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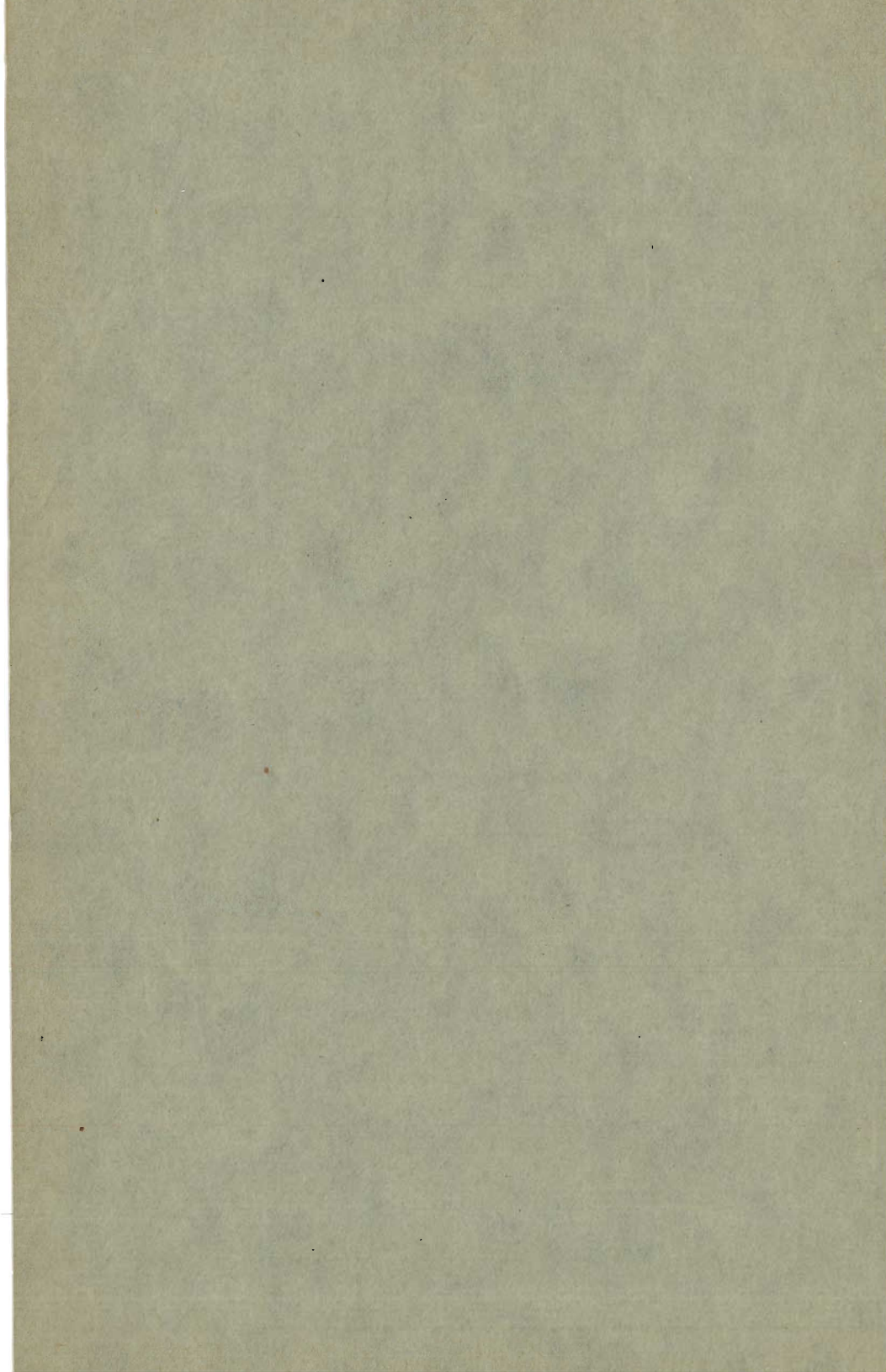
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Home Mission Fund—Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner.

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

Business Rules of the Conference

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

COMMITTEES.

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

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

STANDING COMMITTEES

(a) Appointed by the Chairman.

1. Committee on Camp Meeting Equipage.
2. Board of Publication and Printing.

(b) Elected by Ballot.

1. Committee over the Presiding Elders.
2. Executive Board.
3. Board of Foreign Missions.
4. Board of Trustees of The Home.
5. Board of Examiners on the Reading Course.
6. Beneficiary Society Officers.
7. Laymen's Benevolent Society Officers.

Special Laws and Resolutions

We print here from the Records, for convenient reference, the following Laws and Regulations, together with the time of their enactment.

I.—MEMBERS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

A.—The following shall be the members of the Annual Conference:

(a) Ordained Ministers as specified by the discipline.

(b) Probationers who have charge.

(c) One delegate from each charge, elected by ballot at the last Quarterly Conference, in the Conference year. [Act of General Conference, 1892.]

Each Quarterly Conference shall elect one Alternate Delegate to the Annual Conference, who shall serve in case the regular Delegate is unable to do so. [Enacted March 7, 1898.]

It is requested that all members of the Annual Conference shall be present at each session. In case of absence they shall submit a written report and cause of absence. [Enacted February 3, 1892.]

If a delegate fails to be present at the beginning of the Annual Conference session, except detained through sickness or accident, the Conference is not bound to recognize him as a member. [Enacted February 3, 1894.]

The delegates from the Missions who expect support from the Conference shall not be members of the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee. [Enacted February 22, 1897.]

B.—Advisory Members.

The following shall be Advisory Members of the Annual Conference:

(a) Annual Conference Licensed Evangelists and Missionaries.

(b) Quarterly Conference Licensed Missionaries.

(c) Local Workers. [Enacted February 7, 1896.]

II.—APPLICANTS AND PROBATIONERS.

A.—No applicants for the Ministry shall be received into the Conference as Probationers who are not willing to submit themselves unconditionally to the Stationing Committee. [Revised October 17, 1903.]

B.—All applicants for the Ministry shall be examined by one of the Presiding Elders as mutually agreed upon, on our Articles of Faith and Church Discipline at the same time and place when the Probationers are examined on the Reading Course. [Enacted February 8, 1893.]

C.—The Annual Lessons for Probationers on the Reading Course for each class shall be divided into two parts. Probationers shall be examined semi-annually by a written examination by a committee to be appointed annually by the Annual Conference for this purpose. [Enacted February 1, 1895.]

D.—The Traveling and other expenses of the Reading Course Committee and Probationers at the spring examination shall be paid out of the Conference Fund. [Enacted October, 1906.]

E.—No Probationer shall be ordained who is not fully in line with our doctrine, with the itinerant plan, and submission to the Conference. [Enacted February 3, 1890.]

F.—Licenses shall be written and given by the Chairman of the Annual Conference and signed by the Presiding Elder, as Chairman.

III.—QUARTERLY CONFERENCE RULES.

A.—Each Pastor shall see that the Summary Financial Reports are correctly compiled and appended to the proceedings of the last Quarterly Conference of the current year.

B.—The Presiding Elder shall nominate the Secretaries of the Quarterly Conference and the Quarterly Conferences shall elect them. [Enacted October 15, 1906.]

C.—All officers of Quarterly Conference who are absent from Quarterly Conference shall submit a written report and a satisfactory excuse. Failing to do this, they shall appear before the next Quarterly Conference. If such are absent the next time without submitting a written report and statement of the cause of absence, they shall be removed from office. [Enacted February 3, 1894.]

D.—We will not permit any of our Quarterly Conference Licensed Workers to travel as Evangelists, except by permission of the Annual Conference. [Enacted February 22, 1897.]

E.—No person shall be elected to the office of Deacon, Class Leader, or Sunday School Superintendent who uses or deals in tobacco. [Enacted February 20, 1897.]

F.—The class leaders and stewards shall be elected shortly before, and their term of office begin immediately after, the last Quarterly Conference. [Enacted October 28, 1904.]

G.—The Quarterly Conference accounts of the Stewards shall be from quarter to quarter, and the reports on the schedules from October 1 to October 1. In case a pastor is changed his allowances shall end with the month of September. The pastors shall report the amounts received out of the Home Mission Fund at the Quarterly Conference. [Revised October 15, 1910.]

H.—The former pastor shall see that the rent is paid for the month of October before he moves from his charge. [Enacted October 15, 1905.]

I.—The pastors shall leave their former charge as soon as possible after the Conference. [Enacted October 15, 1905.]

IV. BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

The following Boards and Committees shall, as soon as practicable after their election, elect a President and a Secretary:

Executive Board, Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Trustees of the 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.]

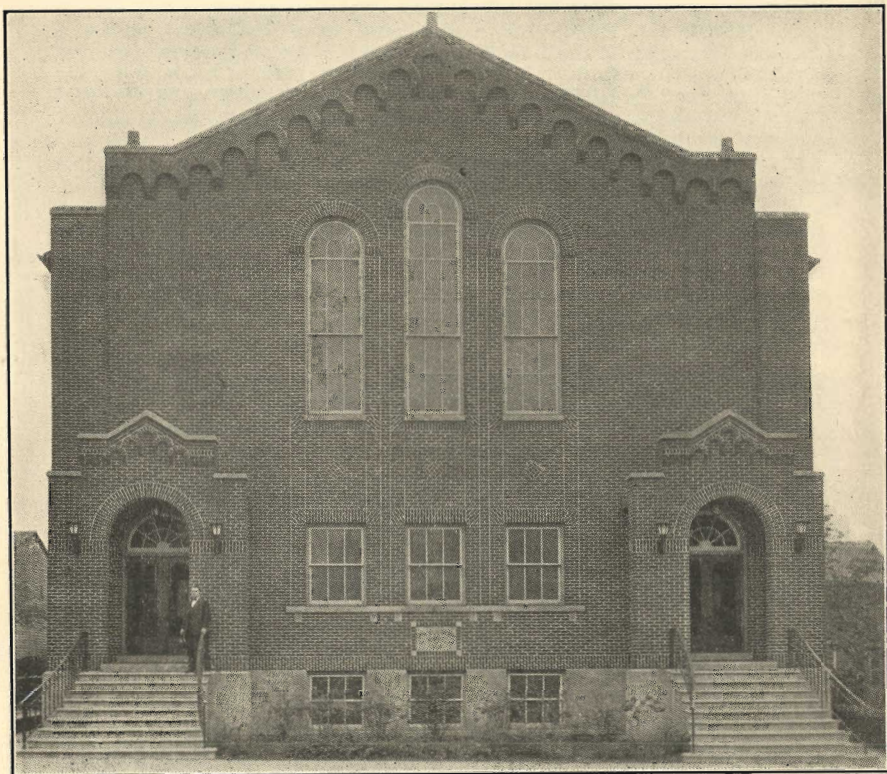
G.—Home Mission Funds.—Whenever any Presiding Elder desires any money from the Home Mission Treasurer, he shall inform the Secretary of the desired amount, who shall take note of the same and forward the request to the Treasurer, who shall forward the same to the Presiding Elder, up to the amount appropriated 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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Annual Conference Proceedings

1926

FIRST MEETING

Thursday Forenoon, October 14, 1926

The Forty-third Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania convened in Bethel M. B. in C. Church, 526-530 North Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa.

The first meeting was opened at 8 a.m., according to announcement, by singing "All the Way the Lord is Leading Me." 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 "I Need Thee Every Hour," the Chairman, H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District, read the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, 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. Hillegass, W. F. Heffner, J. G. Shireman, J. B. Layne, R. W. Dickert, E. E. Kublic, V. H. Reinhart, R. Bergstresser, P. T. Stengele, F. B. Hertzog, T. D. Gehret and J. F. Barrall.

Probationers—Paul E. Baer, J. B. Henry, P. S. Taylor and C. G. Hartzell.

Delegates

G. O. Billig, Allentown—Bethel.

M. L. Musselman, Bethlehem.

Paul I. Wentz, 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.

Edward T. Semmel, Northampton and Walnutport.

H. L. Shelly, Allentown—Salem and Coopersburg.

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.

John F. Thomas, Lehighton and Weissport.

Moses Snyder, Mt. Carmel.

Charles W. Decker, Scranton.

S. Geremia, Wissinoming.

Allen M. Gehman, Conference Treasurer.

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; H. W. Feldges and Mrs. H. W. Feldges, of Ecuador; and N. M. Cressman and Mrs. N. M. Cressman, of Paris, preparing for French Indo-China, who are engaged in Home and Foreign Missionary work along various lines.

Also the following, although not members of our Conference, yet are being supported by our Conference.

Western China—W. N. Ruhl and Miss Anna Haupberg.

Chile—Miss Anna LeFevre and Mrs. Nettie Meier.

Africa—E. E. Crist, Mrs. E. E. Crist, E. R. Hess, 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 and Mrs. Samuel Kerr.

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

Palestine—E. O. Jago and Miss Mary A. Butterfield.—32 in all.

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

Resolved, That the first five pews of the three sections to the left of the Chair, constitute the Conference Bar. Also the basement for 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 B. Bryan Musselman and G. O. Billig, the Pastor and Delegate of the Allentown Congregation.

Committees

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

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

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

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

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

Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records: J. C. Roth, E. E. Kublic, H. K. Kratz, V. H. Reinhart, John F. Thomas, C. B. Brosius, Charles W. Teel, Paul H. Miller, Edward T. Semmel, H. N. Rishel, Charles W. Decker, R. W. Dickert, Moses Snyder, George R. Fish and S. Geremia.

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 and J. G. Shireman.

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, M. L. Musselman, T. D. Gehret, P. T. Stengele, W. D. Evert, R. R. Fox, E. Godshall, F. B. Hertzog, H. H. Bergey, Paul I. Wentz and R. Bergstresser.

Committee on 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 at 9:25 o'clock with prayer by C. B. Brosius and benediction by T. D. Gehret.

SECOND MEETING

Thursday Afternoon, October 14, 1926

The Chair opened the afternoon meeting with singing "Blessed Assurance" and prayer by J. F. Barrall.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

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

W. F. Heffner,
J. B. Layne,
J. G. Shireman,
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 1925 and have found a few omissions and mistakes, which will be corrected by the Secretary.

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

Report of the Committee on the Examination of Quarterly Conference Records:

We, the Committee on the Examination of Quarterly Conference Records, beg leave to report that we have examined the Quarterly Conference Records and found them in good condition.

A few slight mistakes were found, which were corrected in the presence of the Pastors.

J. C. Roth,	Edward T. Semmel,
E. E. Kublic,	H. N. Rishel,
H. K. Kratz,	Charles W. Decker,
V. H. Reinhart,	R. W. Dickert,
John F. Thomas,	Moses Snyder,
C. B. Brosius,	George R. Fish,
Charles W. Teel,	S. Geremia,
Paul H. Miller,	Committee.

Report of the Committee on Examination of Travelling Elders:

We beg leave to report that we have examined all the Travelling Elders through the various Delegates and found them all 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 Worship:

J. B. Henry, H. W. Hartman and Paul E. Baer shall speak this evening for about twenty minutes each.

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

The Pastors now began to submit their oral reports.

The oral reports of the Pastors were concluded.

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 extend the time indefinitely.

The following reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, The Lord has spared the Pastors during this conference year, enabling all to be present and report of the many who were saved through the preaching of God's Word, and many who were definitely healed of bodily diseases, while others were brought into closer fellowship with the Lord. Noticeable progress has been made on all lines, through the Lord and a united and devoted laity, therefore,

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

Resolved, That we pray God to preserve and keep our Ministry true and Spirit-filled, so much the more as we see the Day approaching.

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

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, The Lord has again spared both of our Presiding Elders to this Conference, who were enabled to report the work of their respective Districts, expressing progress, especially along spiritual lines, the President of the Gospel Herald Society also reporting the activities of their work on similar lines, and

Whereas, Their reports were words of inspiration and praise relative to the laity, the pastors, the Home and Foreign Missionary work, therefore,

Resolved, That we praise God for our faithful leaders, and pledge our support and prayers for them, and further,

Resolved, That we pray God to continue in making our leaders, men, such who are needed in these last days, in the promotion of the Lord's Cause.

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

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet this evening at 7:45 o'clock and adjourn not later than 10 o'clock.

Adjourned at 5:10 o'clock with prayer by Paul I. Wentz and benediction by W. G. Gehman.

THIRD MEETING

Thursday Evening, October 14, 1926

The evening meeting was opened at 7:45 o'clock with prayer by J. C. Roth.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

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

Report of the Conference Treasurer. (See Reports.)

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

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

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

Report of the Executive Board. (See Reports.)

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

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

Report of the Beneficiary Society. (See Reports.)

Whereas, P. S. Taylor and C. G. Hartzel have left the work, therefore,

Resolved, That we drop their names from the roll.

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, T. D. Gehret and J. F. Barrall.

Conditional—None.

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 the Chairman.

FOURTH MEETING

Friday Morning, October 15, 1926

The meeting was opened with singing "Wonderful Story of Love," and prayer by H. N. Rishel.

The Chairman read parts of the first chapter of Joshua and the last chapter of Matthew, followed by some very helpful remarks.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

Report of the Committee to Formulate Methods for Class Records and Subscriptions. (See Reports.)

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

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

The following report was read, as follows:

Report of the Committee on Worship:

The brethren P. T. Stengele, F. B. Hertzog and N. H. Wolf shall speak on Friday evening for twenty minutes each.

On Saturday evening, W. F. Heffner and J. B. Layne shall speak for fifteen minutes each and M. P. Zook shall speak for thirty minutes.

Sunday Services

The Sunday morning service shall open with a short song service at 9:30 o'clock, after which the Chairman, Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, shall preach the Conference Sermon.

At 2:15 p.m., after a short service of song, Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman shall preach.

The evening service shall open at 7 o'clock with a stirring service of song. This service will be broadcast by Radio. The Conference Secretary, C. H. Brunner, shall speak.

All the services throughout the day shall be directed and in charge of the Chairman, Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman.

B. Bryan Musselman,

G. O. Billig,

Committee.

Resolved, That we adopt the report of the Committee on Worship with the exception of the hour of the evening service, and further,

Resolved, That a regular Radio service take place at 7 o'clock, at which the Pastor, B. Bryan Musselman, shall speak, after which the Conference Secretary, C. H. Brunner, shall give a short address.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and adjourn to permit the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee to meet.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 o'clock with prayer by E. N. Cassel and benediction by E. E. Kublic.

FIFTH MEETING

Friday Afternoon, October 15, 1926

The afternoon meeting was opened by singing "The Ark is Coming Up the Road" and prayer by H. H. Bergey.

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 grant the request of Delegate E. Godshall and excuse him from attendance on Saturday.

Resolved, That we proceed with the election of Officers, Boards and Committees.

The following were elected: Vice-Presiding Elders: C. H. Brunner and B. Bryan Musselman.

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

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

Resolved, That the other officers be nominated and elected by ballot. 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 Next 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): R. L. Woodring, J. G. Shireman, F. M. Hottel, B. Bryan Musselman, A. A. Wismer and H. G. Brunner.

Board of Trustees of the Laymen's Benevolent Society: President, Allen M. Gehman; Secretary, G. O. Billig; Treasurer, H. G. Brunner.

The Chair now appointed the following Standing Committees:

Committee on Camp Meeting Equipage: F. M. Hottel, 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 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.

Shamokin District—J. G. Shireman.

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

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

The Divisions shall comprise the congregations as follows:

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

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

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

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

Business was resumed at 4:55 o'clock.

Resolved, That we extend the time indefinitely.

Resolved, That the two Camp Meetings of the Bethlehem District be held in Mizpah Grove, the Bethlehem Division from July 2-10, and the Allentown Division from August 20-28. The Camp Meeting of the Shamokin District shall be held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., from July 23-31.

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.

Shamokin 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 Shamokin District Sunday School Convention. (See Reports.)

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

Executive Board—President, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, E. N. Cassel.

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

Adjourned at 5:10 with prayer by M. P. Zook and the benediction by E. N. Cassel.

SIXTH MEETING

Saturday Morning, October 16, 1926

This meeting was opened with prayer by F. B. Hertzog.

The Chairman read the fourth chapter of Second Corinthians, 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 the Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference License:

We beg leave to report that no applicants were referred to us.

B. Bryan Musselman,

C. H. Brunner,

F. M. Hottel,

Committee.

Report of the Committee on Ordination:

We wish to report that no candidates were referred to us.

C. H. Brunner,

B. Bryan Musselman,

E. N. Cassel,

Committee.

Whereas, N. M. Cressman and wife were publicly and informally ordained as foreign missionaries by the laying on of the hands of the members of the Board of Foreign Missions at the Mizpah Grove Camp Meeting, therefore,

Resolved, That we do not consider this act as a matter of ordination by the Annual Conference.

Resolved, That W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Shamokin 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 Laymen's 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 1926.

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 F. M. Hottel, J. B. Layne and J. C. Roth.

Ministerial Conventions

Resolved, That we hold a Ministerial Convention sometime during the middle of the year, at Philadelphia, Pa. The Presiding Elders and one whom they shall appoint shall constitute a committee to arrange a program and set the date.

The Presiding Elders appointed C. H. Brunner as the third man on this committee, and announced April 13, 1927, 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 Ebenezer M. B. in C. Church, 1123-1127 North Main Street, Bethlehem, Pa., at 8 a.m., October 13, 1927.

The following officers were then elected:

Annual Ministerial Convention—

Chairman, C. H. Brunner; Secretary, T. D. Gehret.

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

Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention—

Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, P. T. Stengele.

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

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

Resolved, That we extend the time indefinitely.

Whereas, A number of our Sunday Schools have expressed the need of a Sunday School hymn book for general Sunday School use, therefore,

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to investigate the advisability of compiling such a book and act under the direction of the Executive Board.

The Chair appointed C. H. Brunner, B. Bryan Musselman and F. M. Hottel.

The following report was read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

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

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

Resolved, That we praise God for His leadings in the past and pray God to continue to bless our Missionaries, so that they may be further used 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, B. Bryan Musselman, and the members of the Allentown 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 suspend the rules and adjourn to meet at 1:30 p.m.

Adjourned at 11:40 o'clock with prayer by George R. Fish and the benediction by R. L. Woodring.

A letter from W. B. Musselman, of Cleveland, Ohio, President of the Gospel Worker Society, written to the Chairman, was read before the Conference. He reports a blessed and prosperous year. He reports a glorious baptismal service held a few weeks ago. Thirty-three were immersed in Lake Erie, among whom was a man of 80, a woman of 79 and a number in the sixties. "The radiant faces of all showed a glory beyond what we had ever experienced, especially considering the circumstances. Rents of halls as high as \$100, \$150 and \$450 per month were raised with ease without exception."

They publish twenty-six periodicals entered as second class matter. Fully 80% showed a quarterly increase. Relative to the Sunday School business end they report nothing but encouraging facts. The Sunday School papers are a marvel. They are holding their own in Missionary, Colporteur and Publishing work and report that they are stronger than ever for the work of the Master.

SEVENTH MEETING

Saturday Afternoon, October 16, 1926

This meeting was opened with singing "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine" and prayer by J. G. Shireman.

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 Communications:

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

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

Report of Committee to Audit Schedules:

We have examined the 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.

Resolved, That the Committee on Sunday School Supplies be continued. The Committee consists of E. N. Cassel, B. Bryan Musselman, F. M. Hottel, J. C. Roth and C. H. Brunner.

Adjourned at 3.25 o'clock with prayer by W. D. Evert and benediction by E. N. Cassel.

EIGHTH MEETING

Monday Morning, October 18, 1926

This meeting was opened with singing, "Amen, Hallelujah," and prayer by E. E. Kublic. The Chairman read the second chapter of Second Timothy.

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 on Auditing:

We, the Committee on Auditing, have examined the following financial accounts: Presiding Elders' Reports, Benevolent Society, Camp Meetings, Sunday School Conventions, Board of Publication and Printing, Quarterly Conference Records, The Home, Executive Board, Foreign and Home Missions, Gospel Herald Society and Report of the Committee on Finance.

All of these records and accounts were found to be in a satisfactory condition. Several minor errors were found which were corrected in the presence of the parties interested.

We commend the use of the new Quarterly Conference Minute Books as a step in the right direction, and with a little care in the arrangement of details, should make a very satisfactory, permanent Quarterly Conference record.

G. F. Yost,	R. R. Fox,
H. L. Shelly,	E. Godshall,
M. L. Musselman,	F. B. Hertzog,
T. D. Gehret,	H. H. Bergey,
P. T. Stengele,	Paul I. Wentz,
W. D. Evert,	R. Bergstresser,
	Committee.

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

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, The daily papers, the "Allentown Morning Call" and the "Chronicle and News," have given us such splendid service in the proceedings of the Ministerial Convention and of the Conference, and

Whereas, Their 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 by Pastor B. Bryan Musselman to the "Allentown Morning Call" and the "Chronicle and News" office, respectively.

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

J. B. Layne,
Committee.

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

Resolved, That when money is received on any Charge for rent of buildings it shall not be entered on the schedule as offerings.

The following report was read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, The Department of Public Safety of the City of Allentown, Pa., through the Chief of Police, M. H. Bernhard, has so freely granted the request to provide traffic officers on Sunday, and,

Whereas, These traffic officers gave very courteous and satisfactory service during the day, therefore,

Resolved, That we, the Annual Conference, express our hearty appreciation of this ready response and cheerful and faithful service and pray the blessings of God Almighty upon this Department, its Chief and his assistants in their tedious service for the safety of humanity, and further,

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be conveyed to the Department by B. Bryan Musselman, the Pastor of the local congregation.

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

Committee.

Resolved, That we extend the time indefinitely.

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

Adjourned with prayer and benediction by E. N. Cassel.

NINTH MEETING

Monday Afternoon, October 18, 1926

This meeting was opened at 12:55 o'clock by singing and prayer by Paul H. Miller.

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 Executive Board:

We have considered the matter of the Laymen's 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,	E. N. Cassel,
C. H. Brunner,	B. Bryan Musselman,
W. G. Gehman,	Board.

Adjourned at 1:20 o'clock with prayer and benediction by the Chairman, H. B. Musselman.

Signed,

H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder, Chairman,	
W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder,	
C. H. Brunner, Secretary, Second Vice-Presiding Elder,	
B. Bryan Musselman, Assistant Secretary, First 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,	M. L. Musselman,
J. G. Shireman,	H. N. Rishel,
J. C. Roth,	Paul I. Wentz,
R. L. Woodring,	Paul H. Miller,
R. W. Dickert,	John F. Thomas,
H. K. Kratz,	G. K. Himmelreich,
W. F. Heffner,	E. Godshall,
E. E. Kublic,	C. B. Brosius,
J. B. Layne,	Edward T. Semmel,
F. B. Hertzog,	R. R. Fox,
V. H. Reinhart,	H. H. Bergery,
P. T. Stengele,	Moses Snyder,
T. D. Gehret,	C. D. Bean,
R. Bergstresser,	H. L. Shelly,
J. F. Barrall,	George R. Fish,
Charles W. Decker,	Charles W. Teel,

S. Geremia.

REPORTS

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I.—Presiding Elders

REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF THE BETHLEHEM DISTRICT

God's abiding presence through the blessed Holy Spirit has been our enabling for this another conference year, permitting us to meet all of our appointments and minister according to the ability which He gave us. The brethren have shown us much kindness; we were indeed unworthy of the many considerations and their unceasing patience with us in every way.

The Pastors have their heart in the work, faithfully preaching the Word, and are ever willing to spend and be spent in service for the Master. The unity and love prevailing among the brethren in the ministry continues to show forth a good effect upon the work at large. The labors of the Pastors have been much blessed of God in the salvation of souls and the upbuilding of the Church in general. God has kept the brethren well physically and encouraged spiritually, graciously sharing them with their families, for which we praise Him.

The Sunday Schools on the District are flourishing, taxing the seating capacity of even our largest church buildings. The church services and prayer-meetings are exceptionally well attended, considering the trend of things in this our day. Unto Him who doeth all these things belongeth the praise.

The church properties are all kept in good shape, and the various church offerings are a proof of the self-sacrifice shown on all lines.

A number of our loyal stand-bys have laid their armor down during the year, by the hand of death, but God has graciously kept filling up the gaps, with good, dependable spiritual warriors.

A large acreage of ground has lately been purchased adjoining our present Camp grove at quite an outlay of money, which will serve to give us the much needed room for our increasing size in Camp-meeting attendance.

Two Camp-meetings were again held on the District, with blessed results. Both of these were held in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa. The first Camp-meeting (Bethlehem Division) had 265 tents and the latter (Allentown Division) had 289 tents. These were again the largest ever held in the Conference. The Word was preached in the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit, and the attendance throughout was very large and we believe fruitful results were accomplished. The response in the offerings for the expenses of the Camp and the overflow towards the indebtedness of the Camp grounds was indeed encouraging in every way.

As we keep "looking unto Jesus" our heart is made to rejoice in seeing a ministry and people who have been "kept" and who are steadfastly looking for the glorious appearing of our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. (Hebrews 9:28.)

FINANCIAL

Receipts

Received from the Treasurer of Home Mission Fund.....\$ 2,581 00

Expenditures

(a) Appropriations

Leighton Mission	\$540 00	
Nazareth Mission	216 00	
Northampton and Walnutport.....	240 00	
Quakertown and Hatfield.....	300 00	
	1,296 00	

(b) Moving Expenses

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

(c) Miscellaneous

W. F. Heffner, donation.....	\$ 50 00	
O. S. Hillegass, donations.....	136 00	
Shamokin District Camp-meeting (W. G. Gehman) ..	25 00	
Bethlehem District Camp-meeting.....	50 00	
Allentown District Camp-meeting.....	50 00	
Allentown (Bethel) Church.....	50 00	
General Conference and Pacific Conference work.....	122 00	
Fares for Brethren—Missionary work.....	12 85	
Allentown (Bethel) Trustees.....	250 00	
Mizpah Grove Extension.....	254 15	1,000 00

Total\$ 2,581 00

H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder.

II.—Presiding Elders—Continued

REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF THE SHAMOKIN DISTRICT

The Lord has again graciously dealt with the Pastors and members of this District during the past year. The life and health of the ministers have been preserved so that they could attend to their appointments and minister unto their flocks. Our people, in general, are taking a noble stand for the truth which makes them Christ-like, and thus separated from the world.

Quite a number were saved, baptized and added to the Church. The attendance at Sunday School and prayer meeting is very good. The members show a live interest in these phases of the work. Wherever practicable, open air meetings were held with good results. The members as well as some friends of our work take a live interest in the Ordinances. The offerings throughout have been very good.

The joint District and Gospel Herald Society Sunday School Convention was held in the spacious Olivet Presbyterian Church in Easton, Pa. The attendance all day long was very large and an excellent influence went forth through the Spirit of God.

Considerable repairs in Church properties were made. Building funds were swelled. The properties throughout are in good repair.

The Camp Meeting held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., from many view points, was the best ever held on the District. There were 170 tents erected and occupied. The altar was often crowded with seekers for salvation, the fullness of the Holy Spirit, and Divine Healing. The preachers preached the truth as never before. The attendance was very good. In spite of a long coal strike in these regions, the offerings came easier than ever before.

The Pastors and laity stood by us most faithfully, and upheld us in their prayers and various other considerations. May the sacrificing work of Pastors and laity continue until the day break and the shadows flee away.

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

Stroudsburg, Pa.	\$300 00	
Sunbury, Pa.	300 00	
Wissinoming, Philadelphia, Pa.	360 00	
Scranton, Pa.	120 00	\$ 1,080 00

(b) Moving

E. E. Kublic.....	\$ 65 00	
V. H. Reinhart.....	35 00	
R. Bergstresser, T. D. Gehret and P. T. Stengele.....	200 00	300 00

(c) Miscellaneous

Fares, etc., holding Home Mission Meetings.....	\$413 76	
Rent for Storage, Allen M. Gehman.....	20 00	
Donation, J. F. Barrall, 1925.....	600 00	
Donation, E. E. Kublic.....	100 00	1,133 76

Total	\$ 2,513 76
Received from Treasurer of Home Mission Fund.....	2,513 76

W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder.

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

October 1, 1925, to September 30, 1926

The Lord has been good to the Gospel Heralds, many of whom are young men in training for the work of the Lord, at home or abroad. Since our previous report one was stationed in the Conference, and another went to the Foreign Field. Though we are glad to have them work in these fields, yet their absence is felt in the Society. The Lord is enabling others who humbly submit to His discipline to fill their places acceptably.

The interest throughout the Society, in open air, indoors, Sunday School, and prayer-meetings in homes is very good.

The Colportage work is encouraging. A large amount of Bibles, Testaments, Gospel Heralds, Daily Food Wall Rolls, religious books and mottoes are disposed of in the realm of the Society and also at the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Camp Meetings.

Successful tent-meetings were held in the two missions in Jersey City, N. J.,—up town and Greenville sections,—Harrisburg, York, and Chester, Pa. In these and other meetings in the missions of the Society quite a number of souls were saved, baptized, spirit-filled, and Divinely healed, and the body of believers strengthened in the Word and work of the Lord.

The Home Mission meetings held in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Conference were well attended. The pledges were grand. The Pastors as well as the membrs co-operated to make these meetings a success.

We purchased a very suitable property in Chester, Pa., which will shortly be used as a mission, which, we trust, will prove a spiritual birthplace of many souls.

We have quite a number of Heralds who are submissive and pliable, and are humbly and tenderly learning to know the Lord better and how to persuade men and present them perfect in Christ Jesus. They stand by us above our desert and we all aim to be a blessing one to another and strive to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace and be ready for His Coming, which must be near at hand.

STATISTICAL

Ordained Ministers of the M. B. in C. Conference.....	2
Probationers of the M. B. C. Conference.....	7
Full Gospel Heralds.....	17
Probationers	1
Applicants	1
Received M. B. C. Members by transfer.....	2
Received New Members.....	2
Transferred to M. B. C. Conference.....	34
Dropped	1
Net Decrease	31
Total Membership	29
Baptized	58
Children Dedicated	16
Sunday Schools	5
Officers and Teachers Enrolled.....	91
Scholars Enrolled	621
Home Department Scholars Enrolled.....	469
Children's Meetings and Sunday Schools held.....	384
Open Air Meetings.....	191
Prayer Meetings	407
Sermons and Addresses.....	2,474
Pastoral Visits	1,954
Gospel Heralds sold.....	80,945
Daily Food Wall Rolls sold.....	3,524

Valuation of Mission Properties:

Lebanon, Pa.	\$ 7,500 00	
York, Pa.	15,000 00	
West Philadelphia, Pa.....	7,500 00	
Chester, Pa.	10,000 00	
Jersey City, N. J.....	5,000 00	\$ 45,000 00

FINANCIAL

(a) Receipts

1. Collections

Rents	\$ 3,385 00
Sundry Expenses	4,875 56
Sinking Fund	2 74
Light	468 64
Donations, Gifts, etc.....	3,297 52
President	1,059 39
Gospel Workers	251 51
Sunday Schools	3,476 86
Sunday School Convention.....	94 67
Conference Fund	307 95
G. H. S. Headquarters' Fund.....	243 83
Foreign Missions	1,600 34

Missionary Work	644	29	
At Gospel Herald Society Conference and Convention	130	57	
Chapel and Lot Fund	1,658	85	
Beneficiary Fund	147	00	
House and Garage Rent, York, Pa.	422	50	
House Rent, Lebanon, Pa.	130	80	
Lot Rent, Jersey City, N. J.	40	00	\$ 22,238 02

2. Literature

Literature, etc., sold at Missions	\$ 12,827	79	
Literature, etc., sold to laity at M. B. C. Camp Meetings	1,955	37	
Literature, etc., sold wholesale to Ministers, etc.	6,614	55	21,397 71

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

Appropriations	\$ 1,975	00	
Tabernacle Meetings	148	26	
Fares, Utensils, Freight, Furniture	1,577	64	
Rent for President	300	00	
Donations for Heralds	268	85	4,269 75
Total	\$ 47,905	48	

(b) Expenditures

1. Appropriations

York, Pa.	\$ 420	00	
Lebanon, Pa.	360	00	
West Philadelphia, Pa.	510	00	
Lancaster, Pa.	635	00	
Chester, Pa.	50	00	\$ 1,975 00

2. Tabernacles

Jersey City, N. J., and Greenville, Jersey City	\$ 48	36	
York, Pa.	25	09	
Harrisburg, Pa.	35	84	
Chester, Pa.	38	97	148 26

3. Miscellaneous

Old Mission Repairs and Supplies	\$ 535	95	
Furniture	388	54	
Freight and Express	138	85	
Fares, Postage, Telegrams, etc.	316	74	
Cartage	155	17	
Printing and Stationery, Paints and Painting	42	39	
Donations for Heralds	268	85	
Rent for President	300	00	2,146 49
Total	\$ 4,269	75	

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 (Bethel) Quarterly Conference.
O. S. Hillegass—Allentown (Salem) Quarterly Conference.

