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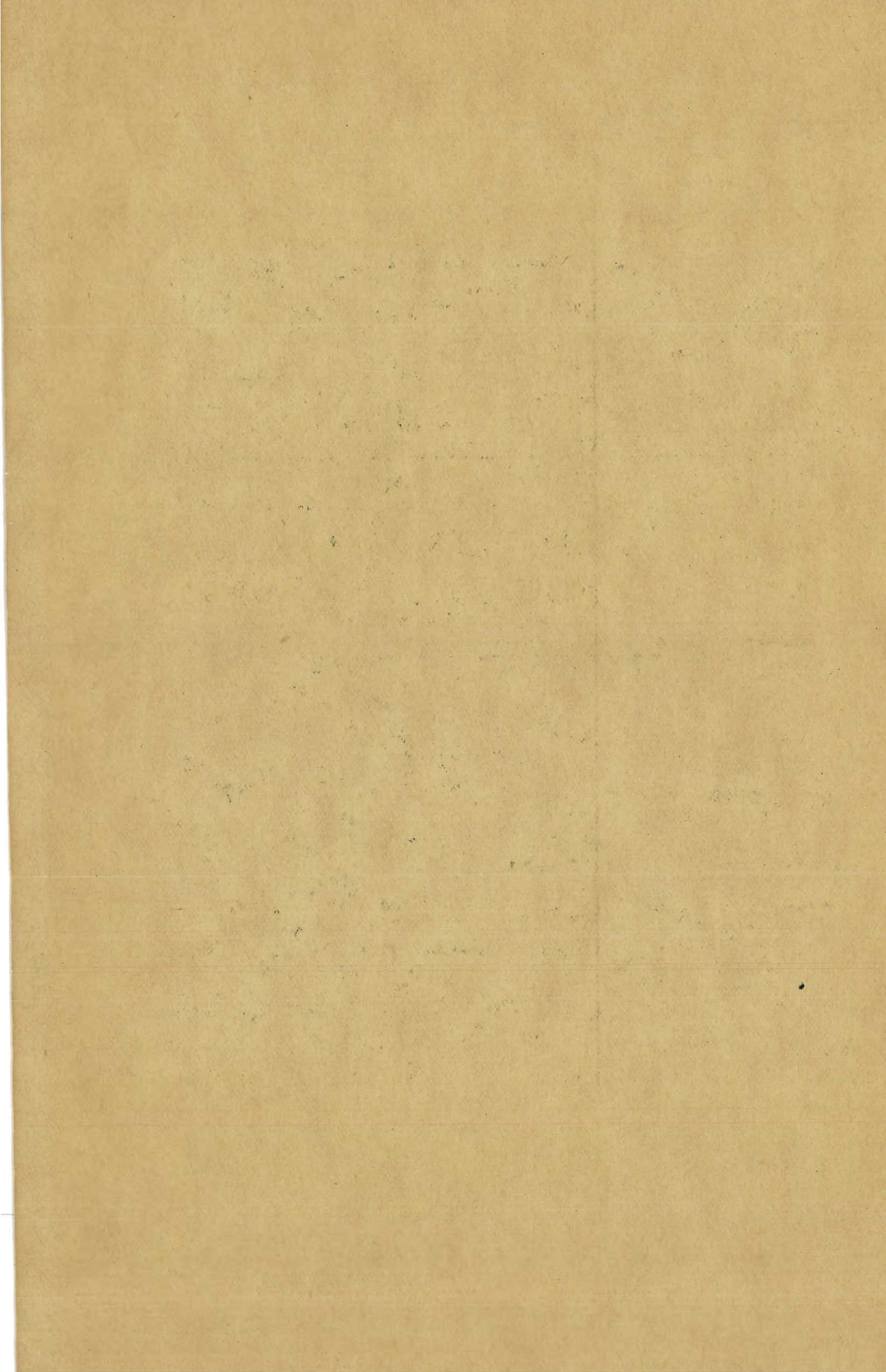
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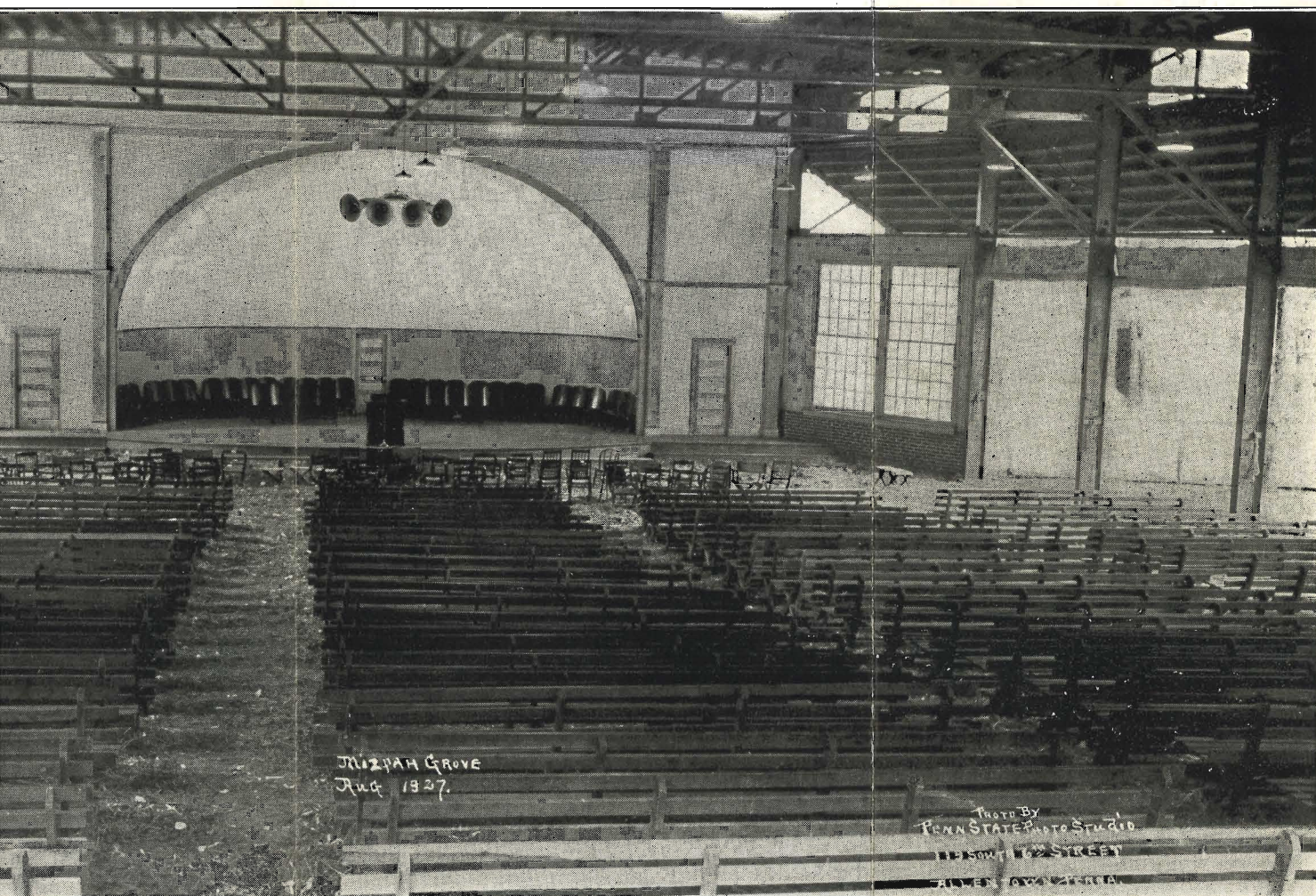
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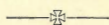
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## OFFICIAL RECORD

