one of the women carrying a baby. It had rained most of the day, too, but they did not seem to think that they had done an extraordinary thing. They were among the seven adults and four children which were baptized on the closing day."

ANNAM OR FRENCH INDO-CHINA

Rev. and Mrs. Wm. C. Cadman Our readers will remember Brother and Sister Cadman while home on furlough, alluding to the affliction of their little daughter, their only child. Although greatly improved after their return to Hanoi, with all indications of complete recovery, Agnes Elizabeth Cadman fell asleep in Jesus on November 21, 1922. We would here express their thanks to all who so kindly rendered help, sympathy and prayers for the family. We are assured that "He hath done all things well" and that there will be a glad reunion of the "faithful in Christ Jesus" when He comes again. Meanwhile the God of all comfort will comfort and sustain the bereaved parents.

Brother and Sister Cadman are spending a great deal of their time and strength in the very important and responsible work of translation and publication of the Scriptures and other Christian literature in Annamese.

The following is taken from Brother Cadman's report:

"If we should endeavor to epitomize the experiences of the Hanoi Church during the past year, we could well do so by two words: Trials and triumphs. Praise God! However varied the experience, however vivid the contrast, yet God has constantly encouraged the workers by the knowledge that the work belongs to Him and that they are being led by the 'Captain of the Lord's hosts.' The Spirit of the Lord is working and souls are being saved. The newly won converts are busy winning others for Jesus. The services are splendidly attended.



Central China.
Railroad Terminal at Hankow, Central China.

"Regular services have been held in both the new chapel, and in the rented chapel in the heart of the city. God has blessed and there have been fifteen baptisms since last conference. The church now numbers twenty-seven members, two of whom are students in the Bible School. We have a fine Sunday School of 150. The Annamese offerings averaged five dollars and fifty cents per member during 1921, with the addition of several special gifts toward the church furnishings. The great need is for another missionary who can give his whole time to evangelistic work.

"Much progress has been made in the literary work. Owing to the difficulties arising from the transitional state of the Annamese language, and the differences of colloquialisms throughout French Indo-China, it has been no easy task to decide upon the vocabulary and idiom to be used in our union publications. We strongly feel that only experience, time and patience will eliminate these difficulties. Over thirty different books and booklets have been written or translated. We hope that the missionaries will take an increasing share in this most necessary work.

"Since last conference a new press building has been erected, but is already far too small by reason of the growth of this work. The staff at present numbers nine. A new cylinder machine, a wire stitcher, and a stereo foundry have been added. The printing presses are working double shifts in order to turn out the necessary literature, having orders for 35,000 Scripture portions and 5,000 New Testaments. Let us pray God to abundantly bless the hundred thousand and more Gospels, booklets, and tracts printed, that they may be used of God to bring salvation to many.

"Last year a small self-supporting boys' school was opened, following the same curriculum as the government schools. The average daily attendance has been fifty."

Mrs. Cadman writes:

"The translation work occupied most of my time. The Gospels, Acts, Romans, and the Pauline Epistles have been revised or translated, and we trust that during this coming conference year the whole of the New Testament will be ready for press, if not already printed and on sale. In addition we have revised some of Mr. Olsen's work on the Pentateuch."

Rev. I. D. Jeffrey, of Tourane, is also engaged in translation work, and with the assistance of his native teacher, has been busily engaged on the Pentateuch, Joshua and the Psalms. Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers have been submitted to Rev. and Mrs. Cadman for revision. Deuteronomy, Joshua and the Psalms will also be ready soon. Genesis has been finished and printed. Apart from Bible translation, work has also been done on the "Pilgrim's Progress" and "Peep of Day."

The Opening of Cantho

Rev. Herbert A. Jackson "The history of evangelism in Cantho, one of the twenty provinces of Cochin-China, began on the 29th of December, 1921, when a house was hired as a residence for missionaries,—and let it be known that through prayer alone was this dwelling secured! But real action began on March 4, 1922, when I came, with my bride, to preach Jesus Christ among hundreds of thousands of God's creatures. There is a new thrill to pioneering; yet the thought often strikes us, 'what are we among so many?'

"In coming to Cantho we came to nothing but an opportunity. There were no Christians to welcome us, no Church in which to assemble, and without a calendar no one would ever know there was supposed to be a Sunday in each week. And if one wants to know how pleased Satan was, let that person enter one of the Devil's strongholds with the Gospel and he'll be well informed. The planting of a Mission Station in Cantho at this time was not to display our eloquence, because we could only lisp either French or Annamese, but to go 'to the regions beyond' us and 'occupy.'

"It wasn't necessary to put out a shingle for the inhabitants to know who we were and Whom we served. We were at once labelled as those who have the 'Doctrine.' Rich and poor, young and old came to us alike, poured out their tales of woe, and looked to us for aid. Although the large majority of those who first flocked to us were after the 'loaves and fishes,' yet we were able to witness to them and distribute thousands of tracts, Scripture portions, and catechisms. These printed pages have been the very best advertisements we could have and have brought in people from miles around us to

have the Scripture explained. Others have asked us to teach them to pray to our living God and all-sufficient Saviour. We know of, and thank God for a few who have returned to their homes and villages to live Christian lives. The Gospel has not been bound to the limits of this province only, but has searched out inquiring souls in the provinces on all four sides of us. Only God knows how far it has spread and the darkness it has penetrated.

"With the valuable aid of a native preacher, we started to hold services in our home that have been blessed of God to the transforming of lives and saving of souls. We have regular weekly meetings to accommodate men and women, young and old. All that has been commenced in Cantho can be attributed to the faithfulness of God. The future as well as the past is in His hands to direct. Perhaps Robert Moffatt's words are more fitting than mine to express the supreme joy with which I continue at this out-post:

"My album is in heathen breasts,
Where passion reigns and darkness rests,—
Without one ray of light.
To write the name of Jesus there,—
To point to words both bright and fair,
And see the heathen bow in prayer,—
Is all my soul's delight."

Brother Jackson writes later:

"It is most interesting to note that at the first baptismal service in Cantho, November 5, 1922, an old man of almost seventy was the first one baptized. Praise God that the Gospel arrived in time. What about the many others?

"You will thank God with us that we now have a Chapel, and held two services in it yesterday, 7th January, 1923. The place was about two-thirds large enough for the crowd that came to hear or look in the morning service. For months we have been praying for a Chapel and are so happy in the answer. Please will you now pray with us for outstations.

"Since my last letter to you much has happened in Indo-China for which we truly thank God. But before I enlarge upon the advance steps that have been made, let me express my appreciation to you, and those you represent, for your love, prayers, and continued interest. I have recently received the 'Thirty-eighth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions' sent out by the Mennonite Brethren in Christ. In it I note that the Mennonite Brethren in Christ have taken my support for the second year. In addition to this I have been blessed with many publications coming regularly throughout the year. One can not sufficiently thank another or others for such generous gifts. I know of no way to show my appreciation but will continue, as I have, to pray God's richest blessing and reward upon those who have sacrificed their means that I might preach the Everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ to the unevangelized natives of French Indo-China. I have recently received a diary, also a most beautiful book mark. Thank you for them, they are daily reminders of your faithfulness.

"Now let me write you of God's work in a province that has recently appeared upon the map of evangelistic missions. Just a year ago, Mrs. Jackson and I came to Cantho and its 250,000 souls in the heart of Cochin-China. We thank God for the privilege of sowing the seed in virgin soil. There is a joy peculiar to pioneering

that every missionary covets; not that it is romantic and without difficulties as some books might lead one to believe, but it is preaching Jesus to those who never heard of Him and watching the light of the Gospel dawn upon these darkened souls.

"Satan does not give in easily and has not been pleased with our coming here. Throughout the past year it has been a hand-to-hand fight with the awful powers of darkness, and the fight is still on. These people have sold out to satan; body, soul and spirit and with all their might they serve him. The devil is the one above all others that they fear and give honor to. He who has been their god and received their homage for centuries past is not happy over the Gospel's entrance into this his citadel.

"But it is not by might nor by power that things are accomplished in Cantho, it is by the Spirit of God only. Rejoice with us that God has already saved a few souls and transformed their lives. Once they spent their time, money and energy in search of something satisfying, but never found it. Now they are the happiest little company in Cantho, and as conspicuous as any, but far from being popular. One and all have been tested and tried but they are standing together and going through.

"Although the infant church of Cantho has but nine members, we thank God that all of them love Him and confess Him openly. One of our faithful few is our old language teacher who has left the world behind him and is now our colporteur, working for two-fifths of the salary he once demanded. But the story doesn't end there, his house and property are up for sale that he may support himself and his wife in the Bible School this coming year. This man is determined to serve God as hard as he ever served satan. He wants to be a preacher; will you not pray for him?

"Another one of our little flock is the wife of a merchant, and you never saw a more live wire. She sails up and down the Mekong with her husband and makes it her business to witness wherever she goes. She is a real missionary Christian, and has sowed the seed of the Gospel in many towns and villages. Just a word here, and a word there, but it is taking the Message to the regions beyond.

"There is a story that goes with each one of the nine but I'll not write in detail here. One has given me his idols, another is a colporteur in a distant province, two more want to go to the Bible School, etc. Each one of them are in earnest and God is going to give us more just like them if we remain true. Will you not request among God's praying people for this little handful of Christians. We will be glad if God will multiply the number of Christians in Cantho, but above all we want a clean church. We want to 'dwell in the secret place' and continue in unbroken fellowship with Him that His blessing may rest upon us as a Church and as individuals."

Haiphong

Rev. R. M. Jackson Haiphong, in the north, the port of Hanoi, has for some years had a witness of Christ as an out-station of Hanoi. Thus far there does not seem to have been much response to the Gospel message. Since May it has been a main station with Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Jackson in charge. Regular Gospel meetings are being held in the little Street Chapel and many are coming to hear the Message of Life. Pray that spiritual power may be given to bring souls to the Redeemer on this difficult station. Children's meetings are being conducted by Mrs. Jackson and many are hearing the Good News for the first time.

Haiphong is developing as a port and becoming more and more a place of great importance. Our Mission ought soon to purchase land and build at Haiphong, as rents are very high.

Brother Jackson writes as follows:

"Brother Cadman has, I believe, already told you about me. Through him I heard how earnestly your people prayed for Mr. Jeffrey and me at Hanoi while Mr. and Mrs. Cadman were on furlough. Between 1909 and 1914 I was a nominal Christian, attending a Baptist Church in a New England town. I attended the Old Orchard Convention in 1914, and there I became acquainted with the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Two years later I went to Nyack for training, and in September, 1918, I sailed from Vancouver for French Indo-China. As you know, Mr. Jeffrey and I took the place of Brother and Sister Cadman until they returned a year ago. Mrs. Jackson and I have been stationed here at Haiphong since our wedding last June. Mr. Jeffrey stayed here with me during April and



India.
Five girl students.

May, and before that we were at Hanoi. Brother Jeffrey married a daughter of Dr. Jonathan Goforth, of Central China, and he is now in charge of the Men's Bible School at Tourane.

"Ever since Mr. Cadman went to Hanoi, Haiphong has been held as an outstation. The Indo-China Conference, held at Tourane in March of this year, decided to make Haiphong a main station, and Jeffrey and I were sent here as stated above. Formerly the missionary at Hanoi had held services here once a month. Now we have Evangelistic Services every Tuesday and Friday evening. The native store which serves us as a chapel is on a busy street, and our only regret is that it is not large enough to seat the crowd that usually comes. Every Wednesday night there is a class for inquirers at which we study St. John's Gospel. The attendance is usually good, but thus far very few have come regularly. There is one young man who seems to be in earnest. We praise God for him, and pray for others. Besides this we meet with the Colporteur and his family every Sunday afternoon. At that meeting we follow the lessons in the Quarterly sent to me by the Union Gospel Printing Co. I find the papers they send so helpful, both personally and in the work.