(e) Quarterly Conference Licensed Workers

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

(f) Tabernacles to be supplied.

2. Shamokin District, W. G. Gehman, P. E.

(a) Stations

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

(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,
J. B. Henry, Paul E. Baer.

(e) Quarterly Conference Licensed Worker

W. W. Zimmerman.

(f) Tabernacles to be supplied.

(B) APPROPRIATIONS

1. Bethlehem District

Quakertown and Hatfield, per month.....	\$25 00	
Northampton and Walnutport, per month.....	20 00	
Nazareth, per month.....	18 00	
Lehigh and Weissport, per month.....	45 00	\$ 108 00
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To be used at the discretion of the Presiding Elder.....	\$ 1,000 00	

2. Shamokin District

Stroudsburg, per month.....	\$25 00	
Sunbury, per month.....	25 00	
Scranton, per month.....	10 00	
Wissinoming, Philadelphia, per month.....	25 00	\$ 85 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.
 Lebanon, Pa.—No. 251 S. 5th Street. To be supplied.
 Chester, Pa.—Nos. 721-723 W. 7th 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,
 H. L. Shelly,
 M. L. Musselman,
 W. D. Evert,
 Paul H. Miller,
 R. R. Fox,

C. D. Bean,
 Charles W. Teel,
 Moses Snyder,
 G. K. Himmelreich,
 Paul I. Wentz,
 H. N. Rishel,

Committee.

V.—Camp Meetings

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL
CAMP MEETING COMMITTEE

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

Bethlehem District

Bethlehem Division—July 3 to 11, 265 tents.
 Allentown Division—August 21 to 29, 289 tents.
 One Camp Meeting was held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa.

Shamokin District

Shamokin Division—July 21 to August 1, 170 tents.

Receipts

Bethlehem District

Bethlehem Division	\$ 4,357 20	
Allentown Division	5,225 50	\$ 9,582 70
Shamokin Division.....		2,484 17
Total		\$ 12,066 87

H. B. Musselman, Chairman.

VI.—Camp Meeting Equipage

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CAMP MEETING EQUIPAGE

We beg leave to submit the following:

During the year we had a lot of ground hauled into the grove, to fill up the hollow place at the west end of the grove, also a number of repairs and replacements were made during the year.

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

Expenditures

William H. Taylor acct. for pump repairs and other replacements	\$79 33	
C. Y. Shelly, hardware, wheelbarrow and forks.....	38 72	
Iron Stakes and Prongs.....	63 79	
Service Supply Co., plumbing supplies.....	21 10	
Repairing soil pipe and installing pump.....	45 90	
Labor, carfare, repairing and sharpening tools.....	35 70	
C. F. Flexer bill.....	33 00	\$317 54

B. Bryan Musselman, Chairman,
F. M. Hottel, Secretary,
G. F. Yost,

Committee.

VII.—Publication and Printing

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND PRINTING

Receipts

Received at Annual Conference.....	\$256 33	
Received from Year Books.....	453 00	
Dedication Certificates.....	4 10	\$713 43

Expenditures

Donation to Conference Secretary.....	\$ 35 00	
Conference Supplies, paper, envelopes, carbon, loose- leaf cover, tablets, erasers, tablet and carbons for reporter	4 05	
Trustee Books for Bethlehem.....	5 00	
1 Quarterly Conference Minute Book (Wissinoming)..<	1 50	
Mailing tubes, clips, postage.....	2 45	
Telephone, postage and mailing tubes.....	3 88	
2 Trustee Books (Wissinoming).....	2 30	
B. B. Musselman's bill.....	32 60	
1000 copies Year Book printed.....	503 00	
Parcel Post	4 32	
Extra Half Tones.....	16 75	
Carfares and Meals in connection with Year Books.....	11 45	
Carfares to Mid-Year Examination.....	18 06	
Pledge Cards, Financial Schedules, Minute Books, etc.	76 01	\$716 37

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

Board.

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

We have received the sum of \$667.90 at the last Annual Conference and during the year, and have paid out the sum of \$15.00 during the year.

Report of the Treasurer**Receipts**

October 15, 1925. Balance in treasury.....	\$ 4,753 29	
Received during the year.....	667 90	\$ 5,421 19

Expenditures

Expended during the year.....	\$ 15 00	
October 15, 1926. Balance in treasury.....	5,406 19	\$ 5,421 19

B. Bryan Musselman, Treasurer.

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

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

October 12, 1925, Members enrolled.....	497
Members received during year.....	4
Members died during year.....	5
Members withdrawn during year.....	59
October 11, 1926, Members enrolled.....	437

Financial

Receipts

Contributions	\$ 1,036 00	
Interest	565 00	\$ 1,601 00

Expenditures

Donations	\$ 375 00	
Sundry Expenses	3 87	\$ 378 87

Report of the Treasurer

Receipts

October 12, 1925. Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 3,875 16	
Received during the Year.....	1,601 00	\$ 5,476 16

Expenditures

Expended during the Year.....	\$ 378 87	
October 11, 1926. Balance in Treasury.....	5,097 29	\$ 5,476 16

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 1926

	Reformed Pastor	Bible, Hebrews	Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation. Walker	Church History	Knowing the Scriptures. Pierson	Divine Art of Preaching	Bible, II Timothy	Average
Second Year's Course								
Paul E. Baer.....	81	70	87	77	72	85	97	81
J. B. Henry.....	85	80	89	89	71	88	97	85

C. G. Hartzel and P. S. Taylor failed to attend the examination.

E. N. Cassel, President,

B. Bryan Musselman, Secretary,

H. K. Kratz,

Board.

XI.—Executive Board

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Board met in Lehighton and approved of some much needed repairs and improvements in the parsonage.

The proposition to install a new heating plant in the church at Sunbury was approved.

At the request of the President of the Gospel Herald Society, the Board met at Chester, Pa., to consider the advisability of purchasing a property for the location of a Gospel Herald Society Mission. The property in question was considered favorably and Brother Gehman was encouraged to purchase the same if he should see fit to do so.

The proposed sale of the Easton church property for \$12,000.00 was approved, subject to the decision of the Easton congregation.

Permission was granted the Trustees of Zionsville to sell the parsonage at that place.

Mizpah Grove

Quite a lot of work has been done this summer. From the building operations going on in the Eastern part of the City, in the vicinity of the Grove, we have secured a great deal of ground, which was hauled in free to fill up the hollow at the lower end. This had to be leveled off and afterward covered with crushed stone, thus greatly improving the place at the lower end of the tent circle.

The Board, through H. W. Yost, has agreed to purchase from John F. Sager, a tract of land 376 feet wide by 700 feet long, or about six acres on the North side and about nine acres on the East side adjoining our present property, for a consideration of ten thousand dollars. One thousand dollars has been paid on this, but full settlement has not yet been made. The survey is to be made at an early date. Thus, with this addition, we now own approximately twenty-five acres of beautiful woodland, easy of access, in the City of Allentown.

The Board ordered B. Bryan Musselman to install a Public Address System in the auditorium. This was done and was found to be a great improvement.

We also purchased a lot of boards and scantling for tent floors at Camp Meeting, to replace broken ones and for additional tents.

The Board estimates the valuation of Mizpah Grove at \$70,000.00.

Rose of Sharon Hymnal

We have had quite a number of the large edition of the Rose of Sharon Hymnal bound in good, substantial buckram in Reading, Pa.

The need of a special hymn book in small popular form for the use of Camp Meetings and in the church services, has been recognized for some time. The brethren B. Bryan Musselman and C. H. Brunner have been authorized to see Mr. Thoro Harris, of Chicago, and ascertain what could be done in this matter. Arrangements were accordingly made and a special book of 288 hymns with the title, "Rose of Sharon Hymns—Camp Meeting Special," was compiled, to be sold at forty cents per copy. An edition of 5000 copies was printed and used with acceptance at the three Camp Meetings and a large number of copies have been sold.

Financial

Receipts

Pledges made at Camp Meetings of 1925.....	\$	2,885	02
Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention.....		423	06
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting Lumber Rent..	\$	222	84
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting Balance.....		1,387	24
Allentown Division Camp Meeting Lumber Rent		243	60
Allentown Division Camp Meeting Balance.....		1,919	76
		3,773	44

Interest	\$	100	00
From sale of Springtown Church Property.....		80	00
From Home Mission Fund.....		254	15
		434	15

Rose of Sharon Hymn Book Account

From W. G. Gehman.....		1,400	46
Total Receipts	\$	8,916	13

Expenditures

Jacob Hartman, Balance on building operations of 1925.....	\$	6,000	00
Crushed stone, labor fixing driveways, plumbing, etc.	\$	472	87
Lumber for tent floors.....		225	60
Electric light for the season.....		175	10
Public address system complete.....		1,118	27
Camp Meeting Equippage Committee's bill.....		317	54
Car fares, telephone, etc.....		71	44
Expenses Board Meetings.....		50	87
Tax and insurance.....		46	29
Allentown Police Fund.....		25	00
H. W. Yost advance on new addition purchased from John F. Saeger.....		1,000	00
		3,502	98

Rose of Sharon Hymn Book Account

Binding large hymnals, express, etc.....	\$	350	93
Rose of Sharon Camp Meeting Special.....		895	00
Fares, telephone, express, freight, etc., in connection with the compiling and publishing of the above		173	30
		1,419	23
Total	\$	10,922	21

BEQUEST

I give and bequeath unto H. B. Musselman, E. N. Cassel, C. H. Brunner, W. G. Gehman 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, E. N. Cassel, C. H. Brunner, W. G. Gehman 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 TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HOME

The Board held four regular meetings during the year. The work generally has been moving forward in a harmonious manner.

Frank L. Musselman, the manager, is well encouraged in the work and is desirous that the work should go forward in a successful manner. Timothy Gehman has recently moved to the Farm and is laboring on the farm very acceptably.

Ernest Bean is temporarily assisting on the farm.

All the brethren appear to be encouraged in the work.

Mrs. Kate Fearheller, the matron, and Mrs. F. L. Musselman, the manager's wife, have been taking care of the inmates in an acceptable manner.

The aged sisters, as well as all the help on the farm, have been kept in good health during the year.

Mrs. Mary Steiner, who has been taken care of by the Church for about forty years and has been an inmate of the Home since its opening, has fallen asleep in Jesus on February 26, 1926, at the age of eighty-one years, one month and four days. Funeral services were conducted at the Home and in the M. B. C. Church at Coopersburg, in charge of her pastor, Rev. G. F. Yost, of Emaus. Interment was made in the Coopersburg M. B. C. Cemetery.

The crops, for various reasons, were not quite as good as the previous years. The Holstein-Friesian cattle, consisting of a tuberculin tested herd, have been doing very well.

An automatic water system and two bath rooms with complete outfits have been installed at the Home.

Donations have been received during the year as follows:

Charles Yeakel—One hundred strawberry plants, a lot of strawberries and labor.

Edwin Fehnel—Bushel of apples.

A. A. Wismer—Three days' labor.

Mrs. Amanda Schultz—Lot of clothing.

Gospel Herald Society—One gas range.

Mrs. Elsie Kress—Four flannelette night-gowns and four pairs bed slippers.

Earl G. King, care of F. D. G., 440 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y.—Two woolen sweaters, goods for two woolen dresses, two pairs of stockings and a silk scarf.

From a friend—One robe and Fifty Dollars.

Abner Deysher—Fifty Dollars.

Estate of Henry Musselman—Twenty-five Dollars.
 Edwin L. Musselman—Fifty Dollars.
 Frank L. Musselman—Fifty Dollars.
 M. L. Musselman—Fifty Dollars.
 J. S. McDowell—Twenty Dollars.
 Allen M. Gehman—Fifteen Dollars.
 Dallas Dillinger—Fifty Dollar Liberty Loan Bond.

Financial

(A) FARM ACCOUNTS

(a) Receipts

Feed	\$	95	79	
Milk		5,839	99	
Cattle		2,283	67	
Potatoes		419	93	
Swine		514	75	
Wheat		523	57	
Eggs		67	93	
Refund		146	06	
Provisions		1	63	
Labor		68	95	
Truck		30	91	
House Rent		110	00	\$ 10,103 18

N.B.—Products from the farm were also used at the Home and by the farm family amounting to \$528.55.

(b) Expenditures

Advertising, periodicals and postage.....	\$	44	98	
Auto maintenance		395	01	
Building repairs and improvements.....		185	35	
Carfare, toll and telephone.....		198	49	
Dairy supplies		64	54	
Electric current		95	72	
Freight and express.....		1	27	
Feed, including veterinary services and con- ditiion powders		2,779	75	
Fertilizer		149	02	
Horseshoeing		20	50	
Implements		183	50	
Oil and gasoline.....		281	42	
Registration and transfers.....		62	50	
Repairs and replacements.....		278	22	
Seeds, plants and potatoes.....		112	68	
Spraying materials		10	55	
Straw		59	14	
Swine		371	72	
Taxes		413	78	
Wages and labor.....		2,309	02	
Interest		49	05	
Live stock		1,320	00	
Hardware		28	28	
Lime, sand and cement.....		10	45	
Poultry		59	87	
Fuel gas		36	99	\$ 9,521 80

(B) HOME ACCOUNTS

(a) Receipts

From the Fund for the Poor (Annual Conference)	\$	424	97		
Interest on various monies.....		199	10		
Donations		260	00	\$	884 07

(b) Expenditures

Wages and labor.....	\$	298	00		
Inmates		136	91		
Aid given outside the Home.....		50	00		
Fuel—gas and coal.....		326	37		
Provisions		386	65		
Interest, Geho legacy.....		27	00		
Electric current and oil.....		55	08		
Periodicals		3	41		
Lime, sand and cement.....		11	57		
Repairs		289	65		
Taxes		6	03		
New building		105	80		
Building, repairs and improvements.....		1,004	15		
Furnishings		155	00	\$	2,855 62

STOCK ACCOUNT

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

(A) FARM

Farm, including land at Home.....	\$	21,000	00		
Tenant's Home		3,800	00		
Implements		6,393	97		

Livestock:

Holstein Friesian cattle.....	\$	5,795	00		
Horses		660	00		
Swine		1,060	00		
Sheep		18	00		7,533 00

Produce:

Potatoes	\$	150	00		
Ensilage		900	00		
Hay		871	50		
Straw		100	00		
Feed		209	53		
Wheat		375	00		
Corn		932	50		
Apples		200	00		
Truck		3	00		
Flour		3	75		
Oats		80	00		3,825 28

Miscellaneous:

Fertilizer	\$	42	50		
Coal		17	25		
Firewood		15	00		

Crates, etc.	30 00	
Fence posts	5 00	
Oil	15 00	
Shelter sheds	125 00	
Furniture	150 00	
Disinfectant soap powder.....	6 50	406 25

Securities:

Money outstanding	\$ 676 01	
Loans	3,650 00	
Cash on hand.....	2,032 55	6,358 56

Total\$ 49,317 06

(B) HOME

Home\$ 12,000 00

Miscellaneous:

Furniture	\$ 400 00	
Canned goods	135 30	
Provisions	71 79	
Smoked meats	75 70	
Coal	200 00	
Soap	20 65	
Poultry	45 00	
Office equipment	200 00	1,148 44

Total\$ 13,148 44

SUMMARY TOTALS

Farm and tenant house.....	\$ 49,317 06	
Home	13,148 44	\$ 62,465 50

STATEMENT

Resources

Properties	\$ 36,800 00	
Livestock	7,533 00	
Implements	6,993 97	
Produce	4,108 07	
Miscellaneous	671 90	
Outstanding bills	676 01	
Securities	3,650 00	
Cash on hand.....	2,032 55	\$ 62,465 50

Liabilities

Contributions to date.....	\$ 26,560 98	
Donations to date.....	2,161 21	
Surplus	33,743 31	\$ 62,465 50

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

W. G. Gehman, F. M. Hottel,
E. N. Cassel, A. A. Wismer,
C. H. Brunner, H. G. Brunner,
B. Bryan Musselman, H. M. Hottel,

Board.

XIII.—Foreign Missions

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

The Power of Prayer

J. H. JOWETT, D.D.

"For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ."—Phil. 1:19.

We can, by prayer, liberate the powers of great men and women, and make them mighty masters of difficult circumstances. We can, by prayer, impart to them a sovereignty by which they are able to handle circumstances and turn them to be ministers of salvation, to the glory of the Saviour's name. I can, by prayer, become as a part of another man, and I go forth with him to his battles and his conquests.

I can travel through Mongolia with James Gilmour, and I can help him to be light-hearted in the midst of appalling tasks. I can be part of a statesman's personality when he is fighting some great iniquity, or championing the children of oppression. I can be a great companion of some mighty preacher when he stands in the pulpit, and I can multiply his resources when he proclaims the Word of Life.

Yes, I can by prayer league myself with another, and I can be a mighty helpmeet in giving him conquest over circumstances so as to make them the ministers of salvation. In this way Onesimus can be a part of Paul. Aquila can be a part of Apollos, and any child can be a part of any great campaigner in the warfare of the Kingdom of God.

Prayer is the appointed means by which rivers of energy are unsealed and directed to some crying needs. And therefore vital prayer is not a word, it is an act. It is as much an act as the waterman's lifting of a sluice-gate which lets the higher waters into the lock where the waters are low. Prayer prepares the ways for the supply of the Spirit of Jesus, and in that holy energy we have the power which overmatches and conquers difficulties which are otherwise invincible.

The Work at Home

With grateful hearts we wish to acknowledge the goodness of the Lord in the homeland during the past year. The churches have been blessed. God has given us showers of blessing, seasons of rejoicing. Many have been saved and sanctified under the blessed ministry of the Holy Spirit. A great number throughout the conference have been healed; some remarkable cases—real miracles, have been performed by the Lord, the great Healer.

The Lord has also blessed our Camp Meetings during the past summer. The Word was preached with power and in the demonstration of the Spirit and much fruit was the result. These popular summer gatherings have been larger than ever before. The altar of prayer was often filled with scores of seekers.

Two Camp Meetings were again held in our beautiful Camp Grove called Mizpah Grove, within the city of Allentown, Pennsylvania. The first one, comprising the Bethlehem Division, consisted of two hundred and sixty-five tents. This Camp Meeting was held from July Third to Eleventh. Rev. R. E. Neighbor, D.D., and the Bosworth Evangelistic Party were present for several services. The second Camp Meeting in Mizpah Grove, comprising the Allentown Division, consisted of two hundred and eighty-nine tents and was held from August Twenty-first to Twenty-ninth. We had with us at this Camp Meeting Rev. Dr. C. A.

Tindley, pastor of the largest colored Methodist church in the world, and his male octette and also the Bosworth Evangelistic Party.

The Mt. Carmel District held its Camp Meeting again in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., from July Twenty-fourth to August First, comprising one hundred and seventy tents. We were pleased to have Rev. E. O. Jago, returned Missionary from Palestine, with us for part of the time. The success of these Camp Meetings has been due largely to the faithful and untiring devotion and service of our loyal leaders together with the co-operation of a sacrificing and hard-working ministry who stand together unitedly in the work of the Lord.

We have again sent out to all our Missionaries, during the year, the "Gospel Banner," "Gospel Herald," Christian Life Missionary," "Gospel of Jesus," Sunday School Teacher's Quarterly, a vest pocket diary, etc. We have received many expressions of appreciation concerning this literature.

This issue of "Regions Beyond," our annual record for 1926 of what the Lord has done through the churches at home and the laborers in heathen lands we trust will be a blessing to many and bring honor and glory the Lord of the vineyard. It is far from complete and, as it is, some parts may not be interesting to some while they may be to others. Most of the material is gathered from correspondence with the Secretary directly, while some has been clipped from their reports in their official papers or their local papers like "The Call" of French Indo-China, the "Chile Missionary Tidings," "Inland Africa," "Alliance Weekly" and Palestinian papers.

New Missionaries

We wish to introduce to the readers of "Regions Beyond" our latest additions to our Foreign Mission family, Brother and Sister Cressman. Norman M. Cressman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob S. Cressman, of Bethlehem, Pa., was converted, baptized and joined the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church when nine years of age. Later on he felt the call to preach the Gospel and joined The Gospel Herald Society, November 28, 1917.

He labored in the Mission in West Philadelphia for five and one-half years and afterward in Jersey City, New Jersey, Mission for three years. Thus, he gained a very good training in practical Home Missionary Work. He then spent about six months in the Nyack Missionary Training Institute.

On Christmas day, 1925, he was joined in Holy matrimony at Easton, Pa., with Miss Ethella E. Hicks, of Jersey City, New Jersey, by the Rev. W. G. Gehman, President of the Gospel Herald Society. Miss Hicks, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis E. Hicks, was born in Newark, New Jersey. She was converted to God when she was nine years old and at the age of sixteen she consecrated her life to God. After a few years of active evangelistic work in New York City, she also entered Nyack Missionary Training Institute to prepare for Foreign Missionary work. She joined the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church at Easton, Pennsylvania, in June, 1925.

In February, 1926, both of them were accepted as Foreign Missionaries by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Christian and Missionary Alliance with the view of going to French Indo-China in the near future.

On July 8, they met the Board of Foreign Missions of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of the Pennsylvania Conference at Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Penna., during the Camp Meeting session. The Board pledged the necessary money for their outfit, transportation and support. The next day in the afternoon service, in charge of Presiding

Elder H. B. Musselman, President of the Board, both of them made farewell addresses. This was followed by a season of prayer in charge of Brother W. G. Gehman, President of the Gospel Herald Society, after which they were informally ordained as foreign missionaries and commended to the God of all grace, the Lord of the Harvest, by the laying on of the hands of the members of the Board. The presence of the Lord was manifested.

On Saturday forenoon, August 8, the Board, as well as quite a number of the Pastors and Gospel Heralds with whom Brother Cressman had been laboring, his parents and members of the family, a number of their relatives and many of their friends from the various missions, met at the pier to bid Brother and Sister Cressman God-speed on their voyage. They sailed at 11:00 a.m. standard time on the S. S. Republic of the United States Lines from Hoboken for Paris, France, where they will spend some time studying the French language preparatory to their going to French Indo-China.

Their address while in France will be 23 Rue de Chatenay, Fontenay-aux-Roses, France.

PALESTINE

Missionaries—Rev. E. O. Jago and Miss Mary A. Butterfield

Missions in the Holy Land

REV. E. O. JAGO

The Missions of the Christian and Missionary Alliance are essentially pioneer in their methods and spirit. Established in twenty different countries of the world their aims are as far as possible to push on into the unevangelized portions of territory allotted to them. Believing most thoroughly in the Divine Command, "Beginning at Jerusalem" they built the first American protestant church in the city of Jerusalem a little less than twenty-five years ago, a small, simple structure of corrugated iron now used as a chapel and headquarters for mission work among the Jews.

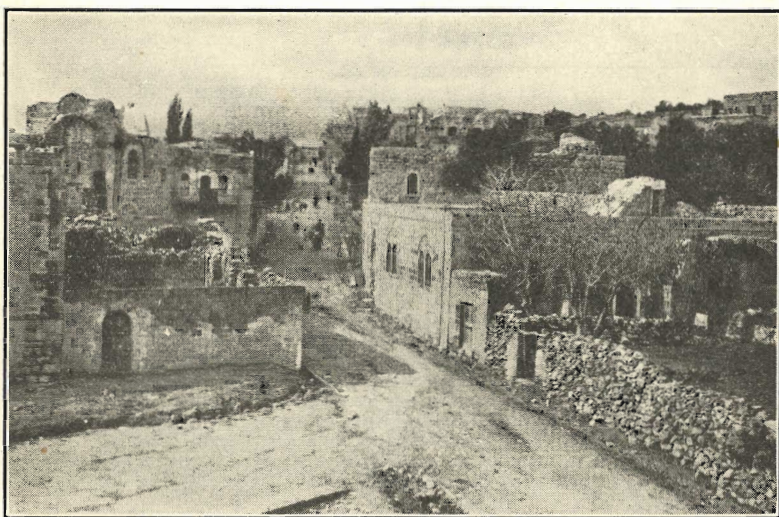
In 1912 they dedicated a large stone church in the Holy City. In connection with this church is the general headquarters of the work of the Society for Palestine, the Hauran District of Syria, and the Arab State of Trans Jordanian.

At one of Dr. John R. Motts' conferences held in Brumana, Syria, in April of 1924, which convened in order that a survey of missionary work in the Near East be arrived at for the purpose of suggesting to the United Missionary forces plans to save overlapping and redistribution of missionary forces in Palestine and Syria, if such overlapping were found, and also to determine policies, in regard to the Moslem problem, it developed that 52 per cent of the missionaries of Syria were located in the Port City of Beirut, and 48 per cent of the missionaries of Palestine were stationed in Jerusalem. This could not be said of the missionaries of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, for in Syria 100 per cent of them were in the villages of that land, while in Palestine only a skeleton organization was maintained in Jerusalem at Headquarters and in the Jewish work. Practically all the missionaries of the Alliance organization apart from the chairman, the Jewish worker, and one or two missionaries living at headquarters and studying the language, and the teachers of the girls' department of the Bible Training Institute now located in the village of Beit Jala, were stationed in either the villages of Palestine or Trans Jordanian on the east side of the River Jordan. Because of this policy of occupying the

"Regions beyond" and not port cities, the mission is called "The Palestine and Arabian Border Mission of the Christian and Missionary Alliance."

In Jerusalem a goodly sized congregation of people and a large and growing Sunday School meet regularly in the church. At the Jewish chapel, services are conducted regularly, and classes are held for men and women, boys and girls from the seed and stock of Israel. The main emphasis, however, is upon pioneer work upon the borders where no other mission operates.

On the edge, almost, of the desert facing the Peninsula of Sinai is the Beer Sheba Station. Fifteen years ago this station was a Turkish military outpost. Here the Alliance essayed to open a mission in a territory which embraced 90,000 roving Bedouins of the desert accord-



Palestine.
Hebron.

ing to the figures of one of the local British governors. The population of Beer Sheba itself numbers today about 2,500 people and is composed chiefly of Moslem Arab traders from all over Palestine, with possibly 150 to 200 Christian Arabs, mostly men born of the Greek Orthodox Church (Catholic) and a mere handful of Jews.

At the beginning of the work the Turkish military authorities with the resident Moslems bitterly opposed our entry into that most southern town of Palestine. Islam for centuries had enjoyed possession of that land and they were determined to remain in possession. But God had commanded that when the Holy Ghost was come that we must witness not only in "Jerusalem, but in Judea, Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts" and this lonely spot was far beyond the confines of Judea, out where no evangelical witness for Christ was lifting up the blood stained banner of the Cross, and when proud, arrogant, Christianity-hating Mohammedanism was lifting its brazen front against the messengers of the Cross and saying, "Hither thou shalt not come."

But the true servant of God must obey God and not man, and so in the face of opposition and even intimations of violence leading to death itself, our missionaries and beloved native workers steadily pursued their way while the devil raged and hell from beneath was stirred to oppose them and drive them out.

At the outbreak of the war in 1914 we had succeeded in buying a mission house and compound in Beer Sheba itself. In the compound itself was a small building which we used temporarily as a meeting place on the Lord's Day and a schoolhouse during the week and which was filled even before the war with the children of the Arab Christians, all Roman or Greek Catholics, largely the latter.

The war breaking out the Curtain of Silence and mystery fell over all our mission work in Palestine as the Turks expelled all our missionaries and we were obliged to leave the land, leaving our people and property to the tender mercies of the Turks.



Palestine.

Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives.

Here Christ ascended (Acts 1:12). Here Christ returns (Zech. 14:4).

During the latter part of the war, two of our Alliance missionaries succeeded in getting back to Palestine wearing American Red Cross uniforms as a part of the First American Relief Unit to enter that unhappy land after years of war, misery, starvation, disease, sickness and death. The cannons were still roaring when they entered the land, but the scene of conflict was then raging 40 miles north of Jerusalem.

Shortly after the American Relief Unit arrived in Palestine, the commanding officer of the expedition, Co. John H. Finley, asked the writer to accompany him to Beer Sheba. Arriving there by auto over a wretched Turkish military road, the writer was delighted to find that while Beer Sheba had been the general headquarters of 100,000 Turkish troops during the war, our mission buildings were unharmed as one of the Turkish generals had used the mission house as his residence during the campaign. The descent of the British army on Beer Sheba had been so sudden and unexpected that the Turks did not have time to dynamite the buildings before leaving.

At the close of the war the writer came to the United States and returned to Palestine with the first company permitted to re-enter that land to re-open the work. On their return Beer-Sheba was again re-occupied and the work grew so rapidly that soon it became necessary to build a new church to house the people who came to services. Perhaps it will be of interest to your readers to see how pioneer missions sometimes develop in the Near East.

Upon completion of the new church on the edge of the desert it was suitably dedicated in the summer of 1920. The writer remained after the dedication to conduct evangelistic services in the new building. The building was dedicated in the afternoon. That very evening before the evangelistic services were to begin a machine gun company of British soldiers with their machine guns came into the church compound and said to the writer, "Sorry, sir, but we must mount the machine guns on the roof of the new church, for we hear the Arabs are



Palestine.
City of Kerak.

going to attack the British garrison tonight, and this is the best point from which to repel the attack."

It is needless to say we had a very fruitful evangelistic meeting that night with Mars on the roof of the church and the Gospel of the Prince of Peace being proclaimed from within.

The Arabs, however, did not attack the town, and they and the British government came to an understanding by which the cause of the friction was removed, and peace has since reigned in that section.

Today that new church, school, and mission stand facing Mecca by the way of the Sinaitic Peninsula, conversions are beginning. The first Moslem convert has been baptised. Young Orthodox Greek Catholic boys and girls from this station have been converted and trained in our schools, and are serving Jesus Christ as helpers in our mission. The school is filled to the doors with children that know the joyful sound. Do missions pay on the Palestine border?

About five years ago we looked longingly across the Palestine border into the Arab state of King Abdullah, whose father was the king of

Mecca. The writer and a missionary on their initial visit to spy out the land were under a rain of bullets for a brief moment fired by Arab horsemen. Today in that East Jordan country at Madaba we have a flourishing mission with two ladies in charge. They have a Sunday School of 250 Arabic speaking boys and girls, a day school of 65 boys and 35 girls. They are attempting to build a church and mission house directly back of Mt. Nebo where Moses died. On the border of Arabia at ancient Kir of Moab, a lonely frontier station, is stationed an Alliance missionary and his wife. In one of his out-stations another new church is facing Mecca on the borders of Arabia. Does it pay? We would again ask.

In the Hauran country of Syria from a line drawn from south of Damascus to the Lake of Galilee and east to Bagdad is another Alliance pioneer field. Opened some three years ago, two churches had been organized, preaching points opened and a main station opened at Deria, the junction of the Damascus-Mecca pilgrim line to Mecca. War between the Druzes and the French has been sweeping that land for six months and our missionaries compelled to retire temporarily. But just before their retirement a new church was beginning to rise facing Mecca and Bagdad. The war now being over our missionaries will return, and in that border country resume the work so hopefully begun. Thus on three fronts all facing Mecca, Arabia, three mission churches are facing the stronghold of Islam-Arabia, where for centuries the evangel of Jesus Christ has been debarred. Is it not worth while to sympathize with, pray, and give to such a mission?

The following accounts are from reports from the field by Miss Butterfield:

"The Soil of the Homeland"

"Why did prophecy cease in Israel?" a famous Jewish teacher was once asked. His reply was quick, almost instinctive, 'Because the Jews lost contact with the soil of Erez Israel (Land of Israel)'."

The above is the introductory paragraph in a Jewish pamphlet entitled, "The Soil of the Homeland." Further on in the article, we read, "Redemption of the soil is the task of the whole Jewish people; to reclaim and to fructify the waste places of Zion, the gladly shouldered duty of the pioneers." "Gladly Shouldered" is indeed the word that expresses the activities of these sturdy pioneers of the Jewish nation. Joy shines out from their weary faces as they toil at their building and planting, and their songs of Zion are frequently heard, both day and night.

Trace briefly the history of a colony:—A barren spot in the uncultivated wilderness; a few tents for several pioneers who work with might and main to build their tiny homes of either stone or lumber, according to their location; among the first evidences of home life is the garden with vegetables and flowers—roses, geraniums, etc.; trees soon follow; fields around are ploughed and sown with grain; a few cattle are obtained and often a dairy is soon one of the industries; a vineyard is planted in some places; shops are built; a small school house; more immigrants come and soon there are many houses and shops, etc.

No place is too barren to try to reclaim. One of the latest undertakings is a large stretch of sand dunes northeast of Haifa. Four hundred Jewish pioneers are working there. In such a case, the first move is to bring water to the desert place. Hence long ditches or canals are being dug so as to deflect some of the water from the River Kishon out into this barren spot. Before any of us will realize it, the whole section will be green and beautiful with little bungalow homes and vegetation. Such is the record of the transformation of many of Palestine's wildernesses these days.

Many of these pioneers have come from lands where they have suffered bitter persecution. Their common suffering in the past has bound them together in bonds of blood and now they endure hardship together, sharing alike in gain or loss in a new life where even pain is sweet since it means the restoration of their homeland. God grant the speedy arrival of the day when they will be rejoicing not only in the redemption of their soil but also in that of their souls!

Various industrial enterprises have already been established, *e.g.*, a cement factory in Haifa, flour mills, dairies, match factory, etc. Among the Educational Institutions are the Hebrew University, "Bazaleel" School of Arts and Crafts, a Technological Institute. There are also a number of fine hospitals, among them, "Bikhor Holm," next door to our Mission House in Jerusalem.



Palestine.
Tel-Aviv, Allenby Street.

In order to give workmen opportunities for education, they have established splendid night schools in a number of places. It has been my privilege to attend one of the evening classes for a study of Hebrew for the past four months. Here I have had a revelation of the new life which has come with the Jewish pioneers. Men and women of all classes and vocations attend the school, among them Christians and Moslems, though the Jews are in the majority. Hebrew teachers, well versed in the art of teaching, put in three hours' work at the close of a busy day teaching the various classes. All told, between 300 and 400 attend this night school.

To celebrate the close of the school for the summer, about 150 members of the school took a long walk one Saturday. It was a day of happy social fellowship which I shall never forget. Such a spirit of liberty and joy prevailed among them that it was contagious. I felt a thrill of gladness as we trailed along the road and later wound our way in and out on the stony paths among the hills on the way to a Colony. The love of God overflowed in my soul. We chatted in Hebrew to the best of our ability most of the day. We had several rest

periods, during two of which the teacher of the class I am in told us stories in Hebrew about the places we were visiting. On the way to Ain Karim he read to us from Jeremiah 31: 38-40, and explained that the place on which we were sitting (just outside the Jewish Colony called "Beit Hakerim") was probably Goath. Then, he talked about Ain Karim, telling of its interest to Jews and Moslems and also that it was "the birthplace of John the Baptist, the prophet who preceded Jesus of Nazareth."

Never in my life have I witnessed more demonstrations of kindness and courtesy than was manifested that day among these dear people. We visited a Hebrew Sanitorium in Motza Colony. We were told we must be quiet and you would never believe that 150 people on a picnic could keep so quiet as our party did while resting there for about an hour. Then, they took us through the house and oh, how neat and restful it looked! and it was spotlessly clean.

We arrived at home footsore and weary, aching from the extraordinary exertion of the long walk—about twelve or thirteen miles, all told.



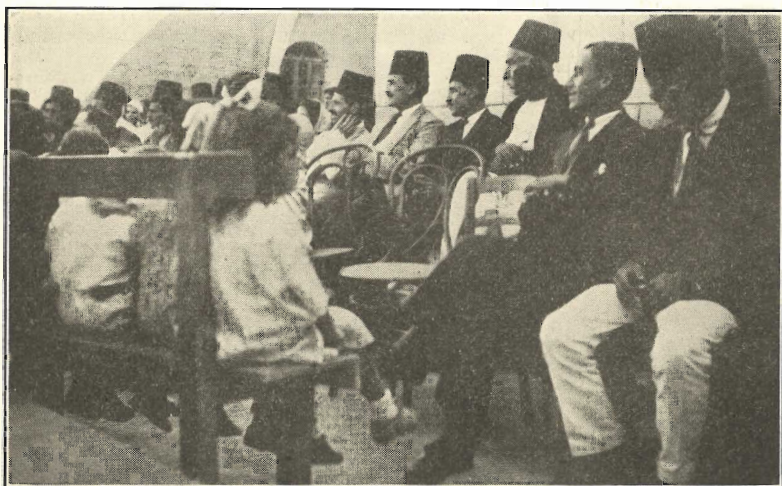
Palestine.
Beer-Sheba school, exercising.