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Assistant Secretary, B. Bryan Musselman.

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and H. L. Shelly.

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

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

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

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

## Business Rules of the Conference

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1. Two sessions shall be held daily, as follows: From 9 to 12 m., and from 1:30 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 complied and appended to the proceedings of the last Quarterly Conference of the current year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### IV. BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

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

Executive Board, Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Trustees of the Home, Board of Publication and Printing. The Chairman and Secretary of the Annual Conference shall be President and Secretary of the Home Mission Fund.

The Annual Conference shall elect a Conference Treasurer annually who shall be the Treasurer for the Executive Board, Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Trustees of The Home, the Home Mission Fund and the Annual Conference Fund.

He shall deposit all the various funds in the name of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania .....Treasurer. 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.

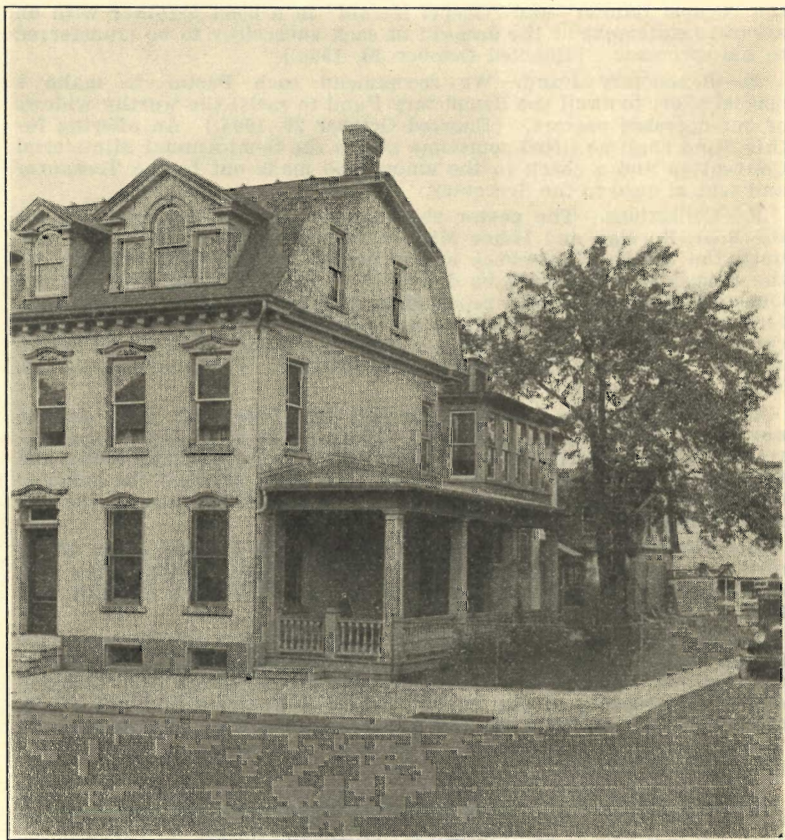
H.—The Pastor, by virtue of his office, shall be counted as an officer of the Sunday School. The number of officers and teachers of the Sunday School shall be determined by the number of offices and not only by the number of persons holding the offices.

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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which is 526-530 North Eighth Street.

# Annual Conference Proceedings

## 1927

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### FIRST MEETING

Thursday Forenoon, October 13, 1927

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

The first meeting was opened at 8 o'clock, according to announcement, by singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." 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 "Sweet Hour of Prayer," the Chairman, H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District, read a portion of the twelfth 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, C. H. Brunner, B. Bryan Musselman, F. M. Hottel, E. N. Cassel, G. F. Yost, J. G. Shireman, A. G. Woodring, N. H. Wolf, P. T. Stengele, F. B. Hertzog, J. C. Roth, T. D. Gehret, R. L. Woodring, R. W. Dickert, H. K. Kratz, W. F. Heffner, J. B. Layne, V. H. Reinhart, E. E. Kublic, R. Bergstresser, J. F. Barrall and O. S. Hillegass.

*Probationers*—Paul E. Baer and J. B. Henry.

#### Delegates

G. O. Billig, Allentown (Bethel).

M. L. Musselman, Bethlehem.

Allen M. Gehman, Emaus, Macungie and Zionsville.

