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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 Licence.
- 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 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 complied 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 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 and the Annual Conference Fund.

He shall deposit all the various funds in the name of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of PennsylvaniaTreasurer. The various Boards shall draw on the Treasurer for the funds needed, using form of voucher check furnished by the Annual Conference. They shall not draw beyond the amount of their respective funds except by permission of the Executive Board.

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

All Boards and Standing Committees shall submit a full and classified report of their work, financial and otherwise, to the Annual Conference. They shall hold meetings annually or oftener.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Camp-meetings 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 camp-meetings after all the expenses are paid the balance shall be paid into the treasury of the Executive Board.

The title to all real estate held, controlled or possessed by any local class, church or congregation shall be vested in a Board of three Trustees to be annually elected by the Quarterly Conference of said local

class, church or congregation in trust for the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania after the following form:

To A, B and C trustees and their successors in office in trust for the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania.

Foreign Missions—A.—The Annual Conference shall elect annually a Board of Foreign Missions consisting of five members.

All money contributed for the cause of Foreign Missions throughout the Conference shall be paid into the Annual Conference Treasury. They shall disburse the funds that they receive for the spread of the Gospel in heathen lands according as they deem good and proper.

B.—Each Pastor shall continue to hold a Harvest Home Service at each appointment annually, and speak on Foreign Missionary Work. These services shall be held soon after the Annual Conference, and a subscription for Foreign Missions shall be taken on the occasion, to be collected before February 1. [Enacted February 3, 1894.]*

C.—The Pastor shall see that the Superintendent of each Sunday School appoint a "Missionary Day" annually. In this service the necessity of establishing and supporting Foreign Missions shall be impressed upon the minds of the children, and a collection taken up for the same. [Enacted February 3, 1894.]

The 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 or Manager, sub-boards or committees to carry forward the work of the Home and the farm connected therewith, and shall direct all other matters relative to the same.

It shall have the right to purchase additional property from time to time as it deems necessary to carry on the work of the Home and shall also have the right to sell any property that to the best of its judgment it may deem advisable for the interest of the work under its supervision and trust and execute and deliver good and lawful deeds and conveyances for the same.

It shall have the right to remove any of the present buildings or to erect additions to the present building or erect additional buildings as may be needed to carry on the work of the Home and the farm connected therewith.

It shall have the right to borrow money and give mortgages or other securities on the properties. It shall have the right to loan out any funds in its possession on mortgages or other securities or make other investments with the funds that it may have on hand, and also satisfy all mortgages or other securities.

It shall decide as to who shall be admitted into the Home and on what conditions, and shall also decide to whom and to what extent the Board shall give help to worthy poor throughout the Church.

All moneys or donations of any kind received by any Pastor for The Home shall be forwarded as soon as practicable to the Superintendent or Managing Committee, who shall acknowledge the receipt of the same.

*Note. The members of our Church shall be respectively recommended to forward their funds for the Foreign Missionaries through the Foreign Missionary Board and not to the missionaries directly, which would lessen or cause to neglect their contributions in the direct channel provided by Conference for the support pledged to our respective missionaries.

Each Pastor shall hold a special service at each appointment on which occasion the Annual Offering for the Poor shall be received. The Pastors shall bring this offering to the Annual Conference and pay it into the Annual Conference Treasury as The Home funds.

All money collected for charitable purposes not paid over to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of The Home shall be included in the report of the Treasurer of the local Board of Trustees where collected.

In case there are any poor in any class that need help beyond that given them by their respective classes, the deacon on that charge where there is one, or the Pastor where there is no deacon, shall make known the nature of the need to the President of the Board of Trustees of The Home, who shall bring the matter before the Board. The Board shall assist as it may deem 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 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 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 fails 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 each quarter at a 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.

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. [See Discipline.]

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—Quarterly.

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 to the "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.—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.

F.—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.]

G.—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.

H.—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.

I.—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.

J.—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.]

K.—The election of the officers of the Sunday School shall be held in a regular church service shortly after the Annual Conference and not later than November 15. [Enacted October 19, 1925.]



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H. K. Kratz, Pastor.

Annual Conference Proceedings

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FIRST MEETING.

Thursday Forenoon, October 15, 1925.

The Forty-second Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania convened in Ebenezer M. B. in C. Church, corner of Main and Durham Streets, Bethlehem, 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 "He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought," the Chairman, H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District, read the twelfth chapter of Romans, followed by a very needful and helpful message.

The names of the members of the Conference 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. Hille-gass, W. F. Hefner, J. G. Shireman, J. B. Layne, R. W. Dickert, E. E. Kublic, V. H. Reinhart, R. Bergstresser, P. T. Stengele and J. F. Barrall.

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.
 Paul H. Miller, Shamokin.
 Charles W. Teel, Easton.
 C. B. Brosius, Sunbury.
 E. Godshall, Nazareth.
 George R. Fish, Stroudsburg.
 Charles E. Eroh, Lehighton and Weissport.
 Moses Snyder, Mt. Carmel.
 Charles W. Decker, Scranton.

We are also remembering W. B. Musselman, of Cleveland, Ohio, and his work; the Gospel Herald Society, a number of whom were present at this conference; also E. T. Shick of Allentown, 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 Hauberg.

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

Chile—Miss Anna LeFevre and Miss Nettie Meier.

Africa—E. E. Crist, Mrs. E. E. Crist, E. R. Hess, M. E. Barter, W. P. Darling, H. L. Pierson, Harry Stam, Mrs. Harry Stam, Joseph Ummel and Paul Ummel.

India—E. R. Carner, Mrs. E. R. Carner, Samuel Kerr, Mrs. Samuel Kerr and C. A. Gustafson.

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

Palestine—E. O. Jago and Miss Mary A. Butterfield.—35 in all.

Also three native Pastors in Chile: Dionisio Oyarzum, 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 four pews of the three sections on the east side of the auditorium, constitute the Conference Bar. Also the basement for evening 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 a Timekeeper.

He appointed H. K. Kratz as Reporter, and V. H. Reinhart as Timekeeper.

Resolved, That no member be permitted to leave the Conference Bar without permission by the Chair, except F. M. Hottel and H. L. Moyer, the Pastor and Delegate of the Bethlehem Congregation.

Committees.

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

Committee on Worship: F. M. Hottel and H. L. Moyer.

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, Charles W. Teel, Paul H. Miller, O. B. Bartholomew, H. N. Rishel, Charles W. Decker, F. B. Hertzog, Moses Snyder, George R. Fish and R. Bergstresser.

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

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

Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists and Missionaries: W. F. Heffner, J. B. Layne, 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 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, H. H. Bergey, G. Louis Baumgartner 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 O. B. Bartholomew and benediction by R. W. Dickert.

SECOND MEETING.

Thursday Afternoon, October 15, 1925.

The Chair opened the afternoon meeting with singing "Yield Not to Temptation," and prayer by C. B. Brosius.

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

The following report was read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on the 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,	O. B. Bartholomew,
E. E. Kublic,	H. N. Rishel,
H. K. Kratz,	Charles W. Decker,
V. H. Reinhart,	F. B. Hertzog,
Charles E. Eroh,	Moses Snyder,
C. B. Brosius,	George R. Fish,
Charles W. Teel,	R. Bergstresser,
Paul H. Miller,	Committee.

The President of the Gospel Herald Society recommended C. G. Hartzell, Gospel Herald, as an applicant for Annual Conference License.

Resolved, That he be accepted as an Applicant and that he now give the nature of his call to the Ministry.

C. G. Hartzell now expressed the nature of his call to the satisfaction of the Conference.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

We have examined the Applicant, C. G. Hartzell. We believe him to be a consecrated, humble, promising young man and pray that he will be made a great blessing to the Church. We therefore recommend that Annual Conference License be granted him.

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

Report of the Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Records:

We beg leave to report that we have examined the Annual Conference Records of 1924 and found them correct.

R. W. Dickert,
R. Bergstresser,
Committee.

Report of the Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders:

We beg leave to report that we have examined all the Traveling Elders through the various delegates and found them all satisfactory, being 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 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. B. Layne,
J. G. Shireman,
O. S. Hillegass,
Committee.

Report of the Committee on Worship:

C. G. Hartzell, E. H. Musselman and N. M. Cressman shall preach fifteen minutes each this evening.

F. M. Hottel,
H. L. Moyer,
Committee.

The Pastors now began to submit their oral report.

After a number of the Pastors had reported it was

Resolved, That we postpone hearing the remaining oral reports and hear the reports of the Presiding Elders.

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.)

Resolved, That we continue with the oral reports of the Pastors.

Resolved, That we extend the time indefinitely.

The oral reports of the Pastors were concluded.

The following reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, The Lord has spared all the pastors of our Conference, enabling all to be present and report of the many who were brought to the Lord through the preaching of His Word, while others were brought into closer fellowship with God, and the general progress made on all lines, high notes of praise being sounded for a laity so united and devoted to God, therefore,

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

Resolved, That we pray the Lord to protect and keep our ministry true to His Word, Spirit-filled and useful in promoting so noble a cause.

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

Committee.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, Both of our Presiding Elders reported their part of the work of the Conference, expressing progress along spiritual and financial lines, the President of the Gospel Herald Society also reporting the activities of their work along the same lines, with new recruits and extended borders, and,

Whereas, Their reports were the words of highest praise for our people, the unselfish labors of the Pastors and the continued support of our Home and Foreign Mission Work, therefore,

Resolved, That we, as a Conference, pledge our united support in every way for them in their labors and their frank and safe counsels as leaders of our Conference.

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

Committee.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet this evening from 7:45 to 9:15 o'clock.

Adjourned at 5:20 with prayer by Paul H. Miller and the benediction by E. E. Kublic.

THIRD MEETING.

Thursday Evening, October 15, 1925.

The evening meeting was opened at 7:45 o'clock with prayer by W. G. Gehman.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Report of the Committee on General Conference Expenses. (See Reports.)

Report of the Beneficiary Society. (See Reports.)

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

Report of the Conference Treasurer. (See Reports.)

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

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

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

Report of the Executive Board. (See Reports.)

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

Resolved, That the word "monthly" on page 10 in last year's Year Book, section VI, in line (b) under B, shall be changed to "quarterly."

Resolved, That the word "Eastern" be omitted in sections D and E on page 11.

Resolved, That the word "monthly" in the sixth last paragraph on page 9 of last year's Year Book be changed to the word "quarterly."

Resolved, That we extend the time indefinitely.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and adjourn to meet Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

Adjourned with prayer by E. N. Cassel and benediction by H. K. Kratz.

FOURTH MEETING.

Friday Morning, October 16, 1925.

The meeting was opened with singing "Blessed Assurance Jesus Is Mine," and prayer by R. Bergstresser.

The Chair read the Thirteenth Chapter of First Corinthians with a few appropriate remarks.

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

The following report was read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Worship:

We beg leave to report the following: Paul E. Baer, T. D. Gehret and N. H. Wolf shall preach this evening, twenty minutes each.

F. M. Hottel,

H. L. Moyer,

Committee.

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

Resolved, That the Secretary call the roll for conditional and unconditional Ministers. The following was the result:

Unconditional—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, B. Bryan Musselman, F. M. Hottel, 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, O. S. Hillegass and J. F. Barrall.

Conditional—None.

Resolved, That we elect two Presiding Elders.

The Chair appointed the 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 we suspend business to the call of the Chair.

Business was resumed.

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

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.

Upon his request, Brother O. S. Hillegass was permitted to leave the conference for today and tomorrow.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and adjourn to the call of the Chair no later than 4:30 o'clock this afternoon, permitting the Stationing Boundary and Appropriating Committee to sit.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 o'clock with prayer by George R. Fish and the benediction by G. F. Yost.

FIFTH MEETING.

Friday Afternoon, October 16, 1925.

The afternoon meeting was opened at 1 o'clock with singing "Jesus Is Good to Me" and prayer by Charles W. Teel.

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

Resolved, That we grant E. Godshall, upon his request, the privilege of being absent on Saturday.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and adjourn to the call of the Chair not later than 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Adjourned at 1:40 o'clock with prayer by G. Louis Baumgartner and benediction by W. G. Gehman.

SIXTH MEETING

Friday Evening, October 16, 1925.

The meeting was opened at 9:10 o'clock by singing, "He Keeps Me Singing."

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 suspend the rules and adjourn to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Adjourned with prayer by G. F. Yost and the benediction by C. H. Brunner.

SEVENTH MEETING

Saturday Morning, October 17, 1925.

This meeting was opened with singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," and prayer by W. F. Heffner.

The Chairman read a portion of Hebrews eleven and the first part of chapter twelve, followed with a short, helpful exhortation.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

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

Report of the Committee on Worship:

We beg leave to report the following: H. K. Kratz and E. N. Cassel shall speak on Saturday evening thirty minutes each.

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 the Ordination Sermon at 2 P.M.

The evening service shall open at 7 P.M. R. L. Woodring, C. H. Brunner and B. Bryan Musselman shall speak for fifteen minutes each.

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

F. M. Hottel,

H. L. Moyer,

Committee.

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 of God in gathering many more into the fold.

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

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

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

(c) *Whereas*, The Union Gospel Press, of Cleveland, Ohio, has published 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 labor 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, They print and publish 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.

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

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

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

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

Committee.

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 H. K. Kratz.

Board of Foreign Missions: H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, W. G. Gehman, B. Bryan Musselman and F. M. Hottel.

Board of Trustees of The Home (For two years): H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, E. N. Cassel, C. H. Brunner, Allen M. Gehman and H. M. Hottel.

Board of Trustees of the Laymens' 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, B. Bryan Musselman and G. F. Yost.

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

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 District to organize for these Sunday School Conventions.

He appointed the following:

Bethlehem District—C. H. Brunner.

Mount Carmel District—J. G. Shireman.

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

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

Business was resumed.

Resolved, That we extend the time indefinitely.

Resolved, That the Camp Meeting Divisions of the Districts remain the same as last year, with the addition of Lehighton and Weissport to the Bethlehem Division and Wissinoming to the Mount Carmel District.

The Divisions shall comprise the congregations as follows:

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

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

Mount Carmel District—Shamokin, Mount Carmel, Sunbury, Easton, Stroudsburg, Scranton and Wissinoming.

Resolved, That the two Camp Meetings of the Bethlehem District be held in Mizpah Grove, the Bethlehem Division from July 3-11, and the Allentown Division from August 21-29. The Camp Meeting of the Mount Carmel District shall be held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., from July 24 to August 1.

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

Bethlehem Division—Chairman, F. M. Hottel; Secretary, A. G. Woodring; Treasurer, E. N. Cassel.

Allentown Division—Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; Treasurer, G. F. Yost.

Mount Carmel District—Chairman, J. G. Shireman; Secretary, P. T. Stengele; Treasurer, R. W. Dickert.

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

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

Adjourned at 11:40 o'clock with prayer by J. F. Barrall and benediction by V. H. Reinhart.

EIGHTH MEETING.

Saturday Afternoon, October 17, 1925.

This meeting was opened with singing "Blessed Be the Name" and prayer by R. L. Woodring.

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

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

Business was resumed.

The following reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Ordination: We have examined the Candidates F. B. Hertzog and T. D. Gehret and find that they have

successfully passed the Reading Course and are men of good Christian character, loyalty and obedience. We therefore recommend that they be ordained on Sunday afternoon.

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

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, Executive Board, Camp Meetings, Sunday School Convention, Annual Conference Fund, Benevolent Society, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Presiding Elders, Gospel Herald Society, Board of Publication and Printing, Reports of the committee on Finance, and Committee on General Conference Expenses.

The books and accounts were found in fairly good condition. The few errors were brought to the attention of those interested and corrected. Suggestions were made in some instances to simplify the auditing and for promoting uniformity in our records, so far as possible.

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

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

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

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

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

Committee over Camp Meeting Equipage and Tabernacle Outfits—Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, F. M. Hottel.

Board of Publication and Printing—President, B. Bryan Musselman; 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 W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Mount Carmel District, hold all the Home Missionary meetings throughout the Conference between New Year and Camp Meetings, and take the subscriptions with the assistance of the respective Pastors.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved, That the Church property at Hereford be in charge of the Board of Trustees of Macungie, Pa.

Resolved, That all contributions received by the Laymens' Benevolent Society shall be paid by check 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 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 1925.

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 "Gospel Banner." He appointed E. N. Cassel, A. G. Woodring and J. G. Shireman.

Ministerial Conventions.

Resolved, That we hold a Ministerial Convention sometime during the middle of the year, at Reading, 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 E. N. Cassel as the third man on this committee, and announced April 14, 1926, 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 the Annual Ministerial Convention on the day prior to the next Annual Conference and at the same place.

Resolved That the next Annual Conference convene in Bethel M. B. in C. Church, 526-530 North Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa., at 8 A.M., October 14, 1926.

The following officers were then elected:

Annual Ministerial Convention—

Chairman, C. H. Brunner; Secretary, J. C. Roth.

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

Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention—

Chairman, F. M. Hottel; Secretary, A. G. Woodring.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M., with prayer by J. B. Layne and the benediction by V. H. Reinhart.

NINTH MEETING.

Monday Morning, October 19, 1925.

This meeting was opened by singing, "I Am So Glad That Jesus Loves Me", and prayer by W. G. Gehman. The Chair read the Fifth chapter of First Peter.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

Report of Committee to Audit Schedules:

We have audited the different Pastors' schedules and summary schedules and declare them to be correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

W. G. Gehman,

F. B. Hertzog, Committee.

Report of the Committee on Communications:

We have received no communications, therefore we have nothing to report.

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

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

Report of Committee to Formulate Methods for Class Records and Subscriptions:

We have secured cabinets and index cards for membership records as well as for subscription accounts and hope to have them in full operation by the end of this Conference Year.

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

Resolved, That the Committee on Class Membership Records and Church Subscriptions, be continued as a reference committee to get the system into proper operation, and further,

Resolved, That the same committee devise and furnish a system of records for the Sunday Schools before New Year, the Sunday Schools to pay for the supplies, and the Committee to function as a Reference Committee so that there may be uniformity throughout the Sunday Schools as much as possible.

Resolved, That the election of the Officers of the Sunday Schools be held at a regular church service shortly after Conference and no later than November 15. (Standing Rule October 19, 1925.)

The following report was read and adopted:

Report of the Executive Board:

We have considered the matter of the Laymens' Benevolent Society and the incorporation of the Annual Conference but have come to no definite conclusion and ask to be privileged to further consider these matters.

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

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, The daily papers, "The Bethlehem Globe" and "The Allentown Morning Call," have given us such splendid service in publishing the proceedings of the Ministerial Convention and of the Conference, giving prominence in their valued columns, and

Whereas, Their reporters and correspondents have so courteously co-operated with our Conference Reporter, therefore,

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of their services, and pray God's blessing and favor upon them, and further,

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Conference and be forwarded to "The Bethlehem Globe" and "The Morning Call" office, respectively.

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

Committee.

Resolved, That the Executive Board be authorized to make an agreeable reduction in price of the "Rose of Sharon" Hymnal to the various Trustee Boards of our Churches for hymn books to be used in general church services.

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

Signed,

H. B. Musselmann, 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,	W. D. Evert,
E. N. Cassel,	G. O. Billig,
G. F. Yost,	H. L. Moyer,
J. C. Roth,	C. D. Bean,
J. G. Shireman,	Paul H. Miller,
R. L. Woodring,	R. R. Fox,
H. K. Kratz,	Charles W. Teel,
R. W. Dickert,	Moses Snyder,
W. F. Heffner,	G. K. Himmelreich,
E. E. Kublic,	George R. Fish,
J. B. Layne,	Charles E. Eroh,
V. H. Reinhart,	H. N. Rishel,
F. B. Hertzog,	H. H. Bergey,
P. T. Stengele,	C. B. Brosius,
R. Bergstresser,	O. B. Bartholomew,
O. S. Hillegass,	Charles W. Decker,
T. D. Gehret,	H. L. Shelly,
J. F. Barrall,	E. Godshall,

G. Louis Baumgartner.

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I.—Presiding Elders

REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF THE BETHLEHEM DISTRICT

"I will bless the Lord who hath given me counsel; my reins also instruct me in the night seasons. I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved" (Psalms 16:7-8). "Lord.....I know that Thou canst do everything, and that no thought of thine can be hindered" (Job 42:2, mar.). "I will meditate also of all Thy work, and talk of Thy doings" (Psalms 77:12).

The Lord has again graciously blessed us with physical strength, enabling us to meet all the appointments throughout the Conference year. God's abiding presence through the Holy Spirit has been our enabling. It is thus with a deep sense of the realization of the goodness of God upon us, that we are permitted to submit this report.

The labors of the various Pastors have been blessed of God, and the work in general is in a good spiritual condition. Church attendance has been encouraging. Prayer-meetings are well attended, and the various Sunday Schools are in a flourishing condition. Open-air meetings have been held, but on account of traffic conditions, they have been hindered at different places.

We wish to thank God for the unity existing among the Pastors of the District. We are also much indebted to them, and with them to the brethren in general, for the many kindnesses and considerations shown to us in every way, sparing no time and labor, in order to make our tasks as easy as possible.

God has graciously spared us all of the Pastors and their families, for which we praise Him. The devotion of the faithful Pastors to the Lord's work, and the spirit of self-sacrifice made manifest, surely has a wholesome effect on the laity.

God has been keeping the young people from being drawn into the floods of ungodliness and fleshly allurements to the extent that they can be counted on for God. We believe good spiritual progress is being made by many. Our aged fathers and mothers continue to stand by the work nobly, although their ranks are being thinned by death.

The finances in general are in an encouraging condition. Church properties are in good shape, being kept in a creditable appearance.

On account of the collapse of the auditorium in Mizpah Camp Grove, it was decided to have a steel structural pavilion erected, which was completed in time for our first Camp-meeting date. This is a substantially built edifice with a two-story brick annex added thereto for special use. A third artesian well has also been dug, to supply adequate water for the up-to-date, necessary sanitary outbuildings which have also been placed on the grounds, together with other improvements that were made. This caused quite an outlay of money, but noble response has already been made towards the liquidation of the same.

Two Camp-meetings were again held on the District, with good results. Both were held in beautiful Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Penna. The first Camp-meeting (Bethlehem Division) had 233 tents, and the latter (Allentown Division) had 282 tents. These were the largest Camp-meetings held in our Conference. The Word was preached in power and we feel assured that God will give the increase.

Whatever the future may bring us, we know that God will continue to lead and ever uphold His faithful children. May we all be found in Him at His glorious appearing.

FINANCIAL

Receipts

Balance on Hand.....	\$ 50 63	
Received from Treasurer.....	1,756 00	
Received from Other Sources.....	7 90	\$ 1,814 53

Expenditures

(a) Appropriations

Nazareth	\$ 216 00	
Northampton and Walnutport.....	240 00	
Quakertown	300 00	\$ 756 00

(b) Miscellaneous

Expenses in connection with Eastern Gospel		
Banner	\$ 210 34	
Fares for Brethren—Committee and Missionary		
Work	48 45	
Paid on General Conference offerings deficit.....	7 82	
A. G. Woodring—donation.....	25 00	
N. H. Wolf—donation.....	50 00	
O. S. Hillegass.....	66 92	
R. L. Woodring.....	50 00	
For Special Evangelistic Help.....	50 00	
Allentown Church	200 00	
Bethlehem Trustees	200 00	
Mizpah Grove	150 00	1,058 53

Total\$ 1,814 53

H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder.

II.—Presiding Elders—Continued

REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF THE MOUNT CARMEL DISTRICT

The Lord has been favorable again on this District to the ministry and the laity during the past year. The Lord gave us health and strength to meet all our appointments and minister according to the ability He gave us. Pastors and laity stood by us patiently, loyally and prayerfully. The Pastors have their heart in the work, preach the Word faithfully, and are willing to spend and be spent in His service. The members love the truth, and conform their lives more and more to it, and in whole-hearted consecration live for God and others.

Quite a number were saved, baptized and added to the Church. The Sunday Schools and prayer meetings throughout are well attended and participated in by the members. A number of open air meetings were held with large attendance and good success. Members and friends of the work attend and take part in the ordinances. The offerings in general have been very good.

The District and Gospel Herald Society Sunday School Convention was most creditably entertained by the Scranton class. Sunbury has made some church building alterations. Shamokin paid considerable on their new building lot. Debts of other classes also were materially reduced.

The Camp Meeting held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., was indeed blest of the Lord and a great blessing to the community as well as to all the classes represented. There were one hundred fifty-eight tents erected and used. There were many seekers for salvation, sanctification and Divine healing. The Lord proved Himself a very present help indeed. The preachers preached with unction the plain Gospel truth, which worked effectually. The members of the District and many from the other District turned out well. The offerings were very good, which, of course, made it necessary for many to sacrifice. "Let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

FINANCIAL

Expenditures

(a) Appropriations

Stroudsburg	\$240 00	
Lehighton	540 00	
Sunbury	300 00	
Scranton	120 00	\$ 1,200 00

(b) Miscellaneous

Fares, etc., holding Home Mission Meetings.....	\$349 34	
Edgewood Grove Camp Meeting, Shamokin, Pa.....	331 41	
To Scranton Class for Hall Rent, etc., for Sunday School Convention	35 00	
Rent for storage, Allen M. Gehman.....	20 00	
Donation, J. F. Barrall, 1924.....	600 00	1,335 75

Total	\$ 2,535 75
Received from Treasurer of Home Mission Fund.....	2,535 75

W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder.

III.—Gospel Herald Society

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GOSPEL HERALD SOCIETY

September 1, 1924, to September 30, 1925 (13 months)

The Gospel Heralds in the various missions have been well preserved in every way during the past year. The attendance and interest throughout the Society are good. Quite a number of souls were saved and baptized and believers caused to grow in grace and the knowledge of the Lord.

The Sunday Schools and open-air meetings work a wholesome influence upon many people. The prayer meetings in homes are working effectually upon many hearts.

Bibles, Testaments, religious books, mottoes, the *Gospel Herald* and *Saturday Evening Call*, and the Daily Food Wall Rolls are distributed on a large scale. This seed, sown in a quiet way, will germinate in due time. A great deal of literature was again sold at the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Camp Meetings.

Very helpful tent meetings were held in Jersey City and Greenville, N. J., in Harrisburg, Lancaster and York, Pa.

The Home Mission meetings held in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Conference were well attended. The pledges were liberal. The Pastors encouraged good attendance and real sacrifice.

We have a large number of Heralds in the various missions who are obedient and willing to do our Lord's bidding. They are learning more and more in humility and tenderness to win souls for Christ and lead on His people in green pastures and besides the still waters.

We are fighting the good fight of faith, working righteousness, and endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, until He come.

STATISTICAL

Ordained ministers of the M. B. C. Conference.....	2
Probationers of the M. B. C. Conference.....	9
Full Gospel Heralds.....	18
Probationers	1
Applicants	1
Received M. B. C. Members by transfer.....	2
Received New Members.....	15
Transferred to Gospel Worker Society.....	1
Net Increase	16
Total Membership	60
Baptized	125
Children Dedicated	17
Sunday Schools	6
Officers and Teachers Enrolled.....	106
Scholars Enrolled	816
Home Department Scholars Enrolled.....	336
Children's Meetings and Sunday Schools held.....	549
Open Air Meetings.....	307
Prayer Meetings	458
Sermons and Addresses.....	3,173
Pastoral Visits	2,071
Gospel Heralds sold.....	93,956
Daily Food Wall Rolls sold.....	5,690
Valuation of Mission Properties:	

Lebanon, Pa.	\$ 6,000 00	
York, Pa.	12,500 00	
West Philadelphia, Pa.....	6,500 00	
Wissinoming, Philadelphia, Pa.....	30,000 00	
Jersey City, N. J.....	5,000 00	\$ 60,000 00

FINANCIAL

(a) Receipts

1. Collections

Rents	\$ 3,280 00
Sundry Expenses	5,266 14
Sinking Fund	50 96
Light	524 46
Donations, Gifts, etc.....	2,917 76
President	1,162 10
Gospel Workers	350 55
Sunday Schools	3,788 54
Sunday School Convention.....	127 74
Conference Fund	281 77
G. H. S. Headquarters' Fund.....	253 25
Foreign Missions	2,265 18
Missionary Work	694 85
At Gospel Herald Society Conference.....	112 53
Chapel and Lot Fund.....	2,862 84

Beneficiary Fund	302 00	
House Rent, York, Pa.....	355 00	
House Rent, Lebanon, Pa.....	139 25	
House, Store, and Garage Rent, Wissinoming, Philadelphia	1,257 50	
Lot Rent, Jersey City, N. J.....	40 00	\$ 26,032 42

2. Literature

Literature, etc., sold at Missions.....	\$ 16,267 74	
Literature, etc., sold to laity at M. B. C. Camp Meetings	1,486 74	
Literature, etc., sold wholesale to ministers.....	6,656 02	24,410 50

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

Appropriations	\$ 1,985 00	
Tabernacle Meetings	231 99	
Fares, Utensils, Freight, Furniture.....	1,090 46	
Rent for President.....	300 00	3,607 45
Total		\$ 54,050 37

(b) Expenditures

1. Appropriations

Harrisburg, Pa.	\$ 55 00	
York, Pa.	455 00	
Lebanon, Pa.	390 00	
West Philadelphia, Pa.....	520 00	
Lancaster, Pa.	565 00	\$ 1,985 00

2. Tabernacles

Jersey City, N. J.....	\$ 80 41	
Greenville, N. J.....	33 20	
Harrisburg, Pa.	36 07	
York, Pa.	41 73	
Lancaster, Pa.	40 58	231 99

3. Miscellaneous

Old Mission repairs and supplies.....	\$ 263 24	
Furniture	179 93	
Freight and Expenses.....	88 24	
Freight and Expenses on Literature.....	105 32	
Fares, Postage, Telegrams, etc.....	195 42	
Cartage	99 03	
Printing and Stationery.....	46 83	
Paints and Painting.....	36 45	
Donations to Heralds, etc.....	76 00	
Rent for President.....	300 00	1,390 46
Total		\$ 3,607 45

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.
Reading—E. N. Cassel.
Philadelphia—C. H. Brunner.