But they were sweet pains to me in the memory of the lovely day with its glorious possibilities. The joy had been so great that the pain was unnoticed until it was all over. I thought of Jesus suffering for us and wondered if those pains He endured "for the joy that was set before Him" were not sweet to Him? His shouts of victory on the cross would bear out that idea. With the assurance that through all eternity He would have with Him a people bought with the blood He was shedding, I know those awful pains were sweet. I feel sure that many, if not all, of that group of Jews will be among the redeemed when Jesus returns to earth again. The burden of prayer He gave will not fail to accomplish His purpose. Praise Him! "The soil of the Homeland" will soon be trodden by His glorious feet!

Reading Room in Jerusalem

"The House of Seekers after Truth" in Jerusalem has been a scene of considerable activity this year. The reading room established a year ago has proved to be well worth while. The room often fills up with men who sit and read by the hour. The evangelist has his hands so full that we are contemplating the need of an assistant for him. The

Saturday afternoon meetings have been unusually precious since the rowdy crowd have been kept away by the police. For a time it looked as if our meetings were all in vain as they came and disturbed us, tearing up books, breaking windows, etc. The last trick they played on us was rather amusing but it turned out to be beneficial for us. They changed our sign so that it read, "House of Seekers after Lies"! In our ignorance of what had transpired outside. I was wondering a bit over the unusual attendance, as we had not often had so many in before; but you see the dear rogues out there had done some splendid advertising for us and folks came in out of curiosity to see what we were teaching. After the service our evangelist and a young friend went out and washed away the word "Lies". But from that day to the present time, we have had better attendance and the Lord has given real blessing to souls.



Palestine.

Beer-Sheba audience listening to the closing exercises of the Children's Day School, June, 1925.

Not long ago, during the question meeting which always follows the service the text Zech. 12:10 was up for discussion: "And I will pour upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and supplications: and they shall look upon Me Whom they have pierced." Some contended that "Me" referred to Zechariah who was put to death by the Jews. The evangelist wrote the words of the text upon the blackboard in Hebrew. "Who is meant by the pronoun 'I'?" he asked. "God," they answered. He wrote the word "God" above the pronoun "I." "Who is meant by 'Me'?" "Oh, that is Zechariah," they said. He then wrote "Zechariah" over that pronoun. "Now read the text substituting your nouns for the pronouns," he said. At their first effort they saw the incongruity of it. Then, the evangelist said, "Perhaps we had better write 'Zechariah' over the pronoun 'I' to make it agree with the other," and he started to do so. "Oh, no, no, no! that will never do. That 'I' is God," they said. "Then, how can the word 'Me' mean Zechariah?" asked the evangelist. They could not

answer, but, for a brief period they sat in perplexity and astonishment while they mentally "looked" at the pierced One. Since then one of these has been saved and we believe others will be, also. Pray for them.

Our Station Work

We are sorry that the work in the Hauran is still closed. An effort was made recently to find out if our missionaries might go there but word came back that they should not do so until they are informed by the American Consul that it is safe. So all we can do yet is to pray for the Hauran. Meanwhile the missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Breaden, are working hard at the language study, hoping to have their examinations over before they need to undertake station responsibilities.

Quite a large group of government officials visited Kerak not long ago and the various communities were greatly exercised to give them a reception, so it was necessary for the American Community to do the same. Mr. Shaw hurried over to Jerusalem to see what help he could get from headquarters for this. When he returned, Mr. Allen, our Chairman, went along with some fine lantern slides. They had a feast on the "fatted calf" and the officials had a good time indeed. After the supper was over, Mr. Allen showed his pictures of Scripture scenes and he gave a straight gospel message to the large crowd that had gathered. It was a wonderful opportunity to preach the gospel to many Mohammedans, and the Mohammedans enjoyed it, though not all of them were pleased, of course. The missionaries there are hoping to carry on some aggressive evangelistic work soon in that vicinity.



Palestine.
The Alliance Church in Beer-Sheba.

They can recite pages of Scripture by heart. There are a number of earnest inquirers coming to the Mission at night to study the Word. Miss Best leaves this summer for her furlough so the friends in America will see her.

Mr. Allen held special meetings in Madaba, Kerak and Beersheba last winter which were a real blessing. At present our station in Beer-sheba is in charge of studying missionaries who cannot give full time to service outside as they must pass their examinations. Yet, they have some real opportunities for ministry. A good reading room has been established and it is often filled with men who sit and read or talk with the evangelist.

The work in Hebron has been fruitful also. Mr. and Mrs. Allen are there. They have a good reading room where thirty and forty men a day have gathered to read or talk with the missionary. The plan now is to transfer the Bible Training School to Hebron where Mr. Allen can

supervise it in addition to his work as Chairman of the Mission and also his station work which includes considerable itineration among the villages.

The Boarding Schools are now closed and we expect to concentrate on Bible Training work for men and women with a view to getting a strong force of Palestinian workers. Miss Parsons will go on furlough, God willing, and Miss Beecroft will have charge of the Girls' Training work. Miss Chalmers is to help her. This school is near Bethlehem and is the center of evangelistic work for that section. The girls will get their practical training by going out with a missionary or Bible Woman into the homes in Bethlehem and Beit Jala as well as some smaller villages around there.

Special Evangelistic Work

With his "indefatigable Ford," Mr. Turnbull has had unprecedented opportunities for widespread evangelistic work in the Jerusalem Dis-



Palestine.

Madaba School, Trans Jordania. East Side of Jordan back of Mt. Nebo.

trict. Many of them are available by auto now, and even where there is no road, the auto has succeeded in climbing hills and breaking a trail through the valleys to far-away villages, with its load of missionaries. What meetings they report! It is an inspiration to listen to them talk about it! The Word of God is being preached and also distributed in printed form with the tract "Be Ready." They are often invited back to a village but the missionaries wish to get to everyone before the year is over, so they cannot go back immediately.

Mr. Turnbull's Arabian Trips

Mr. Turnbull has had three trips into Arabia in three months. The second and third were made in company with Messrs. Breaden and Ward. Away across the desert, 300 miles over the border the men rode in their autos, into El Jouf, where they were most kindly received and courteously treated by the Emir of El Jouf. We will quote some extracts from Mr. Turnbull's own report of this visit:

"About one o'clock we stopped at a little village just outside of El Jouf and sent a man to tell the Emir we had arrived. Soon we were

riding past great groves of date palms in the outskirts of the city and along the road trampled by centuries of Arab life until we pulled up at the gate of the old castle with its four towers. An armed escort conducted us within the walls and across a wide courtyard.

The Emir received us at once in an open pavilion where he holds court during the summer months and for our refreshment, coffee, sweet tea, dates and flat bread were served. That evening before supper I had a brief opportunity to witness to him and all his men. Picture the Emir seated on a throne of stone covered with rugs, my companions on his left and myself on his right hand. Around the walls of the palm-thatched pavilion sat attendants and soldiers with rifles in their hands or hung conveniently on pegs above their heads. Darkness came on as we chatted and a lantern was brought by a servant. I remarked that one of our English poets had compared a light in the dark to 'a good deed in a naughty world'. The Emir replied that there was a similar saying in Arabic. Then I mentioned that Christ compared His disciples to lights and that led up to the statement that Christ claimed to be 'the Light of the world'. For a short time before we rose to go to supper I had the privilege of speaking further about the claims of Christ."

Mr. Turnbull relates a still better opportunity on his third visit: "For over two hours I sat beside him on that occasion while soldiers from many parts of Arabia lined the court listening intently. The Emir had many questions to ask about the Bible and endeavored to argue but I kept quoting Scripture to him and turned repeatedly to the necessity of a Saviour. It was a grand chance to exalt Christ as God's appointed way of salvation. * * * Truly that morning the Spirit wonderfully helped me, bringing to mind the most appropriate passages from the Word which my interpreter promptly gave in the beautiful Arabic. New ways of saying old truths sprang into my mind and rarely have I had such joy in my heart as when, leaning that day on the arm of the Emir's throne, I tried to bring this princely-hearted son of Arabia to the throne of Him Who is the Prince of Peace." Pray that these visits to Arabia may serve to open a door permanently into that land. At present, no more visits are permitted until special permission from Ibn Saud can be obtained.

A New Station Opened

Last Fall, Mr. Allen and Mr. Smalley had a trip to Ma'an since which time it has been the hope of the Mission to open a station there. Two of our young men who are studying the language have volunteered to go there to complete their language study. So this summer, Messrs. Allen, Shaw and the two young men who are to be stationed there—Mr. Brooks and Mr. Rackett—went over to see about renting a house. The Lord went before them and when they arrived they found a good friend who helped them find rooms, with no difficulty at all. They are to go there to live this fall. Ma'an is a beautiful city about thirty miles from the Arabian border. From there it will be easy to make trips to various towns in that vicinity.

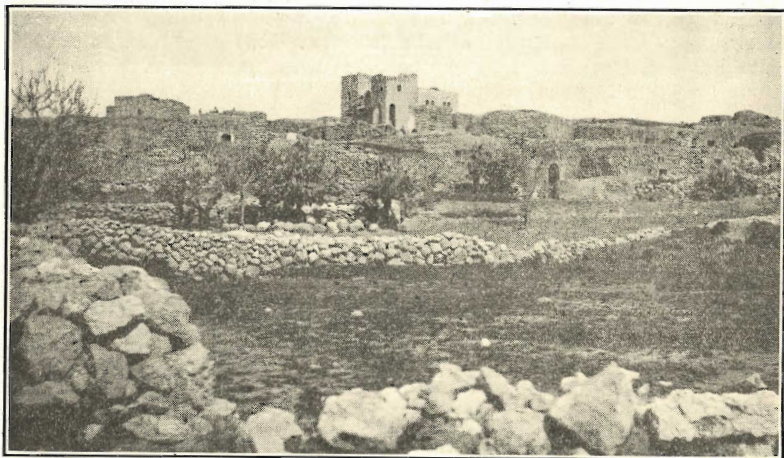
You will be interested in the story of the way this new station is being financed. The missionaries have been doing without supper on Friday evenings and spending the time in prayer. They decided that the proceeds should go to pioneer work; thus the fund began. Various other amounts with a similar story have come in to swell the account. Also the committee decided to use some refunds on two dead accounts for this purpose. The Lord in His grace and His mercy is answering some of the prayers of past years. Thank God! He never forgets. We trust you will take this new station on your hearts for prayer in a

special way, that God will open up doors for ministry, also that He will help the young men finish their Arabic study and give them ability to use it.

What About Results?

Of course you want to know the results and I only wish I might go into detail about some of them. But, friends, past experiences—bitter ones—have taught us that the less we say about results the better. I could tell you some beautiful stories of transformed lives but I feel it wiser to refrain. However, I want you to know that we are not seeing crowds converted—just ones and twos here and there.

We all feel that we are on the verge of a great moving of the Spirit among Jews and Moslems here. We are holding on in earnest prayer.



Palestine.

Dahareah Mission Station, ancient Kirjath-Sepher of Josh. 15.

Our great problem just now is how to care for what fruit we have, *i.e.*, how to do it without harming them. We long to shelter them but they never grow strong when sheltered as we would like to do it. Yet, we must help them live if we are going to keep them near us for further instruction. How to do it—"there is the rub." All the missions are facing the same problem. It is similar in kind though not in quantity to the one that faced the early church when they decided to set apart seven deacons for the daily ministration for temporal needs of those who were in need because of their faith in Christ. God promised to supply all their need but He did it through His saints. At the present time, we are having to minister to two Jews and two Moslems, as well as two others who are in prison. Christ's words, "Inasmuch," keep ringing in my soul these days as we face a very critical situation due to economical conditions in the land at present. The burden of our United Missionary Prayer Meeting for the past month has been, "Oh, Lord, show us a way—Thy way to meet this situation." Please unite your prayers with ours for this.

"I Have Set Before Thee An Open Door"

It is a day of unprecedented religious toleration in Palestine. Hundreds of Jews and Moslems are expressing their unbelief in their own religion and are seeking to find one that satisfies their ideas of religion. There is also remarkable toleration of each other. There is almost no evidence, at present, of the former spirit of antagonism on the part of the Arab against the Jews. Perhaps the feeling is not very warm between them but there is outward recognition of each for the other. Much of this is due to the Jews' observance of a beautiful direction given in the law of Moses—Lev. 19:33, 34; Deut. 10:18, 19. Their "new life" requires love to the stranger and they are surely faithful in following the precept. That is true among those who are simple-hearted pioneers, especially. One frequently sees Arabs and Jews in friendly conversation. It seems to be a dropping in fulfillment of Isaiah 60, where we see Jews and Moslems coming up to worship *together* in Jerusalem. "The multitude of camels" (Isa. 60:6) are found in Arabia alright. Mr. Turnbull told of one caravan so large that it took one hour for them to pass the place where he was sitting.

Oh, it cannot be long, now, until "they shall come with acceptance on Mine altar and I will glorify the house of My glory" (v. 7)! Thank God! Nothing can prevent it from coming to pass. Let us rejoice in anticipation of that day, and work and watch and pray.

In one of her reports Miss Butterfield says: We have opened a reading room in our Jewish work. We have a good Syrian evangelist who is enthusiastically seeking to make our Reading Room a channel for reaching Jews of all classes. By doing some carpentry work himself, he has succeeded in putting up some good shelves and staining them. He is very desirous now, to fill them with good books of various languages, especially Hebrew, English and German. We have bought as many as we can with funds on hand and some have been donated, so we have a nucleus. "The Gospel Banner," which you are sending me is one of the periodicals on the reading table. We have also one or two Hebrew newspapers and hope to have some kind of a weekly newspaper from America—or one of the monthly magazines, such as "Current History," etc. We do not expect to compete with some of the larger libraries in the city but we aim to make it an attractive room as God shall enable us. We have Bibles in various languages and some good spiritual books. Pray that this room may be used of the Lord to bring Jews to a knowledge of Christ, please.

Mr. Gabriel, the evangelist, has some classes in English for young men and women, and his faithful wife is helping him. We have services twice a week for the Jews. The ones best attended are the Saturday afternoon meetings. We do not have crowds, but that is all the better as we would rather have a few who sat quietly listening than to have a large crowd who would be difficult to control.

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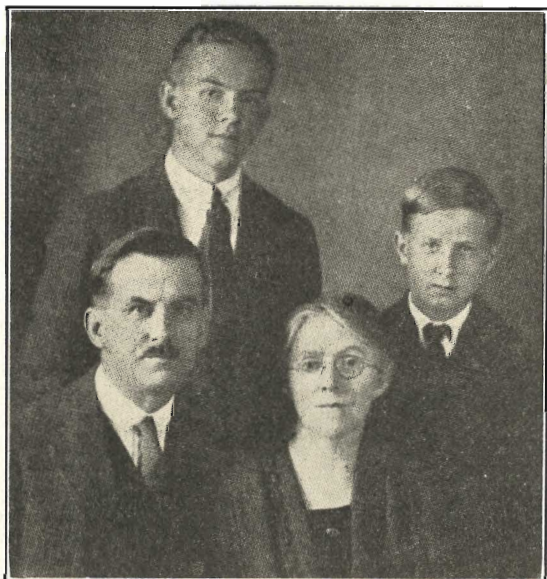
Missionaries—Rev. E. R. Carner, Mrs. E. R. Carner,
Rev. Samuel Kerr, Mrs. Samuel Kerr

The Missionary Challenge

REV. E. R. CARNER

The Challenge of the Need

The need never was greater than it is now. When God gives to us a picture of the need of our own hearts, how glad we are that Jesus came into the world to supply that need. But it is so easy for us to forget that, just as our own hearts have had this desperate need which could



India.

Rev. E. R. Carner and family.

only be met through the Lord Jesus Christ and through the blood of the Cross, the need of every heart throughout heathendom and throughout the world can be met in only this one way.

In India, during the last touring season we spent on the field, we were out in the district visiting the villages day after day, and one morning as I lay on my cot in the tent praying before I would get up in the chill of the morning air and start out to visit the villages—praying for the villages and the people I expected to meet that day—the Lord gave me a vision. The Word of God says that when God shall pour out His Spirit, “your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.” Before I knew anything about India, when God began to call me to that field, He gave me a vision of my work, the kind of work I was doing the day this vision came. Although I knew nothing about the people in India, God the Holy Spirit knew about them, and He showed me the people I was to preach to. It was not until years after that I understood what the vision meant.

On this morning I saw myself standing before a company of villagers, especially the farmer caste, for whom the Lord has given me a great burden and a peculiar love. I saw one of these men sitting before me and as I looked at him in his turban and farmer garb, he suddenly faded, and in the place of this person of flesh and blood sat a grinning dead skeleton. God showed me that this was the condition of the people to whom I was giving the Gospel—dead in trespass and sins. God showed to me that those villages could be multiplied by tens of thousands—not only in India, but in China and Africa and other lands—and that every individual in every one of those villages is just as needy and his condition is just the same as that individual. Surely God challenges us to give to them the one message that can stir their dead hearts into life and make them call on Him.

The Challenge of the Open Door

God has wrought great things in the short time that I have had the privilege of being one of His messengers. I remember that the conditions when we first went to India twenty-two years ago were vastly different to what they are today. Then the Berar and Marathi people, among whom we work, were considered hard because it was so difficult to reach them and they were so unresponsive to the Gospel. At that time when we went into one of the villages of Berar, an old woman ran out and very vehemently screamed at the people to whom I was speaking, to scatter and get to their homes, that these foreign people were the people who brought the bubonic plagues. I don't think a thing like that could happen there today because the people know that the missionaries do not bring the bubonic plague and cholera pestilence.

God has proved to us in that part of India that the Gospel can change the hard hearts of the Marathi people, and doors are open into the homes and into the villages, and, thank God, into many hearts that were closed to the Gospel twenty years ago. Just before we left India there were some people who walked twenty and twenty-five miles on Sundays to come to our meeting, and also asked to be baptized. Among them was one gray-haired old couple—the woman was lame, too—who walked twenty-five miles to the Sunday meeting and asked us to baptize them. We had been baptizing through the rainy season even, a thing unheard of throughout our province. We had at last to turn them away and tell them that our successors would baptize them. They needed more teaching, but, oh, how glad we were of their changed attitude.

Then too even the farmer caste has changed from what it was twenty years ago in its attitude toward the Gospel. One fine young man of that caste went with me to the edge of the village months ago as I was leaving, and said, as he showed me very courteously the way home, "Sahib, we are like sheep. We know that what you say is true, that the story of Jesus Christ is the truth and that He is the Saviour of the world, but you know we are very stupid; we are waiting for somebody to go ahead and show us the way. One of these days when one of our leaders goes ahead, we will run after him because we are like a lot of sheep." The Lord said they were like sheep to Him, sheep "without a shepherd," and because of that, He said to His disciples, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Today the doors in that part of India, as well as in many other lands, are opened where once they were closed, and they challenge us today to enter with the Gospel.

The Challenge of the Ripening Apostasy

There is a challenge that comes from another direction, that challenge of the ripening apostasy. In the mission fields the apostasy has

shown itself. Among missionaries who are supposed to be messengers of the Cross many, many hearts today are not loyal to the Lord Jesus Christ and to His infallible Word. We are told that more than half the missionaries in India are modernists, higher critics, or evolutionists, and have turned away from the faith that God delivered to His saints once for all. Because of this apostasy, because of the unbelief on the part of those who profess to love the Lord Jesus Christ, because of the preaching of another gospel which is not the Gospel, God challenges the people who know His Word and who know Him, to be more sacrificial if possible—and surely it is possible to be more sacrificial than ever we have been before—and to go on with this great work that He has committed to our trust. Satan is aroused and alarmed because he knows the time is short, and Satan has found his way into the ranks of those who profess to love the Lord Jesus Christ. It should be a challenge to us today who love Him, and believe in an unmutated Bible, to be faithful unto death in giving out the Gospel of Christ.

The Challenge of the Gospel's Power

Jesus Christ is "the same yesterday, today and forever." Thank God, we found it out on the mission fields over and over again, the power of this Gospel to save the heathen. Oh, if we did not believe that God can do what He has promised to do, it surely would not be worthwhile to go to China, Africa, or India. But when we know that the Gospel has not lost its power, and we see that it does save men and women, surely there is a wonderful challenge to put everything in getting the Word of God to these people!

Had I time, it would be a delight to tell you of some of the transformations we have seen in twenty-two years. If God is able to transform one life or a few, He is able to transform thousands. The caste system in India is one of the greatest problems in all the missionary world. If Jesus Christ can break the chains of caste, He can do anything in heathendom. We have seen it done. One of the dearest friends I have in India is a Brahmin. He planned to lead a professional life. He wanted to be a lawyer. He had a good name and ancestry. He was proud of his family history, which he could trace back hundreds and hundreds of years. He was engaged to marry a beautiful Brahmin woman whose father was one of the wealthiest men in that part of India. With all that prospect there was darkness in his heart, and he contemplated committing suicide. Through the grace of God he heard of Christ. The Word of God was put in his hands and he began to read the Bible. God saved him. He became a humble Christian. He is pastor of one of the largest Christian churches in western India. He has paid the price for his faith. His prospective father-in-law turned him out, and he has walked through all these years alone with God. I have seen that proud Brahmin sit down on the mud floor of a village rest house and eat his dinner with outcaste converts saved out of heathenism but a few months, eat out of the same dish, the dish they had prepared, those who a few months ago had been untouchables and eaters of carrion. These people were converts, and we were holding a little convention with them. This dear brother had come to preach to them, and he sat down with us, and ate with those converts, and did it with gladness in his heart. That was one of the greatest miracles I have ever seen in all my missionary life. If God can do this for one Brahmin, He can do it for thousands. The power of the Gospel is God's challenge to us to give, sacrifice, pray, and go until His coming is ushered in.

AFRICA—Belgian Congo

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

**Notes Gathered from the Annual Report of the Secretary of the
Christian and Missionary Alliance and Reports of Missionaries**

In the Belgian Congo the Alliance Mission occupies the small but populous section near the mouth of the Congo River, extending between the river on the south and French Equatorial Africa on the north, where the mission is the only Protestant agent of the Gospel among 300,000 souls. For several reasons the Congo Mission stands out prominently among the world-wide work of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. In 1884 the first missionaries sent out by the Society which later developed into the Christian and Missionary Alliance went to Belgian Congo, which is thus the oldest field in the work. In all our mission fields the supreme aim is to win souls to Christ through the preaching of the Gospel. In the Belgian Congo, however, there has probably been a greater emphasis placed upon preaching than in most other fields. The result has been that in the Congo are more than one-fourth of the total number of church members in all our fields. Over one-third of the native workers and more than half of the out-stations in Alliance fields are in the Congo. Here too are the largest churches in the entire Alliance work at home or abroad. Two of them are entirely self-supporting, and all are earnest in the propagation of the Gospel.

Including Boma, for many years the capital of Belgian Congo, there are five principal mission stations. Missionaries also now reside in two former stations, where they are engaged in the supervision of village school work. These stations had been closed for years because of the church being satisfactorily cared for under native leadership. The Alliance is not engaged in educational work in the usual way, but in our Congo fields the only way for our Christians or their families to ever learn to read or have any school privileges is for the mission to teach them as there is no other school system.

Because of the great importance of Christians and inquirers being able to read the Bible, every native worker is both a teacher and a preacher, but these native workers are for the most part men of very little training and are unable to properly teach even the rudiments of reading and writing without further supervision by the missionary. Hence, two missionaries are being assigned to every church district to assist in the village schools and hold district institutes both for teacher training and instruction in the Word of God and the Christian life. As evidence that the school work does not hinder but rather is an absolute help to the furtherance of the Gospel we quote a paragraph from a recent letter written by one of the young women engaged in this work in the Yema district:

"We visited all the schools in two districts, also four Yema schools on our way home. Every place the people were glad to see us and great preparations had been made for our coming.

"The attendance most places at the services was very good. We were seven weeks on the road and I held 97 meetings, in addition to school sessions and the two weeks' teachers' institute.

"In every town where there were Christians we had one message on soul-winning, one on family worship and responsibility, one on the

value of God's Word. In every town I had a women's meeting on sanitation, hygiene and caring for the sick. In many towns the Word took hold of hearts and there were numbers of confessions concerning things which were not right in the lives of the Christians. It was such a joy to give out the Word and my own heart was refreshed."

Congo

Though great multitudes of heathen souls are still to be evangelized in our Congo field, yet the principal task of the missionaries is the training and development of the native church. The church itself is moving forward with remarkable zeal in the evangelizing of the hundreds of villages in this field. There were at the close of 1925 twenty-eight missionaries on the field and 403 native workers ministering in the Gospel, 100 of these being volunteer workers who received no pay. Besides preaching services the native workers conducted 38 schools and



Africa.

Missionaries' Home at Boma, Headquarters of C. & M. A. Missions in Belgian Congo.
Mr. and Mrs. Crist, Mr. Snead.

a total of over 120,000 services were held in the various villages throughout the district of our work in the Congo. 353 new converts were baptized in the eleven organized churches, which now have a total membership of 4,364. The native offerings in the churches amounted to over 42,000 francs, being an increase of over ten thousand above the previous year.

For several years there have been only two ordained ministers in the native church in our Congo field—Paku, who is pastor at Yema, and Mato, the pastor at Maduda. Last year Mabengi was ordained at conference time. Mabengi has been doing the work of pastor at Ndingi for many years and has had a very fruitful evangelistic ministry in many sections of the Congo field. Though he is now quite an old man, he is planning to leave the Ndingi work and do the work of an evangelist in the new district. Pray for the native church in Congo that other men may be so builded up in Christ and kept by the Spirit of God that they may be ordained and become able ministers of the Gospel.

Mboka

This station in the Portuguese Enclave of Kabinda has had the best year in its history. Thirty-four new converts were baptized, the church offerings were increased more than fifty per cent over the previous year, and a fair advance is being made toward self-support. Both the missionaries and native workers, who work in this district, are required by the government to have a satisfactory knowledge of the Portuguese language and two young lady missionaries are now studying in Portugal to qualify for work in this section and assist the missionary couple who have been ministering there for several years. Nine native workers already have certificates from the government permitting them to teach in the language.

"Among the new converts was a witch-doctor, who had been practicing his profession for many years. He comes from a family of slaves, who some years ago redeemed themselves and are now free. We are glad to say that, with the exception of one or two, the whole family is also free in the Lord. The first of this family to be saved were Mwendo and Nyedo, a niece and nephew of this witch-doctor. Soon after her conversion Mwendo at the women's prayer meeting began to pray definitely for her people and never failed to remind the Lord of His Word which said, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved and thy house,' thus claiming the salvation of the whole family. Soon they began to turn to the Lord until, with one or two exceptions, all have now been brought into the fold. Mwendo is now the wife of the head teacher at Mboka and is still used in bringing souls to the Lord.

Lolo

The Lolo district has now two separate churches—Lolo and Kimpasi. As a result of God's blessing there is evidence of real fruit to be seen in the growth and spiritual development in both church districts.

In Kimpasi the church has a membership of 236 and has agreed to provide full support for all its workers, also to send native teachers to the Bible School at Kinkonzi and provide support and house for them. The offerings showed an increase of seventy-nine per cent over the preceding year. The missionary spirit is rising. A young man and his wife volunteered to go as workers into the unoccupied section and their support was pledged by the church.

In Lolo there is a church membership of 132 with an 80.9 per cent increase in offerings over last year.

Vungu and Ngangila

Twenty-two were baptized during the year and the church offerings were larger than the year previous.

Kinkonzi

The Lord is blessing the church in spiritual life and forty-eight converts were baptized during the year. A large number of others are waiting examination for baptism and church fellowship. "Early in the year an appeal was made for volunteers to go into the neglected portion of the Kinkonzi district along the Lukula River. Twenty men responded, spending some time itinerating throughout that section. Later the missionary itinerated in the same district. He found the entire field open to the Gospel, many towns asking for teachers.

"The Lord's blessing has rested upon the church. The spirit of liberality in giving is growing. The offerings have increased while much additional money has been given for erecting houses for students attending the Bible School and new church buildings for main centers."

The work in the village schools has been faithfully supervised and is very encouraging.

Kwimba

This is a new station recently occupied by a missionary couple, the house for the missionary family having been built by the church members, the mission purchasing only the material for the room and the windows. The members also transported, free of charge, the missionaries and their goods from Kinkonzi to Kwimba, a distance of about twenty-five miles.

Maduda

Eighty-nine, who had turned from darkness to light and the power of Satan unto God, were baptized in this district. The church is now



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Standing—Snead, Mato, Crist, Barter.

Sitting—Village Chief, Three Medal Chiefs, wicked, cruel, rich, live in two-story brick houses, have twenty to thirty wives.

supporting four of their men in the Bible Training School at Kinkonzi, have sent and supporting two others to preach the Gospel in the new district, besides supporting all the work and workers of the church throughout the Maduda district.

Yema

The baptisms last year numbered forty-four, but there was a much larger increase in the spirit of liberality and zeal for God and for the service of Christ. A number of the people have begun tithing and the offerings were 3,159 francs higher than the previous year, averaging 11.48 francs per member. There is a growing missionary spirit in the church and the support of two workers in the new district has been pledged, as well as the support of students in the Bible Training School. The school work has prospered under faithful supervision, the lady missionary in charge of school work reporting the following ministry for the year: Forty-nine village schools visited, twenty-seven of which were revisited the second time; two hundred and eighty-six services

held; seven teachers' institutes conducted lasting sixteen weeks in all. The pastor has been helping at the quarterly meetings at Kwimba and Ndingi, as well as shepherding his own large flock.

Boma

This district, which includes the city of Boma, the capital of Belgian Congo, has had a very fruitful year of missionary work. Forty new converts were received into the church by baptism and a number by letter, so that the membership more than doubles over any previous time. The gifts of the church members amounted to 4,058 francs, a large increase over previous giving. In addition to the offerings the church has built a large building sixty-five by sixteen feet to furnish sleeping rooms for the people who attend the quarterly meetings, and is now supporting all of its teachers throughout the district. Besides the work in the church and the oversight of the mission, two teachers' institutes were held in the district and emphasis laid upon Bible study and prayer and family worship.

Rev. E. E. Crist

Rev. E. E. Christ, the Chairman, writes:

The Lord has again blessed the work during the past year and souls have been saved. We have not seen all we desired to see but are still praying for a revival in the church. There is great need of it. There were not the number of souls saved that should have been. In the Kinkonzi district some were waiting to be baptized but Mr. Macaw was not able to examine them before the end of the year. So there may be more this year. The spirit of worldliness that is so active in the church at home has already begun to work here. With money more plentiful people get interested in other things than the Lord and His work.

In the Boma district the church has grown 150 per cent the past year and the offerings too were very good. At the beginning of the year there were 40 members and at the end 100. 40 of these were received by baptism and the others by letter. Among those saved are several young men who are anxious to become workers and two are now away at school for further training so they can attend the Bible Training School later. I would like you to pray for the wife of one man. He is very anxious to give himself entirely to the Lord's work but his wife does not want to leave her home. The man was a Catholic but has been saved and gives all his spare time to itinerating in the villages, preaching the Gospel. Some time ago the Roman Catholic Priest sent for him, sending through the native helper of the Administrator, asking him to come to his place as he wanted to see him. He refused to go for some time but as the priest persisted in sending for him he went. I wish you could have heard his report of the visit. The priest wanted to know why he had left them. Bota replied, "Because now I know that the wages of sin is death. You never told me that. However, now I know it and that the gift of God is eternal life, and I am saved. I want nothing more to do with your teaching." He gave the priest much Scripture which I hope will cause him to think. The priest tried to frighten him into returning to the Roman Catholic church saying that if his name was taken off the church book he would die within six months. Bota said, "Take it off as I will not come back." We praise God for his testimony and would like to see him out in the Lord's work. If his wife will go with him we expect to send him to the Training School next year.

We also baptized a leper, or he had had leprosy but seems to be healed of it now. However his fingers and toes are gone so that it is difficult for him to walk or work. He is the chief of a village.

Then there was a blind man baptized. He lost his sight through taking the treatment for sleeping sickness. The treatment often leaves the patient blind. This disease is taking off many people from Congo. The Government is trying to combat it but does not have nearly enough doctors to cover the country. Then the treatment is so severe that even though some are cured they die of the treatment. About a year ago one of our brightest teachers in the Maduda district died from the effects of an experiment made by a Government doctor. What the doctor was seeking I do not know but called hundreds of people together and drew a fluid from the end of the spine. This teacher lived only a few days after the operation and was perfectly well before.

O how the world needs Jesus! So many things to destroy His creation. When He comes all *sin* and all *sickness* will be put away. Won't this be a beautiful world to live in then? May He come soon.



Africa.

Mr. Snead and Mr. Crist leaving Boma to visit up country stations. All walk single file. Fence and storehouse built of corrugated iron.

Ants

Brother Crist writes the following:

Congo has many kinds of ants: big ants, little ants; long ants, short ants; thick ants, thin ants; black ants, white ants and red ants. Some live in trees, some in the ground, others build houses on top of the ground. Some bite and some sting. Some eat animate food and others inanimate. Some work in the daytime and some in the dark. All are very busy all the time.

One variety which gives us trouble is the driver ant. This species is red in color and receives its name from its habit of driving everything before it. These ants are divided into the ordinary and the soldier. The former is about three-eighths of an inch long but the soldiers are about three-fourths of an inch long and have long pincers somewhat like those of a pinch bug.

The drivers live in large colonies under the ground. When they come out they travel in a line about an inch wide. When in danger, the soldiers on either side of the line with their bodies extended over them watch for the enemy. They stand with their heads up and their pincers open ready to take hold of anything that comes along. If the line is disturbed at a new place word soon reaches these sentinels and

they hasten there to try to drive away the intruder. When the ants are hungry they break ranks and literally cover the ground. Woe be to any animal, whether bird, beast or reptile, if unable to escape. When any such are found they quickly cover them and proceed to feed. They begin their work by entering the softer parts of the body such as the eyes, nose and mouth and never leave till nothing but the bones remains.

Sometimes they come to our houses in the night. We wake up and find ants everywhere. There is but one thing to do and that is get up and run until out of their reach. They go through the entire house cleaning it of mice, roaches and every other living creature that cannot get away. When through they descend to the ground, form into line and march off. Sometimes they enter our fowl house at night and if unheard we find in the morning nothing but bones and feathers. If we hear them we must carry out all the fowls and pick off the ants. They have often destroyed our pigeons. Usually the old ones will fly out into the darkness but a mother bird will not desert her young so she perishes with them.

In the old days one method of putting the so-called witches to death was by tying them to an ant hill allowing them to be eaten alive.

The only way to fight these ants is by beating them back with burning reeds. They must often be fought for days before they finally leave, only to return soon again unless their home has been found and destroyed.

We once watched a line passing our station. From early morning until too late to observe them further they marched past six or eight abreast, one continuous moving mass of ants, ants, ants.

Another ant is the white ant. These also live under the ground and in some sections the whole earth seems to be alive with them. These ants are afraid of the light, so as they emerge from their subterranean cells they at once erect tunnels of earth through which they pass in their travels. These ants eat only inanimate material such as wood, cloth, etc. They are much more destructive than the driver ants. They must be carefully watched or they may enter your house—destroy your books, clothing or any other thing lying in their line of travel. Often they have entered a small hole in a trunk or box and ruined everything within as they have eaten their way out through another opening. Houses are destroyed in a short time if once they gain an entrance and are not discovered. We once tried to make our house ant proof by putting a coat of cement on the ground and on the stone pillars upon which it stood. Before the cement had time to harden these ants had bored holes through the cement, thus keeping the way open to get into the house.

Much may be learned from these small creatures. Solomon says, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise." They are most industrious in their habits and persevering in whatever they undertake to do. Nothing discourages them and only death stops them.

Our Bible School

REV. M. E. BARTER

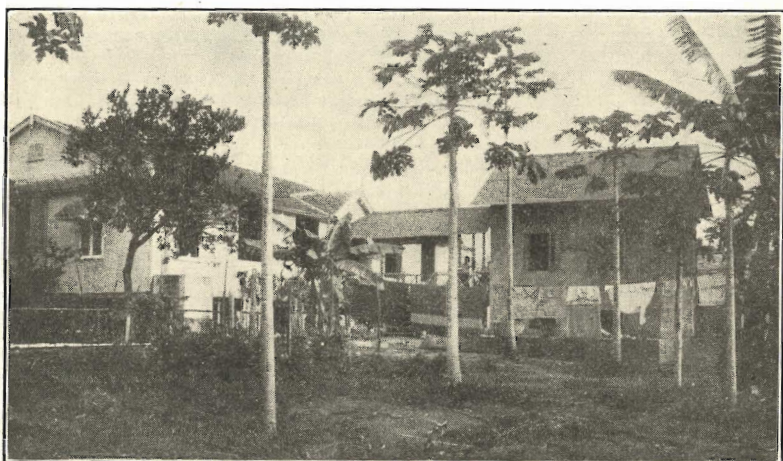
In looking back upon the work from this ride on the ocean and dwelling upon what God has done, my heart has been caused to rejoice for He has done great things whereof we are glad.