W. D. Evert, Philadelphia.

H. N. Rishel, Reading.

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

R. R. Fox, Royersford and Spring City.

C. D. Bean, Graterford and Harleysville.



Edward T. Semmel, Northampton and Walnutport.  
 H. L. Shelly, Allentown (Salem) and Coopersburg.  
 H. H. Bergey, Quakertown and Hatfield.  
 Clarence S. Renn, Shamokin.  
 H. V. Smith, Easton.  
 C. B. Brosius, Sunbury.  
 E. Godshall, Nazareth.  
 George R. Fish, Stroudsburg.  
 Mahlon S. Arner, Lehigh and Weissport.  
 Moses Snyder, Mt. Carmel.  
 Otto Schroeder, Scranton.  
 S. Geremia, Wissinoming.

We are also remembering W. B. Musselman, of Cleveland, Ohio, and his work, and the Gospel Herald Society, a number of whom were present at this conference. Also E. T. Shick, of Allentown, Pa.; J. F. Barrall, of Shamokin, Pa.; O. S. Hillegass, of Centre Valley, Pa. Also M. P. Zook and Mrs. M. P. Zook, of Colombia; C. F. Snyder and Mrs. C. F. Snyder, of China; H. W. Feldges and Mrs. H. W. Feldges, on furlough; and N. M. Cressman and Mrs. N. M. Cressman, of 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.

French Indo-China—Wm. C. Cadman, Mrs. Wm. C. Cadman, R. M. Jackson and H. A. Jackson.

Palestine—Miss Mary A. Butterfield.—31 in all.

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

*Resolved*, That the first four pews of the three sections 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 the first article on Business Rules of the Conference be made to read:

Two sessions shall be held daily, as follows: From 9 a.m. to 12 m., and from 1.30 to 5 p.m.

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

#### Committees

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

*Committee on Worship*: F. M. Hottel and M. L. Musselman.

*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, P. T. Stengele and T. D. Gehret.

*Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records*: J. C. Roth, E. E. Kublic, H. K. Kratz, V. H. Reinhart, Mahlon S. Arner, C. B. Brosius, H. V. Smith, Clarence S. Renn, Edward T. Semmel, Otto Schroeder, R. W. Dickert, Moses Snyder, George R. Fish, S. Geremia and R. Bergstresser.

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

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

*Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists and Missionaries*: W. F. Heffner, F. B. Hertzog 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, B. Bryan Musselman, E. N. Cassel and W. G. Gehman.

*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 and H. N. Rishel.

*Committee on Schedules*: W. G. Gehman and F. B. Hertzog.

*Resolved*, That a telegram of greetings pledging our united prayers be sent to W. B. Musselman, Cleveland, Ohio, to be followed by a night letter from the Committee on Resolutions.

*Resolved*, That the Pastors be limited to ten minutes in submitting their oral reports.



*Resolved*, That the Pastors' oral reports be made the order of business at 2 p.m. today.

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

Adjourned at 9:55 o'clock with prayer by R. L. Woodring and benediction by J. C. Roth.

## SECOND MEETING

Thursday Afternoon, October 13, 1927

The Chair opened the afternoon meeting at 1:45 o'clock with singing "Praise His Holy Name" and prayer by Clarence S. Renn.

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

The Pastors now began to submit their oral reports.

The oral reports of the Pastors were concluded.

*Resolved*, That we extend the time indefinitely and hear the reports of the Presiding Elders and the President of the Gospel Herald Society.

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 Shamokin District.* (See Reports.)

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

*Report of the Committee on Resolutions:*

(a) *Whereas*, The Lord has again spared all the Pastors on both Districts during this Conference year, enabling all to be present at the opening session and reporting of the success through the preaching of God's Word, many having been saved during the year, others definitely healed of physical diseases, while noticeable progress has been made on devotional lines among the laity throughout, therefore,

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

*Resolved*, That we unitedly pray God to keep our Ministry free from the latter day deceptions, so that further progress may be made in this so noble a cause as we see the day of the Lord approaching.

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

Committee.

(b) *Whereas*, The Lord has again spared both out Presiding Elders, enabling them to serve the Conference in this capacity, reporting the activities and progress especially along spiritual lines on their respective Districts, the President of the Gospel Herald Society also reporting the work of said Society on similar lines, and

*Whereas*, Their reports contained words of highest praise relative to the laity, the Pastors, the Home and Foreign Missionary work, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we unitedly praise God for such faithful and untiring leaders, and further,

*Resolved*, That we pray God to further spare and use our leaders in the promotion of so great and noble a cause until He comes.

R. L. Woodring,

J. B. Layne,

Committee.

*Report of the Committee on Worship*: H. W. Hartman, J. B. Henry and Paul E. Baer shall speak this evening for about twenty minutes each.

F. M. Hottel,

M. L. Musselman,

Committee.

*Resolved*, That we grant W. G. Gehman and P. T. Stengele their request to be excused for several hours tomorrow.

The Secretary appointed H. L. Shelly as an additional Recording Secretary.

*Resolved*, That we have an evening meeting, from 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock.

Adjourned at 5:20 o'clock with prayer by Otto Schroeder and benediction by E. E. Kublic.

### THIRD MEETING

Thursday Evening, October 13, 1927

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

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

*Report of the Executive Board.* (See Reports.)

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Report of the Committee to Arrange for Sunday School Printed Matter.* (See Reports.)

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

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



Mizpah Grove

Looking down toward the auditorium. Well in the center.

*Report of the Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Records:*

We beg leave to report that we examined the Annual Conference Records of 1926 and found them all correct.

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 examined the Quarterly Conference Records and found them in good condition.

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

We suggest, that all pastors formulate their trustee report according to the form presented by the Conference.