(b) Circuits

Royersford and Spring City—N. H. Wolf.
Graterford and Harleysville—W. F. Heffner.
Emaus, Macungie and Zionsville—G. F. Yost.
Fleetwood, Blandon and Terre Hill—A. G. Woodring.
Coopersburg and Allentown (Salem)—F. B. Hertzog.

(c) Missions

Quakertown and Hatfield—J. B. Layne.
Northampton and Walnutport—H. K. Kratz.
Nazareth—R. L. Woodring.
Lehighton and Weissport—J. C. Roth.

(d) Local Preachers

E. T. Shick—Allentown Quarterly Conference.
O. S. Hillegass—Allentown Quarterly Conference.

(e) Quarterly Conference Licensed Workers

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

(f) Tabernacles to be supplied.

2. Mount Carmel District, W. G. Gehman, P. E.

(a) Stations

Mt. Carmel—E. E. Kublic.
Easton—P. T. Stengele.
Shamokin—J. G. Shireman.

(b) Missions

Stroudsburg—V. H. Reinhart.
Sunbury—R. W. Dickert.
Scranton—T. D. Gehret.
Wissinoming, Philadelphia—R. Bergstresser.

(c) Local Preachers

J. F. Barrall, Shamokin Quarterly Conference.

(d) Annual Conference Licensed Workers

J. T. Anderson, W. R. Stengele, M. M. Myers, E. H. Musselman,
N. M. Cressman, J. B. Henry, P. S. Taylor, Paul E. Baer,
C. G. Hartzell.

(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	
Lehighton and Weissport, per month.....	45 00	\$ 108 00

Moving Expenses—E. N. Cassel.....	\$65 00	
“ “ —W. F. Heffner.....	35 00	
“ “ —F. B. Hertzog.....	35 00	
“ “ —J. B. Layne.....	40 00	
“ “ —R. L. Woodring.....	35 00	
“ “ —J. C. Roth.....	75 00	\$ 285 00

To be used at the discretion of the Presiding Elder.....\$ 1,000 00

2. Mount Carmel District

Stroudsburg, per month.....	\$25 00	
Sunbury, per month.....	25 00	
Scranton, per month.....	10 00	
Wissinoming, Philadelphia, per month.....	30 00	\$ 90 00

Moving Expenses—E. E. Kublic.....	\$65 00	
“ “ —P. T. Stengele.....	35 00	
“ “ —V. H. Reinhart.....	35 00	
“ “ —T. D. Gehret.....	40 00	
“ “ —R. Bergstresser.....	75 00	\$ 250 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.—No. 246 E. Princess Street. To be supplied.

Harrisburg, Pa.—No. 1430 Green Street. To be supplied.

West Philadelphia, Pa.—No. 6214 Gray's Avenue. To be supplied.

Lancaster, Pa.—No. 213 E. Chestnut Street. To be supplied.

Lebanon, Pa.—No. 251 S. 5th Street. To be supplied.

Easton, Pa., Gospel Herald Society Bible House—No. 1137 Pine Street. To be supplied.

Jersey City, N. J.—No. 278 Central Avenue. To be supplied.

H. B. Musselman, Chairman,

W. G. Gehman, Secretary,

G. O. Billig,

G. Louis Baumgartner,

H. L. Moyer,

W. D. Evert,

Paul H. Miller,

R. R. Fox,

H. L. Shelly,

C. D. Bean,

Charles W. Teel,

Moses Snyder,

G. K. Himmelreich,

Allen M. Gehman,

H. N. Rishel.

Committee.

V.—Camp Meeting

ANNUAL 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 27–July 5, 233 tents.

Allentown Division, August 15–August 23, 282 tents.

Mt. Carmel District

This Camp Meeting was held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., on July 18–26, 158 tents.

Receipts

Bethlehem District

Bethlehem Division	\$ 6,046 49	
Allentown Division	6,431 33	\$ 12,477 82

Mount Carmel District

Mt. Carmel Division.....	2,383 11	
Total	\$ 14,860 93	

H. B. Musselman, Chairman.

VI.—Camp Meeting Equipage

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CAMP MEETING EQUIPAGE

Due to the building operations in the Camp Grove during the summer, all the bills were paid by the Executive Board.

B. Bryan Musselman, Chairman,
J. C. Roth, Secretary,

F. M. Hottel,
G. F. Yost,
W. F. Heffner,
Committee.

VII.—Publication and Printing

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION PRINTING

Account of the Annual Conference Secretary

This Board met during the year and authorized B. Bryan Musselman to print 25,000 Missionary labels and other matter.

Receipts

Received at Annual Conference.....	\$223 53	
262 General Conference Journals sold.....	55 02	
938 Year Books for 1924 sold.....	469 00	
1 Account Book.....	90	\$ 748 45

Expenditures

Donation to Conference Secretary.....	\$ 35 00	
Filing Equipment, etc.....	357 84	
Cuts	32 22	
Fares, in connection with Conference Journal and Foreign Mission Reports.....	13 68	
1000 Year Books.....	491 00	
Parcel Post and Postage.....	12 37	
Photos	18 10	
Printing Labels and Slips.....	35 00	
Carfare to Mid-Year Examinations.....	45 57	
15 Year Books sent free.....	7 50	
Quota of General Conference Journal.....	49 09	
Binding Minutes	2 00	
Stationery	3 65	\$ 1,103 02

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

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

We have received the sum of \$430.13 at last Annual Conference and paid out \$10.00 during the year.

Report of the Treasurer**Receipts**

September 27, 1924, balance in Treasury.....	\$ 3,844 91	
Received during the year.....	918 38	\$ 4,763 29

Expenditures

Expended during the year.....	\$ 10 00	
October 15, 1925, balance in Treasury.....	4,753 29	\$ 4,763 29

B. Bryan Musselman, Treasurer.

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

IX.—Laymen's Benevolent Society**FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LAYMEN'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY**

September 22, 1924, Members enrolled.....	524
Members received during year.....	15
Members died during year.....	10
Members withdrawn during year.....	32
October 12, 1925, Members enrolled.....	497

Financial

Receipts

Contributions	\$ 1,168 00	
Interest	816 50	\$ 1,984 50

Expenditures

Donations	\$ 750 00	
Sundry Expenses	3 68	\$ 753 68

Report of the Treasurer

Receipts

September 22, 1924, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 2,644 34	
Received during the year.....	1,984 50	\$ 4,628 84

Expenditures

Expended during year.....	\$ 753 68	
October 12, 1925, balance in Treasury.....	3,875 16	\$ 4,628 84

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 1925

(a) Applicants. On the Discipline

C. G. Hartzell, 99%

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

(b) Probationers on the Reading Course

	Church History	Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation	All about the Bible	I Timothy	John 13-17	Lessons in Holiness	Knowing the Scriptures	Nelson on Infidelity	Fletcher's Appeal	Jesus is Coming	Romans	Sell's Bible Study by Books	Average
First Year's Course													
Paul E. Baer.....	84	92	90	90	91	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90
J. B. Henry.....	95	93	93	91	83	94	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	92
P. S. Taylor.....	95	92	79	93	88	96	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	91
Third Year's Course													
T. D. Gehret.....	.....	96	.....	.....	.....	.....	98	.....	91	95	96	95	95
F. B. Hertzog.....	.....	91	.....	.....	.....	.....	87	93	91	95	90	.....	91

T. D. Gehret and F. B. Hertzog, having satisfactorily passed the three year's course of study, we therefore recommend them to the Committee on Ordination.

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

Board.

XI.—Executive Board

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

We have made very extensive improvements in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, this summer. Commencing January second, we had the heaviest snow for many years, soon followed by more, until we had over two feet of snow, sleet and ice, the weight of which broke down the auditorium. Something had to be done now. So as soon as the weather permitted we made arrangements to clear away the lumber and make plans for a new auditorium.

We engaged Jacob Hartman, of Bethlehem, to secure plans, bids, hire men and purchase material to make all the improvements that the Board decided on during the summer.

These improvements consisted of an auditorium with open sides, steel posts and trusses. The width is 80 feet between center of posts, with a projection of 9 feet beyond the posts on each side. The length of the auditorium is 98 feet, with 9 foot projection at the upper end. This is estimated to seat about 2000 people. The floor is made of crushed stone mixed with tarvia, rolled down with a steam roller.

At the lower or West end we built a two-story brick building with a large elliptical recess on a level with the platform in the auditorium. This gives ample room for storage and office purposes on the first floor and storage and dormitory on the second floor.

We also built a brick lavatory, 20 by 24 feet, for ladies and one for men, 20 by 24 feet. These are all provided with an abundance of water, meeting the requirements of the ordinances of the city. For this purpose we had to have another well dug down into the hard granite, one hundred feet deep. From this well an electric deep-well pump pumps the water into a large concrete cistern built into the ground on top of the hill, giving us plenty of fall. As there are neither water nor sewer connections near our property, we had to furnish all this ourselves. Instead of sewer connections we were obliged to construct large sink holes.

The Board purchased some lumber for tent floors, as quite a number of boards are broken every summer from handling. We purchased a few second hand stoves for the dining hall and a used safe for the office. The electric current used was for light not only through the camp meetings but also much of the time between while work was going on when some of the pastors and men stayed in the grove all night, working till late into the night. Much current was used to test out and run the pumps for water for the building operations going on during the summer.

To itemize the accounts so as to issue a statement of the cost of the auditorium and the other buildings separately is almost impossible as all the operations were going on practically at the same time, using material and labor indiscriminately. We also had to make a large number of extra benches for the enlarged new auditorium. Final settlement

has not been made yet. We still owe to the builder approximately \$6,000.00 besides the loans.

Nearly all the ministers of the Conference assisted in the work, but the burden of the work rested mainly upon B. Bryan Musselman, Pastor of the Allentown, Bethel, congregation, who superintended the operations during the whole summer, assisted by the brethren F. M. Hottel, E. N. Cassel, G. F. Yost and others of the nearby Pastors.

The Board estimates a moderate valuation of Mizpah Grove, consisting of almost ten acres within the City of Allentown, at \$70,000.00.

The Board held quite a number of meetings before and during these building operations, also several in the interest of church and missionary work going on at other places.

Rose of Sharon Hymnals

The account of the Rose of Sharon Hymnals has been transferred to the Executive Board several years ago. The books have since been in charge of the President of the Gospel Herald Society. The following report for the Conference year ending September 25, 1924, came in after the accounts had been closed. The Gospel Herald Society sold during that year 57 copies of the leather edition, 25 of the buckram and 1020 of the abridged edition, amounting to \$386.30. During this last year they sold 57 copies of the leather edition, 34 copies of the buckram and 757 copies of the abridged edition, amounting to \$354.33.

Financial

Receipts

Sale of Springtown Church Property.....	\$	435	00	
Rose of Sharon Hymn Books, 1924.....		386	30	
Rose of Sharon Hymn Books, 1925.....		354	33	
Interest		100	00	
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting Lumber Rent..		201	60	
Allentown Division Camp Meeting Lumber Rent..		237	08	
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting Balance.....		2,924	30	
Allentown Division Camp Meeting Balance.....		3,429	87	
Empty Tarvia barrels returned.....		19	00	
Pledges		500	00	
Loans and Transfers.....		12,000	00	\$ 20,587 48

Expenditures

New Buildings and Improvements.....	\$21,677	32	
Well	400	00	
Electric Light and Power.....	161	29	
Furnishings	205	25	
Lumber for Tent Floors.....	180	00	
Two Stoves	17	00	
Safe	50	00	
Repairs	21	88	\$ 22,712 74

BEQUEST

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

DEVISE

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

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

XII.—The Home**THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HOME**

The Board held five meetings during the year. Frank L. Musselman, the manager, is interested in the work and is seeking to manage the affairs of the Farm and Home to the best interest of the Home.

Albert Moser and his son Edgar are living in the Farm house and are working as farmer and hired man.

Mrs. Kate Fearheller, the Matron, and Mrs. Frank L. Musselman, the Manager's wife, are taking care of the Home and are seeking to make the aged sisters comfortable.

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

Mary Ann Young, for many years a resident of Coopersburg, has been admitted into the Home on September 3, 1925, and seems to be well at home.

The crops were very good. The herd of Holstein Friesian cattle, consisting of 44 head, is doing well. The entire herd has recently passed the Federal Tuberculin test without reacting and is now an accredited herd.

A Sharpless milker has been installed and saves much labor.

Donations have been received as follows:

A. O. Gehman and Son—Discount on farm implements.

W. G. Gehman—2 baskets of plums.

Edwin Fehnel—2 baskets of plums.

Financial**(A) FARM ACCOUNTS****(a) Receipts**

Feed	\$ 23 38	
Milk	8,451 51	
Cattle	644 60	
Potatoes	631 90	
Swine	558 58	
Fertilizer	30 53	
Wheat	647 46	
Eggs	146 22	
Refund	152 18	
Provisions	19 10	
Labor	130 33	
Truck	70 78	
House Rent	10 00	\$ 11,516 57

N.B.—Products from the farm were also used at the Home and by the farm family amounting to \$600.00.

(b) Expenditures

Advertising, periodicals and postage.....	\$ 9 45	
Auto maintenance	315 32	
Building repairs and improvements.....	309 43	
Carfare, toll and telephone.....	152 39	
Dairy supplies and official testing.....	77 75	
Electric current	77 11	
Freight and express.....	58 00	
Feed, including veterinary services and con- dition powders	4,930 57	
Fertilizer	194 41	
Horseshoeing	33 85	
Implements	1,475 94	
Oil and gasoline.....	375 49	
Registration and transfers.....	16 00	
Repairs and replacements.....	342 18	
Seeds, plants and potatoes.....	179 91	
Spraying materials	8 51	
Straw	38 64	
Swine	40 00	
Taxes	355 93	
Wages and labor.....	2,558 74	
Interest	36 00	\$ 11,585 62

(B) HOME ACCOUNT

(a) Receipts

From the Fund for the Poor (Annual Con- ference)	\$ 427 87	
Interest on various monies.....	175 50	
Mortgage paid	500 00	
Donations	1,585 00	\$ 2,688 37

(b) Expenditures

Wages and labor.....	\$ 222 00	
Inmates	5 95	
Aid given outside of the Home.....	86 00	
Fuel—gas and coal.....	301 34	
Provisions	374 03	
Interest, Geho legacy.....	27 00	
Electric current and oil.....	28 79	
Periodicals	5 25	
Paint	67 80	\$ 1,118 16

SUMMARY TOTALS

Receipts

Farm	\$ 11,516 57	
Home	2,688 37	\$ 14,204 94

Expenditures

Farm	\$ 11,585 62	
Home	1,118 16	\$ 12,703 78

STOCK ACCOUNT

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

(A) FARM

Farm, including the land of the Home.....	\$ 21,000 00	
Tenant's Home	3,800 00	
Implements	6,976 63	
Livestock—		
Holstein Friesian cattle.....	\$ 7,460 00	
Horses	625 00	
Swine	380 00	8,465 00
Produce—		
Potatoes	\$ 300 00	
Ensilage	1,500 00	
Hay	1,350 00	
Straw	100 00	
Feed	151 40	
Wheat	405 00	
Corn	1,519 50	
Truck	3 00	
Flour	5 15	
Oats	80 00	
Seed	9 00	5,423 05
Miscellaneous—		
Fertilizer	\$ 27 00	
Coal	18 40	
Firewood	30 00	
Crates, etc.	40 00	
Fence posts	5 00	
Oil	35 00	
Shelter sheds	125 00	
Furniture	75 00	
Disinfectant and soap powder.....	16 00	371 40
Securities—		
Money outstanding	\$ 525 63	
Loans	3,600 00	
Cash on hand.....	3,422 72	7,548 35
Total		\$ 53,584 43

(B) HOME

Home	\$ 12,000 00	
Miscellaneous—		
Furniture	\$ 450 00	
Canned goods	181 70	
Provisions	92 23	
Smoked meat	62 50	
Coal	172 00	
Soap	15 58	
Poultry	50 00	
Office equipment	200 00	1,224 01
Total		\$ 13,224 01

SUMMARY TOTALS

Farm and tenant house.....	\$ 53,584 43	
Home	13,224 01	
Grand total		\$ 66,808 44

STATEMENT

Resources

Properties	\$ 36,800 00	
Livestock	8,465 00	
Implements	6,976 63	
Produce	5,423 05	
Miscellaneous	1,595 41	
Outstanding bills	525 63	
Securities	3,600 00	
Cash on hand.....	3,422 72	\$ 66,808 44

Liabilities

Contributions to date.....	\$ 26,560 98	
Donations to date.....	1,801 21	
Surplus	38,446 25	\$ 66,808 44

H. B. Musselman, President,	
R. L. Woodring, Secretary,	
J. G. Shireman, Assistant Secretary,	
Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer,	
E. N. Cassel,	F. M. Hottel,
W. G. Gehman,	A. A. Wismer,
C. H. Brunner,	H. G. Brunner,
B. Byran Musselman,	H. M. Hottel,
	Board.

XIII.—Foreign Missions

THE FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Work of the Lord in the Homeland

The Lord has been very good to us in the homeland during the past year, blessing the work on all the various fields of the Conference. During the year, a great many have been saved. Revivals have been going on throughout the whole Conference, reviving not only the hearts and lives of God's people, but also bringing salvation and healing to many. The work of the Holy Spirit has been very manifest in saving sinners and sanctifying, cleansing and separating the church, for which we humbly praise the Lord with grateful hearts in submitting this, our Forty-first Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The Lord has also blessed our Camp Meetings especially during the past summer. The ministers preached the Word with power and in the demonstration of the Spirit, resulting in much spiritual fruit. Our Camp Meetings were larger than ever before. Very few services were held where there were not some at the altar of prayer and at many of them, the altar was filled with scores of seekers.

We built a new auditorium in Mizpah Grove, within the City of Allentown, Pa., during the summer, considerably larger than the old one. This was constructed of steel with a two story brick addition for office, storage and dormitory purposes. We also spent thousands of dollars in otherwise improving the grove and adding many much-needed and up-to-date improvements. The Bethlehem District held two Camp Meetings in Mizpah Grove this summer. At the first one, comprising the Bethlehem Division, held June 27 to July 5, 233 tents

were occupied. At the last one, comprising the Allentown Division, which convened from August 15 to 23, 282 tents were occupied, the largest Camp ever held in the Pennsylvania Conference. The Mount Carmel District held their Annual Camp Meeting in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., from July 18 to 26, comprising 155 tents.

The success of these great summer gatherings is under the blessing of God largely due to our true, faithful, wide awake leaders who are in charge of these Camp Meetings and the co-operation of a loyal, sacrificing and hard working ministry, who stand together unitedly, earnestly contending for the Faith once for all delivered unto the saints. Thus a loyal, sacrificing ministry makes a loyal, sacrificing church.

We have been receiving very encouraging letters from almost all the Missionaries supported by our Conference, speaking of the blessings of God being poured out upon the work in general. They expressed themselves most gratefully for the continued prayers of our people and for the support from our Board and from the whole Conference. They also speak very highly of the literature sent them by the Board, which they say has been very helpful to them in their work, in their services, schools and homes.

The Board has continued to send the following literature to all our Missionaries for 1925: "The Gospel Banner," "Gospel Herald," "Christian Life Missionary," "Gospel of Jesus," "Jewels for Jesus," "Sunday School Teacher's Quarterly," "Young People's Society Quarterly," "Foreign Missionary Report" and "Vest Pocket Diary."

We printed an edition of 2,000 copies of the "Regions Beyond" for 1924 with a beautiful, two-color cover. This comprised 72 pages and contained 34 half-tone illustrations taken from actual photographs.

The subject matter of this report has been mainly selected from letters and reports received by the Secretary, from various sources, mostly from the different Missionaries, through the year. Thus, a clear view of the work of the Lord throughout the Home and Foreign Field is presented to our people and friends, giving us fresh, authentic and full information for the encouragement of our prayers and offerings.

Our people always appreciate the photos sent from the various fields showing the landscapes, surroundings, manners and customs among the natives, as well as the regenerating and transforming power of the Gospel of the grace of God in the hearts and lives of those who dwell in the darkness and gloom of heathendom.

The Pennsylvania Conference supported 34 Missionaries and 3 native pastors during the year, or one missionary for about every 70 members of the church in the homeland.

The "Regions Beyond," our annual report for the year ending October 1, 1925, printed as a separate booklet, elaborately illustrated, will be sent free to all friends of the work who are interested in Foreign Missionary work upon application to any member of the Board of Foreign Missions (See Directory) or to any pastor of the Pennsylvania Conference.

At the present time, October, 1925, we are supporting 30 Christian and Missionary Alliance missionaries on the foreign field, distributed as follows—2 in Palestine, 6 in Africa, 4 in India, 5 in Western China and Thibet, 3 in Central China, 4 in French Indo-China, 4 in Chile and 2 in Ecuador.

The following statistics are condensed from the Annual Report of the Foreign Secretary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance:

"During 1924 the number of stations in the foreign fields increased to 142 with 640 out-stations, on which 399 missionaries were stationed at the end of the year, and 1,171 native workers were witnessing in Gospel ministries. 59 missionaries were on furlough and 13 studying

in France in addition to 24 retired from the work or detained at home but still receiving allowance from the Board. 65 new missionaries sailed for the foreign fields in 1924, the number including nine single men, ten married couples and thirty-six single women. It is evident that the proportion of men is far too small and that the future appointments must be made consistent with the purpose of largely increasing the proportionate number of men on all of our fields where new missionaries are still needed. 15 new missionaries have sailed to various fields since the first of 1925, bringing our total active missionary force up to 486.

"While we rejoice in the more than 25,000 converts who have been won to Christ and baptized in our foreign fields since the beginning of the Alliance work, and for the 2,155 of these who were baptized during 1924, yet we believe the greatest need of our work is to receive from God such a mighty fullness of the Holy Spirit in revival power and blessing as to cause the fruit of the work to increase many fold and the number of souls won to Christ to be in the tens of thousands instead of the thousands. Prevailing prayer will enable God to work in sanctifying power and soul-winning revival and will bring the results for which we all long and are striving to attain.

"15021 Christians were reported as being members of the Church of Christ in our 16 foreign mission fields from which reports were received, Colombia and Peru being new work, and Porto Rico and Jamaica being included in the Home Department. Of this total there are over 4,000 in the Congo and over 2,300 each in India and South China, the other fields ranging from four in the new field of Honduras to 1,678 in French Indo-China. 205 men and 106 women were enrolled in the 18 Bible Training Schools for native workers beside 104 men in the Congo who received a limited amount of special Bible training."

We are also supporting 2 missionaries in Africa under the China Inland Mission and 2 under the United Missionary Society, also in Africa, thus making a total of 34 missionaries supported by the Pennsylvania Conference.

PALESTINE

Rev. E. O. Jago

Miss Mary A. Butterfield

To the faithful Bible student and every child of God who is looking for the coming of the Lord, the thought is, "Keep your eye on Jerusalem and Palestine." Jerusalem is called, "The Holy City" (Matt. 27:53), "the City of the Great King" (Ps. 48:2; Matt. 5:35).

The Land of Palestine and the City of Jerusalem have the most intimate relation to both the first and the second coming of our Lord. This is the land in which He was born, lived, labored, suffered, died and rose again and ascended to heaven. It is the land of the Patriarchs and the Prophets. This is the land and the Mount of Olives is the place to which the Son of Man shall return again when "His feet shall stand upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the East" (Zech. 14:4). This is the place of which God had said "The place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever" (Ez. 43:7). Here will be held "The Great Assize," the judgment of the nations (Matt. 25:31-46). From here shall go forth the Law that will govern all the nations of the earth for 1000 years, from Him who shall sit upon the throne of His father David.

Let us keep our eyes on Jerusalem and "the Holy Land" (Zech. 2:12) and upon Him, the "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" (Rev. 4:8). The terraces on the rocky hillsides once clad with vines, figs, olives and pomegranites are being restored in many places. Peasants who lived in

towns for mutual protection are beginning to build houses on their little plots of land. Orange groves now extend far out from Jaffa. The Jaffa orange has been the super-variety in the English market. Irrigation has made this and other forms of horticulture possible on the naturally fertile plains of Sharon.

Foreign Colonies have introduced modern, Western methods of agriculture though the peasants still cling to the processes of the days of Abraham. The Jewish agricultural colonies numbered forty when the War broke out. Several of these are flourishing villages surrounded by large areas of orchards, groves and vineyards, as well as tilled fields. In one of these Jewish colonies, near Ramleh, there are wine cellars which are said to be the third largest in the world. These colonies are scattered literally from Dan to Beer-Sheba and four of them are across the Jordan.



Palestine.
Rev. E. O. Jago and passengers on the road to Trans-Jordania,
held up by tire trouble.

The changes in the Cities are striking. Bethlehem has grown by leaps and bounds and its people are thriving on the product of the pearl industry and drafts from their sons in America. Haifa and Jaffa, the port cities, are transformed. Nazareth, Tiberias and Safed in Galilee are developing rapidly. Smaller places like Beisan (Bethshan), in the Jordan valley, Ramallah, just north of Jerusalem, and Ramleh, on the plains of Sharon, are becoming important market towns. Beer-Sheba, where fifteen years ago there was but one house, is a village with wide, straight streets and water works supplied by a gasoline engine from one of Isaac's wells. It is a great center for Bedouin trade and is the military outpost for Palestine. Even fanatical Hebron and Nablos (Shechem) have begun to march of events.

Whatever the League of Nations may permit, Governments decide, the Arabs oppose, and the Jews accept, it will yet be the National Home of the "Chosen People" of God (Ps. 33:12). Today the Jews are gathering back to their land as never before, since they were dispossessed by Titus in A.D. 71. During the six years that Britain has been guardian,

40,000 Jews have come to settle in their native land. Some \$130,000,000 has been invested in Palestine. The Administration has laid out \$10,000,000 on roads and railways. Millions of vines and fig-trees have been planted on the hitherto barren slopes and the "latter rain" (Jas. 5:7) is beginning to fall. This, with afforestation, may soon make the desert land once more "blossom as the rose" (Isa. 35:1). Certainly the land is getting ready for the King, and we doubt not the King is lovingly waiting the time to return to the land.



Palestine.

Miss Clor (at extreme left) and her Jewish class in Jerusalem.

The Blossoming Fig Tree

We have gathered the following items from many sources which we believe are reliable, showing us the rapid fulfillment of the prophecies relative to God's ancient People and their Land.

Palestine has a new series of pictorial stamps since the beginning of April, with the value expressed for the first time in the new currency.

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A new coinage has been devised after much study. It will revive the ancient system of Maccabean names: dinars, shekels, drachmas and prontas. The Hebrew and Arabic currency commissioners have decided to name the unit of Palestine currency, the *dinar*, value about £1 sterling; and to restore the *shekel*, the tenth part of a *dinar* (2/), known in Arabic as *miskal*; the half-shekel will be half-miskal. Shekels were used by Abram close on 4000 years ago to purchase a grave in which to bury his loved Sarah (Gen. 23:15, 16). Now restored to us in 1925.

Jerusalem is to have a \$500,000 Y. M. C. A. building, erected by funds given by America. It will occupy a site outside the wall on a hill overlooking Jaffa Gate. Its museum will be a treasure house of pictures and statues relating to Christ and the garden will be planted with trees and shrubs mentioned in the Bible. There will be many other unique features.

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The National Hebrew Library, which forms a part of the new Hebrew University, is growing with great rapidity. Many gifts are coming in from governments and individuals in many parts of the world. The total of volumes is now ninety thousand.



Palestine.
Fishermen mending their nets on the shore of the
Sea of Galilee.

The present population of Palestine is declared by Colonel Amery, British Colonial Secretary, to be 800,000 Arabs and 108,000 Jews. The Arab population is increasing rapidly since the decrease of various diseases through improved sanitation, drainage of swamps, and the like.

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Three million trees were planted in Palestine through the activities of the various Zionist Agricultural Institutions, especially the Jewish National Fund, according to an official statement just published here. Of this number 673,000 were planted since 1920.

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According to prophecy, the Jews are returning to Palestine. 12,500 acres of land were purchased in August in the valley of Jezreel by the Jewish National Fund. Negotiations are proceeding for the purchase of another strip of 10,000 acres in the same region. An average of

\$7,000 was brought by more than 100 Jewish emigrants who entered Palestine towards the end of June.

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187,500 acres of Palestine land are now in possession of Jews as against 100,000 acres which were in Jewish possession before the war. The Jewish National Fund alone has enlarged its land holdings by 20,000 acres since the British occupation.

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Since 1907 the Zionist Organization has collected \$15,000,000, nearly all of which was expended in Palestine. During the same period other Jewish bodies have invested \$7,500,000 in Palestine.

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Te-Aviv, a suburb of Jaffa, or Joppa, the port of Jerusalem, has grown in population from 2862 in 1919, to 21,000 in 1924. It now contains 25 small factories (textile, confectionery, jam, mineral waters,



Palestine.

Plowing with an ox and an ass.

etc.), 33 cafes, 42 hotels, and 170 grocery shops. The Palestine Government is spending \$5,000,000 on its improvements. How different to the days of "Simon the tanner" (Acts 10).

UNPRECEDENTED IMMIGRATION INTO PALESTINE

Last year showed an increase in the migration of Jews to the Holy Land. This year reveals, so far, a still greater immigration. In January, 1,840 Jews entered, in February, 2,114, while March lifted the total for the first three months of the year, by 3,300, to 7,254, nearly one-half as many for the entire year of 1924. This influx has overtaxed the housing capacity of Palestine to its utmost. New homes must be built or there will be great suffering.

At the same time, many thousands are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to leave their homes for Palestine. This is especially true of the Jews in Poland. Eleven thousand organized Jewish workers in Poland are awaiting the first opportunity to embark, according to cable advices received at Jerusalem. The Zionist authorities in Poland have demanded four thousand immigration permits immediately.