The Bible School on the two-year course basis was opened for its first session on March 4, 1925. The first service, held as an introduction to the work before us, interested but three men in the room. One would have been tempted to say, "And is this the Bible School—the object and subject of so much prayer and thought?" Yes, it was and

we would answer and ask, "Who will despise the day of small things?" Those three men who sat there facing the larger group of white people on the platform, were God-chosen vessels upon whom the great Master Workman had placed His hands for His own fashioning, moulding, beautifying and preparation for greater usefulness for Himself.

The eyes of our hearts looked beyond the trio of human forms and we beheld a company at least ten times as large which would come forth at His bidding to be taught by Himself and then sent forth to teach others what they had seen and heard.

Imagine, if you can, what it meant for those precious lives to be laid at the Master's feet for His own bidding. Never before had they been in school for two whole years of consecutive and intensive and concentrated study. They had never before had to sit for hours upon a bench poring over books. An easy going life which never called for rigid



Africa.

Rear view of Boma mission houses. Papai trees, soft stalk, fruit the size of cantaloupes, round seeds, very good, bear all the year.

holding to a daily routine had ill fitted them for the constant grind of daily drudgery.

But, thank God, His grace is sufficient and we have seen them rise to the new situation and profit by what seemed to them the impossible. The Holy Spirit has sat with the students of His Word and opened up the things of Christ. There being but few books which can be used in the school for study, the Bible has been and is, and we trust will ever be, *the* textbook. Christ in His fullness has been the subject of all our study. How He has been revealed to us! Thank God. Sin has been revealed and put away. The necessity of full consecration has come upon us until we have bowed before Him and placed all at the disposal of His will.

God has enabled us all to realize more deeply and fully the meaning of the Salvation of God through Christ. As it were, a new Saviour has been manifested to the heart. "What a wonderful Saviour is Jesus My Lord."

Every need has been supplied. He has been teaching one and all how to trust when all seems to have failed and there appears nothing upon which to fasten one's hope and faith. He has never failed and the need of each hour has been met. Praise His name!

The materialistic so controls the mind and heart of the native and the tangible so holds him that with much difficulty is he led into things deeply spiritual.

The Holy Spirit is faithful and thank God we have been able to appropriate many things that He has spoken to us. Crosses have come to many but God has enabled them to lift them and carry them in His name.

One man has suffered deeply and keenly at the hands of his friends and some Christian brethren, too. The cause of this suffering has been the fact that his children have died before maturity. His friends have claimed that hidden sin has caused God's judgment to fall upon him in this terrific measure. But he himself, in talking with the white teacher, said that truly there was nothing between his God and his soul. It was pointed out that God takes his best samples and shows them to the world. God trusts with intense suffering those who are able to endure it. When he saw such deep things he was quite astonished but readily yielded to the hand of God. All questions and burdens left him and peace filled his heart.

A beginning has been made. God has blessed it. Much land yet remains to be possessed. He will enable. The class of three men on the opening day has increased to more than twenty—the second class having been enrolled in March of this year. Our goal is thirty men and their families to be enrolled each year—that is fifteen new ones each new year. Dormitory houses are being erected, each house to shelter a man and his family. This means that there will be a town of thirty houses in which the students will live. Christian home life is emphasized and we have begun to see them take hold and a new atmosphere invades the domiciles. Much is yet to be learned and experienced but our eyes are unto Him from whom all help comes.

May I ask you all to pray very earnestly and definitely for the Bible School. It is the work of greatest import in our field. We need leaders and there in the Bible School is where we seek them as God prepares them. They must be first of all Spirit-filled and controlled and then, as He enables them to be, Scripture-filled in order to meet the increasing demand in the Church for native leadership and oversight.

We are encouraged to go on. He is with us.

AFRICA—Nigeria

(United Missionary Society)

Missionaries—Joseph Ummel and Paul Ummel

Joseph Ummel

In connection with the following communications and reports from Brother Joseph Ummel we wish to introduce his life companion to our friends. Her maiden name was Mabel Hygema, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. David Hygema. She was converted at the age of eleven and some years later felt the call of God to go to the foreign field. She attended the Fort Wayne Bible School during the terms of 1922-1924. She also took a course of nursing in Bethany Hospital, Chicago, Ill., for a little more than a year. She was engaged in tabernacle and city mission work for some time. She was married to Brother Ummel on March 25, 1926, and was accepted by the United Missionary Society in

June. They expect to return to Africa about the last of the year. Both of them are laboring under the United Missionary Society. Brother Ummel and his brother, Paul, are being supported by the Foreign Mission Board of the Pennsylvania Conference.

From his correspondence from Zuru received in November, 1925, are clipped the following interesting items:

If I remember correctly in my other letter I told you that we were to come to this place to open the first station among the Dakkakerrri people. Brother Sherk was here in January and selected a site at this place. However, it took some longer before we received permission to go ahead with the building, etc., than we had hoped, so we were unable to leave Salka before the latter part of May. We left Salka May 21 and arrived here on the 27th, a distance of eighty-eight miles.

Upon our arrival the government district officer stationed here kindly assisted us in getting several temporary dwelling huts put up. These will, sometime in the future, likely be used for boys' houses or something of that nature. We were fortunately able to get them under roof before the rains came very heavily. Have been living in them for three weeks now. Previously we occupied an officer's house belonging to the West African Frontier Force, which was vacant.

Zuru appears to be a promising location for a mission station. Most of the natives are pagans, a few are Moslems and, we fear, unless they accept Christianity, it will not be many years until more of them will be followers of Islam. The Dakkakerrris are quite primitive in habits and dress. They are a fine, strong appearing people with a splendid physique, and are making the best soldiers of all the natives which accounts for having a West African Frontier Force barracks here. They seem to be a very pleasant people and it is very interesting to listen to them singing while at work on their farms. But, as we have often noticed, it is in a minor scale.

There is quite a large population in these parts. Zuru has about 3,900 and Dabai, four miles north on a motor road, has over 5,400. Within a radius of twenty miles of here including Zuru there are about 23,000. So you can readily see there is enough to be done here for many years before the Word is brought to all of them. Many of them live away from town, out on their farms, which makes the task greater since they are in out of the way places.

So far the greater part of our work has been done in the open air, many of the meetings being held in the market place or nearby. Usually we have an attendance of about one hundred and fifty, sometimes two hundred. Attention seems good and one is almost surprised at



Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ummel.

the answers some of the children give when questioned. Possibly I ought not to say we are almost surprised for it almost shows a lack of faith, but it is encouraging to note what they have learned in the short time they have heard us. Our hope of the future in this land is in getting the children before they have gone so far into sin. It is sad to think of the many who have no opportunity of hearing the Blessed Word of God.

I do praise the Lord for the wonderful way He has cared for me all the time I have been out here. Surely I have much to be thankful for. There have been dark places to go through and at times the battle seemed hot, yet, He has brought me through victorious every time. Not once have I regretted I came to this land and that today I am here. I enjoy the work better all the time and mean to always be used of the Lord in any way He sees fit.

In general the work on the field has been making progress quite nicely. At one of our older stations, Jebba, it has become necessary to build a larger church as the old one did not begin to hold the crowds attending. Attendance at other places is much better than it was some time ago. But best of all is the greater interest that is being manifested by many in their souls' welfare. Some are really digging through to victory, by all appearances. It has meant seed sowing for some years but we know the Lord will not allow His word to return void. The time is surely coming when there will be many more that will turn to the Lord. We are hoping and praying the time may not be far distant. We ask a special interest in the prayers of your members, pray that a real revival may soon take place. It is needed so much.

Since writing the last time we were able to get temporary church and school building put up at Zuru. We reached Zuru too late in the dry season, in fact, the wet season had already set in, to build any more than the houses which were absolutely essential. We found it impossible to get sufficient grass for thatching all the roofs as it was and had to borrow some from the government officer. We are hoping to, before long, build a more suitable and permanent structure to use in this capacity.

The Zuru work appeared very encouraging to us. We surely do have a large field and few workers for the place. I might just say here that my brother, Paul, is there alone since I have left. It is still too early to see the visible results we would like, but I am glad to report that some were really getting interested. One time I remember specially we were almost surprised at an open air meeting down by the market. I asked a few questions about the characters portrayed on the picture chart and found I could not fool the children as to which one was Christ. Then I went a little farther and asked them as to who Christ was and His mission, etc., and found they gave me answers just as good as any one could here in America. We thought they did well considering the short time we had been there. Missionary work in Africa is not in vain for I know that there will be some that will be saved from sin if we are faithful in our message bearing.

We left Zuru on December 4 and trekked to the Niger about seventy-two miles away and then took canoes down to Jebba and Rabba near to Mokwa. The distance covered by water was roughly one hundred and fifty miles. At Mokwa we were privileged to spend the Christmas season with Brother and Sister I. W. Sherk, our field superintendent and his wife. The first week in January was spent in our Annual Executive Meeting. It was a real treat to again meet all the workers. The Lord was good to us in sparing all our lives and giving real health and strength. During the year two workers had returned home on

furloughs and one had returned to the field. There was one more child with us, Brother and Sister Embrees' second boy, so the total number was the same as the year previous.

By all reports the work got along very well during the year. Attendance and interest had greatly increased and souls were digging through to victory although it did mean for some of them to confess wrongs and make restitution, a thing Africans are not fond of doing. The work at Jebba increased so that they were compelled to double the size of the church house by building a new part to it. Sometimes, as I have said before, it takes some time before we see the results we would like, yet, we have found if we are true and faithful to the work the Lord has called us to, the time comes when there is a harvest. Praise His Name!



Africa.
Maduda teachers. Maduda Church.

It scarcely seemed possible that the time had come for me to return home for my furlough but such was the case. I sailed for home on the 15th of January after having spent three years, four and a half months on the field. I reached the home land on the 14th of February. The Lord gave a very pleasant voyage all the way and I was so fortunate as to go to Africa and back again without once getting that terrible sickness so common on the waters.

As I look back over my term of service it hardly seems possible I was there and back again. I can truthfully say that it was the best time of my life and money could not buy that experience. At times the battle was hot and the burdens heavy but I found the Lord's promise, "Lo, I am with you," was true. Not once did I regret I was there, but I did feel sad when the time to leave came. This is something many cannot understand, but it is the experience of most missionaries, they can hardly leave. The need of workers is so great. There are so very many without Christ one can hardly stay at home.

We are experiencing the same difficulty as most other missions, too few workers for the work to be done. At present two of our stations are without missionaries, native workers are there doing the best they can, but they need help very much. Oftimes difficulties could be avoided if some one were there to "father" and help them a little. This I say more especially of the native Christians. The Lord has been good to

us in opening new territory and calling forth workers for the same but owing to the shortage of funds new workers have not been sent out for the past year or more. We are sorry such is the case and are praying and looking to the Lord to relieve the situation. It seems so many do not have the vision and others do not realize how matters really stand.

While I am home I hope to some way help people to see the need and their privilege of helping to support this work. Have been holding some missionary meetings in this vicinity. They are something new for me but I find the Lord helps me with them and I enjoy telling of His work out there.

By the enclosed picture you will see that I am no longer alone. Mrs. Ummel is keenly looking forward to the time when she too can be a worker in Nigeria. The Lord seems to be opening the way for her to



Africa.

Mr. Snead with Paku and Mato, native pastors, under native palms at Kinkonzi.

go by sending in her support. The Bethel Sunday School has pledged her support. We surely do feel like praising the Lord for the same. It gives us real joy to know that both of us have our support pledged and we pray the Lord to richly bless the givers of the same.

I am keeping well and happy. I have been enjoying the very best of health ever since I have been home. The change of climate did not affect me as much as I thought it might.

His latest report follows:

In 1922 the United Missionary Society had five Mission Stations in Northern Nigeria which was the limit of their work on their African field. These five stations were at Shonga, Jebba, Mokwa, Share and Igbetti. The greater part of the natives at these places belonged either to the Nupe or Yoruba tribes. Here and there there were a few among them who were from some other tribe. The natives in these towns all are either Mohammedans or pagans. Some of them had the privilege of hearing the Gospel preached for years while others had not long been reached by the missionaries.

For several years the workers on the field felt the time had come for the Society to expand into new and larger territory and take the Gospel to tribes who had not heard Christian preaching. It would not have been advisable to go off into some other part which would be away from the field in which they were already at work, so the only direction in which they could go was to the north where was the large Kontagora Province. This province was a political province which had a population of about 185,000. In this territory there were several large pagan tribes which never had a missionary among them, they had never heard a sermon and knew nothing of Christ. Other tribes and people were with them which were Mohammedans. This was one reason it seemed so urgent to open work there, the Mohammedans were slowly turning these pagans to Mohammedanism. A Mohammedan is much harder to win to Christ than a pagan, so, if real good results were to be seen in missionary work, it was necessary to open work



Africa.

Mrs. Stoddard and children at Yema. The children are carried in the little boxes. Paku's (native pastor) house at Yema.

there and try and win them before so many turned to the false religion. It seemed to be the will of the Lord for us to open mission stations in this district.

But there are always difficulties to be encountered before work can be started in new territory and this case was not found to be an exception of the rule. In Africa it is not as in America; it is not possible to open a mission station immediately and go to preaching the word. Permission must first be obtained from the Government to open a station and, furthermore, Kontagora Province was closed territory, that is, non officials were not allowed to settle there or to travel about in it. The reason for this was when the British first went there about twenty years or more ago they found the native tribes warring with one another and some of the rulers were selling thousands into slavery. To avoid any possible trouble the country was closed to white people outside of the government officers. There was no intention to hinder mission work as there was none done there at the time, but, just the same, it did hinder going there for a time.

The natives had now become peaceable and so, while looking to the Lord in prayer, in earnest prayer, the government was approached in the matter. After some months of prayer and correspondence with the

officers, restrictions were removed and it was possible to open the first mission station in that part of the field. It is not necessary for me to go into details of how the Lord opened the way, but I will say it was a real answer to prayer of faith.

While prayer was being offered asking the Lord to remove restrictions they also were praying the Lord to send some one to go and open the station and work among the people there. Just the day before I sailed from New York for Africa word was received that work could now be done. They also received a letter from me stating I would sail the next day. To the missionaries it looked as though the Lord had again answered prayer by having some one come who could take up this work. This we still believe was the doing of the Lord. It surely is wonderful how He can lead and open closed doors when we look to Him and let Him have His way in all things.

I had expected to go to another station. In fact, I think this had been the plan, and was quite surprised when I arrived and heard what I was expected to do. I did not feel able to do such a thing and yet I knew the Lord would not ask anything too hard of any one. In November, 1922, Brother I. W. Sherk and I went to Salka where we had decided to open the station. Before we could see what the place was like we had to get natives out and cut down the grass which was about six to eight feet tall. The government District Officer surveyed the site for us. After the papers were made out we had to wait for action on them before I could settle down or do any building. I returned to Jebba where I was with Brother S. S. Shantz and studied the Hausa language. A good many of the people of that part of the country can speak and understand Hausa so it enabled me to speak with them before I knew their own language.

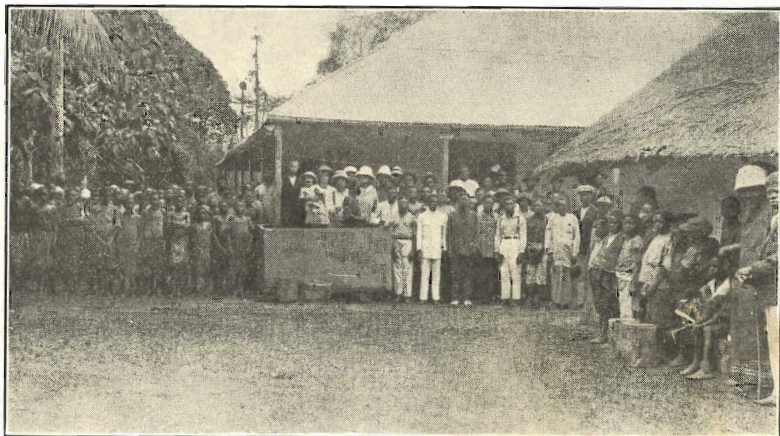
January 23, 1923, is a date I will never forget as it was the time I left Jebba for Salka. I had forty-three carriers who carried all my belongings on their heads. The distance was about one hundred miles or a little more and it took me seven days of trekking to get there. We averaged about fifteen miles a day and spent the nights in the towns along the way. In these towns I would hold services in the evenings with the exception of the place where we spent the Sunday.

I must make mention of the service we held in Shafini that Sunday morning. I had told them I would speak to them in the forenoon and by the time I was through with my breakfast they were on hand to hear what I had to say. A nice little crowd had come and I started to show them the Sunday School picture chart I used. The interpreter was interpreting my message into the Nupe language which most of them spoke. When about half finished some of my carriers spoke up and told us they were unable to understand Nupe and we should speak in Hausa. I told them to wait a few minutes and we would do so. We did so and some of the people stood there and listened to both services. Afterward the king of the town told me that several years before 'Ndeji had spoken to them and he had said the same things I did. 'Ndeji I knew to be Brother Sherk, as that is the name he is known by among the natives. The king then told me he would like us to come to his town as we seem like a father to him. My heart went out for him in his condition, not only he but all the people of the place as well. There are many such who have possibly not had even one message who are just longing for something better, which longing Jesus alone can satisfy.

It will not be necessary for me to tell you I had a very interesting time going to Salka that first time. The forty-three carriers all wanted the easiest load to carry and sometimes I would have to settle the disputes. I shall never forget how dear the Lord would be to me in the mornings long before day light as I was going along on my bicycle.

The only place I had to move into when I arrived was the grass house which you pictured on page 43 of the 1925 "Regions Beyond." This had been built when we were there in November and was what I lived in for a few weeks until I was able to move into the houses which I had built as soon as I could after my arrival.

Salka is not as large a town as many other towns but it is about as large a Kambari town as is to be found in that vicinity. The Kambari tribe numbers about 50,000 and are nearly all pagans. They worship demons and evil spirits; they try to appease them so they will not molest or harm them. There are also some Hausas in Salka but they are all Mohammedans. I found the natives to be friendly but timid and fearful for a while. This was so bad that when I first went to town children would scream, "Bature," (white man) run and hide. The older ones were not as fearful as all that; other white men had been there before but I was the first one to come and live at their town. It did not take them long to learn I wanted to be their friend.



Africa.

Mr. Crist baptizing candidates at Vungu station.

The first services I had to hold in the market place as there was not church or school building, and furthermore, had there been one they would not have come out because of fear. The picture charts proved to be quite an attraction and soon the children would crowd up to see them instead of screaming and running. After their fears wore off I was able to have services and a Sunday School.

During the greater part of the two years I was there alone there were months at a time during which I would not see a white person. The nearest white people were at Kontagora, about forty miles away, and the nearest mission was at Mokwa, about eighty-five miles to the south. In spite of loneliness I felt at home there and did not wish to be elsewhere. I found the Lord gave me a real love for the people there and I did enjoy being with them.

But we did not think it was the will of the Lord for us to stop with the Kambari people at Salka when there were so many others to the north of us without a witness. In November, 1924, Zuru, a large town about eighty-five miles north of Salka, was opened to us for missionary

work. This was another definite answer to prayer. Zuru is among the Dakkakerri tribe and is the center of a region which is quite thickly populated.

About the time Zuru was opened to us, my brother, Paul, and three other new workers arrived on the field which was a splendid addition to our forces which had been weakened by the death of Brother Finlay and the return of his wife to the home land. It was decided that the work at Salka should be turned over to Brother and Sister Durkee, who had come with my brother, and that he and I should go on to Zuru as soon as possible and open the station there. More time elapsed than we had thought might before we could go because of having to get the necessary permits, etc. We left Salka the latter part of May, 1925, and arrived there one forenoon just ahead of a hard rain storm. Some of our things got rather wet as they were in a part of it.

At Zuru I found in part it was a repetition of what I had to do first at Salka, building, etc., needed to be done first thing. This the government District Officer very kindly assisted us in by getting us workmen, etc. We were able to finish our mud-walled houses before the rains made us much trouble. I think the Lord held off the rains longer than usual for us, at least they did not come as soon as the years I had been there before.

The Dakkakerri people at Zuru seemed to be less timid than the Kambaris at Salka had been. I soon had good sized crowds at the open air services but could not invite them to our services on the compound. We had not been able to build a church or school building before the rains and so were forced to hold the services in our living room which did not accommodate many. After the wet season we built a temporary structure which is now being used.

After having been at Zuru for a little more than six months it was time for us to come down to Mokwa to the Executive Meeting and for me to return home on my furlough which was several months over due. I had asked to stay until after the wet season because of the condition of the roads, etc. I felt the Lord was with me in my efforts at Zuru the short time I was there and I enjoyed being there although the time was too short to get acquainted with many of the people.

I consider both Salka and Zuru good openings and am sure the time will come when more results will be seen from our efforts. Both the Kambaris and the Dakkakeris are very primitive in their habits of living, dress, etc., but the Lord is able to lift them out of their darkness into the light of salvation if they have an opportunity of hearing the word. Much hard and patient work will first need to be done. Within a radius of about twenty miles from Zuru there are about 25,000 people.

Some people in the home land seem to think the heathen are flocking to the Lord in great numbers as soon as they first hear the word. This is not the case, it takes sowing of the seed before the harvest will be ready to be harvested. At some of the older stations souls are finding the Lord as their Saviour and I am sure the time will come when there will be many more of these darkened ones that will turn to the Lord if we are true and faithful now. I am getting anxious to return to the field and labor among these needy ones. The Dakkakerri language will need to be learned first and then we can better reach them. We are hoping to be back on the field again by about the first of the year. My wife is just as anxious to be there as I.

As we go we request your prayers that the Lord may use us to win many precious souls to Him and that many be made ready for His return. I have confidence that some will find salvation to their needy souls. I sometimes wish people here could hear the perfect answers some of the children give when questioned at the services. Their answers can not be beaten. May the Lord bless you all.

Paul Ummel

"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? Therefore I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me."—Micah 6:8; 7:7.

How true it is that when we walk humbly with the Lord, we can look unto Him, wait on Him, and have the confidence that He will hear us in every time of need. God is able for all things. Nothing is too insignificantly small nor too overwhelmingly large but that it will receive His minute attention. Praise His Name! What an all sufficient Saviour we have!

Many thanks for the Diary and the copy of the "Regions Beyond" which I received when I returned to my station in April. Please pardon me for not acknowledging the receipt of them ere this late date.



Africa.
Carriers of Mr. Snead and Mr. Crist.

How I wish I would have enough time to do everything that ought to be done! This is impossible so some things have to wait sometimes.

The months of this year which have already passed have been a very busy time for me. We left this station during the first part of December to go down country for the annual executive meeting. Thus the New Year found us at Mokwa station with our superintendent and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. I. W. Sherk. During the first week following New Year our meetings were held at that place. Then during the week following my brother left for the homeland.

I did not return to my station, Zuru, immediately because our superintendent wanted me to assist him with some work. Henceforth for ten weeks we were busy with building work: First we wrecked some buildings that belonged to the German Trading Company before the war, which we had bought for the material which we could salvage from them. Then with part of this material we put a steel roof frame and metal pans on the roof of the large mission house at our Mokwa station. It was rather slow work for the material was second handed and therefore much cutting and fitting had to be done. As soon as the pans were all on the roof I prepared to return home.

I left Mokwa station on the 2nd of April and arrived here on the 15th after having trekked 185 miles. All but the first twelve miles was done on my bicycle. I came by way of our Salka Mission station which made it a few miles farther. There is where I spent my first five months in the country. I had a fine short visit with Rev. and Mrs. N. E. Durkee who have had charge of that station since we left in May, 1925, for this new place.

I suppose it is needless to say that I was glad to return to my station after an absence of 131 days. I was rather surprised to find everything here at the station in such good condition. We had a native watchman, an ex-soldier, who lived on the compound during the time that we were gone. But we had all of our belongings locked in two of our houses.

Many of the natives seemed very glad to welcome me back. In the short time that we were here last year they learned that we were here for an altogether different purpose than the other Europeans. They, the Government District Officer and three white officers of the West African Frontier Forces, are here for the money that they get for it and do not care much for the natives. The natives realize this. I do not want to belittle their work though, for it is to them that we owe our protection.

The people of this tribe, Dakkakerri, are a strongly physiqued, splendidly built people. Prior to the English occupation days they were fighters. Even now they are very glad to get them as recruits for the Frontier Forces. They were one of the very few tribes who were not subdued by the slave raiders up to the time that the English came and took charge of the country a little over two decades ago. During the last several years they have been quite peaceful. Most of them are pagans and we are glad of it for it is much easier to reach a pagan with the Gospel than it is to reach him after he has accepted the Mohammedan religion. The Mohammedans are the typical present day Pharisees.

The different services are quite well attended. The interest and attendance of them is slowly on the increase for which I praise the Lord, for I realize that I can not talk to them as I would like to. Most of the attendants do not understand a great deal of Hausa, which language I am using for preaching and teaching. These people have been steeped and bound in sin, superstition, and darkness for so long that it seems nearly impossible for them to turn. Satan does his best to keep their minds and hearts closed to the Good News, but He that is with us has all power in heaven and earth. If we are true and faithful to the trust that has been committed to us, we can leave the results with the Lord Who doeth all things well. Praise His precious Name!

During my first year in the country I studied the Hausa language, which is the traders' language of this section of Africa. This language is spoken in a greater or lesser extent in most of this continent north of the Congo. I am using this language now for teaching, preaching, and the every day talking around the compound. Since I returned to this station last April, I have been putting in all of my language study time at the unwritten language of this new tribe, Dakkakerri. It is not an easy job for it is quite highly intoned like many of these native tongues are. These languages cannot be gotten over night but with the help of the Lord and by everlastingly keeping at it we are able.

I can truthfully say that there is no place that I would rather be than right here in Dark Africa for I know it is where the Lord wants me. How blessed it is to know that we are in the center of His will.

I am well, happy, and enjoying myself in the Lord's service. Nearly a hundred miles separates me from any other missionaries and to my

knowledge they may be the nearest Christians, but it is not a bit farther to the "Throne of Grace" from Zuru than it is from any other spot on this globe.

AFRICA—Congo

Missionaries—Rev. Harry Stam, Mrs. Harry Stam
(Africa Inland Mission)

At the annual meetings of the A. I. M. the resignation of the Rev. C. E. Hurlburt from the office of General Director was regretfully accepted. He was appointed General Director Emeritus, an honour richly deserved. The late Theodore Roosevelt expressed the opinion that he was the greatest man he had met in Africa, and Dr. Stuart Holden declares that "When Hurlburt is given his final place in history he



Africa.

Some of the teachers in the Boma District in front of the Boma Church.

will rank with the immortals of the missionary world." Encouraging reports come from Aba and other stations. Twenty-five were baptized one Sunday recently, and the next Sunday fifteen others were baptized.

Amazing progress has been made in making a way for commerce. Many hundreds of miles of roads have been constructed, including the bridging of rivers. Motor trucks have been placed in commission, and elephants are being used to draw huge trucks holding several tons over these roads, thus relieving thousands of natives of trying and baneful portage.

Cablegrams and letters from the field urge that funds and workers be sent out at once. It is not simply that numbers are needed. Only a particular kind of worker will stand the strain and win through; the worker must first of all be a man of God.

In answer to the above prayer for help three doctors have been accepted by the British Council, and are ready to leave as soon as funds permit.

Mr. Floyd Pierson, who has recently been on a tour through the whole A.I.M. Congo field, asks that definite prayer be offered for Blukwa station among the Balendu tribe in a thickly populated district where the people are very accessible. Miss Mozley is completing St. Matthew's Gospel in Logo, and Mr. Bell is working at St. John's Gospel in Lugbara. Mr. Pierson says, "I feel that our greatest need is a close walk with God in all the detail work of every station, a great spiritual awakening, a real revival among ourselves and the native churches."

Mrs. Stam writes from Todro:

We want to thank the folks of the Pennsylvania Conference for their love and willingness to make it possible for us to go on here.

We have left our station (Aba) for a few days and are here at Todro—in the heart of the Logo tribe. It is very high and cool, few mosquitoes and we feel this change and experience a real blessing. Most of the services are in Bangala—so Harry preached three times last Sunday.

The folks out on their stations enjoy seeing other faces too, after sometimes months without a visitor. Todro is 42 miles from Aba and Harry "biked" while I walked about half the way. When I tried to go a step farther I got into the jiggly tepoy and was carried.

Baby is four and one-half months old now and stood the trip fine. Just enjoyed the carrying. She seems better too, for the few days of coolness. Hope to go back by early morning moonlight.

Now to tell about our work at Aba—Harry's "Evangelist School" is encouraging. Over 40, I believe, from many tribes within two or three hundred miles around—Logo, Kakwa, Alur, Agande, Balulu, Bahama and Mundu. These are all taught in the Bangala. The course is two years. The first year men are taught to teach, that they may someday run the bush schools. That and one hour of Bible work fills their mornings. Then in the afternoon more Bible training and reading, arithmetic and secular subjects.

The second year men spend the forenoon in studying, an art most of us need to learn. So you can see how the African who has never concentrated needs "to learn to learn." It will help them so in after years when off all alone in their own huts among their people. In the afternoon they have more Bible and secular subjects. They are a fine, earnest lot.

I have been back to Women's School since April first. The women have been separated from the girls. So now I have only 75 to care for. Women are hard to wake up. But God does work in answer to prayer.

I have ten native girls, teachers, to help, so you see there is much to be thankful for. The girls we pay with an American unbleached muslin dress every six months.

The most thrilling things we have seen lately was an airplane that passed above Aba a few weeks ago; one youngster of a missionary called it a "truck in the air." The second thing that has forced itself on our attention is an epidemic of fleas. I can't describe "the pleasures of the chase." Harry has spent some wakeful hours too.

Many of our workers are finding an unrest among the men for higher wages. These they can get by "sneaking" across the border to the south to where the English are building a railroad. The pull is hard

and one really finds out those who truly love the Lord and will stay where they can hear the words of God.

The papers all come regularly and in good shape. We thank you for them. Our wall roll and diaries came to.

The reports in "Regions Beyond" were real thrilling and inspiring. I hope to write you again before your next issue must go to print.

Magaiki, of whom I wrote, is still with us and is doing faithful work. He has just finished a new mud house in preparation to taking a wife. His wife is just a raw jamba girl but we trust she will make him a Christian wife when she has had a chance to hear. Magaiki is in the third class in school. We have altogether five classes.

Then a Teachers' School for our own station. Beyond that is the Congo Evangelist's School. Also our Industrial School. Each of these are opened with Bible messages, hymns and prayer. One needs to be here to realize the necessity of these schools whose chief aim is to wake up the minds of these people and teach them the elements of the Word of God.



Africa.

Home of Joseph and Paul Ummel at Zuru. Sweet potato patch to the right.

Alber, eleven years old, and Bobbie, six years old (half cast), are still with us. Alber is in the fifth class and I think he will likely go to the Industrial School before he enters Teachers' School. We do long to have him give his life to the Lord for His work. He is now in the second year in the Believers' Catechumens' class. Perhaps in another year or two he can be baptized, if the church passes him.

John 1:12 in two African languages:

LOGO

Adi ba dia ai drilepi dii dre mi lanjile lalanji, ali goro adrele anjia Nzambe adea-dia adini ru ka'ilepi dii.

KI-KAMBA

Indi ala mamwosie, amanenga utonyi wa utwika syana sya Ngai, o ala metikilaa syitwa yake.

The Bible in Uganda

Spiritual progress is not so apparent in many mission fields, but Uganda, with its commercial enterprises and its churches, is a splendid illustration of what the Spirit of God, using the Gospel message, can do in transforming a savage people.

In 1875, not one missionary was in all that great dark country. Henry M. Stanley, the explorer, then passing through on his way across the dark continent, sent back letters saying that pious, practical missionaries were urgently needed, would be cordially welcomed, and their work give great results. The Church Missionary Society then began operations. Soon Bishop Hannington was martyred. McKay and others gave their lives in sacrificing labors. Some of the early converts, all young men and young women, were slain over slow fires of green wood, all of which went to prove that the blood of martyrs is indeed the seed of the Church.

Today there are hundreds of thousands of Christians at work in Uganda laying down spiritual foundations of integrity and righteousness, while materially the country is covered with cotton and other crops. Some of the wealth derived from sale of products has been used in buying the best seller among all books—the Bible. From a report of the London Bible House we learn that 60,000 volumes of the Holy Scriptures, including Gospels, New Testament, and whole Bible were shipped into Uganda in 1924. Back of these printed volumes it does not take a keen vision to see the country dotted with schools where young and old are being taught to read, and homes in which the Bible is revered and from which it has driven the idols of old, so we thank God and take courage. There remaineth yet much land to be possessed. Past achievements serve us now as incentives to faithfulness in preaching the Word to peoples seemingly irremediably savage.

FRENCH INDO-CHINA

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

Rev. Wm. C. Cadman

"For yet a very little while, He that cometh shall come, and shall not tarry."—Heb. 10:37.

Now from the fig tree learn her parable: when her branch is now become tender, and putteth forth its leaves, ye know that the summer is nigh; even so ye also, when ye see all these things, know ye that He is nigh, even at the doors.—Matt. 24:32.

Never since our Lord's first advent has there been a generation which has lived in such momentous times as ours. Never have the signs of His second advent been so evident and striking as in our day. Never has history recorded such stupendous wars, famines, pestilences, and earthquakes as during the past ten years; above all, never has the fig tree (the symbol of the Jewish nation) shown such signs of renewed life and vigor as now. Surely it behoves us to know how to discern the "signs of the times," that we may not be taken unawares.

Wm. Blackstone

In recent letters from our beloved Brother Wm. Blackstone, author of "Jesus is Coming," he writes with reference to the printing of the illustrated portionettes of Scripture: "Many signs indicate that the coming of our Lord may be before next spring, and I wish the portionettes could have been issued so that they would be a pre-rapture in addition to a post-rapture testimony. I do most sincerely believe that we are right upon the verge of realizing the "Blessed Hope" for which we have yearned and waited so many years. Will it not be beautiful if you should be running these illustrated por-

tionettes on the printing press when we shall hear the shout from the sky. I do believe they will, in that case, be a very helpful post-rapture testimony. God help us all to be ready, that we may be found so doing."

Our revered brother, now well past the fourscore years, is only one of many mature and well-balanced Christian leaders who share the same solemn conviction that our Blessed Lord is "even at the doors." How earnest then should we be in buying up every opportunity for service that we "may not be ashamed at His Coming," but rather be counted worthy to hear our Master's word of commendation: "Well done, good and faithful servant;.... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."



French Indo-China.
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Jackson and their son,
Herbert Merrill, in Annamese costume.

Times of Refreshing in Hanoi

During the last week in October we had the privilege of welcoming to Hanoi a beloved member of our home board, Mr. MacArthur; Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Jackson with little Raymond, from furlough; Mr. and Mrs. Worship on their way back to Lungchow, and Mr. and Mrs. Pruett who are appointed to Haiphong. Meetings were held each afternoon in English, Mr. MacArthur giving some most interesting and helpful readings from the Revelation.

Several evening meetings were also held for the Annamese. These were addressed by Mr. MacArthur, who gave an account of his conversion, his consecration to the Lord, and the infilling of the Holy Spirit. The closing Sunday evening meeting he took as his leading thought the verse from Psalm 16:8, "I have set the Lord always before me." The small chapel, seating but one hundred, was overcrowded, and on Sunday evenings as many were turned away as could get in. These meetings were much blessed, souls coming to the Lord for salvation, full surrender, and for the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

There was a special meeting of the Christians of the Hanoi Church on Saturday evening, October 30th, in order to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and Raymond. Mr. MacArthur and Mr. and Mrs. Pruett were present and shared in the hearty welcome. Many of the Christians from the country districts also attended. It was held in the open air at the back of the missionary home, the lawn and trees being decorated with colored lanterns, flags, etc., for the occasion. A most delightful time was spent, amid these pleasing surroundings, in praising the Lord and in fellowship together.

Early the following morning (Sunday), there was a baptismal service, sixteen converts being baptized. The regular service was then held, Mr. Jackson preaching his first sermon as the new pastor, exhorting the Christians to be true followers of Jesus Christ. This was followed by a very precious communion service. Pray that the Lord may richly bless Mr. and Mrs. Jackson as they commence their work in Hanoi.