J. C. Roth,	Edward T. Semmel,
E. E. Kublic,	R. W. Dickert,
H. K. Kratz,	Moses Snyder,
V. H. Reinhart,	George R. Fish,
Mahlon S. Arner,	S. Geremia,
H. V. Smith,	Otto Schroeder,
C. B. Brosius,	R. Bergstresser,
Clarence S. Renn,	Committee.

*Report of the Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders:*

We beg leave to report that we have examined all the Traveling Elders through the various Delegates and found them all satisfactory, being earnestly engaged in preaching the Word and in fulfilling their various duties connected with the Lord's service.

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

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

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

W. F. Heffner,  
F. B. Hertzog,  
J. G. Shireman,  
Committee.

*Resolved,* That a special Sunday offering be lifted on each appointment in the month of November for the benefit of the Annual Conference Fund and mailed at once to the Secretary of the Annual Conference, making checks payable to Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer.

W. G. Gehman, President of the Gospel Herald Society, recommended the transfer of York, Pa., and West Philadelphia Missions from the Gospel Herald Society to the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania.

*Resolved,* That we accept the transfer of the above Missions.

The following report was read and adopted:

*Report of the Committee on Resolutions:*

*Resolved,* That the following night letter be sent to the Union Gospel Press, signed by the Chairman and Secretary:



Bethlehem, Pa., October 13, 1927.

Union Gospel Press,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Annual Conference in session sends greetings. God has greatly blessed the work during the year. In the opening meeting special prayer was made for God's blessing upon your Society and for the speedy recovery of your beloved President. May God bless him and you all physically and spiritually.

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

Committee.

*Resolved*, That we extend the time indefinitely.

A motion to purchase the Grove between Shamokin and Sunbury, now owned by Jacob Renn, for camp meeting purposes was laid on the table.

Adjourned at 10:25 o'clock with prayer by R. L. Woodring and benediction by H. K. Kratz.

#### FOURTH MEETING

Friday Morning, October 14, 1927

The meeting was opened with singing "Blessed Assurance" and prayer by R. W. Dickert.

The Chairman read the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, followed by some very helpful remarks.

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

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

Business was resumed at 9:55 o'clock.

W. G. Gehman, President of the Gospel Herald Society, presented the names of H. W. Hartman, E. B. Hartman and E. George as applicants for Annual Conference License.

*Resolved*, That we have the Applicants address the Conference, giving the nature of their call.

*Resolved* That we accept these Applicants and refer them to the Committee on Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference License.

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

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

*Report of the Beneficiary Society.* (See Reports.)

*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, P. T. Stengele, F. B. Hertzog and T. D. Gehret.

*Conditional*—R. Bergstresser.

*Resolved*, That we elect two Presiding Elders.

The Chair appointed the tellers, as follows: G. F. Yost, P. T. Stengele 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.

*Resolved*, That we recommend the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee to appropriate \$1,000 toward the purchase of another Camp Grove.

The Chair appointed T. D. Gehret as Teller instead of P. T. Stengele.

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

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

*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):* H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, E. N. Cassel, C. H. Brunner, Allen M. Gehman and H. M. Hottel.

*Whereas,* R. L. Woodring has requested to be relieved from membership on the Board of Trustees of the Home, therefore,

*Resolved,* That his request be granted.

G. F. Yost was elected in his stead.

*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.

The following report was read and adopted:

*Report of the Committee on Worship:*

The brethren E. H. Musselman, A. G. Woodring and F. B. Hertzog shall speak on Friday evening for twenty minutes each.

On Saturday evening, J. B. Layne, N. H. Wolf and E. N. Cassel shall speak for twenty minutes each.

#### 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. B. Bryan Musselman shall speak.

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

F. M. Hottel,

M. L. Musselman,

Committee.

*Resolved*, That we suspend the rules and adjourn to the call of the Chair no later than 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 o'clock with prayer by E. E. Kublic and benediction by V. H. Reinhart.

## FIFTH MEETING

Friday Afternoon, October 14, 1927

The afternoon meeting was opened at 3:45 o'clock with singing "Glory, Glory Hallelujah!" and prayer by W. F. Heffner.

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

The following report was read and adopted:

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

*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 with the addition of York, Pa., and West Philadelphia to the Shamokin District.

The Divisions shall comprise the congregations as follows:

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

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

Shamokin District—Shamokin, Mount Carmel, Sunbury, Easton, Stroudsburg, Scranton, Wissinoming, West Philadelphia and York, Pa.



The following reports were read and adopted:

*Report of the Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination:*

We have examined Paul E. Baer and J. B. Henry and believe they are consecrated and devoted to the service of the Lord and, according to our judgment and belief, they are promising young men. Owing to the fact that they have not had opportunity to labor in the Conference we recommend that their ordination be deferred.

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

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

We, the Committee on Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference License, beg leave to report that we have examined the brethren H. W. Hartman, E. B. Hartman and E. George. We found them satisfactory to the best of our judgment and belief and recommend that Annual Conference License be granted them.

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

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

Business was resumed at 4:45 o'clock.

*Resolved*, That we extend the time indefinitely.

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

Bethlehem Division—Chairman, F. M. Hottel; Secretary, A. G. Woodring; Treasurer, E. N. Cassel. Place—Mizpah Grove. Date—June 30 to July 8, 1928.

Allentown Division—Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; Treasurer, G. F. Yost. Place—Mizpah Grove. Date—August 18 to 26, 1928.

Shamokin District—Chairman, J. G. Shireman; Secretary, P. T. Stengele; Treasurer, R. W. Dickert. Place—To be announced later. Date—July 21 to 29, 1928.

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.

*Board of Trustees of The Home*—President, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, E. N. Cassel; Assistant Secretary, J. G. Shireman.

*Board of Publication and Printing*—President, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, A. G. Woodring.

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

*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.

Upon request, Delegate E. Godshall was excused from Conference for tomorrow. Also G. F. Yost and Allen M. Gehman for tomorrow afternoon.

Adjourned at 5:15 o'clock with prayer by E. Godshall and benediction by F. B. Hertzog.