FIRST ZIONIST STEAMSHIP LINE

On March 12, was opened the first Jewish steamship line from America to Palestine, when the "President Arthur," of the American Palestine Line, sailed from New York direct for Haifa, with about five hundred passengers. It was a day of immense enthusiasm for New York Jewry. More people are said to have gathered to see this vessel off than at any previous sailing in the history of the port. It is intended that the "President Arthur," a 10,500-ton liner purchased from the Fleet Corporation, shall sail every sixty days, taking only fifteen days for the trip to Haifa. This gives tourists twenty days for visiting Palestine and Egypt.

This new line will undoubtedly play a large part in the upbuilding of Palestine. It was declared in Isaiah 60:9, "Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far,



Palestine.
Modern Tel-Aviv—Rothchild Boulevard.

their silver and their gold with them." The jubilant Jewish passengers on this first voyage out determined to make the maiden trip to Palestine memorable, for they raised among themselves half a million dollars to establish a new Jewish town in Palestine. It is to be called "*Zebulun*," as it will be located within the limits of that tribe's inheritance and because Zebulun dwelt "at the haven of the sea; and he shall be for an haven for ships" (Gen. 49:13).

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Under the heading of "Laying the Foundations of Jewish Wealth in Palestine," a British weekly says, "When the great Russo-Teutonic invasion of Palestine takes place in the future, it will be in part to secure the riches laid up by the Jews (Ez. 38:10-13). The returning Jews are laying the foundations for a great financial structure in Palestine. They have already invested nearly \$30,000,000 in the Holy Land and many millions more are ready to be poured in shortly to establish new enterprises. The famous "Rutenberg Concession" for hydro-electric development of the Jordan and other streams is bound to attract much capital and lead to a large industrial activity.

"The mineral wealth of the Dead Sea Basin is estimated at forty billions of dollars. God knew what He was doing when He reserved Palestine for the Jews, but hid her wealth until the time for His ripening purposes has arrived. The Jews of Palestine will soon be the bankers of the Near East.

THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY

"The opening of the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, is a signal epoch in the history of the Jewish race.

"It was the afternoon of April 1. All the long morning, people sought the spot from every direction, till a great crowd had gathered, far out-taxing the newly made amphitheater down the eastern slope from the ridge, and coming from all parts of Palestine and of the earth. While the procession of dignitaries slowly climbed the hill, the choir sang, 'The heavens are telling the glory of the Lord.' As the distinguished visitors took their places on the speakers' platform, again the choir sang, 'For the Law shall go forth from Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.'



Palestine.

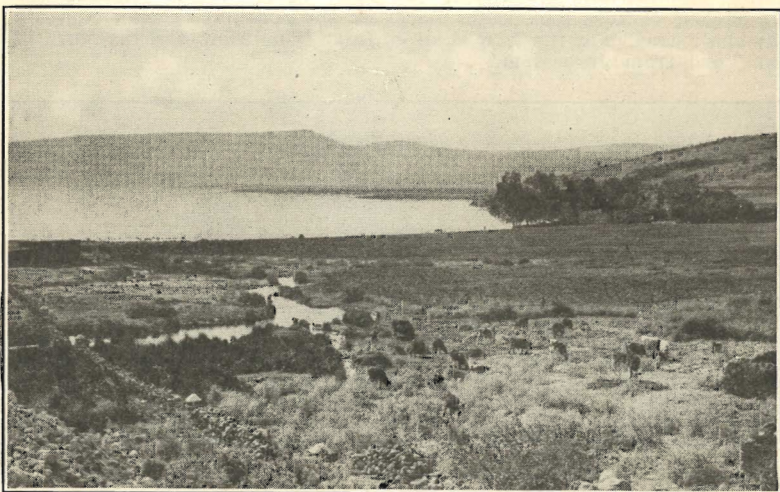
Watering flocks and camels from Abraham's well in Beer-sheba.

"The chief speaker was Lord Balfour, author of the Balfour Declaration. Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the World Zionist Organization, and several others took a prominent part. Dr. Weizmann laid the university foundation of twelve stones, in memory of the twelve tribes of Israel, on Mount Scopus in 1918. The prayers and addresses were in Hebrew and English, the English address of Sir Herbert Samuel being translated into Hebrew and Arabic. The proceedings closed with the benediction in Hebrew by the Chief Rabbi of the British Empire, the singing by the choir of 'Hallelujah,' and by all present of *Hatikvah*, the Jewish national song. Students formed torchlight processions, and beacons were lighted on the hills of Judea in accordance with the Biblical custom of announcing great events.

"The inaugural address was delivered by Lord Balfour to 7,000 persons in the great amphitheater on the side of the hill. Thousands more, unable to gain admittance, were turned away. The distinguished company included representatives of more than 50 leading institutions and academic bodies in all parts of the world. The new university stands like a sentinel 3,000 feet above the surrounding valleys, giving new point to the name of the mountain on which it is located, for the meaning of Scopus is 'hill sentinel.'

"The university stands on historic ground. Near here came Sennacherib with his hosts and shook 'his hand against the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem' (Isa. 10:32). The high priest and the people of the Holy City welcomed Alexander the Great on this spot. Here was encamped Titus with his legions for the siege of Jerusalem. It is well named Mount Scopus, *the prospect*, for from this point one may get a grand view of the city and the Mosque of Omar, standing on the site of the ancient Temple.

The land ascends gradually from the city walls to this plot of some forty acres lying against and reaching over the crest of the ridge that stretches northward from the Mount of Olives. The view eastward embraces the sinking slopes and gullies of the Wilderness of Judea down to the blue waters of the Jordan and the Dead Sea, while the great wall of Moab rises beyond. It is a lordly site for a great university.



Palestine.

Plain of Gennesareth and the Sea of Galilee.

"The Earl of Balfour, author of the 'Balfour Declaration,' in which Great Britain set forth her policy of encouraging the creation in Palestine of a national home for the Jews, paid 'an eloquent tribute to ancient, enduring Jewish culture.' He said, 'We are engaged in adapting Western methods and the Western form of university to the East. That is an experiment never before tried under any parallel of circumstances. Unless I utterly misunderstand the signs of the times, unless I have profoundly mistaken the genius of the Jewish people, the experiment is predestined to inevitable success, on which not only men of Jewish birth but others sharing in the common civilization of the world will have reason to congratulate themselves.' Among those present was Lord Allenby, conqueror of Jerusalem, as head of the British forces in Palestine during the World War.

"Significant is the importance that Lord Balfour attaches to the opening of the university. He said:

"What is it that has brought together this vast concourse, drawn from every quarter of the world, often speaking, as their mother tongue,

languages far separated in human speech? It is not the magnificence of the view that is stretched before you. It is the consciousness that this occasion marks a great epoch in the history of a people whose intellectual and moral destiny is again, from a national point of view, reviving, and who will look back to this day which we are celebrating as one of the great milestones in its future career.

"The occasion of the opening of the Hebrew University gave opportunity for various governments of the world to renew their endorsement of the Balfour Declaration, which will not give comfort to the anti-Zionist Arabs. At a dinner given by the Board of the University in Jerusalem on the evening of April 1, the policy of the Balfour Declaration was officially endorsed by the representatives of nine governments,



Palestine.
Post Office, Pinsker Street, Petach-Tikva.

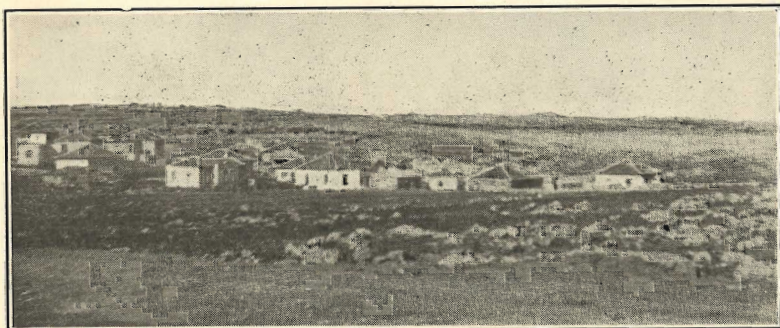
including those of France, the United States, and Italy.

"There can be no question now but that the world is witnessing the actual return of the Jewish people, and the rebuilding of the national life after the manner disclosed in the vision of the valley of dry bones, as recorded in Ezekiel 37. They are taking form as a nation, and gathering 'flesh and sinews,' the resources of a nation.

"It is evident, from the energy and money investments the Jews are making in Palestine, that they will soon restore the national life and create immense wealth. Such a body of people, influential by reason of their riches and their University, will draw greatly to themselves the attention of the world. When the coming Antichrist finds need of vast sums of money for his great schemes, he will turn to the Jews and make with them a treaty for seven years, as Daniel 9:27 distinctly says: 'And he ["the prince that shall come" of verse 26, the last preceding antecedent] shall confirm a covenant with [the] many for one week' (seven years).

"The world seems to be rapidly nearing the uprising of the Antichrist, the 'man on horseback' so earnestly desired and needed to stabilize the tossing elements of the nations. Jews and Gentiles will be ready for him.

"It is a significant fact that in all the reports of the University that we have seen there is no mention of God. Israel is mentioned in referring to Dr. Weizmann laying 'the university foundation of twelve stones, in memory of the twelve tribes of Israel.' Thus 'the blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.' (Rom. 11:25.) The unusual success and progress marking the path of the Jews today, the accomplishment of the dream of centuries in taking possession of the promised land, and 'the cry of two thousand years in the daily prayer of the Jew, "Next year Jerusalem," has been answered with the dedication of this Hebrew University. Rabbi Wise made an eloquent appeal to the dignity, pride, and wealth of American Jews in the following words: "The world will little know nor long remember what American Jews may have or possess, but they will not forget the self-revealing dignity and pride of those American Jews who do what in them lies to make the University of Jerusalem a crown of glory to Israel and the nations." The greatness and glory of Israel, continuing in unbelief, will help to prepare the way for the awful



Palestine.

Beit-Hakerim, near Jerusalem. Building up the waste places.

plunge into the darkness of the tribulation, before the pierced One shall be revealed as their Messiah and King (Zech. 12:10). *Pray for Israel. "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem."*

The Wall of Islam Breaking

Brother Jago writes:

"Over a year ago God put His hand upon a young man from Egypt, who, while in Palestine for his own aggrandisement, came into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. He was not only regenerated but Spirit-filled, and received a call to preach the Gospel among the Moslems.

"We first heard of this young man and his work among the Bedouin through Mr. Smalley of Trans-Jordania, who told us that this man was preaching the Gospel among the Trans-Jordanian Arabs without salary, and accepting the simple entertainment of the Arabs as his sole reward. Later on we came into touch with him and he entered our service.

"This worker said that, as his call was chiefly to Islam, he would like to open some meetings for Mohammedans in the Jerusalem church. Permission was granted him, and soon Moslems began to attend in considerable numbers. At one memorable meeting upwards of 200

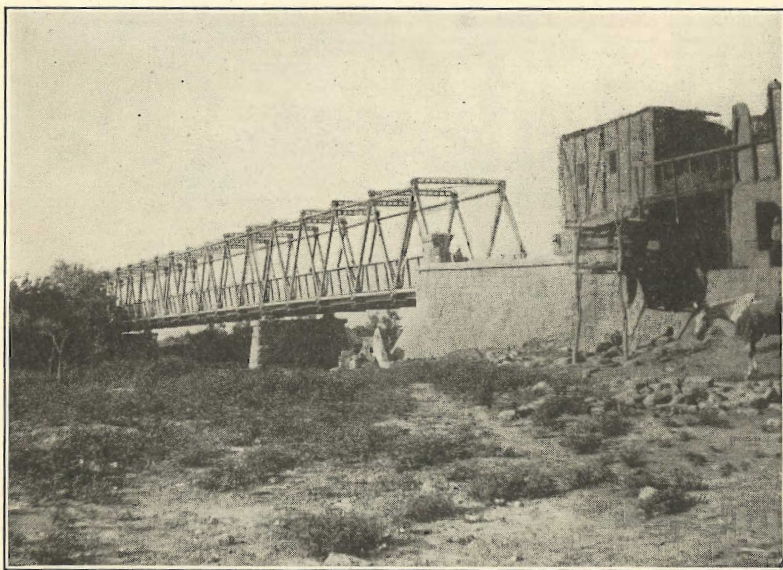


Palestine.

The Virgin's Fountain at Nazareth where it is believed that Mary and Jesus used to come to fetch water.

Moslems came to the church in a single evening. As a result of these meetings, a number of Moslems became deeply interested in the message of the Gospel. At one time so many were interested that we had to turn the gallery of the church into a bed room each evening, as the inquirers did not dare appear upon the streets of Jerusalem because of the fanaticism of their families and friends as well as others of their co-religionists.

"At one time it appeared as if we would be able to baptize eight or nine men. The enemy of souls, however, got busy. Some of these enquirers were bribed with money, some were offered positions, and the most prominent convert of all, a Moslem Sheikh from the 'Al-Azhar' University of Cairo, was carried away by night over the Syrian border,



Palestine.

Bridge across the Jordan where toll and customs are exacted.
Photo taken from Trans-Jordania side.

and an alleged recantation of Christianity was printed and circulated. This was sent to the villages about Jerusalem as well as being widely distributed among the Moslems of the city. We have recently heard from the sheikh, repudiating this alleged recantation of Christianity, and saying that he was kidnapped by night and taken over the border. He dares not return as he believes his life would be imperilled by such a step.

"Eventually we baptized three of these Moslems openly on Conference Sunday with scores of Moslems present for the first time in a Christian church. At the conclusion of the Conference we sent our evangelist to Beersheba to spread the message among the Moslems there. We hear of Moslems in other places and under other auspices who are enquiring the way of life. One society has recently baptized two. Surely a break in Islam has begun as far as Palestine is concerned."



Palestine.
Ruins of the house of Mary, Martha and Lazarus of Bethany.

A BAPTISMAL SERVICE IN JERUSALEM

Mrs. E. O. Jago reports:

"The great event of our late Conference was when three Moslem believers were publicly buried with Christ in baptism, men of mature age from influential families living in different places. For some months they had been studying the Christian doctrine and openly testifying for Christ, notwithstanding persecution. They have suffered personal violence as various attempts had been made to take their lives, but they were protected by government intervention. In accordance with present laws, the men had appeared before the gov-

ernment and declared their intention of becoming Christians after which they were registered as Christians. One of their tests had been to be left alone with leaders of their old faith who did all in their power to turn them back to Mohammedanism, but they stood true to Christ and thereby proved readiness for baptism.

"Our zealous evangelist, an Egyptian 'born-again' Christian, without consulting the missionaries, had Arabic announcements of the service printed, bearing the names and addresses of the men to be baptized, and distributed them throughout the city, chiefly to Moslems. It caused some concern among the missionaries when they learned of it, but there was nothing to do but to pray and trust God to keep His hand on the meeting, asking Him to turn it to His glory.

"At three o'clock the large church auditorium was filled to the doors with a mixed audience consisting of our regular attendants, many from other churches, Roman and Greek Catholics, a few Jews, and a large number of Moslems from Jerusalem and outlying villages.



Palestine.
The beach at Tel-Aviv. Seaport of Jaffa (ancient Joppa) in the distance
at extreme left.

The intrepid evangelist was at the door with his smiling face to meet them as they came in and to demand all their heavy canes. If they demurred, he said, 'Your cane, or you don't get in.'

"As this throng of so many diverse faiths gradually filled the church, a feeling of intense solemnity settled over the entire assembly and a profound hush prevailed. One felt the tenseness of the situation without even looking at the faces on which were written awe and expectancy; for these were the first Moslem converts in Jerusalem whose baptism had been publicly heralded by an invitation to unconverted Moslems to attend such a service.

"The service was conducted in the Arabic tongue, many Mohammedans no doubt hearing the Gospel for the first time. The history of the conversion of the three men was told by Mr. Wasif Yusiph, the evangelist who had been the means in the hands of God of winning these souls for Christ. This was followed by the immersion of the candidates by Mr. Jago. As the second one was being conducted from the baptismal pool, he turned and asked the privilege of giving his testimony. He stood in his wet clothes until the third man was baptized, then stepping forward he gave his testimony by word of mouth

to his saving faith in Jesus Christ. He was followed by the third man who did the same. The service ended quietly, the large audience filing out in an orderly manner contrary to the fears of many who had thought there might be public disturbance."

Miss Mary A. Butterfield, who has returned to the field in April, 1925, submitted the following report:

"It is about four months and a half since I arrived in Jerusalem after my long furlough of five years and they have been busy months indeed for all of us. Within a month after I landed here, Mr. Jago and his family were on their way to America for their furlough. Rev. W. F. Smalley, who has been in charge of our station in Kerak, away across the Jordan, was appointed Chairman in Mr. Jago's place and I was given the work of business management so that Mr. Smalley could remain on his Station. But it soon became evident that it was not pos-



Palestine.

A small part of the ruins of an ancient castle in Kerak, Trans-Jordania, believed to have been built by the Israelites.

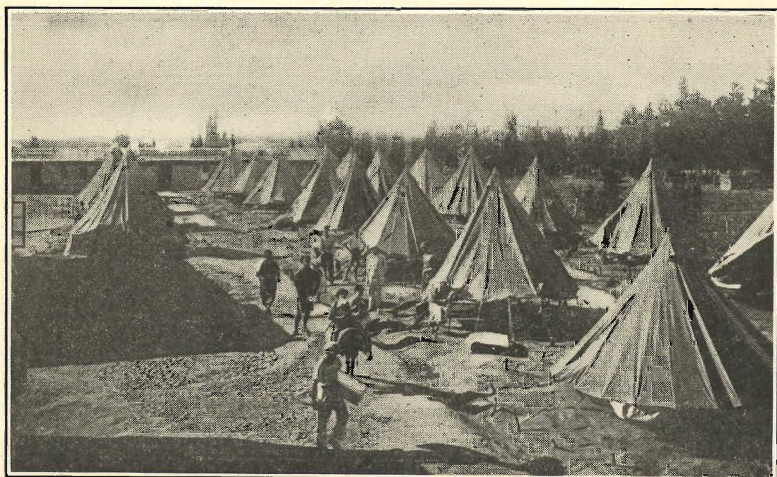
sible for him to take up the responsibilities of Chairman and be so far from Headquarters, so an arrangement had to be made that would free him from Kerak.

"That necessitated a wedding. Rev. Charles Shaw and Miss Mildred Allen were fiances and were to be married next December upon completing their language examination, but owing to the emergency at Kerak, they were asked to have the wedding this summer so that they could be stationed there in Mr. and Mrs. Smalley's place, thereby leaving Mr. Smalley free for his duties as Chairman and for general field work among all the stations. Needless to say, this was quite a relief to me, though I will still go on with business affairs of the Mission, as far as is possible, and also help in the Jewish work, as God leads.

"When I arrived on the field I found the Girls' Training School in the process of being moved from the Mission House to Beit Jala, about six miles from here, just across from Bethlehem. It is a much more suitable location for the school and it also makes it possible for us to use the Mission House for resident missionaries as well as for those who come in from outstations, and from other Missions, giving us a

proper receiving home for missionaries. Mrs. R. A. Clark is Matron there and also gives some time to house to house visitation in the city, witnessing for Jesus. Having the Girls' School in Beit Jala has opened up another door of ministry. Men, women and children from Beit Jala and Bethlehem come to the school every Sunday afternoon for a service which is held there by Miss Parsons and Miss Beecroft, with the assistance of others, as may be possible.

"Our Young Men's Training Institute has been in Ain Karim, five miles from Jerusalem, for several years, where some believe that John the Baptist was born. There were about sixty students in the school last year, all of whom have declared they want to be witnesses for Christ. Every Saturday or Sunday, groups of these boys go out to different



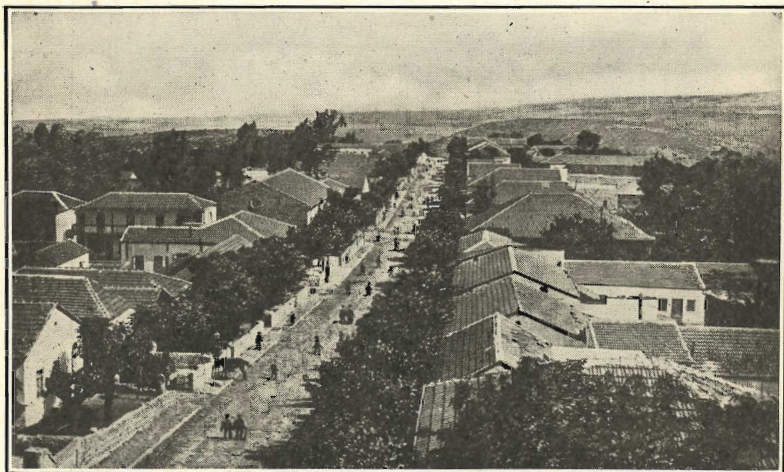
Palestine.

Temporary homes while building Petach-Tikvah.

villages to preach the gospel. In this way, with the assistance of Messrs. Rackett and Brooks, who have been studying the language, all of the villages in our Jerusalem District have heard the gospel this year. Miss Gummoe has been in charge of this school and has encouraged the young men in this ministry. She is also Chairman of our aggressive Evangelistic Committee and has been sending out her housekeeper with the lady missionary who is with her, when she cannot go herself. I am sure you will keep on praying for this village work for it takes faith to believe for results at times.

Jewish Work.—"Jewish work, here as elsewhere, has its ebb and its flow. While Mr. and Mrs. Jago and Miss Clor were on the field, there was a mighty tidal wave of service among the Jews. For a time, the number of young men who came to the classes was as high as seventy and there were thirty or more young girls in the girls' classes. But now that these have gone home on furlough and all of our other young missionaries are busy preparing for Arabia, we have no one to go on with the work as they did.

"Miss Clor was in touch with daughters of some of the finest Jewish families in the city. They had what they called 'The Helping Hand Club' and met once a week to sew for poor children. In this way, Miss Clor had many opportunities for personal ministry among them, and sometimes general conversation or Bible Reading with them together. She also had a sewing class for poor Jewish women, with a Bible lesson at the close of the hour. Quite a number of girls came to the night classes to learn English and some came at different times during the day. Besides there was house to house calling. But Miss Clor's health broke down and she had to leave on furlough in August. We are hopefully looking forward to some recruits who are expected in the fall and are trusting that all of the work may speedily be resumed. I am hoping to follow up her work with the girls as God enables me with other duties which I have. There have been a number of conversions and baptisms of men and women within the past year, praise God!



Palestine.
Zichron-Jacob. A Jewish Colony.

Hebron and Beersheba.—"Miss Graves, in Hebron, and Mr. and Mrs. Breden and family in Beersheba, with their native helpers, have been encouraged with the interest being shown by some who were previously unfriendly. This is especially true in Beersheba. I was present not long ago at their closing exercises when the children recited Scripture and sang hymns as well as gave other recitations to a crowded open court filled with some of the best men and women in the town. Mr. and Mrs. Breden are learning the language while carrying on the work—by no means an easy thing to do. The Lord has given them fruit among the people there and also among the Bedouin tribes who come to the market held once a week in Beersheba. They have also made some tours out among the Bedouin encampments, eating with them on the floor—or ground—of the tent, and telling them the gospel story. It is a hard experience but a joyous one. Sheiks from several tribes have urged our missionaries to send them teachers for their children, but we need more workers to meet the need.

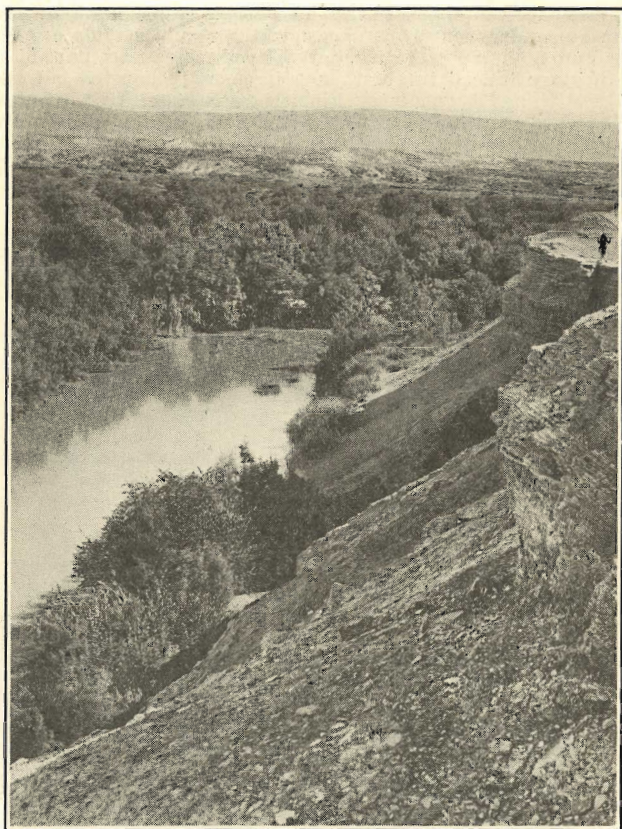
Trans Jordania.—"I had the privilege of two trips across the Jordan—once only as far as Amman, the capital, and the next time to Kerak and Madaba, and I feel that you will get an idea of the work there if I write a little about these trips. The first one was with Mr. Jago in April. He received a telegram to go to Amman to help Miss Best, of our Madaba station, who had to meet some of the officials in the capital city. Her evangelist had been put into prison with several young Mohammedans who had been coming to him for instruction in the evenings. The Christian community had been forced to sign a paper against Miss Best's work and afterwards had plead with her to report the matter to the government in Amman. Needless to say, our mis-



Palestine.
Bedouin woman churning butter. She swings the skin containing milk back and forth till butter comes.

sionaries in Jerusalem had special prayer about the matter while we were away and God answered by giving Mr. Jago great discretion and favor with the officials. The young men were afterwards released and our Mission work was permitted to go on unmolested. We are grateful to God for the type of officials we found there and for their friendliness to us in this matter.

"My next visit across the Jordan was to Kerak. We left Jerusalem about half past five in the morning and arrived at our destination about ten at night, having had some delay on account of tire trouble. Our way lay past Bethany, down the winding roads of the hills of Judea to the Jordan valley and across the bridge into Trans Jordania and thence across the plain and up the hills of Moab, with their rough, crooked, rocky roadbeds. Part of the way it was very beautiful and part of it was a hot, dusty, desert ride. The heat was so intense we could see the heat waves arising from the ground. We passed through Es Salt, a



Palestine.

The Jordan River and mountains of Judea seen from Moab.

veritable garden, and through Amman, watered by the Jabbok, then on and on for miles and miles with no habitation, following closely the Hedjaz Railway to Kitrani. After that we turned westward, facing the setting sun, and the last two hours of the ride was very dangerous, as it became very dark and we had to ascend and descend a good many steep hills with crooked roads, in a section infested by robbers. To make matters worse we had a puncture just at dark and had to spend some time fixing it up by the aid of a flashlight. But no harm came to us and we were heartily welcomed by the missionaries in Kerak who had kept supper waiting for us all that time.

"Kerak is a very old city situated on the level top of a massive, rocky hill or citadel surrounded by deep ravines with other hills standing all around like huge sentinels. From these hills the ancient Israelites bombarded the fortress at Kerak until the maddened King of Moab slew his own son on the walls of the city (II Kings 3:25-27). The Arab inhabitants point out ruins of an ancient wall which they say is

the one that was there then. There are ruins of an old castle with extensive underground passages which doubtless date back to that time. Our Syrian evangelist there helped me explore part of these ruins and they are indeed interesting. He casually pointed out the dungeon in which he had been placed himself for a time after his conversion to the Protestant faith, as the Turks had made good use of it as a barracks and a prison during their regime.

"It has now about 8,000 inhabitants, most of whom are Mohammedans. Two years ago they were very unfriendly to the missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Smalley, but this year the little school room was



Palestine.
Reaping scene in the Plain of Rephaim.

filled with friendly sheiks who thoroughly enjoyed the splendid closing exercises given by the boys of the school. Even the Arab governor made a speech of appreciation when it was over. That night I had the pleasure of playing the baby organ in the Arabic service attended by a number of the men of the city.

"So thoroughly has prejudice been broken down that sheiks from all over that section covering an area of about two hundred miles have signed a petition to our Mission asking us to open a Boarding School, promising to send their boys and let them learn what we can teach them, whether we teach Christianity or not. This, of course, is the desire of the people themselves, but not of the leading government officials, so it remains to be seen what can be done to meet these people. On the other hand it is against the policy of the Mission to carry on

educational work. May the Lord Himself give us His own wisdom and guidance in entering this opening door with the Gospel.

"We also visited Madaba and saw some of the blessed work that the Lord is doing through Miss Best and Miss Shimp. Here, too, prejudice is giving way before the Spirit of Christ. The men of the city were so pleased with the closing exercises of the Girls' Day School that they are now putting in a petition to the government to permit us to open a Boys' Day School also. Miss Best told us of a testimony meeting held not long ago in her school room when about twenty of the girls gave a definite testimony to the assurance that they have been born again. This means more than any of the people in our western lands can understand. Pray for these girls and for the work in Madaba.

The Hauran.—"I have not seen our stations in the Hauran yet. The main station is Dera'a, but there are four or five preaching places outside, with two organized churches. Mr. Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Irish are there now. The recent Druse uprising has made life there very difficult. Our little church building in Kharaba has been burned to the ground and the Christian community has fled before the Druses. Some of them and others from other places are in Dera'a, where our Mission house has been filled with refugees who must be housed and fed. It has been a great problem for our workers there. We hear now that the Druses have captured Dera'a itself. Our Chairman, Mr. Smalley, has gone north and will be able to find out more about it before this goes to print. Meanwhile pray earnestly that God will work it all out for His glory, and 'the furtherance of the Gospel.'

"In each of the stations there is a remarkable spirit of enquiry among Mohammedans. Some are going to the government and changing their names, registering as Christians, and some have been baptized. Our last Annual Conference closed with the baptism of three Mohammedans in the presence of a large crowd of unbelieving Mohammedans. The service was solemn and inspiring. The hush of God was upon the place and as two of them voluntarily testified to the joys that filled their souls, their faces shone with the glory of God. Pray for them. They are meeting with some persecutions, and it is very hard for them to stand true.