Hanoi

Mr. and Mrs. Cadman report that this has been the banner year on Hanoi station. The church membership has almost doubled, and the Annamese offerings have more than doubled. As mentioned above, three new out-stations have been opened, and in all, fifty-seven new converts have been baptized. Mr. Cadman writes that one of the Hanoi congregation lost five relatives in May, his only child, his father, brother, and two uncles. He was persecuted by his family which insisted that he follow heathen customs. He refused, and took a staunch stand, even refusing funds from a Buddhist Benevolent Society to help pay funeral expenses. Now he is paying off these heavy debts, and hopes to attend Bible School in 1926. He is looking to the Lord for funds, hoping to pay his own way if possible. "Seven or eight others have claimed the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and their lives and increased offerings testify of the same."

Mrs. Cadman writes:

"The frequent Sunday trips into the country have been a pleasure and an inspiration. We trust that these visits to the various villages, and the fifty odd converts won, will prove to be the opening wedge into the hitherto closed districts of Tonkin. May God soon enable us to go in and possess this land for Him."

Annamese Translation

The Translation of the entire Bible into Annamese, begun by Rev. and Mrs. Cadman more than ten years ago, has been completed. Before they left for the homeland on furlough early in June they had the pleasure of seeing the first hundred copies of this Annamese Bible sent out. This is a great work accomplished and is a cause for much thanksgiving on the part of the Annamese Church. Credit is due to Rev. and Mrs. Cadman, and Rev. John D. Olsen for the hard work that they have put into this difficult task, and also to the British and Foreign Bible Society which has financed the preparation and publication of both the New Testament and the Bible. The



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Chapel at our main station, Cantho, Cochinchina.

first Sunday in July was set apart by all the Annamese churches to dedicate this Bible. It was most inspiring to see how the missionaries, as well as the native Annamese Christians, received and appreciated this Bible.

Press

Mr. Cadman's report for the Hanoi Press reads as follows: Praise God for another banner year in the publication work! The output of the press has been one-third more than last year, a total of 13,606,280 pages having been printed. This includes a second edition of ten thousand Annamese New Testaments; seventy thousand Annamese Scripture portions; five thousand copies of the Gospel of Luke in Cambodian; and one hundred and thirty-one thousand four hundred booklets, catechisms, tracts, etc., in Annamese and Cambodian. Besides these, the regular monthly Sunday School lesson booklet has been printed in Annamese, and the Quarterly "Call of French Indo-China" in English."

"Thanks to the generous gifts from the 'Milton Stewart Evangelistic Fund,' of which our dear brother, Rev. W. E. Blackstone is the trustee, we have been able to purchase fonts of Cambodian characters, and also to erect an additional building for the Press, to be used for book-binding and stereotyping."

On the evening of Brother and Sister Cadman leaving for their furlough, the native church arranged for a farewell meeting, decorated the church, bought some simple refreshments and arranged a very appropriate program. A large gathering of Christians, mostly their own members and converts, stood on the station platform anxious for some parting words of comfort and encouragement.

"Our hearts were thrilled", she writes, "with the thought that our next meeting might be in the air at the coming of the Lord."

Rev. Herbert A. Jackson

Notes from letters and reports:

The East is the same as the West in that it does not always add to a man's popularity to publicly announce his faith in Jesus. In fact the popular man is the one who agrees with all and has no opinion of his own. That may work as men with men for a longer or shorter length of time, but it does not work with God for eternity.

I am thinking of a man sixty years old who has been a Christian for only two years, but tells the world, in a voice that can be heard, just where he stands before God and man.

Preservation from Demon-Possessed Man

One Wednesday night, when he and the other Christians were gathering for the regular mid-week evangelistic service, a demon-possessed man, with an axe in his hand, came running down the street where we have our chapel. He had entered some of the houses on the street, broken things up in general, even injuring some of the inhabitants. All that saw him in time had shut their doors and barred them well lest this super-strong madman destroy everything in the vicinity. When the Christians began to shut the two doors of the chapel the old man interfered, saying: "What? Shut the doors? Isn't this the house of God,—the place where we worship the all powerful and everlasting God? What devil dares to come in here? Open the doors and let us see!"

It was a breathless scene the next Sunday morning when the old man was telling this story to some of the Christians who had come in from distant villages but are never able to come to the Wednesday evening meetings. The interested listeners asked one question in unison: "Did he enter the chapel?" The old man hesitated, looked at his audience in seeming disgust, and replied, "Enter? What do you think? Of course he didn't enter! He didn't come down so far as the chapel!"

Fearlessness of Faith

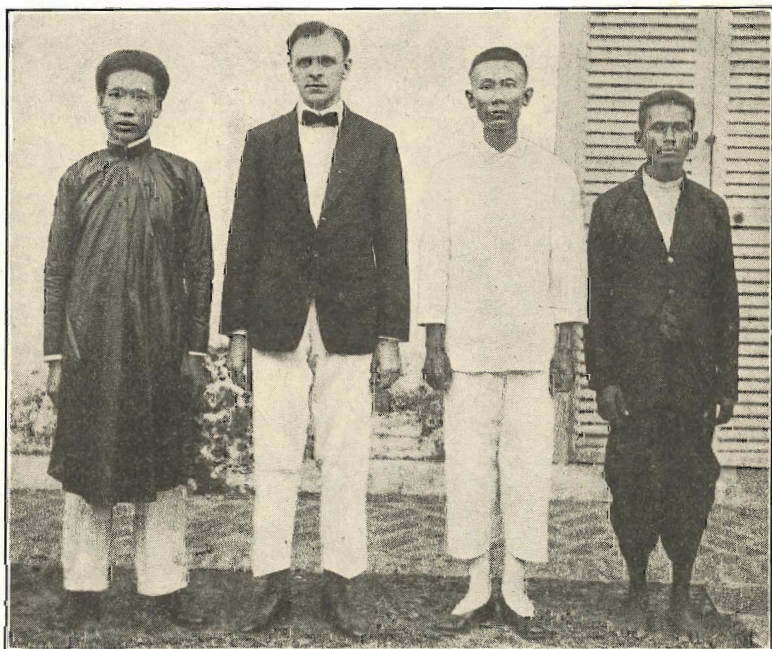
At the occasion of his daughter-in-law's baptism we saw another expression of the old man's faith and fearlessness. About fifty of us had gone out to an island in the Mekong River for this service where some thirty candidates were baptised. No one seemed to notice anything special about this young woman until we had returned to the wharf, in the heart of the city, when she went ashore in her wet clothes. I knew she was the only one in that condition, and asked her if she had forgotten to bring an extra change. "No," was her quick answer, and she went on to explain that the old man, her father-in-law, would not let her bring any. He said he knew

it would be conspicuous and that many would ask her, while going through the city, why her clothes were wet. This, he said, would give her the greatest opportunity in her life to witness for her Saviour. There was the proof that she had been buried with Him in baptism!

Proof of God's Saving Power

There are Christians in the Cantho Church who give this old man as the reason of their conversion. They saw the change that had been wrought in him through some unseen power, and by investigating, found that power to be nothing less than the power of God which is able to "save from the uttermost to the uttermost." That is what it had done for this man from whom many used to run before this change of heart.

When talking with the old man, a few days ago, he told me he had only missed three Sunday morning services since becoming a Christian. Whether rain or shine, sick or well, he has felt it his duty and privilege to make his appearance in the house of God at the time of worship. But in the three cases of his absence his offering has been there on time!



French Indo-China.

Mr. H. A. Jackson with Cambodian, Chinese and Annamese native helpers, the three races among which they work. Mr. Jackson says: "We talk to the Annamese in their own language, to the Cambodians through an Annamese interpreter, and to the Chinese through graduates from the Wuchow Bible School in South China, who are capable of conducting self-supporting Churches among the Chinese."

The Power of the Gospel Among the Heathen

Some of Indo-China's population were drifting peacefully down stream in a home-made canoe when their attention was arrested by a "joyful noise" on the bank above them. It was a new sound to those who were not in the habit of paddling up and down that river. On inquiring the strangers learned that many in that particular village had gathered in a home to sing Gospel hymns.

All this began in a very quiet way when a Christian from the Sadee Church went to this place to live with his father and farm for a year. If the man had been a non-witnessing Christian there would be nothing to write about. But he sowed the Gospel as he sowed his rice! The Gospel seed fell on good ground and is bearing an abundant harvest. The profits from the rice are to support this man in the Bible School for the coming year. Before he went to this place to live, another Christian had gone from Cantho and witnessed to her unsaved parents who, as a result, were saved and proved to be a great help to this man in his work of Gospel seed sowing.

After he had witnessed and some of his neighbors had believed, he asked that a native preacher be sent to the village to visit this small but happy group of converts. It was then arranged that the preacher make monthly trips to this village to help and encourage the new work that had sprung up over night. Later on it was decided that the preacher should go every two weeks. Finally, a very special invitation was sent, with Annamese formality, to the missionaries. Can we ever forget the first day we went there when we found thirteen ready for baptism!

One of the Christians gives us the use of his house for a meeting place, where the people gather to sing, pray and gossip the Gospel, whether the preacher gets there or not.

God's power to heal has been manifest in such a way that the sick are brought in from all around to be prayed with. A woman who suffered with a serious ailment for nine years is now well and has a child. The simple faith of these young Christians dares to believe God for anything. They expect results when they pray!

The roughest and toughest of the country have become mellowed through the love of the Gospel. A band of these lawless chaps threatened many of the Christians and had it all planned out to beat-up the preacher.....but didn't! Persecution is of course the order of the day, but with it comes an extra portion of blessing that drives the Christians a little closer to the Lord who is all they need. A congregation at home as large as this little company of believers would demand a pastor, but out here where pastors are few the Christians have to get things from God more directly.

It hasn't been necessary to put up signs and notices for the people to know who we are and what we preach. It is a case of lives speaking louder than words! To locate this village on the map one must look for "Kinh Ong Dinh" (Mr. Dinh's Canal), but the world calls it "Rach Tin-Lanh" (Gospel River).

From the Chairman's Report we clip the following:

At Cantho, the year has also been one of steady expansion and progress. One new out-station has been opened at Longxuyen, the capital of the Province of Longxuyen; and work has been commenced in three new meeting places. One hundred and forty-nine new converts have been baptized, and there is now a strong, self-supporting church with a membership of 267. Many trips have been made into the country, both by Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Jackson and by their native helpers. The result is that the Gospel fire has

spread into at least four adjoining provinces, where hitherto our Saviour was unknown. Mr. Jackson writes: "One sorcerer and two sorceresses have become Christians, giving us the stuff which they used to deceive the people. One man took Jesus for deliverance from opium, after being a slave to the drug for twelve years. The smell of opium now makes him sick."

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have also charge of the Chaudoc station. Here seventy-seven more men and women have given their hearts to Jesus and been baptized during 1925. Mr. Jackson reports that: "A woman dying of cholera was instantly delivered in answer to prayer. A man was delivered from insanity,—at Triton a man has given us a piece of ground on which to build a chapel. At another out-station, the oldest member of a family, the one in charge of the ancestral worship has forsaken his family altars, and all the feasts connected with the ancestral rights, to follow Jesus."

Brother and Sister Jackson are at present in the homeland on furlough and have spoken in several of our churches. His latest report follows:

On entering the closed province of Cantho, Cochin-China, we thought that our work would be more or less confined to that province or neighboring cities in surrounding provinces. But God could not wait until there were missionaries enough to station a couple in every province, so let the Good News travel in other ways. It was not long before inquirers were coming to us from villages one hundred miles distant, and finally we realized that we were the only missionaries south of the Mekong River where there were 1,233,600 souls.



French Indo-China.

Temporary structure built to accommodate the many who come from distant points to attend special services.

One can readily see the impossibility of our reaching such a number when scattered throughout rice fields and jungles. It was therefore necessary to organize what there was and throw a great deal of the detail work over onto the native Church that the missionaries might be freed for advance work. Officers were chosen as soon as there were churches of any size. Deacons were elected when there were those well enough established to take such responsibility. The native preachers visited the chapels at least once a week and made trips to the meeting places once every month. Thus the work grew and continues to grow. The missionaries get around to the many places as often as possible.

The above lines are enough to show anyone that it is the native who is doing the most to evangelize Cochin-China, not the white man. The organized colportage system is in the hands of the natives entirely. They go up and down the rivers, in and out the canals, sowing the Seed on both sides of the streams. The colporteurs are the only ones who have carried the Gospel to many of the interior villages. It is after the colporteur has left the Word that we get calls to go and preach. Thus a meeting-place comes into being which speedily develops into a chapel that must in turn be organized and given over to the natives to care for, with the supervision of the missionaries. The colporteurs are the forerunners.

With us it is no longer the case of seeking entrance into closed territory. We are not able to accept all the invitations extended to us to "go" and "preach." We had an offer in 1923 that has not been accepted yet. Think of rejecting furnished chapels when given to us if we will but send some one to hold regular services! The sad thing is this—we have no one, yellow or white, to send!

We never planned to do work among any but the Annamese until the Cambodians came to us for the Message. Not being able to speak their language we had to talk through an interpreter—we could hardly send them away. That small beginning has grown so that now there are nearly 100 Cambodian Christians in our district, all reached with the aid of an interpreter, and regular services are held in three villages.

Realizing the value of the native worker, we have encouraged all who felt called to study the Bible. Seventeen students have gone from our main stations and out-stations to attend the Bible Schools for Annamese and Cambodians. It might be interesting to those of you who have such an active part in the work in southern Cochin-China to know that Cantho men held the honors last year in both of these Schools.

The work among the Annamese has so developed that the Native Church has an Executive Committee that sits with the Foreign Committee when discussing matters that have to do with the Annamese in particular. We feel to praise God that there was a worthy man in the Cantho Church to be elected to such a Committee by the Native Conference.

Seeing the peoples of Indo-China that are still unevangelized and the need of more missionaries to help carry on the already established work, we as a Conference have thrown out the appeal to the Annamese Church asking them, "who will go to the Tribes-people of Indo-China?" Two young men responded—both from southern Cochin-China. So the work that began just a few years ago, since 1922, has become self-supporting in many instances and the Annamese are now sending *their* missionaries to the regions still beyond *them*.

Rev. R. M. Jackson Exploring New Territory

Mr. Pruett and myself left Hanoi for Luang-Prabang. Almost everywhere we went the people showed a willingness to hear the Gospel. During one day on the train from Hanoi to Vinh, two days in an automobile from Vinh to Tha-Khek, and three days on a river boat from Tha-Khek to Vientiane, we had chances to witness for Christ to our travelling companions. Some of them had already heard the Gospel story, but others heard it for the first time, and some may pass out of this life without hearing it again. Our supply of tracts was soon exhausted. Many people asked for them. I regret that we did not take a larger number.

Mode of Travel

The stable government and the good roads make it possible to get from place to place much more quickly and more easily than in China. The automobile road from Vientiane to Luang-Prabang is about one-third completed. We learned to appreciate the part that is finished by comparing it with the portion which remains to be built. Thus you see, God is preparing a way for His messengers. Along this road we passed many villages. They are hidden in the valleys, and most of the work will have to be done by itinerating either on horseback or in boats.

What is Being Done in Luang-Prabang and Vicinity

When we reached Luang-Prabang, we found that Dr. Hugh Taylor, of the American Presbyterian Mission in Siam, had arrived before us. The fact that we met him there was an indication to Brother Pruett and me that the Lord had definitely planned our trip. I had met Dr. Taylor before. He first went to Siam in 1887. For twenty-five years his Mission has been hoping, praying and planning to send missionaries to Luang-Prabang, but to date they have been unable to spare workers from other stations. At present they have a Siamese pastor and an elder working in this vast district.

Mr. Pruett and I were present to see the baptism of the first Laotian convert in that city. His name is Chao Souvannaphalom. This young man's father, before his death, was second king in the realm. The young man has spent five years in France and is now interpreter to the local French official.

We also met a Christian Annamese family, Mr. Dieu, his wife and four little girls. Mr. and Mrs. Dieu were converted through the ministry of Swiss missionaries in Southern Laos. Mr. Dieu has worked in the French Post Office at Luang-Prabang for six years. His wife teaches in the French School. Mr. Dieu and Mr. Souvannaphalom provided for our entertainment and comfort. The latter gave the use of a house where Dr. Taylor, Mr. Pruett and I stayed. They provided some of our food, and Dr. Taylor was our host because he had his cook with him. When we left, they gave us food for our journey. Never before have I personally known any Asiatics to be so generous in their giving. I have been told that the believers in Mytho (Cochin-China) are just as liberal. I believe Mr. Dieu gave more than he could really afford.

Witnessing to Country People

Mr. Pruett accompanied Dr. Taylor on a visit to some nearby villages. They were absent two nights. A meeting was held each evening. The music attracted the people and a goodly number remained to hear the Gospel message. Some of those who listened

urged the missionary and the native evangelist to come again. We hope that this is an indication that many Laotians will accept Christ when they understand the Gospel story.

Hungry Hearts

While Messrs. Taylor and Pruett were in the country, I remained with Mr. Dieu. We spent six days in Luang-Prabang, during which time we had happy fellowship with the few believers. There is no Roman Catholic Church and no priest in the city. Several Annamese Catholics heard that missionaries had arrived from Hanoi. They came and wanted to confess their sins to us. Some said they had not seen a priest for three years. We had a fine opportunity to explain to them Salvation by Grace through simple faith in Christ. Mr. Dieu begged us to stay a month or two to teach them. When we said we could not stay, Mr. Dieu and Mr. Souvannaphalom requested that the Indo-China Mission send missionaries to reside permanently in their midst.

Different estimates were given as to the population. The number of people in Luang-Prabang city was given at from four thousand to ten thousand. Of that number there are about three hundred Annamese men, and about one thousand Annamese, if women and children are counted. The kingdom of Luang-Prabang has a population variously estimated at from 200,000 to 350,000.

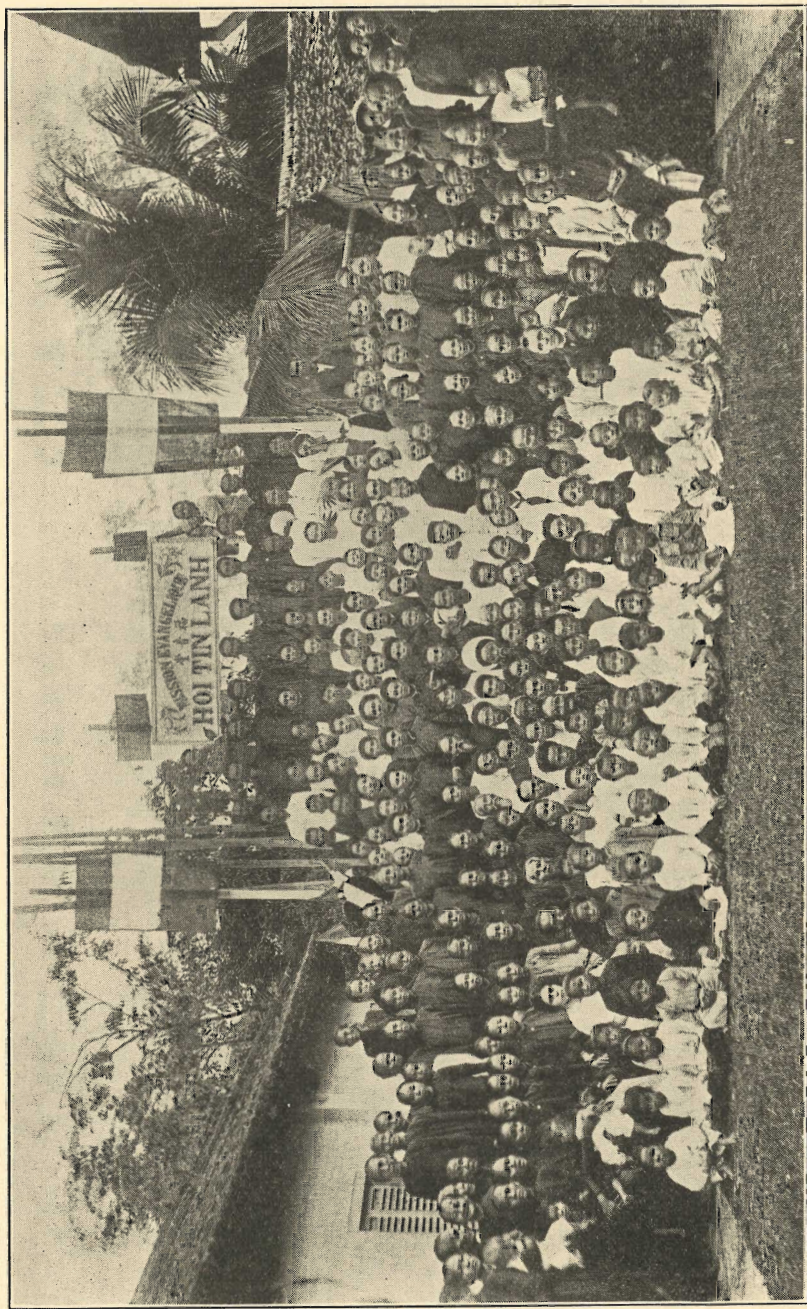
Homeward Bound

In order to reach Hanoi before Christmas, we took passage on a house-boat at Luang-Prabang, and drifted down the Mekong River to Vientiane instead of travelling overland. This proved to be an advantage because we were able to see another part of the country. By far the larger proportion of the Laotians live along the water courses. It is very difficult to travel through the jungle and over the mountains. Lao villages are usually situated on the bank of a stream; often where a tributary joins a big river. On the other hand, the Kha and Miao tribesmen prefer to live near the tops of the mountains. To reach the Lao people the missionary would need a small boat, or better still a motor boat. In this way he could reach a large number, but he would need to use a horse to reach the others.

During the trip down river both Mr. Pruett and I had fever, but Brother Pruett was ill much longer than I. Being so far from home and being surrounded by strange people, we were forced to cast ourselves upon the Lord. He proved Himself abundantly able and raised us up in answer to prayer. The illness proved a blessing for we searched our hearts and were drawn nearer to God. We felt that He was preparing us for further service.

A Seeking Soul

The very night we arrived at Vientiane a young man came to the hotel and asked us to tell him about the Gospel. He had attended one meeting in Pnom-Penh and he wanted to hear more. The next night he came again and, when leaving, he asked us to send him a New Testament and tracts. He was very earnest, and we hope he will learn to know God and tell others about Him. It was necessary to wait two days in Vientiane for the launch which was to take us to Tha-Khek. Several times, as we walked along the streets, Annamese soldiers or civilians asked us to give them tracts, but we had none left. Since then a New Testament and tracts have been sent to a few whose addresses we had. I believe a colporteur would be able to sell many Scriptures and portions in that city.



French Indo-China
 Part of a Christian congregation at Cantho, south of the Mekong River, 1926. In 1922 there were only three. Now the above gathering includes representatives of three distinct races. Notice Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Jackson in the group.

An Open Door

There are in the city of Vientiane three thousand Annamese besides the native Laotians. During our stay, I was impressed that there is a great opportunity for evangelistic work in that city. From October to April one can be sure that very little or no rain will fall. About one hundred and fifty kilometers of automobile road have been completed. During that dry season a missionary with a bicycle could visit all the villages on either side of that road. He could also use a boat and reach many of the villages along the river and its branches. It might be possible to travel on the river during part of the rainy season from April to October.

Dr. Taylor said he was sure the American Presbyterian Mission could not send workers to Vientiane. At present that mission has two Siamese workers in Luang-Prabang, but to date no missionary has been appointed to reside there permanently. Please remember that Luang-Prabang is four hundred kilometers from Vientiane by road and about five hundred kilometers by the river route. It took Mr. Pruett and I thirteen days to go overland on horseback and eleven days to float down the river. We do not know how soon Christ will return. Many of God's faithful servants feel that His coming is very, very near. But thousands in Laos have never heard of Jesus and His love;—No! not even once!!

Shall We Enter?

Pray that God will reveal to the Indo-China Conference whether He wants us to appoint a couple to Vientiane to learn the Laotian language and begin evangelistic work. It seems that we cannot spare anyone from our present work to send them to Laos, but we do desire to do the Master's will.

In Acts 8 we read that Philip was in the midst of a revival, yet God told him to leave that fruitful ministry in order to lead one man to Christ. Again in II Cor. 8:1-5 we read that "Beyond their power they were willing of themselves." May the Spirit of God Himself speak to our hearts, making us willing to go "beyond our power" in our effort to carry a knowledge of Christ to the Laotians.

THIRD ANNUAL ANNAMESE CONFERENCE

**Extracts from a free translation of an article written in Annamese
by Pastor Thùà, Tourane**

The Native Conference held at Tourane from the 21st to the 28th of February, 1926, had but one objective: the speedy evangelization of Indo-China, and the spiritual uplift of the native church.

The mornings and evenings were devoted to preaching and teaching from the Word, explaining the true Gospel of Christ. All spoke with such manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit that the hearers were stirred sometimes to tears and confession of sin, sometimes with joy at the reception of some new truth. As a result, the spiritual tone of all the believers present rose higher and higher.

The afternoons, from two to five o'clock, were given over to business sessions. The evangelists and delegates from the North, South and Center testified to the work of the Holy Spirit in their respective churches. They told of the means God had used to lead people into the way of salvation; of some whom God had protected under persecution because of their faithful testimony to Christ; of miracles of healing: sick restored to health, and crazy people restored to their normal senses. Some who had been bound by the opium habit were set free, others who were slaves to alcohol were liberated, and vicious vagabonds and thieves all came to kneel in worship at the Saviour's feet.

When the audience heard the testimonies to the blessings God had bestowed upon the several churches, their hearts were made to burn with joy and to shout hallelujah, or to sing praises to the Most Holy Name of the Almighty God.

Planning the Development of the Work

Two of the papers read were used of God to the hearts of the hearers in a most unusual manner, so that their very features were changed, and their hearts were moved to greater spiritual activity.

The first message was a paper by Mr. Tiep, the evangelist at Pnom-Penh, Cambodia. His subject was, "What shall we do to build up the Church, and to cause the Gospel of Christ to be spread more quickly?" We will repeat some of the things he said. "Brethren! let us consider, in our land of Indo-China, from South to North, how few have been saved out of the total population of twenty million souls who are tottering and about to fall into the cruel sea of destruction. In view of this fact, we must unite our hearts and our minds to make a plan whereby the Gospel of Christ may be announced everywhere immediately, in order to rescue these people from sin and ruin. It is not enough merely to plan, we must carry our plans to completion!

"Channels should first be opened in places where people are anxious to hear. Then, money will be needed to put the plan into operation. If we want funds, we must depend on believers to give. Before the believers will be willing to give, we must pray God to make them advance spiritually. As the spiritual tide rises, they will surely be happy to bring offerings for the work of the Lord.

"In addition, we must have an Annual Conference where delegates from all parts of the country may meet to report the workings of the Holy Spirit in their respective churches, that we may mark the degree of progress. If we desire an Annual Conference, we must pray God to provide the money necessary for travelling and other expenses. Then if we are able to do this, it will be in answer to prayer." His message was clear, and given with such unction that hearers were moved to seek methods whereby the Gospel may be spread quickly.

Two Native Missionaries to the Savages

The second paper presented our duty to give the Good News of Salvation to the Moi tribesmen. This message was very simple, but for some reason the Holy Spirit used it to stir our hearts beyond measure, until they were torn with sorrow and sympathy for the aboriginal tribes who know nothing about moral obligations or civilization, and who are about to be buried in the anguish of the bottomless pit.

Here are a few of the words used by the Holy Spirit to create love in the hearts of believers until they were compelled to plan very seriously for the evangelization of the Moïs. "Brethren, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself!' But is not the poor Moi your neighbor—he who is hidden away among the hills and rivers of the dense jungle, who has never been taught his duty either to his fellowman, or to God; who does not even know that there is a God, hence how can he know the way to salvation? The darkness of his heart is greater than the shadows of the forest. Brethren! shall we who have been adopted as sons of God, upon whom the light of Christ has shone, continue to sit with folded arms while the Moi remains in darkness, and is about to fall into the chains and darkness of death?"

Following this message the hearts of the hearers were moved to such a degree that they could not keep back the burning words: "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel to the Moïs!" As a result, two Bible School students volunteered to carry the Gospel to the Moïs, at any cost. Please pray that God will equip them and use them mightily.

Sharing the Conference Blessings with the Churches

Thanks be to God that all who attended the Conference received spiritual blessing, peace and joy. Each one promised to give a clear report of the Conference to his church. We are convinced that the Annual Conference is very necessary, and also very helpful to the spiritual welfare of the church in Indo-China. Let us pray that God will make it possible to meet every year, and the blessings that will follow in the salvation of the Annamese will be beyond our power to record.—Amen.

From the Latest Report of the Chairman, E. F. Irwin



French Indo-China.

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Cressman.

An Annamese from a distant city came to the writer saying: "A Christian from your Mission visited me some time ago, and prayed for me and my family. His prayer was answered and we were greatly blessed. Now I have come over fifty miles to hear more about your religion. I am sure that your God is the true God, and I have already given my heart to Him, and want to be baptized." The missionary's work is easy when the inquirer begins like that. In French Indo-China this year there have been many such testimonies. It is happening on all of our stations; for the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ has "taken" in the hearts and lives of many. Praise God! The Annamese are experiencing a type of salvation that is contagious.

The word "Expansion" would express the key-note of the work that God has done in French Indo-China during 1925. We began the year with 10 main stations; we close the year with 11. On January 1, 1925, we had 22 out-stations; on December 31, there were 37. These 48 main

and out-stations mean 48 cities, towns or villages where God has already gathered out a group of people to the glory of His Name. There are many other meeting-places where more or less irregular meetings are held, and where believers are praising God for salvation through faith in the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1,675 new converts were baptized during 1925, and the reports from the different stations indicate that at the close of the year there were nearly one thousand more inquirers who are applying to be received into the Church by baptism.

There are, in all, 18 organized Churches, with 3,019 members; 18 Sunday Schools, with 1,225 scholars. We have also two Bible Training Schools: one for Cambodians and the other for the Annamese. The Annamese School has two sections: a Men's School and a Women's School. Praise God for a splendid group of young men and women in

these schools, preparing for the great work of evangelizing their countries. The Mission Press at Hanoi is printing Scriptures and other Christian literature in Annamese and Cambodian. God's blessing in abundant measure has rested on every department of the work, and we are looking forward to still greater blessing in 1926.

The Church offerings have more than kept pace with the increase in membership. In 1924 these amounted to a little less than \$2,500.00 United States money; in 1925, \$5,432.98 were given by Annamese and Cambodian Christians for the furtherance of God's work. At the Second Annual Native Conference of the French Indo-China Mission, held in February, 1925, a new step along the line of self-support was taken. The Annamese delegates pledged their Churches to take special offerings for the support of the Bible Schools, and for the expenses of the Annual Native Conference; and at the same time to continue to push steadily toward the goal of local self-support in all of the Churches. The response is a cause for much thanksgiving. The total offerings more than doubled, 275 piastres were given for the Bible Schools, and the indications are that almost all of the expenses for 1926 Native Conference will be met by the offerings taken for this purpose.

Four of our senior missionaries went home for furlough during the year, and five others have returned to the field. We also had the pleasure of welcoming one new missionary, Miss Faith Richards (now Mrs. W. A. Pruett). Six more new recruits who had been studying in France are now on their way, and should arrive at Saigon early in January. Praise God for this much needed increase in our missionary staff.

Colportage Work

This report would not be complete without some reference to the splendid work done by the colporters of the British and Foreign Bible Society. This Society works in close affiliation with our Mission, and its colporters are under the direct oversight of our missionaries. Rev. G. W. Sheppard, the agent of this Society in the Far East, was present at our Conference in the fall of 1924, and the sub-agent for French Indo-China, Pastor A. Martin, of Hanoi, made a tour of our stations last year, giving inspiring addresses which were greatly appreciated by the Annamese churches. The colporters have sold 540 French and Character Bibles, 2,492 Annamese New Testaments, 66,197 Scripture portions, and 83,544 Christian books and tracts. These silent witnesses of the Gospel are getting into every state and every province and almost every village of the country. "Pray ye that the Lord of the harvest" will cause this seed to bring forth much fruit.

Comparison of Statistics for the Indo-China Mission, 1916-1925

(Approximate population dependent on this Mission 20,000,000)

	1916	1921	1924	1925
Number of Missionaries.....	5	22	20	22
Number of Main-stations.....	2	5	10	11
Number of Out-stations.....	0	2	22	37
Number of Native Workers.....	8	8	46	41
Number of Church Members.....	25	183	1678	3019
Baptisms during year.....	18	79	656	1675
Sunday School Scholars.....	....	....	866	1225
Bible School Students.....	0	16	47	42
Offerings by Native Churches in U. S.				
Dollars	20.00	300.00	2426.09	5432.98

CHINA

Kansu-Tibetan Border

Missionaries—Rev. C. F. Snyder, Mrs. C. F. Snyder, Rev. W. N. Ruhl and Miss Anna Haupberg

Brother Snyder reports the following from Hochow Station:

"Grace be to you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

Political Situation in China

"He will magnify the law, and make it honorable."—Isa. 42:21.

This undoubtedly refers to the glorious characteristics of the soon-to-be revealed Messiah, who when He comes to wield His sceptre of righteousness and "lay righteousness to the plummet", shall in very truth, fulfill the above Scripture.

One might wish that that day be here *now*, for ever since "tu chüin" (military) rule and especially Bolshevik influence has gone on a rampage in China the magnifying of law is not the order of things, rather the opposite circumstance obtains; the words *Republic*, *equal rights*, and *liberty* are decidedly misnomers.

Take Houan Province, once a province that was affluent, it is now the scene in many places of ruin and poverty—many formerly wealthy people there are today either refugees or poverty-stricken, due to the avariciousness of soldiers and marauding bandits. The Red Spear Society, another expression for Boxerism, was organized to combat bandits, but, alas, what does one see, this same gentry have become robbers, even going so far as to kidnap young women and then sell them as so much chattel.

The Stout Hospital belonging to the Southern Baptists is now in the hands of the Bolsheviks, a combination of labor unions, students and so-called Christians, who forcibly occupied and took over the property. This hospital is located in Wuchow, Kuangsi.

Of course, the above mentioned belong to the radical element and not all Christians there subscribe to this high-handed method of taking over buildings and properties belonging to foreigners without paying one cent for them; it is sheer confiscation and no two ways about it.

Last reports give it that this Red element is attempting to seize the Presbyterian mission properties in Hainan Island. Here this mission is carrying on a very successful work.

In Wuchow, South China, the Chinese Christians do not wish to be seen walking with the foreign missionaries.

Even in Marshal Feng ü-hsiang's armies the conservatives and radicals appeared—the former opposed and the latter favoring Russia.

In the north (North China) anti-Bolshevism is now in the ascendency which makes for law and order.

Political Situation in Kansu

The present provincial government of this province is in the hands of the Kueh min-chüin, Feng ü-hsiang's men. Gen. Liu and Mr. Hsieh are military governor and civil governor respectively, while the soldiers are a part of Feng's own First Army.

These soldiers are clean men, every inch fighters and so disciplined that they are always on their guard day and night. It is said the soldiers constantly wear their cartridge belts filled with cartridges and even in the night time sleep with their hands on their guns. They take no chances.

What a lesson to us on fitness and preparedness, we who claim to be soldiers of the great Commander, Jesus!

Well, Kansu is having a war between Gen. Liu and some rebel Kansu generals, but we expect peace to be soon restored because the rebels, as far as one learns, are hopelessly defeated and scattered.

The new regime is a virile and vigorous one: they cut out and reduced many of the dead head forces in magistrates' offices throughout the province, and were commencing to put into office their own men.

I think the late Titao magistrate was a bright example of the doings of the new administration. He discarded all official old style pomposity and red tape in that any one of the people that had a law case could hand it directly to the official himself and thus get justice and avoid the labyrinthal path of difficulties of former days. In this way money and time were saved. Of course, the people rejoiced, but the gentry did not. Their power had collapsed and their source of "squeeze" gone. Is it not a pity that this man's usefulness was cut short, for when hostilities broke out the rebel general there, at the instigation of the aforesaid gentry, cruelly murdered this young man.

Then, too, I conclude, the opposition against the powers that be on the part of many of the populace of Kansu is idolatry against Christianity. I hope and pray that the victory of Governor Liu shall be a lever to bring about a real revival when many shall be caused to think and from thinking to believing on the Lord.

Added on to the above war calamity in some parts of Kansu, a drought is on in Hochow this year. Last year hardly any snow fell and outside of a heavy snow fall and one soaking rain, no more soaking rain has descended. In the north plateau the summer crop of wheat is finished and if a real penetrating fall of moisture does not soon come then the hope of fall crops must be abandoned. As it is, one Chinese teo (about equal to a U. S. bushel, in Hochow) sells for 15,000 cash or a little over \$6.00 (\$3.00 U. S. currency); every



China.

Kansu-Tibetan Border Conference of C. & M. A. Missionaries in Hochow, 1925.

other grain is high priced accordingly and this effects the price of vegetables. I made it a point to look up the original Greek for *measure* and *penny* in Rev. 6:6 which reads "choenix" (equal to nearly a quart), "denarion" (equal to about 15½ cents, U. S.).