## SIXTH MEETING

Saturday Morning, October 15, 1927

The meeting was opened with singing "Nearer My God to Thee" and prayer by J. C. Roth.

The Chairman read several portions of Scripture from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, followed by a very important address.

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

The following report was read and adopted:

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

*Resolved,* That we have no Ministerial Convention prior to the next Annual Conference.

*Resolved,* That the Pastors hold the Home Missionary meetings under the direction of the respective Presiding Elders and take the subscriptions some time between New Year and the Camp Meetings.

Rev. A. E. Meek, Pastor of Zion A. M. E. Church, of Bethlehem, was introduced to the Conference.



The following report was read and adopted:

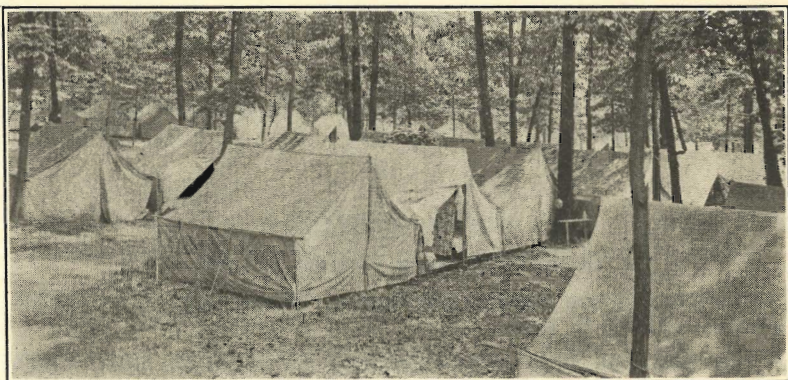
*Report of the Committee on Resolutions:*

(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 all 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,



Mizpah Grove  
Part of the white city of 284 tents, August, 1927.

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

*Resolved*, That we donate \$50.00 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 Quarters the nicest mechanically and the best spiritually, doctrinally

and dispensationally of any Sunday School Literature we know of, which are used throughout our Conference, and,

*Whereas*, They print and publish tons upon tons of Gospel literature which is scattered abroad, therefore,

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

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

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

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

W. G. Gehman,

R. L. Woodring,

J. B. Layne,

Committee.

*Resolved*, That 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 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 we extend the time indefinitely.

Adjourned at 12:05 o'clock with prayer by R. Bergstresser and benediction by J. G. Shireman.

### SEVENTH MEETING

Saturday Afternoon, October 15, 1927

The meeting was opened with singing "Where He Leads Me I will Follow" and prayer by S. Geremia.

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 Communications:*

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

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

#### *Report of the Committee to Audit Schedules:*

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

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

*Resolved*, That the next Annual Conference convene in Bethel M. B. in C. Church, 526-30 North Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa., at 9 a.m., October 11, 1928.

*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 1927.

*Resolved*, That we ask the Board of Foreign Missions to print 2100 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 C. H. Brunner, J. G. Shireman and J. C. Roth.

#### Ministerial Convention

*Resolved*, That we have the Annual Ministerial Convention at Reading, Pa., on April 19, 1928.

All ordained Ministers and probationers having charge of a work shall be members of this Convention.

The following officers were then elected:

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

Committee on Program, H. B. Husselman, W. G. Gehman and E. N. Cassel.

*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.

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

The following report was read and adopted:

*Report of the Committee to Secure a Suitable Hymn Book for Sunday School Purposes:*

We have taken no action in regard to this matter.

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

Committee.

*Resolved*, That the Committee, consisting of C. H. Brunner, B. Bryan Musselman and F. M. Hottel, appointed at the last Annual Conference, be continued to investigate the advisability of compiling or selecting such a book under the direction of the Executive Board.

*Resolved*, That we suspend the rules and adjourn.

Adjourned at 4:55 o'clock with prayer by J. G. Shireman and benediction by the Chairman.



## EIGHTH MEETING

Monday Morning, October 17, 1927

This meeting was opened with singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" and prayer by R. L. Woodring. The Chairman read part of the first chapter of the Book of Joshua and made some very helpful remarks.

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 Resolutions:*

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

*Whereas*, Their reporters and correspondents have so courteously cooperated with our Conference Reporter, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we express our appreciation of their service 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 this Conference and be forwarded by Pastor F. M. Hottel to the "Globe-Times" and the "Allentown Morning Call" office, respectively.

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

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

*Report of the 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, Conference Treasurer and Report of the Committee on Finance.

All of these records were found to be in a satisfactory condition. All of the errors found have been corrected in the presence of the parties interested.

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

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

Adjourned with prayer by R. L. Woodring and benediction by J. B. Layne.

### NINTH MEETING

Monday Afternoon, October 17, 1927

This meeting was opened at 1:10 o'clock with singing "Still There's More to Follow" and prayer by W. F. Heffner.

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

The following report was read and adopted:

#### *Report of the Committee on Resolutions:*

*Whereas*, The Mayor, James M. Yeakle, through the Chief of Police, H. M. Halteman, of the Department of Public Safety of the City of Bethlehem, Pa., have so freely granted the request to provide traffic officers on Sunday, and,

*Whereas*, These officers gave us their best considerations, and satisfactory services during the day, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we as a Conference express our appreciation for so ready and cheerful response of service, and pray God's blessing upon this Department in their noble service for the safety of mankind, and further,

*Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Conference and be forwarded by the Pastor, F. M. Hottel, to this Department.

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

*Whereas*, A motion has been made to purchase a grove for Camp Meeting purposes situated between Paxinos and Sunbury, now owned by Jacob Renn, for the sum of \$8500, as contained in the option. After due consideration it was therefore,



*Resolved*, That this matter be referred to the Executive Board to act on as it deems advisable.

*Resolved*, That the dedication cards containing the information of dedication be filed on the charge and they shall contain the name of the Pastor dedicating the child.

