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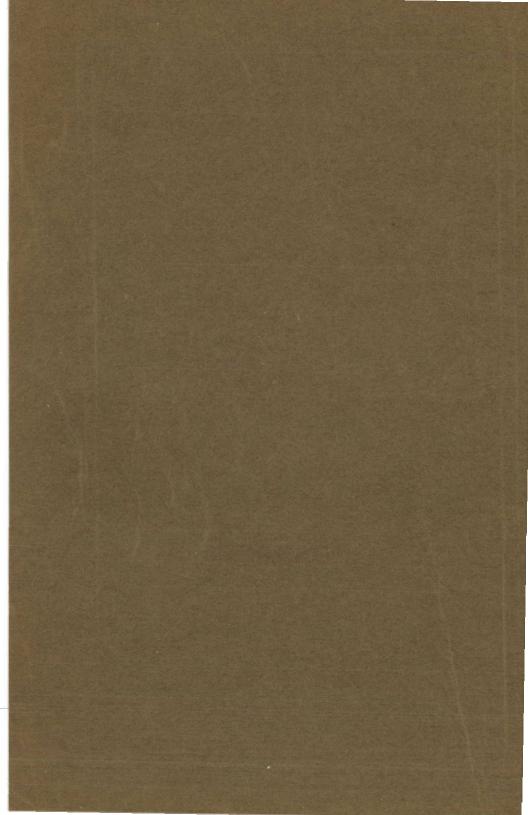
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Gospel Herald Society-President, W. G. Gehman.

Business Rules of the Conference

- 1. Two sessions shall be held daily, as follows: From 8 to 11:30 a.m., and from 1 to 5 p.m.
- 2. The Chairman shall take his seat precisely at the time to which the Conference adjourned, open and conduct the devotional exercises. The Secretary shall call the roll, and read the minutes of the preceding session, after which business shall proceed as follows:
- (a) Committee Reports. (b) Petitions. (c) Unfinished Business. (d) Miscellaneous Business.
- 3. Anyone wishing to speak shall rise and respectfully address the Chair. In case more than one should address the Chair at the same time, the Chairman shall decide who is entitled to the floor.
- 4. No one shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes on any subject unless he receives permission by the Chair.
- 5. No one shall speak the second time until all who desire have spoken. He shall then ask permission of the Chairman.
 - 6. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preserve order.

COMMITTEES.

Committees appointed by the Chairman, subject to the approval of the Conference:

- 1. Committee on Worship.
- 2. Committee on Communication.
- 3. Committee on Finance.
- 4. Committee on Statistics.
- 5. Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Records.
- 6. Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records.
- 7. Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders.
- 8. Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists and Missionaries.
- 9. Committee on Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference License.
 - 10. Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination.
 - 11. Committee on Resolutions.
 - 12. Auditing Committee.
 - 13. Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.

(Appointed by Conference.)

STANDING COMMITTEES.

- (a) Appointed by the Chairman.
- 1. Committee on Camp Meeting Equipage.
- 2. Board of Publication and Printing.

(b) Elected by Ballot.

- 1. Committee over the Presiding Elders.
- 2. Executive Board.
- 3. Board of Foreign Missions.
- 4. Board of Trustees of The 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.

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 delivers a lawful deed for the second

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 Con-

ference 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 treas-

ury 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 follow-

ing 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 annu-

ally 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 [Enacted February 3, 1894.]

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 re spective 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.]

Year Books.—A.—The Annual Conference minutes shall be published only in the Year Book. 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 for their Year Books within one week after they receive them. [Enacted October 13, 1905.]

C.—The Secretary shall send Year Books 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 Year Book of the same session.

E.—The Editor of the Year Book shall arrange a brief report of the Sunday services at the Annual Conference to be published in the Year Book. [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 Year Book 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.

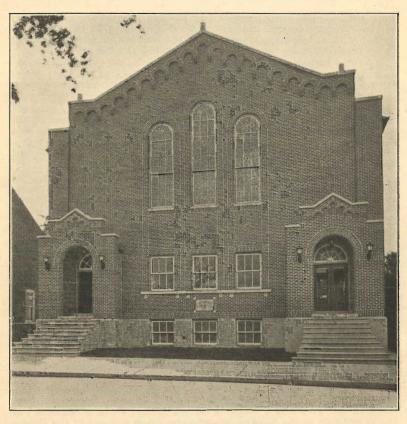
D .- Beneficiary Fund-Annual.

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.] An offering for this Fund shall be lifted sometime before the Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention and a check to the amount be made out to the Treasurer and sent at once to the Secretary.
- 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.]



Bethel M. B. in C. Church. 526-530 N. Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa. 50 x 100 ft. Built in 1924. Here the Conference was held.

Annual Conference Proceedings

FIRST MEETING.

THURSDAY FORENOON, SEPTEMBER 25, 1924.

The Forty-first Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania convened in Bethel M. B.

in C. Church, 526-30 N. Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa.

The first meeting was opened at 8 a.m., according to announcement, by singing "I need Thee every hour." 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 "We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy Love," the Chairman, H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District, read Psalm 103, 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, B. Bryan Musselman, F. M. Hottel, G. F. Yost, C. H. Brunner, J. C. Roth, A. G. Woodring, N. H. Wolf, E. N. Cassel, H. K. Kratz, R. L. Woodring, O. S. Hillegass, W. F. Heffner, J. G. Shireman, J. B. Layne, R. W. Dickert, E. E. Kublic, V. H. Reinhart, R. Bergstresser and P. T. Stengele.

Probationer-F. B. Hertzog.

DELEGATES.

G. O. Billig, Allentown—Bethel.

H. L. Moyer, Bethlehem.

Allen M. Gehman, Emaus, Macungie and Zionsville.

W. D. Evert, Philadelphia.

H. N. Rishel, Reading.

G. K. Himmelreich, Fleetwood, Blandon and Terre Hill.

R. R. Fox, Royersford and Spring City.

C. D. Bean, Graterford and Harleysville.

O. B. Bartholomew, Northampton and Walnutport.

H. L. Shelly, Coopersburg.

G. Louis Baumgartner, Allentown—Salem. H. H. Bergey, Quakertown and Hatfield.

Ray L. Barrall, Shamokin.

H. V. Smith, Easton.

C. B. Brosius, Sunbury.

George R. Fish, Stroudsburg.

Charles E. Eroh, Lehighton and Weissport.

D. M. Camp, Mt. Carmel. Charles A. Wilcox, Scranton.

E. Godshall, Nazareth.

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 have been supported by our Conference during the past year.

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 Innocencio Gomez.

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

Resolved, That the first five pews of the three sections to the left of the Chair, constitute the Conference Bar. Also the basement for special meetings and the East balcony for private meetings.

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 Time-keeper.

He apointed H. K. Kratz as Reporter and O. S. Hillegass

as Timekeeper.

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



Mizpah Grove. View of the Auditorium.

COMMITTEES.

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

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

Committee on Communications: R. L. Woodring and H. K. Kratz.

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

Committee on Statistics: E. N. Cassel, J. G. Shireman, J. B. Layne and W. F. Heffner.

Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records: J. C. Roth, E. E. Kublic, H. K. Kratz, V. H. Reinhart, Charles E. Eroh, C. B. Brosius, H. V. Smith, Ray L. Barrall, O. B. Bartholomew, H. N. Rishel, Charles A. Wilcox, F. B. Hertzog, D. M. Camp, George R. Fish and R. Bergstresser.

Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Records: R. W. Dickert and R. Bergstresser.

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, J. G. Shireman and O. S. Hillegass.

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

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

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, P. T. Stengele, W. D. Evert, R. R. Fox, E. Godshall, G. Louis Baumgartner, H. H. Bergey 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.

Resolved, That we adjourn to the call of the Chair, not later than half past one this afternoon.

Adjourned with prayer by H. L. Moyer and benediction by the Chairman.

SECOND MEETING.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 25, 1924.

The Chair opened the afternoon meeting at 1:30 p.m. with singing "I am so Wondrously Saved," and prayer by O. B. Bartholomew.

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 Camp Meeting Equipage. (See Reports.)

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

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

Report of the Committee on Worship:



Salem M. B. in C. Church.

McFerran Street, near Broad, Philadelphia.
Church, 32 x 60. Lot, 100 x 60. Purchased in 1923.

J. B. Henry, P. S. Taylor and Paul E. Baer shall speak about fifteen minutes each this evening.

G. O. Billig,

B. Bryan Musselman,

Committee.

Resolved, That we defer the balance of the Committee reports until this evening and proceed to hear the oral reports of the Pastors.

The Pastors now began to submit their oral reports.

The oral reports of the Pastors were concluded.

The following report was read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, The Lord has again spared all the pastors of both districts, so that all could report at this Conference the wonder-

ful doings of the Lord on the various charges during the year, stating that many were saved through the preaching of His Word, considerable progress having been made on all lines, a number reporting the holding of very large and interesting open-air meetings and tabernacle meetings. The spirit of true devotion, loyalty and sacrifice among the laity being highly commended in all the reports, there,

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

Resolved, That we unitedly pray the Lord to keep the Ministry wholly devoted and Spirit-filled in these days of apostasy, well united in Christ for still greater usefulness in God's cause.

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

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

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

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

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, God through His great love and His tenderest care has again preserved both of our Presiding Elders another year, who also have reported the progress of the Conference along spiritual and financial lines, the President of the Gospel Herald Society also reporting all the missions active along spiritual and financial lines with a loyal and larger band of Gospel Heralds than ever before, and

Whereas, These reports contained the highest praise for God's people throughout the Conference, the untiring labors of the Pastors, the ever increasing support of Home and Foreign Mission Work, therefore,

Resolved, That we pledge our prayers and support for them in their labors, devotion and wholesome counsels as leaders of our Conference, and further.

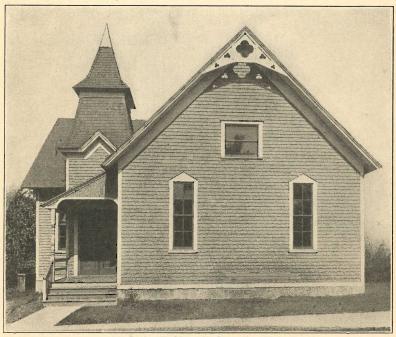
Resolved, That we as a Ministry praise God for being counted worthy to stand by such noble and unselfish leaders.

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

Committee.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet this evening from 7:45 to 9:30 o'clock.

Adjourned at 5:20 with prayer by George R. Fish and the benediction by C. H. Brunner.



M. B. in C. Church, Scranton, Pa. Formerly a German Methodist Church, purchased in 1921.

THIRD MEETING.

THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 25, 1924.

The meeting was opened with prayer by H. K. Kratz.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

We have examined the Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists and Missionaries and found them all in a satisfactory condition. W. F. Heffner,

J. G. Shireman, O. S. Hillegass,

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 a good condition with only a few slight errors, which were corrected in the presence of the Pastors.

J. C. Roth,
E. E. Kublic,
H. K. Kratz,
V. H. Reinhart,
Charles E. Eroh,
C. B. Brosius,
H. V. Smith,
Ray L. Barrall,

O. B. Bartholomew,
H. N. Rishel,
Charles A. Wilcox,
F. B. Hertzog,
D. M. Camp,
George R. Fish,
R. Bergstresser,
Committee.

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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 earnestly engaged in preaching the Word and in fulfilling their various duties connected with the Lord's service.

H. H. Bergey, C. D. Bean,

G. K. Himmelreich,
Committee.

Report of the Committee on Communications:

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

R. L. Woodring,

H. K. Kratz.

Committee.

Report of the Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Records:

We have examined the Annual Conference Records of 1923 and found them all correct with the exception of a slight omission which was inserted by the Secretary.

R. W. Dickert, R. Bergstresser, Committee. Report of the Board of Publication and Printing. (See Reports.)

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

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

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

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



Camp Meeting in 1909, before we had an Auditorium.

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

Resolved, That we refer the matter relative to the Benevolent Society to the Executive Board.

The following reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Conference Treasurer. (See Reports.)

Report of the Beneficiary Society. (See Reports.)

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

The letter from J. F. Barrall was read to the Conference and referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Adjourned with prayer and the benediction by J. C. Roth.

FOURTH MEETING.

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 26, 1924.

The meeting was opened with singing "Precious Promise God hath given," and prayer by Allen M. Gehman.

The Chair read the Twelfth Chapter of Romans 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 Resolutions:

Whereas, J. F. Barrall, of Shamokin, Pa., sent a letter to this Conference in which he stated that he could not be present on account of sickness in his family, and expressing his love for the Lord's work stronger than ever before, therefore,

Resolved, That we accept his excuse and pray that the Lord

may lead in his own life and family.

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

Committee.

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

The President of the Gospel Herald Society recommended J. B. Henry, P. S. Taylor and Paul E. Baer, Gospel Heralds, as Applicants for Annual Conference License.

Resolved, That they be accepted and recommended to the Committee on Examinations of Applicants for Annual Confer-

ence License.

Resolved, That we ask them to give the nature of their call

to the Ministry.

J. B. Henry, P. S. Taylor and Paul E. Baer now expressed the nature of their call to the satisfaction of the members of the Conference.

The following report was read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Worship:

F. B. Hertzog, A. G. Woodring and P. T. Stengele shall speak this evening for twenty minutes each.

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

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

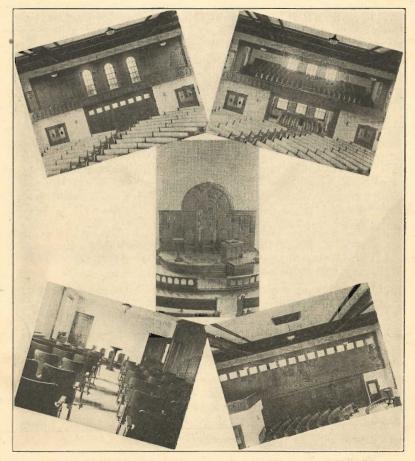
Adjourned.

Business was resumed.

The following report was read and adopted:

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

We have examined the Applicants, P. S. Taylor, Paul E. Baer and J. B. Henry. We believe them to be consecrated, humble, promising young men and pray that they will be made



Interior views of Bethel Church, Allentown, Pa.

East Balcony and Mothers' Room, closed. East Balcony and Mothers' Room, open.

View of Chancel.

Prayer Meeting Room.

West Balcony and Prayer Meeting Room, closed. a great blessing to the Church. We therefore recommend that Annual Conference License be granted them.

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

Resolved, That we excuse the brethren J. B. Henry, P. S. Taylor and Paul E. Baer from further attendance at this Conference.

Resolved, That we excuse F. B. Hertzog from the Saturday meeting, to officiate at a funeral.

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, J. G. Shireman, 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.

Rev. G. W. Hangen, Pastor of Ebenezer Evangelical Church, was introduced to the Conference.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and adjourn to the call of the Chair no later than 4 o'clock this afternoon, permitting the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee to sit.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. G. W. Hangen, Pastor of Ebenezer Evangelical Church, and the benediction by C. H. Brunner.



M. B. in C. Church. Tenth and Oley Streets, Reading, Pa. Remodeled, 1924.

FIFTH MEETING.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 26, 1924.

The meeting was opened at 4 o'clock with prayer by H. N. Rishel.

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

The following report was read and adopted:

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

Resolved, That we proceed with the election of Officers,

Boards and Committees.

Resolved, That the first ballot be cast for the First Vice-Presiding Elder, and the second ballot for the Second Vice-Presiding Elder. The following were elected:

First Vice-Presiding Elder: C. H. Brunner.

Second Vice-Presiding Elder: B. Bryan Musselman.

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

Resolved, That the other officers be nominated and elected

by ballot. The following were elected:

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 F. M. Hottel.

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): J. G. Shireman, F. M. Hottel, R. L. Woodring, B. Bryan Musselman, A. A. Wisner and H. G. Brunner.

Editorial Staff on the "Eastern Gospel Banner":

Editor-W. G. Gehman.

Associate Editors—C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel, E. E. Kublic, 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 and W. F. Heffner.

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

Resolved, That we elect the Delegates to the General Conference.

The following were elected:

Ministerial Delegates—B. Bryan Musselman, C. H. Brunner, F. M. Hottel and E. N. Cassel.

Alternate Delegates—J. C. Roth and G. F. Yost.

Resolved, That J. C. Roth be first Alternate Delegate and G. F. Yost second Alternate Delegate.

Lay Delegates—G. O. Billig, Allen M. Gehman, H. L. Moyer

and H. H. Bergey.

Alternate Lay Delegates—H. L. Shelly and P. Ward Mussel-

Resolved, That P. Ward Musselman be first Alternate Lay Delegate and H. L. Shelly second Alternate Delegate.

Reference Committee relative to Compulsory Military Training—Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; W. G. Gehman, E. N. Cassel and J. C. Roth.

Resolved, That we hold a Sunday School Convention in each

Presiding Elder's District.

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

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a Chairman in each Dis-

trict to organize for these Sunday School Conventions.

He appointed the following:

Bethlehem District—B. Bryan Musselman. Mount Carmel District—J. G. Shireman.

The following report was read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Worship:

The brethren G. F. Yost and J. C. Roth shall speak for thirty minutes each on Saturday evening.

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 Mount Carmel District, shall preach at 2 p.m.

The evening service shall open at 7 o'clock. F. M. Hottel and R. L. Woodring shall speak for thirty minutes each.

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

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

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

Adjourned at 6 o'clock with prayer by J. G. Shireman and the benediction by the Chairman.



Mizpah Grove. Parking Place, looking East.

SIXTH MEETING

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 27, 1924.

This meeting was opened with singing, "How Beautiful to walk in the steps of the Saviour," and prayer by J. C. Roth, after which the Chairman read the First Psalm.

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

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

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

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

Committee over the Presiding Elders: Chairman, F. M. Hottel; Secretary, H. K. Kratz.

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.

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, Coopers-

burg, Graterford and Harleysville.

Mt. Carmel District-Shamokin, Mt. Carmel, Sunbury, Le-

highton, Easton, Stroudsburg and Scranton.

Resolved, That the two Camp Meetings of the Bethlehem District be held in Mizpah Grove, the Bethlehem Division from June 27 to July 5, and the Allentown Division from August 15-23. The Camp Meeting of the Mt. Carmel District shall be held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., from July 18-26.

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 District—Chairman, J. G. Shireman; Secre-

tary, J. B. Layne; Treasurer, R. W. Dickert.

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

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

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

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, therefor,

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, The Gospel Worker 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 express our heartiest thanks to God for His leadings and heartily pledge our prayers and support otherwise and continue to pray God's choicest blessings upon them that their courage, health and strength fail not and that our fellowship in the Word and Work of the Lord may increase more and more until the Lord's return.

(e) Whereas, The Pastor, B. Bryan Musselman, and the members of the Allentown (Bethel) 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 usefulness in God's Cause.

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

A telegram from W. B. Musselman, of Cleveland, Ohio, President of the Gospel Worker Society, was read before the Conference and referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

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

Business was resumed at 11:25 o'clock.

Adjourned with prayer by R. R. Fox, and the benediction by J. G. Shireman.

SEVENTH MEETING.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 27, 1924.

The meeting was opened by singing "I've yielded to God and I'm saved every hour," and prayer by W. D. Evert.

The roll was called and the minutes of the previous meeting

were read and approved.

Resolved, That the Chairman appoint a committee of three to apportion to the respective pastorates our part of General Conference expenses, which amount the Pastors shall collect at once, upon information, and forward to the person the committee designates.

The Chairman appointed the following: B. Bryan Mussel-

man, C. H. Brunner and E. N. Cassel.

The following reports were 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.

In several instances suggestions were made in the keeping of these records from the standpoint of uniformity and for convenience in auditing.

We certify that the above reflects a true statement of the condition of the affairs of the Conference to the best of our

knowledge and belief.

G. F. Yost,
H. L. Shelly,
H. L. Moyer,
E. Godshall,
G. Louis Baumgartner,
G. C. F. Yost,
H. H. Bergey,
W. D. Evert,
R. W. Dickert,
P. T. Stengele,
G. O. Billig,

R. R. Fox. Committee.

Report of the Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination:

We beg leave to report that we have examined the brethren, N. M. Cressman and E. H. Musselman, who have successfully passed their three years' Reading Course. We find them young men of good Christian character, loyalty and obedience. However, as they did not have opportunity to approve themselves as pastors in the Conference, we recommend that their ordination be deferred for the present.

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

Committee.

Resolved, That the Lay Delegates who deem it necessary be privileged to be absent from further attendance of Conference after the meeting on Saturday.

Resolved, That the Offering for the Beneficiary Fund shall be lifted sometime before the Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention and a check to the amount be made out to B. Bryan Musselman, Treasurer, and sent at once to the Secretary, F. M. Hottel. (Standing Rule.)

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, therefor,

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 Missionasry," 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.

MINISTERIAL CONVENTIONS.

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

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. G. Brunner, Treasurer, Zionsville, Pa., and forwarded to the Secretary, G. O. Billig, 941 Liberty Street, Allentown, Pa.

Resolved, That we recommend each Pastor to furnish his respective Presiding Elder with a complete list of subscribers to the "Eastern Gospel Banner," "Gospel Herald" and "Christian Life Missionary," on his charge as soon after Annual Conference as convenient and no later than December 1, 1924.

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 1000 copies of our Year Book for 1924.

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". He appointed J. C. Roth, C. H. Brunner and J. G. Shireman.

Resolved, That the next Semi-Annual Convention convene in Salem M. B. in C. Church, Philadelphia, 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 C. H. Brunner as the third man on this Committee, and announced April 9, 1925, as the date of the Convention.

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 Ebenezer M. B. in C. Church, Main and Durham Streets, Beth-

Iehem, Pa., at 8 a.m., October 15, 1925.

The following officers were then elected:

Annual Ministerial Convention:

Chairman, G. F. Yost. Secretary, F. B. Hertzog. Committee on Program, H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and F. M. Hottel.

Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention:

Chairman, J. G. Shireman, Secretary, P. T. Stengele.

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

The meeting adourned at 3:30 p.m., with prayer by C. D. Bean and the benediction by C. H. Brunner.

EIGHTH MEETING.

Monday Morning, September 29, 1924.

The meeting was opened with prayer by H. H. Bergey, after which the Chairman read Psalm 121.

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 Treasurer of the Beneficiary Society. (See Reports.)

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

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

Report of the Committee to Audit Schedules:

We have examined the different Pastors' Schedules, the Summary Schedules and the Quadrennial Schedule for the General Conference and declare them to be correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

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

Committee.

Resolved, That we ask the Executive Board to investigate the advisability of having our Conference incorporated and report to the next Annual Conference in a detailed report.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a Committee of five to formulate a plan to record the Class Membership and also subscriptions of the Church and get necessary equipment for the same in the near future.

The Chair appointed the following: E. N. Cassel, B. Bryan Musselman, F. M. Hottel, J. C. Roth and C. H. Brunner.

Resolved, That the Conference ask Pastor B. Bryan Musselman to see the Chief of Police personally and convey to him the appreciation of the Conference for his services rendered and courtesies extended during our Conference session.

Adjourned with prayer by W. G. Gehman, and the 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, E. N. Cassel. J. C. Roth, G. F. Yost, J. G. Shireman, R. L. Woodring, R. W. Dickert, H. K. Kratz, W. F. Heffner, E. E. Kublic, J. B. Layne, V. H. Reinhart, F. B. Hertzog, P. T. Stengele, R. Bergstresser, O. S. Hillegass,

H. L. Moyer,

G. O. Billig,
W. D. Evert,
C. D. Bean,
H. N. Rishel,
Ray L. Barrall,
H. L. Shelly,
C. B. Brosius,
G. K. Himmelreich,
O. B. Bartholomew,
R. R. Fox,
H. H. Bergey,
George R. Fish,
H. V. Smith,
Charles E. Eroh,

E. Godshall.

Charles A. Wilcox, D. M. Camp, G. Louis Baumgartner.



Mizpah Grove. View over Tents, looking West.

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The Forty-first Session

This is the forty-first session of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania.

It is now 66 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 sessions 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 45 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

"The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever"—Isa. 37:17. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord"—I Cor. 15:58.

It is with a deep sense of the realization of the goodness of God upon us in every way, that we are permitted to submit this report of the work on the District. God's abiding presence through the Holy Spirit has been our enabling—giving us the needed strength, both physically and spiritually, to meet all of the appointments during the year. We are much indebted to the dear pastors, and with them the brethren at large, for the many kindnesses and considerations shown us in every way, sparing no time or labor, in order to make our road as easy as possible. Their constant prayers to God for us, has indeed proved a great help.

God has graciously spared us all of the pastors and their families, for which we sincerely praise Him. The pastors are devoted to the work of the Lord, and the spirit of self-sacrifice made manifest by them has a wholesome effect upon the laity. To our knowledge the ministry was never more united in true Christian fellowship.

The young people are making nice progress on spiritual lines, showing forth willing-heartedness to walk in the footprints of their blessed Master. The Lord has been upholding them, and has kept them from being drawn into the strong currents of worldliness and fleshly allurements—which are coming upon us like a flood on all sides. We also thank God for the faithful band of fathers and mothers, upon whose sacrifice and loyalty much of the success depends.