"How we thank God for your prayers and your love for Missions. My visits among the different Classes are among my most precious memories as I look back over my furlough. God bless each one and meet your every need, 'according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.'"

FOREIGNERS IN NEW YORK CITY

The *Bible Society Record*, the organ of the American Bible Society, contains the following interesting clipping from the *Gospel Advocate* of August 6, 1925, from an interesting article on the subject, "What Is the Church Doing for the Foreigner in America?" by Robert S. King.

"The foreign white population of New York is greater than the combined population of Boston, Detroit and Chicago.

"There is one street—Jones Street—that is 445 feet long, and in a short walk of one hundred and twenty steps you will pass buildings that house 1,072 people, including 522 children, representing ten nationalities. You will hear these people speaking Italian, Russian, Polish, Greek, West Indian, Austrian, French, Spanish, Irish and English. * * * The American Bible Society is doing a great work among these foreign-born of New York in the distribution of Bibles in fifty-three languages among these millions of people."

AFRICA—Belgian Congo

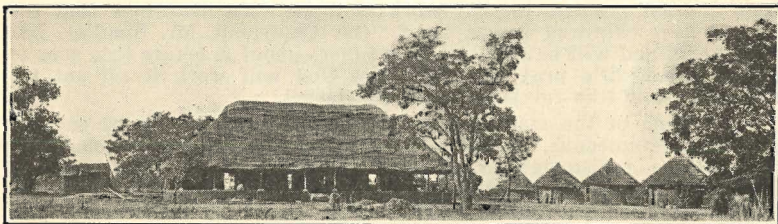
Rev. E. E. Crist
 Mrs. E. E. Crist
 Rev. M. E. Barter
 Rev. E. R. Hess
 Rev. W. P. Darling
 Rev. H. L. Pierson

Brother Crist, the superintendent, reported the pleasure and blessing to their work of the visit paid them recently by Rev. A. C. Snead, of New York, Foreign Secretary of the Home Board of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

On the fortieth anniversary of the opening of this mission, the oldest field of the Alliance, the prayers of years were answered, and we welcomed our first delegate from the homeland.
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Many problems which could not be solved until some one from our Home Board could be with us were fully or partially solved, and burdens of many years' standing were lifted or shared.

Our aim in the mission, that of establishing a self-supporting, self-governing and self-propagating church will be more quickly reached as plans formulated during the days of conference are worked out. To reach this goal it was decided that the Training School course be extended to cover a period of two years. It was also decided to place two



Africa.
 Front view of Salka Compound, looking north, when finished in April, 1925.

missionaries in each district to have direct supervision of the school work, to instruct the teachers in better methods of teaching, give help in Bible study, and gather the Christian women for instruction in the Word and home life.

Already words of praise are reaching us from missionaries in the districts telling of the encouragement in the work and the joy in instructing those who are so much in need of help.

Mr. Snead's visit has meant much to the native Christians. At last they have seen a representative from the Home Board and now feel that their "Elders" have a personal interest in their welfare. When word reached us that our Secretary was coming, one of our native teachers said, "Perhaps; we have heard that for many years." However, when told we knew the date of his arrival, he said, "Well, he may be coming, for we have never had the date." Their enthusiasm knew no bounds when they realized that he would actually come. Wherever Mr. Snead traveled, the teachers with their people did their best to give him a royal welcome. Many have said, "The way has now been opened, and perhaps we shall have another visit from our friends in the foreign land."

We believe that right plans have been made for the accomplishing of our work in the Congo. However, plans cannot be carried out without workers, and the conference, in conjunction with Mr. Snead, decided that ten new workers were needed—

1. A qualified couple to assist in the work at Boma, qualified in business methods and French.

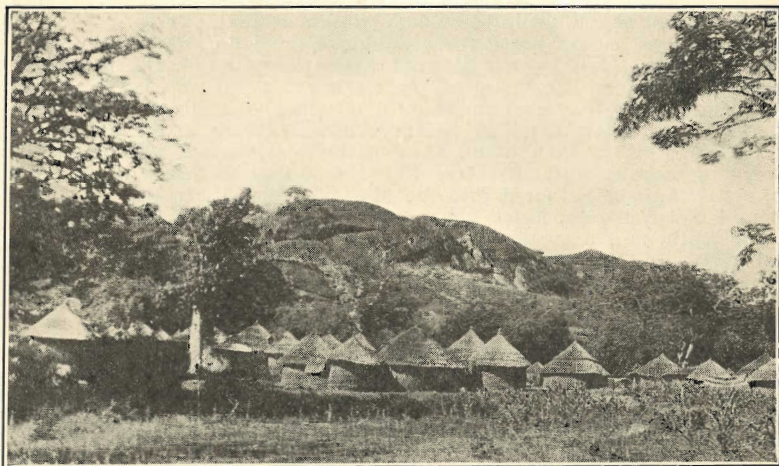
2. Eight young people, with ability as teachers, two of whom should have a good knowledge of the Portuguese language.

Will you not pray with us and our Home Board that those chosen of God may quickly be found and sent to the field.

Realizing how much blessing has already resulted from our Secretary's visit we trust that these visits may be frequent.

We clip the following report from the *Congo Mission News*:

On Sunday morning, November 2, more than 2000 people from the Kinkonzi District gathered at Kinkonzi, Belgian Congo, to greet and hear a message from our Foreign Secretary, Rev. A. C. Snead. The Missionaries who had come to attend our Annual Conference were also



Africa.
Village of Anaba, one day from Salka.

present. Mr. Snead gave a heart searching and soul inspiring message aptly illustrated from native life, on the subject of The Church and its Value.

Afterwards the 900 or more Christians of the Kinkonzi Church, with their white brethren, sat down to partake of the Lord's Supper. Following this another meeting was held, in which Mr. Snead addressed the native teachers.

In the evening, our Conference (November 2-10) was formally opened, Rev. E. E. Crist, our chairman, presiding. Mr. Snead brought us an inspiring message on Grace as unfolded in the Ephesians.

The following days as we waited on the Lord, Brother Snead, by deeply spiritual and devotional messages, led us close to the feet of Jesus. Our hearts burned within us as God spoke to us through His servant, revealing the definite purpose of His will for us—the calling forth, fostering and establishing of an indigenous church in Congo, self-propagating, self-supporting and self-governing. As we reviewed and meditated on the blessing of the Lord in the past, and upon the

measure of the work already accomplished, we were encouraged to press forward to this ultimate goal.

Again Brother Crist writes that the work is progressing and that the native church is becoming more interested in advancing work and also in sending the Gospel to other lands. For some years past, the native church has been sending some hundreds of francs to other mission fields. He says nine were baptized at the Boma church the Sunday before writing, and since he and Mrs. Crist returned in 1922, thirty-three have been baptized in the Boma district. God is stirring the people and there are many calls for teachers.

Lolo

This is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hess. Mr. Hess has built many of the Congo churches. He now has several hundred Christians to look after in addition to supervising the work of thirty-five native workers teaching and preaching in the many villages of the district.

Two-days' march north from Vungu is the Lolo station, where for years comparatively little fruit was manifest despite the faithful preaching of the Gospel, but in recent years a harvest time has been realized and there are now several hundred Christians and inquirers, also thirty-five native workers teaching and preaching in many of the villages of the district. Pray that the ministry of the missionaries, also the native workers, may be especially blessed of God so that an increasing harvest of souls shall be gathered into the Master's garner. In the Lolo compound is a four-room brick house, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hess and little Ruth, and a smaller thatch house, the home of the single lady missionaries (Miss Welles now being there alone); also a brick church, which is too small to accommodate the crowds attending the quarterly meetings.

Maduda

Mr. Barter has charge of the Quarterly Meetings at this large church.

Northwest from Lolo, a two-days' journey, is the large church of the Maduda district, with an ordained native pastor, Mato, in charge, where hundreds of Christians and inquirers gather in a large brick church. For many years no missionaries have lived in the Maduda district, though there is a good mission bungalow there. Visitations have been made three or four times a year at the time of the quarterly meetings. Recently Mr. Barter has made these visitations on behalf of the Mission from Kinkonzi. This oversight will continue and in addition the Mission assigned two young missionaries to the Maduda district to live at Maduda for the purpose of taking the oversight of the village school work throughout the district. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson were assigned to this work at the Annual Conference in November.

Kinkonzi

Eastward from Kwimba, many hours' journey, is the terminus of the railroad at Tchela Banga, and six miles beyond is the large station of Kinkonzi, where Mr. and Mrs. Welles reside, Mr. Welles having the oversight of the Kinkonzi church and also now being general supervisor of village school work throughout the entire field, and sub-chairman of the Mission. In his new work as general supervisor of schools, Mr. Welles has one of the most responsible ministries in the entire Mission, and we bespeak for him, as well as all the workers in the Mission, continued prayer on the part of our constituency that the coming years shall bear much fruit to the glory of God, even an increase over the large and precious harvest of the past. Here at Kinkonzi is the Bible Training School, of which Mr. Barter is superintendent, Mrs. Barter

and others assisting in the teaching. The others of the mission staff include Mr. and Mrs. Kopp (and little Jack), Mr. Kopp being the station manager since last conference; Mr. and Mrs. Macaw (and baby James), who are assigned to the oversight and visitation of the ninety or more village schools in the large Kinkonzi district. At Kinkonzi are three modest brick bungalows with several shacks and bungalows of thatch. Since it is probable that the missionary staff at Kinkonzi will for many years have to be at least four married couples, it is important that an additional bungalow be built. At every station brick for the bungalows is made on the premises. At Kinkonzi is the largest church building in the Mission, built of brick and holding about 1,200 in the main section. An adjoining room is used for conference sessions and Bible School classes. All of the churches in the up-country section of the Congo field were built largely by native labor and native gifts, though some mission money was used in each instance. However, at the last annual conference it was decided that in the future no foreign mission money should be used for repairing or building of church buildings in that field, but this should be borne in all cases by the native church.



Africa (Salka).
Natives dressed up for feast day.

Yema

A day's journey west brings us to one of the largest churches of the Congo Mission, Yema, where another ordained native pastor, Paku, has the oversight. This church and the one at Madula are entirely self-supporting, not only paying the support of their pastors, but also supporting all the native workers within the district and helping in the support of some in other districts less advanced in church support and evangelization. The church at Yema worships in a large frame church building holding about a thousand people, and a comfortable mission bungalow has been maintained there. There are over seventy native teachers and preachers in this district, all under the oversight of the church. Here also missionary oversight has been entirely by visitation for some years past, Mr. Welles, of Kinkonzi, attending each quarterly meeting whenever possible. At the last Conference Miss Smootz and

Miss Schindler, a new missionary, were appointed to live at Yema and devote their time to visitation among the village schools for the oversight of this important work.

Mboka

North of Yema, two long days' journey, is the station of Mboka in the Portuguese Enclave. Here Mr. and Mrs. Stoddard are ministering the Gospel to a large area with the help of a number of native teachers. Owing to the regulations of the Portuguese Government, only those native workers are allowed to continue to minister in that district who have passed satisfactory examination in the Portuguese language, but, through the blessing of God and the faithful work of the Mission, eight teachers have secured government permits, and others, we trust, will do so in the near future so that this large district may be thoroughly evangelized and the Christians well trained in the Word of God and Christian work.

Ndingi

In the northwest section of the Belgian field, near the Portuguese border, is Ndingi, ten-hours' march southwest from Yema, where is the interesting native church, of which Mabengi is actually the pastor, though as yet he has not been ordained. We hope to receive word, however, in the near future that Mabengi, one of our oldest native workers, has been ordained to the ministry. After many years of struggle and bitter persecution, Mabengi's faithfulness in the ministry of the Gospel has borne much fruit and through the grace of God several hundred people have been saved and are now members of the church, among the converts of the past year being an old Bula Matadi, who for many years had been the bitter enemy to Mabengi and the Gospel, but is now saved and a member of the church.

Kwimba

A few hours' march from Ndingi southward is the church at Kwimba, to which place Mr. and Mrs. Boyer were assigned at the last Conference with the understanding that they would move there from Kinkonzi as soon as a house could be made ready. They have a large field in which to minister, since Mr. Boyer not only has the general oversight on behalf of the Mission of the Ndingi and Kwimba churches, but also is entrusted with the direction of the evangelistic work in the large newly opened section of the field extending several days' travel to the Congo River and the Atlantic Ocean. Part of this area is very swampy and other parts quite arid, but there are many trails along which scores of villages are located with thousands of people who are utterly without the Gospel of Christ. Recently some native teachers have been assigned to the district, and it is the expectation of the Mission that a steady increase of evangelism will be manifest.

The Congo Church

The foundation and growth of the Alliance work in the Belgian Congo is clearly stated in the following extracts from an article by the Foreign Secretary, Rev. A. C. Snead:

"Many years ago the work in the Congo Mission was very discouraging, a number of the leading native workers had backslidden, and the church, then small, was practically disbanded. During the missionary conference that year there was much in the local situation to dishearten the missionaries, but they were encouraged by the promises of God and by the reports from China and other fields, where God was working in the salvation of many souls. One missionary ventured the

remark that we should not expect the same results from the preaching of the Gospel among Africans as results from preaching among educated Indians or Chinese. Just then a young man, one of the younger missionaries, stood up and in a spirit of great earnestness said, 'Brother, I refuse to believe that the grace of God or the Spirit of God can do less in the heart of any man in Africa than in the heart of a man in India or China.'

"The Missionaries determined to take the stand that the Gospel was as truly the power of God unto salvation for the Congo field as for any other part of the world, and they went back to their stations to pray and labor in expectation of the harvest, in due time. An awakening soon resulted in the villages of the Maduda district, where Mr. Allison was then ministering, and later on in the Yema district, and hundreds of natives turned to the Lord in the next few years.

"Today there are over 4000 Christians in the Congo church of the Alliance and more than 325 native workers, over half of whom are supported by the native church. In addition to these there are over 100 volunteers, who teach and preach while they support themselves. Though only two native pastors, Paku and Mato, have been ordained, there are a number of earnest preachers, who are, we believe, eligible for ordination and some of them will probably be ordained in the near future. At the conference in November, 1924, after earnest prayer and careful study, the various phases of church administration were restated so as to form the basis for uniform action throughout the field.

"In order to give a clearer understanding of the church life and problem, I will take for an example the church at Yema to describe briefly the organization. The same principles apply in the other districts or stations, though in most places the missionary is the pastor. The members of the Yema church are scattered throughout a large district and some of them only attend the central church at the times of the quarterly meetings. In the villages where native workers are teaching and preaching there are combined schoolhouses and churches, built generally after the manner of native houses, the walls being of the ribs of palm branches and the roofs covered with leaves.

"These places are always erected by the natives without any mission help. Here services are held both during the week and on Sunday and here those in the village who desire to learn to read are instructed in regular weekday sessions. These village groups are divided into sections, the Yema district having six sections, in each of which one native worker, who is usually the deacon in the church, has special oversight under the general supervision of the church and the pastor at Yema. The Christians bring their offerings to the sectional leaders and they in turn bring them to the church at Yema, all the Christians in the district being members of the central church.

THE SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

"Converts who desire to be baptized should be examined by the local church group where they reside or the nearest thereto. After approval by the local church they shall be further examined by the pastor and officers of the district church. The names of the candidates approved by them shall be read before the quarterly meeting of the church and opportunity given for the church to approve or disapprove each candidate. After approval by the pastor and officers of the district church, each class of candidates for baptism should be given, by the pastor or someone chosen by him, at least two lessons of Bible teaching as to the spiritual meaning of baptism and the privileges and duties of the Christian before being baptized.

THE SELECTION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS

"If a person is to be set apart to the work of the ministry, let the church of which he is a member make a request of the pastor and deacons that he be examined for ordination. When the pastor and deacons agree that the candidate is a fit person for ordination, then let him be examined in a meeting of the church, as to his fitness according to the Scriptures: Acts 1:8; Ephesians 4:1-16; I Timothy 3:1-8; Titus 1:5-9. Then let him withdraw and the church make decision. If the church decides he is fit, let him again be examined by an ordination council consisting of the pastor of the church and four other elders, two of whom shall be missionaries so long as missionaries have a part in the oversight of the churches. The ordaining Council shall examine him as to:

"(1) Christian experience and conduct.

"(2) Doctrine.

"(3) The call of God upon him to preach the Word.

"If the ordaining council approves him, let him be ordained by them through the laying on of hands and prayer, in a meeting of the church.

"Each church shall choose annually a deacon, or deacons, and clerk, and if needs be, helpers in the work of administering funds. The church shall carefully examine each one to see if their lives conform to the requirements of the Word of God in Acts 6:3 and I Tim. 3:8-12.

INSTRUCTION OF CHRISTIANS

"Resolved that we urge careful attention to the regular instruction of Christians in every church:

"(1) In Bible study, using Catechism where possible.

"(2) In morals and righteousness.

"(3) In duties of church membership, including special training as to—

"The Lord's Supper.

"Attendance at church services.

"Family prayers and daily habits of Bible study and prayer.

"Tithes and offerings.

"Proper understanding and recognition of the duties and authority of church officers.

"Pray for the native church that every member may be wholly the Lord's and may grow in grace, in the knowledge of the truth, and in Jesus. Especially pray for the native pastors and teachers that they may be truly Spirit-filled under-shepherds of the flock which is so dear to the heart of the Great Shepherd."

WHERE MONEY COUNTS

I am twenty-five cents.

I am not on speaking terms with the butcher.

I am too small to buy a quart of ice-cream.

I am not large enough to purchase a box of candy.

I am too small to buy a ticket to a movie.

I am hardly fit for a tip, but—believe me, when I go to church on Sunday I am considered *some money!*—*The Christian Evangelist (St. Louis).*

BELGIAN CONGO (Northeast)

(Africa Inland Mission)

Harry Stam Brother and Sister Stam became acquainted with our people through the mission in Jersey City. They left New York City at 1 A.M., November 15, 1924, and arrived at Aba, headquarters of the China Inland Mission in northeastern Belgian Congo, on January 7, 1925, at 9:30 A.M. We clip the following from the farewell words to the homeland. Brother Stam writes:

"He is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."



Africa.
Rev. and Mrs. Harry Stamm.

True, absolutely, literally, true is the verdict we are compelled to give to this precious verse. The passing months with new events, new decisions, and renewed supply of every need from the hand of the Lord, have simply added strength to the conviction with which that testimony may be given. There hath not failed aught of any good thing which He hath promised.

"When, as a little boy in knee-pants, I used to hear my father pray that the Lord would take some of his children for missionaries, a thought would sometimes come up in the back of my mind that perhaps the God my father worshipped would make me go out to tell the story of redeeming love. But never did I dream that His calling, commissioning, and sending forth to the work would be attended with a fraction of the wonderful showing forth of God's power that has been our experience. And after I was saved, then later given a desire to get out into the foreign field, and further equipped, I learned to know a little of God's goodness, and the joy of trusting Him, but never did I imagine that He could be so tenderly careful in large and small de-

tails for the needs of His children. Surely He has been better to me than all my hopes, and better than all my fears.

"These past few months of getting ready have shown us just a little more of His all-power, released in answer to prayer, and of His wondrous overflowing grace, so often allowed to overflow through yielded children of God. Our sufficiency is not of ourselves, nor can we safely even think anything as of ourselves, but our sufficiency is of God, the Lord Jehovah. Hallelujah! After all of His grace to us, it would be unnatural to feel like saying anything less than a great, deep 'YES' to God for *all* His plan for our lives.

"We feel that our speedy going forth is the result of much accumulated prayer and we thank God and His children for the knowledge that the prayer support will continue in increasing measure to the glory of His name. May His measureless love be magnified in lives that now lie in darkness."

Sister Stam also adds the following:

"It is now over eight years since God first spoke to my heart concerning Africa. I do praise Him for all His guiding since then. He has blessed abundantly in things, large and small. Mr. Stam and I rejoice that, after looking forward to this field of service, we are actually on our way. May God use us for the salvation of souls in the Congo, is our great desire."

In a letter from the field, Sister Stam writes:

"Now that we are in a sense settled, I want to give you some idea of the Lord's gracious dealings with us. We are not even completely unpacked as yet, but things have gone splendidly. The Lord took care of our freight, and water and ants did little damage. We did have some breakage, but how we praise Him.

"I can hardly tell you of all the work on this big station, for this is Field Headquarters. We are about fourteen white workers. Therefore I will tell you just what He has given us to do, and leave the rest until a later letter.

"Mr. Stam has the language well enough to take his work in the Evangelist Training School. The boys come in here from all the Congo stations in our Mission for this definite Bible training. The Bible School work from 6:15 to 7:15 A.M. and also in the afternoon, together with the boys' school of nearly 200, from 8:15 to 11:30 A.M., fills his day indeed. The Bible School has about 30 fine young lads with a real hunger for souls. When they finish the two years training here they will go back to their stations and villages as preachers of the Word.

"Scores of odd jobs besides the regular ones come into one's life here and each seems so necessary, so when you pray, pray that we may keep faithful to our Bible study and prayer times, at least that is the need in my life.

"My definite work is helping in the Women's School, 150 on the roll, each day from 8 to 10 A.M. There is much to do, we must make our own material. Then some day when the woman in charge now goes on furlough, I shall take all the women's work. I have not gotten the Bangala as quickly as Harry, but trust it will come.

"Our household consists of eight or nine houseboys, who do the work under constant watching. Being in our houses seems to liven up their minds, and is the source of most all evangelists. Of course when we take in these raw boys only God knows what is ahead for

them. They don't think of being evangelists, but like to belong to someone definitely rather than work with the mob in the big station gardens.

"In addition to these I have two 'sons,' half-castes—fathers Belgian. Albert is about 10 and Bobbie about 5 or 6. Like all fond parents we have great hopes for these two, and hope if He tarries they will become men of God among the people here and lead many to the Saviour. Tell the folks not to stay home if God wants them on the field. The publications are gratefully received. I read the stories to Bobbie in English and then tell them to him in Bangala. I also share them with the mothers on the station."

In their latest report, dated September 1, 1925, Brother and Sister Stam write from Aba, Congo Belge, as follows:

"First of all, we want to thank the dear friends in the Pennsylvania Conference again, for making it possible for us to be out here. We wish you could all feel we are here in your stead. We want you to share some of the joy we have in seeing these people accept the Lord, and then show real growth in grace and in the knowledge of Him. We want you to share the great burden of prayer on our hearts, as we see some whom we are counting on fall in sin. There is much here, as at home, to keep the Christian workers low at the Saviour's feet.

"We thank you also for the publications that come regularly. After I look over the children's papers I pass them on to the missionaries on this station who have children. Mrs. Grimshaw, who does the women's work, says she can often use the stories in the Junior and Intermediate papers for her Sunday morning service with the women.

"The work here is done in Bangala, the intertribal language of North Congo. On this station the two main tribes are Logo and Kakwa.

"Mr. Stam's work is with the native evangelists from this station and others, who are here for two years' training. He has the Bible work with these young men. Also the supervision of the lower Boy's School of over 200.

"My work is with Mrs. Grimshaw in the women's school. This meets each morning at 7:45 and we dismiss at 9.30. They are given a short gospel message and a period of scripture memorizing before the other work begins. Our attendance just now is about 200. Some make real progress, and we long to see many able to read the Word for themselves. The reading is learned by a phonetic system, and if they are diligent they should be able to read in about a year. Our hope for the future, of course, is the children and young girls. The Lord has sent many into this station, and the work among them is very encouraging.

"For the house-wife, the house-boys are the ones we come in closest contact with. We have ten. This may seem extravagant to the folks at home, but conditions are vastly different here. We don't turn a tap when we want water, but it must all be carried from the spring and stored in large native jugs. So with our fuel. One man does nothing but cut our wood. Each department of an African household is very primitive, and means much labor. Then, too, we are glad to have ten or more in closer contact with us, though sometimes it takes much grace and patience. They need much training. Having never had towels, they will wipe their dirty hands on the door casings. So in all things one must be on the alert.

"I just want to tell the story of one of these boys. His name is Magaikie and he is of the Mundu tribe. No one here knows his age, but I think this lad to be about seventeen or more. When a little chap he had been here on the station, but later, for the love of francs, went to Faradje, 40 miles away, to work for the Greeks. (The Greeks are merchants in this part of the country.) He did housework there for two years, well paid—8 francs or 40 cents per month!

"About the first of this year one of our outschool teachers of his own tribe was stationed there. Now this Sirigi and he had been in the same class when he had been here before. When Magaikie saw how Sirigi could read and write he was sorry he had left and came back. He said he wanted to do house work and go to school. We find that boys who had worked for Greeks are not always most desirable, because they are so wise in many of the white man's evils. But Magaikie never gave us any trouble, though once or twice we thought we did smell smoke on him. He was here several months before he professed to believe, and several times we felt that perhaps he came only for the reading and writing that he might some day work as clerk for an official, like an older brother of his does. We prayed often for him. After he did stand up, he became as earnest in the things of God as in his other work. He is now in the Catechumen's class, where he will likely stay for two years before the native Christians will pass him for baptism.

"One thing which gave us much joy, happened two or three weeks ago. The boys' school had been dismissed, because of rain. Many of the classrooms are the rocks near the building. Soon after dismissal the sun came out again, and as the house boys came home I put them to various tasks. I asked Magaikie to cut 'jamba' (high weeds) near the cook house. He hadn't done such work for a long while, for me, and it must have hurt his pride a little. Anyway he 'balked' for a little while, and then reluctantly set to work. During the morning he said some rather uncomplimentary things about the Protestants. About 11.30 I needed him indoors and called him. When nearly finished he said, 'Is that all? I want to go cut jamba.' I hardly noticed it, but even then he felt condemned.

"We always have prayers with the house boys at one p.m. That day when Bwana said, 'Let us pray,' he quickly spoke up and confessed his disobedience of the morning and asked the Lord to forgive him. Both of us were much surprised and rejoiced much. We are praying that as time goes on he will be one to give the Word of God to many others. His mother was a Kakwa, so he knows Kakwa, Mundu, Bangala and Logo, for the Mundus and Logos are much alike. As I sat here writing about him, I could hear him reciting the 14th chapter of John out on the porch at his ironing board. May the Lord bless him greatly and lead him on and on. We learned just the other day that the wife he is buying is Serigi's cousin. She is still in the village, but the Lord is able to waken her mind and understanding and make her a Christian helpmeet for him.

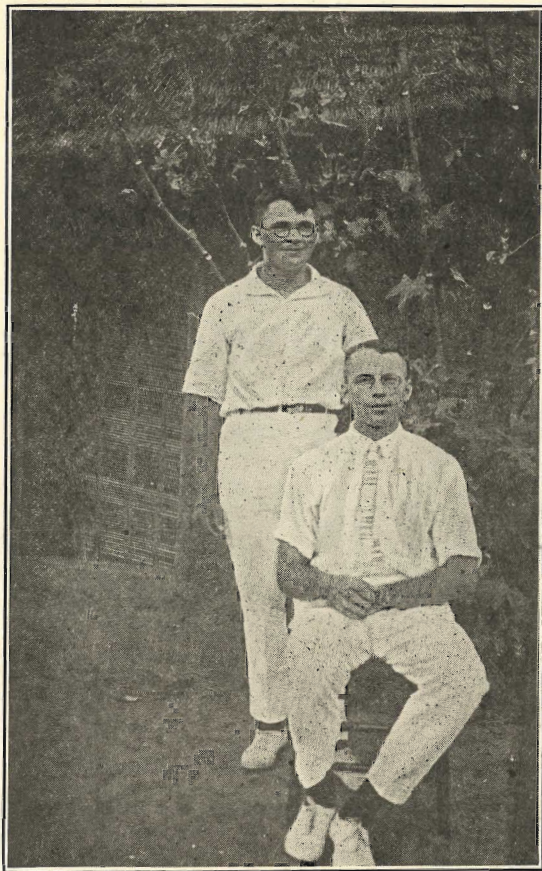
"This is just one of our ten. Our household is one of the nine on this station. Then there are many stations and many without Him. Much to pray for.

"May the Lord bless all the efforts put forth by you dear ones at home. So glad to read of the early camp meetings and the Jersey City tent meetings."

Nigeria

(United Missionary Society)

Mr. Joseph Ummel Near the close of 1924 our Board of Foreign
Mr. Paul Ummel Missions made arrangements with the United
 Missionary Society, incorporated under the laws
 of the State of Ohio, for the support of two of their missionaries,
 Joseph Ummel and Paul Ummel, two brothers, from Elkhart, Indiana,



Africa.

Joseph Ummel—Sitting.

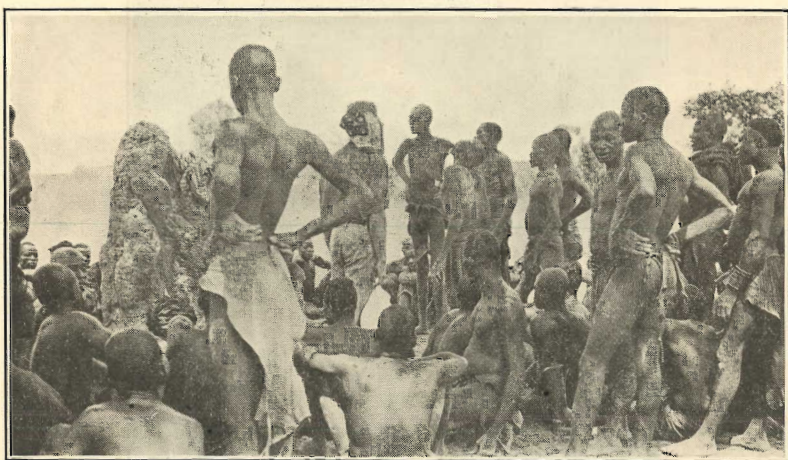
Paul Ummel—Standing.