One "teo" or bushel would work out approximately at \$9.92 or \$4.96 gold. These figures are Great Tribulation figures. We in Hochow are approaching Tribulation prices. Do you think we are on the verge of a great catastrophe? Indications point that way.

Spiritual Work

While upheavals have been taking place in many parts in China, Kansu for a long time, generally, has enjoyed peace and right through drought here and the clash of arms elsewhere in the province Hochow, is peaceful. The natural explanation would be that the majority of the population with us are Moslems who are a deterrent and repressive influence—this Islamic element in Kansu think and speak well of the Christian Governor. At any rate our services in our chapel are well attended right along. The Sunday School is one of the interesting features of this work. A very successful Chinese Conference, our yearly gathering, was held from June 24 to 26 inclusive and on the 27th, twelve individuals, ten women and two men, received the rite of immersion in the flowing stream in the presence of about 700 spectators.

The three Chinese evangelists and one Bible woman acquitted themselves as true yoke-fellows with us in this grand missionary enterprise. Thank God. All is harmony and unity.

Two colporteurs are kept constantly on the go as full time men, selling Scripture portions for the British and Foreign Bible Society. Individual Christians also sell Scriptures for the American Bible Society.

Then, too, the Titao Evangelistic Band visited this district twice during this conference year.

Personal

Personally, I am in victory, with a conscience void of offense toward God and toward man. My hunger for the Good Book and God is on the increase. It is a privilege to be in the service of the Master. Hallelujah.

As Chinese Examiner my hands were kept active because our missionaries are speeding on with their language work.

Throughout all of last year I gave three hours weekly to the teaching of English in the Government Middle School, corresponding to High School in the States. My objective was to come in contact with the pupils and educated class for Jesus' sake.

Attended two Inter-Conference C. & M. A. Executive Committee meetings, and in March of this year was present at the United Conference Continuation Committee meeting in Lanchow with a Kansu Mohammedan Committee meeting thrown into the bargain. Further was privileged to assist and be one of the participants in a Tibetan Prayer Conference for I am still reckoned, to some extent, among the Tibetan missionaries.

In April there was convened in Titao the Chinese Workers' Conference which had not met together for nigh onto two years. Again by the goodness of the Lord, was an attendant at this gathering.

I take my turn with the Chinese Workers to conduct regular Sunday and mid-week services. Believing that one can study until one is an octogenarian, providing there is granted a good measure of health by the Lord, and acting in that spirit, I was enabled to prosecute somewhat, the study of Arabic.

Interesting Facts

Among those baptized recently there were several interesting cases. The first one, I want to mention, is a Mr. Chao (the Chinese character for chao means "to excel") who really excelled in passing over the Red Sea of sin. He is a first class mason. Well do I remember, as far back as 1918, when he did some jobs for me in renovating our then rented quarters, I handed him Chinese tracts and pleaded with him to accept Christ as his Saviour. He put me off by replying that he would do so after his father's demise, for as a filial son, to perform certain idolatrous ceremonies was his duty. Surely enough the Lord in His great mercy, spared him to outlive his father and now he is a Christian, and what is more he already has won one soul, namely his wife. Together they received baptism. Their home is now clean of idols. Does it pay to serve Jesus?



China.
General Feng U-hsiang.

I mentioned above the Hochow Middle School. Well, the head teacher in that school is a Prof. Hsieh who is wedded to two wives. I am very glad to report that both these women were among the twelve immersed and my prayer is that they may be instrumental in leading out their husband from opium smoking and all sin to the Lord.

Then there was a Mrs. Uang, wife of a military or drill instructor of the soldiers here—she too, followed the Lord in baptism. Praise God!

Mrs. C. F. Snyder

To the Pennsylvania Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ.

Dear Fellow Workers:

"Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" is the verse that came to me when we heard of the anti-Christian and anti-Foreign movement spreading in different parts of China. And then Luke 21:28 connected itself with these words, "Look up and lift up your heads: for your redemption draweth nigh." We are sure that these things taking place in China are only the beginning of the spirit that will be manifest under the anti-Christ when he shall rule the peoples of this earth for a little while. In some places in China the students have ruled and there was no one to say them nay. In South China one of our lady missionaries at least has found herself without a job as she expressed it. Why, you say? Because she is a foreigner, and the feeling runs so high there that the Christians do not care to be seen with the foreigner. I suppose in time that same feeling may sift through and find us up here, and it behoves us to "work while it is yet day for the night cometh when no man can work."

My report of last year evidently reached you too late, so I will try and send this one in time.

Our yearly special meetings are now a thing of the past. They were well attended and the Lord met with us. The attendance of women at these services was from 30 to 50 each day.

We have had only one Bible woman this year, but she has done faithful work. She is a woman of the place and is well acquainted and gets into many homes. I have made something like about 80 visits with her since our C. and M. A. Conference last August. If you could see how intensely some of these women listen to the Gospel you would feel well repaid. Some of these women are not allowed to attend the services but in this way they at least hear the Gospel. We leave tracts in all the homes entered and generally a card to the children to interest them and to take away any fear they may have of us. During the Chinese New Year season we again had a happy time of seed sowing. Something like 700 women passed through our guest room and heard the message of the Gospel. Two of the women who confessed the Lord at that time have just received baptism. Praise God for each soul snatched from the power of the evil one.

We have a small Girls' School. Two girls having finished the course during the year. Miss Keo is our teacher. She also teaches the older girls who attend our Sunday School services. These girls are from heathen homes and some of them are attending the Government Girls' School. Last Sunday three of these girls repeated the Golden Texts of the entire Quarter and they were given one of the pictures of the large Sunday School Scroll as a reward. Our attendance of children keeps up well. Going as high as over the 200 mark one Sunday. Miss Keo also goes visiting with us on Saturday afternoons. One of our old school girls passed on to be with the Lord during the year. She was from a very poor home. She told her mother that she would go to Heaven and then added "Heaven is such a nice place."

Mr. Snyder will write you of the present political unrest in the Province and of the way it has affected the work in general. It may all work out for good among these idolatrous people. God sometimes must use strong measures to bring people to repentance.

Asking you to continue in prayer for us and thanking all who have a part in supporting us on the field and praying that,

"When Jesus comes to reward His servants,
Whether it be noon or night,
Faithful to Him will He find us watching,
With our lamps all trimmed and bright."

Miss Anna Haupberg

In her letter dated August 6th, 1926, Miss Anna Haupberg writes from Minhsien, Kansu Province, China, "It is with pleasure that I wish to report to the glory of God, His wonderful deliverance of us, His children, during the last week.

"For some three months there has been war in the Province between Gen. Feng's men and the old soldiers whose leader was Long-siling. It started near Lanchow-fu. Long's men began the fight but they were defeated and about one thousand of his men fled and came up here to Minhsien. They made themselves quite at home and one of their men, Li-fu-kuan, set himself up as an official. The real official was a Feng man and fled to save his life. They collected taxes at the point of the gun and the poor people, of course, gave anything to save their lives. What else could they do?

"This reign lasted for over one month and the missionaries united in prayer that God would protect them and not permit them to rob the city; also that there would be no battle here. God did so wonderfully answer prayer that two days ago the new army came in and peace has been restored. The day before the army arrived, the people were afraid of a battle so they came running here and for a day or two there were several hundred on our place seeking for shelter and safety.

"We praise God for the opportunities He gave us to witness to these refugees and we are trusting the Lord for real fruit. Many were here who do not at other times come.

"God's promises have been very real and it has again been proven that our God is the one that hears and answers the prayers of His children. My country work had to be given up during this time of



China.

Some of the 30,000 Chinese New Testaments on the way to General Feng's army.

unrest but we trust to start it again, the Lord willing, after our return from Conference which begins August 14th.

"I feel impressed with the fact that God has many prepared hearts in this district and that He wants us to go out and gather them in. This morning as we were out calling we met an old lady who we used to know years ago, before going home on furlough. Since coming back, we have often wondered about her and thought she was in her grave. But she had moved to another part of the city and is now seventy-seven years of age, so it is hard for her to come out to the services. After the Bible woman and myself had talked with her awhile, we found that she was quite willing to come to Jesus. So in her humble home, we had prayer with her. Oh, what a joy! Please pray for her. Pray also that God may give us a great ingathering of souls in the Minhsien district and that God will give physical strength for the work set before us.

"May God bless all the friends who give toward my support and I trust that some day they shall meet some who have been saved through their prayers and giving."

A GREAT CHRISTIAN ARMY

Much has been said, some for and some against General Feng as a Christian soldier. We quote the following from George T. B. Davis, whose name is familiar internationally as a Christian worker:

"First in America and later in Australia and New Zealand, I had heard of General Feng and his Chinese army. Recently I travelled nearly half way around the world to work in the army and to give the men the Word of God. And now—after four months in Peking; after studying the army at first hand, from the private soldier to the commanding officer—I can say, like one who long ago travelled far to see a famous man and his work in another Eastern land, 'The half was not told me' (I Kings 10:7).

"The more I study the army the more I am amazed by the sheer marvel of it. Think of it! A dozen years ago a man was converted in Peking. He was an army officer, a major in command of 500 men. He was not allowed to openly preach Christ to his men in the military quarters. He had to send them out of the barracks to the churches of Peking to hear the Gospel proclaimed. Today that convert of a dozen years ago is the Defender of Peking; and his army—of whom probably two-thirds have openly avowed their faith in Christ—is not only the most inspiring native force for righteousness in China, but it is the strongest military influence for stability in distraught China. It is the most remarkable army morally and spiritually, with the possible exception of Cromwell's Ironsides, in modern times. 'This is the Lord's doing: it is marvellous in our eyes' (Psa. 118:23). The army is not merely a military organization, it is

A Big Christian School

for the common people, where the young men—for it is an army of young men—are given physical, industrial, mental, spiritual, and military training. The soldier-students, as they may be termed, enlist for at least three years, which is the equivalent in time of a four years' college course, for they have no vacation periods.

"There is a strict schedule of work and study from the rising bugle in the morning, to 'lights out' at night. In the summer the men rise at 4 a.m. The first order of the day, after dressing, is a bit of spiritual drill. They assemble by companies in the open air in the quiet of the early dawn. The captain leads in the singing of a Gospel hymn. Then all heads are reverently bowed while an officer or corporal or private soldier prays earnestly for God's blessing upon the army and the duties of the day.

"The army is up-to-the-minute in physical fitness, as might be expected where there is an absence of immorality, wine drinking, and cigarette smoking. The men are alert, athletic, clear-eyed, strong-muscled. Sir James Startin, a retired admiral of the British Navy, who recently visited Peking, was much impressed with the fine physique of the men. Of great interest is

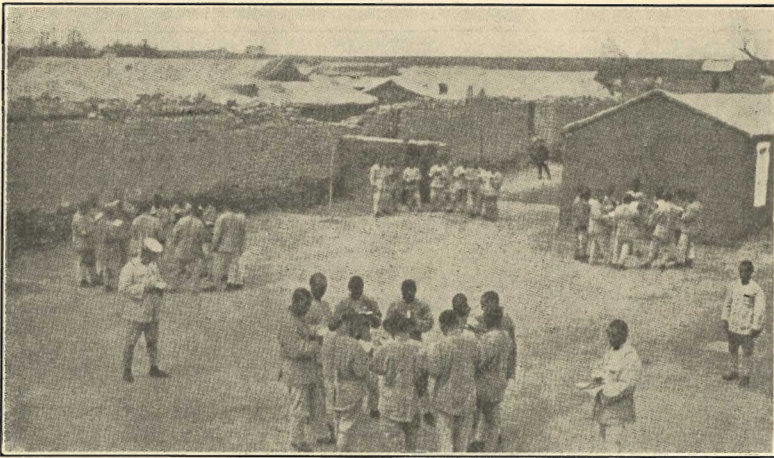
Its Industrial Branch.

This was started by General Feng in order that many of the men might learn a trade while in the army, and have a means of support on their return home. As you pass through one room after another, you see the young men busily engaged in making shoes and clothes, knitting stockings, weaving rugs, boiling soap, and making chairs and other articles of furniture. When one set of men have learned a trade, another lot takes their place. But the most interesting and striking phase of the army life is

Its Spiritual Side.

In my early visits to the camp the thing that most impressed me was the sight of a hundred or more men standing outside a mess-room before a meal singing a Gospel hymn. Then all heads were bowed while some one led in prayer; not a few formal phrases, but an earnest petition, often of some length. And imagine my surprise when calmly informed that this was the custom throughout the entire army before each of the two meals of the day!

"Later I witnessed a still more striking scene that occurs at noon each day. At twelve o'clock a gun is fired. At ten minutes past twelve the men gather by companies outside their various quarters for half an hour of Bible reading and prayer. Sometimes the meeting is con-



China.

General Fêng's army—Bible Study in groups.

ducted by the captain; sometimes the companies are divided into smaller groups in charge of a corporal. First a hymn is sung, then a chapter in the New Testament is read verse about, often with brief explanations, followed by a number of earnest petitions from the men as well as the officers. It is really Family Worship for the day. Just as a father gathers his family about him for Bible reading and prayer, so the captains and corporals of the army conduct the service for those committed to their care.

"And it is a singing, as well as a Bible-reading and praying army. How the men love to sing the old hymns that are favorites at home! They sing the first thing in the morning, they sing at noon, they sing the last thing at night. They sing at meetings, they sing before meals, they sing as they march. The favorite hymn of the army is 'Onward, Christian Soldiers.' Some others that the troops especially enjoy are: 'Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the Cross!' 'All People that on the Earth do Dwell,' and 'O Happy Day that Fixed my Choice.'

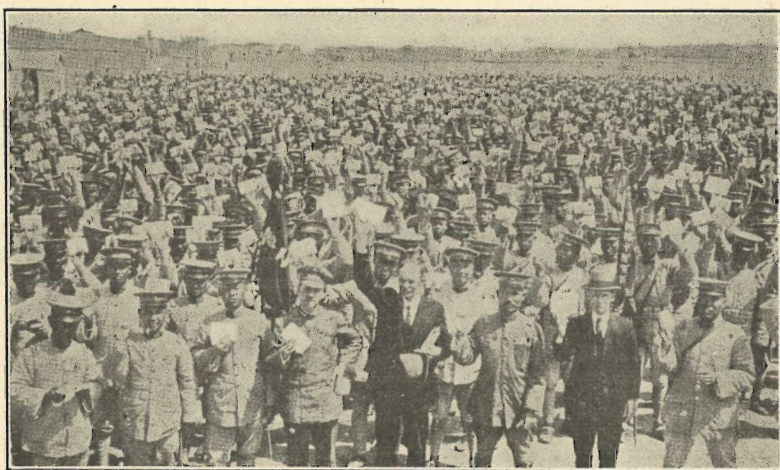
"It was a joy and privilege to be called to labour among such a unique and interesting body of men, and to give them the Word of God. We have been in Peking a little more than four months. Practically all of an edition of

30,000 Neat Cloth-bound Testaments

in Chinese have been distributed to those agreeing to read and carry them, and we have had to send an urgent order to the Bible Society in Shanghai for a further supply.

"General Feng, who is studying English, greeted me in my native tongue, saying, 'I am very glad to see you.' Presently he pulled out a neat pocket Testament of the same size and shape as we were planning to present to the army.

"The work in the army began with the officers, then extended to the men. My first big meeting with the troops was with 800 men of a cavalry regiment. It was conducted by the colonel, who led it with as much fervor as a Methodist local preacher or a Salvation Army officer.



China.

A Remarkable Chinese Army. Four thousand soldiers with New Testaments.

At the conclusion of his prayer a sound arose that I had never before heard from a company of soldiers. A chorus of 'Amen's' came from all over the audience in a perfectly natural manner, without a touch of a parading spirit. When we asked all who would like to enlist in the League and receive a Testament to raise their hands, all their right hands, as far as I could see, were uplifted; while many professed faith in Christ as they agreed to read and carry the Word of God.

"Never will I forget one memorable service when we addressed nearly

4000 Men in the Open Air.

It was a beautiful day. We stood on a mud platform five or six feet high, with the men standing on three sides of us. From the opening hymn by the soldier-choir until the last Testament had been distributed, everything went forward harmoniously. How eagerly the men listened, how patiently they stood, and how easy it was to speak to them! God's Spirit was moving upon the hearts of the men in answer to the prayers of many.

At the close of the service came the distribution of the Testaments. It was carried out in a peculiarly beautiful and impressive manner. It was a never-to-be-forgotten scene, but was followed by one if anything even more impressive. After all had received their copies of God's Word, they were once more assembled round the platform. General Chang gave a stirring talk, confirming all that had been said and done during the service, and prayed fervently for the men that were just beginning the Christian life. Finally the men were asked to hold the Testaments they had just received high above their heads, with the Book open at that passage for every Bible student: 'Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth' (2 Tim. 2:15).

"The scene that followed was worth going far to witness—that sea of open Testaments, every right hand of every soldier of that great audience of nearly 4000 Chinese young men 'holding fast the faithful Word.' It was a little harbinger of the glad day when the Word of God shall be in the hands and hearts of millions of men and women, and boys and girls in China; and of that glorious era when 'the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea' (Hab. 2:14)."

CHILE

Missionaries—Rev. M. P. Zook, Mrs. M. P. Zook, Miss Anna LeFevre and Mrs. Nettie Meier

Brother Zook says: "Concerning our returning to the field again, we are looking forward to returning in the fall. Sister Zook is better now than when I came home. She is not well yet by any means, but she just longs to go back and end her days in the field. We do not know just where we will go, as the Board has made us several proposals. We want to be in his will. I hear

Good News from Chile.

Five of the graduates of our Bible Institute have been accepted and installed and are being entirely supported by funds from the native churches. Besides the most important work being done are the visits made south amongst the numerous Islands by Bros. Sanhueza and Fast. They have found a most needy field and an open one. Those inlanders live in the most primitive conditions and abandoned by all but the priests, who live as lords there. The latter are absolute in their authority, since they are the spiritual advisers, judges and civil authorities. That gives you an idea how arbitrary they can be if they want to. Well, our brethren suffered much in their visits, having no decent sleeping places, not things to eat, but they rejoiced because of the opportunity of preaching Christ to them. They found a few believers everywhere they went, such who had heard the Word on the mainland, somewhere. In one place they found a sister who had heard the Word twenty years ago. She was quite cold in her experience but had testified to many of the gospel. Her husband was an infidel, but this sister has been revived as a result of the visits of our brethren and she was soon afterwards baptized and now they are asking that a pastor be sent to them. Business men have promised to help in the work if someone goes. They also found a whole family converted who had only a portion of a Bible and part of a hymn book. It was enough to convince them of the truth of the gospel. They have already made

three visits south and will likely continue visiting there when summer comes again. Their objective is to finally find the Alacalufia Indians who live on some of the islands farther south. You need to pray for these brethren and the seed sown."

Brother Zook, Sister Zook and their two sons are at present home on furlough. Brother Zook gave us an address at one of our Camp Meetings. Since the death of Brother H. L. Weiss, Brother Zook has been the Superintendent of the work in Chile. During his absence in the homeland Rev. Waggoner is taking his place. It is probable that they will not return to Chile but go to Colombia in the near future. Following is a report of their

German Conference

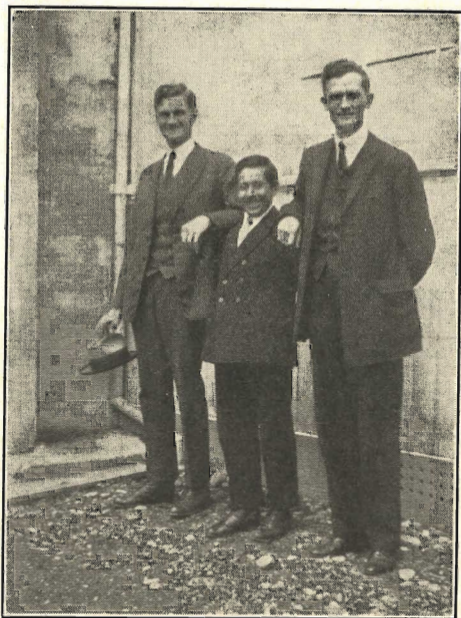
The German and Swiss colonists throughout Chile were the people who received great spiritual blessing two decades ago. But in the course of time, through seasons when false shepherds entered or when they were left without any shepherd at all, their spiritual condition had gone down to a low tide indeed. In the last few years however, since the Alliance workers have taken more interest in them and one of their number has been designated to visit the different colonies, their appreciation has revealed itself in new interest and zeal.

In a previous report, an account was given of a conference in Comuy, a German colony, far distant from the railway and very difficult of access. Times of refreshing came down from above, and the blessing enjoyed awakened a desire in the hearts of the brethren attending from Quillem to have the next Conference in their chapel. Later, invitations were sent out to attend a conference in Quillem the latter part of November. Much prayer arose that God would bless very definitely. Our Father granted us beautiful weather, and lovely moonlight, greatly appreciated because we were in the country, and had to walk some distance from the Chapel to our homes after the services.

As Quillem is easy to reach, and autos are becoming quite numerous, many came from far and near, some from curiosity, and others with great expectations. Praise God, these were realized. The spiritual atmosphere was such that the messengers had great freedom and liberty in giving forth the Word. Truly one could say that they literally *drank* in the Word.

The services during the day were in German. Meetings were held especially for the children, and the women, and at each of these services, the Holy Spirit moved upon hearts. A goodly number of little ones sought salvation which they had been taught that Jesus was ready and willing to give them. The evening services were evangelistic in character, and Spanish was used for the benefit of the servants and employees of that vicinity.

Sunday was the great day of the feast. A precious prayer service was followed by a splendid message on the signs of the times and the coming of the Lord. In the afternoon three splendid young people were baptized after a searching message. This service was held in the open air, and after the baptism, we all returned to the chapel for a consecration service, showing the importance of a completely yielded life ready for any sacrifice. More than a hundred hands went up when the question was put, who was willing to let Jesus have His way in their lives. Then a missionary appeal was made which resulted in an offering of money, and pledges of nearly 600 pesos. This money was turned into the fund for the support of new workers and extension of the work.



Chile.
Fast, Acuna, Wagoner.

Two messages were planned for the Sunday evening service, but there was such deep conviction after the first message and such a ready response to the altar call, that the other was omitted, and the meeting closed with twelve souls crying out to God for salvation. We feel assured that some found the peace of God, and are hopeful that in all a real work was done. Jesus seemed so near through it all and how we praise Him for it.

The next morning a farewell service of prayer and testimony was held before leaving for our homes. Everybody still had something to say, one more petition, some more praise, but it had to come to a close, as trains won't wait. A circle was formed, and hand in hand a great song of praise and thanksgiving sounded forth, and with "God Bless You Till We Meet Again" this blessed conference closed.

Pray for us that God will cause all that was good and helpful and pleasing to Him to be preserved and prospered for His honor and glory.

Mrs. Nettie Meier

I praise God for the privilege of seeing my family again and for the complete restoration of my health and strength so that I could come back to my work here in Chile. The past year has been full of precious lessons learned from the great Master Teacher.

There has not been any especially great blessing in the work here in Victoria, but a drawing closer to the Lord among some of the members at least. The young people have taken a more definite part and have come to know the Lord better as their Saviour.

The Sunday School has been well attended through the year, our average attendance for the year being 97. Eleven received premiums for attending 45 Sundays and more and 55 for attending 30 Sundays at least. I praise God for the steadiness of attendance. In the children's class that gathers on Wednesday afternoon the members are very apt in learning Bible passages, the books and divisions of the Bible, etc. It would do your heart good to hear them pray, even as young as five years, bringing their needs as well as those of others before God.

On Sunday afternoon after Sunday School we, with some of the men and young folks, go to the jail to hold services. For a while it seemed we were going to lose the privilege of going because the head who was an atheist did not want to give permission any more. But prayer was answered and since then that man was replaced by one who gives us full liberty. Several of the prisoners have given their testimony that they know that Jesus has saved them and their happy faces gave further proof that it was so. Tracts or Christian literature of some kind are distributed among them each time and an effort is made to give at least a gospel to each prisoner as they come and go.

A forward step in our mission has been made in that the second Sunday of each month all the collections are dedicated to the support of the five new workers who have been taken on during the year. These are the first fruits of our Missionary, or rather Bible Institute. The people are encouraged to make an extra offering on that day and they have responded real well. Just enough has come in to meet this new expense but I would lay this on your hearts as a special matter of prayer so that it will not only not go down, but increase as the needs are increasing all the time.

These new workers have had the advantage of Bible training and especial instruction on the deeper things of the Christian life and more efficient methods in personal work. God is blessing them and we are expecting a higher standard of Christian service through their influence.

During the year we have rejoiced greatly because of conferences that were very precious. In March there was a very helpful and blessed one held among the German brethren in Comuy. In April we had the great privilege of having Mr. H. Dinwiddie, our Latin-American secretary, with us. He was God's own messenger to us and as a body of workers we caught a new vision of Jesus as the Omnipotent One; the need of the people throughout all Latin America besides those near at hand and what God could do even with us if we only let Him. Our mission received an impulse then which we trust will be for all time.

In October a very helpful Bible conference was held in Lantaro where good and instructive themes were presented and discussed. The evangelistic services held in the evenings were well attended and many souls sought the Lord.

In November another conference was held among the Germans at Quillem. Although in the country it is easy of access and so many attended. The Spirit of God was palpable. Every message seemed to be God's voice speaking to hearts and the attention was tense. It was a delight to speak to them. There was one meeting after the other from morning to night and yet no one wanted to miss any. On Sunday, the third and last day, there was great blessing evident by the spirit of consecration, missionary offering and the souls who came to be saved through Jesus Christ our Lord.

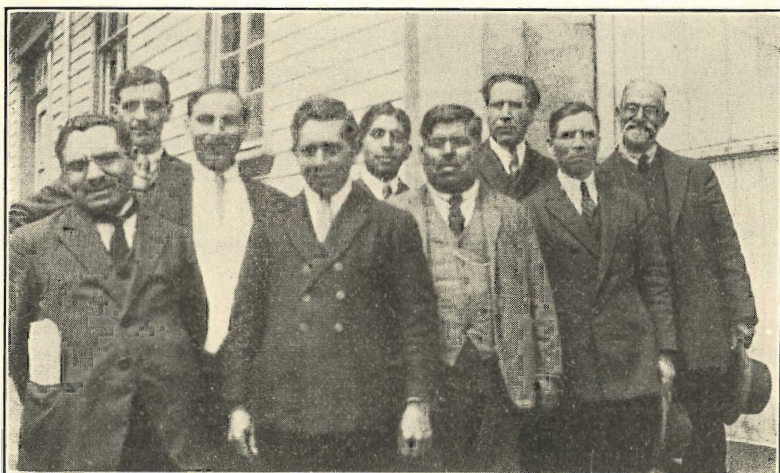
The annual council report with the diary reached me recently, for which I thank you very kindly. Also wish to thank you again for the Christian literature which the Brethren send me. The magazine, "Christ Life", is surely splendid.

I am looking to my dear brethren there to uphold us in prayer before the Throne of Grace so that the little time that still remains for us to serve Him here will be full of fruit with many precious souls to lay at Jesus' feet.

Miss Meier reports the following from Victoria:

It has been years since the congregation in Victoria has had the pleasure of having a Conference. So when our invitation was accepted, we were glad. We prayed God to make it the best Conference ever held in our mission here in Chile, and praise Him, He gave us our heart's desire.

It was truly a time of spiritual quickening; feasting on the Bread of life, and uniting of hearts in the bond of Christian fellowship in a way we had never seen before. The days passed all too quickly. Like



Chile.

Native Pastors in Conference. From left to right—Arturo Oyarzun, Enrique Burkhardt, Juan Urrea, Eliseo Acuna, Manuel Flores, Francisco Higuera, Vital Sanhueza, José Zapata, Andres Urquiza.

Peter on the mount of transfiguration, we wanted to stay on. Through the presence of our brethren from out-of-town, interest was aroused, and many new people were attracted to the evangelistic services in the evening.

The Holy Spirit's presence was manifested in each service. Souls were convicted of sin. Backsliders returned to God and many sought the Lord for forgiveness of their sins. Some of them received what they asked for, for their interest and testimony give proof of God's work in their hearts.

On Sunday, services were held twice in the public Plaza, thus reaching people with the Word who would not come to the Chapel. Attracted by the Gospel songs and the life-giving Word new folks are attending the regular services here, and listen eagerly to the message.

The last day of the Conference, the missionaries went to the soldiers' barracks to hold a service. We had the great joy of having in our midst Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Strong and daughter. Their lives are conse-

crated especially to the work among the soldiers, and it was Mr. Strong who procured permission to speak to the men of the regiment. The service impressed the men greatly, and since then, some have been coming to the services held in the Chapel. Visiting the Captain since then, permission was secured for any of the men who desire to attend the meetings regularly. He also gave permission to hold meetings with his men on morality or anything pertaining to their welfare at any time we wish. There are some two hundred men in the regiment, so that this open door is something to praise God for, and we are trusting God to do a real work among them.

Another very precious evidence of the faithfulness of God in answering prayer is the interesting group of young people, mostly young men, who attend the services so faithfully. By their request we are having Bible studies on the second coming of Jesus. Their keen interest and splendid attention has been a real inspiration.

We are very grateful too for the faithful attendance of our Sunday School scholars. Many new folks, both adults and children, have been enrolled.

The services held on Thursday evening in the home of some of our brethren are well attended, the room being filled most of the time. We have been so conscious of the Lord's presence in these meetings. His Spirit is working in many lives. We have been praying for a Holy Ghost revival in this town for many years. The last few months have brought the earnest of greater things just beyond. We are looking to the Author and Finisher of our faith, the Lord Jesus Christ, and we know that He is going to do great and mighty things in Victoria. Therefore we praise Him for His faithfulness, knowing He will not fail us.

ECUADOR

Missionaries—Rev. H. W. Feldges and Mrs. Feldges

As an introduction to the report from Ecuador we quote from an article in the Alliance Weekly by a Rev. Reed, of Ecuador.

"Ecuador is the only country in South America in which we are the only stewards of the Gospel. Providence has laid this upon us and we have accepted our charge. Besides this fact, we have promised the church at large that by the occupation of the strategic centers of the whole country, we will make it unnecessary for others to come in.

"I have been in eight South American Republics during the last year and can say with a certainty that this is the most difficult field on this continent. There is nothing comparable with the Central region of Ecuador in fanaticism, priest craft and heartbreaking irresponsiveness. Man after man, gifted with hopefulness and courage, has collided with this humanly impregnable wall and fallen back broken in spirit and physical health. . . . We know the field as never before and feel that we can carry on and battle with unspeakable difficulties, if our brethren at home will have confidence in us and be patient with our failures and disappointments. We know that we are judging this field accurately because people who have been successful in other places have failed here and those who have failed here have gone to other fields and succeeded"

Brother and Sister Feldges and their daughter Grace have come home on furlough, much broken down in health and strength. They are temporarily located at Los Angeles, Calif. Brother Feldges reports:

There have been many different kinds of missionaries working here: Methodist, Adventist, Kansas Missionary Union, Plymouth Brethren, Pentecostal, C. M. Alliance, Independent, etc. Even the two Chilean pastors don't seem to be a success either. So we, as a field, are still looking for the long-prayed-for awakening of the dry-bones.

We all praise God for the one bright spot, Guayaquil, and hope the day for the harvest in the rest of the Republic will also come soon.—To write what ought to be done would seem almost presumptuous. May the missionaries be true and persevere is our prayer.

Ecuador, in itself, is one of the smallest countries of South America, but it borders on the largest unexplored, as well as unevangel-



Ecuador.

This is the way they carry their children in Ecuador. (H. W. F.)

ized, areas in the world. Not hundreds or thousands, but millions of square miles and no messengers of the Gospel. Hundreds of tribes few of which understand each other's tongues. Those Indians, of course, that have come in touch with civilization and the Roman Catholic Church are in double darkness, some of which we have found very difficult to influence.

Brother and Sister Abraham are Syrians who occasionally visited the missionaries. We urged upon them the need of stepping out and taking a stand for God. They did and were soundly converted to God, their two children also coming out on the Lord's side. He, especially, showed it in his changed life. One day he got into a heated argument with one of his countrymen. The Chief of Police came along and put them both in jail for a night. Brother Abraham preached all night to the rest that were there about the true religion of Jesus. In the morning he was freed. But his enemies had no

rest till they had him out of town. He is still faithful, however, and living on the coast where one can live even though he does think differently from the priests.

Brother Quinonez was a sick man whom we met one Sunday while giving out tracts. He got interested, accepted the Gospel and when his wife came to town brought her along too, with their five children. All are now serving the Lord, although they also were obliged to go to the coast to live.

Brother Ortiz was told by someone that the Gospel was just what he needed. When he came to investigate he was that far gone with tuberculosis that it looked as though he had few days to live on this



Ecuador.
Indians at the market place in Ambato.
(H. W. F.)

earth. We asked him to come up front where we laid hands on him, praying God to undertake for him and He did and gave an extra lease on life for about two years. Before he went to be with Christ, he put his mother and brothers and families on the right track, but these all live in Guayaquil.

Brother Ramirez quickly came in and went out night after night, gave his heart to God and was baptized. The lady whom he rented from made him get out and so he thought he had better go to the coast where he, a shoe maker, could ply his trade and not be molested. Brother Ramirez was in jail one night too. He did not take off his hat to the wafer when the priests paraded it around town. So the authorities thought it best to lock him up to keep him from the fury of the mob.

Sister Rosa Peña was glad to follow Jesus, for the Lord had opened her heart. She is the only one that still remains with us to this day. The other person that we baptized has gone back to the

priests. Eight in all. There are a few more that had accepted the truth but were not able to pay the price.

Day out and day in we went to the train where we had the privilege to give out tracts and portions of God's word. Naturally open persecution, stone throwing, etc., got less and less and people became very indifferent towards us in our home town, Ambato. Of course, any place we visited the people resisted us openly as long as they could. Still, we believe the day of reaping is drawing nearer. Some day we may have part in the ingathering too. I trust you will pray for us.

During our sojourn here we expect to do all we can to evangelize the thousands of Mexicans that live around here.



Ecuador.
Brother and Sister Feldges, their daughter
Grace, Mr. Annas, and a few Sunday
School scholars. (H. W. F.)

Mrs. H. W. Feldges reports: "I will go before thee and make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of brass and cut in sunder the bars of iron; and I will give thee the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places that thou mayest know that I, the Lord, which calleth thee by name, am the God of Israel."—Isa. 45:2-3. These are the words which the Lord gave me when I first went to Chile. They are still very real to me.

On our last furlough, we had hoped to return to Chile, but we were asked to go to Ecuador. We went to Ecuador on September 9, 1922, and came home on June 5, 1926, and are now staying at Los Angeles, California. We thought Ecuador would be more or less like Chile, but we found things quite different, a very much harder field in every way; but, as then, so now, I trust, we are ready to go not to the easy places, nor where wanted, but where most needed, and certainly the need is much greater in Ecuador.

True missionaries have worked there more than twenty-seven years, and we believe good missionaries, and we admired their courage which must surely have been given by the Lord. We know of such who have worked twenty-five years and can see very little result, as yet. God bless them is our prayer. The field is considered one of the hardest the Alliance has.

On the coast the people are more liberally minded and more open to receive the Gospel, but even there it is only the last five or six years that the work has taken on real life. But God is blessing. From two hundred to three hundred attend the services. Not all, of course, are members of the church, but real progress is being made in the work of the Lord. Street meetings are being held and the Sunday School work is carried on in different parts of the city of Guayaquil. Also in the towns of Monti Cristi and Manta and Bahia, work is being done, perhaps not so much result is being seen as in Guayaquil.

The priests are doing all they can to keep the people from coming to the meetings at Monti Cristi, telling them that the missionaries take the children and eat them! This, after the Gospel has been preached in that small town for twenty-five years! This gives you an idea how they work on the people to frighten them. This is on the coast. But the seed is being faithfully sown and God has said that His Word shall not return void.

But I must not make this too long, there are so many things to tell. I will take you to the Sierra, which is another problem. Missionaries have also worked there in the cities of Quito, Latacunga, Ambato and Rio Bamba. North of Quito at Agato there is a work being done for the Indians with some result, but not what one can call a real break in the ranks of the enemy.

Oh, how the workers on the field need to be upheld by prayer! In the cities mentioned above, there are workers at present. We lived at Ambato, had regular services and the Sunday School with an attendance of anywhere between fifteen and thirty; sometimes a few more.