'The Gospel of Jesus for our Juniors' is full of illustrations which are just the thing for the Annamese. Mrs. Jackson uses them even more than I do for her meetings with the children every Thursday afternoon. I do not know who is sending them to us, but in any case they are much appreciated.

"We have made two visits to the village where our teacher of Annamese lives. The people are not so hardened and haughty as those we meet in the city. They made us welcome in their homes, and were quite willing to talk with us. We regret that to date we are forbidden to preach outside the limits of the city. We are praying that permission will soon be given, but in this one city we have more than two of us can do. Imagine yourself with a parish of 60,000 Annamese, and 12,000 Chinese. The only other Mission is the Spanish Catholic which has been here for years and has a large following. The natives are forbidden to hold meetings unless a foreigner is present to be responsible for order. Thus you see that every new opening requires more missionaries. Without them we cannot buy up the opportunities which we trust will soon be ours.

"Since Haiphong is a seaport, and on the most direct route to the Province of Yunnan in China, we see many of the missionaries belonging to the five societies which have their headquarters in the city of Yunnanfu. We often meet boats and talk for those who speak neither French nor Annamese. It is a pleasure to be a servant of the servants of God, and we have very helpful fellowship with them."

First-Fruits at Haiphong

"The present work in Haiphong was begun by Mr. Cadman in 1917. He made semi-monthly trips from Hanoi, and held two meetings each time. Previous to that a Bible Society agent and Mr. Hosler, and perhaps other, had done some work here.

"Haiphong continued to be an outstation from Hanoi until the Conference of March, 1921, appointed Mrs. Jackson and me to occupy it as a main station. At first the only Christians were Colporteur Phuc and a young man from Tourane. A meeting was held on Sunday for them and for any other who desired to come. During the week there were two meetings for unbelievers, and one for inquirers. In October, 1921, Mrs. Jackson began a meeting for children, which has been well attended.

"Since we were still new at the language, it was necessary to continue our studies. In answer to prayer an excellent teacher was employed. He acquired a good understanding of the Gospel, and would explain it to those who came to inquire. After five months, he was taken sick and later he died, without declaring faith in Christ.

"This would seem like defeat, but God had this man's younger brother, Mr. Ngoi, ready to take his place. While helping Mrs. Jackson translate a story, 'How to be saved in three minutes,' the Spirit of God spoke to Mr. Ngoi's heart, and made him ask for himself, 'What must I do to be saved?' That same morning he decided for Christ, and we had prayer together. Mr. Ngoi has won a cousin, his mother and his oldest brother to Christ, and he has brought many others to the chapel.

"Haiphong is a port city to which people come from all parts of Tonkin to buy and sell. Many of them live here only temporarily, and most of them think only of getting money. Early in 1922, before Mr. Ngoi was saved, there were other signs of awakening. Two men and two women had given their hearts to Jesus. Others came from time to time, until at the end of the year we counted seventeen

inquirers and candidates for baptism, besides eight others who had been baptized. Since January 1st, 1923, five more have decided for Christ.

"Unfortunately, many of these people do not live in Haiphong. They come, hear the Gospel a few times, accept it and then return to their respective villages. For that reason we do not know where half of the converts are, but if they witness faithfully in their homes, they can preach to people we cannot reach.

"The first baptismal service was held on October 15, 1922. We went to the river, a mile or two from the city, and there three men and four women were immersed. In January, 1922, a Bible woman was sent from Tourane, and soon after, Mrs. Jackson began women's meetings. A preacher and his family came in May. The six Christians transferred from Tourane together with the seven baptized here form the nucleus of the Haiphong Church.

"Our first prayer meeting was held on Wednesday following the baptismal service. Thirteen men and two women attended and two young men decided for Christ in that meeting. Our little flock here is weak and terribly tempted. We need your prayers that they may be established and grow in grace, also that we may know how to lead them."

A later report states: "Yesterday was a big day in the little church in Cantho. Six were baptized in the early morning. We hired a big house-boat and went out to an island nearby. We could not go ashore but stopped in the shallow waters and the folks dropped over the side into the water. It was such a happy occasion. At nine o'clock we had our first communion service in the church."

The missionaries of French Indo-China have set a fine program as a standard of self-support for their native churches as stated in "The Call," their excellent little quarterly, which we insert here:

"In order to set a standard before the members of our native churches, a graded scale of self-support was recommended by our last annual conference. It is as follows: Churches with ten members to be responsible for all incidental expenses; with fifteen members the chapel keeper's salary is added; with twenty-five members one-quarter of the evangelist's salary is added; with forty members one-half the evangelist's salary is added; with sixty members three-quarters of the evangelist's salary is added, with eighty members the whole of the preacher's salary is added, and thenceforward the support will be assumed for all other workers, rents, etc. This is quite a high standard for the native churches, but if we are faithful in prayer, teaching, and perseverance this scale is attainable."

CHILE

Rev. and Mrs. Brother Zook is the Superintendent of the Missions in Chile. We copy the following from his reports:

"On Saturday, the third of February, I had the privilege of dedicating the new chapel at Collico, a suburb of Valdivia. It is a two-story building, serving for church meetings and living quarters for the pastor and family. The dedication of this chapel deserves special mention for several reasons. First, because the enemy contested every inch of the ground and used all his Santanic influence to hinder the building. Our right to the lot was disputed by the city authorities, because it is situated on the banks of the beautiful Valdivia River. They claim that the banks of the river belong to the maritime authorities up to eight meters from the

water line. Yet after much prayer and palavering with the captain of the port, he finally gave permission to build in recognition of the work we are doing.

"The second reason why this demands special mention is because it is the first chapel built by the initiative of the native church and planned by them and their native pastor. All they asked of us was permission to build, and after granting that, they went ahead and made the plans and submitted them for our approval, and then began building.

"You will have to bear in mind that this congregation has a membership of only some forty members, and none of them wealthy. Indeed, most of them are so poor they need to be helped. Nevertheless, they put their shoulders to the wheel, and both people and pastor took hammers and saws and went to work. The brethren would work on the chapel after their day's labor was done, and in the morning before beginning. The building of this chapel has meant real sacrifice to them. A remark was made by the president of one of the labor unions of Collico to the effect that, in their union they had more than a thousand members and could not afford their own building, but these 'evangelists', who are only a handful, are putting up a building that does honor to the town.

"The pastor, Jose Zapata, is a genius in many ways and has the tact of keeping his congregation united and enthusiastic. He and his family are real Christians. The living-rooms are not completed yet, but they are trusting God for funds sufficient to finish them also.

"It was also my privilege to make my first visit to the seaport town of Lebu where we established a work about three years ago. This is the only mission in this town with a population of about 8,000, and there is no other Gospel work anywhere near. Perhaps one of the reasons other denominations have not worked here is because it is so hard to reach. It can be reached by boat, but these boats have no regular sailings, and besides, the trip over night in one of these small boats is not pleasant, to say the least. And the cost is also more than to go by land. I had to go from the City of Concepcion to Curanilhaue by rail, and from there to Lebu in the Ford. I was made to realize the value of the Ford on this trip of about forty-two miles, over hills, valleys, stones, ravines, and every describable thing. But our North American machine made the trip in splendid condition, and we entered the City of Lebu in fine style amid the barking of dogs and the admiration of the settlers after a trip of several hours.

"It is a peaceful seaport nestled at the foot of the Nahuelhuape Mountains. The scenery all along the way is too beautiful to describe. The town itself is surrounded by coal mines and breakers and is a bee-hive of activity. As is naturally to be supposed, there are hundreds of families living here engaged in the coal mines and living in the bowels of the earth a fourth of their lives. But as it is also a seaport, you have the combination of the seafaring and land workers, each with the vices and sins peculiar to his class. Owing to this, the work presents problems peculiar to itself.

"It is also a haven to the ever present labor agitators, who take advantage of the situation and unrest of the workmen to sow discord and disintegration. But our native worker stationed there is of such a sweet and pacific nature that no one has branded him as an agitator as yet. This is almost a miracle, because the priests are always on the alert to find some means by which they can attack us; and

if this cannot be discovered by fair means, they do not have any inconvenience to invent something to frighten the people and create an atmosphere against us. But this has not been the case as yet in this town, although our hall is just opposite the Catholic Church. The priest can hear the singing of our hymns and the preaching. In turn, our people can hear the priest say mass if they wish. The fact that our brethren have had smooth sailing so far is an evidence of the absolute indifference of the priest.

In another report he writes:

"Developments have been continual during the year just closed in Chile. While it is one of the small Republics it is by no means the least in strength, importance, or intellectually. The Ambassador of Chile in London, Mr. Augustin Edwards, was elected president of the League of Nations. Chile took the first steps towards ending the long standing conflict with Peru about the division of territory between the two, deciding to submit it to the friendly arbitration of the United States.

"Political changes have been many since the election of their new president, Arturo Alessandri. Twelve times has the presidential Cabinet changed during his less than two years of administration. These continual political upheavels have hindered the interior development of the country. The financial situation is rather precarious at present owing to the constant debts this present administration has had to contract in order to pay public officials, maintain its army and navy and continue its public works.

"Besides all this the country was also visited in November by one of the most destructive earthquakes known in the history of South America. Some cities were almost completely destroyed. Also in August the southern part was visited by terribly destructive floods, which destroyed railways, buildings, crops, etc. As a result business has been very slack and poverty has increased alarmingly. However there are signs of a reaction. The nitrate works, so long closed on account of lack of demand, have again opened and the thousands of unemployed have again returned to work.

"We also feel that the attitude of the powers that be as well as of the people in general towards the propagation of the gospel have changed for the better. The Catholic church has also intensified its campaign to regain its lost prestige and put an end to the propaganda of the gospel. Eucharistic conferences have been held in Santiago, Talca and Concepcion. They have decided to print a New Testament and circulate it amongst the rank and file. While this is aimed against us to put an end to the distribution of the Bible by protestants still it will favor us as it will be a means of opening the eyes of the people. Their means of working, however, so far have been secret and wily. The open persecutions have almost entirely ceased. It is most remarkable that our mission in Puerto Montt has enjoyed the favor of the people and no disorders have been created. The writer remembers when he was publicly stoned and persecuted in the open streets for distributing tracts and selling Bibles. Until only recently Puerto Montt was one of the strongholds of Romanism, as well as the islands to the south. But today there are open doors in many of the islands and we are only waiting for men and means to enter these doors.

"During the year four chapels were constructed or are in course of construction. One in Puerto Montt with a cost to the mission of \$6,000, including the lot. Another is in course of construction in Collico with very little cost to the mission so far. Another in one of

the outstations called Pucono with a cost to the mission of 200 pesos. The last one in Traiguén which cost about \$1,200, all done by local effort. The mission did not contribute anything to it. Other chapels have been improved and as a whole the value of our property has been greatly increased. It has also given us places of worship where we can receive all classes. We have also secured a most valuable property for our Bible Institute in Temuco at a very low cost in one of the best and most favorable sections of the city. With the building on the property we can begin the classes this year, but it is imperative that we should build soon for we have more applicants already than we can accommodate.

"In order to give you an idea of the work done, allow me to give you some of the statistics. During the year we held 3,358 meetings, made 7,841 visits, sold 223 Bibles and 323 Testaments, distributed 78,697 tracts. We have 1,298 scholars enrolled in our Sunday Schools, and have 148 catechumens, and 311 believers and adherents who are not otherwise classified. We baptized 133 during the year.



Ecuador.

A mud hut where herdsmen might stay over night. The man is H. W. Feldges.

"But the highwater mark is reached in the number of pages of literature printed on our press, reaching the grand total of 621,984 pages as against 264,680 last year. Also in the local offerings which reached the total of 29,456.70 pesos as against 18,992.40 reported last year or an increase of almost 56%, or 27.37 pesos per member.

"We are sending one of our young native workers to Ecuador and the native congregations have contributed 804.70 pesos towards his passage. His going means a real loss to our mission and we cannot take on any new ones for the next two years until some graduate from the Bible Institute. Our hearts were saddened this conference when stationing the workers we found we had to abandon four stations in order to cover the ground we already have taken. These stations must be visited by our Institute students for the present.