In front of house at Salka—Castor plants in background.

now laboring at Salka, Kantagora Province, Nigeria, Africa. Both of these brothers are members of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church in Elkhart, Indiana. The following has been gathered from some of their reports and letters received during the year:

Joseph writes: "For myself I can say that I have not once regretted that I said 'Yes' when the Lord called me to this work. I would rather be here knowing I am in His blessed will than be any other place in all the world. We come in contact with some who think it something great if they are laboring for an earthly king. While I would not for a moment belittle their position, yet I feel that it is a much greater opportunity we have of laboring for the 'King of kings' and 'Lord of lords.'"

"We think we have much to be thankful for in the way the work is progressing here and yet there is much to be desired. Unless one has seen the darkness these people are in it cannot be comprehended and even if we do see it I often am made to think we do not realize it as fully as we ought. Certainly people living in America with all its Gospel privileges have much to be thankful for."



Africa.

Joseph Ummel giving antiseptic gargle to natives as a precaution against Cerebro-spinal Meningitis. In front of house in Salka.

"Usually we have pretty good attendance and attention at the various services here. At times it might be better. We find the enemy is doing all he can in the way of hindering in the advancement of the kingdom. Especially do we find it so in the case of the Moslems. However, we are glad to say that this place is not as strongly Mohammedan as some other places. We find the pagans much the easier to deal with."

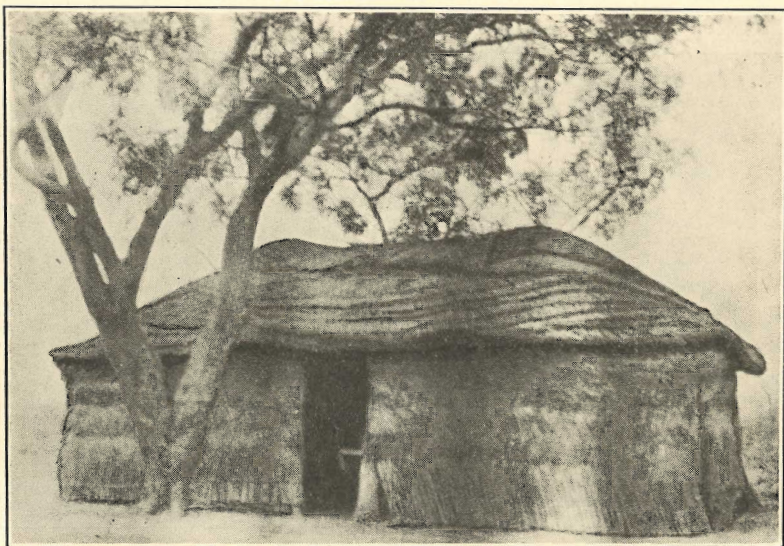
"Mr. and Mrs. Durkee are expected to soon come to this place and take over the work while my brother and I are to go farther north and start work in the Dakkakerrri tribe at Zuru. Up to this time no missionary has ever been working in that tribe. The mission site has been surveyed just recently. We will need to wait until we have permission from the government before we can begin work on the site. We are hoping it will be before long, but sometimes it takes time before they act favorably on applications. Conditions here are the same as at many other places in the various foreign fields, more work to be done than there are workers for. How we do long to see the Lord call

forth many more to this field to tell the glad story of the cross to the many dying thousands who have never heard.

"We wish to thank you for your prayers in our behalf and request that you continue to pray for us that the Lord may ever keep us in health and strength and filled with His Spirit so that we may ever be at our best for Him."

From the reports of their travels we made the following extracts:

"We left Salka last Thursday morning as we planned and expect to get to Zuru day after tomorrow; we still have twenty-five miles to go. We are now on a good motor road so that it is not so bad to use the bicycles. The road has not been so all the way by any means; much of it has been very poor and yet we did not get so very tired.



Africa.

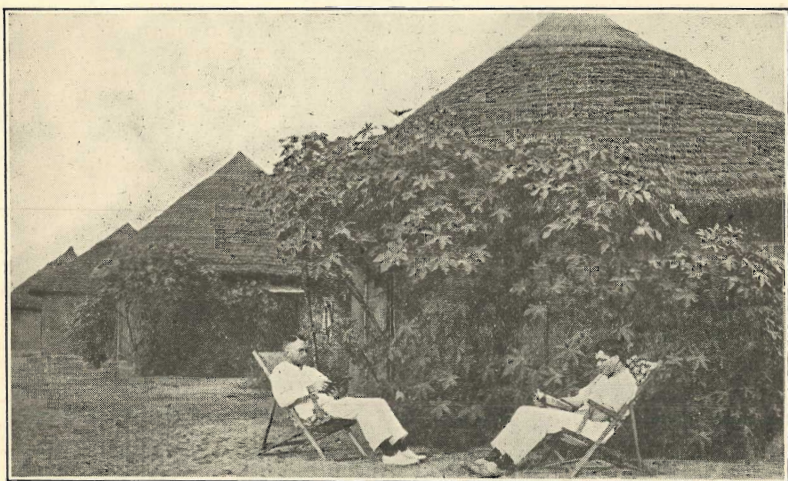
Grass house at Salka. First Mission house in Kantagora Province. Joseph Ummel's first home upon his arrival, January, 1923. Lived in it six weeks until mud houses were built. Killed a large cobra in this house.

There was not much sand to go through. Sand is the most tiring thing we have to put up with here. Much of the road was very rocky and all grown up with bushes along the sides so that it was very hard to go over it. A few days ago we met so many thorns along the road, I had one puncture but the tire did not go down until I was in camp. We have gone sixty-three miles since leaving Salka.

"We are in an altogether different country from what it is at Salka. Down there it is more even, but up here it is rather mountainous. There are long ranges of rocky hills, many of them being high, smooth, round rocks standing high up in the air. We climbed the highest one we have yet come to at Gaino, where we were over Sunday. We both thought a conservative estimate of about 1000 feet above the valley would not be too much. It was much higher than we had any idea when we went up. One side had an especially smooth surface hundreds of feet high. From this rock we could see the hill

near Kontagora, which must have been about forty miles away. This is a very nice and interesting country to trek in. We have had only one river to cross and that was not much at this time of the year, but we could not have crossed it during the height of the wet season.

"Rijau is the place where the Fulani people, who afterward were the conquerors of this country and the raiders as well, first settled. The Gazetteer says it was a small innocent appearing settlement at first. As they got stronger, they made war and took control of things. Yet this is one of the few places not fully subdued when the British took control. The present King of Rijau is the son of the Emir of Kontagora, a great raider and a grandson of the old King of Sokoto, who was called 'The Destroyer,' who died at Anaba nearly fifty years ago. Rijau is quite a town settled down at the foot of high, rocky hills, having a population of about 2,200. The Fulani people are raising cattle.



Africa.

Joseph and Paul Ummel in front of their home in Salka.	
First—Living house.	Third—Boys' house.
Second—Sleeping house.	Fourth—Store house.

"Our next stop was Derengi. Here we secured forty-six carriers to go to Salka to bring the rest of our things. Our goods arrived safely at Zuru and we have begun work on the new building, after having cleared off the compound. The place used to be an old farm. It will be expensive to build at this place but I think we can get it done without any special trouble. We will have to pay each man two shillings a week of six days. About one hundred twenty men will be employed, I think. The poles for the roof must be carried about fifty miles.

"Last evening we went on the hill back of the town to hold our first meeting. Not many people seemed to be around and many ran away when they saw us; but I began speaking and by the time I was done, nine were looking on. It will take some time to get their confidence so that they will not be afraid of us. The West African Frontier Forces put up four new houses here during the last few months for their Officers, but so far only one has come. They put us in one of

them. It is a pretty nice house, more elaborate than the one we put up at Salka; but is not as cool by any means.

"The Government has about forty prisoners here. They are kept busy at odd jobs such as hoeing, water carrying, cutting and bringing in wood from the bush, and repairing roads and paths around the compound. Poor fellows—they have to work chained together in twos, with a policeman guarding them all the time. Mr. Cowper, the Officer in charge, told us that for a time they tried to do away with the chains but it seemed it did not work."

In a letter dated July 20, they report "very heavy rains during the past few weeks, which made our houses dry very slowly and yet the work on them has been moving along pretty well, for which we are very glad. All of them are under roof and ready to have the floors pounded down. Our houses are round, eighteen feet in diameter, made of mud walls with grass roofs. The frame for the last roof was made today but the wall was too soft to put it on before tomorrow. So you will see we are hoping to soon be able to move into them. We think it will be much nicer when we can be in our own houses. Many of the seeds which we have sown have been doing very poorly. Our mango trees seem to be coming up very nicely and some day we hope to have lots of them. I am sure you would like mangoes. They are very good but are smeary things to eat.

"The weather here seems to be pretty well the same the year round, no frost. I like the weather almost better than I do at home, but I am sure it is not as healthy in the long run to be in such a continuous heat. Some times it is very cold here in January and we are hardly able to keep warm. One evening lately we rode out to Debai, four miles north from here. It is a nice place on the top of the range of hills back of Zuru. I would like the place but it might not be so nice to live there. The population of Debai is about 5,400 and of Zuru 4,000. These figures are not very accurate as to the actual size of the towns as many people live out on their farms and only come in on Feast days. Within a radius of about twenty miles from here, there are ten towns having a combined population of about 23,000 people. So you will see that there are a lot of people up this way, but it may be somewhat hard to get to all of them.

"About a year ago a hyena came up close to the house at Zuru, they say, and carried a donkey several hundred yards to a stream and there ate it. I think they are the strongest animals for their size that we have out here. We have heard them several times during the past few weeks. At Salka we saw them within a few rods of our houses. One evening we saw one about seventy-five yards away."

Joseph reports a Sunday evening service in the town:

"This Sunday evening I wish all the home friends to go with me to the Compound Meeting in town.

"We take the Testament, song books, and picture chart, and as we enter town we soon hear a number of children calling, 'Sanu, Mallam,' (Hello, Teacher). We reply, and they one by one follow us, so that soon a number are at our heels.

"We pass through the narrow streets which are nothing like we have been used to at home. We find no pavements or cement walks, but instead we have to be careful not to step into mud holes. Now and then we meet some goats or sheep, and again some one carrying a load on their head or shoulders. Here is one waiting for us to come, as the street happens to be too narrow to pass just where we are. Here we pass the open place in front of the king's house where we see some men sitting, talking and weaving mats or baskets, while others are making hoe and axe handles out of the fork of a small tree they

have cut in the bush. We salute them and pass the mosque where some men are sitting outside with their small calabashes or pots of water, awaiting the time when the old blind mallan calls them to prayer. We have to pity them as we think of how blindly they try to worship God and long to see them turn to Christ, the Saviour of men.

"Now we go down a small, but steep hill, and pass the juju (fetish) house where they have been having a juju for the past few days. All have gone, so that no one is present just now. During the day there had been an immense crowd here drumming and dancing we are told.

"After going on a short distance farther, we come to our destination which is an open place where several streets meet. We find some old men and children sitting under the large tree here, so that it appears as though there will be a good crowd this evening. One of the men living here is sick, so we go in to salute him. We find him sitting in his house by some fire. You may possibly be surprised that these people wish fire, but as it is the wet season they think it is cold. We ask him how he is and, of course, he says he is well, for that is what they always say even if they are so sick so as to be unable to sit up. But upon asking him how he is getting along with his sickness, he says he is not yet able to work, but hopes to be before long.

"A number of children have followed us into the house, so we tell all that we wish to have a service just outside in the street. As we go out we are followed by a number of others. The chart is hung on the tree: we sing a song and soon a crowd of people come to see the chart and hear what is to be said. We tell the children to sit down and be quiet, so we may be heard. They do so, but have to be told every little while to be still.

"They all listen well and are interested while we try to tell them of their sinful and lost condition and their need of salvation. How we do wish we were better able to make ourselves understood, and that they could better grasp the truth and realize that God is a holy God, and that they must leave their heathen and sinful ways and turn to Him, He who is waiting to save all who will call upon Him.

"Suddenly there is a commotion, and we see that a horse that had been tethered in a compound nearby has gotten loose and is coming toward us. The children need not be told to hurriedly get out of harm's way, but are all doing so. But a man promptly catches him and takes him back into the compound, and after a bit we are able to get them quieted so as to be able to resume speaking. After continuing the meeting a little longer we sing a song and so come to a close. About sixty-five are present, and all salute us for the message.

"After speaking a few words we leave for our houses again, being followed by some children who come to exchange their ten Sunday School picture cards for a sheet off the picture roll. While passing through town our hearts are saddened and made to ache as we see them in their miserable condition, and we are made to once more thank the Lord that He has permitted us to have the Gospel and all it means to us. How we do long to see the day when many will hear the call and come to tell these never dying souls of the Better Way. There are so many millions that have not yet heard of Jesus. How long must it be that they have to die without an opportunity of hearing? What can you do to bring them the blessed message? Are you doing what the Lord asks of you? If not, say an eternal 'Yes' to His Will."

AFRICA

Some things to think over. The following statements are taken from the *Mission Review*:

Nearly one-fourth of the land area of the globe is in Africa. Africa is large enough to include the United States, the British Isles, Germany, France, Norway, Sweden, Italy, Argentina, China, India and several Belgiums and Spains.

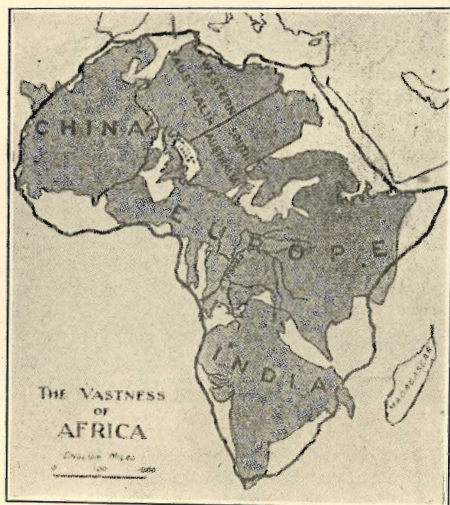
The population of Africa is about equal to that of North America. Every ninth person in the world lives in Africa.

The black race doubles once in forty years. The white race doubles once in eighty years.

Africa's coast line is equal to the distance around the world. There are 40,000 miles of navigable rivers and lakes—equal to thirteen times the distance from New York to San Francisco.

All of Africa, with the exception of Liberia and Abyssinia, is under the control of European governments.

90 per cent of the Africans are reached by European and American commerce, but only 10 per cent are touched by the Gospel.



Europe, China, India and Australia would not fill up the vastness of Africa.

(Courtesy of South Africa General Mission.)

INDIA THEN AND NOW

"The sending of missionaries into our eastern possessions is the maddest, most expensive, most unwarranted project that was ever proposed by a lunatic enthusiast," was what the British East India Company said at the *beginning* of the nineteenth century.

"In my judgment, Christian missionaries have done more lasting good to the people of India than all other agencies combined," was what the English Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal said at the *close* of the nineteenth century.—*The Missionary Review of the World*, January, 1925.

FRENCH INDO-CHINA

Rev. Wm. C. Cadman Two events of special importance occurred during the past year in connection with the work in French Indo-China. The translation of the Old Testament into Annamese was completed, the New Testament having been translated the previous year, and the entire Bible will be printed before the close of 1925 for the first time. Alliance missionaries have thus been privileged to translate the Scriptures for the largest language group that remains without the Word of Life in their own tongue. The British and Foreign Bible Society is bearing the cost of the publishing of this Bible, the printing being done on our own press at Hanoi.



Indo-China.

Cambodian home, entrance and stairway, ladder on the outside.
Characteristic dress of 2,500,000 Cambodians.

"The large order for Cambodian type from France, which we were enabled to make through the generosity of the Milton Stewart Evangelistic Funds, has arrived, and we are now setting up an eight-page Gospel tract of which we hope to print a large edition for distribution far and wide throughout Cambodia, one of the last countries in the world to be given the true Gospel. Pray for this new phase of the publication work.

PLANNING EVANGELIZATION OF TRIBES

"Our Conference has earnestly considered the possibility of reaching out to yet other peoples to most of whom the witness has not yet been made. There are in our Indo-China territory several tribal races such as the 'Thai' in Laos, the 'Moi' in Annam and Cochin-China, and

the 'Tho' in Tonkin. To bring the Gospel to these people will involve real pioneer work and much self-sacrifice, for they are widely scattered, most of them dwelling far from the coast, in mountainous and malarial regions. We are therefore planning to spy out the land during the coming Conference year, and trust that by next Conference we will have one or more missionary couples to whom God's compelling call has come, whom we can appoint to these needy fields.

"There have been six hundred and fifty-six new converts baptized this year as against five hundred and sixty-seven last year. On December 31, 1924, there were one thousand six hundred and seventy-eight baptized Christians in good standing in our Churches. This is an advance of more than sixty per cent. on 1923. Twelve new outstations have been opened, the offerings of the native Churches have almost doubled, and the number of earnest inquirers is steadily increasing."



China. (Tibetan Border.)
Missionaries, Delegates and children at the great Union Conference.

Hanoi

"Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Cadman have been in charge of the work at Hanoi. Here we are not only conducting evangelistic work for the seven million lost souls in Tonkin, but we have also a Mission Press which is turning out large quantities of Scriptures, Gospel booklets and tracts. Mr. and Mrs. Cadman are also doing translation work; and the translation of the entire Bible in Annamese has been completed, and we expect that it will be published before the close of 1925.

"There is at Hanoi an organized Church with sixty-six members, ten of whom were baptized during 1924. We have also a self-supporting Primary school with an enrollment of fifty scholars. Several trips have been made into the country, and splendid response has been met, particularly in one village, of which Mr. Cadman writes as follows: "There has been a remarkable movement of God's Spirit among a

group of villages about twenty miles from Hanoi. In one village alone thirty have started studying the Catechism to prepare for baptism at Hanoi. It is estimated that there are several hundred in this district who are favorable to the Gospel.

"Much of Mr. Cadman's time is taken up with the press at Hanoi. This department of our work is doing splendid service in printing Scriptures and tracts in Annamese. Arrangements have been completed this year whereby we have obtained sufficient Cambodian type to print the Scriptures in Cambodian. Thus the ministry of the press is stretching out into this new field.

"Through the splendid work in this department not only have the



China. (Tibetan Border.)

C. & M. A. Missionaries on the China-Tibetan border.

Sitting: left to right—Esther Ruhl, W. N. and Mrs. Ruhl, Rev. Moseley, Acting Chairman, Wm. Christie, Chairman, Mrs. Moseley, Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Snyder, Ruth Ruhl. Miss Anna Haupberg, with glasses, is standing at extreme right.

Bible and several books and tracts been printed in large editions in Annamese, but progress has also been made in securing sufficient Cambodian type to print the scriptures in that language as soon as the translations are available. The output for 1924 was a little higher than last year. Ten million, twenty thousand, five hundred and thirty-two (10,020,532) printed pages were turned out. These included eighty thousand portions of scripture, three thousand copies of 'Pilgrim's Progress' in Annamese, one thousand copies of 'The Lord's Return' by Rev. R. A. Jaffray, one thousand copies of 'Difficulties Answered' by Dr. Torrey, five hundred copies of 'Power Through Prayer' by E. M. Bounds, in Annamese, and five hundred copies of Dr. Simpson's 'Wholly Sanctified' in French. Besides these we have printed 120,700 booklets, tracts, etc. The total number of books sold in Indo China during 1924 was as follows: 289 Bibles, 3,588 New Testaments, 73,943 Gospel portions, 66,444 tracts and 20,675 Gospel books."

Haiphong

This station was opened by Rev. and Mrs. Richmond Jackson, but when they left for furlough in April we had no one to replace them, and the work was put in charge of a native student evangelist, under the general oversight of Mr. Cadman from Hanoi.

"Eight new converts have been baptized during the year, and there is a Church of thirty-six baptized believers in Haiphong. Nine of these are Chinese who were baptized in China, but who have united with our Church. The meetings are very well attended and there are a number of earnest inquirers ready for baptism.

Cantho

"The blessing of God has also been very manifest at Cantho. This station is in charge of Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Jackson. Eighty-nine new converts have been baptized during 1924, and a new out-station was



China (Central).
Young China studying God's Word.

opened at O-mon in February. There is now a flourishing Church there with twenty-three members. The home Church at Cantho has seventy-five members, and has contributed enough in the offerings to pay the salary of the native preacher, and all incidental expenses."

Mr. Jackson writes, "A Buddhist priest heard of the Gospel through one of the Christians. It seemed reasonable, and true; consequently right there in the middle of the road, he made a prayer to the Supreme Being, asking Him to either lead him to the Gospel chapel or to the pagoda. The priest awoke next morning with a light heart and clear guidance that he should go to the Cairang chapel. He was saved, and is now witnessing to his Buddhist followers. Some have believed.

"A man was given a Chinese Gospel twenty-one years ago. He read it and has been looking for the missionary ever since. The Gospel portion was destroyed by white ants, but the man found Jesus at some special meetings held at Omon. Another man had been seeking the true God for sixteen years, and found Him this year at Cantho."

SAVED, KEPT, HEALED.

"An interesting conversion during the year was that of a young man who was assistant station master in the Saigon railroad depot. He became interested in the Gospel in the early summer. He came regularly to the services, and finally accepted Christ as his Saviour. About the time that he was to have been baptized he was taken sick, and in December God took him home to heaven. It seemed strange to the missionaries that this young life which was so promising should be suddenly cut off in this way. But God's ways are not our ways. On his death-bed the young man called together the members of his



China. (Tibetan Border.)
Head Buddha of Labrang, Tibet.

family and testified to the power of Christ to save from 'the sting of death.' The result was that practically the whole household accepted Christ, and the indication is that an out-station will be founded in his village. The other day someone was inquiring for the home of this young man, and asked, 'Where is the young man who used to be assistant station master at Saigon, but who died last December?' The people did not know, but after considerable explanation they said, 'Oh, you mean the young man who had religion, he lived over there.' His neighbors had forgotten that he had been 'assistant station master,' a splendid position with a good salary which he had enjoyed for several years; but they remembered him as the man who 'had religion,' though he had only been a Christian a few months, and had not been baptized.

"Here and there the converts have to suffer much persecution. At one place a young man was the first to accept Christ as his Saviour. He lives in a village on the other side of the Mekong River, and allows the missionary to hold regular meetings in his home. One day a number of 'Notables' from the village came to his house and tried to force him to worship his ancestors again. He refused, and they threatened to beat him and have him put in prison, but he remained true to his newly-found Saviour. Finally they did beat him, and cast him into the local gaol. The next morning they took him, hand-cuffed, to the village mayor, a distance of about ten kilometers, which he was made to walk while his accusers rode in a carriage. The mayor made the village 'Notables' sign some papers, and passed the case on to the French official at Mytho. This official exonerated the Christian, as



China. (Tibetan Border.)
C. F. Snyder and some his faithful standbys.

there was no charge against him except that he refused to conform to the heathen practice of worshipping his ancestors. This incident was used by God to point many others to the way of life."

They also report some remarkable cases of healing which brought much glory to God, and resulted in the salvation of many souls. "In one of the villages near Sadec there was a leper. His wife came in contact with the Gospel and she immediately accepted Jesus as her Saviour. Hearing that Jesus had healed a leper when on earth, she believed that he would also heal her husband, and asked the evangelist to visit him. The man was in a pitiful condition; he had not been able to move from his bed for nearly two years, and could eat little food. His family and friends had isolated him in a house by himself. They did not care to go near him more than was absolutely necessary. The native evangelist visited him, explained the Gospel to him, and the man believed. Immediately he began to improve in health. In a

short time he was able to go about his house, and in less than a month he attended a Sunday morning service." He is completely healed, and a living witness to the almighty power of God. The ends of his fingers had been eaten away by the disease. These were not restored, but new flesh and skin has formed over them, showing that new vitality has come into his body, and that he is really healed. On the other hand these scars show indisputably that the man did indeed have the dread disease of leprosy, and that it was in an advanced stage. "The things that are impossible with man are possible with God."



China. (Tibetan Border.)
Rev. Wm. Christie and family, Titao, Kansu Province.
Rev. Christie is the Chairman of the China-Tibetan Mission.

CONCLUSION

"Since the true purpose of mission work is to win souls to Christ, and by the Holy Spirit's power to promote the development in every field of a living church so that the church itself can carry forward the work of evangelizing in giving the Gospel to every creature, the development of the native church is of paramount importance. No Alliance field gives evidence of stronger, more healthy growth in this regard than that of French Indo China. The first Annual Native Conference was held at Tourane in March 1924. Concerning it the Chairman writes: "Some sixty-five official delegates were present, representing all parts of the field. The large church at Tourane was filled for almost every session. The seats not required for delegates were occupied by local church members from Tourane and Faifoo. Two weeks of special services were held, planned much on the order of the Alliance conventions in America. Bible teaching and heart messages on the deeper life were given at the morning and evening sessions; the afternoons were given over to reports from the delegates and discussions of the work. Rev. R. A. Jaffray and Pastor Wong from Wuchow were with us and their messages were greatly used by God.

"The Conference was made a blessing to everyone. There was much confession and getting right with God. The delegates returned to their homes or stations with a new vision, and many of them with

a new fire in their hearts. These Conferences are going to be a great means of unifying and strengthening the Annamese Church as well as broadening their vision. French Indo China presents a unique problem in missionary effort. Here we have twenty millions of people wholly dependent upon us for evangelization. We have only one missionary on the field for every million people. We hope for more soon, but we can never expect to evangelize this country with foreign missionaries. It is the Annamese church that can and will accomplish this task. These native Conferences will be one great means of awakening the churches to a sense of their responsibility."

The following are the latest notes from the field:

"Praise God for the Conference blessings, spiritual and material.

"For the eight hundred and more souls saved and baptized during the past Conference year.

"For the greatly increased offerings of the Native Churches.

"For the peaceful conditions in this land, thus enabling the work of the Lord to go on unhindered.

"For a further gift from the Stewart Funds for the Hanoi Press, thus enabling us to continue the work of publishing Gospel literature throughout this land.

"For the first edition of five thousand copies of the Gospel of St. Luke in Cambodian, just off the press.

"Pray that the remaining Gospels and the Acts may soon be translated and printed in Cambodian.

"That the Missionaries, native workers, and Christians may one and all be filled with the Holy Spirit, and be kept constantly looking unto Jesus.

"For funds to purchase Gospel autos, fonts of type in Annamese colloquial characters and for properties urgently needed to permanently establish the work in several strategic centers.

"For the work in the village of Tu-Nhien, near Hanoi. This is the opening wedge into the closed districts of Tonkin, and thus much prayer is needed for wisdom and guidance. The first Communion service was held there last May."

Brother Herbert A. Jackson writes:

"Thank you and all the Mennonite Brethren in Christ who are standing by me with financial support, gifts and prayers. After living in the home land and on the foreign field, I am persuaded that it is harder to strengthen the stakes than to lengthen the cords. The one at home is the biggest missionary.

"Thank God for the faithfulness of the Holy Spirit and His method of working. The past year has been one of God working with us. Heretofore it has been thought that a parish of 250,000 was quite enough for a missionary couple. That is because we have had to work more or less single handed. But now that the Bible is printed and our Bible Schools are well established we can carry the Gospel much farther and faster. It takes the native to understand the native and we believe it will be the consecrated native workers who will evangelize this country.

"During the past year we have been appointed to the work of three provinces and are responsible to get the Gospel to 690,000 souls. This is no small task where the people are so scattered but with chosen men of God, we are holding regular services in our nine chapels and ever going to the regions still beyond us.

"God has given us three trained men who are the native preachers in these three provinces. During the summer months we have had six student evangelists who have worked on the camp meeting plan. They

have gone from village to village and house to house, witnessing as they go and preaching to congregations large and small. One of these chaps likes to seek out the heathen temples and pagodas for preaching places. Those in the interior have had an opportunity to hear the Gospel. There are about ten regular colporteurs who carry God's Word to the uttermost parts of this land. Besides these, many of the Christians keep books in their homes and carry on colportage work with their own private business. Between January 1 and April 30 the book sellers relieved us of 70 Bibles, 361 New Testaments, 10,026 Scripture Portions, 2,850 booklets, and 4,675 tracts. We also have a Bible Woman whose work is different still.

"The real advances of the past year have come through witnessing Christians. Some one from a distant 'one-horse' town would hear the Gospel, believe on Jesus Christ and then go back to his own people to lead them into the new Life. The preacher or I, perhaps both, would then be invited to visit that village and before we knew it a new work had begun. This is the Spirit's working. The quiet moving of God's Spirit in the hearts of men has won whole villages to Himself and there isn't a form of persecution that some of them wouldn't stand for Jesus' sake.

"It has been in the country places that God has revealed His power. I'm thinking of one who for years was a thief and a robber but is now as gentle a character as one could hope to meet. The professional gamblers, drunkards and dope fiends are among the strongest Christians and some of them are officers in our Churches.

"The world is waiting to see what God will do next. There seems to be no disease that He will not heal if we meet the conditions. Some well-to-do people who have followed the sorcerers for years reducing themselves to poverty have met Him in faith even to the healing of tumors.

"The Gospel has been preached to big and little, rich and poor, young and old and today there are Annamese, Cambodians and Chinese who have forsaken their idols and superstitions to worship the true and living God.

"We preach 'Missions' to these people as much as we ever did at home. God must have native men and native money. Men and women must offer themselves for service among their own people and the unreached tribes of Indo-China. They must give of their wealth or poverty to support God's cause in their own country. We praise God that still more from our Churches are going to the Bible Schools this year, not Annamese only but Cambodians also.

"If tempted to be discouraged we only need to remember an experience like the recent passing away of one of our Christians. She was an old woman 71 years of age who had never heard a sermon in her life but was the mother and grandmother in a Christian home. Long before she left us she was losing her grip on the things of this life but was sure of life hereafter. Her last words were not with the members of her family but with her God. She wanted to see Jesus. The passing out of this life wasn't death to her, it was victory. She trusted in Him who has overcome the world and even death. He had promised eternal life and she was sure of it. Some of the neighbors and relatives couldn't understand it in a country where ancestral worship sways the people, but it was a testimony that can not be disputed. She had peace; a peace the world does not know and cannot have.

"May God reward you for your sacrifice and comfort you with the thought of souls that are enjoying eternal life through your giving. How shall missionaries preach, except they be sent?"