A number were saved and baptized. One of these, a very true soul, has gone to be with the Lord. Most all of the rest have gone to the coast, as no one would rent them rooms to live in, or give them work, being known as "Evanjelicos" (Gospelers). As far as we know at present all are standing true except one who has turned back to the Romish church. Thousands of tracts and Gospels have been given to the people of Ambato and surrounding villages, and wherever we could get anyone to listen, the story of Jesus and His power to save has been told. The result we must leave with Him, but I do believe many believe the Gospel story, though they do not as yet have the courage to step out and take a stand for the truth and face the persecution which follows.

God has opened many homes where we could visit, both amongst the better class and also amongst the poor, and how eagerly they would listen and one could see the hunger in their eyes but they did not dare to come to the meetings. Yet I am sure some of those precious souls will be saved. We often felt almost crushed in spirit as we worked and tried to get those darkened, burdened hearts to come to the great Sinbearer and yet had to leave them, they were so afraid of what would follow should they accept Jesus as their Saviour.

Our daughter, Grace, has not been so well but is improving. She has entered the Bible School and wants to fit herself to be a missionary. This is her desire. She is teaching a Sunday School class in the Alliance church here in Los Angeles and on Sunday afternoons all three of us go to a small place just outside of the city and work among the Mexicans, a new work and a really neglected field. What the future holds for us we do not know but our will is to do His will. Brother Feldges also had been very much broken down in health but is improving. Pray for us.

Allowances, October 1, 1925 to October 1, 1926

(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

Palestine—

Rev. E. O. Jago.....	\$ 720 00	
Miss Mary A. Butterfield.....	720 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,440 00

Africa—

Rev. E. E. Crist.....	\$ 360 00	
Mrs. E. E. Crist.....	360 00	
Rev. E. R. Hess.....	360 00	
Rev. M. E. Barter.....	360 00	
Rev. W. P. Darling.....	360 00	
Rev. H. L. Pierson.....	360 00	
	<hr/>	2,160 00

India—

Rev. E. R. Carner.....	\$ 415 00	
Mrs. E. R. Carner.....	415 00	
Rev. Samuel Kerr.....	415 00	
Mrs. Samuel Kerr.....	415 00	
	<hr/>	1,660 00

Western China—

Rev. Wm. Christie.....	\$ 300 00	
Rev. C. F. Snyder.....	400 00	
Mrs. C. F. Snyder.....	400 00	
Rev. W. N. Ruhl.....	400 00	
Miss Anna Haupberg.....	400 00	
	<hr/>	1,900 00

Central China—

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

Indo-China—

Rev. W. C. Cadman.....	\$ 660 00	
Mrs. W. C. Cadman.....	660 00	
Rev. R. M. Jackson.....	660 00	
Rev. H. A. Jackson.....	660 00	
	<hr/>	2,640 00

Chile—

Rev. M. P. Zook.....	\$ 360 00	
Mrs. M. P. Zook.....	360 00	
Miss Anna LeFevre.....	360 00	
Mrs. Nettie Meier.....	360 00	
	<hr/>	1,440 00

Ecuador—

Rev. H. W. Feldges.....	\$ 420 00	
Mrs. H. W. Feldges.....	420 00	
	<hr/>	840 00

\$ 12,980 00

Allowances, January 1, 1926 to January 1, 1927

(Africa Inland Mission)

Africa, Belgian Congo, Northeast—

Rev. Harry Stam.....	\$ 450 00	
Mrs. Harry Stam.....	450 00	
	<hr/>	900 00

(United Missionary Society)

Rev. Joseph Ummel.....	\$ 400 00	
Rev. Paul Ummel.....	400 00	
		800 00
Total	\$ 14,680 00	

Miscellaneous

Printing and binding 1700 copies of Regions Beyond for 1925	\$ 255 50	
Half-tones for the above.....	227 27	
Expenses of Board Meetings to New York City, Nyack, etc.	129 81	
Carfare and telephone in connection with Annual Report	11 43	
Diaries and postage to Missionaries.....	27 61	
Donation to the Treasurer.....	50 00	
Literature to Missionaries for 1925 and 1926.....	192 00	
Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Cressman: Board and tuition at Nyack and up to the time of sailing	385 00	
Outfit	250 00	
Transportation to Paris.....	508 00	
Support first quarter.....	485 00	
		2,521 62
Total	\$ 17,201 62	

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 Allentown, Pa., October 14-18, 1926, elected the following Board of Foreign Mission for the following Conference year, which organized as follows:

President—H. B. Musselman, 507 N. Second Ave., Bethlehem, Pa.
 Secretary—C. H. Brunner, 3848 N. Park Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
 W. G. Gehman, 1136 Northampton St., Easton, Pa.
 B. Bryan Musselman, 529 N. 8th St., Allentown, Pa.
 F. M. Hottel, 125 W. Laurel St., Bethlehem, Pa.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MISSIONARIES

(a) Palestine

Butterfield, Miss Mary A.	C. & M. A. Mission, Box 50, Jerusalem, Palestine.
Jago, Rev. E. O.	On furlough, 260 W. 44th St., New York City.

(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. On furlough, 260
Carner, Mrs. E. R. }	W. 44th St., New York City.
Kerr, Rev. Samuel }	Sanand, Gujarat, B. P., India.
Kerr, Mrs. Samuel }	

(d) Western China

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

(e) Annam or French Indo-China

Cadman, Rev. Wm. C. }	Rue de la Citadelle, voie 85, Hanoi,
Cadman, Mrs. Wm. C. }	French Indo-China. On furlough,
	260 W. 44th St., New York City.
Jackson, Rev. R. M.	Haiphong, French Indo-China.
Jackson, Rev. H. A.	Cantho, Cochinchina, French Indo-
	China.
Cressman, N. M. }	23 Rue de Chatenay, Fontenay-aux-
Cressman, Mrs. N. M. }	Roses, France.

(f) Chile, S. A.

LeFevre, Miss Anna	Casilla, 57 Valdivia, Chile, S. A.
Meier, Mrs. Nettie	Victoria, Chile, S. A.
Zook, Rev. M. P. }	On furlough, 260 W. 44th St., New
Zook, Mrs. M. P. }	York City.

(g) Ecuador, S. A.

Feldges, Rev. H. W. }	On furlough, 331 W. 37th Ave., Los
Feldges, Mrs. H. W. }	Angeles, Calif.

FORMS OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE

BEQUEST

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

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DEVISE

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

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

XIV.—Ministerial Convention (Semi-Annual)

The Twenty-third Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania Conference for the Conference year 1925-1926, convened in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, North 10th Street, near Oley, Reading, Pa., on April 14, 1926.

Both of our Presiding Elders, as well as all the pastors, together with many of their families were present, also a number of Gospel Heralds.

The forenoon meeting opened at 10:15 with singing and prayer, after which Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman gave an informal, but very timely and helpful address.

The regular program of the Convention opened at 2 o'clock with singing and prayer by R. L. Woodring, of Nazareth, Pa.

Pastor F. M. Hottel, of Bethlehem, was chairman, and Pastor A. G. Woodring, of Fleetwood, recorded the minutes.

The Chair appointed the following Committees:

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION—W. G. Gehman, R. L. Woodring and B. Bryan Musselman.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION—H. B. Musselman, E. N. Cassel and J. G. Shireman; Time Keeper, E. E. Kublic; Reporter, H. K. Kratz.

Two essays were read, received and discussed during the afternoon meeting, as follows:

"The Progress that should be Noticeable in Ministers," by Pastor N. H. Wolf, of Spring City, Pa.; "The Co-operation of the Ministry," by Pastor C. H. Brunner, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Both of these essays were well written, well read and showed deep concern by the writers. Many helpful and Scriptural statements were presented and with the discussions that followed, much valuable help was received by all.

A number of Gospel Heralds rendered a number of excellent selections in song, which were enjoyed by all present. A liberal offering was lifted towards the expense of the Convention.

The Evening Meeting was opened at 7:30 with devotional services in charge of Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, after which we listened to two short but inspiring addresses, the speakers were at their best and held their listeners spellbound through the Bible Truth they presented on the following subjects:

"Sound Speech," by Pastor A. G. Woodring, of Fleetwood, Pa.; "Pastoral Tact with Young People," by Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, Allentown, Pa. Both of these addresses contained very vital and important truths for present day needs.

The Pastor, E. N. Cassel, and the people of the Reading Class spared neither means nor labor to provide for the comfort and entertainment of the Convention members and friends.

The day was fair and the attendance was very good. Many coming from various classes throughout the Conference.

The committee to arrange for the program consisted of H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and E. N. Cassel.

F. M. Hottel, Chairman.

A. G. Woodring, Secretary.

XV.—Ministerial Convention (Annual)

The Thirty-sixth Annual Ministerial Convention of the Pennsylvania Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ convened in Bethel M. B. in C. Church, 526-530 N. Eighth Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania, at 10 a.m., Wednesday, October 13th, 1926. The Chairman, C. H. Brunner, of Philadelphia, Pa., opened the Convention by singing, "What a Friend we have in Jesus," followed by prayer by R. L. Woodring, of Nazareth, Pa. Pastor J. C. Roth recorded the minutes.

The Presiding Elders of both Districts, all the Pastors and nearly all the 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—G. F. Yost, A. G. Woodring.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION—H. B. Musselman, J. G. Shireman and F. M. Hottel.

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

REPORTER—H. K. Kratz.

TIMEKEEPER—N. H. Wolf.

The Chairman of the Annual Conference, Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, was then given charge of the rest of the forenoon meeting. He gave us a profitable and timely message on "Punctuality and Alertness in Our Pastoral Duties Being Employed for the Benefit of Saving Souls."

AFTERNOON MEETING

The afternoon meeting was opened at 2 o'clock with singing, led by R. L. Woodring, of Nazareth, Pa., and prayer by V. H. Reinhart, Stroudsburg, Pa.

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

"Punctuality and Devotedness in the Pastor's Life and Work," by Pastor E. N. Cassel, of Reading, Pa.

"Noticeable Spiritual Progress of a Pastor," by Pastor W. F. Heffner, of Graterford, Pa.

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

EVENING SERVICE

The evening service was opened by H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District, with a song service, led by Pastor R. L. Woodring, and prayer by Pastor F. B. Hertzog, after which two twenty-minute addresses were given on "The Christian Home," by Pastor F. M. Hottel and Pastor C. H. Brunner. 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. The meeting was interspersed with special singing by the Male Chorus, which brought joy and inspiration to all present. The Committee which had arranged the program for the day consisted of H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and B. Bryan Musselman.

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

NOTE: The Committee on Publication recommends that the essays be handed to the Chairman of this Convention, to be used for publication in parts if he may find same suitable.

XVI.—Sunday School Convention (Bethlehem District)

The Thirty-seventh Annual Sunday School Convention of the Pennsylvania Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ (Bethlehem District) was held in the new auditorium of Mizpah Grove, Fourteenth Ward, Allentown, Pa., on Memorial Day, May 31, 1926.

The committee to arrange the program consisted of H. B. Musselman, B. Bryan Musselman and F. M. Hottel.

The chairman, Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, of Allentown, Pa., opened the Convention at 9:15 a.m. Pastor A. G. Woodring, of Fleetwood, Pa., led in prayer. Pastor H. K. Kratz, of Northampton, Pa., recorded the minutes.

The Presiding Elder, H. B. Musselman, and all the pastors of the district were present. Also all the superintendents and all the delegates were present.

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

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

COMMITTEE TO READ AND EXAMINE THE MINUTES—J. B. Layne and F. B. Hertzog.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS—E. N. Cassel, C. H. Brunner, N. H. Wolf.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION—H. B. Musselman, R. L. Woodring, W. F. Heffner.

COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—J. C. Roth, H. L. Shelly, A. Gaumer.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—F. M. Hottel, G. F. Yost, Earl L. Wieand.

TIME KEEPER—F. B. Hertzog.

The Superintendents of the twenty-two Sunday Schools represented gave their oral, statistical and financial reports, limited to five minutes each. All the reports submitted by the various superintendents were most encouraging and helpful. Much progress in all departments of Sunday School work was reported. The forenoon session closed with benediction by the Chairman.

AFTERNOON MEETING

At 1:30 p.m. the Chairman opened the meeting with devotional services. Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman, of Easton, led in prayer, followed by roll call, reading of the minutes of the forenoon session and reports of the different committees, after which the regular program was continued.

First Address: "The Sunday School, Its Relation to the Church," by Pastor C. H. Brunner, of Philadelphia, Pa. The discussion was opened by Pastor W. F. Heffner, of Graterford, Pa.

Second Address: "The Wide Awake Sunday School Superintendent," by Pastor E. N. Cassel, of Reading, Pa. The discussion was opened by Pastor G. F. Yost, of Emaus, Pa.

Third Address: "Good Sunday School Teachers," by Pastor N. H. Wolf, of Spring City, Pa. Discussion opened by Pastor J. B. Layne, of Quakertown, Pa.

Fourth Address: "The Value of the Cradle Roll," by Pastor F. M. Hottel, of Bethlehem, Pa. Discussion opened by Pastor J. C. Roth, of Lehigh, Pa.

A number of special selections were rendered both at the morning and afternoon services by the Allentown Male Chorus, the Bethlehem Male and Mixed Choruses.

The Convention proved one of great blessing to all in attendance. Delegations from the various classes throughout the Conference were present.

After a most splendid rain early in the morning, the day turned out to be most delightful in every respect. The attendance was large.

Statistics

Sunday Schools represented.....	22
Officers enrolled	159
Teachers enrolled	270
Scholars enrolled	2679
Total enrollment	3108
Home Department	1943

Report of the Treasurer

Receipts

May 20, 1924, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 6 05	
Received at this Convention.....	347 99	\$354 04

Expenditures

Expenses of this Convention.....	\$ 94 07	
Donated to Executive Board.....	255 00	
May 31, 1926, Balance in Treasury.....	4 97	\$354 04

F. M. Hottel, Treasurer.

B. Bryan Musselman, Chairman.

H. K. Kratz, Secretary.

XVII.—Sunday School Convention (Shamokin District)

The Thirty-eighth Annual Sunday School Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of the Pennsylvania Conference, Shamokin District, convened in the old Presbyterian Church, Twelfth and Northampton Streets, Easton, Pa., May 19, 1926.

The Presiding Elder, W. G. Gehman, all the Pastors on the District, leaders of the Gospel Herald Society Missions where there are Sunday Schools, Superintendents, Delegates and Essayists were present. Pastors C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel, G. F. Yost, W. F. Heffner, R. L. Woodring, H. B. Kratz, J. B. Layne, J. C. Roth and Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, of the Bethlehem District, were present.

The following Gospel Heralds were present: P. S. Taylor, A. M. Sprock, J. B. Henry, C. L. Miller, C. E. Witt, E. B. Hartman, J. W. Penn, J. T. Anderson, O. G. Klinger and E. C. Kling.

The Committee on Program consisted of W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman and P. T. Stengele.

Pastor J. G. Shireman, of Shamokin, Pa., was Chairman of the Convention, and Pastor T. D. Gehret, of Scranton, Pa., recorded the minutes. Pastor E. E. Kublic, of Mt. Carmel, Pa., was Treasurer.

The Chairman appointed the following Committees:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—E. E. Kublic, Wm. E. Manney and E. H. Musselman.

COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—R. W. Dickert, M. M. Meyers and W. R. Stengele.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS—E. H. Musselman, V. H. Reinhart and E. J. Rutman.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION—W. G. Gehman, Paul E. Baer and R. Bergstresser.

COMMITTEE ON AUDITING—J. F. Barrall and H. N. Foulk.

COMMITTEE TO READ THE MINUTES—J. H. Bruch and J. T. Anderson.

TIME KEEPER—E. J. Rutman.

REPORTER—R. W. Dickert.

The Superintendents of the thirteen 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 prayer by Pastor G. F. Yost, of Emaus, Pa., and benediction by Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman.

AFTERNOON MEETING

The afternoon meeting was opened with singing and prayer. After the roll was called, the minutes were read, and the various Committees gave their reports. The following essays were read, discussed and adopted:

"The Preparation of the Sunday School Lesson and the Art of Teaching It," by Mabel Campbell, of York, Pa.

"Sunday School Work and its Influences," by C. G. Hartzell, of Harrisburg, Pa.

Discussion: "Home Department," by Henry Habrial, of Easton, Pa.

The essays and discussions were very practical and instructive. The afternoon session closed with prayer by Pastor R. L. Woodring, of Nazareth, Pa., and benediction by Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman.

EVENING SERVICE

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

"The Christian Home," by Pastor V. R. Reinhart, of Stroudsburg, Pa.

"Perils of the Last time," by Pastor T. D. Gehret, of Scranton, Pa.

The class and friends of the Easton 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 the basement of the Olivet Presbyterian Church.

The church was crowded all day. Large delegations came from far and near.

A number of excellent and spiritual selections were rendered throughout the day by the Gospel Heralds, the Gehman sisters, York female chorus and the Harrisburg female quartet. The Convention was a source of blessing and encouragement to all who attended.

Statistics**Sunday Schools Represented, 13**

Officers enrolled	78
Teachers enrolled	156
Scholars enrolled	1472
Total enrollment	1706
Home Department Members	746
Cradle Roll	243

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

Report of the Treasurer**Receipts**

Balance in Treasury, May 21, 1925.....	\$ 8 59	
Received at this Convention.....	266 65	\$275 24

Expenses

Expenses for this Convention.....	\$187 29	
Donated to Edgewood Camp Meeting Committee.....	87 95	\$275 24

E. E. Kublic, Treasurer.

J. G. Shireman, Chairman.

T. D. Gehret, Secretary.

XVIII.—Sunday School Forms**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO ARRANGE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL PRINTED MATTER**

We have furnished printed matter for the various Sunday Schools according to our best knowledge. the various schools were furnished record books. The amount of \$271.08 was apportioned to the various schools and paid to the Committee.

E. N. Cassel,

B. Bryan Musselman,

F. M. Hottel,

J. C. Roth,

C. H. Brunner,

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-third session of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, convened in Bethel Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, 526-530 North Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa., October 14-18, 1926.

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 265 and 289 tents, respectively. Another was held in Shamokin, with 170 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 \$10,421.27 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-two 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 \$17,500.47 for the cause, of which \$8,865.30 has been contributed by the Churches and \$8,635.17 by the Sunday Schools.

The offerings for all purposes throughout the Conference amounted to a grand total of \$169,174.39.

Officers for 1927

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 elected President of the Gospel Herald Society. H. B. Musselman was re-elected Chairman of the next Annual Conference; C. H. Brunner, Secretary, and Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer.

Appointments and Announcements

No changes were made by the Stationing Committee.

The Sunday School Convention of the Bethlehem District is announced for Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., May 30, 1927, and of the Shamokin District, at Sunbury, Pa., May 18, 1927.

Two Camp Meetings will be held in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., and one in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa.

The Semi-annual Ministerial Convention shall meet in the M. B. in C. Church, Broad and McFerran Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., on April 13, 1927.

The Annual Ministerial Convention is announced for October 12, 1927, in Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, 1123 to 1127 N. Main Street, Bethlehem, 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 large and spacious church, 54 by 108 feet, was crowded, side rooms and galleries, several hundred extra chairs being used.

The Conference sermon was preached by Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, Chairman of the Annual Conference, who spoke on "The Old Gospel and Present Day Conditions," setting forth the man of God, his message and its preparation, using as a basis for his remarks, Gal. 1:8.

In the afternoon, W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Shamokin District, preached, taking for his subject, "The Person of Jesus, What He Brought into Subjection and What He Will Bring into Subjection," basing his remarks on Heb. 2:9.

In the evening, at seven o'clock, we had a Radio service. Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, of the Allentown, Bethel, congregation, spoke. He took for his subject, "Back to the Old Path," from Jer. 6:16. After the Radio service, Conference Secretary C. H. Brunner, of Philadelphia, spoke on the subject, "The Whole Duty of Man," using Eccl. 12:13, R. V., as a basis for his remarks.

The services throughout the day were interspersed with special singing. The Allentown Male Chorus, the Allentown Male Sextet, the Bethlehem Male Quartet and the Gehman Sisters, of Easton, Pa., rendered a number of excellent selections which were much appreciated.

The Pastor, B. Bryan Musselman, and members of the Allentown Bethel congregation spared no time and labor to provide for the entertainment and comfort of the hundreds who came from far and near to enjoy the blessings of this greatest annual gathering.

F. M. Hottel,
J. C. Roth,
J. B. Layne,
Committee.

XX.—Conference Treasurer

(A) Executive Board

Receipts

October 5, 1925, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 2,126 05	
Received during the Year.....	12,016 13	\$ 14,142 18

Expenditures

Expended during Year.....	\$ 13,422 21	
October 7, 1926, Balance in Treasury.....	719 97	\$ 14,142 18

(B) Board of Foreign Missions

Receipts

October 5, 1925, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 10,269 46	
Received during the Year.....	16,946 08	\$ 27,215 54

Expenditures

Expended during Year.....	\$ 17,201 62	
October 7, 1926, Balance in Treasury.....	10,013 92	\$ 27,215 54

(C) The Home

Receipts

September 22, 1925, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 3,422 72	
Received during Year.....	10,987 25	\$ 14,409 97

Expenditures

Expended during Year.....	\$ 12,377 42	
September 21, 1926, Balance in Treasury.....	2,032 55	\$ 14,409 97

(D) Board of Publication and Printing

Receipts

October 5, 1925, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 78 74	
Received during Year.....	713 43	\$ 792 17

Expenditures

Expended during Year.....	\$ 716 37	
October 7, 1926, Balance in Treasury.....	75 80	\$ 792 17

(E) Home Missions

Receipts

October 15, 1925, Received at Annual Conference.....	\$ 9,353 46	
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Expenditures

October 7, 1926, Expended during the Year.....	\$ 9,353 46	
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Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer.

XXI.—Announcements for 1927

(A) SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

(a) Report of the Committee to Organize for the Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention for 1927

This Convention shall convene in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., on Memorial Day, May 30, 1927.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, J. C. Roth; Treasurer, F. M. Hottel.

Committee on Program: H. B. Musselman, B. Bryan Musselman and C. H. Brunner.

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 Shamokin District Sunday School Convention for 1927

This Convention shall convene at Sunbury, Pa., Wednesday, May 18, 1927.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, P. T. Stengele; Secretary, T. D. Gehret; Treasurer, E. E. Kublic.

Committee on Program: W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman and R. W. Dickert.

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

Two meetings shall be held, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon.

The advisability of having an evening service shall be left to the discretion of the Committee on Program.

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,
T. D. Gehret, Secretary.

(B) MINISTERIAL CONVENTIONS

(a) Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention

The Convention is announced to convene in the M. B. in C. Church, Broad and McFerran Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., on Thursday, April 13, 1927.

Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, P. T. Stengele.

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

(b) Annual Ministerial Convention

This Convention is announced to convene in Ebenezer M. B. in C. Church, 1123-1127 N. Main Street, Bethlehem, Pa., October 12, 1927.

Chairman, C. H. Brunner; Secretary, T. D. Gehret.

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

(C) READING COURSE

Studies for 1926-1927

(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 Philadelphia, Pa., Monday, April 11, 1927, at 7 p.m.

The second examination shall be held at Bethlehem, Pa., Monday, October 10, 1927.

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

Board.

(D) CAMP MEETINGS

Bethlehem District

Bethlehem Division, Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., July 2 to 10, 1927, comprising Bethlehem, Reading, Fleetwood, Blandon, Terre Hill, Royersford, Spring City, Nazareth, Walnutport, Northampton, Quakertown, Hatfield, Lehigh and Weissport. Chairman, F. M. Hottel; Secretary, A. G. Woodring; Treasurer, E. N. Cassel.

Allentown Division, Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., August 20 to 28, 1927, 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.

Shamokin District

Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., July 23 to 31, 1927, 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-fourth Annual Conference Session shall convene, should the Lord tarry, in Ebenezer M. B. in C. Church, 1123-1127 North Main Street, Bethlehem, Pa., at 8 a.m., October 13, 1927.

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

XXII.—Financial Report

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Receipts from October 15, 1925 to October 14, 1926

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)	\$ 884.00	\$ 813.50	\$ 640.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 25.50	\$ 2,399.00
Bethlehem	820.50	910.00	1,221.77	30.00	24.00	3,006.27
Emaus	720.00	560.50	368.98	30.85	13.40	1,693.73
Macungie	152.00	182.00	134.25	17.60	4.70	490.55
Zionsville	439.00	312.00	300.20	19.60	4.40	1,075.20
Philadelphia	912.00	945.25	331.50	40.00	23.00	2,251.75
Reading	683.50	484.50	326.01	26.60	15.00	1,535.61
Fleetwood	307.86	227.91	142.46	6.47	4.00	688.70
Blandon	92.87	81.22	79.47	5.83	6.25	265.64
Terre Hill	376.18	332.09	151.25	11.16	7.06	877.74
Spring City	323.00	243.25	262.53	9.59	6.93	845.30
Royersford	399.26	313.50	388.52	14.14	9.16	1,124.58
Graterford	251.00	162.50	246.49	17.70	8.25	685.94
Harleysville	143.25	134.75	87.92	9.95	4.25	380.12
Northampton	195.00	146.00	114.40	9.23	7.00	471.63
Walnutport	139.35	105.00	73.18	6.49	4.35	328.37
Coopersburg	498.00	388.50	230.55	13.00	9.00	1,139.05
Allentown (Salem)	302.25	229.50	225.98	30.00	11.00	798.73
Quakertown	459.25	419.85	237.29	17.70	7.94	1,142.03
Nazareth	269.75	213.50	88.93	12.85	7.00	592.03
Lehighton	235.05	95.25	79.21	12.75	5.85	428.11
Weissport	.....	.....	39.29	.....	.....	39.29
Total	\$ 8,603.07	\$ 7,300.57	\$ 5,770.18	\$ 377.51	\$ 208.04	\$ 22,259.37
SHAMOKIN DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.						
Shamokin	\$ 362.10	\$ 265.63	\$ 178.68	\$ 8.25	\$ 5.75	\$ 820.41
Easton	593.40	640.25	384.70	20.15	6.24	1,644.74
Sunbury	193.00	162.00	105.00	13.98	8.48	482.46
Stroudsburg	189.00	111.60	194.69	17.00	13.00	525.29
Scranton	264.50	150.00	278.41	10.84	7.30	711.05
Mt. Carmel	120.20	102.75	39.78	8.80	3.40	274.93
Wissinoming, Phila.	96.00	132.50	83.39	8.76	4.65	325.30
Gospel Herald Soc.	.....	.....	1,600.34	.....	.....	1,600.34
Total	\$ 1,818.20	\$ 1,564.73	\$ 2,864.99	\$ 87.78	\$ 48.82	\$ 6,384.52
Grand Total	\$10,421.27	\$8,865.30	\$8,635.17	\$465.29	\$256.86	\$28,643.89

F. M. Hottel,
H. L. Shelly,Allen M. Gehman,
G. O. Billig,
Committee,

XXIII.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—A.

Appointments	Pastor	Ministers and Officers										Membership										Pastoral Visits	Prayer Meetings Visited	Sunday Schools Visited						
		Presiding Elders	Missionary P. E.	Ordained Ministers	Probationers	Q. C. Licensed Preachers	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	Appointments	New Appointments	Sermons Preached
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.																														
Allentown (Bethel)	B. B. Musselman	1	2	2	1	1	1	4	4	4	31	26	19	9	28	2	4	10	12	16	308	1	147	632	76	48				
Bethlehem	F. M. Hottel	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	22	18	4	6	11	17	6	4	1	28	12	276	1	165	510	70	49			
Emaus	G. F. Yost	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	5	4	1	1	17	1	1	1	5	12	125	1	68	296	65	7				
Macungie	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	2	2	19	3	2	2	5	13	34	1	41	40	20	18				
Zionsville	C. H. Brunner	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	14	10	17	2	2	2	2	4	6	43	202	1	151	345	130	46				
Philadelphia	E. N. Cassel	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	34	7	36	12	48	1	1	3	5	2	173	1	142	530	93	47				
Reading	A. G. Woodring	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	4	4	1	1	1	7	5	50	1	55	118	19	13				
Fleetwood	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	2	4	4	1	1	1	1	6	7	27	1	70	166	3	17				
Blandon	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	5	61	1	71	298	45	45				
Terre Hill	N. H. Wolf	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	2	1	3	1	1	1	2	68	1	102	188	55	47				
Spring City	W. F. Heffner	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	5	5	4	4	2	2	6	8	4	62	1	109	136	20	24				
Royersford	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	35	39	1	58	196	20	24				
Graterford	H. K. Kratz	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	2	3	6	6	1	1	1	2	2	35	1	57	253	24	23				
Harleysville	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	15	2	3	3	21	1	2	8	6	15	84	1	66	146	34	23				
Walnutport	F. B. Hertzog	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	10	1	9	2	11	1	2	7	10	1	76	1	139	241	72	48				
Coopersburg	J. B. Layne	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	23	7	18	3	21	1	5	5	5	16	69	1	106	382	36	45				
Allentown (Salem)	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	14	3	14	4	18	1	4	9	13	5	70	1	158	271	75	47				
Quakertown	R. L. Woodring	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	106	382	36	45			
Hafield	J. C. Roth	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	106	382	36	45			
Nazareth	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	106	382	36	45			
Lehigh	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	106	382	36	45			
Weissport	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	106	382	36	45			
Total		1	16	4	138	38	191	97	188	69	257	20	124	71	116	158	17	1983	23	1950	5483	1007	688							
SHAMOKIN DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																														
Shamokin	J. G. Shireman	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	5	9	8	2	10	2	10	2	3	2	5	5	160	1	242	535	144	46			
Easton	P. T. Stengale	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	87	2	51	1	52	1	2	1	3	49	135	1	212	475	82	48				
Sunbury	R. W. Dickert	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	6	5	1	2	3	3	1	3	3	49	1	135	1	212	475	82	48			
Stroudsburg	V. H. Reinhart	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	6	5	1	2	3	3	1	3	3	49	1	135	1	212	475	82	48			
Seranton	T. D. Gehret	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	6	5	1	2	3	3	1	3	3	49	1	135	1	212	475	82	48			
Mt. Carmel	E. E. Kubic	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	8	6	1	9	2	11	2	3	2	7	4	72	1	120	405	67	44			
Wissinoming, Phila.	R. Bergstresser	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	8	6	1	9	4	13	2	3	2	7	4	64	1	118	233	60	46			
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	58	16	2	4	4	1	7	34	41	41	41	65	1	183	490	60	47			
Total		1	9	7	1	14	14	14	175	7	45	90	53	143	2	216	51	71	103	31	31	29	1	135	110	43	47			
Presiding Elders		1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	136	4512	928	708			
G.W.S. Miss., etc.		2	1	29	7	5	152	52	366	7	142	278	124	402	23	3	50	126	202	261	61	2667	30	16090	19955	1935	1396			
Grand Total		2	1	29	7	5	152	52	366	7	142	278	124	402	23	3	50	126	202	261	61	2667	30	16090	19955	1935	1396			

XXIII.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—B.

Appointments	Pastor	Sunday Schools					Church Property				Offerings						
		Prayer Meeting Classes	New Classes Organized		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	
			Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers													Enrolled
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.																	
Allentown (Bethel)	B. B. Musselman	4	1	50	430	480	373	293	58	1	1	1	\$125,000.00	\$884.00	\$	813.50	
Bethlehem	F. M. Hotell	2	1	22	56	402	458	385	274	69	1	1	60,000.00	820.50	\$	910.00	
Ematus	G. F. Yost	4	1	26	163	185	137	89	30	1	1	1	12,500.00	720.00	\$	560.50	
Macungie	"	1	1	14	56	70	55	26	8	1	1	1	2,050.00	152.00	\$	182.00	
Zionsville	"	1	1	11	55	66	42	20	10	1	1	1	5,050.00	439.00	\$	312.00	
Philadelphia	C. H. Brunner	3	1	35	211	246	202	73	79	1	1	1	45,000.00	912.00	\$	945.25	
Reading	E. N. Cassel	3	1	24	244	278	206	156	50	1	1	1	35,000.00	683.50	\$	484.50	
Fleetwood	A. G. Woodring	1	1	20	120	140	87	70	18	1	1	1	6,600.00	307.86	\$	297.91	
Blandon	"	1	1	13	103	116	74	16	11	1	1	1	2,500.00	92.87	\$	81.22	
Terre Hill	"	1	1	19	181	200	147	18	22	1	1	1	6,000.00	376.18	\$	332.09	
Spring City	N. H. Wolf	1	1	21	109	121	102	95	21	1	1	1	4,650.00	323.00	\$	243.25	
Royersford	W. F. Heffner	1	1	21	113	136	112	95	21	1	1	1	7,500.00	399.26	\$	313.50	
Graterford	"	2	1	19	90	109	100	31	21	1	1	1	8,000.00	251.00	\$	162.50	
Harleysville	H. K. Kratz	1	1	1	10	40	50	66	13	1	1	1	1,000.00	143.25	\$	134.75	
Northampton	"	1	1	15	80	95	76	86	13	1	1	1	9,000.00	195.00	\$	146.00	
Walnutport	"	1	1	14	118	132	92	85	24	1	1	1	4,500.00	139.35	\$	105.00	
Coopersburg	F. B. Hertzog	3	1	17	103	120	82	107	28	1	1	1	5,000.00	498.00	\$	388.50	
Allentown (Salem)	"	2	1	24	176	200	143	133	23	1	1	1	10,000.00	302.25	\$	229.50	
Quakertown	J. B. Layne	2	1	19	106	125	100	68	35	1	1	1	13,000.00	459.25	\$	419.85	
Hafield	"	1	1	17	90	107	78	45	18	1	1	1	1,500.00	269.75	\$	213.50	
Nazareth	R. L. Woodring	1	1	14	93	107	66	50	24	1	1	1	11,000.00	235.05	\$	95.25	
Lehighon	J. C. Roth	1	1	14	85	99	63	33	14	1	1	1	7,200.00	235.05	\$	95.25	
Weissport	"	1	1	14	85	99	63	33	14	1	1	1	1,500.00	235.05	\$	95.25	
Total		37	1	1,479	31,611	36,400	27,888	17,601	597	23	15	21	\$385,550.00	\$8,603.07	\$7,300.57		
SHAMOKIN DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																	
Shamokin	J. G. Shireman	3	1	32	190	222	149	40	32	1	1	1	\$40,000.00	\$362.10	\$	265.63	
Easton	P. T. Stengle	2	1	19	156	175	159	162	21	1	1	1	18,000.00	593.40	\$	640.25	
Sunbury	R. W. Dickert	2	1	19	96	115	76	50	13	1	1	1	12,700.00	193.00	\$	162.00	
Stroudsburg	V. H. Reinhart	2	1	16	107	123	77	18	32	1	1	1	11,700.00	189.00	\$	111.60	
Seranton	T. D. Gehret	2	1	18	88	106	97	30	15	1	1	1	20,000.00	264.50	\$	150.00	
Mt. Carmel	E. E. Kubic	2	1	17	126	143	105	28	26	1	1	1	6,000.00	120.20	\$	102.75	
Wissinoming, Phila.	R. Bergstresser	1	1	1	63	76	54	19	6	1	1	1	30,000.00	96.00	\$	132.50	
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	1	1	91	621	712	33	469	33	1	1	1	1,500.00	269.75	\$	213.50	
Total		14	1	1,225	14,471	16,752	717	816	178	7	7	1	\$150,400.00	\$1,818.20	\$1,564.73		
The Home	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$4,342.94	\$62,465.50			
Mizpah Grove	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$22,750.00	\$4,342.94	\$668,415.50		
Grand Total		51	1	29	2,704	4,608	5,312	3,505	2,576	775	30	22	\$382,750.00	\$10,421.27	\$8,865.30		

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	Hall Rent	Sundry Expenses	Sunday Schools	Presiding Elders	Ministers in Cash	Other Contributions
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSELMAN, P. E.											
Allentown (Bethel)	B. B. Musselman...	\$ 640.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 7,803.91	\$ 750.00	.....	\$ 1,898.45	\$ 1,894.60	\$ 670.00	\$ 2,557.05	\$ 850.00
Bethlehem	E. M. Hotel.....	1,221.77	30.00	4,776.96	.....	.....	1,890.23	1,930.49	542.50	2,214.51	762.00
Ensus	G. F. Yost.....	368.98	30.85	4,775.21	.....	\$ 198.30	658.62	1,930.49	542.50	1,759.55	337.50
Macungie	"	334.25	17.60	57.28	.....	.....	211.01	179.87	397.00	276.95	70.40
Zionsville	"	300.20	19.60	53.10	.....	47.00	165.97	64.32	.....	388.00	90.50
Philadelphia	C. H. Brunner....	331.50	40.00	3,030.91	.....	.....	1,043.39	985.32	521.50	1,720.50	453.80
Reading	E. N. Cassel.....	326.01	26.60	.....	240.00	.....	1,278.50	904.88	408.00	1,705.00	742.10
Fleetwood	A. G. Woodring..	142.46	6.47	799.50	.....	107.80	220.91	279.30	281.00	611.00	170.01
Blandon	"	79.47	5.83	.....	.....	46.35	143.69	201.41	.....	224.00	41.50
Terre Hill	"	151.25	11.16	.....	.....	129.30	304.57	364.45	109.00	847.00	212.68
Spring City	N. H. Wolf.....	262.53	9.59	.....	.....	112.80	254.35	307.52	212.86	660.25	175.34
Royersford	"	388.52	14.14	.....	.....	169.35	423.61	413.71	212.37	859.50	243.06
Graterford	W. F. Hefner....	246.49	17.70	.....	.....	203.80	233.71	226.97	124.00	659.00	831.90
Harleysville	"	87.92	9.95	.....	750.00	.....	227.38	81.57	119.00	486.40	822.20
Northampton	H. K. Kratz.....	114.40	9.23	.....	97.00	116.10	155.37	287.75	118.25	610.00	171.99
Walnutport	"	73.18	6.49	.....	184.00	153.60	199.18	327.93	94.50	436.35	124.95
Copersburg	F. B. Hertzog....	230.55	13.00	.....	123.30	238.65	215.93	413.35	170.00	983.50	279.52
Allentown (Salem)	"	225.98	30.00	.....	.....	165.45	314.05	363.38	170.00	774.50	225.66
Quakertown	J. B. Layne.....	237.29	17.70	.....	263.25	412.50	357.71	457.73	296.75	905.50	470.65
Hatfield	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nazareth	R. L. Woodring..	88.93	12.85	.....	.....	334.68	359.83	256.55	150.00	897.50	419.72
Leighton	J. C. Roth.....	79.21	12.75	.....	140.00	398.40	321.02	243.17	183.95	612.35	466.65
Weissport	"	39.29	.....	.....	.....	.....	239.67	265.76	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	\$5,770.18	\$377.51	\$16,796.87	\$2,547.55	\$3,068.58	\$10,778.15	\$11,164.88	\$5,182.68	\$20,182.41	\$ 7,962.13
SHAMOKIN DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.											
Shamokin	J. G. Shireman....	\$ 178.68	\$ 8.25	\$ 922.60	.....	.....	\$ 543.52	\$ 461.32	\$ 255.25	\$ 1,759.50	\$ 325.00
Easton	P. T. Stengele....	384.70	20.15	713.80	.....	.....	1,767.02	919.94	426.69	1,533.22	460.73
Sunbury	R. W. Dickert....	105.00	13.98	1,347.00	.....	591.00	311.97	327.80	233.87	781.50	301.33
Stroudsburg	V. H. Reinhart....	194.69	17.00	.....	.....	212.00	533.83	225.64	275.00	832.00	234.80
Seranton	T. D. Gehret.....	278.41	10.84	.....	.....	363.50	444.57	519.81	161.58	920.75	100.00
Mt. Carmel	E. E. Kubic.....	39.78	8.80	.....	\$ 23.42	60.10	454.93	287.62	142.81	611.40	173.66
Wissinoming, Phila.	R. Bergstresser..	83.39	8.76	500.00	.....	300.96	524.31	307.69	82.55	499.50	85.00
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	1,600.34	.....	1,658.35	.....	3,978.30	5,344.20	3,476.89	1,059.39	.....	3,691.09
Total	.....	\$2,864.99	\$7.78	\$ 5,142.25	\$ 23.42	\$6,113.42	\$ 9,925.35	\$ 6,526.68	\$2,637.14	\$ 6,937.87	\$ 5,371.61
Grand Total	.....	\$8,635.17	\$465.29	\$21,939.12	\$2,570.97	\$9,182.00	\$20,703.50	\$17,691.56	\$7,819.82	\$27,120.28	\$13,333.74

XXIII.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—D.