The church services, Sunday Schools, as well as the prayer-meetings are well attended throughout. Thank God for this in an evil pleasure-maddened age. The various offerings have been liberal. The dear pilgrims give a cheerful response on these lines, and the missionary interest as well as that in the support for the respective pastors is creditably shown. It always pays a class to look well after every need of the pastor and his family.

A number of improvements in church property have been made during the year. The church at Nazareth has had a modern heating plant installed at quite an outlay of money, which gives good satisfaction. The church property on McFerran Street, near Broad Street, Philadelphia, has been remodelled and possession was taken thereof by a special dedicatory service. This proves to be a most desirable place for worship, and God has already set His seal upon this work. A beautiful home was also purchased for a parsonage at this place, located at 3848 N. Park Avenue. The pastor is comfortably situated therein. Extensive changes were made on the Reading church, at a cost of over \$8,000.00. This adds greatly to the use for worship, giving more space for the prayer-meeting room. New pews and church furniture were installed, as well as other improvements made. Improvements were also made on the parsonage, at a cost of \$1,000.00. The new church at 527-

530 N. Eighth Street, Allentown, was also completed, and dedicated to the worship of Almighty God, on June 15, 1924. The church is plain, but neat in architecture, built of brick, 55×100 feet. The interior is hard wood finish, with different compartments, such as main room, prayer-meeting rooms, mothers' rooms, two balconies, together with all necessary rooms and arrangements in the basement. Besides the much labor donated, the cost of the building is about \$83,000.00. The church is valued at \$100,000.00. A parsonage and janitor's house were also purchased, the former facing in front and the latter adjoining a street in the rear of the church. Both of these are being remodelled. This church has been averaging an increase of 35 scholars per Sunday since its opening, and proves to be a most desirous place for worship.



Interior M. B. in C. Church, Reading, Pa.

Two camp-meetings were again held on the District, with most glorious results. Both were held in beautiful Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa. The first camp-meeting (Bethlehem District) had 232 tents, and the latter (Allentown District) had 278 tents. The brethren spoke the Word in great power, which brought help to many. The altar overflowed with earnest seekers, in a manner not often seen in these days. These were the largest camp-meetings ever held in our Conference. Numbers were saved, sanctified and healed. We can only leave the results with Him, as well as give all the praise unto Him, who worketh all these things. Two interesting tabernacle meetings were also held by Pastor W. F. Heffner; one at Trumbauersville, Pa., and the other at Brick Tavern, Pa. Many came quite a distance and heard the Truth as it was brought forth in power. There were blessed results.

We conclusively wish to again render praise unto Him who caused our victories to be many, amidst the various tests and problems of these last perilous days.

FINANCIAL

Receipts

Received from the Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund	\$ 2,286 00
Expenditures	
(a) Appropriations	
Quakertown and Hatfield\$300	00
Northampton and Walnutfort	00

Northampton and Walnutfort	300	00		
Nazareth	216	00		
		\$	816 00	
(b) 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		00		
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(c) Miscellaneous				
Editor, Eastern Gospel Banner\$		00		
W. F. Heffner, tabernacle cartage	26	00		
Fares paid for Committees, special services, etc	66	37		
Royersford and Spring City work		00		
O. S. Hillegass, donation	50	00		
R. L. Woodring, donation		00		
A. G. Woodring, donation		00		
Pulpit for Camp Grove (Reading Church)	-	00		
Reading Church		00		
Philadelphia Church		00		
Allentown Church	50	00		

Total \$2,286 00 H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder.

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

 Allentown Trustees
 150 00

 Mizpah Grove
 300 00

Balance

The work on this district has been steadily moving ahead under the favor of God during the past year. The lives and health of all the Pastors have been preserved, which affords cause for much thanksgiving to the Lord. We were enabled by the grace of God to meet our appointments and minister unto Pastors and flocks as our Lord gave us ability. The Pastors and laity stood by us through patience and forbearance and persevering prayers, far above that we are worthy. The Pastors in general are devoted to their work, preach the pure Gospel, and sacrifice to see the work progress in His name. The members likewise are plain, out and out for God and love to give their lives to God and His work. A stronger tie than ever before exists between the ministry and the laity.

Quite a number of souls were saved and baptized and added to the Church. The Sunday Schools and prayer meetings are well attended and the members take an active part in these phases of the Lord's work. Where open air meetings were held, the attendance was large and the influence most wholesome. The ordinance meetings were well attended by the members and nearly always some outside people took part. The offerings throughout have been very good. Our people learn more and more to sacrifice as they get to know and love the Lord better. The parsonage in Scranton is nearing completion and when finished will be a credit to the class and a comfort to the Pastor. Stroudsburg installed a new heating plant in the church. Easton has again added several thousand dollars to their building fund.

Lehighton installed in the church a slightly used but more adequate furnace, which a friend donated. Shamokin paid several thousand dollars on their new building lot. Sunbury built an anteroom and balcony over it in their church and paid for it. Mt. Carmel entertained the district and Gospel Herald Society Sunday School Convention most creditably. The Camp Meeting held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., was the largest in attendance ever held on this district. There were 155 tents erected and occupied. Many souls sought and found the Lord for their every need in about every altar call, even to the last service of the Camp Meeting. The members of the district turned out well and many from the other district visited the Camp and heartily co-operated for its success through presence, prayer and sacrifice.

The expenses of necessity were higher than ever before, yet the offerings were proportionate in spite of somewhat of financial stringency which necessitated sacrifice on the part of not a few. The ministers preached the Word faithfully and clearly with the power of the Holy Ghost. All who were present during the Camp Meeting were convinced of the fact that old-fashioned Camp Meetings are well worth the sacrifices required to hold them. May the good work of God, in general, go on until He that shall come will come and will not tarry.

FINANCIAL Expenditures

(a) Annuanmiations		
(a) Appropriations		
Stroudsburg\$240 00		
Lehighton 540 00		
Sunbury		
Scranton		
	1,320	00
(b) Moving		
V. H. Reinhart		
R. W. Dickert		
	200	00
(c) Miscellaneous		
Fares, etc., holding Home Mission Meetings\$270 73		
Edgewood Grove Camp Meeting, Shamokin, Pa 166 38		
Toward Edgewood Grove Pavilion account		
Donation to J. F. Barrall, 1923		
Rent for storage, Allen M. Gehman		
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Total\$	2,538	61
Received from Treasurer of Home Mission Fund		

W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder.

III.—Gospel Herald Society

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GOSPEL HERALD SOCIETY

October 1, 1923, to August 31, 1924 (11 months)

The Gospel Heralds in the various missions have been moving onward under God's favor during the past year. A great number of souls were saved and baptized in nearly all the missions, and believers encouraged and edified all along the line. The attendance and interest throughout are very good. The Lord is gathering out of the world a people unto Himself. The Sunday Schools are in most instances on the increase and are a means for the Heralds to get hold of many parents and homes. Where open air services were held, the attendance and influence were very encouraging. In many cases there is as regular an attendance in open air by a certain class as there is indoors by others.

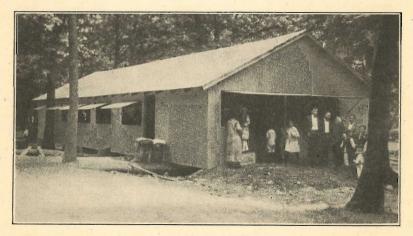
The cottage prayer meetings have a wholesome influence. Through the Colportage department much good, clean literature is disposed of, which always does its preaching in a quiet but sure way. The Gospel Herald and Saturday Evening Call and Daily Food Wall Rolls are much desired and are disposed of regularly in large numbers. Bibles, Testaments, religious books and mottoes are in demand in spite of the enemy trying in an organized, modern way to counteract. Quite a great deal of literature was sold again at the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Camp Meetings. The remodeling and enlarging of mission rooms is about completed for the time being. Funds toward prospective properties and for paying for those already possessed are coming in regularly. A building lot was purchased in Jersey City, N. J. The various offerings during the year have been good and increasing.

Very profitable tent meetings were held in Jersey City, N. J., and in York, Harrisburg, Lebanon, and Wissinoming, Philadelphia, Pa. The Home Mission meetings held in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Conference were characterized by large attendance, good attention, and liberal pledges. This was largely due to the hearty co-operation of the Pastors in announcing the meetings and encouraging their members to sacrifice. Whatever success the Heralds have had is largely due to the prayers and sacrifices of God's people under God, which causes their hearts to overflow with thanksgiving to God and His people.

We have a larger number of Heralds at present than ever before, who also are obedient and willing to spend and be spent in God's service for the salvation of souls, the sanctification and upbuilding and general prosperity of God's people, and to hasten the return of our Lord in person. The Lord has been remarkably preserving the health of our Gospel Heralds throughout the year. However, all our hearts were saddened by the death of Beulah, the devoted wife of one of our brethren, T. D. Gehret. May the Lord comfort our brother. Though the monthly examinations by correspondence on Scripture are not compulsory, yet nearly every Herald takes them with delight and profit. Unity prevails among the Heralds and this makes blessed dwelling together.

STATISTICAL

Ordained ministers of the M. B. C. Conference	6
Full Gospel Heralds	13
Probationers Applicants	6
Received M. B. C. members by transfer	30
Died	1
Withdrew	3
Net increase	26
Total membership	44
Baptized	97
Children dedicated	12
Sunday Schools	7
Officers and teachers enrolled	98
Scholars enrolled	769
Home department scholars enrolled	246
Children's meetings and Sunday Schools held	518



New Dining Hall. Edgewood Grove Camp Grounds, Shamokin, Pa.

Open air meetings	266
Prayer meetings	296
Sermons and addresses.	2.486
Pastoral visits	1,489
Gospel Heralds sold	
Daily Food Wall Rolls sold	
Valuation of Mission properties: \$ 5,000 00 Lebanon, Pa. \$ 5,000 00 York, Pa. \$ 12,500 00 West Philadelphia \$ 6,500 00 Wissinoming, Philadelphia, Pa. \$ 30,000 00 Jersey City, N. J. \$ 5,000 00	,000 00

FINANCIAL

(a) Receipts

1. Collections

Rents\$	2,247	50		
Sundry Expenses	3,469			
Sinking Fund	32			
Light	362			
Donations, Gifts, etc	1,540			
President	792			
Gospel Workers	315			
Sunday Schools	2,516	32		
Sunday School Convention	106	07		
Conference Fund	249	15		
G. H. S. Headquarters Fund	101	88		
Foreign Missions	742	63		
Missionary Work	2,094	71		
At Gospel Herald Society Conference	79			
Chapel and Lot Fund	3.148			
House Rent, York, Pa.	275			
	95			
House Rent, Lebanon, Pa.				
House, Store, and Garage Rent, Wissinoming	950			
		\$	19,120	29
2. Literature				
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Literature, etc., sold at Missions\$	9,090	95		
Literature, etc., sold to laity at M. B. C. Camp				
Meetings	1,272	68		
Literature, etc., sold wholesale to Ministers	6,703	82		
		\$	17,067	45
3. From M. B. C. Home Mission Fu	und			
Appropriation	1,905	00		
Tabernacle Meetings	253	64		
Fares, utensils, freight, furniture	1,141	00		
Rent for President.	300			
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Total		\$	39,787	38
(b) Expenditures				
1. Appropriations				
Harrisburg, Pa\$	40	00		
York, Pa.	335	00		
Lebanon, Pa.	340			
West Philadelphia, Pa.	440			
	405			
Lancaster, Pa.				
Easton, Pa.	345			
	-	\$	1,905	00
2. Tabernacles				
	0.1	00		
Jersey City, N. J\$		00		
Harrisburg, Pa.	- 21			
York, Pa		20		
Lebanon, Pa	61	29		
Wissinoming, Philadelphia, Pa	84	42		
		\$	253	64

3. Miscellaneous

Old Mission Repairs and Supplies\$	241 61
Furniture	240 49
Freight and Express	58 89
Freight and Express on Literature	83 20
Fares, postage, telegrams, etc	161 57
Cartage	35 40
Printing and Stationery	33 63
Paints and Painting	94 09
Donations for Heralds, extra	192 12
Rent for President	300 00
-	\$ 1,441 00
Total	\$ 3,599 64

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. Hillegass.
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. Mount Carmel District-W. G. Gehman, P. E.

(a) Stations

Mt. Carmel—R. Bergstresser. 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. T. Stengele.

- (c) Local Preachers
 - J. F. Barrall, Shamokin Quarterly Conference.
- (d) Annual Conference Licensed Workers
 - J. T. Anderson, W. R. Stengele, M. M. Myers, T. D. Gehret, E. H. Musselman, N. M. Cressman, J. B. Henry, P. S. Taylor, Paul E. Baer.
- (e) Quarterly Conference Licensed Worker

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	20.00
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
Lehighton and Weissport, per month	45.00
Sunbury, per month	25.00
Scranton, per month	10.00

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.

(C) GOSPEL HERALD SOCIETY

York, Pa.-246 E. Princess Street. To be supplied. Harrisburg, Pa.—1430 Green Street. To be supplied. West Philadelphia—6214 Gray's Ave., Phila. To be supplied. Wissinoming, Philadelphia-3220 Van Kirk St. To be supplied. Lancaster, Pa.-454 S. Beaver Street. To be supplied. Lebanon, Pa.-251 E. Fifth Street. To be supplied. Easton, Pa., Gospel Herald Society Bible House.—1137 Pine Street. To be supplied.

Jersey City, N. J.-278 Central Avenue. To be supplied.

H. B. Musselman, Chairman, W. G. Gehman, Secretary,

H. L. Shelly, H. L. Moyer. G. Louis Baumgartner, G. O. Billig, Allen M. Gehman, H. N. Rishel, G. K. Himmelreich,

R. R. Fox, C. D. Bean, D. M. Camp, H. V. Smith, Ray L. Barrall, W. D. Evert.

Committee.

V.—Camp Meetings

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL CAMP MEETING COMMITTEE

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

Bethlehem District

Bethlehem Division, June 28—July 6, 232 tents. Allentown Division, August 16—24, 278 tents.



Shamokin, Pa.
Part of Tent Circle in Edgewood Grove.

Mt. Carmel District

This Camp Meeting was held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., on July 19—27, 155 tents.

Receipts

Bethlehem District	
Bethlehem Division\$ 3,329.53	
Allentown Division 4,413.35	
	7,742.88
Mt. Carmel District	
Mt. Carmel Division	2,454.13
Total\$	10,197.01

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 cleaned, wired and had the pump, iron stakes, tools and camp chairs repaired, ready for Camp Meeting.

We also purchased prongs, end poles, stakes, 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 Excutive Board.

Expenditures

Prongs, End Poles, Stakes and Blocking\$265.00
Electrical Supplies 57.87
Repairing Pump 48.14
Carfare and Expenditures of Committee 14.92
Tools and Hardware 47.08
Roofing Paper and Repairing Roof
Cooking Utensils 10.68
Last year's Electrical Lighting 18.75
Cleaning and Wiring Grove 219.11
Repairing Stoves at Dining Hall 17.70
New Tabernacle Boxes 36.66
Telephone 11.35
Printing Instructions to Campers 15.25
\$776.06

B. Bryan Musselman, Chairman,

J. C. Roth, Secretary,

G. F. Yost, W. F. Heffner, F. M. Hottel, R. W. Dickert,

Committee.

VII.—Publication and Printing

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND PRINTING

Account of the Annual Conference Secretary

Receipts

Received at Annual Conference\$2	40.37
916 Year Books for 1923 sold	158.00
12 Dedication Certificates	1.00

---\$699.37

Expenditures

Donation to Conference Secretary	35.00	
950 copies Year Book	480.00	
Wrapping Paper and Wrapping	3.80	
Postage to Pastors	3.72	
Telephone and Fares	6.22	
Half-tone Cuts	24.10	
1000 Extra Prints of Board of F. M	5.30	
Postage on above	2.70	
12 Year Books to G. W. Soc., Annual Conference		
Secretaries and Railroads	6.00	
Day Book for The Home	3.00	
Record for The Home	2.50	
Wm. Evans, Hauling four boxes to Allentown	3.00	
Annual Conference Supplies	3.90	
Order Book F. M. Board	7.50	
Mid-Year Examination	19.08	
	\$605.82	

C. H. Brunner, President,

A. G. Woodring, Secretary,

B. Bryan Musselman,

Board.

VIII.—Beneficiary Society

ANNUAL REPORT OF BENEFICIARY SOCIETY

We have received the sum of \$514.98 at last Annual Conference and paid out \$10.00 during the year.

Report of Treasurer

Receipts

October 3, 1923, balance in Treasury\$	3,279.93	
Received during the year	574.98	
	\$	3,854.91

Expenditures

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September 27, 1	1924, balance in Treasury	3,844.91	
		\$	3.854.91

B. Bryan Musselman, Treasurer.

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

Expended during the year

IX.—Benevolent Society

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

October 8, 1923, Members enrolled	551
Members received during year	11
Members died during year	
Members withdrawing during year	
September 22, 1924, Members enrolled	

Financial

Receipts		
Contributions	\$ 1,202.00	
Interest		
	\$	1,436.25
Expenditures		
Donations	\$ 340.00	
Sundry Expenses	3.04	
	\$	343.04

Report of the Treasurer

Receints

Receipts	
October 8, 1923, balance in Treasury\$ 1,551.13	
Received during year 1,436.25	
\$	2,987.38
Expenditures	
Expended during year\$ 343.04	
September 22, 1924, balance in Treasury 2,644.34	
\$	2,987.38

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 1924

(a) Applicants. On the Discipline

Paul E. Baer, J. B. Henry, P. S. Taylor, 95 94

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

(b) Probationers on the Reading Course

	Divine Art of Preaching, Pierson	Sell's Bible Study by Books	Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation	Reformed Pastor	Bible. Hebrews and Second Timothy	Romans	Fletcher's Appeal	Jesus is Coming, by Blackstone	Nelson on Infidelity	Average
Second Year's Course F. B. Hertzog	95	84	92	92	95					92
Third Year's Course E. H. Musselman N. M. Cressman		83 89	86 92			94 98	72 74	89 93	96 95	.86 90

On account of the death of the wife of T. D. Gehret, the Board excused him from the Fall examination and recommend that he be examined at the next regular Fall examination.

E. H. Musselman and N. M. Cressman having satisfactorily passed the three years' course, we therefore recommend them to the Committee on Ordination.

E. N. Cassel.

B. Bryan Musselman,

H. K. Kratz,

Board.

XI.—Executive Board

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Board held a number of meetings during the year. We purchased a lot of boards and scantling for the camp grove, amounting to \$391.73. We made very extensive improvements in enlarging the parking place for automobiles, blasting rocks and stumps, cleaning up brush, filling in depressions and covering the whole with crushed stone. We also improved the driveways inside and around the tent circle. All told we used 392½ tons of crushed stone together with many loads of cinders. All this, together with the blasting and dynamite and some labor amounted to \$1,173.83. Most of the labor was done gratuitously by the pastors of the Conference although several men were hired for a few days.

We also planted 41 Oriental Plane trees at places where there was a deficiency of shade. These, together with hauling, planting and fertilizers, cost us \$220.25. In order to have a more satisfactory distribution of electric light throughout the grove, we purchased forty cedar posts, costing us, delivered into the grove, \$66.00.

The time before and after the Camp Meetings was too short to permit us to finish all the driveways, parking places, plant the electric light posts and do a lot of other work that should be done by all means, costing several thousand dollars.

Quite a number of our people have become specially interested in Mizpah Grove and have given special voluntary donations towards it. They have also taken a good interest in the offerings at the Camp Meetings so that, although the actual expenses were very heavy, a nice balance was left, which made these improvements possible. Although the Treasurer's report shows a balance of over \$4,000.00, the Board owes unpaid loans amounting to \$7,100.00.

The Board was asked to meet at a number of places throughout the Conference for consultation relative to proposed purchases of property and the building or improving of church properties.

Financial

Receipts

Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention......\$ 435 02

Sundries

Equipage Committee bill.....

Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting Lumber Rent 200 21
Allentown Division Camp Meeting Lumber Rent 232 40
Donation for Mizpah Grove (H. G. B.)
Donation for Mizpah Grove (H. M.)
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting Balance
Allentown Division Camp Meeting Balance
Interests
** 3.789 55
Expenditures
39 Oriental Planes, @ \$4.25\$165 75
2 Oriental Planes, @ 3.75
\$ 173 25
Planting and fertilizers
40 Cedar posts delivered 66 00
110jan 1 0wder co., blaseing scores and scale
392½ tons crushed stone and many loads of ashes, de-
livered
Telephone 21 15
Patching roof 10 25
Executive Board meetings
Taxes
Lumber
Electric light current for the season

H. B. Musselman, President,

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C. H. Brunner, Secretary,

W. G. Gehman,

E. N. Cassel,

B. Bryan Musselman,

Board.

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XII.—The Home

THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HOME

The Board held eight meetings during the year. Frank L. Musselman is ably managing the affairs of the Farm and Home. Albert Moser is living in the farm house and working as farmer. George McNutt, who came to the Home some years ago as an orphan, has been married and is living in the tenant house and working on the farm.

Mrs. Kate Feairheller, the Matron, and Mrs. Frank L. Musselman, the Manager's wife, are taking care of the Home and are looking well to the interests and welfare of the aged sisters.

The aged sisters have been keeping real well during the year and are enjoying the hospitality of the Home in their declining days.

The crops have showed up well. The large herd of Holstein Friesian Cattle, consisting of forty-seven head, is doing well. The entire herd has recently passed the Federal Tuberculin test without one reacting. The milk is sold to the Meyer Dairy Company, of Bethlehem, Pa.

Donations have been received as follows: Paul Yeakel—One day's labor. William Gehman—One automobile horn.

Financial

(A) FARM ACCOUNTS (a) Receipts

Feed	\$ 497.22
Milk	8,309.61
Cattle	461.98
Potatoes	1,390.00
Swine	312.91
Fertilizer	63.00
Wheat	959.91
Eggs	32.51
Refund	197.31
Hauling	40.00
Provisions	48.20
Poultry	14.40
Labor	190.80
Truck	142.88
House Rent	48.00
George McNutt	300.00
	\$ 13,008.73

N.B.—Products from the farm were also used at the Home and by the farm family amounting to \$735.45.

(b) Expenditures		
	20 57	
Advertising, periodicals and postage\$	$36.57 \\ 370.05$	
Auto maintenance	312.89	
Carfare, toll and telephone	212.46	
Dairy supplies and official testing	58.44	
Electric current	228.00	
Freight and express	102.56	
Feed, including veterinary services and con-		
dition powders	5,789.75	
Fertilizer	265.68	
Hardware and twine	$25.60 \\ 24.86$	
Implements	1,704.38	
Livestock	125.00	
Oil and gasoline	523.69	
Poultry	55.25	
Registration and transfers	9.50	
Repairs and replacements	323.64	
Seeds, plants and potatoes	460.03	
Spraying materials	81.48	
Straw	$\frac{32.10}{70.85}$	
Swine	510.41	
Wages and labor	2,149.59	
Interest	38.22	
		13,511.00
(B) HOME ACCOUNT		
(a) Receipts	531	
From the Fund for the Poor (Annual Con-		
ference)\$	425.92	
Interest on various monies	368.59	
-	\$	794.51
(b) Expenditures		
Wages and labor\$	159.00	
Inmates	160.27	
Aid given outside of the Home	116.00	
Coal	$346.19 \\ 459.94$	
Repairs and replacements	55.51	
Interest, Geho legacy	27.00	
Furnishings	49.22	
Electric current and oil	33.11	
Periodicals	10.00	
McNutt	300.00	
	\$	1,716.24
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SUMMARY TOTALS		
Receipts		
Farm\$	13,008.73	
Home		12 000 04
	\$	13,803.24
Expenditures	10 511 00	
Farm\$	13,511.00	
Home	1,716.24	15.227.24
	-9	10,441.44

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:

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	(A) FARM		
Farm.	including the land at the Home	\$	21,000.00
	's home		3,800.00
	nents		6,651.81
Livesto			
	Holstein Friesian cattle\$	8,225.00	
	Horses	875.00	
	Swine	900.00	
- 2		\$	10,000.00
Produc	ce—		
	Potatoes\$	1,000.00	
	Ensilage	280.00	
	Hay	1,020.00	
	Straw	250.00	
	Feed	385.82	
	Wheat	384.00	
	Corn	1,619.25	
	Truck	50.00	
	Flour	30.00	
			5,019.07
Miscel	laneous—		
Emediden	Coal\$	15.00	
	Firewood	25.00	
	Fence posts	12.00	
	Crates, etc.	50.00	
	Oil	52.00	
	Bags	12.00	
	Shelter sheds	125.00	
	Furniture	100.00	
	Disinfectant and soap powder	21.50	
	Districctant and soup powder	21.00	412.50
Securi	ties		112.00
becarr	Money outstanding\$	705.35	
	Loans	4,100.00	
	Cash on hand	1,921.56	
	Cash on hand	1,021.00	6,726.91
			0,120.31
	Total	e	52 610 20
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	(D) HOME		
**	(B) HOME		. = 0 0 0 0
Home	***************************************	\$	4,500.00
Miscel	laneous—		
	Furniture \$	500.00	
	Canned goods	130.10	
	Provisions	74.66	
	Smoked meat	56.70	
	Coal	142.25	
	Soap	17.00	
	Poultry	91.55	100
	Office equipment	225.00	
	omeo oquipmont	220.00	1,237,26
			1,251.20
	Total	•	5,737.26
	Total	ф	0,101.40

SUMMARY TOTALS

Farm and tenant house	
Grand total	 \$ 59,347.55

STATEMENT

Resources

Properties	\$ 43,500.00
Livestock	10,000.00
Implements	7,476.81
Produce	5,280.53
Miscellaneous	563.30
Outstanding bills	705.35
Securities	
Cash on hand	1,921.56
	\$ 59,347.55
Liabilities	

Contributions to date	\$ 24,975.98		
Donations to date	1,607.21		
Surplus	32,764.36		
	\$ 59 347 5		

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

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E. N. Cassel,
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Board.