CHINA

Kansu—Tibetan Border

The Lord's Work in Hochow, Kansu

C. F. SNYDER

<p>Rev. Wm. Christie Rev. C. F. Snyder Mrs. C. F. Snyder Rev. W. N. Ruhl Miss Anna Haupberg</p>	<p>D. M. Panton believes the fulfilment of Joel 2:28, 32 is upon us, in other words, that we should expect a revival, in fact, a revival of a universal nature. Not only he, but the Spirit of prayer for revivals is encircling the globe.</p>
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Brother Thomas Moseley, our acting Chairman during Brother Christie's absence on furlough, has undertaken a spiritual program which my heart Amens entirely.

He felt the spiritual condition of our Kansu churches to be at such a low ebb that it was time to arouse ourselves by one mighty effort and shake off the lethargy upon us. Accordingly the month of November last year was set aside for special prayer and fasting in order that God would pour out His Spirit upon us and grant a revival. "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and His ears are open to their prayers." The Lord attending to our prayers is a real fact. Already in Titao about 100 made profession of Christ; in Taochow Old City 33 and both in Minchow and Chone thus far, due to special effort, souls have come forward to embrace Christianity and follow the Lord. All this has occurred since the latter part of last year.

Sinners are coming out, right along, in Hochow, but not so fast as is the case in Titao. For instance, last Sunday three children accepted Christ, the Sunday previous three grown ups, one man and two women, and during the Chinese New Year recently two women and one man stepped out; then during the past year others made profession, among them some blind.

The Executive Committee decided at its last sitting to set apart March for a special season of prayer and fasting. By afflicting our souls, being impelled by the Holy Spirit so to do, I am sure the promised blessing is bound to descend.

"There shall be showers of blessing."

On our outstation Ningho, 60 li distant, the Lord answered prayer for renting more commodious and suitable mission quarters, and further causing four souls to respond to His call.

One of these is a woman surnamed Ning (Mrs. Peace), who deliberately chose this way. Her husband, who is a merchant, and although an opium addict, urged her to attend the meetings held at the time.

All these things serve to encourage the hearts of our co-workers, Mr. and Mrs. Uang, who held on for over a year without any result and living in uncongenial quarters, as I remarked to you in last year's correspondence.

A few words about backsliding and opposition.

One recalls the testimony of a certain party who claimed that the revival meetings proved a success because there were put out of the church in question 10 old members.

This does not sound or look like a revival, but after second thought no doubt, if not in every instance, at least, in some cases it is true.

I have determinedly decided upon a spiritual program for myself and the church, and I am convinced it is a winning program; consequently, there are some backslidings—these in spite of visitations from the pastor, exhortations and frequent prayers and patience.

Our policy is to work towards getting an indigenous church in contrast to a parasitical one and keep on until said objective is attained. Naturally, carnal minded Christians shun such a line of action, so Holy Spirit fire will make the church too hot for hypocrites and they get out, or cause others to cleave to the Lord and leave a fleshly life behind.

We here enjoy, shall I say, (not in the natural) considerable quiet persecution; assuredly this is a good sign, if we follow on with the Lord. This can easily be imagined when you know that the Hochow people are extremely conservative, and the Chinese are "mad upon their idols." To get out of the old ruts in the home land is extremely hard; out here how much more so?

Nothing short of a superhuman power can bring about a change. Thank God, we still believe in that good old-time power that raises the dead, that heals the sin-sick souls and bodies. Permit the mentioning of two examples, the one a very devoted little follower of Christ, the other a backslider, both in our primary boys' school.

Wei Kuang-hsien accepted the Lord as his Saviour while in school, graduated last term and on account of the intense opposition of his grandfather who cordially hates the Gospel he could not enter our Titao higher primary school; so there was no recourse but to go to the local government school.

Because our mission schools are not registered by the government, the lad needed to pass an examination and, would you believe it, he came off first on the list.

Then, again, when his grandfather escorted him to school the first day some paper was taken along to burn to the spirit of Confucius. The boy promptly tore it up, and he, although only 12, informed the headmaster that he was a Christian and so could not observe their idolatrous custom. His objective is the Bible School and become a preacher. If he remains true, he'll get there. Pray for him.

Uang Ien-seng also accepted Christ—stood true for a while until the parents objected and instead of continuing with us, went to outside schools. Now he is a back slider and has been persecuting little Wei, saying that he followed the foreign devil. Wei says this persecution is good for him—he comes regularly to our Sunday services. Also pray for Uang.

As Brother Christie is home on furlough, Brother Thomas Mosely is chairman until his return and Brother Snyder, as a member of the Executive Committee, is Chinese Examiner.

A Day of Rest and Gladness

ANNA HAUPBERG

Where is it obtained? We think of Sunday at home with our loved ones, going to church to hear a good sermon. A day of rest is not necessarily Sunday. The Lord has prepared one such day for me here in a mountain village called Lama. Going from Titao to Minchow on horseback, we yesterday decided to take the shortest way across the mountain Lama Ling. I was so tired last night, that when aroused this morning at half past four o'clock, I stretched my tired body and it seemed impossible to get up. Therefore I was glad when the evangelist announced that it was snowing hard. I felt at once that God had prepared for me a day of rest, in this place which is two days' journey from the nearest mission station.

Take a look at the room. The other end is a "Kang" with the rest of our party, consisting of one muleteer, one servant, one evangelist and two soldiers. Two horses, one mule, one donkey, chickens, pigs, dogs, cats, all claim the right to live in this room.

The cock keeps up his crowing, telling me to get up. The pigs are getting hungry. The people are talking all around me; yet in spite of it all I turn over and go to sleep; my "Kang" is so nice and warm, why should these noises disturb me this day of rest! So the lazy missionary doesn't get up until ten o'clock! I have just had my dinner, which consisted of potatoes and butter. The former I was able to buy here. While I am writing I hear the faithful evangelist preaching in the other room. While the Lord has provided a day of rest for me these people are getting the Word of Life.

Later—Before we left the inn, the innkeeper and his wife accepted the Lord as their Saviour, so it surely turned out to be not only a day of rest but a day of gladness for me.

Report of the Chairman

The country of Tibet, where several of our mission stations are located, and Kansu Province, which were so fearfully disturbed by robbers a few years ago, have been quieter during the last year. The great political issues of China have apparently not the same effect upon the people there and, therefore, the disturbances have not been so serious. However, there has been persecution of Tibetans who have been favorable to the Gospel, and lives have been laid down.

"The change on our Tibetan field is so marked that we cannot but praise God for His marvelous working in our midst. Labrang, the fourth largest monastery city in Tibet, is now occupied by our Mission. At times our missionaries have been in danger of losing their lives because they dared to mention the name of Jesus in the market places. Now without any open opposition we can preach daily to hundreds of Tibetan priests and laymen in that place.

"As Satan realizes that he is being slowly but surely overcome in this part of Tibet, he is trying to discourage all interested by murdering those who have dared to sever their connection with the monastery. Three men who have been friends of the missionaries have been killed during the past year. The last case occurred just about one month ago. A Tibetan at Hetsuh, led to believe in Christ as his Saviour, decided to burn all his idols. The Sunday following he came to service, requesting that if anything should happen to him, that he be given a Christian funeral and not be cast out for the birds to eat, as is the Tibetan custom. Upon his return home that evening, the men of the village were waiting for him. They had been instructed by the monastery officials to kill him. Before he could draw a sword or knife to protect himself, he was dragged from the saddle and struck on the back of the neck by an axe. Then they took his own knife from his belt and gashed his throat until the head was almost severed from the body. The body was left by the roadside all night. In the early hours of the morning the missionaries were aroused by the mournful cry of a woman, who through her tears informed them that because her husband had believed on their Jesus he had been brutally murdered.

"Our Tibetan workers need special prayer. Standing alone in the midst of these demon-infested places is not conducive to aggressive evangelism. How well we realize that it is not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit of the Lord alone that any progress is made in this dark land. Mr. Moseley was appointed chairman of the field committee, to take the place of Mr. Christie, who, with his family, is now at home on furlough. A noble band of missionaries occupy West China and the Tibetan field. Isolation in the natural characterizes most of these far separated stations, making life lonely and possibly severe except for the tender presence of the Lord.

"A gracious revival visited these fields at the close of the year and it may be going on now. At one station about one hundred and twenty souls had confessed Christ as Saviour at the beginning of the year. Several new and promising missionaries reached West China and Tibet at the close of the year and the outlook at the stations and in the Bible Schools is encouraging.

"During the annual conference in July, united prayer was made to God for a new evangelistic band, to be sent forth to reach the unoccupied areas of our field. We report with joy that God, the Holy Ghost, has moved upon the hearts of young men on all our stations, causing them to offer their services for this strenuous pioneer work. Without knowing what remuneration they would receive they were willing to give up home and family to go forth amid the scoffing multitudes, bearing the precious seed of the Gospel. The leader of this band was called by God from his work in our Bible Training School. No one in our Mission is better fitted to lead an evangelistic band to unevangelized regions than Pastor Keo. He was the first convert on our Titao station, and has lived a life in Christ these twenty years that has won thirty-nine of his own family to Christ.

"We are sadly in need of new workers, especially for Tibetan work. If reinforcements do not come during this year, it means that not only can we take no steps to open up Tatsoklhamo, Raja and Amchok, the next line of monastery cities, but the Tibetan stations we now occupy must be closed while the missionaries return home for a much needed furlough.

"It is with expectant hearts we enter the New Year. A new work has begun in our midst which will mean a great harvest of souls. Faithfully the seed has been sown, watered with many tears and the laying down of precious lives. Pray earnestly for us, that nothing may hinder or grieve this new work the Holy Spirit has begun on our field. All members of the Mission are fairly well. As we see the faithful work done by our missionaries and evangelists, we believe that the sacrificial offerings of our home constituency are being well invested in this portion of the Master's vineyard. With loins girt we work and watch for our blessed Lord. He has whispered to our hearts, 'Behold, I come quickly!'"

From the roof of the world, Tibet and Kansu, God has His large company who shall make up His jewels in that day when He cometh to His kingdom.

Approximate population of District committed to above Mission.....	3,500,000
Number of Stations.....	11
Number of Out-Stations.....	10
Number of Missionaries on field December 31, 1924.....	33
Number of Missionaries on furlough December 31, 1924.....	4
Number of Native Workers.....	78
Number of Organized Churches.....	9
Number of Church Members (or baptized believers).....	635
Number of Baptisms during 1924 (or last full conference year).....	72
Number of Enquirers or Catechumens.....	368
Number of Sunday Schools.....	10
Number of Scholars enrolled in same.....	582
Number of Bible Training Schools.....	2
Number of Students enrolled in same.....	9
Amount (U. S. money) of offerings in native churches for year	\$297.16
Value (U. S. money) to date of Mission-owned property.....	\$27,521.62

The Tibetan-Indian Border

Rev. William Mann, in an interview with a political officer for Tibet relative to securing a pass to cross the border, relates the following:

Asked if in his opinion there was any reason to believe for the soon opening of the now closed gates of Tibet, the political officer replied that while he could not say, even approximately, how long it will be before the gates swing open, he thought there were many indications that the prejudice of the Lhasa officials was being broken down. Within the past two years about twenty-four Europeans have entered the "Holy City," while many more had visited Gyantse. When the Lhasa Government decided a few years ago on the construction of a telegraphic line of communication with the outside world, a European firm was engaged to carry it out. It is under consideration, if it is not already an accomplished fact, the laying of an electric plant in the capital. This also is being, or has been done, by a foreign firm. The following interesting extract from a Calcutta daily paper shows how keen the Tibetans are to develop their civilization:

"A curious inter-linking of primitive and modern methods has occurred in connection with the supply of plant for a mint to be set up in Lhasa, the sacred city of Tibet.

"Power-driven machinery, equal to that in use in the London Mint, is being supplied by Messrs. Taylor and Challen, Ltd., engineers, of Birmingham. A press for stamping was landed near Calcutta, and at a point where the hill country became difficult, was unbolted into sections and is being carried through the Himalayan passes, partly on mules and partly on poles borne on coolies' shoulders."

The advance through Tibet of three mountaineering parties on their way to scale Mt. Everest has done much to introduce the people of the "Roof of the World" to Western civilization. It has meant prosperity to the local inhabitants, and I'm sure they are looking forward to the next attempt to conquer that mountain.

The foregoing are not the only signs that Tibet is at last waking up from its slumber of centuries. At present there is an Indian Government official in Lhasa organizing the police force of that city; while the Tibetan army is growing rapidly in efficiency. Tibetan military officers have visited India for courses in infantry and artillery training.

There are two distinct parties in Lhasa today, liberals and conservatives. The latter, who are the most numerous and perhaps the most influential, comprise the Lamas of the great monasteries. This party opposes most bitterly any and every advance towards the development of their country in whatever direction. It is not difficult to understand this attitude of the Lamas, for they fully realize that the enlightenment of the people and the advancement of their civilization spells disaster for their monastic institutions and their personal influence.

The presence of a foreigner in their midst is an occasion for a fresh outburst of feeling against the Liberal Party. This latter party comprises the Dala Lama and his ministers. They are distinctly friendly with Britain and desire that their nation should take its stand with the people of the world. They are faced with a tremendous task, especially in view of the internal conditions of the country and the strong conservative opposition.

Without doubt Tibet offers the greatest challenge to prayer to the Church of Christ in this our day. For the past century it has defied every attempt of the followers of the crucified Saviour to penetrate into its midst the Good News. What are we going to do with this challenge? Let us ask God to so come upon us in prevailing prayer that the now impossible barriers may be swept away before the mighty power of our prayer-answering God.

CENTRAL CHINA

Rev. B. H. Alexander Brother Ekvall writes, "I feel ashamed that I
Rev. M. E. Ekvall have been so slack in acknowledging all your
Rev. D. P. Olson kindnesses. There is no use in making excuses, otherwise I might say that I have been busy and my correspondence in general has been neglected. But we think of you and feel grateful for what you are doing for us.

"My wife and I are now both in Wuchang, where we were before our furlough. It is more convenient for my wife, as she has a school for blind girls, which she established in this city about three years ago. This school has now grown quite large, thirty-five girls attending and more coming. She has also been able to purchase a large native house for the school. This has been paid for by donations from friends in the homeland. It is a most needed work, as girls who are blind have a wretched existence in China. Those who come to the school learn to read, write and study nearly all the branches taken up in the public schools, with industrial work taken up in the bargain. But best of all, they learn to know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

"We are working, not only in the City of Wuchang, where we have a church with a fair membership, now self-supporting, but besides we have eight out-stations and some of these are on a fair way to self-support. But what we need is a revival and we ask your prayers that this may come to pass. In a few days we shall begin special meetings in Anhwei, where we hope to visit nearly all out-stations, spending about a week in each. Pray that we might see a mighty outpouring in each of these places.

"The most encouraging feature of missionary work in China is the great Christian army of General Feng. I had the great privilege of spending two weeks among them last Spring. I was there by the request of Mr. George Davis, of the Pocket Testament League, to help in the distribution of Testaments and interpreting for him. Thus, I had the pleasure of renewing my acquaintance of a few years ago, with General Feng and his Christian officers and men.

"There are in that wonderful army about 20,000 Christians and about 30,000 under Christian instruction. Of late, they have come to notice more than ever by Marshall Feng's master stroke in stopping the fight in the North, occupying Peking and overthrowing the most corrupt Government China has ever had. For this thing he has been both blamed and praised, but as events have developed since, I think most sensible people have realized that as a consistent Christian it was the only thing to be done.

"I have lately had a letter from one of his ablest and most consecrated Generals, Chang Tsi Kiang, telling me that it was after a prayer meeting that they were fully convinced that it was God's will for them to do what they did. Now some of these Christian Generals have been appointed Governors of important places in the North and one is Commander of the Garrison in Peking, while Marshall Feng is appointed Defense Commissioner of the Northwest Borders between China and Mongolia. It is wonderful for China to have Christians in high places, giving the corrupt officials an example of how a righteous Government should be carried on. If I can possibly manage it, I will visit them again in the Autumn."

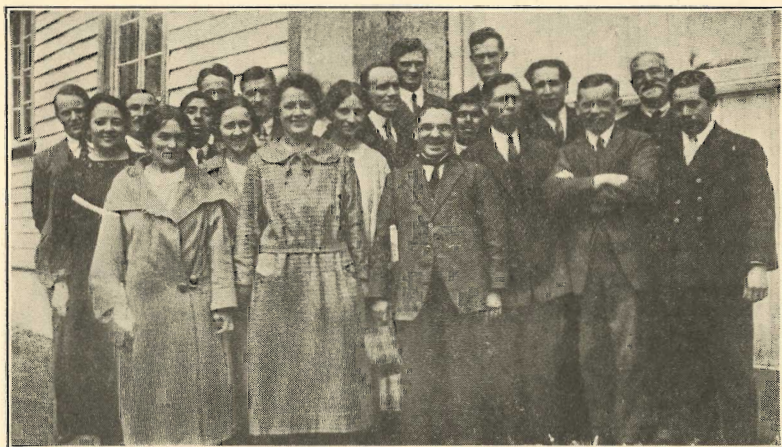
Brother Alexander writes: "Last year I was called upon in the latter part of April to leave our station and go to the Bible School in Wuchang. I was away for over four months and since then, I have been back for only a short time. I am now away again for three months and I suppose that I will be going again for a short time before the

summer ends, but that will not be for a long time. Therefore, in this unsettled condition, it is impossible to write a report. I am only filling in.

"I want to thank you much for your financial support and for the nice presents and literature which you have been sending me, which has been a great help in my work. This also reminds me that I have not been forgotten by you and I trust that you will continue to pray for me that the Lord's will may be done in my life. The devil is still alive and we have to fight our way through, especially so in these last days.

"We trust that you and your Association are continuing to receive much blessing and that the Lord is using you in His service. Time is short and what has to be done is the winding up of this work of preaching the Gospel to all the world.

"As a family we have grown since I last wrote to you; last June the Lord sent a little boy into our midst and, as the rest were girls, you can imagine that he was very welcome."



Chile.

Missionaries and Native Pastors at last Annual Conference at Puerto Montt.

CHILE

Rev. M. P. Zook
Mrs. M. P. Zook
Miss Anna LeFevre
Mrs. Nettie Meier

Brother Zook reports: "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work. Jno. 9:14.

"We have ever been conscious of the imminence of the coming of our Lord and ever on the alert to prepare a people for that coming. But within the year just closed world-wide events have transpired with such rapid succession and the echo has been felt with such unmistakable clearness even in South America. While recognizing that the South American Republics are backward in their progress, civilization and development, it must also be recognized that the past year has witnessed some movements which indicate that they are struggling for emancipation from age-long lethargy and stagnation. The political, social and commercial life of Chile has been convulsed and a continuous evolution has been in progress all the year which has kept the world powers on the alert

and expectation just to know where and how things would end. As a matter of fact they have not ended yet. No one can predict what the results will be nor what the future will bring forth.

"One of the most notable features of this evolution is the important part that Romanism has played. Ever since the exaltation of Mr. Alessandri to the presidency of the Republic, Rome began to mobilize its forces and organize its movements which finally culminated in the dethronement of the President of the Republic and the establishment of a military dictatorship for a time. In the beginning of the movement everyone asked and wondered whether Romanism or its interests were fomenting it. Even though the military authorities have repeatedly disclaimed all political motives and have declared that no pressure from the outside was brought to bear upon them, but that their motives



Chile.

Missionaries at Annual Conference in Puerto Montt.

were wholly for the benefit of the country and releasing it of political corruption.

"But the most ignorant can see after four months of rule with an iron hand that the conservatives and Romanism have received the lion's share of power and prominence as a result. No one disputes the fact that political corruption had paralyzed the vitals of the commercial and social activities of the country and every one sighed a sigh of relief at the prospect of a better day coming. Just as a certain class of people looked upon Mr. Alessandri as the new Messiah so they also looked upon this movement as marking a new era of prosperity and blessedness. In the beginning no one dared criticise nor even oppose the authorities.

"The Press either reported favorably, or if not, said nothing at all. Little by little the agitation began to become more pronounced. The papers waxed bold in their denunciation of certain political tendencies of the new regime. Little by little the regime also loosened its iron

grip on the situation and became less severe in the punishment of such as had the courage to criticise it. Now it is plainly seen that Romanism has been back of the movement and as new presidential elections have been called for, the conservative party has proclaimed its candidate. He is the incarnation of aristocracy, conservatism and despotism. Naturally the opposing forces are making ready for the fight. No one can predict the results. The elections should be held in March or April. Even though we know not what lies in store for the missionaries, but so far we have not been hindered in our work and we trust we shall not be in the future.

"The movement I have described speaks to us of the sign of the imminence of the coming of our Lord. We feel that His coming cannot be delayed very long.

"Our annual conference closed last week and it seemed to mark a new epoch in our history. The new arrangements in government and the realization on the part of the native workers of their responsibility in the evangelization of their country show that we are on the verge of a new era. The good feeling and harmony which prevailed at the conference between all made the days go by quickly and all the business was done with ease.

"During the year gone by steps were taken to impress the native church of the necessity of making greater efforts towards self support. As a result more money was contributed for that purpose. Besides as the congregations learned the blessedness of giving and in some cases sacrificing, two of these congregations have decided to increase their monthly quota for self support, in one case 50 per cent. and in the other 60 per cent. The pastor and congregation in these two cases themselves suggested their decision to make the increase. In a few other cases the quotas assigned the congregations were not reached.

"It must be remembered that Chile has been passing through a financial crisis and the salaries paid the common laborers are very small and they scarcely reach for even the barest necessities of life. The encouraging feature that in the cases where the increases have been made is where the people have steady work and where they are paid better. We are confident that this example will stimulate others to imitate their example. The general gifts during the year mark an increase of a little over 10 per cent. over last year.

"One of the most encouraging features of our work is the large increase of Sunday School scholars as well as of the schools. The increase of scholars is more than 4,000. Who can predict what the results will be of the faithful and systematic teaching of the Word of God to the youths of our Sunday Schools? One cause for this remarkable increase is the faithful and fruitful work of the students of our Bible Institute who spared no efforts to spread the gospel in villages, towns and country places. As a result numerous Sunday Schools were organized and numerous souls were saved.

"The crowning occasion of our Institute work were the graduating exercises of the first class of ten young people, the fruits of our labors for the past three years. Two of the graduates had already been received as pastors before and six of the other eight have also applied for a part in the evangelization of their country.

"The splendid building for our Institute is in process of construction and when finished can easily accommodate 50 students. The structure is of wood and brick and is really an honor to this city. We will still need at least \$5,000 to finish it and make it habitable.

"Our baptisms have increased over those of last year, being in all 109. We also have quite a large number under instruction for baptism. Evangelistic meetings have been held in nearly all of our stations and a few outstations during the year with very encouraging results.

"We have been encouraged by the coming of three new missionaries and one returned missionary to swell our depleted ranks. But we have also had to release four who have gone on furlough. As a whole, many advances have been made and our present positions strengthened during the year. We are making efforts to extend our work towards the south and reach the many islands to the south of us. Brethren, pray for us."

Brother Zook has come home on furlough. Sister Zook and the two boys have been home for about a year as Sister Zook's health had been failing very much. They are at present in California. We are hoping and praying for her speedy and complete recovery.

In Brother Zook's last letter he gives the following interesting facts: "We have 19 main stations where pastors are stationed with something over 50 out-stations which are being regularly attended by the pastors and students of the Institute. It will be of interest to you to know that our first class of ten men and women graduated from the Bible Institute. Most of them have applied for the work and the majority have been accepted as funds become available for that purpose. A special effort is being made now to get the funds for that purpose from the native churches themselves. It will demand about 700 pesos, or about \$90.00 American money, to support these new recruits, but already the churches have been responding to that need and the first month that the system was put into effect they got a little over four hundred pesos. This is an advance step and I am sure it will bring blessing and perchance the revival for which we have been praying in Chile.

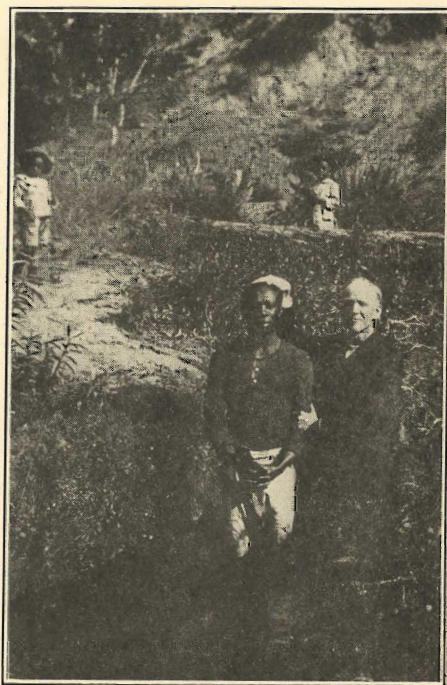
"Another notable advance during the past year was the larger attendance in our Sunday Schools. The former year recorded a little over 1200 enrolled in the Sunday Schools, but the last year records something over 1600. I do not have the exact figures but it is an increase for the year of over 400. The work of one of our new missionaries, Dorothy Thompson, who came to the field last April, has given its fruit already. She has been especially set apart for the organization and preparation of the teachers of our Sunday Schools. Since she already had a knowledge of the Spanish language when she came to us, she was able to begin her work at once. She has made a special study of Sunday School methods in the homeland and now she is in a position to give practical help in a matter where we were very deficient.

The average attendance was also much higher last year than in any previous year. Part of these results were also due to the work of the Bible students who were taught Sunday School methods in the Institute and they put those methods in practice at the stations where they visited and for which they were responsible. We also had 103 baptisms during the year and we have quite a large number of candidates for baptism and such who may be baptized during the course of the year.

"The culminating matter of recent happening was the visit of our Secretary, Brother Dinwiddie. His visit and counsel and messages to the workers were so much appreciated and it just brought new life and inspiration to the missionaries as well as to the native workers."

ECUADOR

Rev. H. W. Feldges Brother Feldges reports good courage and the blessing of God resting upon the work. However, the persecution from fanatical Romanists is very heavy and the progress is slow. They both request the earnest prayers of all the dear ones in the homeland for their daughter, Grace, who is afflicted physically. She teaches a class in Sunday School and is as active in the Lord's work as her health permits. Let us all pray for her complete recovery. In one of his letters Brother Feldges writes:



Ecuador.
Brother Feldges baptizing Brother John
Quiones. Two of his children in the
background.

"We must write to tell you that the Reports came along all right, but the Diaries did not. We fear if you have sent them again, they may have gone astray as before. Especially when you realize the state of the country at present.

"The main railroad belongs to an American company, who have been very unpopular. There was a terrible washout just as they go up the mountain and the damage is so great that now, after a month, it is far from repaired. It may be two more months before we have a train again from the coast. In the meantime the mail is brought overland and we get mighty little. We surmise that whole sacks are lost. So if

the Diaries are again lost, why, we will just praise God and take courage, for things might be worse.

"The Government has bought the controlling shares of the railroad company but now the people are saying it was a bad deal and may cause a revolution and upset the Government, which we truly hope God will not permit. For, if they do, it will very likely be the Conservatives in power again. All foreigners are unwelcome in these parts, but the Americans are hated and we missionaries, well, the priests have the people so worked up that at any given moment they might incite the people to mob us straightway. But God is over all and all these things are not against us, as Jacob said, but all work together for good. Praise



Ecuador.

John Quiones' family, all for Jesus
Faithful standbys, "Such a comfort to us,"
says Brother Feldges.

His name! I should add that if anything is to be sent to us, the safest way is to send by Registered First Class Mail. This then can be traced and a claim sent in to the Post Office authorities.

"I am sending a photograph of the baptismal party of February 22, when two of our most devoted people followed the Lord in this step. I have two more, which I will send later, rather than risk their loss in the mail at one time.

"But these folks, six in the family, have gone to the Province of Elmeraldas, on the coast. Our hope is that they will be used of God to the salvation of many there. One of our brethren was suffering with consumption and, although he was spared to us for over a year, the Lord saw fit to take him a few months ago. They tell us he left a fine

testimony with his people. He died about a week after he left us. May the Lord bless his people to their salvation. Amen ——!

"There are a few others coming along slowly. We ask an interest in your prayers for them and their eternal welfare.

"The day before yesterday, an old man got into conversation with me along the highway. He wanted to know my nationality. I told him and gave him a tract and off he went after his donkey. He was stopped by a number of rowdies, who demanded that he give up his tract. This he positively refused to do. There were about a half a dozen cattle drovers on horse-back and he alone on foot, but he stuck to his precious tract. I saw the affair and those wicked fellows, seeing me looking on,



Ecuador.

After baptism, February 22, 1925.

thought they had better let him go, for I might be a witness against them should they injure the poor fellow.

"You can see how hard it is for these folks to follow the true Gospel. Five of the six that have been baptized are faithful. Two have left for the coast. One has tuberculosis and, unless God helps, may not be with us very long.

"New souls come but many turn back because they do not want to pay the price. Our people are terribly persecuted. Four have been locked up at different times, but only for a night or a few hours. One because he refused to take off his hat when the procession of the holy water passed by. The last one was put in to save him from the fury of the mob. This was in a town about nine miles from here. The priest told him he and all of us Protestants should be burned in the open square, etc.

"You see, the people get this all done before the authorities can appear on the scene. Our literature is penetrating and filtering through and some day there will be a turning to the living and true God. Amen!"

"One missionary had a stone thrown at him, which broke his eyeglasses. A colporter had a hammer thrown at him, which hit him in the face but doing little damage. The first happened in Quito and the other in Rio Bamba, the two largest places on the railroad. Our town is third. But conditions are about the same in all three places.

"We cannot blame the believers for going to Guayaquil, for there everything is different. Here they can hardly get a room to live in, much less work, and to have the missionaries support them, even though it be indirectly, is poor principle.

"There could be a more intensive warfare waged on the enemy, perhaps, but it will be ever so much harder on the believers, who often are very timid, not to say afraid, especially in the beginning. So we try most everything, but realize the most important is prayer. Brethren, pray for us!"