Remember also that all our missionaries are in active service, even those who have been here only a little while over a year. When will you send us more missionaries?"

Miss Anna LeFevre Miss Anna LeFevre writes from Traiguén, Chile, June 13, 1923:

"The Lord hath been mindful of us; He will bless us.' Often the many cares and duties that daily press around us cause us to neglect some of our dear faithful ones who are holding us up in prayer and who by their prayers and sacrifices have made it possible for us to go to the 'regions beyond' with the message of salvation, but I know the Lord always remembers. For a long time I have been wanting to write you and have made several attempts at it. But words fail to express how much I appreciate all you have done for us and our Mission work in Chile. I heartily thank you and the Mennonite Brethren in Christ for their support and prayers, and also send my sincere thanks for the various publications which I have received from them and which I find very helpful in my work and studies.

"The Lord has been good to me and I thank Him for health and strength and the opportunities for service. The past couple years I have been located in Traiguén with Mr. and Mrs. Langeloh. Here we have opened a new station and the Lord is blessing in the work. A new chapel has been built here and six regular services are held weekly. There have been some sad discouragements and trials in our Mission work in Chile but the Lord is turning them into blessings by pressing us down in more earnest prayer and a more definite dependence on the Lord alone. There is a great need for a deep spiritual revival in our Mission field; it seems we just must have a real pouring out of the Holy Spirit upon our work and workers or we cannot go on, but we know our Lord is rich unto all that call upon Him and we are calling unto Him and believing Him for power and victory.

"This past week I visited our new Bible Institute in Temuco. It is a very busy place and the work is very encouraging. There are nineteen students and there is a beautiful spirit among them. It will mean so much to the Mission work here to have really trained workers, although of course as yet the course is very elementary, but it is improving right along. The great handicap at present is the lack of a suitable building, but we are praying and believing God to supply every need, and in the meantime the lack of funds is being used of God to teach to our native workers and students some needed lessons in faith and trust, that they should look to the Lord and not the mission to supply the need."

Mrs. Nettie Meier A letter from Mrs. Nettie Meier, of Victoria, Chile, dated February 19, 1923, contains the following:

"It was a great surprise to me to find a letter of mine in the report I received a few weeks ago. I had forgotten all about it. Having it before me now I can add how wonderfully God met our needs for the new chapel. Every penny came in without a bit of soliciting and all from those who are really God's children. It strengthened my faith in prayer and I can assure you it was a real revelation to some of our people here who never dreamed it could be done. I recall so well that one time we were needing about 500 pesos to put on all the finishing touches so as to have it ready for dedication. Some one knowing of our need sent offering to loan me

that amount. As we had been praying about it, this seemed a direct answer to prayer. But after a while an uneasy feeling kept coming up until I sent the party word that I would wait until the beginning of the next week, as I felt God would send it in. The person who offered was a little offended as he does not know God as a prayer answering God as we do.

"On Monday evening when I went to the Postoffice I found a letter from Brother Zook with the monthly allowance and besides one hundred dollars, which at the rate of exchange at that time amounted to something like 980 pesos Chilean money. This was a gift from my home church to be used toward the new chapel. It was all I could do to suppress the shouts (because I opened the letter on the street). Here was our heavenly Father's love and faithfulness manifested anew in such a wonderful way—the 500 pesos we needed and almost as much again. Oh, glory to God! It is so good to belong to Him. He cares and provides for those who trust in Him.

"Up to a month or more ago we had splendid attendance in our Sunday School and evening service, the chapel being well filled at times. Lately the number is much less, perhaps largely due to the tendency of so many to go to the country for harvest time.

"We had a good number of conversions during the year but only five baptisms. The people here are slow about getting baptized. Others would like to but cannot for the reason that so many couples here are not legally married and so of course cannot be baptized. So many cases have come to our notice the last years where we think the people are married but after the Spirit begins to work in them, showing them their true condition, they come and confess that they are not married. Nearly always there is a previous marriage, with a husband or wife still living. We invariably advise that they separate, live clean lives as it is the only way to be saved and receive the blessing of God. In some cases they have done it for a while but the next thing we know they are back together again and naturally by and by they stay away altogether. It is so sad to see the struggle shown by their unhappy faces, but they are counting the cost of following Jesus but the ties of the flesh win out and the good seed is choked. It is one of our most frequent problems in the work but through prevailing prayer we hope some will break loose and come to Jesus.

"It isn't a bit hard to get people to come forward and seemingly they do accept Jesus as their Saviour but it is tremendously hard to get them to go on afterwards. They are prone to backsliding. The moral standards here are so low that we are shocked again and again how lightly they look upon even gross sin. But we look up to Jesus and plod on doing what we can and trust Him to crown our efforts with success. Our portion is to be faithful at all times, His to give the success.

"Accept my sincere gratitude for all kindness shown me financially and otherwise. If God permits I hope to leave on furlough the beginning of December and then I may meet personally some of those whom I only know through others."

ECUADOR

**Rev. and
Mrs. H. W.
Feldges**

Brother and Sister Feldges had been laboring in Chile for many years, but after their last furlough they were transferred to Ecuador, sailing from New York, September 9, 1922, Brother Feldges going to Ecuador, and Sister Feldges and their daughter Grace going down to Chile to get their things ready and later on came on to Ecuador. They are stationed at Ambato.

In his last letter he states that they are not so well and especially desire our prayers. Sister Feldges suffers very much in her nerves. They say they are distributing thousands of tracts and hold services in the jail every Sunday morning. The work is hard and uncertain because of the shifting population. Pray for Brother and Sister Feldges and their daughter Grace.

From his reports we add the following interesting account of the country:

"God has brought us together again and we are trying to diffuse the knowledge of Jesus in these neglected parts. Tomorrow it will be six weeks that we came to stay. We have a room on the ground floor now for meetings. Many must hear now whether they want to or not. Not so many curious folk come in as one would think. Boys and young men come in at times, but they don't come so much as at first. It is hard to speak to them for they cannot get serious. Still we have a few that come often for which we are certainly thankful.



Ecuador.

Brother Carlson and Brother Feldges among the Indians—some prospective converts. The Indians hate to have their pictures taken but here they don't seem to care.

"The atmosphere (spiritual) is SO dense here—positively worse than in Chile; even when we first went to that country.

"This is certainly a priest-ridden people. The few educated men are friendly, but totally indifferent to their soul's welfare.

"Persecution has by no means stopped. Especially the women who dare to have anything to do with our meetings are going to have a hard time. They threaten to waylay them, not to speak of all the abuse that is theirs daily in town, etc.

"Sometimes some of these women will take a tract out of another's hand and tear it up right in front of a crowd. One woman asked for a tract (we do not generally give the women any). She then proceeded to tear it up and held it up to the rest showing them

how they should do, etc. I then got into a talk with her and followed her up till she went into the R. C. Church. Then I kept on talking to the crowd. There are always some who will listen and receive the literature. The sad part is that the Indians who form the bulk of the population either cannot or will not accept the Word of God. Pray for us and them. God hears.

"There are missionaries that have lived among them, even to learning their difficult Quichua language, and that for fifteen to twenty years and still no results as to conversions and establishing a congregation. One place they had a nice little school of an attendance of twenty when the priest got busy and now they only have two—boys.

"Quito, the capital, has a beautiful house of worship now. We were there for the dedication and took active part in the services which were made a great blessing to the place. The papers spoke of



Ecuador.

On our trip out to the Indian possessions we passed several hundred donkeys, says H. W. Feldges, loaded with fire wood for Quito. They get between 25 and 50 cents a load.

the mission, giving the cuts or picture and it has given the Gospel a new place in this dark country. The R. C. Archbishop wrote a pastoral letter and had it published in one of the dailies of Quito. He warned the people against the Protestant propaganda, going even as far as writing disrespectful of the government, calling it atheistic, etc. You see they cannot forgive the government for giving us such liberties. But of no avail, "the Truth goes marching on."

"The first twenty-four years of labor in Quito did not produce a score of people who were willing to take the stand with the missionaries. Last year, due, in part, to the building of the chapel and mission home, there were twenty baptized. Nine between Christmas and New Year. Praise God!

"Thus it is evident that if we are to succeed in these (other) cities it is supremely necessary that we have chapels and properties of our own. Thus people see that we have come to stay.

"Ambato is situated a few degrees below the equator, on a small stream that eventually flows into the mighty Amazon and into the Atlantic Ocean, over 3,000 miles away.

"It is the second important place on the railroad between Quito and Guayaquil. About ninety miles from the former and about 200 from the latter. The climate is cool and many temperate fruits are grown here. Tropical fruits grow about fifty miles either east or west of this place or as soon as you go down a few thousand feet.

"We are 8,435 feet above the level of the sea. Snow is brought down from the highest peaks to the towns to make a kind of ice-cream. They generally have two days of hard travel with donkeys to get it.

"We are now in the rainy season. But we are glad for the showers for they keep down the dust. We have lots of wind and it often gets quite cold. Sometimes the fruit suffers on account of the frost, as is the case this year.

"There are about 15,000 inhabitants in Ambato. There are more than that number that use the place as a center. We wish you could be here on market days. You can hardly get between the many women seated on the ground selling their produce; such a commotion and dust, and if it has rained, mud! How sad it makes us, to see them 'without God and without hope,' and what is worse, they 'will not come to Christ that they might have life.' Pray for them!

"From the hill just outside of town we can see the highest mount in Ecuador, Chimborazo, over 20,000 feet high, also Cotopoxi, the highest volcano in the world. It is not active just now. But our nearest volcano, Tiangurahua, is smoking at present. Its base is only about thirty miles distant from the city limits. They tell us it is a wonderful sight to see it in a real eruption. It strikes terror to the hearts of the people when they speak to us of former outbreaks. They say that the first Ambato has disappeared completely.

"May God help us to 'save some as brands from the burning' before that great and terrible day of the Lord come. Amen!"

CONCLUSION

We have again compiled our report from reports and personal communications from our representatives on the field, material fresh, authentic and encouraging. The illustrations are reproductions from photographs taken on the field by the missionaries and are the best obtainable.

The Pennsylvania Conference supported thirty-four foreign missionaries and three native pastors during the year or one missionary to about every 65 members of the church at home.

Our last year's Missionary Report has been much in demand, the edition of 1600 copies of 48 octavo pages, containing 20 illustrations, being nearly exhausted. The Board has again ordered an edition of 1600 copies of the Report for 1923. The actual cost of administration by the Board at the home end, outside of the cost of printing the Annual Report, has again been less than one half of one per cent, or less than fifty cents taken out of every hundred dollars given by our people and friends for Foreign Missions.

As you are reading this report, will you not pray earnestly,

First, that the Lord of the harvest shall call more laborers, young men and women, for His harvest field; young men especially, such who are truly saved, tested and tried, that He may endue them

with power from on high and send them forth as faithful messengers to bring the glad tidings of full salvation to a lost world, that the Body of Christ may be completed and the coming of the Lord be hastened, and

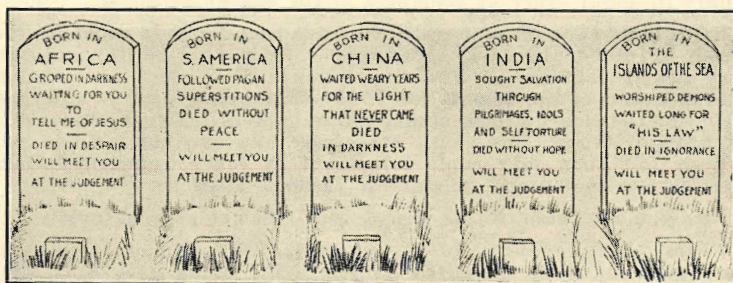
Second, that the reports of these dear ones from the various parts of this great harvest field may be a means of encouragement for the still further increase of the spirit of missionary sacrifice so that the work may be pushed still much faster as the day is dying and the night is coming on when man can work no more. As modern civilization and commerce are marching on into the hitherto practically unopened countries of the world everything advances rapidly in price, as you notice in this report, so the gifts from the contributors at home must naturally increase even to sustain the present program, while a forward movement, as is so necessary at this time, demands a still larger increase in forces and means. And all this can be done as the Lord has been so richly blessing our country financially during the last years.