XIII.—Foreign Missions

THE FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Work at Home

We have great reasons to praise the Lord for His goodness manifested toward us again during this conference year. He certainly has wonderfully blessed our work in the homeland. A large number have been saved. Continuous revivals have been going on, not only revivals among the unsaved but revivals in the hearts and lives of God's people, the Church. The saving, sanctifying, cleansing and separating influences of the Holy Spirit have been going on continually.

Our Camp Meetings have again been greatly blessed of God. The clear-cut messages from the platform have been accompanied by the power of the Holy Ghost and much fruit was the result. The Camp Meetings were larger, the audiences greater than ever before. There were very few services where there were none at the altar of prayer, and, at many of them, the altar was filled with scores of seekers. Many were gloriously saved, others were restored or renewed, while many consecrated their lives fully to the Lord for service. Many honest confessions were made and things were settled with God which will help them for time and for eternity. Many also claimed healing of the body in a definite manner.

We again held three of these great summer gatherings. Two in the Bethlehem District held in Mizpah Grove in the City of Allentown, Pa. At the first one, comprising the Bethlehem Division, held June 28,

we had 232 tents, while at the last one, comprising the Allentown Division, held August 16 to 24, we had 278 tents. This was the largest camp we ever held in the Pennsylvania Conference. The Mount Carmel District held their Annual Camp Meeting again in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., July 19 to 27, comprising 155 tents.

At the first of these Camp Meetings we had Rev. E. J. Richards, Home Secretary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, with us and at the last one we had Rev. E. M. Burgess, of Pittsburgh, and Rev.

Hagberg, Missionary on furlough from India, with us.

The Lord has indeed given us true, faithful, wide-awake leaders and a loyal, hard-working ministry who together stand by their leaders, earnestly contending for the faith once for all delivered to the saints. They are willing to take the hard and heavy end of the work and lift the burdens of the work, taking the lead in service and sacrifice. Thus a loyal, sacrificing ministry makes a loyal, sacrificing Church. Therefor, it is quite natural that the necessary contributions for the support of a large number of missionaries are always paid into the treasury in advance.

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 1924: "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 Missianary Report," and "Vest-

pockea Diary."

Our Annual Report for 1923, of which an edition of two thousand copies were printed, with a beautiful two-color cover, comprised 74 pages and contained 38 half-tone illustrations. The Board has again

ordered an edition of 2000 copies for the report of 1924.

The facts concerning the condition of the work on the Foreign Field have been culled from letters and reports received by the Secretary from the various missionaries during the year for the making up of this report. They give our people and friends, supporters of this noble work, a clear view of how the work of the Lord is moving on throughout the various countries represented. Thus our readers get fresh, authentic, first-hand material, giving them full information as to where and how their prayers and offerings are operating.

The ilustrations are reproductions from photographs taken by the Missionaries on the field and help much to bring before us the actual conditions as they are on the field. We are glad for these photos which our missionaries are sending us during the year, from which to select the clearest and most suggestive, showing landscapes, surroundings, manners and customs among the natives as well as the results of the

regenerating and transforming power of the grace of God.

The Pennsylvania Conference supported 34 missionaries and three native pastors during the year or one missionary representative on the foreign field to about every 65 members of the Church in the homeland. This shows that the missionary interest is not abating in the ranks at home.

Our Annual Report for 1923, printed as a separate booklet of 72 pages, contained 38 half-tone illustrations, including a few to represent the home work.

PALESTINE

Rev. E. O.

Jago,
This letter was written last winter. Since then Rev.

Thompson, the Superintendent, has passed away and
Brother Jago has been appointed to take his place. After
some personal matters, Brother Jago writes:

"In the beginning I want to say how greatly I appreciate the 'Gospel Herald,' the 'Eastern Gospel Banner' and all of the various publications that you have sent me. They are clean and clear-cut, and I have been helped time and time again by their certain tone in these days of uncertainties.

"Perhaps you would like to have a sketch of what we are doing. In August, Mr. Thompson and family were obliged to return to America because of the condition chiefly of Mrs. Thompson, although he, too, was quite unfit for work effectively. I was then living at Beersheba, our southernmost station, and greatly to my regret was elected chairman and so was obliged to leave a field that I really enjoyed. My successor is here this morning, and he, too, gives an encouraging report of work there. Perhaps I will mention some of these things as I go on.



Palestine.
Damascus Gate, Jerusalem.

The Jewish Work. "I wrote the Board very frankly, before I came from Beersheba, my views with regard to certain aspects of the work. Our Jewish work was almost nil. We have never had a satisfactory man in charge, although Mr. Payne, of London, who was with us, did the best work that ever was done there. He left more than a year ago, and is the World Deputational Secretary of a Prayer Union for Israel. Miss Clor, a converted Jewess, was carrying on the only thing that was really worth while, but was stricken down with what threatened to be such a serious matter that she felt she must go home for an operation. No operation has been performed, and I have a letter from her this morning from Hebron, where she is convalescing, that is a letter full of praise for God's gracious working in her, and so we praise the Lord that the only effective worker we had is evidently spared to the work.

"The day, however, Miss Clor was taken ill, the Lord began a very gracious movement and now for weeks past we have had the joy of teaching and preaching to from thirty to forty and fifty Jews. Some of them are getting quite cambative, which is a fine sign. One of the men

recently has confessed to me that when he finds work he intends to be baptized but does not want to become a Christian while he is out of work and have the Jews point their fingers at him and say he sold himself for bread. One young Jewess has applied for baptism, but as her parents are in opposition and the law says that no one under twenty can change their faith without the consent of their parents, we are unable to baptize her. We have one young Jewish lad in training at our Bible Training School in 'Ain Karem, and Beersheba reports that they have some young Jews in the Day School.

"Within two weeks I have received a letter from a young Jew in Alexandria who was in our school several years ago, and it did my heart good showing how he was going on in the Lord. Another Jew whom we baptized several years ago went to South America. Mr. Thompson said he never felt less hopeful about anybody, but he is an active missionary in Argentine Republic and well spoken of. So here and there the Lord

encourages.



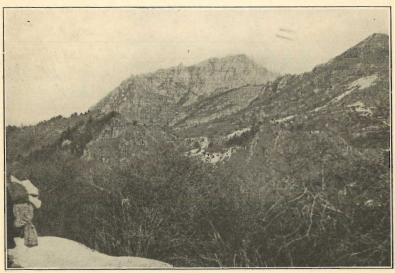
Palestine.

Missionary Conference in Jerusalem. Rev. E. O. Jago in the center.

Mrs. Jago standing back of their son Ray, who is holding his dog.

The Work in Jerusalem. "New York is said to be the graveyard of preachers. I understand there are only 175,000 Protestant Christians on Manhattan Island out of the millions of people there, and that ninetysix Protestant churches have been forced to close their doors within the past century. Jerusalem is almost a counterpart of New York in its cosmopolitan population, and Protestant Christians are few and far between. The Scripture speaks about a place 'where Satan's seat is,' and I think this is Sodom and Egypt where they crucified the Lord's Christ. The devil is a personality, and for years I have felt that the place where the Lord would be manifested in His parousia is the place where Satan is localized and I have not changed my mind. Is it not natural that he who fought in the heavens with one of the archangels would attempt to contest the descent of our Lord if posssible? And so it seems to me that the power of the enemy is felt here in a very real way, but on the other hand is this not the Land of Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Ghost? Thank God, we have seen some of His workings since I came in from Beersheba.

"Mr. Thompson was practically sustained last year by a revival which took place in the Boys' School, and which I believe has made possible the splendid work in the new Bible Training Institute at 'Ain Karem. We have not a large number of church adherents in Jerusalem, and some of them sadly need the operation of the Holy Spirit upon their hearts. We were training a young fellow at our Bible Training Institute, and he has been acting as an Arabic assistant here. The devil tried to divert him, telling him he could do a wider work if he went along educational lines and established schools in this section of the country. He left. We prayed him under conviction. He was back in a week's time after refusing two splendid openings and preached last Sunday evening. He began his sermon with confession, and then preached and while we did not have a very large number of persons present, I



Palestine.
A view of the Lebanon Mountains. Hosea 14:5-7.

have never seen the power of the Lord work so through a native brother as through him, and we are hoping that this is the beginning of new things in our Arabic work, which has been exceedingly discouraging.

The Girl's Training School in Jerusalem. "This institution has been moved to the Mission House, which was formerly occupied by Mr. Thompson. We have about a dozen girls in this school. Our head Arabic teacher announced her engagement the day before the school was to open. Our evangelist at the Arabic border had asked her to marry him. The same day a young woman appeared who knew nothing of this and said God had sent her here to teach. She had come into a deeper Christian experience during the past year. God did send her, and she has been God's answer as the head mistress of the School.

"We have one Protestant girl, I think, among the number, the others being from the Roman Catholic and Greek Catholic churches. Two of these girls profess to be converted and were on their knees for sanctification recently. This is very hopeful. One of these girls is the sister of a boy who graduated from our Boys' School about two years

ago and was anything but promising. He had been a Roman Catholic, but he returned to his native village and opened a day school there, being assisted by an independent missionary, who is in practically associated fellowship with us and has been doing glorious work, and so we are hopeful this sister some day may conduct a Girls' school in the same village, or thereabouts. One of our ex-Greek Catholic girls was on her knees Sunday night seeking sanctification with her whole heart, and thus the work goes on, small, but we believe precious in the sight of the Lord.

"For a number of years we have carried on a Boys' School in Jerusalem, but we moved it this year to a village five miles on the northwest of Jerusalem and opened a distinctive Bible Training Institute on Nyack lines. We have one Jew, two Armenians, one Abyssinian, and



Palestine. Girls' Training School in Jerusalem.

the balance of thirty lads Arabic-speaking boys from the Protestant, Roman Catholic and Greek Churches. We have about ten Mohammedan lads who belong in the village, and who are attending the day department, who, while not pledged to Christion work, are receiving all the instruction that the Christian pupils are receiving. From my station at Beersheba there are three boys all wishing to become evangelists or teachers. We also have a little day school in 'Ain Karem taught by one of our girls who was in our Boarding School here, she herself being an ex-Moslem and a member of this church. This is the only Bible Training Institute in all Palestine. It is conducted purely on the faith line, and we believe that God has already put His hand upon this School for good.

"We opened a new station at a Mohammedan village called Daharreah, half way between our Hebron and Beersheba stations. Our teacher is the first Christian resident that has ever been permitted to stay in that part of the country. Ten days after he opened our school the fanatical Hebron Moslems sent a teacher there and opened a strict Moslem school, but he was obliged to shut it in ten days because the Moslem boys would not go to his school but stuck to us. We are occupying an old ramshackled building here this year and own a piece of land at that village with a wall around it and a cistern built, which cost us considerable money, but which is absolutely necessary because water has to be brought miles to that village. We are trusting that God will raise up someone who will build us a simple schoolroom and one room for the teacher, and thus have the joy of building the first Christian institution in the midst of fifty or sixty Moslem villages. This is both a challenge and an appeal to the members of the body of Christ.

Hebron

Hebron is an old station of ours, and has never been very encouraging. We have a day school for girls there, and a night school for boys, in charge of a courageous young woman who carries on with her



Palestine. Party of Missionaries at the Tomb of the Judges, near Jerusalem.

workers in that fanatical old city. We have seen but little result from our work there. I occasionally meet a Jew when there, who tells me he received the light through us, but he is not working very hard at his job. Mohammedism is indeed a problem. We have Mohammedan converts, but they are very few and the same can be said of every other Society working through Mohammedan lands. It is a challenge to the Church to pray. From visible results, Hebron would save us money if we closed it, but can we afford to retire from any field just because it is hard?

Beersheba

Beersheba is one of our bright spots. After re-opening this station after the War, we now have about forty-five pupils in school, not one of whom is a Protestant. Two are Jews, and the rest Roman and Greek Catholics. All of these children come regularly to church and Sunday school. It is as natural for them to come as to go to day school, and several have professed to have become converted, three of whom, as I have already said, are already in our Bible Training Institute. The

missionary in charge this morning informs me that another young man is selling his little store the 1st of January, and hopes to have money enough to enter the School next fall. Another splendid young fellow, about twenty years of age, is thinking of coming. Both of these wish to become Christian workers.

"We have a new church there which is filled Sunday mornings. We have also a Young People's Alliance recently established and a church organization, which, although you may count on the fingers of one hand, is a beginning at least among these Catholics. A young fellow, an ex-Roman Catholic, and an ex-Greek Catholic lady assist the missionaries there. The missionary tells me he has it strongly in mind to open a night school for adult Mohammedans, several of whom are applying. One of the young Mohammedan teachers has recently confessed to him



Palestine.
Training Class in Young Men's Bible School in Ain Karim.

that he has absolutely no belief in Mohammedanism and is urging him to alow him to enter such a school. Our missionary, too, feels that he must make a break and attempt preaching to a crowd of Bedouin who come in to market every Wednesday, sometimes aggregating three to four thousand, according to the statement of a British Governor.

"We have moved to the Arabian borders, and are occupying a station called in the Scripture Kir of Moab. It is under the Arabic Prince Abdullah. It is a hard place, as Satan fights every advance, but the workers are going on and hope ultimately to push into Arabia. One of the young men from that station reached the Red Sea on an itineration trip, being seventeen days in the saddle on the trip.

Beyond Jordon

"Back of Mt. Nebo, on the other side of Jordan, are two ladies holding forth. The Greek Catholic Church are strenuously opposing their work, but it looks as if we will soon have to organize there another little church as we organized the one at Beersheba, if the Government does not interfere.

"We have also opened a new main station in Dera'a, the ancient capital of Og of Bashan, and God has set His seal on the opening of that station in some positive healings. They have organized a little Sunday School, and preaching is begun. It is in the midst of scores of villages almost untouched. To the east of this station, about five or six hours distance, is a little Protestant church conducted by a native brother whom we ordained last year. He is working for an independent missionary, who, by the way, has willed us this church property in the event of her death. I just have a letter from this young man saying that while for years there has been a dreadful situation there among the Protestant Christians, at a recent meeting while he was preaching the Spirit brought conviction upon the entire company and that they rose in the church and confessed their sins to God and to each other, and that the church has been reorganized and a Sunday School started.

"We regret we cannot report thousands of conversions, but we have this to say, that, in one of the hardest fields possible, we believe that God is blessing us despite the opposition of the enemy and the awful apathy, and even opposition by these Eastern Churches. Pray for us, dear friends.

"I thank you for your continued interest in the work. It seems as if we likely go home on furlough next year, if the Lord spares us, and I remember with delight the old Camp Meeting at Allentown, Pennsylvania, and trust I may have the pleasure, if He tarry, of meeting you at one of those glorious feasts."

Mary A.

Butterfield compiled the following notes which she gathered from communications which she received from the field during the year:

"Just eight hours after the New Year bells had rung"

out in 1924, our beloved Superintendent, Rev. A. E. Thompson, left the little missionary bungalow on the hillside at Nyack, N. Y., where he had moved with his family but a short time before, and went to be with the Lord. It was a happy day for him but a sad one for the dear ones left behind. The news was flashed in all directions in a few hours by our Foreign Secretary, Rev. A. C. Snead. A shocked company of missionaries in Palestine and hundreds of friends there said, 'It cannot be true'. But it was and there was nothing to do but to lean harder upon God and go on with the work so dear to his heart and theirs.

"A memorial service was held in the Church in Jerusalem where sorrowing ones gave expression of the regard and esteem they had for this man of God. Not only in our own Society but also among others throughout Palestine and Syria was he looked upon as a missionary leader as well as a man of God with a passion for souls. The burden of the leadership of our Palestine work fell to Rev. E. O. Jago, who had acted as Chairman during Mr. Thompson's furloughs. The missionaries and helpers rallied around him and God has marvelously blessed in every department of the work during the year, as letters from all of the missionaries indicate.

"We have six Mission Stations in the Palestine work now—three on the west side of the Jordan: Jerusalem, Hebron and Beersheba, and three on the east side: Dera'a, Medeba and Kerak. It reminds one of the six cities of refuge in Joshua's time, only we have occupied but one of the actual cities named there (Josh. 20:7,8). and that is Hebron. Through some quotations from letters I have received from the missionaries, I will give you a glimpse of each of these stations so that you may look on our field and pray still more earnestly.

Jerusalem

"Our headquarters are in Jerusalem. Here Mr. and Mrs. Jago and Ray are located. He is pastor of the Church there and superintends the work from there, making many trips to and from the other stations during the year. He is also working hard to build up the Jewish work in the land. He says, "The Jewish work is very encouraging. The last two Saturdays every seat in the building was filled. The Jewish Night Schools are well patronized, especially in the Women's Department. Miss Clor has some excellent women's meetings. One young man is a candidate for baptism. We baptized one about a month ago." The attendance at the classes has been as high as seventy-five at times. This is indeed a cause for thanksgiving.

"Miss Parsons, Miss Beecroft and Miss David, a new recruit, are working for souls in the Girls' Bible Training School, which is temporarily located in our Mission House in Jerusalem. These girls are finding the Lord as girls do here and are looking forward to real service for Christ in whatever way He may lead. Having the School in the



Part of school at Madeba, Trans-Jordania. Mr. Jago and Miss Best in rear. Salimie, a teacher, in white in front.

Mission House has made it very difficult because of interruptions which do not occur when the school is off by itself. They are trusting that God will speedily open the way for it to be moved elsewhere.

"The Young Men's Bible Training Institute is located in Ain Karim, about five miles west of Jerusalem, the traditional site of the birthplace of John the Baptist. Miss Gummoe is Principal of this School and is assisted by Miss Chalmers and Mr. Brooks. She writes, 'A real revival has broken out in our midst among the students and we praise God for answered prayer. Since Easter God has been sending the mercy drops, but last week we had the showers and this week we hope for floods upon the dry ground.' Mr. Jago mentions this in his letter, also, saying, 'We are having a real revival in our Bible Training School in Ain Karim. I was out there on Sunday night and returned about eleven o'clock. Practically all the school were on their faces when I left.'

"These students are being trained for Christian workers. They are not only given the instruction in the course mapped out but are also trained in practical work. Mr. Brooks and the older students have visited over twenty-five villages in that vicinity, going out every Saturday. Some of the villages have heard several times. Pray for souls there.

"In connection with the Training School work, it will be of interest to readers to know that a permanent memorial to Mr. Thompson has been established by those who loved him in that land, by the starting of a fund called 'The Thompson Scholarship Fund.' Its purpose is to help poor students secure the training they need for Christian service. Many of the most worthy ones cannot support themselves in the School and some have had to be turned away. No more suitable memorial than this could have been planned for the man who gave his life for this very work. The chief desire of his heart was to train men for God's service.

Hebron

"Miss Graves and Miss Derr are holding the fort in Hebron, the latter having to study the language. An evangelist and a Bible woman are helping them. Miss Graves writes, 'Hebron is a beautiful place. Just now the hills are so green and pretty with their terraced slopes. From our balcony we can see the Plain of Mamre. Further up is Abraham's Oak (so-called). Surely this is hallowed ground and it inspires one with hallowed associations, but when we look about us we realize that everything has changed. No longer men of faith till the soil here but rather they sing of the false prophet. How sad it all is! We have been enabled to give the gospel to a large number of boys in the Night School. They have been difficult to manage but they come in large numbers and have heard the story again and again. Some of the older boys remain for prayers and read the New Testament for them-Some of these boys have been touched but they need prayer selves. that they may surrender.

"'My Bible Woman and I go out calling among the women. There is a sick woman in whom we are especially interested. She looks very young but considers herself old—and no wonder! She was married when she was nine years old and became a mother as soon as possible, thus nearly ruining her health. We have called on her several times, reading the Word to her and praying for her, but it is hard for her to believe in Jesus Christ as her Saviour. Pray for all these poor women who are so bound in superstition.' Pray for Dahariah, an outstation of Hebron, in charge of a Syrian teacher.

Beersheba

"About a year ago, Mr. and Mrs. Breaden and their three little children went to Palestine and in a short time were busy at work in Beersheba with an evangelist and two teachers. They have been studying the language under great difficulties because of the many interruptions that beset workers in charge of stations. The Lord has greatly blessed their ministry. On the weekly market day thousands of Bedouin gather in the town and the missionary and his evangelist go out among them.

"On one occasion an old Sheik was converted. He returned to his encampment and told his people about it. Later he came back to the station with two other sheiks and they plead with the missionary to send them teachers. One teacher has been sent to them and we hope another may be sent soon. Mrs. Breaden and the lady teacher are faithfully giving the message to the women also, as they come to her in her home and also in house to house visitation.

Dera'a

"Dera'a is situated about twenty miles east of the south shore of the Sea of Galilee in the great Hauran. This is the site of ancient Edrei, one of the capital cities of Og, King of Bashan (Num. 21:33-35). Here Rey. Paul Allen, Mr. Shaw and Mrs. Clark, with three helpers, are laboring for the Lord. For some time their work was bitterly opposed by the Arabs, but in answer to prayer the French Government has given permission to open some day schools in Syria. So they are hoping to open up several outstations soon. One day school is already going in Ghasm and itinerating services have been held in four or five other places. The Lord has used Mr. Allen to bring a number of men to the Lord. Mrs. Clark and the Bible Woman visit among the women in their homes with varying success. There is a large barracks in the town and some of the soldiers come to the house in the evenings for prayer.



Palestine.
Missionaries and Evangelists starting out from Kerak, Trans-Jordania, around Dead Sea to Beersheba.

Madeba

"Madeba is about ten miles east of the north shore of the Dead Sea, not far from Mount Nebo. It is an ancient Moabite city and is mentioned in the Bible (Isa. 15:2). Miss Best and Miss Sharp are stationed there. The Lord has wonderfully answered prayer and helped them to reopen the shool that had been closed so long. Miss Best writes, 'We have arranged to rent a larger building for the Girls' School for this coming year, to accommodate those who are coming. We had our first communion service here last Sunday. There was one born again soul from Madeba to partake with us. Pray that there will be others next time.'

"Her description of their social life will interest readers: 'An auto party of six spent the night with us on their way to Kerak. We have only three rooms and a tiny kitchen but there are no hotels and we are only too glad to meet friends. The Mayor came in to see them and invited us all in to tea. As the only time we could go was after the evening service, behokil us at nine o'clock drinking tea, or, if preferred, sheep's milk and eating native bread and sweet butter, which can be

obtained only at this season (springtime). The large room was spread with beautiful rugs, one of which we were told cost eighty pounds.

"'We had been obliged to refuse an invitation to a roast lamb supper at another home because of this engagement, but our friends kindly kept it over till the next day and sent for us at the noon hour. We sat on the floor around the large low table loaded with various dishes of meat and vegetables. The roast was pulled apart with the fingers and put on our plates.' She also asks prayer for a young man who tells them that he had been kept from committing suicide through what he had learned about God in the Mission. His family had been wealthy but had lost all in the War and were heavily in debt, yet they had to keep up appearances by entertaining the many Arab friends who came to visit them. 'One who lives among Arabs cannot close his door to guests. We long to see this young man free, temporally and spiritually to turn his knowledge of the Arabs into service for the King.'

Kerak

"About forty miles south of Madeba, east of the south shore of the Dead Sea, is Kerak, ancient Kir of Moab, known also as Kir Haraseth, Kir Haresh and Kir Heres (Isa, 15:1; 16:7. 11; II Ki. 3:25; Jer. 48:31). Here Mr. and Mrs. Smalley and the latter's sister, Miss Allen, are located with three native helpers. Kerak is a little town with a population of about three thousand inhabitants, living in wretched huts. It is near the Arabian border and is the bone of contention among several Arab tribes, sometimes under control of one tribe and sometimes of another. Here, as in Madeba, human life is cheap and nothing is thought of men killing each other. Men go armed all the time.

"Mr. Smalley has many friends among these people, yet his life has been threatened by some who do not want the gospel there. He took a pioneer trip around the southern shore of the Dead Sea with his evangelist and some muleteers. It was a long, hard journey, sleeping on the ground at nights or in a Bedouin tent, eating with them and preaching the Word to all whom he met. The Bedouin were too poor to give them much to eat. Their own food became exhausted and they were both hungry and thirsty. Finding a little pool of dirty water, they drank eagerly. While they were absent the worst storm ever known in Kerak came up and Mrs. Smalley, with the help of a native boy, worked hard to keep a dry place in the home for her little baby boy, as water poured in through the mud roof. Satan was roused to a fury by that pioneer effort and fought it every way he could. Mr. Smalley went to bed with a serious attack of typhoid fever and but for God's answer to prayer would have died. Thank God, he has been restored to health and strength and is hard at work again. He and Mr. Allen are looking forward to a trip into Arabia soon.