*Resolved*, That each Pastor, excepting the Pastor of the Allentown (Bethel) Class, lift an offering at each appointment some time during the year, amounting to 30 cents per member, according to the number reported at Conference in 1927, as a General Conference Fund, the offerings be brought to the next Annual Conference and the Annual Conference pay this amount to the Allentown Congregation, to help finance the entertainment of the next General Conference.

*Resolved*, That the uniform loose-leaf Quarterly Conference record books be used.

Adjourned at 4:10 o'clock with prayer by the Chairman and benediction by W. G. Gehman.

*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,	
N. H. Wolf, Recording Secretary,	
A. G. Woodring, Recording Secretary,	
H. L. Shelly, Recording Secretary,	
Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer,	
F. M. Hottel,	M. L. Musselman,
E. N. Cassel,	G. O. Billig,
G. F. Yost,	H. V. Smith,
J. G. Shireman,	C. D. Bean,
P. T. Stengele,	H. H. Bergey,
F. B. Hertzog,	G. K. Himmelreich,
J. C. Roth,	Mahlon S. Arner,
T. D. Gehret,	Edward T. Semmel,
R. L. Woodring,	S. Geremia,
R. W. Dickert,	Otto Schroeder,
H. K. Kratz,	W. D. Evert,
W. F. Heffner,	R. R. Fox,
J. B. Layne,	H. N. Rishel,
V. H. Reinhart,	Moses Snyder,
E. E. Kublic,	C. B. Brosius,
R. Bergstresser,	George R. Fish,
J. B. Henry,	E. Godshall,
E. H. Musselman,	Clarence S. Renn.

MIZPAH GROVE, ALLENTOWN, PA.



Audiences at Mizpah Grove, Thursday, August 25, 1927. Alliance Quintette in Front.



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## I.—Presiding Elders

### REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF THE BETHLEHEM DISTRICT

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth, and with my song I will praise Him" (Psalms 28:7).

It is with a deep sense of the realization of the goodness of God upon us in every way that we are again permitted to submit this report of the work on the District. God's abiding presence through the Holy Spirit has been our enabling, giving us the needed strength, physically and spiritually to meet with all of the appointments throughout the year. We were made to realize more and more our utter insufficiency and His abundant all-sufficiency in all things. The Lord was never more precious to us and our constant desire has been to have Christ as our all and in all.

God has again spared us all of the pastors with their families, graciously smiling upon them in their ardent labors for Him. As far as we know, the unity prevailing among the pastors of the District was never stronger, and their constant prayer to God for us has been a great help. The unceasing patience and much kindness shown us in every way was highly appreciated. We thank God for such a faithful, loyal ministry—for pastors who care well for the flock, and who preach the Word faithfully. Results have been glorious.

The Sunday Schools continue to tax the seating capacity of even the largest church buildings of the District. Church services and prayer-meetings are well attended. Unto Him who doeth all these things belongeth the praise.

The Church properties are kept in good shape. Improvements continue to be made to promote the best interests of the work. An adjoining building was purchased and remodelled at Reading to extend the room for Sunday School work at that place and has since been made good use of. The various church offerings are a proof of the self-sacrifice shown on all lines.

Two Camp-meetings were again held on the District, with good results. Both were held in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa. The first Camp-meeting (Bethlehem Division) had 263 tents. The latter (Allentown Division) had 284 tents. The attendance was large at both of these gatherings and the services gloriously owned of God, with fruitful results.

Two interesting tabernacle meetings were held by Pastor W. F. Heffner during the year. Both were held near his appointment.

Our courage, personally, was never better, and in conclusion again wish to render praise unto Him, who caused us to triumph amid the various tests and problems in these last "perilous days."

### FINANCIAL

#### Receipts

Received from Treasurer of Home Mission Fund.....\$ 2,296 00

#### Expenditures

##### (a) Appropriations

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



## (b) Miscellaneous

O. S. Hillegass, donation.....	\$154 00	
Matron, Home .....	40 00	
J. B. Layne.....	50 00	
W. F. Heffner (Tabernacle).....	45 00	
A. G. Woodring.....	50 00	
W. G. Gehman, Shamokin Camp-meeting.....	25 00	
W. G. Gehman, Herald Society.....	100 00	
Bethlehem, Pa. (Trustees).....	200 00	
Gospel Banner Expenses.....	55 89	
Fares for Brethren.....	29 50	
Mizpah Grove .....	250 61	1,000 00

Total Expenditures .....\$ 2,296 00

H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder.

## II.—Presiding Elders—Continued

### REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF THE SHAMOKIN DISTRICT

The Lord has been sustaining His work and workers during the past year in a way which should evoke abundance of praise and adoration of Him Who continually loves us. The Pastors stand by the Book and hold forth the Word of life faithfully. The members manifest a loyal spirit and are growing in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

No great spasmodic revivals are noted, but people were saved throughout the year on the various pastorates. A number were baptized and added to the Church. Quite a number know and take the Lord for their body and are healed, or else kept in health while they keep on trusting Him.

The attendance at Prayer-meetings, Sunday Schools, and Ordinance meetings is commendable.

The joint District and Gospel Herald Society Sunday School Convention was held in Sunbury, Pa. All day long the spacious church was filled about to capacity and the spirit of the Lord made impressions which are far reaching.

The new church building in course of construction in Easton, Pa., is nearing completion. A parsonage was also purchased at a reasonable price in a splendid location. The former place of worship was sold to another religious body of worshippers. The other Church properties are in reasonable repair.

The Camp Meeting held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., with one hundred sixty-one tents, was indeed a glorious one. There were many seekers throughout and, according to promise, they found what they sought for spirit, soul and body. In spite of somewhat of financial pressure in these regions, the offerings flowed more freely than ever before. The preachers preached the Word most faithfully, and with unction.

We have reason to believe and know that the Pastors and members prayed for us incessantly and held up our arms, which otherwise would have hung down in defeat. We keenly feel our unworthiness of the faithful and liberal support given us in every way.

May the love between the ministers and the laity increase yet more and more unto His Coming, so near at hand.