Third, let us pray the more earnestly for all these dear missionaries. They need that so much in these days of discouragement and darkness. Read their petitions in their reports and stand by them at the throne of grace. Open doors must be entered. This may mean persecution, suffering and death to some. Satan tries to cripple, disable or destroy such whom the Lord uses to pull down his strongholds and release his captives, therefore we must pray much for their health, both physical and mental. Their converts often have a terrible time because of persecution by relatives and caste. These need our prayers lest they get discouraged and turn back. Pray! Pray!! Pray!!!

The contributions received for the work on the foreign field during the conference year from October 12, 1922, to October 11, 1923, amounted to \$17,824.76 of which \$10,449.59 was contributed by the various congregations and friends and \$7,375.17 by the Sunday Schools, or an average of \$7.77 per member.

The offerings for home missionary work along the various channels for the same period amounted to \$17,043.10 or an average of \$7.44 per member.

The total offerings for missions, home and foreign, thus amounted to \$34,867.86 or \$15.21 per member. Adding to this an average of \$43.76 per member for regular congregational work we have a total of \$58.97 per member for all religious purposes. This does not include the sum of \$27,238.39 received for subscriptions to our church periodicals and religious literature sold in the congregations.



Allowances

Palestine—

Rev. E. O. Jago.....	\$ 720.00	
Miss Mary A. Butterfield.....	720.00	
		\$ 1,440.00

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	
Rev. W. P. Darling.....	360.00	
Rev. H. L. Pierson.....	360.00	
		2,160.00

India—

Rev. E. R. Carner.....	\$ 415.00	
Mrs. E. R. Carner.....	415.00	
Rev. S. P. Hamilton.....	415.00	
Mrs. S. P. Hamilton.....	415.00	
Rev. Samuel Kerr.....	415.00	
Mrs. Samuel Kerr.....	415.00	
Miss Eunice Wells.....	415.00	
Rev. C. A. Gustafson.....	415.00	
		3,320.00

Western China—

Rev. Wm. Christie.....	\$ 400.00	
Rev. C. F. Snyder.....	400.00	
Mrs. C. F. Snyder.....	400.00	
Rev. W. N. Ruhl.....	400.00	
Miss Anna Haupberg.....	400.00	
		2,000.00

Central China—

Rev. B. H. Alexander.....	\$ 400.00	
Rev. M. E. Ekval.....	400.00	
Rev. D. P. Olson.....	400.00	
		1,200.00

Indo-China—

Rev. W. C. Cadman.....	\$ 660.00	
Mrs. W. C. Cadman.....	660.00	
Rev. R. M. Jackson.....	660.00	
Rev. H. A. Jackson.....	660.00	
		2,640.00

Chile—

Rev. M. P. Zook.....	\$ 360.00	
Mrs. M. P. Zook.....	360.00	
Miss Anna LeFevre.....	360.00	
Mrs. Nettie Meier.....	360.00	
Innocencio Gomez.....	200.00	
Ignacio Riveros.....	200.00	
Dionisio Oyazun.....	200.00	
		2,040.00

Ecuador—

Rev. H. W. Feldges.....	\$ 420.00	
Mrs. H. W. Feldges.....	420.00	
		840.00
		\$ 15,640.00

Miscellaneous

Expenses getting F. M. Receipt Cards.....\$	5.23
1600 copies of the Foreign Missionary Report.	122.00
Half-tone cuts for the F. M. Report.....	80.94
Postage to Pastors and Missionaries.....	7.27
Donated to Missionaries and Speakers.....	274.35
Donated to the Treasurer.....	25.00
34 Diaries to the Missionaries.....	19.65
Missionary Literature to Pastors.....	2.00
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	536.44
Total	\$ 16,176.44

DIRECTORY

The Annual Conference held at Philadelphia, Pa., on October 12, 1923, elected the following Board of Foreign Mission for the following Conference year, which organized as follows:

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 Crist, Rev. E. E. Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa.
 Crist, Mrs. E. E. Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa.
 Darling, Rev. W. P. Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa.
 Hess, Rev. E. R. Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa.
 Pierson, Rev. H. L. Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa.

(c) India

Carner, Rev. E. R. } Akola, Berar, India.
 Carner, Mrs. E. R. }
 Gustafson, Rev. C. A. Dholka, Gujarat, B. P., India.
 Hamilton, Rev. S. P. } Dholka, Gujarat, B. P., India.
 Hamilton, Mrs. S. P. }
 Kerr, Rev. Samuel } Sanand, Gujarat, B. P., India.
 Kerr, Mrs. Samuel }
 Wells, Miss Eunice Kaira, Gujarat, B. P., India.

(d) Western China

Christie, Rev. Wm. Titao, Kansu Province, China.
 Haupberg, Miss Anna Taochow, Old City, Kansu Province, China.
 Ruhl, Rev. W. N. Taochow, Old City, Kansu Province, China.
 Snyder, Rev. C. F. } Hochow, Kansu Province, China.
 Snyder, Mrs. C. F. }

(e) Central China

Alexander, Rev. B. H.	Changteh, Central China.
Ekvall, Rev. M. E.	Wuchang, Central China.
Olson, Rev. D. P.	Wuchang, Central China.

(f) Annam or French Indo-China

Cadman, Rev. Wm. C. }	Rue de la Citadelle, voie 85, Hanoi,
Cadman, Mrs. Wm. C. }	French Indo-China.
Jackson, Rev. R. M.	Haiphong, French Indo-China.
Jackson, Rev. H. A.	Cantho, Cochinchina, French Indo-China.

(g) Chile, S. A.

LeFevre, Miss Anna	Casilla, 57, Valdivia, Chile, S. A.
Meier, Mrs. Nettie	Victoria, Chile, S. A.
Zook, Rev. M. P. }	Casilla, 312, Temuco, Chile, S. A.
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.

(h) Ecuador, S. A.

Feldges, Rev. H. W. }	Casilla 51, Ambato, Ecuador, S. A.
Feldges, Mrs. H. W. }	

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.

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.

H. B. Musselman, President,
C. H. Brunner, Secretary,
W. G. Gehman,
B. Bryan Musselman,
F. M. Hottel.

XIV.—Ministerial Convention (Semi-Annual)

The Twentieth Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention of the Pennsylvania Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ convened in the M. B. in C. Church on Tenth Street, near Oley Street, Reading, Pa., on April 12, 1923.

The two Presiding Elders and all the Pastors of the Conference and most of their families, as well as quite a number of the Gospel Heralds met at 10 a.m. The Chairman of the Annual Conference, Brother H. B. Musselman, opened the first meeting with an informal, yet very much needed address on present-day conditions, especially urging the Ministry to faithfulness, loyalty and prayer.

This meeting was closed with a special season of prayer in which a number took part. The afternoon meeting was opened with singing and prayer by Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman. Pastor B. Bryan Musselman was Chairman and Pastor J. G. Shireman recorded the minutes.

The Chairman appointed the following Committees:

Committee on Resolutions—W. G. Gehman, R. L. Woodring and J. C. Roth.

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

Time Keeper—V. H. Reinhart.

Reporter—H. K. Kratz.

A Discussion on "The Pastor, His Own Evangelist," was opened by Pastor J. G. Shireman, and another discussion on "Faithfulness" was opened by Pastor F. M. Hottel.

Both of these discussions were very helpful and were followed by very profitable discussions by a number of the brethren.

The evening service was opened at 7:30 by a song service. This was followed by three twenty-minute addresses as follows:

"Prevailing Prayer," by Pastor N. H. Wolf.

"Scriptural Unity," by Pastor C. H. Brunner.

"The World's Great Need," by Pastor B. Bryan Musselman.

These messages were Scriptural and we hope helpful to all the hearers. The weather was delightful and the attendance was large.

The pastor of the Reading Congregation, Brother R. W. Dickert, and his people spared no time and efforts in providing for the comfort and abundant entertainment for the Convention members and friends. The Committee to arrange the program consisted of H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and R. W. Dickert.

B. Bryan Musselman, Chairman,
J. G. Shireman, Secretary.

XV.—Ministerial Convention (Annual)

The Thirty-third Annual Ministerial Convention of the Pennsylvania Conference convened in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, corner Main and Durham Streets, Bethlehem, Pa., at 10 a.m., Wednesday, October 10, 1923. The Chairman, W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District, opened the Convention with singing and reading the 8th and 9th Psalms, followed by a season of prayer. Pastor H. K. Kratz recorded the minutes.

The Presiding Elders of both Districts, all the Pastors, and nearly all of the Delegates, also a number of the Gospel Herald's were present from the opening of the first meeting.

The Chair appointed the following committees:

Committee on Resolutions—E. N. Cassel, N. H. Wolf and G. F. Yost.

Committee to Examine the Minutes of the Last Annual Convention—E. E. Kublic and W. F. Heffner.

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

Reporter—R. L. Woodring.

Time Keeper—F. B. Hertzog.



The Home.
The Manager and his faithful guard.

The Chairman of the Annual Conference, Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, was then given charge.

He gave us a very profitable and timely message, taking for his subject, "The Watchman," basing his remarks on Ezekiel 31st and 34th chapters, after which the forenoon meeting was adjourned.

AFTERNOON MEETING

The afternoon meeting was opened at 2 o'clock with singing and prayer by F. M. Hottel.

After the Roll Call and reading of the minutes of the forenoon meeting, the following essays were read, received and discussed:

"Christian Courtesy," according to I Peter 3:8, by Pastor R. W. Dickert.

"The Proper Utilization of the Minister's Time," by Pastor A. G. Woodring.

Both essays read were very helpful and inspiring.

EVENING SERVICE

The evening meeting was opened by H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District, with a song service and prayer, after which two twenty-minute addresses were given as follows:

"The Christian Home," by Pastor F. M. Hottel, Philadelphia, Pa.

"Obedience and Faithfulness," by Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, Allentown, Pa.

Both of these messages were very instructive and edifying, the brethren were at their best and the Lord used them to His glory in bringing these messages to us.

We were very much favored with special selections in song by the Bethlehem Male Quartette, which were also an inspiration to these services.

The weather was ideal and the attendance excellent throughout the day. The committee which had arranged the program for the day consisted of H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and C. H. Brunner.

W. G. Gehman, Chairman,
H. K. Kratz, Secretary.

XVI.—Sunday School Convention (Bethlehem District)

The Thirty-fifth Annual Sunday School Convention of the Pennsylvania Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ (Bethlehem District), was held in the large Auditorium of Mizpah Grove, Fourteenth Ward, Allentown, Pa., on Memorial Day, May 30, 1923.

The Committee on Program consisted of H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner and B. Bryan Musselman.

The Chairman, Pastor C. H. Brunner, of Bethlehem, Pa., opened the Convention at 9:15 a.m. Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, of Allentown, Pa., led in prayer. Pastor A. G. Woodring, of Walnutport, Pa., recorded the Minutes.

The Presiding Elder, H. B. Musselman, and all the pastors on the district were present, all the Superintendents and Delegates were present except J. S. McDowell, Superintendent of the Wissinoming Sunday School. Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman, of the Mt. Carmel District, with a number of his pastors and Gospel Heralds were present.

After the fixing of the Convention Bar, the platform, and the adoption of rules to govern the Convention, the following Committees were appointed by the Chairman:

Committee to Read and Examine the Minutes—R. W. Dickert and F. B. Hertzog.

Committee on Resolutions—E. N. Cassel, B. Bryan Musselman and H. K. Kratz.