"May thousands be led to pray for the souls in darkness in that land with its million square miles and four or five millions of believers in the false prophet. Notwithstanding danger or discomfort, the gospel must be preached as a witness unto all nations. Thank God, it shall be, for the Lord has said it. Nothing can prevent it. You who have read this report will rejoice with us in the blessing He has been pouring out upon the work and we believe you will stand with us for still greater things to be accomplished in His Name this coming year.

"Whatever you do, please do not fail to pray! pray!! pray!!! Pray for a mighty spiritual revival all over the country, on the missionaries, the native helpers, the churches and the schools. Pray for a deep spiritual hunger to come upon the Jews, the Christians and the Mohammedans and for a corps of laborers to feed them the Word of God. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem' and that God will speedily make it a

'praise in the earth.' Pray for an open door into Arabia. Pray believingly, for they who ask these things are asking 'according to His will.' Thank God! It shall be done!"

In a personal letter from Miss Butterfield, just received, she mentions this: "Next year, God-willing, I shall write my report for you in Palestine. I had a talk with Dr. Turnbull at Mahaffey Convention and he advised me to send in my application to return. Someway, I think it means, 'Go' this time!

"I want that you and the Brethren should know something of what is on my heart as I return this time. Some months ago while writing an article for 'Lights from Bible Lands' for the Weekly, I had an intense longing come to my soul to be in Palestine writing these articles. From that on there has been a growing conviction that the thought is from the Lord. At the time I made it a matter of definite prayer and an assurance came to me that the desire would be granted because it was His desire not only for me to write about places needed for these lessons but also to minister to souls with whom I come in contact there and to



Palestine. View of Jaffa, the ancient Joppa.

keep our people in the homeland informed as to progress in the Land of our Lord."

General Conditions in Palestine

The following is gathered from various sources:

Exports from Palestine to the United States were thirty-four times greater in 1923 than in 1921, and equalled 22 per cent. of the total exports from Palestine. In 1921 the imports amounted to 10,324 pounds and in 1923 they jumped 340,600 pounds. The main articles of export were wine, oranges, soap, wheat, lentils, beans and almonds, while the principal articles of import were cotton goods, oil, potatoes, flour, tobacco and motorcars.

At the present time 97 per cent. of the freehold property of Palestine is in the hands of Arabs and not of the Jews. Much of the land is the property of the government, though this is the least productive. The greater portion of the freehold land is owned either by the small peasant-proprietor or the rich absentee owner of a large estate. One-fifth only of the land is under cutivlation, and that in the most primitive fashion, while the remaining four-fifths remain idle and unproductive, contributing nothing to the wealth of the country. The fellahin are either too poor or too devoid of ambition to trouble themselves about new methods of agriculture, while the big landowner, who as a rule farms out his land to peasants, feels that the land, usually a family

heirloom of many generations, brings a good enough return, as it requires little expenditure of money or labor. The purchase of the land by the Jews will not only work no harm to the native population, but will actually accrue to the benefit of all concerned by increasing the productivity of the soil and raising the general standard of living.

In the ancient Valley of Jezreel in Palestine, which was once a populous and thriving region, and the center of numerous events of great historic importance, Jewish-American capital and energy are attempting to restore the ancient prosperity by means of an extensive agricultural and urban development. In line with this program, the American Zion Commonwealth announces that its Board of Directors has adopted a plan for building a Garden City on a tract of land, which it owns in the valley, not far from the colony of Balfouria and near the railroad station of Afule.

The Garden City is already being laid out by engineers of the Commonwealth, and in its first compass, it will be planned for a population of about 5,000. The Garden City combines the compactness and social opportunities of the city with the out-door life and occupations of the truck gardner. Each householder receives a plot of one and a quarter acres, and, while engaged in the ordinary accupations of the towndweller, derives a part of his income from the cultivation of his land. Within the past two years, eight new settlements have sprung up in this Valley, sometimes called the Plains of Esdraelon, and the most competent observers of the course of colonization effort in Palestine predict that the Valley will continue to be for some time to come the principal ground of Jewish colonization effort in Palestine.

One of the first enterprises undertaken by the Zionists after the war was the establishment of a Jewish University in Jerusalem. The Grayhill estate on Mt. Scopus, where Titus pitched his camp during the siege in A. D. 70, was secured and the corner stone laid in 1919. Nothing further has been done towards building, and very little progress has been made in practical plans for the educational work. The English Missions and the American and English Schools of Archæology have also discussed the possibility of the foundation of a university, but there is no probability of its accomplishment in the near future. Once again Rome has shown her ability to seize an opportunity while others talk about it.

Preparations are being made in Jerusalem on the initiative of the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Mgr. Barsalina, for the establishment of a university, under the auspices of the Latin Patriarchate. It was opened in October, and has enrolled 200 students. The prospectus shows three general courses to prepare students for later specialization in work leading to any one of the four degrees in Language, Medicine, Law or Agriculture. Instruction will be in Arabic. The prospectus states that the Palestine Patriarchal University has been founded with no political purpose, but with the sole intention of giving the youth of Palestine a sound education. Its doors are open to followers of any creed or faith, and the Rector of the University is to be an Arab by birth and by language. The fact that a Papal Legate has been appointed to Jerusalem, and that recently a great procession mustering the full force of Romanism in the Holy City, including the high Church dignitaries, hundreds of priests, monks and nuns, and thousands of school children and students paraded the streets, together with the known activities of the Vatican, leads careful onlookers to believe that the University is but part of the plan of Rome to secure control of the situation in Palestine, and block the Zionist program.

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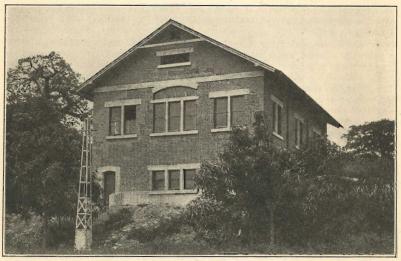
Rev. and Mrs. "Your annual reports and diaries came by the January E. E. Crist, mail

Boma, "We thank you very much for the books sent. Also Congo Belge for the good report of the work done last year. There is a missionary paper published by the Congo Bololo mission, called the "Regions Beyond," and when I saw your reports I

first thought it was their paper.

"The report for the work here last year was fairly good, some better than the previous year. There were 378 baptisms but 165 were set aside during the year. The offerings increased about 50% over last year. The offerings in some of the churches increased over 100%.

"Boma continues to show much interest. We have now 13 teachers in this district, and in December we baptized 5, making a total of 8 per-



Africa. Mission Home in Boma.

sons during last year. This does not seem to be much to write about, but when we remember all the barren years that preceded we praise the Lord for this beginning. One who was baptized in December used to be a Roman Catholic but said he never received any help or knew anything about salvation.

"One of our teachers had to be removed because of sin. So you can see the devil is busy, too. Pray much for these men. They need it so much. They should have much more training than they have, but the Lord can use even them. How we do praise Him that it is not by might nor by power nor yet by man's wisdom that the work is accomplished but by the Spirit of the living God, and His power is always available.

"I wonder if I wrote you that we bought a new house here. It is hotter than our other house, but we know it is safe to live in. This is a very hot season and we suffer a great deal from the heat.

"We thank you very much for your prayers. We need them more than ever before.

"With love in Christ from Mrs. Crist and myself."

From the Annual Report of the Congo Mission by Brother Crist, we clip the following very interesting notes:

"The Boma congregation has far outgrown its quarters and we praise God that within a couple of months a comfortable brick church seating 50 will be dedicated.

"Because of an ever increasing demand for teachers in all our districts and realizing that the better these men are equipped for their work the greater will be the results, we are stressing strongly the Training School work and will have sessions through ten months of the year, keeping the teachers for a longer period of training than we have been able to previously.

"Then too it was decided to establish schools other than the ordinary day school for the education and training of promising children, favoring as far as possible those of Christian parents. The school sessions held in some of our districts during the past year have been fruitful and we trust that more of these school centers may be forthcoming this year.

"Again, we felt the time had arrived when greater responsibility should be placed upon our native pastors who have stood true for so many years and have in recent years borne most of the responsibility of their respective parishes. Accordingly they were made responsible for the work in their districts, comprising in one the oversight of 51 day schools and in the other 65 schools in addition to the care of their respective churches, each numbering nearly 1000 members. Both of these churches have been self-supporting for a number of years and have assisted weaker churches at other centers with teachers and gifts besides sending the tenth of their offerings to other lands.

"The translation into Kikongo of Mr. Millman's book on Tropical Hygiene has been completed and a thousand copies will be printed in the two languages, French and Kikongo.

"Our Ford truck, which has been of inestimable value at Boma in the construction of the new church building, is now being sent to the Mayumbe, where it will be of great assistance in transportation work, as the problem of procuring porters is becoming more and more acute.

"We enter the new year, thankful for what has been accomplished for the Master and trusting Him to do the 'exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think' for the advancement of His Kingdom in the coming days."

Rev. M. E.

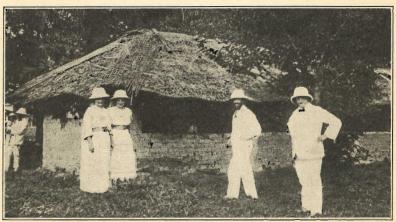
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it is He who has enabled; He has kept; it is His strength in which His servant has gone forth; His health has been given and, best of all, His Spirit has been faithful and souls are saved, the Church has been added to and been strengthened.

"During the year, the writer has been able to hold all the quarterly meetings, thus spending from three to four weeks each quarter in the district. In addition to the regular work of each quarter there have been sessions of Bible study and conference with the teachers and Bible studies for the Christians. These have been times of refreshing from the hand of the Lord and our own hearts have been helped. Among the subjects used were the following: The Abundant Life; Satan, His Character and Work; The Blood of Christ; The Tenth.

"There were held also special meetings for the children. We feel that these are indispensable to the work. The work among the children is the foundation of the future generation and we would that it were possible to give them their chance each Sabbath, yea every day, but this is impossible under the present arrangement of the work and white workers. The Maduda district is removed from the possibilities of close working from Kinkonzi station, at which I reside.

"In the meetings held this year there have been groups of from 75 to 200 little ones who have had a *taste* of what the children in the home lands have every Sabbath in the form of stories from the Bible Sunday School rolls. They have been thoroughly delighted and have wished that they could have more of it. Would to God they could! In the last series, held this month, I have been greatly aided by Mrs. Barter, who accompanied me on the complete tour of the district. Being the only



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white woman to visit many parts of the district since Miss Harris passed through some twenty years ago, there was much curiosity but also much delight in her presence among the women and children.

"In connection with and also apart from the quarterly meetings, it has been a privilege to make trips through the towns of the district. These trips have varied from a few days to nine weeks. Between the quarterly meetings endeavors have been made to make regular visits to the towns of the districts in which the quarterly meetings were held. This has given first hand information of the schools and the people and it has given us an opportunity to meet the folks in their daily habitat.

"It was on one of these trips that we were enabled to free a woman from her native slavery. She had been sold from her people in her youth. She was so young that she no longer remembers her own people. Her purchasers sold her to another chief, who has held her as his possession. Because of his old age and the desire to get some money for his last days, he had begun to bargain to sell her back to the people from whom he had bought her. We were appealed to in this moment of her trouble and we were able to free her and her two children from her owner. Now she may enjoy the blessings of her salvation in Christ with her husband, whom she married in her servile state.

"It has been a source of satisfaction to know that the Lord has enabled us to see every town but one small one in the Maduda district. This was made possible by an extended trip of nine weeks, from May to July. Everywhere we went the people received us cordially. On one or two occasions we were met otherwise, for upon our approaching the town we found ourselves minus a crowd to whom to preach. They had all taken to the bush. One of the most hearty welcomes was granted us one forenoon when we came into a town in which we found no one to say 'How do!' to us. But we knew that we were welcome for the town had been carefully swept and cleaned, the houses decorated with palms and flowers. On a pole fastened to the house in which I was to sleep there floated a large handkerchief. I immediately took possession. A call on the native drum announced to the absent population that we had arrived and we did not have long to wait ere they began to come in from all directions, having been at work in their fields. Their verbal welcome was as hearty as the silent one of the beautified houses. Do you know the thrill of such an experience? Would that all of God's workers could experience it and know the joy of being received as His messengers out in the bush of a country like this!

"The up and down experience of the hill climbing and descending in the Maduda district gives one all the Shanks' pony demonstration that one wishes for. A diversion from the mountain experience comes to one after the last range has been crossed and the plains of the Ndongi and Loango rivers are reached. There one meets with the grass and in the rainy season the sun bears down upon the travellers in unmerciful measure.

"While I have been engaged on the station there has been ample opportunity for service of varied character. A French-Kikongo dictionary desired by the government was placed in my hands for translation, that is, the Kikongo equivalents were written against the French words already in the book.

"Also there was work on a book on Hygiene in the native language in which I was privileged to help Mr. Welles to revise prior to its being published for the work here in Congo.

"From the time of my arrival in the Congo this term up to our annual Convention this year, it was my happy privilege to help the new missionaries on Kinkonzi in their study of the language. At times there were as many as three different classes a day, but the hours spent in that work were freighted with blessing.

"One session of the Training School kept me occupied five weeks of the early part of the year and during the months of October and November the first of the lengthened sessions was held, with an enrollment of 52. This is the first full session held and we trust that it means the beginning of a new era in the history of the school. The pupils gave themselves to the tasks in hand, but, being their first chance at regular study, they found it very difficult to acquire all that we hoped for them. May God hasten the day when we shall be able to keep them for an extended time and thus help them to develop their latent powers."

In another letter Brother Barter writes:

"I have never known a busier year than the one just closed but the blessings have come in a corresponding measure. The enclosed brief resume of the year will give some conception of the work we have been enabled to do in His Name. It is a delight to work for Him, for He is our constant companion in all things we do in His name and for His glory.

"God has kept us in health so that we have been able to keep on with the work without hindrance. For this we wish to give thanks.

"During these months of January and February the teachers of the Maduda church are carrying on a special evangelistic campaign through the whole of the Maduda district. They are going out two by two and are not to go to their own sections but to those which they have never yet visited. In this way we desire to give new voices and new faces to the whole country.

"It also gives the teachers an opportunity to do work other than the regular daily routine. These services being held are not primarily for the Christians but for those who do not enter services. May God awaken people from the sleep of sin and bring them to themselves that they may come to Him for salvation! When one company of teachers has finished its tour, another group will stand up and go over the same territory, and when the second group returns they will have their places taken by a third group. Already we have begun to hear reports that blessing has followed the preaching of the Word, and may it increase daily.

"The stated population of the Maduda district is ten thousand. This gives a responsibility of ten people to each church member. This matter was explained to the teachers when they gathered for the semi-annual meeting and they were surprised to learn it. They said that they had never before thought of it in that light. We attempted to show them that now that their responsibility to their own section was so small, they must begin to branch out more broadly and think of the parts which are without the Gospel.

"We are looking to God that He will reveal His thought to us concerning the sending of more of our workers to the Vungu district as evangelists. On the way to Boma for our semi-annual Committee meeting, Messrs. Boyer and Kopp in company with the writer made a journey of at least 150 miles on foot in order to get the Gospel story to the towns which have had but little and some no witness. We found people ready to receive the message and calls for teachers came to us from nearly every town. May God help us to hasten the feet of messengers to these parts in order to finish the task which we have been over thirty years in accomplishing. The placing of a new station to the southwest of our work will enable us to hasten the completion of our task in that nearly untouched region.

"One week from today another session of the Training School will begin and we are looking to the Lord for an outpouring of His Spirit upon us. The session will run for two months as we have planned for the school from now on.

"Continue to pray that He may be glorified in all that we do."

INDIA



Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Carner.

Earl R. Under date of Carner, June 1, 1924, Berar, India Brother Carner makes the follow-

ing report:

"We have had a good time in the district this year and have covered much more territory than usual. I think I have never had a year in India in which we have disposed of so many Scripture portions. This is an encouraging feature of our touring work and we hope that the seed thus sown through the printed page will eventually spring up and bear fruit for the praise of the Lord Jesus in the day of His coming.

"We have baptized a few new converts this season and there

are a number who are asking for baptism and we trust that they will be ready for the step before long.

"In April I baptized nine adults and dedicated their little ones to the Lord Jesus. The baptismal service was held on the Purna River, which is in the northern part of our district. It was very interesting to see the converts take this step. Most of them, if not all of them, had never seen a baptism before and we had to instruct them in every detail. Doubtless there are many who love the Lord Jesus and pray always in his name, even though they do not openly take the name of Christian. There are thousands of men and women in India who have turned away from idolatry because of the gospel message.

"One dear old woman wept as she listened to the story of the Lord's death for lost sinners. She evidently had never heard such a story before. I mean she had not heard the story of love before, for of course there is no other one to compare with it. She had just passed thorugh a great sorrow through the death of her son by snake bite and her heart seemed prepared to hear of the One who sorrowed for all of us. That was over thirty miles from home, during the season for touring and we have not been able to go back there since. But we know there are hearts everywhere that would accept Jesus if only we could see them often enough to banish their fears and prejudices.

"We are likely to leave India for furlough very early in 1925, if not before that time. I mention this so that you will not continue to send us the papers after we are not here to receive them. It is very good of you and all the dear friends who support us to send us these fine things to read. Pray for us and have the friends pray, that we may war a good warfare and be worthy of our calling.

"Before closing my letter I want to ask for special remembrance in prayer regarding a project that I hope to undertake this fall. Our Alliance Board, as you may possibly know, are hoping to open up some new work in the north of India and along the borders of Nepal. We have heard that there is a good deal of territory and many thousands of people there, even outside of Nepal,

who have not heard the gospel and among whom no missionary work is being done. Our purpose is to give them the gospel and then when the Lord opens the door into Nepal (and He will soon open it if His servants will knock importunately enough at the door of heaven by prayer), we shall be ready to go in and possess the land for Him. The Board at home has asked me to go and reconnoiter in that border-land territory and find out conditions and what the possibilities are for working so that I can report on the same when I reach home, D. V.

"Now my request is that the friends will make me a special subject of prayer in this behalf. First, that the Lord will use me for His praise and enable me to be a real Caleb in spying out the land for the Lord, and second, that He will protect me from harm and evil as I go among a strange people, many of whom are fanatical



India.

Brother E. R. Carner preaching from the running board of a motor car in the market place.

Mohammedans who would do me harm if they could. I shall probably start on this expedition in September and would be glad to know that prayer is going up for me at that time as well as before that. God answers prayer preveniently so that we can pray ahead of the need and He will have everything ready to our hand when the time has come for it."

Almost Persuaded

E. R. Carner

In this article by Brother Carner he shows the power of the enemy against the enlightened slaves of caste.

About twenty miles to the north of Akola, Berar, India, basking each day in the hot sun during most of the year and steaming in the warm rains during the rest of the year, there squats the village of Panori. Panori is not unlike the other villages around it for it has its quota of narrow, dirty alleys, and tumble-down mud huts, and grass-roofed and tile-roofed other huts, not quite so tumbledown, where dwell men, women and children, cattle, goats and dogs and all that goes to make up the population of an Indian village.

Outside this little hamlet are some beautiful nym trees, unusually beautiful and unusually big and shady, to look at which always throws upon the screen of memory that little poem which sings to us so sweetly that

"Only God can make a tree."

Under one of these beautiful trees, set there by the God of love if only the villagers had seeing eyes to understand it, stands a group of men and children, crowding around us as we prepare to start the engine of our car, a certain ubiquitous kind that is a curiosity here even if not in most other places. One of the men in that crowd is offering us a drink of warm, sweet tea from a brass mug, and though such hospitality is very unusual and we would fain accept it, we are compelled to refuse it on this occasion for the reason that if we were to accept it we would be having fellowship



India.

E. R. Carner preaching the Gospel to pilgrims en route.

with the one who offers it, in a certain stand he has taken with reference to the gospel and we know that we can not fellowship with him in that stand.

Weeks before he had bought a New Testament from our Indian evangelists and he and a friend of his had read it eagerly and afterwards when we visited them had urged us to come often and explain more fully to them the way of life. At that time we had real fellowship with them and they had given us tea to drink and we had not dared to refuse such kindness for they were beautifully earnest in their desire to understand the gospel and told us that they wanted to be worshippers of Christ even as we were. We had prayed with them and afterwards had prayed for them at home, and the news had come that one of them had fasted for eight days in his intense desire to learn whether Jesus were really the world's Saviour. They professed to be seekers after the truth.

There is a society in India, a kind of brotherhood, called the Truth-Seekers, and these two men were members of that brotherhood. We believed that they were sincere in their profession of seeking after the truth, but like many another truth seeker that

starts sincerely to find the truth, they did not know that the road to Truth would lead them so far. As conviction deepened and the light on the pages of God's Word brightened, they began to see what it might cost them to be Christians. Even then they did not draw back and went so far as to tell us that they would soon be ready to be baptized even if it involved afterwards eating with Christians who had once been "untouchables."

Just here we must tell you that these two men were caste men and one of them was the head man of the village, so that to be willing to eat with "untouchables" and outcasts meant as much to them in the natural as there could possibly be of self-abasement and of humbling themselves. As they read the Word from day to day they would set down on paper some of the things that especially impressed them and would then ponder over these words of light.



India.

Crowd of women and girls who have just been listening to

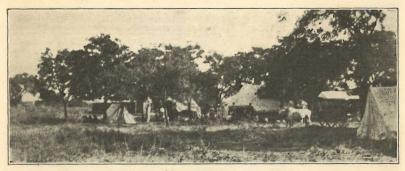
Mr. Carner's preaching.

It was at this critical time, we believe, that the tempter's wiles lured them away from the straight and narrow road. He began to whisper to them of the hardness of the road; the dread sorrow of being cast out by all their friends and neighbors; the loss of all their earthly possessions; the shame that would be heaped upon them for associating with despised Christians who had once been "untouchables"; the sharp pain of being exiled from home to wander as pilgrims and strangers, they knew not where; the awful loneliness of being thus alone in a cold, friendless world; the danger of losing even life itself; and, in short, he painted for them such a gloomy picture that they began to look around for a possibly easier way of salvation.

Then, while they were looking at the sufferings and forgetting the glory, came the subtle suggestion that one of them ought to make a pilgrimage to Nasik and there see a very wise and very learned guru. Surely he would give them the kind of advice they needed and if he did not—well, they need not follow his advice and could do as they thought best.

And so the pilgrim left his village and did not return for many days. We heard with many misgivings of this step, hoping against hope that he would see the wrong of it all, inquiring again and again whether he had not come back. The guru promised an easier way, of course. He dwelt upon the ancient glories of Hinduism! He gave the old and specious argument that since God was good He would accept this seeker no difference by what road he might approach Him.

He brought forth the false but much believed doctrine that since there are so many different kinds of people on the earth there must of necessity be many ways by which to reach heaven; further arguing that if we do the best we can God will not ask more of us; that it would be very sinful to forsake the way in which his ancestors had always walked; that if India had such a glorious past it must have been because of the goodness of her people; that the way that was good enough for millions of others must be good enough



India. Rev. and Mrs. Carner's Evangelistic Touring Camp.

for him. Laxman (for that is the name of the man of whom we are writing) did not tell us that the guru had said all these things but we have heard these arguments so often that we are sure they would be used.

And then, further to beguile this poor man's storm-tossed soul, the guru offered to enable him to have a vision of God! This delusion he accomplished by giving to the enquirer a narcotic which in half an hour had produced such a dreamy stupor that it was very easy to have any kind of convenient vision. Afterwards the poor man tried to make himself and others believe that the vision was real and that the Hindu priest was as really a guru (teacher) as Christ.

In the end he came away to his home with darkness in the ascendancy in his mind and the strength of his will greatly impaired, so that when he found himself in his old surroundings he was less ready than before to pay the price of surrendering to the lovedemands of the gospel and was sinking back into the darkness of idolatry and superstition.

In this condition we had found him and his companion on the occasion of dur last visit. As soon as we sat down with them before the Word of God we discovered that a tragedy had taken place. Instead of the eager hunger to hear about the Lord Jesus there was an attitude of self defense against the claims of Christ upon

them. Other ways were older and just as good. They could still pray in the name of Jesus but they would not break caste or be baptized! They would live just as good as any Christians ever lived (!) and God would accept them. They would say over many times God's mysterious name of Om (?) and would meditate upon it. Altogether they would not be Christians but they would be good and go to heaven anyway!

In vain we tried to turn them from this attitude; in vain we told them that salvation was the gift of God's loving kindness and that good works could never make them worthy of eternal life; that the blood of Jesus was the only thing in the universe that could wash away sin; that peace, peace with God, could be had but that



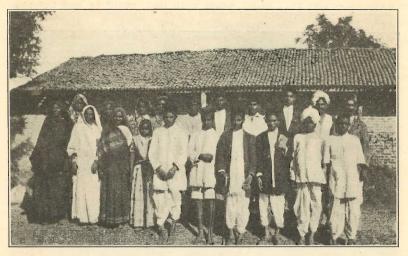
India.
Little out-station church in Mr. Hamilton's circuit,

it could be had in no other way and that eternal life was to know God through His Son the Lord Jesus.