OFFERINGS—Concluded

Appointments	Pastor	Beneclary Fund	Gospel Worker	Tabernacle, Missionary or Evangelistic Work	Camp Meetings	Sunday School and other Conventions	Annual Conference Fund	Annual Conference Delegate	Benevolent Society	Total Offerings	Literature Sold
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.											
Allentown (Bethel)	B. B. Musselman...	\$ 36.00	\$ 125.75	\$1,050.00	...	\$ 32.25	\$ 25.50	\$ 27.00	\$ 187.00	\$ 19,331.01	\$ 230.00
Bethlehem	F. M. Hottel...	35.00	386.53	155.00	...	37.65	24.00	27.00	173.50	12,687.64	420.00
Emaus	G. F. Yost...	17.25	149.06	...	...	20.00	13.40	22.00	81.00	10,329.07	150.00
Macungie	"	7.25	30.88	...	...	7.52	4.70	3.70	20.00	1,751.41	35.00
Philadelphia	"	6.75	29.39	...	...	5.47	4.40	8.10	14.00	1,942.80	31.00
Philadelphila	C. H. Brunner...	36.00	284.75	...	...	26.69	23.00	32.50	87.00	10,335.11	430.00
Reading	E. N. Cassel...	15.00	162.52	75.00	...	16.25	15.00	21.00	33.50	7,137.36	256.80
Fleetwood	A. G. Woodring...	9.49	33.90	...	...	9.00	4.00	7.58	41.50	3,259.69	181.30
Bland	"	5.11	17.24	...	...	8.25	7.05	4.91	18.50	3,076.69	51.47
Terre Hill	"	11.34	60.66	...	...	20.00	7.08	18.75	...	2,655.40	75.15
Spring City	N. H. Wolf...	19.50	65.00	89.95	...	10.45	9.93	14.22	33.50	2,791.04	223.81
Royersford	"	13.75	116.44	78.20	...	20.93	9.16	19.62	34.50	3,125.92	289.99
Graversford	W. F. Heffner...	14.50	69.00	77.00	...	21.25	8.25	14.75	34.00	3,135.82	67.25
Harleysville	"	9.00	37.25	45.49	...	10.00	4.25	7.75	3.00	3,123.77	53.00
Northampton	H. K. Kretz...	7.15	37.35	34.20	...	14.15	7.00	11.84	48.00	2,302.47	222.80
Walnutport	"	6.12	34.20	34.86	...	15.00	4.35	12.66	5.50	1,953.22	71.45
Coopersburg	F. B. Hertzog...	11.00	138.05	...	...	16.25	9.00	19.20	5.00	3,752.80	200.00
Allentown (Salem)	"	10.00	59.00	...	...	13.00	11.00	15.00	24.00	2,932.77	111.00
Quakertown	J. B. Layne...	13.50	73.08	...	...	11.00	7.94	20.12	42.50	4,466.32	200.00
Hatfield	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nazareth	R. L. Woodring...	9.50	119.37	36.18	...	12.08	7.00	15.30	22.50	3,225.24	221.58
Lehighon	J. C. Roth...	7.55	25.41	...	...	5.80	5.85	13.14	9.50	2,855.05	125.00
Wenonah	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mizpah Grove...	Camp Meeting...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,549.72	...
Total	Camp Meeting...	\$288.76	\$2,054.83	\$1,713.68	\$ 9,582.70	\$ 337.99	\$208.04	\$336.14	\$ 906.00	\$115,162.72	\$ 3,731.40
SHAMOKIN DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.											
Shamokin	J. G. Shireman...	\$ 10.00	\$ 36.00	...	...	\$ 30.25	5.75	\$ 30.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 5,197.85	\$ 541.08
Roston	P. T. Stengele...	14.59	132.59	45.00	...	25.04	6.24	24.50	65.50	8,380.92	443.35
Sunbury	R. W. Dickert...	12.93	50.69	82.00	...	22.81	8.48	15.22	14.50	4,575.08	274.54
Stroudsburg	V. H. Reinhart...	9.00	36.27	...	...	17.00	13.00	25.50	29.50	2,955.83	75.00
Scranton	T. D. Gehret...	13.61	42.57	...	...	32.00	7.30	22.00	...	3,341.44	220.62
Mt. Carmel	E. E. Kubic...	4.05	25.19	28.19	...	15.50	3.40	37.00	14.50	2,145.30	164.80
Wissinoming, Phila.	R. Bergstresser...	8.25	22.50	...	...	15.00	4.65	20.00	2.00	2,693.06	60.00
G. H. Society...	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	...	231.51	644.29	...	533.19	...	...	...	22,238.02	21,397.71
Edgewood Grove...	Camp Meeting...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,484.17	...
Total	Camp Meeting...	\$ 72.43	\$ 597.32	\$ 800.48	\$ 2,484.17	\$ 690.79	\$ 48.82	\$174.22	\$ 130.00	\$ 54,011.67	\$23,177.10
Grand Total	...	\$361.19	\$2,652.15	\$2,514.16	\$12,066.87	\$1,028.78	\$256.86	\$510.36	\$1,036.00	\$169,174.39	\$26,908.50

E. N. Cassel, J. G. Shireman, J. B. Layne, W. F. Heffner, P. T. Stengele, Committee.

RECORD OF APPOINTMENTS (Continued)

	1888-9	1889-90	1890-1	1891-2	1892-3	1893-4	1894-5
Allentown	W. B. Musselman	W. B. Musselman	W. B. Musselman	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass
Bethlehem	W. B. Musselman	M. D. Haws	M. D. Haws	A. B. Gehret	A. B. Gehret	A. B. Gehret
Blandon	J. Biting	O. S. Hillegass	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coopersburg	W. B. Musselman	A. B. Gehret	J. E. Fidler	J. E. Fidler	J. E. Fidler	J. B. Knerr
Emaus	O. Biting	A. B. Gehret	J. E. Fidler	J. E. Fidler	J. E. Fidler	L. B. Taylor
Erwinna	C. H. Brunner	R. D. Driesbach
Fleetwood	O. Biting	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Graterford	J. E. Fidler	J. A. Moyer	J. A. Moyer	Wm. Gehman	Wm. Gehman	C. H. Brunner
Hatfield	G. A. Campbell	J. E. Fidler	A. B. Gehret	M. A. Zyner	M. A. Zyner	M. A. Zyner
Hereford	M. D. Haws	J. A. Moyer	J. A. Moyer	Wm. Gehman	Wm. Gehman	L. B. Taylor
Lehighton	C. H. Brunner T.	H. B. Musselman
Norristown	J. E. Fidler	.....	.....	.....	.....	J. E. Fidler
Northampton
Plainfield	W. B. Musselman	M. D. Haws	M. D. Haws	A. B. Gehret	W. Steinmetz	W. Steinmetz
Quakertown	G. A. Campbell	J. E. Fidler	A. B. Gehret	A. B. Gehret	A. B. Gehret	A. B. Gehret
Reading	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	M. A. Zyner	M. A. Zyner	M. A. Zyner
Remps	A. Kauffman	A. Strawn	O. S. Hillegass	J. A. Moyer	G. A. Campbell	G. A. Campbell
Royersford	J. E. Fidler	O. S. Hillegass	H. B. Musselman	M. D. Haws	M. D. Haws	M. D. Haws
Spring City	H. B. Musselman	H. B. Musselman	C. H. Brunner
Springtown	Wm. Hefner	M. A. Zyner	M. A. Zyner	H. B. Musselman	J. E. Fidler	J. E. Fidler
Terre Hill	A. Kauffman	A. Strawn	A. Strawn	J. E. Fidler	J. E. Fidler	J. B. Knerr
Walnutport	M. D. Haws	M. D. Haws	M. D. Haws
Weissport	N. Detweiler T.	W. Steinmetz
Western Pa.	E. H. Flyte	G. A. Campbell	G. A. Campbell	Supply	W. C. Betz	H. B. Musselman
Zionsville	M. D. Haws	J. A. Moyer	J. A. Moyer	Wm. Gehman	Wm. Gehman	L. B. Taylor
Presiding Elder	Wm. Gehman	Wm. Gehman	Wm. Gehman	W. B. Musselman	W. B. Musselman	W. B. Musselman

NOTE—T, Tabernacle Meetings

RECORD OF APPOINTMENTS (Continued)

	1895-6	1896-7	1897-8	1898-9	1899-1900	1900-1	1901-2
Allentown	L. B. Taylor	L. B. Taylor	J. L. Boyer	W. Steinmetz	W. Steinmetz	W. Steinmetz	E. T. Shick
Athol			C. H. Brunner	J. G. Shireman	A. B. Musselman	W. K. Ziegler	E. N. Cassel
Bethlehem	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	H. B. Musselman	H. B. Musselman	J. G. Shireman	R. L. Woodring	R. L. Woodring
Blandon	W. Steinmetz	W. Steinmetz	C. H. Brunner	J. G. Shireman	J. G. Shireman	E. N. Cassel	E. N. Cassel
Coopersburg			W. Steinmetz	A. M. Clauser	A. M. Clauser	L. B. Taylor	E. W. Martin
Emaus	L. B. Taylor	L. B. Taylor	A. B. Gehret	A. B. Gehret	L. B. Taylor	W. Steinmetz	W. Steinmetz
Erwinna	R. D. Dreisbach	R. D. Dreisbach	J. H. Wesley	J. L. Boyer	J. L. Boyer	H. M. Society	H. M. Society
Fleetwood						E. T. Shick	E. N. Cassel
Girardville	C. H. Brunner	J. E. Fidler	L. B. Taylor	L. B. Taylor	W. J. Fretz	E. T. Shick	T. E. Clewell
Harleysville	S. B. Knerr	G. A. Campbell	L. B. Taylor	L. B. Taylor	G. A. Campbell	G. A. Campbell	G. A. Campbell
Haftfield	Wm. Gehman	Wm. Gehman	G. A. Campbell	W. K. Ziegler	G. A. Campbell	J. C. Roth	J. C. Roth
Hereford			A. B. Gehret	A. B. Gehret	J. E. Fidler	J. G. Shireman	J. G. Shireman
Lehighton	H. B. Musselman	H. B. Musselman	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	F. E. Frey	R. D. Dreisbach	R. D. Dreisbach
Macungie				W. J. Fretz	W. G. Gehman		
Mt. Carmel					H. B. Musselman	W. G. Gehman	J. G. Shireman
Nazareth				J. B. Knerr	G. A. Wentz	W. F. Edmunds	W. S. Hottel
New Tripoli					W. H. Merrill	C. M. Layton	
Norristown	S. B. Knerr	S. B. Knerr	A. M. Clauser	G. A. Campbell	H. M. Society	H. W. Feldges	R. Bergstresser
Northampton	A. M. Clauser	A. M. Clauser	W. K. Ziegler	W. K. Ziegler	G. A. Wentz	H. M. Society	W. J. Fretz
Phillipsburg			A. M. Clauser	G. A. Campbell	H. M. Society	H. M. Society	H. M. Society
Plainfield	J. B. Knerr			J. B. Knerr	G. A. Wentz	W. F. Edmunds	W. S. Hottel
Quakertown					W. H. Merrill	J. C. Roth	J. C. Roth
Reading	W. Steinmetz	G. A. Campbell	G. A. Campbell	W. K. Ziegler	A. B. Musselman	W. K. Ziegler	W. K. Ziegler
Remp	G. A. Campbell	C. H. Brunner	C. H. Brunner	J. G. Shireman	J. G. Shireman	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass
Royersford	A. B. Gehret	A. B. Gehret	R. D. Dreisbach	R. D. Dreisbach	R. D. Dreisbach	W. J. Fretz	W. J. Fretz
Spring City	C. H. Brunner	J. E. Fidler	W. G. Gehman	W. G. Gehman	R. D. Dreisbach	W. J. Fretz	W. J. Fretz
Springtown	J. L. Boyer	J. L. Boyer	W. G. Gehman	W. G. Gehman	R. D. Dreisbach	L. B. Taylor	E. W. Martin
Springtown	W. Steinmetz	W. Steinmetz	W. Steinmetz	A. M. Clauser	A. M. Clauser		
South Allentown					L. B. Taylor		
Terre Hill	A. B. Gehret	A. B. Gehret	R. D. Dreisbach	R. D. Dreisbach	O. S. Hillegass	W. Steinmetz	W. Steinmetz
Walnutport	A. M. Clauser	A. M. Clauser	J. B. Knerr	O. S. Hillegass	C. M. Layton	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass
Weissport	H. B. Musselman	H. B. Musselman	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	W. G. Gehman	R. D. Dreisbach	R. D. Dreisbach
Western Pa.				W. J. Fretz			
Zionsville	J. E. Fidler	W. C. Betz	A. B. Gehret	A. B. Gehret	J. E. Fidler	J. G. Shireman	J. G. Shireman
	Wm. Gehman	Wm. Gehman		J. E. Fidler	F. E. Frey		
Presiding Elder					C. H. Brunner	C. H. Brunner	C. H. Brunner
Pres. G. H. Society	W. B. Musselman	W. B. Musselman	W. B. Musselman	C. H. Brunner	C. H. Brunner	H. B. Musselman	H. B. Musselman
Missionary P. E.					C. H. Brunner	C. H. Brunner	C. H. Brunner
					W. B. Musselman	W. B. Musselman	W. B. Musselman

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RECORD OF APPOINTMENTS (Continued)

	1902-3	1903-4	1904-5	1905-6	1906-7	1907-8	1908-9
Allentown	E. T. Shick	J. C. Roth	J. C. Roth	J. C. Roth	J. F. Barrall	E. N. Cassel	E. N. Cassel
Athol	W. K. Ziegler	E. T. Shick	E. T. Shick	H. F. Meltzer	C. R. Barrall	C. H. Brunner	C. H. Brunner
Bethlehem	W. G. Gehman	W. G. Gehman	W. G. Gehman	H. B. Musselman	H. B. Musselman	C. H. Roth	J. C. Roth
Blondon	J. F. Shireman	W. J. Fretz	W. J. Fretz	W. Steinmetz	W. Steinmetz	J. F. Barrall	J. F. Barrall
Coopersburg	E. W. Martin	L. F. Haas	I. F. Haas	R. Bergstresser	R. Bergstresser	R. Bergstresser	H. K. Kratz
Enslus	C. H. Society	L. F. Haas	C. W. Stine	C. W. Stine	C. W. Stine	C. W. Stine	E. E. Kublic
Erwinia	G. H. Society	J. F. Edwards	C. J. Edwards	W. Steinmetz	W. Steinmetz	F. M. Hottel	F. M. Hottel
Feetwood	J. G. Shireman	W. J. Fretz	W. J. Fretz	J. G. Shireman	R. L. Woodring	R. L. Woodring	R. Bergstresser
Girardville	E. R. Heywood	R. L. Woodring	R. L. Woodring	R. L. Woodring	R. L. Woodring	R. L. Woodring	R. Bergstresser
Gracerville	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	R. L. Woodring	R. L. Woodring	R. L. Woodring	R. L. Woodring
Harleysville	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	R. Bergstresser	L. F. Haas	L. F. Haas	L. F. Haas	H. K. Kratz
Hafeld	J. C. Roth	W. S. Hottel	E. T. Shick	W. J. Fretz	E. T. Shick	E. T. Shick	H. K. Kratz
Hereford	E. N. Cassel	E. N. Cassel	W. J. Fretz	W. J. Fretz	E. T. Shick	E. T. Shick	H. K. Kratz
Lehighton	R. D. Dreisbach	J. F. Barrall	J. F. Barrall	J. F. Barrall	W. J. Fretz	W. J. Fretz	H. K. Kratz
Macungie	J. G. Shireman	R. L. Woodring	R. L. Woodring	W. J. Fretz	E. T. Shick	E. T. Shick	H. K. Kratz
Mt. Carmel	R. L. Woodring	R. L. Woodring	W. G. Gehman	J. G. Shireman	J. G. Shireman	J. G. Shireman	E. T. Shick
Nazareth	W. S. Hottel	T. E. Clewell	W. G. Gehman	E. E. Kublic	E. E. Kublic	E. E. Kublic	V. H. Reinhardt
New Tripoli	R. Bergstresser	R. Bergstresser	G. A. Campbell	G. A. Campbell	G. A. Campbell	H. K. Kratz	P. J. Musselman
Norristown	W. J. Fretz	J. G. Shireman	G. H. Society	C. J. Edwards	C. W. Stine	H. K. Kratz	G. H. Society
Northampton	L. F. Haas	W. Steinmetz	W. Steinmetz	C. J. Edwards	W. J. Zimmernan	W. J. Zimmernan	O. S. Hillegass
Philadelphia	F. H. Society	G. H. Society	G. H. Society	G. H. Society	P. J. Musselman	P. J. Musselman	J. G. Shireman
Phillipsburg	C. H. Society	C. J. Edwards	C. W. Stine	C. W. Stine	C. W. Stine	C. W. Stine	J. E. Kublic
Plainfield	W. S. Hottel	T. E. Clewell	G. Gehman	E. E. Kublic	E. E. Kublic	V. H. Reinhardt	V. H. Reinhardt
Quakertown	J. C. Roth	W. S. Hottel	W. S. Hottel	L. F. Haas	L. F. Haas	L. F. Haas	R. L. Woodring
Reading	W. K. Ziegler	E. T. Shick	E. T. Shick	E. T. Shick	J. C. Roth	C. H. Brunner	C. H. Brunner
Remp's	G. A. Campbell	G. A. Campbell	W. G. Shireman	W. Steinmetz	W. Steinmetz	F. M. Hottel	F. M. Hottel
Royersford	W. J. Fretz	J. G. Shireman	J. G. Shireman	E. N. Cassel	E. N. Cassel	W. S. Hottel	W. S. Hottel
Shamokin	W. J. Fretz	J. G. Shireman	J. G. Shireman	E. N. Cassel	E. N. Cassel	G. H. Society	G. H. Society
Spring City	E. W. Martin	W. G. Gehman	W. G. Gehman	W. S. Hottel	W. S. Hottel	W. S. Hottel	W. S. Hottel
Springtown	G. H. Society	G. H. Society	G. H. Society	G. H. Society	G. H. Society	J. F. Barrall	J. F. Barrall
Stroudsburg	W. Steinmetz	L. F. Haas	L. F. Haas	R. Bergstresser	R. Bergstresser	R. Bergstresser	G. H. Society
South Allentown						G. H. Society	G. H. Society
Southern						G. H. Society	G. H. Society
Terre Hill	G. A. Campbell	G. A. Campbell	W. W. Zimmermann	W. Steinmetz	W. Steinmetz	F. M. Hottel	F. M. Hottel
Walnutport	R. Bergstresser	R. Bergstresser	G. A. Campbell	G. A. Campbell	G. A. Campbell	H. K. Kratz	P. J. Musselman
Weissport	R. D. Dreisbach	J. F. Barrall	J. F. Barrall	J. F. Barrall	W. J. Fretz	C. W. Stine	C. W. Stine
Zionsville	E. N. Cassel	E. N. Cassel	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	O. S. Hillegass	W. W. Zimmermann
Presiding Elder	H. B. Musselman	H. B. Musselman	W. G. Gehman	W. G. Gehman	W. G. Gehman	H. B. Musselman	H. B. Musselman
Presiding Elder	C. H. Brunner	C. H. Brunner	C. H. Brunner	C. H. Brunner	C. H. Brunner	W. G. Gehman	W. G. Gehman
Pres. G. H. Society	W. B. Musselman	W. B. Musselman	W. B. Musselman	W. B. Musselman	W. B. Musselman	W. B. Musselman	W. B. Musselman
Missionary P. E.							

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RECORD OF APPOINTMENTS (Concluded)

1923-24	1924-25	1925-26	1926-27
Allentown, Bethel.	B. B. Musselman	B. B. Musselman	B. B. Musselman
Allentown, Salem.	O. S. Hillegass	F. B. Hertzog	F. B. Hertzog
Bethlehem	F. M. Hottel	F. M. Hottel	F. M. Hottel
Blandon	A. G. Woodring	A. G. Woodring	A. G. Woodring
Coopersburg	R. L. Woodring	F. B. Hertzog	F. B. Hertzog
Easton	J. B. Layne	P. T. Stengele	P. T. Stengele
Emaus	G. F. Yost	G. F. Yost	G. F. Yost
Fleetwood	A. G. Woodring	A. G. Woodring	A. G. Woodring
Graterford	E. N. Cassel	W. F. Hefner	W. F. Hefner
Harleysville	E. N. Cassel	W. F. Hefner	W. F. Hefner
Harrisburg	G. H. Society	G. H. Society	G. H. Society
Hatfield	W. F. Hefner	J. B. Layne	J. B. Layne
Jersey City, N. J.	G. H. Society	G. H. Society	G. H. Society
Lancaster	G. H. Society	G. H. Society	G. H. Society
Lebanon	G. H. Society	G. H. Society	G. H. Society
Lehighton	V. H. Reinhart	G. H. Society	G. H. Society
Macungie	G. F. Yost	J. C. Roth	G. H. Society
Mt. Carmel	R. Bergstresser	G. F. Yost	J. C. Roth
Nazareth	F. B. Hertzog	E. E. Kublic	G. F. Yost
Northampton	H. K. Kratz	R. L. Woodring	E. E. Kublic
Phila., Salem	C. H. Brunner	H. K. Kratz	R. L. Woodring
Phila., Wissinoming	G. H. Society	C. H. Brunner	H. K. Kratz
Phila., West	G. H. Society	R. Bergstresser	C. H. Brunner
Quakertown	W. F. Hefner	G. H. Society	R. Bergstresser
Reading	J. C. Roth	J. B. Layne	G. H. Society
Royersford	N. H. Wolf	E. N. Cassel	J. B. Layne
Scranon	P. T. Stengele	N. H. Wolf	E. N. Cassel
Shamokin	J. G. Shireman	T. D. Gehret	N. H. Wolf
Spring City	N. H. Wolf	J. G. Shireman	T. D. Gehret
Stroudsburg	E. E. Kublic	N. H. Wolf	N. H. Wolf
Sunbury	R. W. Dickert	V. H. Reinhart	N. H. Wolf
Terre Hill	A. G. Woodring	R. W. Dickert	V. H. Reinhart
Walnutport	H. K. Kratz	A. G. Woodring	R. W. Dickert
Weissport	V. H. Reinhart	H. K. Kratz	A. G. Woodring
York	G. H. Society	J. C. Roth	H. K. Kratz
Zionsville	G. F. Yost	G. H. Society	J. C. Roth
Presiding Elder	H. B. Musselman	G. F. Yost	G. H. Society
Presiding Elder	W. G. Gehman	H. B. Musselman	G. F. Yost
Pres. G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman	W. G. Gehman	H. B. Musselman
Missionary P. E.	W. B. Musselman	W. G. Gehman	W. G. Gehman
	W. B. Musselman	W. B. Musselman	W. B. Musselman

RECORD OF OFFERINGS

Year	Foreign Mis- sions—Church	Foreign Mis- sions—S. S.	Home Missions	For all Purposes
1883	\$ 12.64			
1884	9.88			
1885	1.76			
1886	4.87			
1887	5.33			
1888	6.75			
1889	15.00			
1890	24.13			
1891	82.14			
1892	80.97			
1893	145.91			
1894	204.43	\$ 83.88		
1895	259.34	127.03	\$ 578.97	
1896	281.56	309.65	785.93	\$ 9,445.78
1897	289.76	646.40	797.01	9,899.46
1898	591.63	765.54	1,010.63	14,310.20
1899	450.82	651.04	1,331.14	20,157.02
1900	1,784.73	1,592.36	2,530.79	22,469.86
1901	1,342.48	1,084.97	1,813.93	17,302.95
1902	1,249.02	1,317.74	2,014.12	23,533.63
1903	1,434.32	1,191.09	2,530.24	24,495.28
1904	1,888.10	1,275.52	3,181.57	23,070.50
1905	2,447.05	1,510.35	3,439.04	25,219.20
1906	3,503.24	1,916.99	3,921.80	41,978.32
1907	3,373.17	1,986.77	4,160.11	36,230.69
1908	3,932.68	2,213.73	4,614.68	33,893.32
1909	4,025.90	2,567.89	5,110.69	44,074.90
1910	3,835.71	2,591.59	5,105.01	43,715.77
1911	3,731.52	2,425.54	5,529.63	47,199.07
1912	3,710.13	2,594.85	6,039.07	50,239.96
1913	3,815.05	3,226.17	6,772.27	54,187.70
1914	3,966.94	3,207.44	7,293.00	60,319.40
1915	3,697.78	2,974.40	7,033.53	57,711.52
1916	3,928.70	3,212.57	7,464.71	60,961.71
1917	4,259.71	4,444.20	7,945.12	75,574.91
1918	5,656.95	5,524.88	10,751.49	92,446.13
1919	6,843.46	6,614.63	12,648.87	110,017.59
1920	9,798.71	7,683.09	15,778.31	135,130.13
1921	10,203.25	7,953.94	16,064.52	136,888.62
1922	9,540.26	6,765.40	14,811.92	130,433.41
1923	10,449.59	7,375.17	13,656.41	135,098.07
1924	9,560.21	6,926.75	14,142.42	174,974.39
1925	8,448.58	8,497.50	14,415.33	175,747.40
1926	8,865.30	8,635.17	13,538.71	169,174.39
1883-1892	\$ 243.47			
1893-1902	660.68	\$ 6,578.61	\$ 10,862.52	\$ 117,118.90
1903-1912	31,881.82	20,274.32	43,631.84	370,117.01
1913-1922	61,710.81	51,606.72	106,563.74	913,671.12
1923-1926	37,323.68	31,434.59	55,752.87	654,994.25
1883-1926	\$131,820.46	\$109,894.24	\$226,810.97	\$2,055,901.28

Notes—

Under Home Missions is included, besides the regular Home Missionary offerings, the offerings for the Gospel Herald Society, the Missionary Presiding Elder and the Poor.

The Foreign Missionary offerings from 1902 to 1914 include \$6,114.20 collected for Armenia.

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., Philadelphia, 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	....	....	" " "
Henry, J. B.	1924	....	....	" " "
Meyers, M. M.	1919	....	....	" " "
Musselman, E. H.	1921	....	....	" " "
Stengele, W. R.	1918	....	....	" " "

IV. Quarterly Conference Licensed Missionaries

Brunner, Mrs. C. H.	1893	....	....	Philadelphia, Pa.
Fretz, W. J.	1898	....	....	Bethlehem, Pa.
Gehman, Allen W.	1922	....	....	Macungie, Pa.
Martin, E. W.	1901	....	....	Terre Hill, Pa.
Zimmerman, W. W.	1899	....	....	Easton, Pa.

V. Foreign Missionaries

Cressman, N. M.	1917	....	....	French Indo-China.
Cressman, Mrs. N. M.	1926	....	....	" "
Feldges, H. W. ....	....	....	....	Los Angeles, Calif.
Feldges, Mrs. H. W. ....	....	....	....	" "
Snyder, C. F. ....	....	....	....	Kansu Province, China.
Snyder, Mrs. C. F. ....	....	....	....	" "
Zook, M. P. ....	....	....	....	Colombia, S. A.
Zook, Mrs. M. P. ....	....	....	....	" "

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	"

II. EVANGELICAL UNITED MENNONITES (Annual)

1880	March 15.....	Coopersburg	William Gehman....	S. M. Musselman.
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	"	"
1926	Oct. 14-18...	Allentown	"	"

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

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

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

CAMP MEETINGS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

YEAR		TENTS		TENTS		TENTS		TENTS
†1879	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1880	Chestnut Hill	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1881	"	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1882	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1883	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1884	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1885	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1886	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1887	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1888	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1889	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1890	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1891	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1892	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1893	"	.....	Royersford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1894	"	.....	Spring City	.....	Catasauqua	.....	.....	.....
*1895	"	.....	.....	.....	Weissport	.....	Annandale	.....
*1896	"	.....	.....	.....	Walnutport	.....	"	.....
1897	"	.....	.....	.....	Rittersville	.....	.....	.....
1898	Quakertown	.....	.....	.....	"	.....	Sunbury	.....
1899	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1900	Macungie	.....	Northampton	.....	Terre Hill	64	.....	.....
1901	"	.....	Neffsville	.....	Mohnsville	.....	.....	.....
1902	"	56	Northampton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1903	"	52	.....	.....	Reading (East)	.....	.....	.....
1904	Wescoesville	104	Hellertown	.....	73 Spring City	.....	.....	.....
1905	"	113	"	.....	Bonnie Bray)	.....	.....	.....
1906	"	136	"	.....	82 Spring City	.....	.....	.....
1907	"	122	"	.....	Bonnie Bray)	.....	.....	.....
1908	"	148	"	.....	125 Reading	.....	.....	.....
1909	Waldheim	153	"	.....	(Heiner's Spgs.)	.....	.....	.....
1910	Mizpah Grove	167	Mizpah G'Ve.	.....	145 Reading	.....	90 Shamokin	.....
1911	(Allen. Div.)	.....	(Beth. Div.)	.....	(Spg. Valley)	.....	(Bunker Hill)	85
1912	Mizpah Grove	156	Mizpah G'Ve.	.....	164 Easton (Mt.	.....	75 Shamokin	75
1913	(Allen. Div.)	.....	(Beth. Div.)	.....	Carmel Dist.)	.....	(Bunker Hill)	.....
1914	Mizpah Grove	163	Mizpah G'Ve.	.....	139 Easton (Mt.	.....	75	.....
1915	(Allen. Div.)	.....	(Beth. Div.)	.....	Carmel Dist.)	.....	.....	.....
1916	Mizpah Grove	165	Mizpah G'Ve.	.....	154 Easton (Mt.	.....	89	.....
1917	(Allen. Div.)	.....	(Beth. Div.)	.....	Carmel Dist.)	.....	.....	.....
1918	Mizpah Grove	143	Mizpah G'Ve.	.....	160 Mizpah G'Ve.	100	Shamokin	43
1919	(Allen. Div.)	.....	(Beth. Div.)	.....	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	.....	.....	.....
1920	Mizpah Grove	163	Mizpah G'Ve.	.....	Mizpah G'Ve.	75	Shamokin	58
1921	(Allen. Div.)	.....	(Beth. Div.)	.....	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	.....	.....	.....
1922	Mizpah Grove	165	Mizpah G'Ve.	.....	169 Mizpah G'Ve.	76	Shamokin	71
1923	(Allen. Div.)	.....	(Beth. Div.)	.....	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	.....	.....	.....
1924	Mizpah Grove	143	Mizpah G'Ve.	.....	170 Mizpah G'Ve.	68	Shamokin	78
1925	(Allen. Div.)	.....	(Beth. Div.)	.....	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	.....	.....	.....
1926	Mizpah Grove	145	Mizpah G'Ve.	.....	174 Mizpah G'Ve.	66	Shamokin	86
1927	(Allen. Div.)	.....	(Beth. Div.)	.....	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	.....	.....	.....
1928	Mizpah Grove	155	Mizpah G'Ve.	.....	194 Shamokin	106	.....	.....
1929	(Allen. Div.)	.....	(Beth. Div.)	.....	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	.....	.....	.....
1930	Mizpah Grove	162	Mizpah G'Ve.	.....	203 Shamokin	120	Harrisburg	65
1931	(Allen. Div.)	.....	(Beth. Div.)	.....	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	.....	.....	.....
1932	Mizpah Grove	199	Mizpah G'Ve.	.....	183 Shamokin	105	.....	.....
1933	(Allen. Div.)	.....	(Beth. Div.)	.....	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	.....	.....	.....
1934	Mizpah Grove	189	Mizpah G'Ve.	.....	219 Shamokin	126	.....	.....
1935	(Allen. Div.)	.....	(Beth. Div.)	.....	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	.....	.....	.....
1936	Mizpah Grove	195	Mizpah G'Ve.	.....	238 Shamokin	128	.....	.....
1937	(Allen. Div.)	.....	(Beth. Div.)	.....	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	.....	.....	.....
1938	Mizpah Grove	224	Mizpah G'Ve.	.....	221 Shamokin	136	.....	.....
1939	(Allen. Div.)	.....	(Beth. Div.)	.....	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	.....	.....	.....
1940	Mizpah Grove	240	Mizpah G'Ve.	.....	217 Shamokin	126	.....	.....
1941	(Allen. Div.)	.....	(Beth. Div.)	.....	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	.....	.....	.....
1942	Mizpah Grove	259	Mizpah G'Ve.	.....	212 Shamokin	174	.....	.....
1943	(Allen. Div.)	.....	(Beth. Div.)	.....	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	.....	.....	.....
1944	Mizpah Grove	278	Mizpah G'Ve.	.....	232 Shamokin	155	.....	.....
1945	(Allen. Div.)	.....	(Beth. Div.)	.....	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	.....	.....	.....
1946	Mizpah Grove	282	Mizpah G'Ve.	.....	233 Shamokin	158	.....	.....
1947	(Allen. Div.)	.....	(Beth. Div.)	.....	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	.....	.....	.....
1948	Mizpah Grove	289	Mizpah G'Ve.	.....	265 Shamokin (Sha-	170	.....	.....
1949	(Allen. Div.)	.....	(Beth. Div.)	.....	mokin 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.