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

Stroudsburg, Pa. ....	\$300 00	
Sunbury, Pa. ....	300 00	
Wissinoming, Philadelphia, Pa. ....	300 00	
Scranton, Pa. ....	120 00	\$ 1,020 00

**(b) Miscellaneous**

Fares, etc., holding Home Mission Meetings.....	\$310 35	
Rent for Storage, Allen M. Gehman.....	20 00	
Tents, Tabernacles, and treating same—1924.....	698 46	
Donation: J. F. Barrall, two years to date.....	805 00	
Donation: E. E. Kublic.....	50 00	
Donation: T. D. Gehret.....	25 00	
Donation: V. H. Reinhart.....	25 00	
Executive Work .....	38 00	1,971 81

Total .....\$ 2,991 81

Received from Treasurer of Home Mission Fund.....\$ 2,991 81

W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder.

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

October 1, 1926, to September 30, 1927

The Society at present has missions in Jersey City, N. J., on Central Avenue, and Jersey City, N. J., on Jackson Avenue, Lebanon, Harrisburg, York, West Philadelphia, and Chester in Pennsylvania, and another recently opened at 2006 Federal Street, Camden, N. J.

The open air meetings, prayer-meetings, Sunday Schools, and other indoor meetings are well attended. New people are brought under the influence of the Gospel from time to time and some are added to the list of saved ones.

Quite a large amount of Bibles, Testaments, Gospel Herald papers, and other religious books, and mottoes are sold.

Tent meetings were held in the two missions in Jersey City, N. J., and in West Philadelphia and Chester, Pa. These were well attended throughout and wielded a splendid influence upon the people in general. Quite a number were saved and others revived, and still others edified. A number get to know the Lord for spirit, soul, and body.

The Home Mission meetings held in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Conference were well attended. A hearty response was given everywhere to the need for the work as it was presented by the Heralds at these meetings. The Pastors and members showed a keen interest in this line of work.

We purchased a Mission property at the corner of Fulton and Broad Streets, Harrisburg, Pa., which makes a very nice and large meeting place for the growing mission. Quite a large amount was spent to paint and otherwise improve the property in York, Pa.



The Lord has been teaching the Heralds glorious lessons while they are submissively waiting upon Him in prayer and are going forth to sacrifice in His name. They are a faithful band of workers, willing to go at His bidding and stand by their leader loyally in these days of lawlessness. May we be ready to meet our Lord with confidence when He returns.

### STATISTICAL

Ordained Ministers of the M. B. C. Conference.....	2
Probationers of the M. B. C. Conference.....	5
Full Gospel Heralds.....	14
Probationers .....	2
Applicants .....	1
Received M. B. C. Members by transfer.....	2
Transferred to M. B. C. Conference.....	8
Dropped .....	1
Net Decrease .....	7
Total Membership .....	22
Baptized .....	48
Children dedicated .....	17
Sunday Schools .....	7
Officers and Teachers Enrolled.....	111
Scholars Enrolled .....	728
Home Department Scholars Enrolled.....	435
Cradle Roll .....	180
Children's Meetings and Sunday Schools held.....	400
Open Air Meetings.....	265
Prayer Meetings .....	412
Sermons and Addresses.....	2,367
Pastoral Visits .....	1,780
Copies of "Gospel Heralds" sold.....	73,729
Daily Food Wall Rolls sold.....	2,835

#### Valuation of Mission Properties:

Lebanon, Pa. ....	\$ 8,500 00	
York, Pa. ....	25,000 00	
West Philadelphia, Pa.....	10,000 00	
Chester, Pa. ....	10,000 00	
Jersey City, N. J.....	5,000 00	
Harrisburg, Pa. ....	20,000 00	\$ 78,500 00

### FINANCIAL

#### (a) Receipts

##### 1. Collections

Rents .....	\$ 3,057 50
Sundry Expenses .....	4,653 87
Light .....	414 03
Donations, Gifts, etc.....	3,276 61
President .....	1,075 39
Gospel Workers .....	198 21
Sunday Schools .....	3,989 92
Sunday School Convention .....	106 20
Conference Fund .....	289 80
G. H. S. Headquarters' Fund.....	113 20
Foreign Missions .....	1,996 77
Missionary Work .....	423 20

At Gospel Herald Society Conference and Convention .....	107 66	
Chapel and Lot Fund.....	2,115 20	
Beneficiary Fund .....	125 00	
House and Garage Rent, York, Pa.....	494 00	
House Rent, Lebanon, Pa.....	74 23	
Garage Rent, Chester, Pa.....	94 25	
Lot Rent, Jersey City, N. J.....	40 00	\$ 22,645 04

## 2. Literature

Literature, etc., sold at Missions.....	\$ 10,882 57	
Literature, etc., sold to laity at M. B. C. Camp Meetings .....	1,284 93	
Literature, etc., sold wholesale to Ministers, etc.	7,156 29	19,323 79

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

Appropriations .....	\$ 1,476 00	
Tabernacle Meetings .....	226 69	
Fares, Utensils, Freight, Furniture, etc.....	2,531 20	
Rent for President.....	300 00	
Donations for Heralds.....	599 57	5,133 46
Total .....		\$ 47,102 29

## (b) Expenditures

## 1. Appropriations

York, Pa. ....	\$ 420 00	
Lebanon, Pa. ....	360 00	
Chester, Pa. ....	536 00	
Harrisburg, Pa. ....	100 00	
Camden, N. J.....	60 00	\$ 1,476 00

## 2. Tabernacles

Jersey City, N. J., Central Avenue.....	\$ 53 29	
Jersey City, N. J., Jackson Avenue.....	54 47	
West Philadelphia, Pa.....	60 48	
Chester, Pa. ....	58 45	226 69

## 3. Miscellaneous

Mission Repairs and Supplies.....	\$ 626 92	
Furniture .....	818 99	
Freight and Express.....	185 88	
Fares, Postage, Telegrams, etc.....	326 27	
Cartage .....	233 08	
Printing and Stationery, Paints and Painting....	92 06	
Advance Rents .....	190 00	
Donations to Heralds.....	599 57	
Rent for President.....	300 00	
Literature Distributed .....	58 00	3,430 77
Total .....		\$ 5,133 46

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—Coopersburg Quarterly Conference.  
R. Bergstresser—Nazareth 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 and West Philadelphia—J. B. Henry.  
York—E. H. Musselman.