With sad hearts we turned from their village. The proffered cup of tea was, we felt, a wish on their part to have us sanction, even if only in a small degree, their position with reference to the gospel. That we could not do, and telling them once more that they must surrender to Christ if they would know God's love and promising to pray for them we left them for the time.

Dear friends, will you, too, pray for these men and many more like them who are bound by the chains of caste and have not the courage to let the Lord Jesus break those chains and lead them out of their dark prison houses into the glorious light of the liberty which is in Himself?

Samuel Kerr, Brother Samuel Kerr, of Sanand, Gujarat, British Sanand, Province, India, now in America on furlough, gives the following encouraging report of the work in India: Province "When God called me to the foreign field, He made it impossible for me to do anything else but go. I trust that may be true of many another. I love to think of India when I first went there, the conditions of today, and the great problem of the future. Thirty odd years ago, like all other Alliance work, there was absolutely nothing. There were at that time more missionaries than Christians. Today we have twenty-eight bungalows or homes and twenty-one stations. There are four boarding schools; two training schools, as well as 150 native pastors. Many of these men are capable of taking their place beside any of us.



India.

A little brown church in the wildwood of Gujarat Province.

"If conditions were such that we should be removed from the field, I believe these men are well able to take up the standard and bear it nobly and honorably till Jesus Christ should come. The sun seems only to have risen. Young men shall see visions. There is a vision before us. In spite of the fact that modern missions were born in India, and in spite of all that has been done, in our own province of Gujarat there are 2,000,000 unevangelized; just north of us 3,000,000 more; farther north 35,000,000 more where nothing is being done.

"I want to say there is no job here in America big enough or attractive enough to hold me here. I thank God today I am a missionary. I have the vision, and the fire is burning in my soul. How about you?"

India is noted for its ferocious wild animals and the large numbers of poisonous serpents. This is due to the large, dense jungles and to the fact that the people are taught by their priests that it is wrong to take life as the soul of their ancestors may have entered into some serpent or wild beast. Thus many thousands of people are annually killed by these beasts. The India Government report for 1923 states that according to the best figures obtainable, the wild animals of India killed 3,263 persons. The tiger proved most deadly with 1,603 victims. Leopards killed 509; wolves, 460; bears, 105; elephants, 55; crocodiles and alligators, 255; wild boars, 90, and hyenas, 9. There seems to be no decrease in the annual number of victims. Far worse than all of the wild animals together, however, were the serpents, which were responsible for 20,090 deaths during the year.



Western China.

Girls' School in Hochow, Kansu Province. Miss Keo, the teacher, and

Mrs. C. F. Snyder standing in the rear.

WESTERN CHINA

C. F. Snyder, Extracts from reports from Brother Snyder during the Hochow, year:

Kansu Prov., "The new year's message given me for 1924 by.Him was, 'I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee'—it is a verity in our lives and mission work up to date.

"It makes one think of the motto in the China Inland Mission Business Department, Hankow, which reads, 'The best of all is that God is with us.'

"We are not making tremendous strides in the way of progress that can be tabulated in cold figures; nevertheles, there is a steady going forward. True, no baptisms can be reported for 1923, but you will all agree that not every or all advances are potent to the eye of flesh; on the other hand, the eye 'that never slumbers or sleeps' notes the eternal values of all His children's efforts.

"I feel this report should go in right away so as to reach you in good time, even though it does not include our near-at-hand Chinese Convention (June 20-22), on which occasion there will be some baptisms.

"Last year Pastor Hsieh, a C. I. M. Chinese evangelist from Anhuei, conducted five-days' evangelistic services. His preaching is unique and fearless and he attracts outsiders by his stories and quotations from Chinese classics. He, however, knows his Bible and has it marked up. Hsieh dresses and lives very plainly.

"Am sorry to say, of four who professed Christ then, only one is standing.

"This special effort took place in April. In October our Chairman, Brother William Christie, gave us ten messages on the victorious life in Christ in three days. It proved fine and the church members appeared to be more benefitted than in the Hsieh meetings. However, Pastor Hsieh has done some very successful work among the soldiers in Gen. Feng's camp.

"The regular routine of the work is carried on by ourselves, assisted by two Chinese evangelists, Messrs. Hsü and Keo, the former the city and the latter the country evangelist, and a Mrs. Cheo, the Bible woman.

"At Ningho, Mr. and Mrs. Uang are the workers. Mrs. Uang has just been taken on by the Mission as a Bible woman.

"In Hochow the city evangelist preaches four days weekly in the street chapel and one day at the magistrate's office (yamen) entrance. Preaching has also been done in what one might term a poor house for the blind. On Christmas day, for two years now, we made it a point to give them a rice with vegetable feed, preceded by gospel messages.

"There has not resulted the interest we desired to see. However, two blind folks recently accepted Christ, one a boy and the other a woman, for which we bless God. These are not inmates of the aforesaid poor house.

"Then there is the Sunday School, which is one of our most interesting of gatherings—the record shows that from August 26, 1923, to June 8, of this current year, there has been an aggregate attendance of 5,128. The drawing is picture cards so kindly supplied by friends from the homeland. Will you unite your prayers with ours that the salvation of these children might be attained?

"Mr. Keo ordinarily goes into the country to hold Sunday services once a month with the Christians towards the south, about 17 miles from here.

"At the outstation, Ningho, Mr. Uang has had a test, as well as we, of patience for a year, along the line of securing a suitable place for living and preaching. Pig stys are in front, behind and on the side of their dwelling. Fortunately their quarters are on the second story. Added thereto is a distillery alongside. Now, houses for rent are exceedingly scarce. There are those which may be mortgaged and purchased outright, but this means special funds. We need your assistance in prayer for this crying need in Ningho.

"On our main station this is the second year since primary school work commenced. In 1923 there was a mixed primary school, consisting of 20 pupils. This year we deemed it expedient to separate the sexes and run two schools, which is a reality now. There are enrolled 15 boys and 12 girls. Seven will graduate, five boys and two girls. While the number is small, we need not be ashamed of the showing they make. Some of them are outside children. Four boys accepted Christ, one of whom will be immersed shortly. The assistant Defense Commissioner's little sister confessed Christ also.

"One little specialty I have is to distribute tracts in Chinese, Arabic and Tibetan, to whomever comes in; for instance, the milkman, egg seller, wood seller, men who want medicine (have very, very few remedies), the lounger, the party desiring teeth to be extracted, etc., generally receive a tract. "It tracks them." Some parties in China gave me donations of tracts in addition to free literature from the Stewart Funds.

"I am an amateur teeth extractor now and many are the teeth I

have yanked out. The forceps are an avenue to the heart.

"As to the two British and Foreign Bible Society's colporteurs under my supervision, they are doing well. We recently replaced one by a new man who is younger.



Western China.

City temple in Hochow, Western China. Here the city officials are supposed to worship on the first and fifteenth of every month.

"I want to state that in aggregating colportage sales, the report indicated a total of 8,652 portions from December, 1923, to close of May, 1924.

"Although we are a poor folk, as missionaries generally are, yet by the good hand of the Lord upon us it became possible for us to launch out and purchase three desirable properties with buildings, some of them somewhat dilapidated it is true, which had been offered to us. These now house the evangelists, Hsü and Keo, with their families; the gentleman teacher, boys' school, the cook's mother and sister. Because of the latest extension, I now can put up Tibetan guests over night. In fact, the first over night guests (Tibetan) recently occupied the place.

"Personally, I take my turns at regular preaching services, perform pastoral duties of visiting and take some trips into the country, one

journey to the Tibetan monastery Labrong.

"During this Conference year I was occupied with building, remodelling and repair work on our premises.

"Some time too has been spent on studying Arabic—and thus I am able now to read the Arabic in the regular characters fairly well.

"You will rejoice with me to know that eventually the Alliance has become interested in Moslem mission effort, and actually there are found in our ranks a Mr. Holton and his fiance, Miss Newberry, who are looking forward to enter the Mohammedan field.

"In the way of testimony, permit me to say that the Bible is more and more becoming a very precious treasure to me. One will always experience this, if it is approached in the attitude of a learner; this I am doing in going over the Nyack Home Course for Bible Study.

"It is fitting to close this report by saying that Sister Snyder and I wish to convey our hearty thanks for another year of support given us through your gifts and prayers, and for the diaries, church papers and Sunday School supplies. We trust that you shall have a good Annual Conference."

Itinerating in Tibet

"'What hath God wrought!' Num. 23:23.

"Labrang, where is located the famous monastery in Amdo Province, Northeastern Tibet, is nominally 200 li from here, but in

reality 235 li, was visited by Mrs. Snyder and myself.

"The object in doing so was three-fold, to meet Mr. Christie in accordance with his request to assist in securing, if possible, a site for a Mission premise; to secure some more Tibetan friends and therewith open doors for our glorious Gospel, and lastly, to give my companion a change, as also to enable her to see Labrang, a thing she had not done before.

"Am glad to state that these desires under God's blessing were realized. It is advisable, living as we do in a sense isolated from other foreigners in this city, for we are the only white folks among 400,000—I say, it is advisable for my wife to come away and see other people and sights at times.

"The present 'Indian summer' weather of cloudless sky and pleasant sunshiny days proved an excellent time to undertake this journey of three days on horseback. Not only was the weather superb, but the scenery delightfully grand so that the passage through the lower part of the Labrang valley evoked surprises and caused admiration from my partner as expressed in the following ejaculatory remarks: 'Is that not beautiful? You had not told me about this before.'

"Our missionaries in Labrang are Mr. and Mrs. Griebenow, she hailing from Delaware and he from Minnesota. They are new workers in the midst of Tibetan language work, go forward in preaching and witnessing as they are able and have good courage in this enterprise to

give out the Word to the tribes.

"We were made welcome in their home and had fellowship in the

Lord during those five days spent together.

"As we reached our distination on Thursday and Brother Christie on Saturday, some time remained to ourselves, and of course, the Monastery was visited.

"You friends will, I am sure, be glad to have a picture thrown before your mind's eye of this hierarchial stronghold with its 3500, some say 4000, Tibetan and Mongolian occupants, real parasites of the com-

munity.

"Imagine the village of Labrang, or rather town, I should say, separated from the monastery by a five minutes walk toward the east. Business attracts the Chinese and Moslem traders to the spot. It may seem paradoxical to note here that in a country and in a religion where it is the correct thing not to take life there should be so much of meat consumed, for the saying is that in Labrang meat is cheaper than bread in price. A dead sheep sells for about one dollar, or a little over, in American money.

"When one considers that there are supposedly 1600 families, counting three individuals to a family, and three of four thousand priests, in both town and monastery, as a general thing, all blessed with good appetites, it is not difficult whatever to understand that vast quantities of meat are disposed of daily.

"The Mohammedan is the butcher and in the eyes of the Tibetan a

sinner, but Chinese, Moslem and Tibetans alike gormandize.

"Labrang monastery is nestled in a narrow, yet sunny valley—the sight of the place from a hill in front gives a view not easily forgotten. It is simply wonderful—a real town lies at one's feet; the gold-covered

tiles on some of the roofs glint in the sun.

"The prominent buildings in this array of structures are the Buddha's residence, chanting hall, the mausoleum containing four pagodas with the ashes of former Buddhas, the temple containing the image of the coming Buddha; then to the side on the right is a five-story temple. The gilded pagoda is a spectacle to behold. A separate inclosure with buildings is termed the 'tsan k'ang' into which Tibetan laymen are not allowed. I should judge some special devil holds forth there who strikes terror into the hearts of his devotees—one word in Tibetan, 'tsan-po,' signifies to be fierce, which this particular temple may be.

"Our approach to this place, in the outer court thereof, did not escape the notice of the guardian priest on the roof, who blew forthwith from a long, hose-like trumpet, probably its lion-growl-like notes were to serve as reterrent imprecations. Idols of an obscene character are found there. On the left hand is the house of the eleven-year-old Mongolian prince or ruler who holds sway over eleven tribes of Tibetan-speaking Mongols occupying the territory between Labrang and Raja, the latter a monastery and town to the west. Again tall and prominent structures scattered throughout Labrang monastery are the residences

of prominent so-called Buddhas.

"The chief Buddha, a lad of six years, has his summer residence

probably two-thirds of a mile away, where it stands alone.

"Of prayer wheels there is a multitudinous number, some one gave 3000 as the figure; they are certainly being pulled vigorously daily. I dare say, no cobwebs are allowed to form on them.

"One gruesome sight in Labrang is the Tibetan burial ground; however this is a misnomer for in truth it is a vulture feeding ground.

"The corpse to be disposed of (there are no coffins in Tibet) is carried out very early in the morning and fastened to a stake driven into the earth. The proper party then slashes up the dead person with a knife, after which the vultures, previously hid somewhere in the surrounding hills, are politely called upon with a loud voice to come, and come they do. They pounce down upon the body and finish it in short order. The Griebenows witnessed a so-called burial and report that in about eight minutes the birds had consumed the flesh, leaving nothing but the bare skeleton. Rev. 19:17."

Mrs. C. F. The following is Sister Snyder's report to the Pennsylsnyder, vania Conference:

Hochow,
China

"God has granted us another year of service for Him.
Our work has been the regular station work. Much of
the work has been on a small scale—that is, classes of

one in a class. Two large girls have finished the reading of the New Testament. During the year three of the women have read regularly. Since the opening of the Girls' School, I have had regular lessons in the Old Testament with the school teacher, with three examinations. The Bible woman has also read through nine Books of the Old Testament.

"One of the evangelists' wife who, though she had a family of five children, read regularly and was faithful in the Lord's service, has this spring gone to be with the Lord. She told her husband she would meet him in heaven. She is just another trophy of grace, snatched from heathen darkness. Her relatives are all heathen, but made no objection to the Christian burial. The body was taken to Tatao for burial, where it was placed beside the mother-in-law, who so often used to say, 'Pray for my daughter-in-law.'

"We have also had the daily prayers with the boys' school and the

singing class with the girls' school, which we have enjoyed.

"The Bible woman does regular visiting and for a time has helped with the women's reading. Four or five women will be ready for baptism. A blind woman who has come out for the Lord, seems very happy. Other women have confessed the Lord, but there are always those who fail to go 'through.' The attendance of women at the Sunday services has been very good all year.

"I think I wrote you in one of my reports to the 'Eastern Banner' of the splendid opportunities we had at the Chinese New Year time. Something like 600 women heard the Gospel in our guest room during three days' time. One woman decided for the Lord at that time. Many

listen, as if they wonder, 'How can these things be?'

"A group of Moslem women came in one evening and, because one of their number seemed very much interested, they called to her to come and not listen to the heretical doctrine. But she stayed on and later returned alone to her home, taking with her a little catechism which she said she would read.

"We are in the enemy's territory and but for the Spirit of God

raising up a standard against him, we could not live here.

"Just at this time, we are having a physical test and are having to take a complete rest as for as mental work is concerned, as it has af-

fected my eyes, but our expectation is from Him.

"I am sending you a photo of our Ho Chow Girls' School. The teacher, who stands at the back, is Miss Keo, one of the Mission's evangelists' daughters, who has received her education in our Mission Schools. We need your prayers.

"Over and over, yes deeper and deeper,
My heart is pierced through with life's sorrow and cry,
But the tears of the sower and songs of the reaper
Shall mingle together in joy by and by."

Under date of February 24, 1924, Sister Snyder sends the following interesting report:

"Our Chinese New Year's season is just over. The last three days have been wonderful days of seed sowing. Hundreds have sat under the sound of the Gospel. The little chapel was just jammed with men, morning, afternoon and night. The two evangelists, a Bible School student and Mr. Snyder taking turns in the preaching. The last service was given to testimonies by different ones, the school boys also taking part.

"A little guest room was used to receive the women during these days. Six hundred or more women sat under the preaching of the Gospel these three days. My heart was moved to tears as I saw their eagerness to hear. Besides myself and the Bible woman, the new school-teacher and the wife of one of the evangelists and three of the Christian women helped in talking to the women, and yet we could have used more help. The talking, of course, was interspersed with singing. One evening, eleven Mohammedan women came in. Among them was a young woman that showed unusual interest and asked one of the Chris-

tian women to tell her minutely about the Gospel which she loves to hear. When the other women left they told her to come too and not listen to the heretical doctrine, but she told them to go. After listening for some time she went back to her home alone, taking with her a little catechism. Will you not follow this dear soul as she returns to her home—a well-to-do home in the Mohammedan section of the city. Another soul seeking the light. While we are in the Kansu Mohammedan center, it is very seldom that we have any of their women to attend our services, so this voice in the darkness should arouse us to earnest prayer and great hopefulness. It seemed to me as I looked into the faces of the women—old women, young women, big girls, little girls, babies in arms, well dressed women, women in country dress, and from different walks in life—that it was worth my nearly twenty years in



Western China. Sacred Mountain in Kansu Province.

China, just to see the sight of so many listening to the Gospel. Praise

God for this one great opportunity of the year!

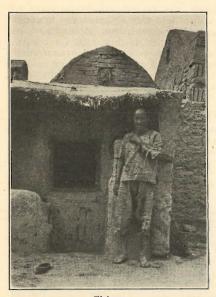
"God has, in answer to the desire of our hearts, at last opened the way for us to open a girls' day school. We are very much cramped for room, but we will at least have a beginning and as we step out in faith we believe God will enlarge our borders.

"A young lady teacher at the home end is making this project possible and I am sure God will reward her in giving her souls from among

the girls that will come.

"I do trust that some one of God's hidden ones will pray with us the prayer that prevails for these multitudes of people for whom Christ died.

"A voice from out of the darkness!
A cry of a soul in pain!
May ring as the blast of a clarion,
Nor call God's hosts in vain!
By the pierced hand which saved us
Let ours do their work today,
Till from those who tremble in darkness
The shadows are swept away.
"Yours in His love and fellowship.



China.

Big man and family live in this house in Kansu Province.

Rev. Wm. Christie, Titao, Kansu Prov., China

"Owing to all my time and strength having been required in the Lord's work, I have neglected,

almost entirely, correspondence with friends and relatives. But now that this term of service is drawing to a close, I am compelled to write a brief circular letter to inform you of my approaching furlough.

"It may not be uninteresting to you to be told something of the progress of the Lord's work on this field within the past six and a half years. The number of missionaries has increased from fifteen to thirty-two; the number of native helpers from twenty to nearly fifty. The number of main stations has increased from eight to eleven. Considerably over three hundred have been baptized within this time. On this station of Titao, the headquarters for the Field, the number baptized in six years has been

one hundred and forty-four. We do praise God for this fruit. The number of schools has increased from five to twelve, and the scholars from seventy to two hundred and forty. We thank God for this slow but sure growth along every line.

"In one respect our work has suffered within the past six years from the attacks upon it by the Assemblies of God. About two hundred church members and more than a hundred inquirers from all our stations have gone over to them. But there remain with us to this day about six hundred and fifty church members and more than two hundred inquirers. On the other hand we praise God for establishing the native workers and most of our Christians so far that they are safe from the attacks of those who would mislead them.

"During the past four years God has enabled us to make a great advance into Tibet. Three new stations have been opened on a line northwest from Taochow Old city, the base for Tibetan work. They are Hehtsoh, Labrang and Paongan, respectively forty miles, eighty miles and one hundred and forty miles distant from the base. We have foreign missionaries established at all these points. Land has been purchased and buildings are in course of erection. This advance is a most remarkable answer to prayer. Only God could have made it possible to settle in those three great monastic centers of Lamaism.

"There has also been an advance along the line of evangelism among the Chinese. Two evangelistic bands have been organized and through their instrumentality the Gospel has been preached in scores of market towns and hundreds of country villages which otherwise could not have been reached.

"The state of our work at present calls for very much prayer for a revival. Everything seems to be ready for this. In less than a month a great united conference is to be held on this station of almost all Protestant missionaries in Kansu. Is not this an opportunity to believe and pray for this revival? Some of us are doing this, because we have a yearning desire to see the spiritual life of all of God's people quickened, and His servants filled again with the Holy Spirit."

CENTRAL CHINA

B. Howard
Alexander,
Changteh,
Hunan Prov.

"I have to thank you and the Board for the very fine report that you have delivered to us on this Station. We have enjoyed the reading of the same very much and have admired the get up of the whole.

"We also want to thank you for the literature that is sent, which has been found very helpful, especially the Sunday School

helps, which usually come in time for the whole quarter.

"I have also been in receipt of a fine diary, which is both useful and valuable. Thanks for the same.

"We thank you for both your gifts and your prayers.

"In writing the report for this year I realize that another year has rolled by, which has brought us one year nearer the Coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and one year less to work for Him in this land. The year has been a busy one, with much running hither and thither, so that I find that I spent 126 days away from the main station.

"To begin with, after returning from our Annual Conference, which we have at the Hills every summer, I and my wife visited the outstation and then on our getting back to the main station, I took an extended tour of about three weeks in adjoining territory. Mr. Roth and myself passed through several places that do not have any witness for Jesus. The roads were very moutainous; we climbed one probably 3000 feet high, which is a famous place for pilgrims in the Chinese eighth month.

"Although not staying any length of time in any of the towns, yet we were glad to leave behind us all the way a thin line of tracts, which was at least some slight witness to the Gospel which may yet result in the salvation of some soul. I was much encouraged along this line last year when visiting one of our Churches in another part of the field, when a man who is now attending the Bible School in preparation for being a preacher, came up to me and said that he dated back the beginning of his Christian life to the time when, over 20 years ago, I passed through his place and handed him a tract.

"Again my wife and I visited the outstations and this was followed by a time of special meetings at the main Station, during which time 28 people were baptized. These were busy days when we had at least 140 Chinese guests on the Mission Compound, besides those who attended

the services from the street.

"The visit of a special Deputation from the Home Board called for a special Conference of all our Missionaries in Central China to meet in Hankow. This meant some more travelling and the leaving of the work for a while. The outcome of this Conference was the decision for an advance in the neglected regions beyond, which in this case included some part of the Provinces of Szechoen and Kueicho.

"The Mission is setting apart six Workers for these new fields, and they are waiting for the way to be clear for them to go forward as soon as possible. Please pray for them, as the country is in a very unsettled condition, with robbers everywhere. The District that they are to travel

in is very mountainous and difficult of access.

"It was the beginning of January before we were able to get back from the Conference and traveling was bad on account of the low water. After a short stay at the main station we were off again to visit in the country. There we met with very cold weather. One can hardly imagine that we, in this part of China, can have such changes. In the summer we have it as high as 107 in the shade and yet when we had hired a boat for our return the ice was so thick that, although we had two or three men at the head of the boat with a big pole trying to break the ice, they were unable to do so, and we had to walk home, my wife walking the 15 miles, till she was all footsore and scarcely able to get along.

"Chinese New Year came on February 16, with its usual time of feasting, etc. We had hoped to have some special work for the outsiders, who have so much leisure time those days, but the weather was not propitious, and we were only able to have meetings daily with the Christians, at which time I gave them special talks on the Bible, with

regard to its origin, and the writers, etc.

"The outstation work is growing and expanding more than the city work. We have added one more this year. This has been the result of the Evangelistic Band, which has been working in that District for a short time. The Band was not in full working force last year, principally because of the lack of a leader, and we had to discontinue it for several months, but they began again this spring, and the results tabulated are as follows:

"From March 16 till July 11, when they were disbanded for the summer, books and tracts distributed, 6,985. These are not given away promiscuously. Homes visited, 2,216; people interested, 100; names given in as being desirous of becoming Christians, 35. There are still other outlying Districts that we want to reach and we expect the Band to be sent to these as soon as they get together again for the fall work.

"Just an incident in closing, through which we have just passed, which will show you the danger that we are in during these times in

China.

"We were returning from the Conference at the Hill to our Station on a steam launch with a large crowd of Chinese passengers, with our party of Missionaries, some others of another Mission and also some American Roman Catholic Priests, in all 19 foreigners and children. On a beautiful, bright sunshiny afternoon, about 2:30, we were suddenly called upon by a passing launch to turn back as soon as possible, as there were some soldiers up ahead, who were shooting from the bank. Before we could get the launch away they were firing at us. Fortunately the Chinese captain of the launch did not loose his head but got the launch turned around as soon as possible and we started back as fast as we could. But before we got away, some shots had found their mark and the chief engineer of the launch was wounded fatally and died soon afterwards.

"It seemed a strange fatality, that it was just at the spot where the launch had been robbed on its last trip. Then no one had been hurt, but some money and clothes had been stolen. At that time the engineer was not on board and they did not want him to go this time, but he said he would go. He was what is called a Ninpo man, that is a place on the Chinese coast not far from Shanghai. He had a wife and several children in Hankow.

"On that afternoon I had started out with a bunch of tracts to talk with the passengers, and in passing his cabin door he asked me to come. I went in and had a talk with him and gave him some tracts and then I was going out again but he held me back. We talked more and some others came and we talked with them. This engineer said to me, 'I do

not understand the preachers in Hankow, but I understand you and I can read these tracts.' He said he wanted to become a Christian and took my address in the city where we are and said that he would call on me when we arrived.