Committee on Publication—H. B. Musselman, R. L. Woodring and W. F. Heffner.

Committee on Statistics—J. C. Roth, P. H. Cressman and John Harley.

Committee on Finance—F. M. Hottel, G. F. Yost and Clarence Shelly.

Timekeeper—O. S. Hillegass.

Reporter—H. K. Kratz.

Then the superintendents of the twenty Sunday Schools represented submitted their oral, statistical and financial reports limited to five minutes each. All of their reports were very interesting and encouraging. Much marked progress in the various departments of Sunday School work was reported. The forenoon session closed with benediction by the Chairman.

AFTERNOON MEETING

At 1:30 p.m. the Chairman opened the meeting with devotional services. Pastor J. C. Roth, of Emaus, led in prayer, followed by Roll Call, reading of the minutes of the forenoon session and reports of the different committees, after which the regular program was continued as follows:

"The Need and Purpose of Sunday School Work," an address by John T. Kramer, Reading, Pa.

Discussion opened by Pastor W. F. Heffner, Quakertown, Pa.

"Dangers Confronting Our Sunday Schools," an address by Paul I. Wentz, Emaus, Pa.

Discussion opened by Pastor R. W. Dickert, Reading, Pa.

"The Place of the Bible in the Sunday School," an address by Clarence E. Musselman, Bethlehem, Pa.

Discussion opened by Pastor G. F. Yost, Fleetwood, Pa.

"The Home Department of the Sunday School," an address by O. Kufen, Allentown, Pa.

Discussion opened by Pastor A. G. Woodring, Walnutport, Pa.

Each of these addresses and the discussions which followed were very interesting and helpful.

A number of excellent selections were rendered by the Allentown Male Chorus, The Coopersburg Ladies' Quartette, the Bethlehem Male Chorus and the Bethlehem Male Quartette. The convention proved a great blessing to all present. Large delegations came by trolleys, trains and autos from far and near.

Statistics

Sunday Schools represented, 20.

Officers enrolled	164
Teachers enrolled	289
Scholars enrolled	2734

Total enrollment 3187

Home Department 2136

Report of the Treasurer

Receipts

May 30, 1922, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 5.82
Received at this Convention.....	297.71
	<hr/> \$303.53

Expenses

Expenses for this Convention.....	\$ 83.12
Donated to Executive Board.....	215.00
Balance in Treasury.....	5.41
	<hr/> \$303.53

F. M. Hottel, Treasurer.

C. H. Brunner, Chairman,

A. G. Woodring, Secretary.

XVII.—Sunday School Convention (Mount Carmel District)

The Thirty-fifth Annual Sunday School Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of the Pennsylvania Conference (Mount Carmel District) convened in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, Sixth and Ann Streets, Stroudsburg, Pa., May 23, 1923.

The presiding elder, all the ministers of the District, leaders of the Gospel Herald Society Missions where there are Sunday Schools, superintendents, delegates and essayists were present. Also E. George, N. M. Cressman and J. B. Henry, of the Gospel Herald Society.

Pastors C. H. Brunner and R. W. Dickert, from the Bethlehem District, were also present throughout with other ministers of the District in the evening.

The Committee on Program consisted of W. G. Gehman, J. B. Layne and E. E. Kublic.

J. G. Shireman, of Shamokin, was Chairman of the Convention. P. T. Stengele, of Scranton, Pa., recorded the Minutes. E. E. Kublic, of Stroudsburg, Pa., was Treasurer.

The Chair appointed the following committees:

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

Committee on Statistics—N. H. Wolf, W. R. Stengele and E. H. Musselman.

Committee on Publication—V. H. Heinhart, J. H. Bruch and R. Bergstresser.

Committee on Resolutions—W. G. Gehman, V. H. Reinhart and N. M. Cressman.

Committee on Auditing—J. B. Layne and J. C. Evans.

Committee to Read Minutes—J. F. Barrall and T. D. Gehret.

Time Keeper—J. T. Anderson.

Reporter—T. D. Gehret.

This Convention was the best Sunday School Convention ever held on this District. The reports given by the various superintendents showed that they have their hearts in the Lord's work to accomplish what has been done.

The Convention was a grand success and gave special encouragement to all Sunday Schools represented. Large delegations came from various places, some in autos, trucks, and by train.

AFTERNOON MEETING

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

"The Weak and Strong Points of a Sunday School Teacher," by Miss Grace I. Gehman, Easton, Pa.

"Best Methods and Means of Retaining Young Men and Women in the Sunday School," by T. D. Gehret, Harrisburg, 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.

EVENING SERVICE

The evening service was in charge of Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman. After a very inspiring song service there were three twenty-minute addresses as follows:

"The Christian Home, Its Influence Upon the Sunday School and Community," by V. H. Reinhart, Sunbury, Pa.

"Soul-winning," by E. H. Musselman, York, Pa.

"Pure and Impure Literature," by J. G. Shireman, Shamokin, Pa.

Statistics

Sunday Schools Represented, 13.

Officers enrolled	87
Teachers enrolled	127
Scholars enrolled	1455

Total enrollment1669

Cradle Roll 216

Home Department 441

The services during the day were interspersed with special singing, by the four Gehman sisters and by Gospel Herald brethren T. D. Gehret, J. B. Henry, N. M. Cressman, and E. George with instruments.

The Convention proved a blessing to all.

Report of the Treasurer

Receipts

May 25, 1922, Balance in Treasury.....\$	5.50
Received at this Convention from the various Sunday Schools.....	219.66
	<u>\$225.16</u>

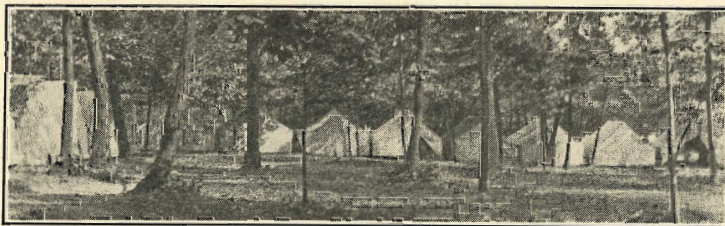
Expenditures

Expended at this Convention.....	\$169.43
Donated to the Executive Board.....	50.00
May 23, 1923, Balance in Treasury.....	5.73
	<u>\$225.16</u>

E. E. Kublic, Treasurer.

J. G. Shireman, Chairman,

P. T. Stengele, Secretary.



Mizpah Grove.
South East corner of the tent circle.

XVIII.—Conference Report

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

The Fortieth session of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania convened in the M. B. in C. Church at Main and Durham Streets, Bethlehem, Pa., October 11-15, 1923.

All the ministers in the active work and all the delegates were present from the opening of the first meeting.

The reports of the Presiding Elders and of the pastors were all very encouraging. Souls were saved, baptized and added to the church. The members are loyal, plain, separated, obedient and self-sacrificing.

The pastors reported large congregations on the various charges, young people are much in evidence, prayer meetings are largely attended and both old and young enjoy the ministry of the Word and the work of the Lord together. Open air meetings are held in many places where multitudes are reached by the Word. Several tabernacle meeting were also held with good success. The camp meetings, of which three were held during the year, were the largest ever held by the denomination.

The Gospel Herald Society, W. G. Gehman, President, reports much effectual work along Home Missionary lines, both indoors and in open air service. Much good, sound literature is being spread in their colportage work.

The Sunday Schools are interesting and well attended. Larger quarters must be secured at a number of places to accommodate the increasing attendance. All the Sunday Schools in the Conference are using the "Christian Life Series" of lesson helps, with much commendation. The Home Department work is steadily on the increase.

The Foreign Missionary work is continually on the increase. Thirty-four missionaries and three native pastors are supported by our people. The missionaries are sending in very encouraging reports of the Lord's leadings on the various fields.

The various offerings were again very high during the year, reaching the amount of \$135,098.07 as the total for the Conference.

H. B. Musselman and W. G. Gehman were again re-elected Presiding Elders, and C. H. Brunner and B. Bryan Musselman, Vice Presiding Elders.

With the following exceptions, the Pastors were assigned to their former fields of labor:

Reading, Pa.	J. C. Roth
Emaus, Macungie, Zionsville.....	G. F. Yost
Blandon, Fleetwood, Terre Hill.....	A. G. Woodring
Northampton and Walnutport.....	H. K. Kratz
Royersford and Spring City.....	N. H. Wolf
Lehighton and Weissport.....	V. H. Reinhart
Sunbury	R. W. Dickert
Philadelphia	C. H. Brunner
Bethlehem	F. M. Hottel

The evening services during the Conference were largely attended and all the brethren spoke with much liberty.

The next Annual Conference is announced to convene in Bethel M. B. in C. Church, 526-30 North 8th Street, Allentown, Pa., on September 25th, 1924, at 8:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SERVICES

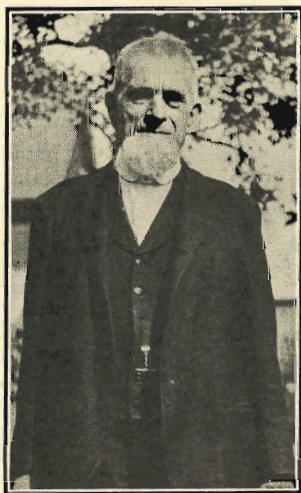
The services on Sunday were well attended, the large church being well filled at every service. The Conference Sermon was preached by Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, Chairman of the Annual Conference, basing his remarks on I Timothy 3:1-7 and II Timothy 4:2. The qualifications and duties of a true minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ were set forth in a clear and forceful manner.

The afternoon meeting was opened with a song service at two o'clock. W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District, preached the Ordination Sermon from I Timothy 4:16, emphasizing the importance of the ministry seeing well to it that the graces of the Lord are thoroughly wrought out in his life, after which P. T. Stengele, of Scranton, was ordained by Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, Chairman of the Annual Conference.

The evening meeting was opened at seven o'clock with a song service, after which F. M. Hottel, the newly appointed pastor of the Bethlehem congregation preached from II Corinthians 2:14, and was followed by B. Bryan Musselman, of Allentown, using Deut. 31:8 for his text. They both emphasized the importance of depending upon the Lord for victory.

The Ladies' Quartette from Coopersburg and the Bethlehem Male Quartette and Male Chorus rendered a number of excellent selections during the day.

The class at Bethlehem provided abundantly for the physical needs of the many who came from far and near to enjoy the blessings of the Conference.



The Home.
Henry Musselman, one of our
aged deacons.

R. L. Woodring,
E. N. Cassel,
J. C. Roth,

Committee.

XIX.—Announcements for 1924

(A) SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

(a) Report of the Committee to Organize for the Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention for 1924

This Convention shall convene in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., on Memorial Day, May 30, 1924.

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

Committee on Program: H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner and B. Bryan Musselman.

Two meetings shall be held, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The people shall come prepared with basket lunch. The offerings above the regular expenses shall be used for the improvement of the grove.

A hearty invitation shall be extended to the Presiding Elder, W. G. Gehman, and the pastors of the Mt. Carmel District.

B. Bryan Musselman, Chairman,
F. M. Hottel, Secretary.

(b) Report of the Committee to Organize for the Mt. Carmel District Sunday School Convention for 1924

This Convention shall convene at Mt. Carmel, Wednesday, May 21, 1924.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, J. G. Shireman; Secretary, J. B. Layne; Treasurer, E. E. Kublic.

Committee on Program: W. G. Gehman, R. Bergstresser and R. W. Dickert.

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 to be present at this convention.

J. G. Shireman, Chairman,
P. S. Stengele, Secretary.

(B) MINISTERIAL CONVENTIONS

(a) Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention

This Convention is announced to convene in the M. B. in C. Church, Royersford, Pa., on Thursday, April 10, 1924.

Chairman, F. M. Hottel; Secretary, R. L. Woodring.

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

(b) Annual Ministerial Convention

This Convention is announced to convene in Bethel M. B. in C. Church, 526-30 North Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa., at 8 a.m., September 24, 1924.