Under date of May 24, 1925, Brother Feldges reports:

"I thought I'd write you a few lines today, and enclose a photograph, trusting God to help, that you may receive it in due time.

"Things are about the same as when I wrote you a few weeks ago.

"The train hasn't gone through to Guayaquil as yet. But for one place, a bridge, I think, the road-bed has been replaced. Still it must settle, for the rains have not ceased and the river is still quite dangerous.

"We miss, so much, the traffic of passengers to and from the Capital. Our tract supply is running very low, for it seems a good many packages have gone astray

"In the meantime the Conservatives are stirring up the people against the Government and, of course, we get our share of abuse. The other week they mobbed me in a town called Santa Rosa. My tracts were pulled out of my hands and the people were just about to throw stones, etc., but God gave me some friends and they led me out of the town. So I escaped unhurt. Praise God!

"Last week another Missionary and I went there again, but they were comparatively quiet. Still we could hear them make remarks that we were dogs and pigs, etc. So the fight goes on. Every inch of ground must be fought over and even after it has been won, you must contend to keep it.

"In Quito the agitation is so bad that the authorities have forbidden our brethren holding open air services, something they have been privileged to do for many years. One of our families we must rent a part of our house to, for the people, neighbors, have made life almost unbearable for them.

"People who are quite convinced of the truth as it is in Jesus are afraid to take a stand and suffer with the people of God. They need your prayers. Their work is taken from them, their families disown and disinherit them, etc.

"Hold the ropes tightly, Brethren. Some day, when Jesus comes, we'll win and rejoice together 'bringing in the sheaves'."

Instead of reporting the Allowances from January first to January first, as had been our method for a number of years, this report, with a few exceptions, includes allowances from January 1, 1925, to October 1, 1925, or a period of nine months. After this the fiscal year of the Foreign Missionary account will run from October first to October first, like all our other accounts.

Allowances, January 1, 1925, to October 1, 1925

(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

Palestine—

Rev. E. O. Jago.....	\$ 540 00	
Miss Mary A. Butterfield.....	540 00	
		\$ 1,080 00

Africa—

Rev. E. E. Crist.....	\$ 270 00	
Mrs. E. E. Crist.....	270 00	
Rev. E. R. Hess.....	270 00	
Rev. M. E. Barter.....	270 00	
Rev. W. P. Darling.....	270 00	
Rev. H. L. Pierson.....	270 00	
		1,620 00

India—

Rev. E. R. Carner.....	\$ 311 25	
Mrs. E. R. Carner.....	311 25	
Rev. Samuel Kerr.....	311 25	
Mrs. Samuel Kerr.....	311 25	
Rev. C. A. Gustafson.....	311 25	
		1,556 25

West China and Tibet—

Rev. C. F. Snyder.....	\$ 300 00	
Mrs. C. F. Snyder.....	300 00	
Rev. Wm. Christie.....	300 00	
Rev. W. N. Ruhl.....	300 00	
Miss Anna Hauptberg.....	300 00	
		1,500 00

Central China—

Rev. B. H. Alexander.....	\$ 300 00	
Rev. M. E. Ekval.....	300 00	
Rev. D. P. Olson.....	300 00	
		900 00

Indo-China—

Rev. W. C. Cadman.....	\$ 495 00	
Mrs. W. C. Cadman.....	495 00	
Rev. R. M. Jackson.....	495 00	
Rev. H. A. Jackson.....	495 00	
		1,980 00

Chile—

Rev. M. P. Zook.....	\$ 270 00	
Mrs. M. P. Zook.....	270 00	
Miss Anna LeFevre.....	270 00	
Mrs. Nettie Meier.....	270 00	
Igacio Riveros.....	150 00	
Innocenio Gomez.....	150 00	
Dionisio Oyarzun.....	150 00	
		1,530 00

Ecuador—

Rev. H. W. Feldges.....	\$ 315 00	
Mrs. H. W. Feldges.....	315 00	
		630 00
		\$ 10,796 25

Allowances, January 1, 1925, to December 31, 1925

(Africa Inland Mission)

Africa, Belgian Congo, Northeast—

Rev. Harry Stam.....	\$ 450 00	
Mrs. Harry Stam.....	450 00	
		900 00

(United Missionary Society)

Africa, Nigeria—

Joseph Ummel	\$ 400 00	
Paul Ummel	400 00	
		800 00

Total\$ 12,496 25

Miscellaneous

Printing and binding 2000 copies of Regions Beyond for 1924	\$ 255 00	
Half-tones for the above.....	161 11	
Postage on the above.....	9 68	
Diaries, including postage.....	23 61	
Board Meetings	10 06	
Donations to Missionaries.....	72 50	
Donation to Treasurer.....	50 00	
		581 96
Total		\$ 13,078 21

We again desire to thank our Presiding Elders and Pastors for their deep interest in the work in the "Regions Beyond," as also our faithful members throughout the Conference who have contributed so liberally, many at actual sacrifice, in order to support so many representatives on the various foreign fields. Besides this, we also express our appreciation to the many of our friends, who, though not members of our Church, have felt it a safe investment to assist in supporting liberally a work that stands four square for the Word of God in its entirety, for a holy life and entire separation from the world in these days of "modernism" and "departing from the faith." The Lord is opening the eyes of many such in these days. The Lord bless them.

CONCLUSION

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 Bethlehem, Pa., October 15-19, 1925, 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.

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(a) Palestine

Butterfield Miss Mary A.	C. & M. A. Mission, Box 50, Jerusalem, Palestine.
Jago, Rev. E. O.	690 Eighth Ave., N. Y. (Home on furlough.)

(b) Africa

Barter, Rev. M. E.	Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa.
Crist, Rev. E. E.	Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa.
Crist, Mrs. E. E.	Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa.
Darling, Rev. W. P.	Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa.
Hess, Rev. E. R.	Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa.
Pierson, Rev. H. L.	Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa.
Stam, Harry	Aba, Congo, via Khartoum and Rejaf, Sudan.
Stam, Mrs. Harry	Aba, Congo, via Khartoum and Rejaf, Sudan.
Ummel, Joseph	Salka, Kantagora Province, Nigeria, West Africa.
Ummel, Paul	Salka, Kantagora Province, Nigeria, West Africa.

(c) India

Carner, Rev. E. R. }	Akola, Berar, India.
Carner, Mrs. E. R. }	
Kerr, Rev. Samuel }	Sanand, Gujarat, B. P., India.
Kerr, Mrs. Samuel }	

(d) Western China

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

(e) Central China

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Ekvall, Rev. M. E.	Wuchang, Central China.
Olson, Rev. D. P.	Wuchang, Central China.

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Cadman, Mrs. Wm. C. }	French Indo-China.
Jackson, Rev. R. M.	Haiphong, French Indo-China.
Jackson, Rev. H. A.	Cantho, Cochinchina, French Indo-China.

(g) Chile, S. A.

LeFevre, Miss Anna	Casilla, 57, Valdivia, Chile, S. A.
Meier, Mrs. Nettie	Victoria, Chile, S. A.
Zook, Rev. M. P. }	317 Mission Road, Glendale, Calif.
Zook, Mrs. M. P. }	

(h) Ecuador, S. A.

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

FORMS OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE**BEQUEST**

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

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DEVISE

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

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

VALUABLE INFORMATION

UNITED STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL STATISTICS 1924

Per Capita Gifts

Communion	Budget Benevolences	Congregational Expenses	All Purposes	Membership
1 United Presbyterian	\$15.28	\$20.11	\$36.92	165,186
2 Presbyterian U. S. (S)	9.11	18.45	31.82	438,818
3 Moravian, North	8.31	13.74	22.05	17,465
4 Reformed in America	6.73	22.70	31.55	142,609
5 Presbyterian U. S. A. (N).....	5.84	22.38	31.88	1,786,898
6 Baptist, North	5.76	17.42	23.88	1,368,867
7 Presbyterian in Canada	5.74	17.68	24.04	374,951
8 Methodist in Canada	5.30	17.59	23.25	414,047
9 Christian	5.21	8.87	14.08	92,833
10 Methodist Episcopal†	4.87	19.08	24.78	3,895,434
11 Protestant Episcopal	4.72	26.42	32.38	1,156,207
12 Lutheran Synodical Conf.*.....	4.58	12.74	17.36	799,817
13 Evangelical Church*	4.08	21.91	28.89	208,684
14 Lutheran, Except 12, 19*.....	3.95	12.27	16.22	927,829
15 Church of Brethren	3.92	10.47	14.39	113,930
16 Baptist in Canada	3.90	14.50	18.40	137,812
17 United Brethren	3.74	13.34	17.08	369,725
18 Congregational	3.69	21.20	29.36	861,168
19 United Lutheran*	3.69	14.33	18.02	839,279
20 Reformed, United States	3.48	12.64	16.38	342,206
21 Baptist, South	2.72	7.17	8.88	3,494,189
22 Disciples of Christ	2.38	9.49	11.87	1,358,890
23 Methodist Protestant	1.97	11.40	13.38	186,557
24 Methodist Episcopal (S)	1.40		16.05	2,415,174
24 Communions	\$4.11	†\$15.76	\$20.68	21,909,675
Mennonite Brethren in Christ Penna. Conf.**	22.54	49.85	72.39	2,417

*Figures for the United States and Canada.

†Not including Methodist Episcopal, South.

**This item has been added by the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Penna. Conference.

XIV.—Ministerial Convention (Semi-Annual)

The Twenty-second Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of the Pennsylvania Conference, for the conference year 1924-25, convened in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, Broad and McFerran Streets, Philadelphia, on April 9, 1925.

Both of our Presiding Elders, as well as all the pastors, together with many of their families, were present, also a number of the Gospel Heralds. The forenoon meeting opened at ten o'clock with singing and prayer, 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 B. Bryan Musselman.

Pastor J. G. Shireman, of Shamokin, was Chairman and Pastor P. T. Stengele, of Scranton, recorded the minutes.

The Chairman appointed the following Committees:

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS—W. G. Gehman, E. N. Cassel and B. Bryan Musselman.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION—H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner and F. M. Hottel.

TIME-KEEPER—E. E. Kublic.

Two addresses were made during the afternoon meeting, as follows:

"The Preacher as an Example of Faith," by W. F. Heffner, of Quakertown, Pa.

"The One Great Need of the Church and How to Promote It," by E. N. Cassel, of Graterford, Pa.

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

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

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

"The Home Department of the Sunday School," by Pastor F. M. Hottel.

"Successful Sunday School Work," by Pastor B. Bryan Musselman.

Both of these addresses were strong presentations of the truths so much needed in these days.

The Pastor, C. H. Brunner, and the people of the Philadelphia class spared no means and labor to provide for the comfort and entertainment of the Convention and friends. The weather was fair and attendance was excellent, quite a number coming from various fields throughout the Conference.

The Committee that arranged for the program of the day consisted of H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and C. H. Brunner.

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

XV.—Ministerial Convention (Annual)

The Thirty-fifth Annual Ministerial Convention of the Pennsylvania Conference convened in Ebenezer Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, corner Main and Durham Streets, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, at 10 a.m., Wednesday, October 14, 1925.

The Chairman, G. F. Yost, of Emaus, Pa., opened the Convention by singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," followed by prayer by W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Mount Carmel District. Pastor F. B. Hertzog recorded the minutes.

The Presiding Elders of both districts and nearly all the pastors and delegates, as well as a number of Gospel Heralds, were present from the opening of the first meeting.

The Chair appointed the following Committees:

COMMITTEE TO READ THE MINUTES—E. E. Kublic and W. F. Heffner.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS—W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner and E. N. Cassel.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION—H. B. Musselman, J. G. Shireman and B. Bryan Musselman.

REPORTER—R. L. Woodring.

TIMEKEEPER—J. B. Layne.

The Chairman of the Annual Conference, Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, was then given charge of the rest of the forenoon session. He gave us a profitable and timely message on the "Tear Life of the Apostle Paul" as an example for all pastors today, basing his remarks upon the following verses: Philippians 3:18, 2 Corinthians 2:4, Acts 20:19 and Acts 20:31, after which the forenoon session was closed.

AFTERNOON MEETING

The afternoon meeting was opened at 2 o'clock with singing, led by Pastor R. L. Woodring, of Coopersburg, Pa., and prayer by R. W. Dickert, of Sunbury, Pa.

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

"The Work of a Successful Pastor," by Pastor J. B. Layne, of Easton, Pa.

"The Pastor as a Student," by Pastor P. T. Stengele, of Scranton, Pa.

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

The Committee on Publication recommended that these essays be published in the *Gospel Banner*.

EVENING SERVICE

The evening 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:

"The Prayer Life of Jesus," by Pastor C. H. Brunner, of Philadelphia, Pa.

"The Power of the Word," by Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, of Allentown, Pa.

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

We were also very much favored with special selections in song by the Bethlehem Mixed Chorus and the Bethlehem Male Quartet, which were an inspiration to the service. Although it was raining quite some during the day, the attendance was excellent all day. The Committee which had arranged the program for the day consisted of H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and F. M. Hottel.

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

XVI.—Sunday School Convention (Bethlehem District)

The Thirty-seventh Annual Sunday School Convention was announced, to be held in the Auditorium in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., on Memorial Day, May 30, 1925, but as extensive building operations were going on at the time and the new auditorium was far from completed, it was decided to have no Sunday School Convention on this District this year. The evening service of the Semi-annual Ministerial Convention, held in Salem M. B. C. Church, Philadelphia, on April 9, 1925, was devoted to Sunday School work, as is seen by referring to the report of that Convention.

XVII.—Sunday School Convention (Mount Carmel District)

The Thirty-seventh Annual Sunday School Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of the Pennsylvania Conference, Mt. Carmel District, convened in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, 1021-23 Taylor Avenue, Scranton, Pa., May 20, 1925.

The Presiding Elder, W. G. Gehman, all of the Pastors on the District, leaders of the Gospel Herald Society Missions where there are Sunday Schools, Superintendents, Delegates and Essayists, were present. Pastors F. M. Hottel, J. C. Roth, F. B. Hertzog, G. F. Yost, W. F. Heffner, and A. G. Woodring, of the Bethlehem District, were present.

The following Gospel Heralds were present: E. George, C. G. Hartzell, E. B. Hartman, A. Johnson, J. W. Penn, Paul E. Baer, C. L. Miller, G. M. Reinbold, H. N. Foulk, J. B. Henry, A. M. Sprock, P. S. Taylor.

The Committee on Program consisted of W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman and P. T. Stengele.

Pastor J. B. Layne, of Easton, Pa., was Chairman of the Convention, and Pastor R. W. Dickert, of Sunbury, 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 E. H. Musselman.

Committee on Statistics—R. W. Dickert, M. M. Myers and W. R. Stengele.

Committee on Publication—W. G. Gehman, P. T. Stengele and R. Bergstresser.

Committee on Resolutions—J. G. Shireman, V. H. Reinhart and E. J. Rutman.

Committee on Auditing—J. F. Barrall and N. M. Cressman.

Committee to Read the Minutes—J. T. Anderson and J. H. Bruch.

Time Keeper—E. J. Rutman.

Reporter—T. D. Gehret.

The Superintendents of the fifteen Sunday Schools represented submitted their Oral, Statistical and Financial reports, limited to five minutes each.

The 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 Pastor J. C. Roth, of Reading, Pa.

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:

"Qualifications of a Successful Sunday School Superintendent," by Paul E. Baer, of Philadelphia, Pa.

"Influences Operating against Sunday School Work," by J. B. Layne, Easton, Pa.

Discussion: "The Advisability of Giving Presents and Rewards," by R. W. Dickert, Sunbury, Pa.

The essays and discussions were very practical and instructive. Both of these essays were recommended to be published in the *Gospel Banner*. The afternoon session closed with benediction by Pastor F. M. Hottel, of Bethlehem, Pa.

EVENING SERVICE

The evening service was in charge of Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman. After an inspiring song service there were three fifteen-minute addresses, as follows:

"Sunday School Work and its Influences," by T. D. Gehret, Philadelphia, Pa.

"Christian Literature," by E. E. Kublic, Stroudsburg, Pa.

"The Relation Between the Members' Children and the Pastor," by J. G. Shireman, Shamokin, Pa.

The class and friends of the Scranton M. B. C. Church entertained the Convention most cordially under the able leadership of P. T. Stengele, the Pastor.

Ample refreshments were served the members and friends of the Convention in Mechler's Hall.

The church was crowded all day. Large delegations came from far and near.

A number of excellent and spiritual selections were rendered by the Gospel Heralds and also by the Gehman Sisters throughout the day. The Convention was a source of blessing and encouragement to all who attended.

Statistics

Sunday Schools Represented, 15.

Officers enrolled	96
Teachers enrolled	164
Scholars enrolled	1691
Total enrollment	1951
Home Department Members	786
Cradle Roll	255

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

Report of the Treasurer**Receipts**

May 21, 1924, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 7 88	
Received at this Convention.....	268 39	
		\$276 27

Expenses

Expenses for this Convention.....	\$267 68	
May, 20, 1925, Balance in Treasury.....	8 59	
		\$276 27

E. E. Kublic, Treasurer

J. B. Layne, Chairman,

R. W. Dickert, Secretary.

XVIII.—General Conference Report**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL CONFERENCE
EXPENSES****(a) Receipts**

Received from General Conference Treasurer.....	\$438 20	
Received from Annual Conference Apportionment.....	491 21	
Received from Home Mission Fund.....	7 82	\$937 23

(b) Expenditures

Paid to Anthony B. Yoder.....	\$288 00	
Paid as a Donation to C. I. Scott.....	65 00	
Expenses of Delegates to General Conference.....	584 23	\$937 23

B. Bryan Musselman,

C. H. Brunner,

E. N. Cassel,

Committee.

XIX.—Conference Report**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO COMPILE A
REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE AND SUNDAY SERVICES
FOR THE "GOSPEL BANNER"**

The Forty-second session of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, convened in Ebenezer Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, corner Main and Durham Streets, Bethlehem, Pa., October 15-19, 1925.

Every one of the ministers in the active work and all the delegates were present.

The oral, statistical and financial reports of the Presiding Elders and Pastors from the whole field were of great interest. Many were saved, baptized and added to the church.

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

Two camp meetings were held in Mizpah Grove, with 233 and 282 tents, respectively. Another was held in Shamokin, with 155 tents. The attendance at these great summer gatherings have been larger than ever.

The Sunday Schools are in a healthy condition.

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. Our Conference contributed \$9,353.46 for Home Missions, to be used in the Church and in the Gospel Herald Society besides what was contributed for the Gospel Workers' Society.

Foreign Mission Work

The Conference is greatly interested in Foreign Missionary Work. *Thirty-five* 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 \$16,946.08 for the cause, of which \$8,448.58 has been contributed by the Churches and \$8,497.50 by the Sunday Schools.

The offerings for all purposes throughout the Conference amounted to a grand total of \$175,747.40.

Officers for 1926

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. H. B. Musselman was elected Chairman and C. H. Brunner elected Secretary of the next Annual Conference, and Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer.

Appointments and Announcements

The following changes were made by the Stationing Committee:

Reading—E. N. Cassel.

Allentown (Salem) and Coopersburg—F. B. Hertzog.

Graterford and Harleysville—W. F. Heffner.

Quakertown and Hatfield—J. B. Layne.

Nazareth—R. L. Woodring.

Mt. Carmel—E. E. Kublic.

Easton—P. T. Stengele.

Stroudsburg—V. H. Reinhart.

Lehigh and Weissport—J. C. Roth.

Scranton—T. D. Gehret.

Wissinoming—R. Bergstresser.

The Sunday School Convention of the Bethlehem District is announced for Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., May 31, 1926, and of the Mt. Carmel District, at Easton, Pa., on May 19, 1926.

Two Camp Meetings will be held in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, and one in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa.

The Semi-annual Ministerial Convention shall meet in the M. B. in C. Church, Tenth Street, near Oley, Reading, Pa., on April 14, 1926.

The Annual Ministerial Convention is announced for October 13, 1926, in Bethel Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, 526-30 North Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa., and the Annual Conference to open on the following day at the same place.

Sunday Services

The services throughout the day were largely attended.

The Conference sermon was preached by Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, Chairman of the Annual Conference, who, in a forceful manner, set forth the privileges, the qualifications, as well as the duties of

the minister of the Gospel, using as a basis for his remarks I Tim. 1-12.

In the afternoon, W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District, preached the Ordination sermon, taking for his subject the "Relationship of the Holy Spirit with the Christian Worker," setting forth clearly the need of the Christian worker's dependence upon the Holy Spirit for his equipment for service, basing his remarks on I Tim. 4:14-16. T. D. Gehret and F. B. Hertzog were ordained. The Holy Spirit manifested His presence in a marvelous manner in many hearts.

In the evening service we had three fifteen-minute addresses, as follows: First, "The More Abundant Life in Christ," by R. L. Woodring, of Nazareth, Pa. Second, "Our Attitude Toward the World," by C. H. Brunner, of Philadelphia, Pa. Third, "The Tenderness of Christ," by B. Bryan Musselman, of Allentown, Pa.

The Bethlehem Mixed Chorus, Male Chorus and Male Quartet rendered a number of excellent selections which were much appreciated.

The Pastor, F. M. Hottel, and members of the Bethlehem Class spared no time and labor to provide for the comfort and entertainment of the many who came from far and near to enjoy the blessings of this great annual gathering.

E. N. Cassel,
A. G. Woodring,
J. G. Shireman,
Committee.

XX.—Conference Treasurer

(A) Executive Board

Receipts

September 18, 1924, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 4,251 31	
Received during Year.....	20,587 48	\$ 24,838 79

Expenditures

Expended during Year.....	\$ 22,712 74	
October 5, 1925, Balance in Treasury.....	2,126 05	\$ 24,838 79

(B) Board of Foreign Missions

Receipts

September 18, 1924, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 18,306 74	
Received during Year.....	17,040 93	\$ 35,347 67

Expenditures

Expended during Year.....	\$ 25,078 21	
October 5, 1925, Balance in Treasury.....	10,269 46	\$ 35,347 67

(C) The Home

Receipts

September 9, 1924, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 1,921 56	
Received during Year.....	14,216 94	\$ 16,138 50

Expenditures

Expended during Year.....	\$ 12,715 78	
September 22, 1925, Balance in Treasury.....	3,422 72	\$ 16,138 50

(D) Board of Publication and Printing

Receipts

September 18, 1924, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 433 31	
Received during Year.....	748 45	\$ 1,181 76

Expenditures

Expended during Year.....	\$ 1,103 02	
October 5, 1925, Balance in Treasury.....	78 74	\$ 1,181 76

(E) Home Missions

Receipts

September 25, 1924, Received at Annual Conference.....	\$ 8,886 65
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Expenditures

October 5, 1925, Expended during the Year.....	\$ 8,886 65
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Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer.

XXI.—Announcements for 1926

(A) SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

(a) Report of the Committee to Organize for the Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention for 1926

This Convention shall convene in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., on Memorial Day, May 31, 1926.

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 Musselman 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.

C. H. Brunner, Chairman,
F. M. Hottel, Secretary.

(b) Report of the Committee to Organize for the Mt. Carmel District Sunday School Convention for 1926

This Convention shall convene at Easton, Pa., Wednesday, May 19, 1926.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, J. G. Shireman; Secretary, T. D. Gehret; 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 meetings shall be held, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon.

The advisability of having an evening service shall be left to the

discretion of the Committee on Program.

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,

R. W. Dickert, Secretary.

(B) MINISTERIAL CONVENTIONS

(a) Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention

This Convention is announced to convene in the M. B. in C. Church, Tenth and Oley Streets, Reading, Pa., on Thursday, April 14, 1926.

Chairman, F. M. Hottel; Secretary, A. G. Woodring.

Committee on Program—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and E. N. Cassel.

(b) Annual Ministerial Convention

This Convention is announced to convene in Bethel M. B. in C. Church, 526-530 N. Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa., October 13, 1926.

Chairman, C. H. Brunner; Secretary, J. C. Roth.

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

(C) READING COURSE

Studies for 1925-1926

(a) First Semi-Annual Studies

First Year's Course

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, Walker. Chap. 1-5.

All About the Bible, Collett.

Church History.

Second Year's Course

Reformed Pastor.

Bible, Hebrews.

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, Walker, Chap. 6-12.

Church History.

Third Year's Course

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, Walker, Chap. 13-end.

Knowing the Scripture, Pierson, Chap. 28-end.

Nelson on Infidelity.

Church History.

(b) Second Semi-Annual Studies

First Year's Course

Lessons in Holiness.

Church History.

Bible, John, Chapters 13-17; I Timothy.

Second Year's Course

Knowing the Scriptures, Pierson, Chap. 1-27.
Divine Art of Preaching, Pierson.
Bible, Second Timothy.
Church History.

Third Year's Course

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

The first examination shall be held in Reading, Pa., Monday, April 12, 1926, at 7 p.m.

The second examination shall be held at Allentown, Pa., Monday, October 11, 1926.

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

Board.

(D) CAMP MEETINGS

Bethlehem District

Bethlehem Division, Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., July 3 to 11, 1926, comprising Bethlehem, Reading, Fleetwood, Blandon, Terre Hill, Royersford, Spring City, Nazareth, Walnutport, Northampton, Quakertown, Hatfield, Lehighton and Weissport. Chairman, F. M. Hottel; Secretary, A. G. Woodring; Treasurer, E. N. Cassel.

Allentown Division, Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., August 21 to 29, 1926, comprising Allentown (Bethel), Philadelphia, Emaus, Macungie, Zionsville, Coopersburg, Allentown (Salem), Graterford and Harleysville. Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; Treasurer, G. F. Yost.

Mt. Carmel District

Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., July 24 to August 1, 1926, comprising Easton, Stroudsburg, Scranton, Shamokin, Sunbury, Mt. Carmel and Wissinoming. Chairman, J. G. Shireman; Secretary, P. T. Stengele; Treasurer, R. W. Dickert.

(E) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Forty-third Annual Conference Session shall convene, should the Lord tarry, in Bethel M. B. in C. Church, 526-530 North Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa., at 8 a.m., October 14, 1926.

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

XXII.—Financial Report

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Receipts from September 25, 1924, to October 15, 1925

Appointments	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Foreign Mission in S. S.	For the Poor	Annual Conference Fund	Total
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.						
Allentown, Bethel	\$ 915.00	\$ 879.00	\$ 518.68	\$ 30.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 2,366.68
Bethlehem	719.75	762.00	956.21	25.00	20.00	2,482.96
Emaus	615.50	552.25	358.68	25.70	13.00	1,565.13
Macungie	164.75	191.75	164.88	19.50	5.56	546.44
Zionsville	363.00	300.00	248.35	21.50	6.15	939.00
Philadelphia	760.25	943.00	225.27	36.25	21.00	1,985.77
Reading	486.00	392.50	297.52	28.45	16.25	1,220.72
Fleetwood	258.75	270.50	132.14	7.65	6.12	675.16
Blandon	146.00	75.25	56.39	4.50	2.75	284.89
Terre Hill	340.71	311.47	118.00	11.25	7.00	788.43
Spring City	282.50	215.50	278.43	10.08	7.50	794.01
Royersford	380.75	344.60	387.32	16.50	12.15	1,141.32
Graterford	233.25	180.00	262.05	19.05	7.25	701.60
Harleysville	142.15	121.75	65.21	8.15	4.45	341.71
Northampton	181.30	118.00	110.96	8.77	6.60	425.63
Walnutport	98.75	95.75	67.73	8.95	3.30	274.48
Coopersburg	488.25	435.00	204.51	13.42	13.75	1,154.93
Allentown, Salem	284.00	247.75	198.00	22.76	5.95	758.46
Quakertown	420.25	264.00	188.44	18.00	9.00	899.69
Nazareth	281.30	237.10	124.13	8.05	6.50	657.08
Total	\$7,562.21	\$6,937.17	\$4,962.90	\$343.53	\$198.28	\$20,004.09
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.						
Shamokin	\$ 346.75	\$ 242.51	\$ 91.13	\$ 12.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 697.89
Easton	504.00	584.00	310.51	12.48	7.71	1,418.70
Sunbury	224.00	149.75	93.78	14.71	11.63	493.87
Stroudsburg	170.00	160.75	195.66	13.25	11.70	551.36
Lehighton	173.25	61.65	91.26	10.00	4.75	340.91
Weissport .....	.....	.....	43.21	.....	.....	43.21
Scranton	232.00	150.50	360.67	12.00	12.06	767.23
Mt. Carmel	141.25	162.25	83.20	7.00	4.70	398.40
Gospel Herald Society. ....	.....	.....	2,265.18	.....	.....	2,265.18
Total	\$1,791.25	\$1,511.41	\$3,534.60	\$ 81.44	\$ 58.05	\$ 6,976.75
Grand Total	\$9,353.46	\$8,448.58	\$8,497.50	\$424.97	\$256.33	\$26,980.84

F. M. Hottel,
H. L. Moyer,Allen M. Gehman,
G. O. Billig,

Committee.

XXIII.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—A.