"In the midst of this talking we heard some disturbance on deck. He went out to see and came back saying that there was fighting up on the bank and the boat would have to turn back. While he was talking the first shot came in the cabin, right over our heads, and entered a thick beam and from there passed on into the next cabin, where its force was spent. I said to him, 'Don't be afraid, but we had better close the door.' He was crouching down on the floor, but rose up to close the door. The next shot came right through the panel of the door and passed clean through him and he once more dropped to the floor. We did what we could for the wound, but it was fatal and he passed away in a short time.

"We had to return the whole way to Hankow and take another boat that took us a different way. We finally reached our destination, but it seemed Providential that I was able to give the man a Gospel message before he passed away. Moreover, it has made me feel that I had a close call, but the Lord's time had not yet come and I am spared for some future service for the Master."

FRENCH INDO-CHINA

Wm. C. Cadman, Hanoi,
French
Indo-China
pardon this delay. More than ever do I appreciate the sacrificial giving of your dear people and the help of their prayers, and praise God for them.

"Here in French Indo-China the Lord is wonderfully blessing the work, which continues to go ahead by leaps and bounds. When we read of the experiences of missionaries who labored long years before seeing any fruit, and when we remember in particular that one mission which, during its first thirty years, lost by death as many missionaries as converts won, so we marvel at God's goodness in having already in such a short time given a thousand and a half converts, the earnest of the multitudes who will rise up with us to meet the Lord when He shall return.

"This progress was never more emphasized than when, after a lapse of eight years, we recently visited Cochinchina and Cambodia. Then as we travelled through these countries to gather necessary information, there was not a single station, a single missionary, a single convert, nothing but dense heathen darkness. But now what a change! Mission station after mission station welcomed us, and group after group of happy Christians awaited a message from the visitor from the far north, one thousand miles away. How we praise God for what He has done, for these souls won from heathen darkness and brought into His marvelous light. Surely the labors of God's children at home and on the field have been amply rewarded!

"As Brother Herbert A. Jackson is being supported by you dear people, it will be interesting if we write a few words telling of an eighteen-hour visit to his station while on this recent trip.



India.

A family of Bhils who came to Brother Gustafson from their jungle home for medicine. The wife was sick and wanted some panther oil.

"We left the busy port city of Saigon early in the morning by a crowded autobus, and till almost sunset speeded along splendid macadamized roads winding through low-lying, emerald-green rice fields stretching far away to the distant horizon. During the day we stopped at several crowded centers of population to let off and take on passengers. Soon after crossing the majestic Mekong on an up-todate motor ferry, we arrived at Cantho, a most interesting 'chef lieu,' nestling among the trees on the banks of the river, and in the center of the province of the same name, rich because of the wealth from the rice fields.

"Changing from the autobus to a ricksha, we directed the coolie to take us to the 'Hoi Tin-Lanh.' Within a few minutes, after following a narrow canal, we arrived outside a low, wooded bungalow built over the rice fields alongside the road, and mounted on high wooden piles to escape the floods. Paying off the ricksha coolie, we took our valise, went along the wooden planking, and entered the big room

serving as dining and sitting room and study combined. Seated at the table was Mrs. Jackson, busily writing. Stretched on a long cane chair with a book in his lap and studying with his native teacher was Mr. Jackson. All were so absorbed in what they were doing that the entry of a visitor was unnoticed. I stood watching for a moment, waiting for them to look up, and then, breaking upon the evening stillness, I greeted them with a 'Good evening, folks!' All jumped with surprise, exclaiming, 'Why, Mr. Cadman!' The first moment of surprise being over, we were soon busily exchanging news, it being wonderful how much there is for conversation when a visitor arrives from the outside world!

"There being no meeting, the evening was most pleasantly spent together discussing all phases of the work with it many problems and prospects. Then at a late hour, after prayer, we separated to go to our improvised partitioned bedrooms, the visitor tired and weary with several days' hard travel, but praising God for what he had seen and heard.

"Bright and early the next morning we were up and busy looking around to get our bearings. After living in the noisy native quarter of Hanoi we enjoyed the quietness of the country air and the beautiful scenery. The mission bungalow, which is rented, is rather primitive, and yet not unpleasant. The abundant means of ventilation were somewhat noticeable, the sky easily being seen through the cracks in the wooden walls, and the rice fields through the cracks in the flooring. But this being a warm and very equitable climate, this is of comparatively no importance, except as regards privacy.

"Soon after breakfast and prayers, visitors began to arrive to greet the visitor. First came the faithful native evangelist with some of his family, followed by others of the Christians. Then Mr. Jackson took us to visit the chapel in the main street of the city. It is one of a long row of one-story brick houses, rather small, seating about eighty, yet clean and neat and suitable for a beginning. But Brother Jackson enthusiastically assured us this chapel was not half big enough, and that he needed to rent another and larger place to fix up as a chapel.

"A few doors farther along we visited the home of a goldsmith, who is a deacon in the young Cantho Church. It was very precious to listen to his testimony of having grace, and to know that 'he and his whole house' were serving the Lord. While sitting there a chauffeur came in carrying a New Testament, and we were told that he was a convert who took his New Testament along with him always in order to read between the trips.



India.

Nine out of a group of eleven Bhils baptized by Mr. Gustafson. Notice the contrast between this and the preceding picture. The man in the rear with white shirt is Mr. Gustafson's helper.

"A few minutes later we were most forcibly reminded that 'It is an ill wind that blows no one any good.' Mr. Jackson had led us to the big municipal pawnshop, and when entering the wide doors we immediately noticed an old man seated on the floor with colored Scripture portions spread for sale before him. While we stood watching we saw him sell some portions and at the same time heard him explain the Gospel and invite people to the meetings. Being just after the Annamese New Year's festivities the place was thronged with those who had spent too much and so had to pledge their belongings for ready money. Let us pray for those who thus buy the Scriptures, that their misfortune may mean their eternal happiness in bringing them, through the Scriptures purchased, to a saving knowledge of Him Who is 'the way, the truth, and the life.' This old man, the first convert in Cantho and seventy-one years of age, is a very zealous and successful colporteur. Besides selling at the pawnshop, he also attends the municipal treasury on tax-paying days and the law courts when in session. As we left him we lifted up our hearts in praise and prayer for him and his ministry.

"On our way home we called in at several of the rustic homes of the Christians. We were greatly impressed by two things which mean much toward the permanent success of the work in Cantho. The first is the fact that whole families have turned to the Lord, sometimes three generations; and the second is the fact that in most of these homes the idol lofts and ancestral altars were empty. It was also most encouraging to notice the splendid spirit of witnessing for the Gospel, many of the homes prominently displaying the Scriptures for sale. This augurs well for the building up of a strong, thriving and zealous church in Cantho.

"Returning in time for dinner, we again met several of the Christians. When dinner was over we visited the bamboo house where the native evangelist and his family lives, and heard much of the work of

Mrs. Jackson among the women and children.

"Although so brief, yet it was a most inspiring visit, and we deeply regretted being unable to accept Mr. and Mrs. Jackson's hearty invitation to stay a day or two and visit the outstations. But we promised at a later date to bring Mrs. Cadman with us and spend a few days with them in the work. Early in the afternoon we caught the autobus for Sadec, our next mission station en route for Cambodia. After long years of confining work in Hanoi, preparing and publishing Gospel literature, it was most helpful to have made such a visit and to see how God is blessing the Scriptures and Gospel literature to the salvation of souls.

"Dear Brother, after this all too brief account of this visit I would like to put Mr. and Mrs. Jackson upon the hearts of your people for increasing prayer. They are the only missionaries in a district of about three hundred thousand people. It is a stupendous task, demanding all their strength and effort. Shall we fail in our part in this work by lack of prayer and giving? The responsibility is as much ours as Mr. and Mrs. Jackson's. God help us one and all to be true to God and to these perishing souls.

"And now to return to the work in Hanoi, which is in our charge.

It is as true as ever, that:

"The daily round, the common task Will furnish all we need to ask, Room to deny ourselves, A road to lead us nearer God.

Therefore we find, even in our most prosaic work of day after day sitting and working with our translators and superintending the work of the presses, that God blesses our souls. As time after time we send out the big consignments of Scriptures and other Gospel literature, so our hearts are filled with praise to God for this service that He has given us, and we feverishly pray that the Holy Spirit shall use each portion to bring forth much fruit throughout the length and breadth of this land.

"This publication work is growing rapidly. A few days ago Mr. Blackstone sent us word that the Steward Evangelistic Fund had sent a gift to enable us to purchase fonts of type of Cambodian characters. Praise God for this generous gift which will now enable us to soon go ahead and produce literature and eventually the Bible, we trust, in Cambodian. But we need to pray for the missionaries studying that hard language. They are Mr. and Mrs. Hammond, at Pnom-Penh, and Mr. and Mrs. Ellison, at Batambang. Already some Gospel tracts have been prepared, and a revision is being made of Luke.

"For a year now our press has been working under difficulties owing to lack of space. Therefore we have been using our own home to stock the tons of paper that are to be printed and to keep the printed stock ready for sending. But even then we find there is absolutely no room to add the necessary space for Cambodian work. We are therefore looking to the Lord to give us \$300 gold to build an addition 15 x 25 feet. Pray with us for this need.

"As to the Boys' School, we always have a feeling of regret in our hearts that we find it impossible to give more time to it. There are over fifty boys in daily attendance who each morning are taught the Bible and Catechism. But we do not seem to get any visible fruit in the way of definite soul saving. This is perhaps because of the lack of personal touch with each pupil. Pray for the native preacher and the Bible woman as they work in this school among the boys.



India.

Nineteen bright young lads baptized at Dholka by Brother Gustafson. Thus they look after Jesus becomes their Saviour plus discipline. Each one gave a clear, convincing testimony before following their Lord in baptism.

"The regular evangelistic and pastoral work is being carried on as usual. Here again we feel there is a great lack. There should and must be another married missionary couple in Hanoi to occupy themselves wholly with this side of the work. However, it is possible that things may so develop that there will soon be a native pastor and his wife in charge of this work. There are now about fifty Christians on the roll, and they are paying all the running expenses and half the preacher's salary. Thus we hope this will soon be a self-supporting church. The church managing committee, of which we are chairman for the time being, is taking hold very nicely and begins to feel the responsibility. Pray that God will specially bless them and fill them with His Holy Spirit.

"Now we must come to a close with this long letter. God has most graciously given Mrs. Cadman and myself health and strength so that we have not been hindered in the work in any way. Our needs have more than been supplied, although spiritually we do feel that we lack

power of the Holy Spirit which means so much in winning souls. We are praying, and ask your prayers, that we shall be more and more endued with this power, and that we shall see a revival in the work here in Tonkin.

"We praise God for you dear people who are standing behind us by your gifts and prayers. We so enjoy receiving the literature, which we are saving with the hope that when the Bible work is finished we may be able to use some of the material in our own work here. We always look at the back pages to read the reports of the various pastors, and praise God for the progress being made in your work. May God's richest blessing be upon you all, and may our dear Lord come soon to set up His kingdom."

Brother and Sister Cadman have been working faithfully at the translation of the Bible in Annamese. They have finished the New Testament and the British and Foreign Bible Society has printed the

first edition of 5,000 copies. The Call reports the following:

Our pioneer Protestant missionaries in this land found themselves greatly hampered by the lack of the necessary tools, that is, first the Word of God, and then tracts, hymnbooks, catechisms, etc. Therefore certain ones were set apart for translation and literary work. At this conference Mr. and Mrs. Cadman were able to report the completion of the Annamese New Testament, of which five thousand copies have been printed. At this good news the conference joined in singing the Doxology, and later a letter of thanks was sent to the British and Foreign Bible Society for their most generous financial help. Mr. Olsen also reported: "It has been my privilege to work on the books of Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, I and II Samuel, I and II Kings, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes. The first five books mentioned have been completed and are ready for revision by Mr. and Mrs. Cadman."

During the year "Pilgrim's Progress," an adaptation of Torrey's "Perplexing Questions Answered," Heart Pictures," by Dr. Faber, and several other booklets and tracts have been prepared. For the coming year special books on Bible Teaching, the Lord's Return, etc., have been assigned to different missionaries. Miss Rollier is translating into French Dr. Simpson's book, "Wholly Sanctified."

Press and Publication

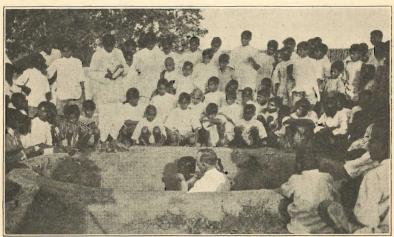
The Printing Press is unquestionably one of the most powerful "tools" for good or evil, and we praise God for giving us a good cylinder press with a small treadle press, and accompanying equipment of type, etc., by means of which the great work of evangelism can be carried on. During the year 5,000 New Testaments, 60,000 Scripture portions, and 250,000 booklets, tracts, and leaflets, including some new leaflets in Cambodian, making a total of over 10,000,000 printed pages, have gone forth to witness for God amidst the intense darkness of this heathen land. We praise God for the zeal shown by the missionaries and native workers in the sale and distribution of this literature.

The Welcoming of the First Annamese New Testaments in Chaudoc

What a privilege it was to be present at Chaudoc when the two first copies of our Annamese New Testament reached us from Hanoi. A holy emotion filled all our hearts. Mr. and Mrs. Grupe, two of their native workers, and myself were present. The books were passed from hand to hand. All were delighted with the clear print and the neat binding, and well might we rejoice over these external blessings, but what brought tears of joy to our eyes and made our hearts overflow with gratitude

and praises to God was the hope of all it is going to mean to our Annamese brethren to have the whole of the New Testament in their own language. As all our readers know, we have had only portions of the Word to give them until now, and with such limitations it is indeed marvelous to see what God has wrought on all our Indochina stations.

It was beautiful to see the expression on the faces of our Chaudoc workers as they held these precious copies; no ordinary joy was theirs. There was hope and a new expectancy in their eyes. We also were having a fresh vision of new harvests of souls to be brought into the "Light of the glorious Gospel of Christ," as they shall hear or read the New Testament.



India.

Rev. Gustafson baptizing the nineteen bright young lads at Dholka.

Mr. Grupe suggested a Bible reading right there and then. If I am not mistaken, it was the period allotted for our study of French! But such an event as the receiving of the first "Annamese" Testaments only comes once in a lifetime, therefore it was very fitting to set aside mere language study in order to feast together on the riches of the Word.

The portion chosen was the fourth chapter of the second Epistle to the Corinthians. I read it to myself in my French Testament, watching meanwhile the faces of our Annamese brethren as one of them read aloud that precious passage. Their faces lighted up with delight as Mr. Grupe opened up verse after verse; it was a real treat and a rare privilege to thus witness their appreciation of those marvelous treasures. Our hearts glowed together; the Lord drew very near, His presence filling the simple home.

R. M. Jackson, "I wish to thank you heartily for the reports, diaries Haiphong, and also for the papers you send to us all the year round. We find the 'Gospel of Jesus for our Juniors' to be especially useful in our work. The stories are fine for the children, but I find them equally good for adults. Often the Angelmon seem so much like children. They

adults. Often the Annamese seem so much like children. They use figures of speech, examples and illustrations a great deal in their speaking. It is the only way in which they can begin to understand spiritual things.

"I wish to commend the editors of the 'Gospel Herald' and other papers. They have arrived at a happy combination. The papers contain secular matter which will arrest the attention of one who is careless about spiritual things, and turn his thoughts toward God and his soul's need. There are sermons and articles for those who are spiritually mature, and the whole paper is arranged in an attractive manner. Some religious papers are very good, but so completely given over to food for those who are deeply spiritual that a careless Christian would refuse to read them at all. It seems to me that your paper is the best of those I have seen.

"As the yarious reports of missionary work arrive it is a great joy and encouragement to read what 'God has wrought.' At other times our hearts are stirred to greater effort as we read of vast areas where the people have never heard of 'Jesus, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.'

"You already know that Haiphong is a port city. Besides 85,000 Annamese there are 13,000 Chinese, perhaps 2,000 French, and a few Japanese, a few Hindos, and a few of other races. There are numerous English boats coming from Hong Kong. There is considerable trade carried on and three languages, French, Chinese and Annamese are in constant use. There is much sin, great spiritual darkness and a spirit of indifference on the part of the people.

"To date seventeen have been baptized here, but some of them have gone to live in other places. At times we are rejoicing, and at other times some of the Christians disappoint us by failing God. The Annamese in Tonkin for the most part are very weak morally; they are easily led into sin and a little ridicule quickly upsets all their good intentions.

"We are encouraged because we know that your people are faithfully praying for us. We would ask you to pray for a revival among the Christians in Haiphon.

"A few months ago I found a Cantonese who was baptized in China 21 years ago. He is a dentist. Since I met him, he has not failed to attend the Sunday morning service for Annamese, even though he does not understand very much of the sermon. He contributes liberally to the support of the church. There are two other Chinese Christians that I know about, and time may reveal that there are many here who have been believers for years. We hope a little later to open regular work for the Chinese in Haiphong, and we are praying God to send us a Chinese evangelist of His own choosing.

"Mrs. Jackson and I are booked to sail from Hongkong for America on April 18. During our furlough I hope that we may be able to meet you and tell you something more about the work in Tonkin. Just at present Mr. Cadman is making a trip to Cambodia to see about the printing of literature in Cambodian. We are most thankful to God that we now have the New Testament in cheap form that the common people can afford to buy. It is such a help to us in our work.

"We are praying that God may continue to bless your efforts for the furtherance of His kingdom."

Herbert A.

Jackson,
Cantho,
Cochinchine

"This is to thank you most heartily for the varied and many gifts that continually come to me from you and the faithful Mennonite Brethren in Christ. Your financial support is by far the greatest for it keeps me here in the land I gladly call 'the land of my adoption'

for the sake of the Gospel. The soul nourishing literature which comes to us from week to week is helpful to us and supplies us with illustrations that are useful in preaching to the Annamese. Your Christmas gifts are daily reminders of your love and sacrifice. God richly reward you and make up to you an hundred fold for your goodness to us.

"I have been stationed in Cantho, one of the central provinces of Cochinchine, since my first year of language study. You remember that in going to this unevangelized province we went to nothing certain except an opportunity. We were well aware of the fact that we were 'strangers in the enemy's country.' 'What is all this "new doctrine" about?' thought some. 'Haven't we ceremony enough in Buddhism, Confusianism, Catholicism, Ancestral Worship and the like?' Yes, verily, there is plenty of ceremony here in the East. The natives have found it hard to understand us because of the noticeable lack of ceremony in this 'new and living way'.

"We do not make a flashy appearance or even claim to be popular. But there are those, thank God for every one of them, who have an ever ready testimony to the supreme joy and victory that has come to them through Jesus. How they compare their gloomy past with the happy present and more glorious future! They laugh at the emptiness of ceremony that used to bind them with a tightening grasp. They have been born again into freedom and everlasting life.

"This province that has been cursed with heathen practices and religions throughout the ages is now blessed with a church of forty-nine members. What a change has taken place during the last twenty-six months! God has not only encouraged us to work in the principal city of the province but enabled us to open two outstations that add to our joy of preaching the Gospel to those who dwell in endless night. We have also been enabled to press on in all directions to the regions that still lie beyond us. By the use of a boat we have been able to visit villages that could not be reached otherwise.

"We have no greater joy than that of itinerating with a happy band of natives who also have something to talk about. We have rejoiced over and over again as we see the Christians working together for the one objective of making Jesus known to others. Some one has said, 'If you are not a missionary Christian, you will be a missing Christian' and many of our 'little flock' have revealed that same spirit. After all, it takes a native to get to the heart of a native, as a rule.

"It is for that reason that we have a Bible School in Tourane where the natives can take a complete course in Bible training. Three of our forty-nine are now finishing their first year of study. Two of them, a man and his wife, sold their house and property to support themselves at school. Other members of the Cantho Church are planning to begin study next term. Do pray that they shall remain steadfast and immovable in the love of God.

"Our cooperating native Christians have not been confined to Cantho province alone in their ministry of witnessing for Jesus. Sometimes travelling by boat, other times by auto or pony cart, and very often on foot these faithful and loyal brethren have canvassed five provinces with Scripture portions. Will you not pray that the

tens of thousands of Scripture portions that have been scattered among the natives in these provinces will bear much fruit to the glory of our God?

"These paragraphs are to inform you of the work that has been done in these parts as it has been commenced since you have been supporting me in Indo-China. There are those who object to reading a missionary report (and the above much resembles one) because only one-half the truth is set forth, nothing being said of the difficulties and discouragements of the work. But why should one magnify the side track experiences,—it is the goal we are after by whatever way God has to lead us. Ours is a victorious message, not one of defeat, therefore, 'Magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together'."

Triumphs of God's Grace in French Indo-China

The following incidents are taken from the reports of Rev. H. A. Jackson and other missionaries given at their last Annual Conference and reported in "The Call," of French Indo-China:

A Faithful Pastor Rewarded

"The year has been a hard one for the native preacher. We had hardly returned from last conference when he was called upon to bury his daughter. This hard experience brought a real blessing into his life as, with a shining face, he told his neighbors and enquirers that he knew where she had gone and that he would of a surety see her again. The heathen around marvelled that he was so much at peace, and well they might for they knew nothing of the source of peace and comfort that was filling his heart.

"In addition to frequent illness in his family, he has been left alone on the station for five months of the year. The visits of Messrs. Stebbins and Grupe were of real encouragement to him and the Christians. Still the bulk of the responsibility fell on the preacher who is young and not yet experienced. But he is a man of prayer and God has honored his faith. Eighty-two men and women were prayed with while we were absent in Hongkong, and of these fifteen have been baptized. Thus the Christians at Cantho are his children in the faith, for whom he has given the best of his strength and energy.

A Convert's Zeal in Winning Others

"God has given us eleven Christians at Laithieu, and among them is one of our most faithful and Spirit-filled believers, Mr. Bup. As soon as he heard the Gospel he believed, and returned to tell his mother he had decided to become a Christian. She objected very strongly, accusing him of being an unfilial son; but he was determined to go on, and offered to turn home and property over to his mother and wife that they might continue their old way of worshipping 'ong ba' while he would go out and shift for himself. The mother seeing his determination finally gave in and consented to his becoming a Christian.

"But Mr. Bup was not satisfied with only himself being saved, he determined that his whole family should become Christians. Little by little his mother yielded; later his wife, his sisters, and their husbands became believers. Having won his immediate family he at once set to work to win his large circle of relatives. Here he met with strong opposition, and many of his closest friends became his worst enemies. But he is cheerful about it, and has faith for their salvation.

"He often takes books, tracts, and Scripture portions, jumps on his bicycle, and rides to some distant village to tell someone whom he is acquainted with of the Gospel of Jesus. It has been a great joy to see the workings of the grace of God in his life, and my prayer is that God will give us many more like him.

How God Answered a Convert's Prayers

"One of the new converts in Faifoo, who moved to Tamky immediately after he was baptized, returned to Faifoo for the service a few Sundays later, and asked if he might give his testimony. He said that before his conversion he had had a position in the government hospital, but for further advance there he was required to pass a certain examination. The work was not difficult, but in order to insure success he had offered six pigs as sacrifices in six different



India. Bishop Heber's Church in India, author of "From Greenland's Icy Mountains." Several Christian Alliance Missionaries are buried here.

temples near Faifoo. The reult was that he failed, and his failure destroyed his faith in idolatry. He came to our chapel, found Christ, and he said that since that time he had had three marked experiences of the power of God to bless His children.

"He prayed that God would find him a position as he did not care to remain in the hospital after his failure. God answered and he obtained a position in the public work's department as inspector for the Tamky section, a position that was beyond his expectations.

"Then on his way to Tamky he felt that he should witness for his newly-found Saviour to the ricksha coolie who was pulling him. It was raining hard and the coolie replied that Christianity might be very good for one who had a good government position, but it was a different thing for one who had to pull a ricksha in all kinds of weather. 'For instance,' he said, 'Do you think your God could stop this rain?' The young Christian replied that He did, so the

coolie challenged him to ask God for it. He got out of the ricksha and knelt on the roadside in the pouring rain, and he said, 'The more I prayed the more it rained.' The coolie began to laugh at him, but he said, 'Wait a minute, do not laugh yet, I have asked to stop the rain, now I will get back in the ricksha, and if before we get two kilometers further it does not stop raining you can laugh.' Before they reached the second kilometer stone it had stopped raining, and the sun was shining for the first time in two days. The result was that the ricksha coolie came to the chapel when he returned to Faifoo, and asked the preacher to pray for him.

"The third striking testimony given that morning was that this young man had arrived in Faifoo the day before, and had found his child sick with fever, apparently dying. He ran at once to Mr. Lieu, and they prayed for the child's healing. The father testified that the next morning (that is the Sunday when the testimony was given) his child was entirely well, or as he put it, 'Playing as usual.' I mention this testimony as an instance of the spirit of witnessing

that has been general among the Christians.