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

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

(C) READING COURSE**Studies for 1923-1924****(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, Page 138-end.

Bible, John, Chapters 13-17.

Second Year's Course

Reformed Pastor, Baxter.

Bible, Hebrews and Second Timothy.

Third Year's Course

Roman's.

Fletcher's Appeal.

Jesus is Coming, by Blackstone.

The first examination shall be held in Royersford, Pa., Tuesday, April 8, 1924, at 7 p.m.

The second examination shall be held at Allentown, Pa., Monday, September 22, 1924.

E. N. Cassel, President,

B. Bryan Musselman, Secretary,

H. K. Kratz,

Board.

(D) CAMP MEETINGS**Bethlehem District:**

Bethlehem Division, Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., June 28 to July 6, 1924. Chairman, F. M. Hottel; Secretary, A. G. Woodring; Treasurer J. C. Roth.

Allentown Division, Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., August 16 to 24, 1924. Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; Treasurer, E. N. Cassel.

Mt. Carmel District, Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., July 19 to 27, 1924. Chairman, J. G. Shireman; Secretary, J. B. Layne; Treasurer, R. W. Dickert.

(E) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Forty-first Annual Conference Session shall convene, should the Lord tarry, in Bethel M. B. in C. Church, 526-30 North Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa., at 8 a.m., September 25, 1924.

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

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

Receipts

October 4, 1922, Balance in Treasury....	\$ 1,349.85	
Received during the year.....	3,835.81	\$ 5,185.66

Expenditures

Expended during the year.....	\$ 1,846.30	
October 3, 1923, Balance in Treasury....	3,339.36	\$ 5,185.66

(B) Board of Foreign Missions

Receipts

October 4, 1922, Balance in Treasury....	\$ 15,780.93	
Received during the year.....	16,762.60	\$ 32,543.53

Expenditures

Expended during the year.....	\$ 16,176.44	
October 3, 1923, Balance in Treasury....	16,367.09	\$ 32,543.53

(C) The Home

Receipts

September 25, 1922, Balance in Treasury..	\$ 2,734.49	
Received during the year.....	40,560.86	\$ 43,295.35

Expenditures

Expended during the year.....	\$ 39,949.79	
September 18, 1923, Balance in Treasury..	3,345.56	\$ 43,295.35

(D) Board of Publication and Printing

Receipts

October 4, 1922, Balance in Treasury....	\$ 288.79	
Received during the year.....	695.52	\$ 984.31

Expenditures

Expended during the year.....	\$ 644.55	
October 3, 1923, Balance in Treasury....	339.76	\$ 984.31

(E) Home Missions

Receipts

October 13, 1922, Received at the Annual Conference...	\$ 8,084.15	
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Expenditures

October 3, 1923, Expended during the year.....	\$ 8,084.15	
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(F) Beneficiary Society

Receipts

October 4, 1922, Balance in Treasury....	\$ 2,741.29	
Received during the year.....	638.64	\$ 3,379.93

Expenditures

Expended during the year.....	\$ 100.00	
October 3, 1923, Balance in Treasury....	3,279.93	\$ 3,379.93

Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer.

XXI.—Financial Report
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Receipts, October 11, 1923

Appointments	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Foreign Mission in S. S.	For the Poor	Beneficiary Fund	Annual Conference Fund	Total
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT							
Bethlehem	\$ 787.70	\$1,521.20	\$ 928.66	\$ 48.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 3,344.56
Allentown, Bethel	934.00	1,833.00	696.63	37.50	46.00	25.00	3,572.13
Reading	513.50	574.39	305.45	28.00	14.90	11.25	1,447.49
Philadelphia	781.00	1,154.00	420.52	25.00	25.00	21.00	2,426.52
Wissinoming			15.00				15.00
Coopersburg	383.50	392.00	245.78	16.65	8.25	8.91	1,055.09
Springtown	37.00	46.00					83.00
Allentown, Salem	265.50	243.25	157.79	37.20	16.18	5.17	725.09
Spring City	221.60	191.00	130.58	8.50	6.37	5.25	563.30
Royersford	295.75	265.25	256.03	12.00	10.89	8.22	848.14
Emaus	424.50	412.50	371.02	27.85	21.65	13.00	1,270.52
Macungie	131.50	299.05	156.54	13.30	8.95	5.65	614.99
Zionsville	308.00	288.00	232.61	15.70	8.90	3.10	856.31
Fleetwood	233.00	300.00	165.00	8.40	4.30	3.60	714.30
Blandon	90.00	69.00	56.30	3.25	2.80	3.00	224.35
Terre Hill	200.00	341.00	69.25	9.50	6.70	5.15	711.60
Quakertown	206.75	252.50	180.84	13.00	14.00	7.00	674.09
Graterford	170.75	194.75	264.69	12.10	6.35	6.15	654.79
Harleysville	154.25	124.85	87.97	7.25	7.60	5.15	387.07
Northampton	144.00	109.75	99.74	7.25	6.25	8.35	375.34
Walnutport	100.00	56.25	71.01	5.00	4.25	5.00	241.51
Nazareth	314.90	302.00	166.58	13.00	8.25	6.50	811.23
Total	\$6,777.20	\$8,969.74	\$5,077.99	\$348.45	\$260.59	\$182.45	\$21,616.42
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT							
Shamokin	\$ 398.35	\$ 394.50	\$ 231.09	\$ 15.50	\$ 10.25	\$ 5.50	\$ 1,055.19
Easton	436.50	525.50	300.33	16.83	10.00	9.13	1,298.29
Sunbury	266.50	157.25	152.00	12.00	10.50	11.65	609.90
Stroudsburg	168.30	159.25	193.76	11.50	10.30	11.50	554.61
Lehighton	157.60	104.25	137.39	4.19	4.09	4.25	411.77
Weissport			115.89				115.89
Mt. Carmel	85.05	82.85	93.33	7.35	5.37	4.86	278.81
Scranton	134.75	56.25	300.00	10.10	10.33	11.03	522.46
Gospel Herald Society.			773.39				773.39
Total	\$1,647.05	\$1,479.85	\$2,297.18	\$ 77.47	\$ 60.84	\$ 57.92	\$ 5,620.31
Grand Total	\$8,424.25	\$10,449.59	\$7,375.17	\$425.92	\$321.43	\$240.37	\$27,236.73

F. M. Hottel,
H. L. Moyer,

G. O. Billig,
Allen M. Gehman,
Committee.

XXII—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—A.

Appointments	Pastor	Ministers and Officers										Membership										Pastoral Visits	Prayer Meetings Visited	Sunday Schools Visited				
		Presiding Elders	Missionary P. E.	Ordained Ministers	Probationers	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	Appointments	Sermons Preached
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.																												
Bethlehem.....	C. H. Brunner.....	1	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	8	7	6	8	14	5	4	4	4	13	1	..	235	1	153	465	121	46	
Allentown.....	B. E. Musselman.....	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	4	25	12	21	14	35	1	4	6	1	11	24	1	..	254	1	138	357	47	
Reading.....	R. W. Dickert.....	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	16	17	10	10	..	1	3	3	4	11	4	1	..	177	1	150	452	46	
Philadelphia.....	F. M. Hotel.....	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	23	42	10	3	13	2	5	2	9	9	4	..	177	1	161	390	160	44	
Wissinoming.....	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	6	8	14	1	1	1	1	9	5	..	..	86	1	65	102	40	37
Coopersburg.....	R. L. Woodring.....	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	2	2	6	8	14	1	4	4	5	9	5	..	..	86	1	96	365	104	44
Springtown.....	.....	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	2	..	5	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	4	5	..	..	108	1	78	169	43	48
Allentown, Salem.....	O. S. Hillegass.....	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	2	4	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	4	5	12	..	..	68	1	163	434	44	48
Spring City.....	H. K. Kraus.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	4	5	8	..	..	64	1	59	166	46	44
Royersford.....	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	4	8	8	16	1	3	3	2	8	1	..	..	98	1	63	120	65	44
Macungie.....	J. C. Roth.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	8	..	..	33	1	58	55	22	..
Mauch Chunk.....	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	38	1	47	42	13	16
Zionsville.....	G. F. Yost.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	45	1	48	213	14	11
Fleetwood.....	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	30	1	55	65	14	11
Blanton.....	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	52	1	68	185	13	13
Terre Hill.....	.....	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	10	3	13	4	17	3	2	1	4	4	5	..	..	79	1	193	300	76	47
Quakertown.....	W. F. Heffner.....	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	13	4	17	1	1	2	7	12	5	..	..	69	1	87	154	65	46
Hatfield.....	.....	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	..	..	1	69	1	87	154	65	46
Graterford.....	E. N. Cassel.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	3	..	..	85	1	90	112	33	..
Harleysville.....	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	4	4	4	1	1	1	2	3	1	..	..	39	1	82	135	22	22
Northampton.....	A. G. Woodring.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	3	4	4	4	1	1	1	2	3	1	..	..	36	1	77	147	26	19
Walnutport.....	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	3	2	2	3	3	2	12	8	10	14	..	..	48	1	144	158	43	47
Nazareth.....	F. B. Hertzog.....	1	13	1	5	2	38	37	37	129	114	97	49	146	22	12	63	51	148	51	53	1725	22	2047	4653	1202	666	
Total.....	.....	1	13	1	5	2	38	37	37	129	114	97	49	146	22	12	63	51	148	51	53	1725	22	2047	4653	1202	666	
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																												
Shamokin.....	J. G. Shireman.....	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	19	15	19	1	20	1	1	1	1	2	18	..	..	120	1	213	527	85	46
Easton.....	J. B. Layne.....	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	4	2	2	2	1	2	2	4	4	2	..	..	83	1	132	153	71	47
Sunbury.....	V. H. Reinhart.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	4	4	..	..	59	1	120	220	69	45
Lehighton.....	N. H. Wolf.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	3	3	8	1	1	1	1	3	5	..	..	62	1	202	558	41	47
Weissport.....	.....	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	8	4	4	4	8	1	1	1	1	3	5	..	..	62	1	202	558	41	47
Stroudsburg.....	E. E. Kublic.....	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	7	11	2	2	2	1	6	6	6	6	..	..	..	69	1	141	519	76	48
Mt. Carmel.....	R. Bergstresser.....	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	3	3	..	..	39	1	110	150	52	47
P. T. Stengele.....	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	5	46	51	1	1	1	1	3	51	..	..	51	1	230	50	50	50
Scranton.....	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	1	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	57	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	48	48	..	..	18	1	2594	1630	249	325
G. H. Society.....	.....	1	8	7	1	13	15	15	99	55	38	50	88	3	2	9	52	66	78	56	501	8	3512	3987	766	701	325	
Total.....	.....	1	8	7	1	13	15	15	99	55	38	50	88	3	2	9	52	66	78	56	501	8	3512	3987	766	701	325	
Presiding Elders.....	.....	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	65	..	505	..	..	..
G. W. S. Miss., etc. ....	.....	2	1	25	8	6	2	51	52	52	228	169	135	100	235	25	14	72	103	214	130	109	2291	130	6064	8640	1968	1367
Grand Total.....	.....	2	1	25	8	6	2	51	52	52	228	169	135	100	235	25	14	72	103	214	130	109	2291	130	6064	8640	1968	1367