Appointments	Ministers and Officers										Membership										Pastoral Visits	Sermons Preached	Appointments	Sunday Schools Visited									
	Pastor	Presiding Elders	Missionary P. E.	Ordained Ministers	Probationers	Applicants for An. Conf. Licenses	Q. C. Licensed	Preachers & Evangelists	Deacons	Class Leaders	Stewards	Rent Collectors	Baptized	Members not Baptized	Children Dedicated	Received into Church Fellowship	Received by Transfer	Total Increase	Died	Withdrawn					Dropped	Transferred	Total Decrease	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Total Membership			
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.																																	
Allentown, Bethel	B. B. Musselman	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	13	16	16	12	14	26	6	6	5	3	9	17	5	292	1	171	287	84	49
Bethlehem	F. M. Hottel	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	5	7	7	6	1	5	3	3	4	12	13	5	248	1	155	230	72	47	
Emahus	G. F. Yost	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	5	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	1	10	13	8	113	1	65	275	68	9	
Macungie	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	5	39	44	65	25	3	
Zionsville	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	42	49	45	20	2	
Philadelphia	C. H. Brunner	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	9	16	16	12	14	18	4	4	2	2	2	12	189	189	163	423	132	48	
Reading	J. C. Roth	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	9	16	16	12	14	18	4	4	2	2	2	12	189	189	163	423	132	48	
Fleetwood	A. G. Woodring	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	37	48	51	128	23	18	
Blandon	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	48	48	51	128	23	18	
Terre Hill	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	48	48	51	128	23	18	
Spring City	N. H. Wolf	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	56	56	102	202	42	14	
Royersford	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	67	67	102	202	42	14	
Graterford	E. N. Cassel	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	66	66	102	202	42	14	
Harleysville	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	66	66	102	202	42	14	
Northampton	H. K. Kratz	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	66	66	102	202	42	14	
Walnutport	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	66	66	102	202	42	14	
Coopersburg	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	66	66	102	202	42	14	
Allentown, Salem	R. L. Woodring	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	66	66	102	202	42	14	
Quakertown	O. S. Hillegass	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	66	66	102	202	42	14	
Hadfield	W. F. Heffner	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	66	66	102	202	42	14	
Nazareth	F. B. Hertzog	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	66	66	102	202	42	14	
Total		1	14	1	1	1	1	5	137	36	36	71	77	75	35	110	28	5	53	32	118	56	64	177	21	1896	4606	1082	637				
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																																	
Shamokin	J. G. Shireman	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	36	3	3	3	5	18	2	2	4	2	8	10	4	185	1	180	575	120	51
Easton	J. B. Layne	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	36	3	3	3	5	18	2	2	4	2	8	10	4	185	1	180	575	120	51
Sunbury	R. W. Dickert	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	36	3	3	3	5	18	2	2	4	2	8	10	4	185	1	180	575	120	51
Stroudsburg	E. E. Kubic	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	36	3	3	3	5	18	2	2	4	2	8	10	4	185	1	180	575	120	51
Lehighton	V. H. Reinhart	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	36	3	3	3	5	18	2	2	4	2	8	10	4	185	1	180	575	120	51
Weissport	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	36	3	3	3	5	18	2	2	4	2	8	10	4	185	1	180	575	120	51
Scranton	P. T. Stengle	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	36	3	3	3	5	18	2	2	4	2	8	10	4	185	1	180	575	120	51
Mt. Carmel	R. Bergstresser	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	36	3	3	3	5	18	2	2	4	2	8	10	4	185	1	180	575	120	51
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	36	3	3	3	5	18	2	2	4	2	8	10	4	185	1	180	575	120	51
Total		1	9	9	1	1	1	1	14	16	16	199	7	52	84	3	87	4	18	8	30	61	4	624	8	4242	4645	986	705				
Presiding Elders.	G. W. S. Miss., etc.	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	63	475				
Grand Total		2	12	10	1	1	1	1	6	15	15	270	7	129	159	40	199	83	5	71	40	149	118	63	247	29	5613	9251	12063	1342			

XXIII.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—B.

Appointments		Pastor		Sunday Schools					Church Property					Offerings														
Prayer Meeting Classes		Officers and Teachers		Scholars Enrolled		Total Enrollment		Average Attendance		Home Dept. Members		Subscribers to Gospel Banner		Churches		Parsonages		Increase of Church Property		Decrease of Church Property		Present Valuation of Church Property		Home Missions		Foreign Missions		
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.																												
Allentown, Bethel	B. B. Musselman	4	1	51	431	482	388	290	79	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	\$125,000.00	\$915.00	\$879.00										
Bethlehem	F. M. Hottel	4	1	49	353	402	320	287	84	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	54,500.00	719.75	762.00										
Emaus	G. F. Yost	2	1	21	142	163	134	62	30	1	1	1	1	\$ 1,000.00	.....	12,500.00	615.50	552.25										
Macungie	"	1	1	16	54	70	53	30	8	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	2,050.00	164.75	191.75										
Zionsville	"	1	1	11	48	59	45	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	5,050.00	363.00	300.00										
Philadelphia	C. H. Brunner	3	1	37	216	253	209	88	76	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	45,000.00	760.25	943.00										
Reading	J. C. Roth	3	1	32	221	253	181	174	48	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	35,000.00	486.00	392.50										
Fleetwood	A. G. Woodring	1	1	21	102	123	80	65	20	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	6,600.00	258.75	270.50										
Blandon	"	1	1	14	75	89	59	20	11	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	2,000.00	146.00	75.25										
Terre Hill	"	1	1	18	132	150	107	23	19	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	3,500.00	340.71	311.47										
Spring City	N. H. Wolf	1	1	20	137	157	106	95	26	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	4,650.00	282.50	215.50										
Royersford	"	1	1	20	120	140	110	65	23	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	7,500.00	380.75	344.60										
Graterford	E. N. Cassel	2	1	19	68	87	78	49	23	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	8,000.00	233.25	180.00										
Harleysville	"	1	1	15	119	134	83	88	14	1	1	1	1	500.00	.....	1,500.00	142.15	121.75										
Northampton	H. K. Kratz	1	1	13	107	120	84	60	27	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	9,000.00	181.30	118.00										
Walnutport	"	1	1	17	88	105	87	118	30	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	4,500.00	98.75	95.75										
Coopersburg	R. L. Woodring	3	1	23	173	193	139	93	24	1	1	1	1	\$1,500.00	.....	5,000.00	488.25	435.00										
Allentown, Salem	O. S. Hillegas	2	1	23	170	193	93	139	24	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	9,050.00	284.00	247.75										
Quakertown	W. F. Hefner	2	1	19	97	116	103	80	32	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	12,000.00	420.25	264.00										
Hazfield	"	1	1	16	82	98	70	50	21	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	1,500.00	281.30	237.10										
Nazareth	F. B. Hertzog	1	1	16	82	98	70	50	21	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	1,500.00	281.30	237.10										
Total		36	19	432	2762	3194	2390	1783	616	121	15	2	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$363,900.00	\$7,562.21	\$6,937.17											
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																												
Shamokin	J. G. Shireman	3	1	31	188	219	153	42	42	1	1	1	1	\$ 5,000.00	.....	\$40,000.00	\$346.75	\$242.51										
Easton	J. B. Layne	2	1	19	137	156	121	149	24	1	1	1	1	3,000.00	.....	18,000.00	504.00	584.00										
Sunbury	R. W. Dickert	2	1	19	105	124	83	53	15	1	1	1	1	1,000.00	.....	11,000.00	224.00	149.75										
Stroudsburg	E. E. Kubic	2	1	18	85	103	86	12	44	1	1	1	1	300.00	.....	11,000.00	170.00	160.75										
Lehighton	V. H. Reinhart	1	1	14	66	80	58	75	28	1	1	1	1	500.00	.....	6,000.00	173.25	61.65										
Weissport	"	1	1	14	56	70	49	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	1,300.00	.....	.....								
Seranton	P. T. Stengele	1	1	19	87	106	90	33	14	1	1	1	1	5,000.00	.....	20,000.00	232.00	150.50										
Mt. Carmel	R. Bergstreser	2	1	17	109	126	97	44	25	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	12,000.00	141.25	162.25										
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	1	1	106	816	922	690	336	33	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	30,000.00	.....	.....								
Total		13	8	257	1649	1906	1427	744	225	9	8	\$14,800.00	.....	\$149,300.00	\$1,791.25	\$1,511.41												
The Home	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,460.89	.....	66,808.44	.....	.....										
Mizpah Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30,000.00	.....	70,000.00	.....	.....										
Grand Total	.....	49	27	689	4411	5100	3817	2527	841	30	23	\$53,760.89	\$1,500.00	\$650,008.44	\$9,353.46	\$8,448.58												

XXIII.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—C.

OFFERINGS—Continued

Appointments	Pastor	Foreign Missions in Sunday Schools	For the Poor	Church Properties	Repairing Church Properties	Parsonage and Hall Rent	Sundry Expenses	Sunday Schools	Presiding Elders	Ministers in Cash	Ministers in Other Contributions
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.											
Allentown, Bethel	B. B. Musselman...	\$ 518.68	\$ 30.00	\$ 7,082.22	.....	.....	\$ 3,089.03	\$ 3,377.48	\$ 610.00	\$ 2,290.90	\$ 1,170.00
Bethlehem	F. M. Hotel.....	956.21	25.00	886.97	.....	.....	588.60	2,910.72	485.00	2,011.85	1,234.75
Emmaus	G. F. Yost.....	358.68	25.70	2,165.70	.....	176.35	704.95	612.54	373.00	1,506.50	459.50
Macungie	"	164.88	19.50	58.57	.....	.....	181.35	169.07	383.75	286.85	72.00
Zionsville	"	248.35	21.50	39.95	.....	84.00	123.01	50.54	.....	354.40	86.90
Philadelphia	C. H. Brunner.....	225.27	36.25	5,028.53	.....	.....	841.62	1,099.59	469.50	1,695.55	584.00
Reading	J. C. Roth.....	297.52	28.45	1,934.97	.....	.....	737.17	1,204.28	353.70	1,272.70	351.00
Fleetwood	A. G. Woodring.....	132.14	7.65	1,463.90	.....	.....	146.23	252.72	174.00	585.75	389.50
Blandon	"	56.39	4.50	.....	.....	119.45	91.14	133.77	87.00	218.20	114.95
Terre Hill	"	118.00	11.25	.....	.....	138.31	226.63	264.48	90.00	736.25	336.93
Spring City	"	278.43	10.08	.....	.....	103.30	257.27	319.61	213.20	594.70	155.79
Royersford	"	387.32	16.50	.....	.....	110.05	359.02	394.80	201.54	721.05	227.35
Graterford	E. N. Cassel.....	262.05	19.05	.....	230.00	.....	172.77	234.86	118.00	636.50	417.97
Harleysville	"	65.21	8.15	.....	.....	258.75	172.66	.....	114.25	457.35	400.02
Northampton	H. K. Kratz.....	110.96	8.77	78.00	124.00	170.55	169.01	328.85	110.00	618.50	261.03
Walnutport	"	67.73	8.95	168.00	321.79	246.75	199.63	340.69	96.55	435.30	167.59
Coopersburg	R. L. Woodring.....	204.51	13.42	.....	.....	192.30	345.24	346.39	201.00	940.60	419.30
Allentown, Salem	O. S. Hillegass.....	198.00	22.76	.....	.....	.....	313.43	424.94	173.78	764.50	170.75
Quakertown	W. F. Heffner.....	188.44	18.00	.....	287.85	240.40	359.04	462.92	227.50	864.15	300.00
Hatfield	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	426.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nazareth	F. B. Hertzog.....	124.13	8.05	.....	.....	276.09	683.76	318.50	150.00	830.25	945.66
Total		\$4,962.90	\$343.53	\$18,906.81	\$ 963.64	\$2,588.40	\$ 9,761.56	\$13,246.75	\$4,631.77	\$17,820.85	\$ 8,244.99
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.											
Shamokin	J. G. Shireman.....	91.13	12.00	5,709.54	.....	.....	654.02	529.40	276.00	1,798.50	300.00
Easton	J. B. Layne.....	310.51	12.48	507.00	.....	421.70	398.29	801.33	355.40	1,296.95	832.00
Sunbury	R. W. Dickert.....	93.78	14.71	431.99	.....	468.05	330.29	272.06	231.38	712.50	428.19
Stroudsburg	E. E. Kubie.....	195.66	13.25	.....	210.50	210.50	441.86	303.35	231.50	727.75	190.10
Lehighton	V. H. Reinhart.....	91.26	10.00	147.75	.....	195.00	162.34	212.29	175.50	520.85	558.65
Weissport	"	43.21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	112.33	.....	.....	.....
Scranton	P. T. Stengle.....	360.67	12.00	225.00	.....	251.75	356.52	546.96	142.42	950.75	225.00
Mt. Carmel	R. Bergstresser.....	83.20	7.00	.....	.....	128.80	350.81	320.05	131.00	754.00	185.50
G. H. Society....	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	2,265.18	.....	2,862.84	.....	5,071.75	5,790.60	3,788.54	1,162.10	.....	3,523.97
Total		\$3,534.60	\$1.44	\$ 9,884.12	\$ 210.50	\$6,747.55	\$ 8,484.73	\$ 6,886.31	\$2,705.30	\$ 6,761.30	\$ 6,243.41
Grand Total.....		\$8,497.50	\$424.97	\$28,790.93	\$1,174.14	\$9,335.95	\$18,246.29	\$13,033.06	\$7,337.07	\$24,582.15	\$14,488.40

XXIII.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—D.

OFFERINGS—Concluded

Appointments	Pastor	Beneficiary Fund	Gospel Worker	Tabernacle, Missionary or Evangelistic Work	Camp Meetings	Sunday School and other Conventions	Annual Conference Fund	Annual Conference Delegate	General Conference Fund	Beneficent Society	Total Offerings	Subscriptions and Literature Sold
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.												
Allentown, Bethel	B. B. Musselman...	\$ 30.50	\$ 365.75	\$ 197.00			\$ 24.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 59.17	\$ 194.50	\$ 20,662.23	\$ 225.00
Bethlehem	F. M. Hotel	32.00	614.10				20.00	18.00	53.76	241.00	11,756.71	385.00
Emaus	G. F. Yost	17.60	245.07				13.00	18.30	25.71	70.00	7,939.35	262.00
Macungie	"	7.80	60.98				5.56	10.00	7.87	31.00	1,815.68	46.50
Zionsville	"	8.80	49.92				6.15	7.06	8.72	14.00	1,766.30	38.00
Philadelphia	C. H. Brunner	38.50	445.83	366.35			21.00	32.75	37.61	90.00	12,715.60	441.00
Reading	J. C. Roth	20.60	316.80	65.00			16.25	20.61	35.49	33.50	7,566.54	228.25
Fleetwood	A. G. Woodring	6.00	45.11				2.75	8.50	9.78	43.00	3,919.10	82.43
Blandon	"	4.00	34.92				6.15	7.00	6.80	18.50	1,047.02	34.30
Terre Hill	"	8.05	104.45				7.00	13.50	11.05	...	2,718.08	70.37
Spring City	N. H. Wolf	8.00	154.00	84.10			7.50	13.48	13.49	36.00	2,746.95	183.15
Royersford	"	12.18	295.15	56.00			12.15	20.43	13.50	33.00	3,815.39	230.83
Graterford	E. N. Cassel	6.60	103.30	60.00			7.25	10.05	14.24	35.50	2,770.14	105.00
Harleysville	"	5.80	71.97	26.80			4.45	5.05	7.86	5.00	1,779.02	70.00
Northampton	H. K. Kraatz	5.63	78.26	24.86			6.60	12.78	9.55	42.00	2,534.85	245.58
Walnutport	"	4.52	72.25	20.00			3.30	9.68	8.30	1.50	2,312.58	99.89
Coopersburg	R. L. Woodring	10.75	165.90	222.83			13.75	16.25	17.64	7.00	3,847.83	67.50
Allentown, Salem	O. S. Hillgass	10.72	165.68				5.95	18.25	14.88	24.00	3,267.64	42.50
Quakertown	W. F. Hefner	21.00	106.53	88.55			9.00	30.00	14.45	47.50	*3,865.58	128.88
Hatfield .....	" .....	...	...	...			...	...	...	...	...	...
Nazareth	F. B. Hertzog	6.50	148.57				6.50	25.00	10.20	20.50	4,072.11	300.00
Mizpah Grove...	Camp Meeting...	...	...	...	\$12,477.82		...	...	...	...	12,477.82	...
Total .....	...	\$265.55	\$3,664.54	\$1,211.49	\$12,477.82		\$198.28	\$322.69	\$380.07	\$87.50	\$115,396.52	\$ 3,286.18
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.												
Shamokin	J. G. Shireman	\$ 12.00	\$ 117.41				\$ 25.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 28.00	\$ 30.81	\$ 10,194.57	\$ 1,267.00
Easton	J. B. Layne	11.25	221.11	\$ 30.67			21.40	7.71	25.10	19.13	6,448.53	265.29
Sunbury	R. W. Dickert	10.05	103.07				15.00	20.20	13.81	16.50	3,546.96	276.90
Stroudsburg	E. E. Kubie	10.70	80.46				18.00	11.70	30.00	13.81	4,150.50	556.00
Lehighton	V. H. Reinhart	6.60	58.15				11.25	4.75	14.15	1.50	2,417.69	233.50
Weissport .....	" .....	...	...	...			11.00	...	...	...	166.54	...
Scranton	P. T. Stengele	8.60	81.76	85.00			12.06	17.12	11.05	...	3,684.98	210.00
Mt. Carmel	R. Bergstresser	6.00	59.85	12.00			4.70	22.00	9.78	14.50	2,412.69	217.00
G. H. Society...	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	...	350.55	694.85	522.04		...	...	...	2.00	28,034.42	24,410.50
Camp Meeting...	Total	\$ 65.20	\$1,072.36	\$22,522	2,383.11	\$659.51	\$58.05	\$156.57	\$111.14	\$180.50	\$60,350.88	\$27,436.19
Grand Total.....	...	\$330.75	\$4,636.90	\$2,034.01	\$14,860.93	\$659.51	\$256.33	\$479.26	\$491.21	\$1,168.37	\$175,747.40	\$30,722.37

* Including \$18.00 donated to Near East Relief.

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

ROLL AND DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS

I. Itinerants

NAME	Licensed	Ordained	Received Present Charge	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Bergstresser, R...	1901	1904	1925	3214 VanKirk St., Wissinoming, Philadelphia, Pa.
Brunner, C. H....	1893	1896	1923	3848 N. Park Ave., Phila., Pa.
Cassel, E. N.....	1901	1904	1925	936 Oley St., Reading, Pa.
Dickert, R. W....	1916	1919	1923	144 N. Sixth St., Sunbury, Pa.
Gehman, W. G....	1896	1899	P. E.	1136 Northampton St., Easton, Pa.
Gehret, T. D....	1921	1925	1925	1023 Taylor Ave., Scranton, Pa.
Heffner, W. F....	1917	1920	1925	Graterford, Pa.
Hertzog, F. B....	1922	1925	1925	723 Filmore St., Allentown, Pa.
Hottel, F. M.....	1905	1909	1923	125 W. Laurel St., Bethlehem, Pa.
Kratz, H. K.....	1906	1909	1923	1737 Washington Ave., Northampton, Pa.
Kubic, E. E.....	1901	1907	1925	132 W. 4th St., Mt. Carmel, Pa.
Layne, J. B.....	1916	1919	1925	25 S. Third St., Quakertown, Pa.
Musselman, H. B.	1890	1893	P. E.	507 Second Ave., Bethlehem, Pa.
Musselman, W. B.	1883	1886	M. P. E.	Cleveland, Ohio.
Musselman, B. B.	1913	1916	1920	529 N. Eighth St., Allentown, Pa.
Reinhart, V. H...	1907	1909	1925	21 S. 6th St., Stroudsburg, Pa.
Roth, J. C.....	1900	1903	1925	438 Cypress St., Lehigh, Pa.
Shireman, J. G....	1898	1900	1922	710 E. Sunbury St., Shamokin, Pa.
Stengele, P. T....	1918	1923	1925	119 S. 14th St., Easton, Pa.
Wolf, N. H.....	1916	1920	1923	311 Yost Ave., Spring City, Pa.
Woodring, R. L...	1898	1900	1925	16 S. Broad St., Nazareth, Pa.
Woodring, A. G...	1917	1920	1923	119 N. Richmond St., Fleetwood, Pa.
Yost, G. F.....	1908	1913	1923	25 N. Fifth St., Emaus, Pa.

II. Local Preachers and Evangelists

Barrall, J. F.....	1901	1904	....	Shamokin, Pa.
Hillegass, O. S....	1889	1892	....	Allentown, Pa.
Shick, E. T.....	1899	1901	....	515 Green Street, Allentown, Pa.

III. Annual Conference Licensed Preachers

Anderson, J. T...	1909	....	....	Gospel Herald Society.
Baer, P. E.	1924	....	....	" " "
Cressman, N. M...	1921	....	....	" " "
Hartzell, C. G....	1925	....	....	" " "
Henry, J. B.....	1924	....	....	" " "
Meyers, M. M....	1919	....	....	" " "
Musselman, E. H.	1921	....	....	" " "
Stengele, W. R...	1918	....	....	" " "
Taylor, P. S.....	1924	....	....	" " "

IV. Quarterly Conference Licensed Missionaries

Brunner, Mrs. C. H.	1893	....	....	Philadelphia, Pa.
Fretz, W. J.....	1898	....	....	Bethlehem, Pa.
Gehman, H. M....	1897	....	....	Allentown, Pa.
Gehman, Allen W.	1922	....	....	Macungie, Pa.
Martin, E. W.....	1901	....	....	Terre Hill, Pa.
Zimmerman, W. W.	1899	....	....	Easton, Pa.

RECORD OF CONFERENCES

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

II. EVANGELICAL UNITED MENNONITES. (Annual)

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

RECORD OF CONFERENCES (Continued)

† III. MENNONITE BRETHREN IN CHRIST. (Annual)

1884	Feb. 4.....	Terre Hill	William Gehman...	W. H. Gehman.
1885	Feb. 2.....	Quakertown	"	M. A. Zyner.
1886	Feb. 1.....	Upper Milford.....	"	"
1887	Feb. 7.....	Reading	"	A. Kauffman.
1888	Feb. 6.....	Coopersburg	"	"
1889	Feb. 4.....	Terre Hill	"	"
1890	Feb. 3.....	Bethlehem	"	M. A. Zyner.
1891	Feb. 2.....	Quakertown	"	C. H. Brunner.
1892	Feb. 1.....	Upper Milford.....	W. B. Musselman..	"
1893	Feb. 6.....	Coopersburg	"	"
1894	Feb. 2.....	Terre Hill	"	"
1895	Feb. 1.....	Reading	"	"
1896	Feb. 7-10....	Allentown	"	"
1897	Feb. 19-22...	Royersford	"	"
1898	March 4-7....	Bethlehem	"	"
1899	March 3-6....	Upper Milford.....	C. H. Brunner.....	W. G. Gehman.
1900	Sept. 14-17...	Reading	"	"
1901	Oct. 4-7.....	Bethlehem	W. B. Musselman..	"
1902	Oct. 17-20...	Reading	H. B. Musselman..	"
1903	Oct. 16-20...	Mt. Carmel	"	"
1904	Oct. 27-31...	Allentown	"	"
1905	Oct. 12-16...	Bethlehem	"	"
1906	Oct. 11-15...	Reading	W. G. Gehman.....	C. H. Brunner.
1907	Oct. 10-14...	Royersford	"	"
1908	Oct. 8-12....	Bethlehem	H. B. Musselman..	"
1909	Oct. 14-18...	Allentown	"	"
1910	Oct. 13-17...	Reading	"	"
1911	Oct. 12-16...	Royersford	"	"
1912	Oct. 10-14...	Allentown	"	"
1913	Oct. 9-13....	Reading	"	"
1914	Oct. 15-19...	Bethlehem	"	"
1915	Oct. 14-18 ...	Royersford	"	"
1916	Sept. 21-25 ...	Philadelphia	"	"
1917	Sept. 21-25...	Allentown	"	"
1918	Nov. 4-6.....	Reading	"	"
1919	Oct. 16-20...	Reading	"	"
1920	Sept. 23-27...	Bethlehem	"	"
1921	Oct. 13-17...	Allentown	"	"
1922	Oct. 12-16...	Philadelphia	"	"
1923	Oct. 11-15...	Bethlehem	"	"
1924	Sept 25-29...	Allentown	"	"
1925	Oct. 15-19...	Bethlehem	"	"

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

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

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

CAMP MEETINGS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

YEAR		TENTS		TENTS		TENTS		TENTS
1879	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1880	Chestnut Hill	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1881	" "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1882	" "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1883	" "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1884	" "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1885	" "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1886	" "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1887	" "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1888	" "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1889	" "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1890	" "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1891	" "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1892	" "	.....	Royersford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1893	" "	.....	Spring City	.....	Catasauqua	.....	.....	.....
1894	" "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*1895	" "	.....	"	.....	Weissport	.....	Annandale	.....
*1896	" "	.....	"	.....	Walnutport	.....	"	.....
*1897	" "	.....	"	.....	Rittersville	.....	"	.....
1898	Quakertown	.....	"	.....	"	.....	Sunbury	.....
1899	"	.....	"	.....	"	.....	"	.....
1900	Macungie	.....	Northampton	.....	Terre Hill	64	.....	.....
1901	"	.....	Neffsville	.....	Mohnsville	.....	.....	.....
1902	"	56	Northampton	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
1903	"	52	"	.....	Reading (East)	.....	.....	.....
1904	Wescoesville	104	Hellertown	73	Spring City	.....	.....	.....
1905	"	131	"	82	Bonnie Bray)	.....	.....	.....
1906	"	136	"	125	Spring City	.....	.....	.....
1907	"	122	"	145	Bonnie Bray)	.....	.....	.....
1908	"	148	"	164	Reading	.....	.....	.....
1909	Waldheim	153	"	139	(Heiner's Spgs.)	.....	.....	.....
1910	Mizpah Grove	167	Mizpah G've.	154	Reading (Spg. Valley)	90	Shamokin	.....
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)		(Bunker Hill)	85
1911	Mizpah Grove	156	Mizpah G've.	160	Easton (Mt.)	75	Shamokin	75
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Carmel Dist.)		(Bunker Hill)	.....
1912	Mizpah Grove	163	Mizpah G've.	.....	Easton (Mt.)	75	.....	.....
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Carmel Dist.)		.....	.....
1913	Mizpah Grove	165	Mizpah G've.	169	Easton (Mt.)	89	.....	.....
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Carmel Dist.)		.....	.....
1914	Mizpah Grove	143	Mizpah G've.	170	Mizpah G've.	100	Shamokin	43
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)		.....	.....
1915	Mizpah Grove	145	Mizpah G've.	174	Mizpah G've.	75	Shamokin	58
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)		.....	.....
1916	Mizpah Grove	155	Mizpah G've.	194	Mizpah G've.	76	Shamokin	71
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)		.....	.....
1917	Mizpah Grove	162	Mizpah G've.	203	Mizpah G've.	68	Shamokin	78
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)		.....	.....
1918	Mizpah Grove	199	Mizpah G've.	183	Mizpah G've.	66	Shamokin	86
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)		.....	.....
1919	Mizpah Grove	189	Mizpah G've.	219	Shamokin	106	.....	.....
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)		.....	.....
1920	Mizpah Grove	195	Mizpah G've.	238	Shamokin	120	Harrisburg	65
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)		.....	.....
1921	Mizpah Grove	224	Mizpah G've.	221	Shamokin	105	.....	.....
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)		.....	.....
1922	Mizpah Grove	240	Mizpah G've.	217	Shamokin	126	.....	.....
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)		.....	.....
1923	Mizpah Grove	259	Mizpah G've.	212	Shamokin	174	.....	.....
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)		.....	.....
1924	Mizpah Grove	278	Mizpah G've.	232	Shamokin	155	.....	.....
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)		.....	.....
1925	Mizpah Grove	282	Mizpah G've.	233	Shamokin	158	.....	.....
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)		.....	.....

Notes—

†A Grove Meeting held on Chestnut Hill.

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

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

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

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

Editor.

GENERAL CONFERENCES

The following is a list of the General Conferences held with the names of the Delegates from the Pennsylvania Conference.

1. ZIONSVILLE, PA. November 8-12, 1879.

A Union Conference, including sixteen Members of the Pennsylvania Conference. Name changed to Evangelical United Mennonites.

2. ELKHART, IND. 1882.

Wm. Gehman and John Traub.

3. HARRISBURG, O. December 27-29, 1883.

Wm. Gehman and A. Strawn.

A Union Conference with the Brethren in Christ. Name changed to Mennonite Brethren in Christ.

4. ZIONSVILLE, PA. 1885.

Wm. Gehman, P. E., and A. Strawn.

5. BERLIN, ONTARIO. 1888.

Wm. Gehman, P. E., A. Strawn and W. B. Musselman.

6. HARRISBURG, O. 1892.

W. B. Musselman, P. E., Wm. Gehman, Noah Detweiler and M. A. Zyner.

7. COOPERSBURG, PA. 1896.

W. B. Musselman, P. E., Wm. Gehman and C. H. Brunner.

8. BERLIN, ONT. 1900.

C. H. Brunner, P. E., H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., W. G. Gehman and J. G. Shireman.

Layman—A. A. Wismer.

9. NAPPANEE, IND. 1904.

H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., C. H. Brunner, M. P. E., and W. G. Gehman.

Laymen—Allen M. Gehman and J. D. Moyer.

10. BROWN CITY, MICH. 1908.

H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. G. Gehman, P. E., W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., J. C. Roth, C. H. Brunner and W. S. Hottel.

Laymen—O. B. Bartholomew and Allen M. Gehman.

11. BETHLEHEM, PA. October 23, 1912.

H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. G. Gehman, P. E., C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel, W. S. Hottel and W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., Publisher of the Gospel Banner.

Laymen—Allen M. Gehman and H. H. Bergey.

12. NEW CARLISLE, OHIO. October 11, 1916.

Announced for Berlin, Ontario, on the second Wednesday in October, 1916, at 9 A.M., but changed to New Carlisle, O., on account of the war.

H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. G. Gehman, P. E., C. H. Brunner, W. S. Hottel, E. N. Cassel and W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., Publisher of the Gospel Banner.

Laymen—G. O. Billig, H. S. Jones and Allen M. Gehman.

13. KITCHENER, ONTARIO. October 13-19, 1920.

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

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

14. BROWN CITY, MICHIGAN, OCTOBER 15-22, 1924.

H. B. Musselman, P. E., Chairman, W. G. Gehman, P. E., B. Bryan Musselman, C. H. Brunner, F. M. Hottel and E. N. Cassel.

Laymen—G. O. Billig, Allen M. Gehman, H. H. Bergey and P. Ward Musselman (Alternate).

15. Announced for Allentown, Pennsylvania, on the first Wednesday in November, 1928, at 9 A.M.