God's Victory in Cantho Women's Meetings

"Almost the only thing I have to report this year is the opening, which seemed so impossible for many months, among the women. Although feeling very keenly my deficiency in speaking the language, I resolved to make a try in the beginning of a weekly service for women. Accordingly, the first of November, the preacher's wife was dispatched to gather up the women from anywhere and everywhere. She succeeded in getting two who came only once because the devil came to one of them that night and told her, with an awful threat, that she must never enter my house again. To prove that he meant what he said he bit her so hard that she carried the bruise for days. This story was so thoroughly believed that for a long time no other women from the market could be induced to come near us. But the preacher's wife brought in a couple of neighbors the next week and the third week still a different set came. So it continued for three months, sometimes one or two disinterested women, sometimes nobody came. But during our enforced stay of six weeks in Saigon because of illness, from January to March, the Lord worked in the hearts of the women and upon our return four were ready for systematic instruction. Thus the weekly meeting was at last established.

Burning Idols and Holy Papers

"This number was added to in a short time and now eight women have been baptized. One is an elderly woman, a Buddhist, living in Cai Rang. The preacher, on one of his trips to that city, found her very open to the Gospel. The following week my husband accompanied him on this trip and the woman with her daughter brought out all their idols and holy papers, which, by the way, were estimated to be worth over one thousand piastres. The preacher suggested having a 'Praise God' bonfire, so the big altar was smashed, carried out, and the fire started. The holy papers, I think, made the brightest blaze. The husband and son-in-law were angry but made no violent protest. Almost immediately afterwards the old man and his son took their idols and departed for another village.

"The day these two women were baptized the old mother said to me, 'Oh Ba, please pray for me, everybody hates me because I love Jesus and I am so afraid.' At first I wondered what she was afraid of, and then realized that she had already realized her own human frailties, and this was a cry from her heart for strength to

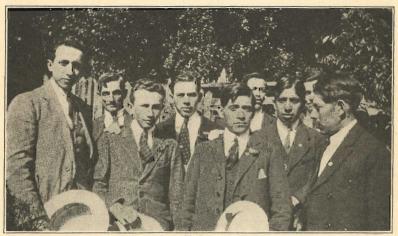
go through. She has remained faithful and has had the joy of seeing her husband and son forsake their idols and worship the true God with her. She has invited me to use her home for women's meetings when we return.

"To God be the Thanks"

"For the four hundred and thirty-two trophies of the Gospel who have joined the triumphal procession of the Lord Jesus in French Indo-China during the past conference year.

Picture Cards Urgently Needed

"Will you help us by sending any used picture post cards or Sunday School cards, and also lesson charts, etc. These can be most profitably used in the work among the women and children. For addresses see directory."



Chile.
Part of a young men's class in Osorno. Brother Garridos, the leader, is on the extreme left.

CHILE

Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Work in Chile

M. P. Zook,
Temuco,
its towards me?" Psa. 116:12.

Chile
"In recalling events and blessings of the year just."

Chile

"In recalling events and blessings of the year just closed, the words of the psalmist well up within us and make us reflect upon His benefits during the year. Chile can be called the country of variations. The beauty and variety of its scenery is surpassed by none and equalled by only a few. The majestic snow-capped volcanoes, the precipitous abyses, the fertile valleys and arid plains in the north, and the frigid climate in the south, besides the great variety of wild flowers with their gay tints and colors.

"And what shall we say concerning the variations of peoples and races? While this cannot be termed a cosmopolitan population in the strictest sense of the term, nevertheless the variety of dress, of customs, of classes among the Chileans themselves attract the attention of the tourist. The distinction between the rich and

opulent, dressed in the latest styles and the finest broadcloths and the peon class scarcely dressed at all, covered with the universal poncho, presents a variation unsurpassed anywhere.

"Last but not least in the list are the aborigenees in the southern part of the Republic. Their peculiar customs, gaudy colors, and original ornaments, their language and manners, all combine to make them objects of admiration and comment. Much could also be said concerning the shades and grades of civilization and culture of

the people.

"This variety has also been visible in governmental spheres. While it has been a year of relative calm, without war and revolutions, still the political horizon has been and is specially foreboding. The President's Cabinet has changed more than twelve times since his election and at the close of the year, because of his inability to carry into effect his projected reforms, he has finally closed the Congress. While this state of affairs may only be temporary and a solution of the difficulty may be arrived at, it shows the trend of political affairs. This unrest and agitation in governmental spheres is only a reflection of the unrest and dissatisfaction amongst the populace.

"Concerning the work of spreading the gospel, the people are receptive and the doors are open everywhere. While in many places the people see in the spreading of the gospel a help to liberalize the people and a political arm against the Catholic party, nevertheless, on the part of the great majority there is a real hunger for the truth. At all events the doors are open and we must enter or they will

close for ever.

"One notable example of this fact is a letter received by our worker in Puerto Montt, from the Secretary to the Judge in a town of about 3,000 population, which is being visited as an outstation. In this letter they made a strong plea asking for a worker to be stationed there. Indeed, this would be a strategic center to reach the islands round about. Be it remembered that in that southern region we are as yet wholly alone. Our forces for that immense territory are two native workers. We wish to send them a worker this year but were not able to do so.

"In order to supply the need in at least two towns where we had resident pastors years ago, but which we were compelled to visit as outstations because of the lack of workers, the recent Annual Conference stationed two single ladies, Miss Hubbel and Miss Hostetter alone to fill these vacancies. There is also no other mission working in either of these two towns.

"The past year has been one of seed sowing but the harvest has not been very abundnat. There were 82 baptized and we have a company of 305 catechumens and enquirers. The membership has increased some, notwithstanding the fact that 35 have been dropped from the list. The number of members, which reaches 1109, does not include the German congregations which have been abandoned last year by their preacher. They are now being visited by Mr. There are about 150 members amongst them. Diener.

"Our local contributions have also decreased notably. But this decrease can be explained. The former year we had three chapels in construction and the gifts for that purpose increased greatly the

offerings. This year no chapels were built.

"We have taken a forward move in the matter of self-support by putting a tax on each congregation, proportioned according to the membership. The conditions warrant it. While it does not relieve the mission as yet of the amount given to native workers

owing to the fact that we were compelled to increase the natives salaries on account of the high cost of living and the little value of the local currency. I am glad to say, however, that this increase is met by the local contributions.

"Steps are also under consideration to give the natives more responsibilty in the government of their congregations and the affairs of the local work. This responsibility will be governed by

the amount of support received locally.

"The Bible Institute has closed a successful year in Temuco. The buildings are inadequate to accommodate all who wish to attend but plans are underway to erect a suitable building. The ground is already broken for this purpose. Our need is the funds sufficient to execute the plans.

"Our vigorous evangelistic campaigns have given splendid results and we expect to continue these meetings during the present year and even intensify the campaign. It must be remembered that this campaign was started only the latter part of the past year. Hundreds of new people were reached with the gospel and scores professed conversion.

"One of our missionaries is at home on furlough and another will leave next month. Two more must go next year.

"Our special needs are for funds to take on more native workers. As the students graduate we want to give them work. But our present alowances for that purpose will not warrant us to do so unless it is increased.



Ecuador.
Brother H. W. Feldges baptizing
Mrs. Isabel Mittman, German Catholic; Fortunato Abraham, a Syrian, and Legundo R. Ramirez, an Equatorian, in an irregation ditch.

We also need your prayers for workers to fill the places still vacant.

"Our hearts were cheered by the news that two missionaries are about to sail for Chile. We have room for them and also for more."

Tears and Triumphs in Comuy, Chile

M. P. Zook

"April 13, 14 and 15 will be memorable in the minds and lives of a number of our missionaries and also in the experience of about thirty new-born souls who were converted at the convention held amongst the Germans of one of the German Colonies in a country place called Comuy. On the afternoon of April 12 you could have seen a happy group of missionaries composed of Mrs. LeFevre, S. W. Diener, H. F. Fast and the writer, and Mr. and Mrs. Burkhardt and Adam Rilling, students of the Bible Institute, with a small company of German Christians leaving the station of Pitrufquen, installed upon their steeds which should transport them over the 27 miles which separated the station from the colony.

"Usually such trips give occasion to a number of interesting and comical incidents, due in some instances to the lack of skill in horseback riding on the part of some, in others due to inadequate riding equipment and to the steeds which might serve almost any other purpose except riding. Well, such incidents and experiences were not lacking on this trip. However, with the presence of the Lord we all arrived at our destination after a journey of over four

hours, not much the worse for the experiences of the trip.

"Naturally the majority of us are little accustomed to such modes of travel and after such a long journey we were painfully aware of the existence of some of the bones in our bodies which under ordinary circumstances we pay little heed to. Besides we were also aware of the existence of our stomachs and all did honor to the plain but abundant supper our kind German brethren had prepared for us. After supper and a little chat with our hosts we were glad when they invited us to our sleeping quarters. I might add that owing to the fatigue of the trip we were willing to retire almost anywhere and under any conditions in order to rest our worn bodies and be in condition for the demands which would be made upon us within the next few days, and the Lord gave strength for the duties of the following days.

"On Sunday morning the services began at 10 a.m. with a prayer service. It was easily seen that our brethren were looking for something special at this convention. The prayers were ardent and spontaneous. The afternoon services were from 2 to 4, when there was a short recess given for afternoon coffee, and then the service continued from 5 until 7, when supper was served, and the

services were continued again until about 10 o'clock.

"The services during the first Sunday were good but nothing special occurred. It was also plain to be seen that Satan was resisting in every possible way. When the altar call was given two responded but instead of producing a good effect it worked just the opposite because one of the men had some months previous killed his wife and was afterward sent to the insane assylum from where he had just returned a week or so before these meetings, and it was evident that he did not recognize the heinousness of his sin and was only endeavoring to justify himself before the brethren. The other one was a young man who many times had professed conversion but always fell back. He is also subject to epileptic fits and all felt he was not entirely responsible mentally.

Naturally you can imagine that instead of producing conviction it only produced disconfidence. But still all realized that the power of the Lord was present to heal. We all felt that a break amongst the young people must come. Here were the children of the members and nearly all unsayed. Next day, Monday, the meetings began as usual but we felt that someone must get saved that day. At eleven o'clock Mrs. LeFevre had a meeting for the young people alone. The older brethren repaired to an adjoining room to pray

while she spoke to the young.

"Here the first real break began. Some of the young folks yielded to the Lord and from then on at every service some more were saved and the services became more and more informal and spiritual. It became almost impossible to stop the meeting for the meals, and the joy was becoming deeper and more abundant. The last day we could hardly close the evening service. When we thought to close someone would ask permission to testify or another one would want to be prayed for, for salvation and so on. Finally we came to a close and after counting up all those who were converted and decided to follow the Lord we found there had been thirty-two. Well the joy was unbounded. The next day we had to say good-bye and journey to our homes again. To say the least it was hard to leave. The people begged us to come back again soon

and not to forget them. Another direct result of these meetings was the petition of this congregation to be received in official relation with our mission, which was cheerfully granted them.

"Now a word of explanation concerning the German work may be in place right here. When Mr. Weiss first came to Chile, and not being able to speak the Spanish language, he found an open door amongst the Germans and as he knew the language he began at once to minister to them. A revival was in progress amongst them which had been started through the instrumentality of a Mrs. Vogel and the work spread throughout the country amongst the Germans and also some of the Chileans, some of whom remain until this day. Mr. Weiss travelled extensively amongst them and organized them into branches.

"For years these congregations were recognized as Alliance branches and were administered to by missionaries from our mission. But afterward a German school teacher from Concepcion came into fellowship with our mission and was finally called to be the pastor of the Germans. He continued for several years in fellowship with us. But finally and little by little he began to isolate them from us. While many of the individual Christians still remained true to us and welcomed the visits of our missionaries, still we felt that the German work was no more a part of us. But matters finally took another turn. Their preacher was compelled to resign his pastorate and just at this same time Bro. Diener was set apart to minister to the Germans in connection with the work of the printing.

"Ever since then the Lord had begun again to bless and manifest Himself as at former times and we believe that the revival in Comuy is a forerunner of a general revival amongst the many Germans and of our entire mission.

"We solicit your prayers especially for the members of the German congregations in other parts who are torn and practically disorganized and the many children of our brethren who are unsaved and many of them entirely unbelievers because of the inconsistencies they have been compelled to observe. Also pray that love and unity may again reign as in former years amongst them.

From the "Chile Missionary Tidings," published by the Alliance Mission in Chile, we clip the following, written by one of the missionaries. Let us pray for these dear workers that the Lord may strengthen and heal them that they may soon be able to return to the field. Also that the Lord may sustain Brother Zook during the absence of his family.

"Mrs. Nettie Meier, one of our best-loved missionaries, sailed from Valparaiso, November 9, for a well earned furlough, after seven years of faithful, loving service for the Master. Perhaps no missionary that has come to Chile since the days of Mr. and Mrs. Weiss, has been more sincerely loved and esteemed equally among foreigners, natives and also the German colonist. Her genuine goodwill and kind helpfulness towards all, her simple, earnest faith in God, and her sweet, jovial disposition and practical good sense endeared her to all. When Mrs. Meier arrived in Chile, she unpacked her trunks in Victoria, and has had the rather unique experience for a Chilean missionary, to remain at the same station the entire time she has been on the field. In the little church in Victoria, where the Spanish work was only just begun, she found a needy place and fitted into it and ministered to both Germans and Chileans, and there is now in Victoria one of our largest and most faithful congregations and Sunday Schools. Mrs. Meier always threw her

whole self in the work and has enjoyed good health almost all the time she has been in Chile, but the continuous work and strain has been much for her and the past year we have seen it was necessary that she have a rest, so although we shall miss her very much, yet for her sake we are glad she can take the much-needed furlough, and we earnestly hope to be able to welcome her back in another year if the Lord tarry.

"Only a few months have passed since two of our missionaries sailed away and now we as a Mission have again been compelled to say 'good-bye' to one who has labored with us many years. Mrs. M. P. Zook, accompanied by her two sons, Walter and John, sailed from Valparaiso on February 16, bound for California for the benefit of her health.

"Nineteen years ago, in 1905, as Miss Anna Erskine, she came to Chile. She has served her Lord faithfully all through these years, both here and in the Argentine. Her life has been dedicated to Him and we have often marvelled at her zeal in doing the work of a missionary. Often it seemed she should have been at home resting, for she seemed so weak and frail, but no, she would be about her Master's business, visiting the sick, calling at one home after another, teaching, exhorting and comforting, preparing the Christmas program, etc., and endeared herself to all with whom she came into contact.

"Since we have known her, she has never been strong in body, but the past few years have been extremely difficult for her. The climate of Chile is ideal in summer but that is for a comparatively short season, the chilling dampness the remainder of the year is very penetrating and trying to those not strong in body, and the way our dear Sister Zook has withstood it so long seems certainly a miracle. In the sunny climes of California we trust she will have opportunity to recuperate.

"For several years Mr. Zook, besides being Chairman of the Mission, has been in charge of the church in Temuco, which work we feel sure would have been impossible for him to carry on in addition to his other duties had it not been for the assistance of his wife. The Temuco church love them and the last Sunday that she was in Temuco, February 10, the church and Sunday School manifested their love and esteem for her by presenting her with small remembrances. At the evening meeting, her last in Temuco, she gave a beautiful farewell message which I am sure will not soon be forgotten.

"The last weeks were so full with preparations for the journey, etc., that some of the missionaries felt we just had to have a little last visit with her, so we gathered in Victoria and Mr. and Mrs. Zook and their boys stopped off there on their way north. All enjoyed the feast of good things that had been prepared, but what was better still was the fellowship together. However, all pleasant seasons come to an end and only too soon we had to hurry off to the station. There quite a number of the members of our Victoria church came to bid them farewell.

"We have had to say 'Good-bye' not because we wanted to and not because we do not need her, nor because she wanted to go, but because we feel that she needed a change. It is sad to see a missionary family separated and we know Brother Zook will miss his family and home. However, we can pray that God will restore our dear Sister Zook to new health and bring her back to him and the work she loves so dearly. Humanly speaking, it seems difficult, BUT GOD!

The contributions received for the work on the foreign field during the conference years from October 11, 1923, to September 25, 1924, amounted to \$16,486.96, of which \$9,560.21 was contributed by the various congregations and friends and \$6,926.75 by the Sunday Schools, or an average of \$6.85 per member.

The offerings for home missionary work along the various channels for the same period amounted to \$14,142.00, or an average

of almost \$6.00 per member.

The total offerings for missions, home and foreign, thus amounted to \$30,629.71, or \$12.75 per member. Adding to this an average of \$12.76 per member for regular congregational work we have a total of over \$72.00 per member for all religious purposes.

The Board reports the following expenditures for the year

closing September 25, 1924:

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Allowances

Palestine—				
Rev. E. O. Jago\$	720	00		
Miss Mary A. Butterfield	720			
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Africa—				
Rev. E. E. Crist\$	360	00		
Mrs. E. E. Crist	360	00		
Rev. E. R. Hess	360	00		
Rev. M. E. Barter	360	0.0		
Rev. W. P. Darling	360			
Rev. H. L. Pierson	360			
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India—		0.0		
Rev. E. R. Carner\$				
Mrs. E. R. Carner	415			
Rev. S. P. Hamilton	311	25		
Mrs. S. P. Hamilton	311	25		
Rev. Samuel Kerr	415	00		
Mrs. Samuel Kerr	415	00		
Miss Eunice Wells.	311			
Rev. C. A. Gustafson	415			
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Western China—				
Rev. Wm. Christie\$	400	00		
Rev. C. F. Snyder	400	00		
Mrs. C. F. Snyder	400	00		
Rev. W. N. Ruhl.	400			
Miss Anna Haupberg	400			
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Central China—		*		
Rev. B. H. Alexander\$	400	00		
Rev. M. E. Ekval				
Rev. D. P. Olson	400	00		
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Indo-China—				
Rev. W. C. Cadman\$	660	00		
Mrs. W. C. Cadman		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		
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Ecuador—			1 1	
Rev. H. W. Feldges\$	420	00		
Mrs. H. W. Feldges				
			840	00
Rev. M. P. Zook		6	\$ 15,328	75
Miscellaneous				
Photos for Annual Report for 1923\$	188	45		
Design and plate for two-color cover	33	28		
Printing and binding 2000 copies of the Annual				
Report	250			
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Literature sent to the Missionaries for 1923 and 1924	342	25		

CONCLUSION

Diaries sent to Missionaries.....

Donation to Missionaries and Speakers.....

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After reading all these accounts of the Lord's doings among the heathen in the "Regions Beyond", anyone who may be led of the Lord to contribute towards the support of these dear consecrated missionaries may send their contributions to any of the members of the Board whose names and addresses you find in the Directory following, or to any pastor of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of the Pennsylvania Conference, who will thankfully acknowledge the same. They will also cheerfully furnish any information possible and copies of the Annual Report upon request.

DIRECTORY

The Annual Conference held at Allentown, Pa., on September 25-29, 1924, elected the following Board of Foreign Mission for the following Conference year, which organized as follows:

President—H. B. Musselman, 507 N. Second Ave., Bethlehem, Pa.. Secretary—C. H. Brunner, 3848 N. Park Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MISSIONARIES

(a) Palestine

Butterfield, Miss Mary A.

Jago, Rev. E. O.

Barter, Rev. M. E. Crist, Rev. E. E. Crist, Mrs. E. E. Darling, Rev. W. P. Hess, Rev. E. R. Pierson, Rev. H. L.

Carner, Rev. E. R.)

Carner, Mrs. E. R.

Gustafson, Rev. C. A. Kerr, Rev. Samuel 1

Kerr, Mrs. Samuel (

Christie, Rev. Wm.

Ruhl, Rev. W. N.

Snyder, Rev. C. F.)

Snyder, Mrs. C. F.

Alexander, Rev. B. H.

Ekvall, Rev. M. E.

Olson, Rev. D. P.

Haupberg, Miss Anna

690 Eighth Ave., N. Y. (Home on furlough.) C. & M. A. Mission, Box 50, Jerusalem,

Palestine.

(b) Africa

Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa. Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa.

(c) India

Akola, Berar, India.

Dholka, Gujarat, B. P., India.

Sanand, Gujarat, B. P., India.

(d) Western China

Titao, Kansu Province, China.

Taochow, Old City, Kansu Province,

China. Taochow, Old City, Kansu Province,

China. Hochow, Kansu Province, China.

(e) Central China

Changteh, Central China.

Wuchang, Central China.

Wuchang, Central China.

(f) Annam or French Indo-China

Cadman, Rev. Wm. C. \Cadman, Mrs. Wm. C. \Jackson, Rev. R. M.

Jackson, Rev. H. A.

LeFevre, Miss Anna

Meier, Mrs. Nettie

Zook, Rev. M. P.)

Zook, Mrs. M. P. Gomez, Manuel, Native

Pastor

Pastor

Pastor

Gomez, Innocencio, Native

Oyarzun, Dionisio, Native

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

(g) Chile, S. A.

Casilla, 57, Valdivia, Chile, S. A.

Victoria, Chile, S. A.

Casilla, 312, Temuco, Chile, S. A.

Adopted October, 1912. Stationed at

Temuco, Chile.

Adopted October, 1912. Stationed at Pua, Chile.

Adopted October, 1915. Stationed at Contulmo, Chile.

(h) Ecuador, S. A.

Feldges, Rev. H. W. Feldges, Mrs. H. W.

Casilla 51, Ambato, Ecuador, S. A.

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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 Twenty-first Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of the Pennsylvania Conference, for the Conference year 1923-24, convened in the M. B. in C. Church of Royersford, on April 10, 1924.

Both of our presiding elders as well as all our pastors, together with many of their families, were present, also a number of the Gospel Heralds. The forenoon service was opened at 10 o'clock with singing and prayer by Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman, followed by an informal but very necessary and helpful address by Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman.

The regular program of the Convention opened at 2 P.M. with singing and prayer by Pastor C. H. Brunner. Pastor F. M. Hottel, of Bethlehem, was Chairman, and Pastor R. L. Woodring, of Coopersburg, recorded the minutes.

The Chairman appointed the following Committees:

Committee on Resolutions—W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman and B. Bryan Musselman.

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

Time-keeper-E. E. Kublic.

Reporter-H. K. Kratz.

Two essays were read during the afternoon meeting as follows: "Pastoral Evangelism," by Pastor W. F. Heffner, of Quakertown, Pa.

"The Spiritual Life of the Man of God," by Pastor A. G. Woodring, of Fleetwood, Pa.

Both of these essays were well written, well read and filled with many very helpful and encouraging statements, so much needed in these last and perilous times.

The discussions which followed also were very interesting and A number of Gospel Heralds rendered several excellent selections in song.

The evening service opened at 7:30 in charge of Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman. After a short song service we listened to two twenty-minute addresses as follows:

"God's Purpose for This Age," by Presiding Elder W. G. Geh-

man, of Easton, Pa.

"The Christian's Resources in These Days of Apostasy," by Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, of Allentown, Pa.

Both of these addresses were strong presentations of the truths so much needed in these days and we trust will bear much fruit.

The pastor, N. H. Wolf, and the people of the Royersford and Spring City congregations spared no means and labors to provide for the comfort and entertainment of the Convention and friends. The weather was fair and the attendance excellent, quite a number coming from the various fields throughout the Conference. The Committee that arranged for the program of the day consisted of H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and N. H. Wolf.

> F. M. Hottel, Chairman, R. L. Woodring, Secretary.

XV.—Ministerial Convention (Annual)

The Thirty-fourth Annual Ministerial Convention of the Pennsylvania Conference convened in Bethel Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, 526-30 North Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa., at 10 a.m., Wednesday, September 24, 1924.

The Chairman, C. H. Brunner, of Philadelhia, Pa., opened the Convention by singing, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," followed by prayer by W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District. Pastor R. W. Dickert, of Sunbury, Pa., recorded the minutes.

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

The Chair appointed the following Committees:

Committee on Resolutions-W. G. Gehman, F. M. Hottel and E. N. Cassel.

Committee on Publication-H. B. Musselman, J. G. Shireman and B. Bryan Musselman.

Reporter—H. K. Kratz.

Time Keeper-J. B. Layne.

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

He gave us a profitable and timely message on "Faithful Stewardship," basing his remarks on St. Luke 12:42, after which the forenoon. meeting was adjourned.

AFTERNOON MEETING

The afternoon meeting was opened at 2 o'clock with singing, led by Pastor F. M. Hottel, and prayer by J. G. Shireman.

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

"The Pastor's Responsibility for the Care of all the Flock of God According to the Word," by Pastor J. C. Roth.

"How to Keep the Unity of the Spirit According to God's Word," by Pastor E. N. Cassel.

Both of these essays were well prepared, carefully read, and were full of instruction for righteousness.

The Committee on Publication recommended that the essay, "How to Keep the Unity of the Spirit According to God's Word," read by E. N. Cassel, be published in the Eastern Gospel Banner.

EVENING SERVICE

The following service 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:

'Sanctification According to the Will of God," by Pastor C. H. Brunner.

"The Victorious Life," by Pastor N. H. Wolf, Spring City, Pa.

Both of these messages were very instructive and edifying. The brethren were at their best and the Lord used them in a wonderful way in bringing these messages to us.