Appointments		Prayer Meeting Classes		New Classes Organized		Sunday Schools				Church Property				Offerings				
Pastor		M. B. in C.	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars Enrolled	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Home Dept. Members	Subscribers to Eastern Gospel Banner	Churches	Parsonages	Janitors' Homes	Increase of Church Property	Decrease of Church Property	Present Valuation of Church Property	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.																		
Bethlehem.....	C. H. Brunner.....	4	4	1	325	367	284	403	111	114	1	1	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 4,500.00	787.70	1,521.20	
Allentown.....	B. B. Musselman.....	3	3	1	42	343	400	321	370	114	1	2	11,000.00		35,000.00	934.00	1,833.00	
Reading.....	R. W. Dickert.....	3	3	1	33	272	305	244	267	54	1	1	11,000.00		25,000.00	533.50	574.39	
Philadelphia.....	F. M. Hotel.....	3	3	1	41	245	286	211	141	81	1	1	10,000.00		20,000.00	781.00	1,154.00	
Wilmington.....	W. L. Woodring.....	3	3	1	14	69	83	63	92	26	1	1	10,000.00		30,000.00	383.50	392.00	
Coopersburg.....	O. S. Hillegass.....	2	2	1	25	152	177	109	140	25	1	1	5,000.00		5,000.00	37.00	46.00	
Springtown.....	H. K. Kraatz.....	1	1	1	19	103	122	78	98	28	1	1	5,000.00		9,050.00	265.50	243.25	
Spring City.....	J. C. Roth.....	2	2	1	18	100	118	84	39	28	1	1	4,650.00		4,000.00	221.60	191.00	
Royersford.....	"	1	1	1	20	191	211	150	60	26	1	1	10,800.00		10,800.00	296.75	265.25	
Emans.....	"	1	1	1	15	60	75	53	40	10	1	1	2,050.00		2,050.00	424.50	412.50	
Macungie.....	"	1	1	1	12	41	53	40	11	11	1	1	5,050.00		5,050.00	131.50	299.05	
Zionsville.....	G. F. Yost.....	1	1	1	22	94	116	93	71	20	1	1	4,800.00		4,800.00	308.00	288.00	
Fleetwood.....	"	1	1	1	13	78	91	56	12	7	1	1	2,000.00		2,000.00	90.00	300.00	
Blanton.....	"	1	1	1	20	100	120	83	52	18	1	1	2,800.00		3,500.00	280.00	341.00	
Terre Hill.....	W. F. Heffner.....	2	2	1	17	93	110	97	84	42	1	1	12,000.00		12,000.00	206.75	252.50	
Quakertown.....	"	2	2	1	18	72	90	74	61	21	1	1	1,500.00		1,500.00	170.75	194.75	
Hadfield.....	E. N. Cassel.....	2	2	1	15	80	95	64	115	9	1	1	1,000.00		1,000.00	154.25	124.85	
Graterford.....	A. G. Woodring.....	1	1	1	12	113	125	63	40	16	1	1	5,750.00		5,750.00	144.00	109.75	
Harleysville.....	"	1	1	1	12	113	125	63	40	16	1	1	4,500.00		4,500.00	100.00	56.25	
Northampton.....	F. B. Hertzog.....	1	1	1	17	60	77	78	37	26	1	1	9,500.00		9,500.00	314.90	302.00	
Walnutport.....	"	1	1	1	17	60	77	78	37	26	1	1	9,500.00		9,500.00	314.90	302.00	
Nazareth.....	"	1	1	1	17	60	77	78	37	26	1	1	9,500.00		9,500.00	314.90	302.00	
Total.....		37	37	20	449	2536	3145	2337	2136	712	23	15	3	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 257,850.00	\$ 6,777.20	\$ 8,969.74	
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																		
Shamokin.....	J. G. Shireman.....	3	3	1	27	145	172	127	40	43	1	1	24,000.00		35,000.00	398.35	394.50	
Easton.....	J. B. Layne.....	2	2	1	20	134	154	114	133	32	1	1	1,000.00		13,500.00	436.50	525.50	
Sunbury.....	V. H. Reinhart.....	2	2	1	21	90	111	89	39	26	1	1	1,000.00		8,000.00	266.50	157.25	
Lehighon.....	N. H. Wolf.....	1	1	1	15	79	94	72	81	53	1	1	1,000.00		5,500.00	157.60	104.25	
Weissport.....	"	1	1	1	14	110	124	85	100	11	1	1	1,000.00		1,300.00	157.60	104.25	
Stroudsburg.....	E. E. Kubic.....	2	2	1	19	116	135	100	17	52	1	1	10,000.00		10,000.00	168.30	159.25	
Scranton.....	M. T. Bergstresser.....	2	2	1	16	104	120	84	46	26	1	1	12,000.00		12,000.00	82.85	56.25	
Scranton.....	P. T. Stengele.....	1	1	1	19	105	124	85	70	14	1	1	8,000.00		8,000.00	134.75	56.25	
Scranton.....	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	1	1	1	68	583	651	15	15	15	1	1	8,000.00		8,000.00	134.75	56.25	
G. H. Society.....	Total.....	13	13	7	1219	1466	1685	756	426	261	8	6	1	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 93,300.00	\$ 1,647.05	\$ 1,479.85	
The Home.....	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	
Mizpah Grove.....	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	
Grand Total.....		50	50	27	1668	4182	4830	3093	2562	973	31	21	4	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 2,705.62	\$ 444,483.34	\$ 8,424.25	\$ 10,449.59

XXII—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—C.

OFFERINGS—Continued

Appointments	Pastor	Foreign Missions in Sunday Schools	For the Poor	Church Properties	Repairing Church Properties	Parsonage and Hall Rent	Gentry and Gentry Expenses	Sunday Schools	Presiding Elders	Ministers in Cash	Ministers in Other Contributions
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.											
Bethlehem	C. H. Brunner.....	\$ 928.66	\$ 48.00	\$ 2,366.07	.....	.....	\$ 574.14	\$ 2,369.45	\$ 440.60	\$ 1,610.86	\$ 474.22
Allentown, Bethel	E. B. Musselman.....	396.63	37.50	677.64	.....	.....	963.00	2,124.03	570.00	1,958.00	720.95
Reading	R. W. Dickert.....	635.45	28.00	.....	.....	.....	963.00	967.15	356.26	1,278.65	282.45
Philadelphia	F. M. Hotel.....	420.52	25.00	959.67	.....	.....	1,267.51	844.00	497.00	1,722.10	408.06
Wilkes-Barre	"	15.00	.....	1,497.00	.....	.....	210.95	212.37	.....	243.57	41.00
Coopersburg	R. L. Woodring.....	245.78	16.65	.....	.....	.....	407.59	351.80	200.00	883.25	252.00
Springtown .....	" .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18.00	11.50
Allentown, Salem	O. S. Hillegass.....	157.79	37.20	154.20	.....	244.61	228.38	424.90	164.59	704.25	167.00
Spring City	H. K. Kratz.....	130.58	8.50	.....	.....	66.01	176.63	236.00	140.00	525.70	95.34
Royersford	"	256.03	12.00	.....	.....	89.90	362.59	317.13	141.00	552.25	130.68
Emmaus	J. C. Roth.....	371.02	27.85	.....	.....	127.50	707.02	481.06	328.25	1,273.65	423.50
Macungie	"	156.54	13.30	.....	.....	48.20	136.17	73.09	295.00	326.10	84.80
Zionsville	"	232.61	15.70	.....	.....	29.30	165.25	60.18	.....	381.55	96.90
Fleetwood	G. F. Yost.....	165.00	8.40	100.00	.....	143.85	284.80	269.03	190.00	596.16	175.00
Blandon	"	56.30	3.25	.....	.....	67.45	188.18	132.94	90.50	193.40	21.50
Terre Hill	"	69.25	9.50	333.00	.....	116.00	333.78	197.05	100.00	485.15	95.00
Quakertown	W. F. Hefner.....	180.84	13.00	.....	\$ 53.00	453.40	375.52	536.96	177.00	771.15	365.65
Hatfield .....	" .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Graterford	E. N. Cassel.....	264.69	12.10	258.00	.....	.....	168.02	241.97	109.00	627.15	333.37
Hartleysville	"	87.97	7.25	173.50	.....	.....	90.42	.....	108.50	413.30	311.28
Northampton	A. G. Woodring.....	99.74	7.25	90.00	.....	253.97	240.73	352.90	90.00	592.80	135.00
Walnutport	"	71.01	5.00	90.00	.....	234.82	302.90	242.78	124.00	301.95	70.00
Nazareth	F. B. Hertzog.....	166.58	13.00	.....	.....	294.23	894.25	280.35	196.00	746.80	311.91
Total		\$ 5,077.99	\$ 348.45	\$ 6,366.08	\$ 53.00	\$ 2,467.59	\$ 8,766.35	\$ 10,715.14	\$ 4,317.70	\$ 16,220.79	\$ 5,007.11
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.											
Shamokin	J. G. Shireman.....	231.09	15.50	1,641.10	.....	423.10	744.84	476.61	306.25	1,696.00	266.50
Paston	J. R. Payne.....	301.33	16.83	2,091.00	.....	377.11	418.66	695.39	283.50	1,165.30	300.00
Sunbury	V. H. Reinhart.....	152.00	12.00	615.47	.....	307.75	177.99	262.21	199.00	679.50	122.30
Lehighon	N. H. Wolf.....	137.89	4.19	5.32	62.50	216.00	194.92	201.29	197.00	511.50	312.48
Wellsville	"	115.89	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	219.45	.....	.....	.....
Stroudsburg	E. E. Kuble.....	193.76	11.50	286.65	.....	224.15	481.86	325.27	224.00	689.50	397.62
Mt. Carmel	R. Bergrasser.....	93.33	7.35	.....	.....	104.40	387.60	249.54	120.00	623.75	291.65
Scranton	P. T. Stengele.....	300.00	10.10	252.99	.....	278.65	283.48	468.34	110.12	781.85	75.60
G. H. Society.....	W. G. Gehman, Pres.....	773.39	.....	2,510.53	.....	2,740.95	3,908.99	1,667.63	665.50	.....	2,096.85
Total		\$ 2,297.18	\$ 77.47	\$ 7,403.06	\$ 62.50	\$ 4,972.11	\$ 6,566.24	\$ 4,568.33	\$ 2,105.37	\$ 6,147.49	\$ 3,833.00
Grand Total.....		\$ 7,375.17	\$ 425.92	\$ 13,769.14	\$ 115.50	\$ 7,139.70	\$ 16,332.59	\$ 15,283.47	\$ 6,423.07	\$ 22,368.28	\$ 8,840.11

OFFERINGS—Concluded

Appointments	Pastor	Benevolent Society	Gospel Worker	Tabernacle, Missionary or Evangelistic Work	Camp Meetings	Sunday School and other Conventions	Annual Conference Fund	Annual Conference Delegate Fund	Benevolent Society	Japanese Relief	Total Offerings	Subscriptions and Literature Sold
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.												
Bethlehem	C. H. Brunner	\$ 33.00	\$ 746.93	\$ 151.35	.....	\$ 36.05	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 227.50	.....	\$ 12,367.73	\$ 512.00
Allentown, Bethel	B. B. Musselman	46.00	424.45	130.00	.....	25.00	25.00	30.00	187.50	.....	11,982.70	315.00
Reading	R. W. Dickert	14.90	390.61	19.89	.....	21.56	11.25	22.33	157.50	.....	3,772.46	350.13
Philadelphia	F. M. Hottel	25.00	542.67	125.00	.....	24.00	21.00	25.00	105.50	.....	3,947.03	647.50
Wissinoming	"	.....	68.34	.....	.....	10.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,298.48	.....
Coopersburg	R. L. Woodring	8.25	159.62	129.23	.....	21.00	8.91	20.00	11.00	.....	3,490.58	138.60
Springtown	"	.....	4.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	118.50	.....
Allentown, Salem	O. S. Hillegass	16.18	109.94	36.50	.....	12.25	5.17	23.10	24.00	.....	3,018.81	50.00
Spring City	H. K. Kratz	6.37	137.75	84.96	.....	15.00	8.25	18.40	44.50	\$20.00	2,123.59	132.58
Royersford	"	10.89	272.74	123.08	.....	15.00	8.22	9.10	31.50	25.46	2,908.58	120.54
Emaus	J. C. Roth	21.65	179.34	.....	.....	15.50	13.00	17.66	70.00	.....	4,894.00	363.35
Macungie	"	8.95	64.03	.....	.....	5.00	3.93	8.00	30.50	.....	1,685.88	64.43
Zionsville	"	8.90	38.55	.....	.....	4.51	3.10	4.90	28.00	.....	1,665.45	42.00
Fleetwood	G. F. Yost	4.30	57.19	.....	.....	16.00	3.60	8.50	54.00	.....	2,602.83	115.00
Blandon	"	2.80	30.63	.....	.....	18.10	3.00	7.00	22.50	.....	986.55	30.00
Terre Hill	"	6.70	80.66	.....	.....	10.11	5.15	9.50	.....	.....	2,188.85	140.00
Quakertown	W. F. Heffner	14.00	112.68	439.17	.....	16.49	7.00	26.25	45.50	.....	4,046.66	114.65
Hatfield	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Graterford	E. N. Cassel	6.35	105.90	23.50	.....	12.00	6.15	8.47	26.00	.....	2,568.17	100.82
Harleysville	"	7.60	61.58	9.00	.....	.....	5.15	6.81	4.00	.....	1,565.46	88.00
Northampton	A. G. Woodring	6.25	80.24	.....	.....	11.50	8.35	14.85	42.00	.....	2,279.33	109.00
Walnutport	"	4.25	38.68	.....	.....	9.00	5.50	11.40	5.50	.....	1,686.94	172.50
Nazareth	F. B. Hertzog	8.25	166.45	.....	.....	13.00	6.50	25.00	27.50	.....	3,766.72	254.00
Mizpah Grove	Camp Meeting	.....	.....	.....	\$ 6,891.73	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,891.73	.....
Total	.....	\$260.59	\$ 3,862.39	\$ 1,271.68	\$ 6,891.73	\$295.32	\$ 182.45	\$322.27	\$ 1,039.00	\$45.46	\$ 89,258.03	\$ 3,890.10
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.												
Shamokin	J. G. Shireman	10.25	167.05	100.85	.....	25.00	5.50	44.00	64.50	.....	7,010.79	882.33
Easton	J. E. Layne	10.00	194.00	24.00	.....	20.00	9.13	20.70	88.00	.....	6,975.85	323.73
Sunbury	V. H. Reinhardt	10.50	96.14	.....	.....	25.25	11.65	19.00	16.50	.....	3,130.31	150.00
Leighton	N. H. Wolf	4.09	63.40	11.00	.....	10.02	4.25	15.40	8.00	.....	2,193.60	325.88
Weissport	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stroudsburg	E. Kubic	10.30	87.98	113.50	.....	12.35	11.50	26.75	47.50	.....	3,471.23	612.40
Scranton	R. Bergtresser	5.37	39.71	.....	.....	23.00	4.86	26.00	25.50	.....	2,139.56	163.60
P. T. Stengle	"	10.33	67.16	.....	.....	16.03	11.03	10.06	.....	.....	2,866.74	475.88
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	.....	228.51	531.10	.....	390.42	.....	.....	.....	.....	15,513.87	20,414.87
Edgewood Grove	Camp Meeting	.....	.....	.....	\$ 2,193.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,193.25	.....
Total	.....	\$ 60.84	\$ 943.95	\$ 780.45	\$ 2,193.25	\$532.07	\$ 57.92	\$161.91	\$ 250.00	.....	\$ 45,840.04	\$ 23,348.29
Grand Total	.....	\$321.43	\$ 4,806.34	\$ 2,052.13	\$ 9,084.98	\$827.39	\$ 240.37	\$454.18	\$ 1,289.00	\$45.46	\$ 135,098.07	\$ 27,238.59

E. N. Cassel, J. G. Shireman, H. K. Kratz, W. F. Heffner, Committee on Statistics.

ROLL AND DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS

I. Itinerants

NAME	Licensed	Ordained	Received Present Charge	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Bergstresser, R...	1901	1904	1917	132 W. 4th St. Mt. Carmel, Pa.
Brunner, C. H....	1893	1896	1923	3362 N. 11th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Cassel, E. N.....	1901	1904	1920	Graterford, Pa.
Dickert, R. W....	1916	1919	1923	144 N. Sixth St., Sunbury, 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.
Hertzog, F. B....	1922	....	1922	16 S. Broad St., Nazareth, Pa.
Hillegass, O. S....	1889	1892	1920	723 Filmore St., Allentown, Pa.
Hottel, F. M.....	1905	1909	1923	125 W. Laurel St., Bethlehem, Pa.
Kratz, H. K.....	1906	1909	1923	Cherry St. Walnutport, 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 Second Ave., 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	1923	438 Cypress St., Lehigh, Pa.
Roth, J. C.....	1900	1903	1923	936 Oley St., Reading, Pa.
Shireman, J. G....	1898	1900	1922	710 E. Sunbury St., Shamokin, Pa.
Stengele, P. T....	1918	1923	1922	1023 Taylor Ave., Scranton, Pa.
Wolf, N. H.....	1916	1920	1923	311 Yost Ave., Spring City, Pa.
Woodring, R. L....	1898	1900	1918	Fairview St., Coopersburg, Pa.
Woodring, A. G....	1917	1920	1923	119 N. Richmond St., Fleetwood, Pa.
Yost, G. F.....	1908	1913	1923	25 N. Fifth St., Emaus, Pa.

II. Local Preachers and Evangelists

Barrall, J. F.....	1901	1904	....	710 E. Sunbury St., Shamokin, Pa.
Shick, E. T.....	1899	1901	....	515 Green Street, Allentown, Pa.

III. Annual Conference Licensed Preachers

Anderson, J. T....	1909	....	....	Gospel Herald Society.
Cressman, N. M....	1921	....	....	" " "
Gehret, T. D....	1921	....	....	" " "
Meyers, M. M....	1919	....	....	" " "
Musselman, E. H....	1921	....	....	" " "
Stengele, W. R....	1918	....	....	" " "

IV. Quarterly Conference Licensed Missionaries

Brunner, Mrs. C. H.	1892	....	....	Philadelphia, Pa.
Fretz, W. J.....	1898	....	....	Bethlehem, Pa.
Gehman, H. M....	1897	....	....	Allentown, Pa.
Gehman, Allen W.	1922	....	....	Macungie, Pa.
Martin, E. W....	1901	....	....	East Earl, 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.

II. EVANGELICAL UNITED MENNONITES. (Annual)

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

CORD OF CONFERENCES (Continued)

† III. MENNONITE BRETHREN IN CHRIST. (Annual)

1884	Feb. 4	Terre Hill	William Gehman	W. H. Gehman.
1885	Feb. 2	Quakertown	"	M. A. Zyner.
1886	Feb. 1	Upper Milford	"	"
1887	Feb. 7	Reading	"	A. Kauffman.
1888	Feb. 6	Coopersburg	"	"
1889	Feb. 4	Terre Hill	"	"
1890	Feb. 3	Bethlehem	"	M. A. Zyner.
1891	Feb. 2	Quakertown	"	C. H. Brunner.
1892	Feb. 1	Upper Milford	W. B. Musselman	"
1893	Feb. 6	Coopersburg	"	"
1894	Feb. 2	Terre Hill	"	"
1895	Feb. 1	Reading	"	"
1896	Feb. 7-10	Allentown	"	"
1897	Feb. 19-22	Royersford	"	"
1898	March 4-7	Bethlehem	"	"
1899	March 3-6	Upper Milford	C. H. Brunner	W. G. Gehman.
1900	Sept. 14-17	Reading	"	"
1901	Oct. 4-7	Bethlehem	W. B. Musselman	"
1902	Oct. 17-20	Reading	H. B. Musselman	"
1903	Oct. 16-20	Mt. Carmel	"	"
1904	Oct. 27-31	Allentown	"	"
1905	Oct. 12-16	Bethlehem	"	"
1906	Oct. 11-15	Reading	W. G. Gehman	C. H. Brunner.
1907	Oct. 10-14	Royersford	"	"
1908	Oct. 8-12	Bethlehem	H. B. Musselman	"
1909	Oct. 14-18	Allentown	"	"
1910	Oct. 13-17	Reading	"	"
1911	Oct. 12-16	Royersford	"	"
1912	Oct. 10-14	Allentown	"	"
1913	Oct. 9-13	Reading	"	"
1914	Oct. 15-19	Bethlehem	"	"
1915	Oct. 14-18	Royersford	"	"
1916	Sept. 21-25	Philadelphia	"	"
1917	Sept. 21-25	Allentown	"	"
1918	Nov. 4-6	Reading	"	"
1919	Oct. 16-20	Reading	"	"
1920	Sept. 23-27	Bethlehem	"	"
1921	Oct. 13-17	Allentown	"	"
1922	Oct. 12-16	Philadelphia	"	"
1923	Oct. 11-15	Bethlehem	"	"

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

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

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

CAMP MEETINGS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

YEAR		TENTS		TENTS		TENTS		TENTS
†1879								
1880	Chestnut Hill	6						
1881	"							
1882	"							
1883	"							
1884	"							
1885	"							
1886	"							
1887	"							
1888	"							
1889	"							
1890	"							
1891	"							
1892	"							
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	Wescovesville	104	Hellertown		73 Spring City			
1905	"	131	"		Bonnie Bray)			
1906	"	136	"		82 Spring City			
1907	"	122	"		Bonnie Bray)			
1908	"	148	"		125 Reading			
1909	Waldheim	153	"		(Helner's Spgs.)			
1910	Mizpah Grove	167	Mizpah G've.	154	Reading	90	Shamokin	
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Spg. Valley)		(Bunker Hill)	85
1911	Mizpah Grove	156	Mizpah G've.	160	Easton (Mt.	75	Shamokin	75
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		Carmel Dist.)		(Bunker Hill)	
1912	Mizpah Grove	163	Mizpah G've.		139 Easton (Mt.	75		
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		Carmel Dist.)			
1913	Mizpah Grove	165	Mizpah G've.		Easton (Mt.	89		
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		Carmel Dist.)			
1914	Mizpah Grove	143	Mizpah G've.		Mizpah G've.	100	Shamokin	43
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1915	Mizpah Grove	145	Mizpah G've.		Mizpah G've.	75	Shamokin	58
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1916	Mizpah Grove	155	Mizpah G've.		Mizpah G've.	76	Shamokin	71
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1917	Mizpah Grove	162	Mizpah G've.		Mizpah G've.	68	Shamokin	78
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1918	Mizpah Grove	199	Mizpah G've.		Mizpah G've.	66	Shamokin	86
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1919	Mizpah Grove	189	Mizpah G've.		194 Shamokin	106		
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1920	Mizpah Grove	195	Mizpah G've.		203 Shamokin	120	Harrisburg	65
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1921	Mizpah Grove	224	Mizpah G've.		183 Shamokin	105		
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1922	Mizpah Grove	240	Mizpah G've.		219 Shamokin	126		
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1923	Mizpah Grove	259	Mizpah G've.		238 Shamokin	128		
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
					221 Shamokin	136		
					(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
					217 Shamokin	126		
					(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
					212 Shamokin	174		
					(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.

Editor.

GENERAL CONFERENCES

1. ZIONSVILLE, PA. November 8-12, 1879.
A Union Conference, including sixteen Members of the Pennsylvania Conference. Name changed to Evangelical United Mennonites.
2. ELKHART, IND. 1882.
Wm. Gehman, John Traub.
3. HARRISBURG, O. December 27-29, 1883.
Wm. Gehman, A. Strawn.
A Union Conference with the Brethren in Christ. Name changed to Mennonite Brethren in Christ.
4. ZIONSVILLE, PA. 1885.
Wm. Gehman, P. E., A. Strawn.
5. BERLIN, ONTARIO. 1888.
Wm. Gehman, P. E., A. Strawn, W. B. Musselman.
6. HARRISBURG, O. 1892.
W. B. Musselman, P. E., Wm. Gehman, Noah Detweiler, M. A. Zyner.
7. COOPERSBURG, PA. 1896.
W. B. Musselman, P. E., Wm. Gehman, C. H. Brunner.
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.