We were also very much favored with special selections in song by the Allentown Male Chorus and Bethlehem Male Quartette, which were an inspiration to the 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 B. Bryan Musselman.

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

XVI.—Sunday School Convention (Bethlehem District)

The Thirty-sixth Annual Sunday School Convention of the Pennsylvania Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ (Bethlehem District) was held in the spacious auditorium of Mizpah Grove, Fourteenth Ward, Allentown, Pa., on Memorial Day, May 30, 1924.

The committee to arrange the program consisted of H. B. Musselman, B. Bryan Musselman and C. H. Brunner.

The chairman, Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, of Allentown, Pa., opened the Convention at 9:15 a.m. Pastor E. N. Cassel, of Graterford, Pa., led in prayer. Pastor A. G. Woodring, of Fleetwood, Pa., recorded the Minutes.

The presiding elder, H. B. Musselman, and all the pastors on the district were present. All the Superintendents were present, except the superintendent from Blandon, who was kept away on account of sickness, and all the delegates were present, except the Fleetwood delegate.

Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman, of the Mount Carmel District, with a number of his pastors and Gospel Heralds were present.

After the convention members occupied their seats on the platform, the rules to govern the convention were adopted. The following committees were appointed by the Chairman:

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

Committee on Resolutions—E. N. Cassel, C. H. Brunner and N. H. Wolf.

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

Committee on Statistics-J. C. Roth, H. L. Shelly and Albert Gaumer.

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

Time Keeper—O. S. Hillegass.

Reporter-H. K. Kratz.

The Superintendents of the Nineteen Sunday Schools represented gave their oral, statistical and financial reports limited to five minutes each. All the reports submitted were very interesting and helpful. Much 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 Reading, 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.

"The Importance of Sunday School Work," an address by Pastor F. B. Hertzog, Nazareth, Pa.

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

Second. "Necessary Qualifications for Successful Officers and Teachers," an address by Pastor N. H. Wolf, Spring City, Pa. Discussion opened by Pastor W. F. Heffner, Quakertown, Pa.

Third. "Best Methods for Conducting the Primary Department," an address by Pastor A. G. Woodring, Fleetwood, Pa.

Discussion opened by Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, Allentown, Pa.

Fourth. "How to Keep the Scholars of the 'Teen' Age in the Sunday School," an address by Paster C. H. Brunner, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Discussion opened by Pastor F. M. Hottel, Bethlehem, Pa.

These addresses, and the discussions which followed, were very interesting and encouraging.

A number of Special selections were rendered by the Allentown mixed and male Choruses, The Coopersburg Ladies' Quartette, the Bethlehem mixed and male Choruses, and the Bethlehem Male Quartette.

The Convention proved a great blessing to all in attendance. Large delegations were present from the various classes throughout the Conference.

Statistics

Sunday Schools represented, 19
Officers enrolled
Teachers enrolled
Scholars enrolled
Scholars enroned
Total enrollment
Home Department
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Report of the Treasurer
Receipts
May 30, 1923, Balance in Treasury\$ 5.41
Received at this Convention 290.81
\$296.22
Expenses
Expenses for this Convention\$ 75.17
Donated to Executive Board
Balance in Treasury 6.05
\$296.22
F. M. Hottel, Treasurer.

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

XVII.—Sunday School Convention (Mount Carmel District)

The Thirty-sixth 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, 130 W. Fouth Street, Mount Carmel, Pa., May 21, 1924.

The presiding elder, W. G. Gehman, all the pastors on the district, leaders of the Gospel Herald Society Missions where there are Sunday Schools, superintendents, delegates and essayists were present. Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, Pastor F. M. Hottel and Pastor A. G. Woodring, of the Bethlehem District, P. E. Baer, J. B. Henry, H. Nelson, P. S. Taylor, E. George and C. G. Hartzell, of the Gospel Herald Society were also present.

The Committee on Program consisted of W. G. Gehman, R. W.

Dickert and R. Bergstresser.

Pastor J. G. Shireman, of Shamokin, Pa., was Chairman of the Convention. Pastor J. B. Layne, of Easton, Pa., recorded the Minutes. Pastor E. E. Kublic, of Stroudsburg, Pa., was Treasurer.

The Chairman appointed the following committees:

Committee on Finance—E. E. Kublic, W. E. Manney and J. B. Layne.

Committee on Statistics—R. W. Dickert, W. R. Stengele and E. H. Musselman.

Committee on Publication—P. T. Stengele, V. H. Reinhart and R. Bergstresser.

Committee on Resolutions—W. G. Gehman, N. M. Cressman and M. M. Myers.

Committee on Auditing—J. H. Bruch and E. J. Rutman, Committee to Read Minutes—T. D. Gehret and J. S. McDowell. Timekeeper—J. T. Anderson.

Reporter—T. D. Gehret.

The superintendents of the fifteen Sunday Schools represented submitted their oral, statistical and financial reports, limited to five minutes each. These reports were very interesting, inspiring and encouraging. They showed the Sunday Schools on the District to be in a flourishing condition. The forenoon session closed with benediction by Rev. J. H. Dunham, of Mount Carmel, Pa., Pastor of the United Brethren in Christ Church:

AFTERNOON MEETING

The afternoon meeting was opened with 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 Superintend-

ent," by Miss Marea B. Miller, York, Pa.

"The Need, Purpose and Influence of Sunday School Work," by Pastor R. W. Dickert, Sunbury, Pa.

A discussion was then opened on "The Home Department," by

H. A. Habrial, Easton, Pa.

The essays and the discussions were very practical and instruc-The afternoon session closed with benediction by Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman.

EVENING SERVICE

The evening service was in charge of Presiding Elder W. G. After an inspiring song service, there were two twentyminute addresses as follows:

"The Early Conversion of Children," by Pastor J. B. Layne,

Easton, Pa.

"The Relation Between the Home and the Sunday School," by

Pastor T. D. Gehret, Wissinoming, Philadelphia, Pa.

The class and friends of the Mount Carmel M. B. in C. Church entertained the Convention most cordially under the able leadership of R. Bergstresser, the pastor. Ample refreshments were served the members and friends of the Convention in the basement of their church.

The church was crowded all day in spite of the inclement weather. Large delegations came from far and near, some in trolleys, autos, trucks and by train.

A number of excellent and spiritual selections were rendered

by the Gospel Heralds throughout the day.

The Convention was a source of blessing and encouragement to all who attended.

Statistics

Sunday Schools Represented, 15.	
Officers enrolled 95	
Teachers enrolled	
Scholars enrolled	
Total enrollment	
Home Department Members 590	
Cradle Roll	
Total increase of Enrollment over last year 357	
Total increase of Home Department members 149	
Total increase of Cradle Roll 53	
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The Home Department members and Cradle Roll are not included in the total enrollment of any Sunday School.

During the past year a Sunday School was organized in Jersey City, N. J.

Report of the Treasurer

Receipts

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May 23, 1923, Balance in Treasury\$ 5.73
Received at this Convention 259.04
Expenses
Expenses for this Convention\$181.89
Donated to Shamokin Camp Meeting 75.00
Balance in Treasury 7.88

E. E. Kublic, Treasurer.

J. G. Shireman, Chairman,

J. B. Layne, Secretary.

XVIII.—Conference Report

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

The Forty-first session of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania convened in Bethel Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, 526-530 North Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa., September 25-29, 1924.

Every one of the ministers in the active work and all the delegates were present when the roll was called at the opening of the first meet-

ing.

The oral, statistical and financial reports of the Presiding Elders and Pastors from the whole field were very encouraging. Many were saved at the various appointments. Quite a number were baptized and added to the Church.

Many remarkable cases of healing were reported during the year.

The Pastors reported large congregations on the various charges. The Lord has given us a large company of noble, loyal, plain, separated young people who, together with the older ones, stand by their Pastors most faithfully. The prayer-meetings are largely attended. At a number of places very successful open air services and tabernacle meetings had been held.

Two camp meetings were held in Mizpah Grove again, with 232 and 278 tents, respectively. Another one was held in Shamokin, with 155 tents. The attendance at these great summer gatherings have been larger than ever.

The Sunday Schools all over the Conference are making good progress. All of them are using the "Christian Life Series" of Sunday School helps.

HOME MISSION WORK

The reports of the Gospel Herald Society were very encouraging. Home Mission work is being pushed forward very energetically in the missions, on the streets and from house to house. Much sound, scriptural literature is spread abroad in their colportage work. Our Conference contributed \$8,886.65 for Home Missions, to be used in the Church and in the Gospel Herald Society besides for the Gospel Worker Society.

FOREIGN MISSION WORK

The Conference is greatly interested in Foreign Missionary work. Thirty-four missionaries and three native pastors have again been supported by our people. These missionaries are sending most interesting reports from the various foreign countries, as is seen by the Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Pennsylvania Conference. Our people have again contributed \$16,486.96 for this cause, of which \$9,560.21 has been contributed by the churches and \$6,926.75 by the Sunday Schools.

The offerings for all purposes throughout the Conference amounted

to a grand total of \$174,974.39.

OFFICERS FOR 1925

H. B. Musselman and W. G. Gehman were again elected Presiding Elders, and C. H. Brunner and B. Bryan Musselman, Vice-Presiding Elders. W. G. Gehman was also re-elected President of the Gospel Herald Society. C. H. Brunner was elected Secretary of the next Annual Conference, and Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer.

APPOINTMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee has

stationed all the Pastors to the appointments of last year.

The Sunday School Convention of the Bethlehem District is announced for Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., May 30, 1925, and of the Mt. Carmel District, at Scranton, Pa., on May 20, 1925.

Two Camp Meetings will be held in Mizpah Grove and one in Edge-

wood Grove, Shamokin, Pa.

The Mid-summer Ministerial Convention shall meet in Salem M. B. in C. Church, Broad and McFerran Streets, Philadelphia, on April 9, 1925.

The Annual Ministerial Convention is announced for October 14, 1925, in Ebenezer M. B. in C. Church, corner Main and Durham Streets, Bethlehem, Pa., and the Annual Conference to open on the following day at the same place.

SUNDAY SERVICES

The services on Sunday were largely attended, the large new church, seating about a thousand or more, was crowded at every service.

The Conference Sermon was preached by Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, Chairman of the Annual Conference. This was a faithful challenge to the ministry to abide in their calling, to be true to their trust, to march in the front ranks in self-denial, sacrifice and unselfish service for the Master and His Church, which He purchased with His own blood.

In the afternoon, W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District, preached on the theme, "God's Ideal of Character," setting forth very clearly the position of the true Christian in his life and service in the context of the context of

vice in this present evil age.

In the evening, Pastor F. M. Hottel, of Bethlehem, and Pastor R. L. Woodring, of Coopersburg, gave us very helpful addresses on subjects of vital importance to Christian life and duty.

The evening services during the week were largely attended and the brethren spoke the Word with liberty to the edification of the

hearers.

The Allentown Male and Mixed Choruses, the Bethlehem Male Quartette and the Gehman sisters, from Easton, sang a number of excellent selections during the week and on Sunday.

Pastor B. Bryan Musselman and his faithful congregation did all in their power to provide the entertainment of the many who came from every appointment in the Conference to help to enjoy the blessings of this great annual gathering, which has been pronounced the largest and best one ever held in this Conference.

> J. C. Roth. C. H. Brunner. J. G. Shireman. Committee.

XIX.—Announcements for 1925

(A) SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

(a) Report of the Committee to Organize for the Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention for 1925

This Convention shall convene in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., on Memorial Day, May 30, 1925.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, H. K. Kratz; Treasurer, F. M. Hottel.

Committee on Program: H. B. Musselman, B. Bryan Mussel-

man and F. M. Hottel.

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, R. L. Woodring, Secretary.

(b) Report of the Committee to Organize for the Mt. Carmel District Sunday School Convention for 1925

This Convention shall convene at Scranton, Pa., Wednesday, May 20, 1925.

The following officers were elected: Chairman J. B. Layne; Secretary, R. W. Dickert; Treasurer, E. E. Kublic.

Committee on Program: W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman and P. T. Stengele.

We invite and heartily desire the Gospel Herald Society and their Sunday Schools to be represented at this convention.

Two metings 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.

The balance of the offerings above the expenses shall be donated toward the lumber of the Shamokin Camp Meeting.

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, J. B. Lavne, Secretary.

(B) MINISTERIAL CONVENTIONS

(a) Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention

This Convention is announced to convene in Salem M. B. in C. Church, Broad and McFerran Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., on Thursday, April 9, 1925.

Chairman, J. G. Shireman; Secretary, P. T. Stengle.

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

(b) Annual Ministerial Convention

This Convention is announced to convene in Ebenezer M. B. in C. Church, corner Main and Durham Streets, Bethlehem, Pa., October 14, 1925.

Chairman, G. F. Yost; Secretary, F. B. Hertzog.

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

(C) READING COURSE Studies for 1924–1925

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(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.

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).

(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

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

Nelson on Infidelity.

The first examination shall be held in Philadelphia, Pa., Tuesday, April 7, 1925, at 7 p.m.

The second examination shall be held at Bethlehem, Pa., Monday, October 12, 1925.

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

H. K. Kratz,

Board.

(D) CAMP MEETINGS

Bethlehem District:

Bethlehem Division, Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., June 27 to July 5, 1925. Chairman, F. M. Hottel; Secretary, A. G. Woodring; Treasurer, J. C. Roth.

Allentown Division, Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., August 15 to 23, 1925. Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; Treasurer, E. N. Cassel.

Mt. Carmel District, Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., July 18 to 26, 1925. Chairman, J. G. Shireman; Secretary, J. B. Layne; Treasurer, R. W. Dickert.

(E) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Forty-second Annual Conference Session shall convene, should the Lord tarry, in Ebenezer M. B. in C. Church, Cor. Main and Durham Streets, Bethlehem, Pa., at 8 a.m., October 15, 1925.

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 3, 1923, Balance in Treasury \$ 3,339.36	
	\$ 7,128.91
Received during the year 3,789.55	\$ 1,140.01
Expenditures	
Expended during the year\$ 2,877.60	
September 18, 1924, Balance in Treasury. 4,251.31	\$ 7,128.91
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(B) Board of Foreign Missions	
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Receipts	
October 3, 1923, Balance in Treasury\$ 16,367.09	
Received during the year 18,305.95	\$ 34,673.04
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Expenditures	
Expended during the year\$16,366.30	
September 18, 1924, Balance in Treasury. 18,306.74	\$ 34,673.04
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(C) The Home	
Receipts	
September 18, 1923, Balance in Treasury.\$ 3,345.56	
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Received during the year 13,803.24	\$ 17,148.80
Evnonditures	
Expenditures	
Expended during the year\$ 15,227.24	
September 9, 1924, Balance in Treasury 1,921.56	\$ 17,148.80
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(D) Board of Publication and Printing	
Receipts October 3, 1923, Balance in Treasury\$ 339.76	
Received during the year 699.37 \$	1,039.13
Expenditures	
Expended during the year\$ 605.82	
September 18, 1924, Balance in Treasury. 433.31 \$	1,039.13
(E) Home Missions	
Receipts	
October 11, 1923, Received at the Annual Conference\$	8,424.25
Expenditures	
September 18, 1924, Expended during the year\$	8,424.25

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Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer.

XXI.—Financial Report

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE Receipts from October, 1923, to September, 1924

Appointments	Home	Foreign Mission	Foreign Mission in S. S.	For the Poor	Beneficiary	Annual Conference Fund	Total
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT Allentown, Bethel Bethlehem Emaus Macungie Zionsville Philadelphia Reading Fleetwood Blandon Terre Hill Spring City Royersford Graterford Harleysville Northampton Walnutport Coopersburg Allentown, Salem Quakertown Nazareth Total	\$ 917.00 762.25 701.50 165.75 323.00 635.50 524.50 299.00 64.50 322.85 225.00 325.60 198.75 148.00 98.75 460.75 239.40 333.75 303.30 \$7,276.15	\$1,211.00 912.25 529.25 232.75 334.00 1,077.00 581.65 279.26 50.75 343.00 229.80 302.50 155.25 132.75 136.00 78.25 469.75 290.60 296.60 \$7.881.81	\$ 538.61 904.69 448.40 125.79 204.71 263.28 285.95 146.99 64.11 105.36 257.26 355.20 254.22 92.51 82.28 82.29 215.56 203.18 190.55 123.20	\$ 34.00 25.00 30.00 17.00 20.50 40.00 5.25 12.50 8.60 5.25 12.50 8.54 16.08 10.00 10.65 12.49 8.71 13.20 17.01 15.75 14.46 \$342.39	20.00 20.00 5.50 7.15 25.00 25.25 7.50 4.00 16.58 9.56 12.18 8.00 6.55 5.85 5.32 10.60 10.25 10.54 8.75	22.00 11.05 4.40 4.75 18.00 14.40 5.00 6.00 4.37 7.41 5.15 6.00 4.25 3.05 7.00 4.29 7.00 8.00	\$ 2,752.61 2,646.19 1,740.20 551.19 894.11 2,058.78 1,454.40 746.35 191.61 816.29 794.53 1,018.97 631.37 396.46 397.87 276.37 1,176.86 764.13 848.19 703.71 \$20,860.19
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	Beneficiary Society	**	\$1,236.83	ings	Total Offer	\$ 136,888. 130,433. 135,098. 174,974.	5 277,394	Statistice
	Gospel Worker Society	\$ 5,549.89 5,026.58 4,806.34 4,827.90	\$20,210.71			\$8.62 \$ \$3.41 \$ \$.07 4.39	4.49 \$ 113,	
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We have audited the foregoing summary Statistical Report of the General Conference Quadrennium and hereby certify that it declares the true statements of the affairs of the Conference to the best of our knowledge and belief. W. G. Gehman and F. B. Hertzog, Auditors. E. N. Cassel, J. G. Shireman, J. B. Layne, W. F. Heffner, Committee on Statistics.

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ROLL AND DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS

I. Itinerants

NAME	Licensed	Ordained	Received Present Charge	POST OFFICE ADDRESS®
Brunner, C. H Cassel, E. N Dickert, R. W Gehman, W. G Heffner, W. F Hertzog, F. B Hillegass, O. S Hottel, F. M	1893 1901 1916 1896 1917 1922 1889 1905	1896 1904 1919 1899 1920 1892 1909	1923 1920 1923 P. E. 1919 1922 1920 1923	132 W. 4th St. Mt. Carmel, Pa. 3848 N. Park Ave., Phila., Pa. Graterford, Pa. 144 N. Sixth St., Sunbury, Pa. 1136 Northampton St., Easton, Pa. 25 S. Third St., Quakertown, Pa. 16 S. Broad St., Nazareth, Pa. 723 Filmore St., Allentown, Pa. 125 W. Laurel St., Bethlehem, Pa. 1737 Washington Ave., Northampton, Pa.
Layne, J. B Musselman, H. B Musselman, W. B Musselman, B. B Reinhart, V. H Roth, J. C Shireman, J. G Stengele, P. T Wolf, N. H Woodring, R. L Woodring, A. G	1916 1890 1883 1913 1907 1900 1898 1918 1916 1898 1917	1919 1893 1886 1916 1909 1903 1900 1923 1920 1900 1920	1918 P. E. M.P.E. 1920 1923 1923 1922 1922 1923 1918 1923	21 S. 6th St., Stroudsburg, Pa. 119 S. 14th St., Easton, Pa.
	1901	1904		s and Evangelists 702 E.Commerce St., Shamokin, Pa.
Shick, E. T	1899	1901		515 Green Street, Allentown, Pa.
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Cressman, N. M Gehret, T. D Henry, J. B Meyers, M. M Musselman, E. H Stengele, W. R	1924 1921 1921 1924 1919 1921 1918			Gospel Herald Society. """"""""""""""""""""""""""""""""""""
			erenc	e Licensed Missionaries
Brunner, Mrs. C. H. Fretz, W. J Gehman, H. M Gehman, Allen W. Martin, E. W Zimmerman, W. W.	1898 1897 1922 1901			Philadelphia, Pa. Bethlehem, Pa. Allentown, Pa. Emaus, Pa. East Earl, Pa. Easton, Pa.

RECORD OF CONFERENCES

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1884 Feb. 4 Terre Hill	William Gehman	W. H. Gehman.
1885 Feb. 2 Quakertown		M. A. Zyner.
1886 Feb. 1 Upper Milford	1 "	48
1887 Feb. 7 Reading		A. Kauffman.
1888 Feb. 6 [Coopersburg		46
1889 Feb. 4 Terre Hill		44
1890 Feb. 3 Bethlehem		M. A. Zyner.
1891 Feb. 2 Quakertown		C. H. Brunner.
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1894 Feb. 2 Terre Hill	1 "	66
1895 Feb. 1 Reading		a
1896 Feb. 7-10 Allentown		"
1897 Feb. 19-22 Royersford		
1898 March 4-7 Bethlehem		**
1899 March 3-6 Upper Milford		W. G. Gehman.
1900 Sept. 14-17 Reading		**
1901 Oct. 4-7 Bethlehem		
1902 Oct. 17-20[Reading		
1903 Oct. 16-20 Mt. Carmel		06
1904 Oct. 27-31 Allentown		-65
1905 Oct. 12-16 Bethlehem		16
1906 Oct. 11-15 Reading		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		u
1914 Oct. 15-19 Bethlehem		"
1915 Oct. 14-18 Royersford		**
1916 Sept. 21-25 Philadelphia		"
1917 Sept. 21-25 Allentown		46
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		61
1923 Oct. 11-15 Bethlehem	"	"
		"
1924 Sept 25-29 Allentown		

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

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

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

CAMP MEETINGS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

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190	Waldheim	153	"	139	Easton (Mt.	75		
					Carmel Dist.)			
191	Mizpah Grove	167	Mizpah G've.	154	Easton (Mt.	89		
	(Allen. Div.)	3 11	(Beth. Div.)		Carmel Dist.)			
191	Mizpah Grove	156	Mizpah G've.	160	Mizpah G've.	100	Shamokin	43
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191	Mizpah Grove	163	Mizpah G've.		Mizpah G've.	75	Shamokin	58
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)	10, 100		
191	Mizpah Grove	165	Mizpah G've.	169	Mizpah G've.	76	Shamokin	71
101	(Allen, Div.)	100	(Beth. Div.)	200	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	. 0		- 15
191	Mizpah Grove	143	Mizpah G've.	170	Mizpah G've.	68	Shamokin	78
101	(Allen. Div.)	110	(Beth. Div.)	210	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	00		
191	Mizpah Grove	145	Mizpah G've.	174	Mizpah G've.	66	Shamokin	86
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191	Mizpah Grove	155	Mizpah G've.	104	Shamokin	106	. ,	
101	(Allen, Div.)	100	(Beth. Div.)	104	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	100	. ,	
191	Mizpah Grove	169	Mizpah G've.	202	Shamokin	190	Harrisburg	65
191	(Allen. Div.)	102	(Beth. Div.)	203	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	120	mairisburg	00
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191		199	Mizpah G've.	199	Shamokin	100		
101	(Allen. Div.)	100	(Beth. Div.)	010	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	100		
191	Mizpah Grove	189	Mizpah G've.	219	Shamokin	126		
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192	Mizpah Grove	195	Mizpah G've.	238	Shamokin	128		
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192	Mizpah Grove	224	Mizpah G've.	221	Shamokin	136		
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192	Mizpah Grove	240	Mizpah G've.	217	Shamokin	126		
40-	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
192	Mizpah Grove	259	Mizpah G've.	212	Shamokin	174		
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1924	Mizpah Grove	278	Mizpah G've.	232	Shamokin	155		
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Notes-

†A Grove Meeting held on Chestnut Hill.

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

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

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

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

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GENERAL CONFERENCES

ZIONSVILLE, PA. November 8-12, 1879.

A Union Conference, including sixteen Members of the Pennsylvania Conference. Name changed to Evangelical United Mennonites.

ELKHART, IND. 1882.

Wm. Gehman, John Traub.

HARRISBURG, O. December 27-29, 1883. 3.

Wm. Gehman, A. Strawn.

A Union Conference with the Brethren in Christ. Name changed to Mennonite Brethren in Christ.

ZIONSVILLE, PA. 1885.

Wm. Gehman, P. E., A. Strawn.

BERLIN, ONTARIO. 1888.

Wm. Gehman, P. E., A. Strawn, W. B. Musselman.

HARRISBURG, O. 1892.

W. B. Musselman, P. E., Wm. Gehman, Noah Detweiler, M. A. Zyner.

COOPERSBURG, PA. 1896.

W. B. Musselman, P. E., Wm. Gehman, C. H. Brunner.

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.

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.

BROWN CITY, MICH. 1908. 10.

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.

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.

NEW CARLISLE, OHIO. October 11, 1916. 12.

Announced for Berlin, Ontario, on the second Wednesday in October, 1916, at 9 A. M., but changed to New Carlisle, O., on account of

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.

KITCHENER, ONTARIO. October 13-19, 1920. 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.

Delegates elected-H. B. Musselman, P.E., W. G. Gehman, P. E., B. Bryan Musselman, C. H. Brunner, F. M. Hottel and E. N. Cassel.

Lay Delegates-G. O. Billig, Allen M. Gehman, H. L. Moyer, and H. H. Bergey.