##### (c) Local Preachers

J. F. Barrall—Shamokin Quarterly Conference.

##### (d) Annual Conference Licensed Workers

J. T. Anderson, M. M. Myers, Paul E. Baer, H. W. Hartman, E. B. Hartman, E. George.

##### (e) Quarterly Conference Licensed Worker

W. W. Zimmerman.

##### (f) Tabernacles to be supplied.

## (B) APPROPRIATIONS

## 1. Bethlehem District

Quakertown and Hatfield, per month.....	\$15 00
Northampton and Walnutport, per month.....	20 00
Nazareth, per month.....	15 00
Lehighon and Weissport, per month.....	40 00
To be used at the discretion of the Presiding Elder.....	\$ 1,000 00

## 2. Shamokin District

Stroudsburg, per month.....	\$25 00
Sunbury, per month.....	20 00
Scranton, per month.....	10 00
Wissinoming and West Philadelphia, per month.....	25 00
York, per month.....	25 00
Toward purchasing a new Camp Meeting grove.....	\$ 1,000 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

Harrisburg, Pa.—1430 Green Street. To be supplied.  
 Lebanon, Pa.—251 S. 5th Street. To be supplied.  
 Chester, Pa.—721-723 W. 7th Street. To be supplied.  
 Jersey City, N. J.—278 Central Avenue. To be supplied.  
 Jersey City, N. J.—298 Jackson Avenue. To be supplied.  
 Camden, N. J.—2006 Federal Street. To be supplied.

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

G. O. Billig,  
 M. L. Musselman,  
 H. L. Shelly,  
 Allen M. Gehman,  
 Clarence S. Renn,  
 H. N. Rishel,

H. V. Smith,  
 G. K. Himmelreich,  
 R. R. Fox,  
 C. D. Bean,  
 Moses Snyder,  
 W. D. Evert,  
 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., and one Camp Meeting was held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., as follows:

## Bethlehem District

Bethlehem Division—July 2 to 10—263 tents.  
 Allentown Division—August 20 to 28—284 tents.

## Shamokin District

Shamokin Division—July 23 to 31—161 tents.



**Receipts****Bethlehem District**

Bethlehem Division .....	\$4,287 52	
Allentown Division .....	5,902 12	\$ 10,189 64

**Shamokin District**

Shamokin Division .....	2,212 62	
Grand Total .....		\$ 12,402 26

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 replenished the electric light and camp equipment and cooking utensils. We also secured some new blankets and bedding.

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

**Expenditures**

Water trough and stakes.....	\$120 35	
Fares, telephone and hauling for paraffining and shipping tabernacles .....	41 69	
Labor in camp grove.....	17 00	
Cooking utensils .....	37 54	
Numbering machine and tags.....	17 85	
Lamp replacements and wire.....	54 45	
Toweling .....	13 60	
Mattress covers .....	10 71	
Labor, laundry, etc.....	69 49	
Blankets and bedding.....	41 25	\$423 93

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 86	
Received from the various Sunday Schools.....	172 00	
Received from Year Books.....	457 50	\$886 36

**Expenditures**

Donation to Conference Secretary.....	\$ 35 00	
Printing Sunday School supplies, etc.....	270 75	
Annual Conference Supplies.....	7 12	
Printing 1000 Year Books for 1926.....	575 00	
Postage on Year Books.....	4 62	
Fares to Bethlehem, meals.....	11 46	
Telephone .....	1 95	
Half Tone, Allentown Church.....	8 99	\$914 89

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 \$560.66 at last Annual Conference and during the year, and have paid out the sum of \$15 during the year.

**Report of the Treasurer****Receipts**

October 13, 1926, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 5,406 19	
Received during the year.....	560 66	\$ 5,966 85

**Expenditures**

Expended during the year.....	\$ 15 00	
October 13, 1927, Balance in Treasury.....	5,951 85	\$ 5,966 85

B. Bryan Musselman, Treasurer.

W. G. Gehman, President.

F. M. Hottel, Secretary.

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

October 11, 1926, Members enrolled.....	437
Members received during year.....	16
Members died during year.....	1
Members withdrawing during year.....	7
October 10, 1927, Members enrolled.....	445

**Financial****Receipts**

Contributions .....	\$ 1,042 50	
Interest .....	609 83	\$ 1,652 33

**Expenditures**

Donations .....	\$ 40 00	
Sundry Expenses .....	4 14	\$ 44 14



**Report of the Treasurer****Receipts**

October 11, 1926, Balance in Treasury.....\$ 5,097 29  
 Received during year..... 1,652 33   \$ 6,749 62

**Expenditures**

Expended during year.....\$ 44 14  
 October 10, 1927, Balance in Treasury..... 6,705 48   \$ 6,749 62

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 1927****(a) Applicants on the Discipline**

H. W. Hartman, 96  
 E. B. Hartman, 99  
 E. George, 93

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

**(b) Probationers on the Reading Course**

	Romans	Fletcher's Appeal	Jesus is Coming	Church History	Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation	Knowing the Scriptures	Nelson on Infidelity	Average
Third Year's Course								
Paul E. Baer.....	88	66	78	78	88	78	73	79
J. B. Henry.....	84	63	84	78	86	77	80	79

Paul E. Baer and J. B. Henry having successfully passed the three years' course of study, we therefore recommend them to the Committee on Ordination.

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

## XI.—Executive Board

### TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Board made final settlement with John F. Saeger for the additional twenty or more acres of woodland purchased to Mizpah Grove. We now own more than thirty acres in the Fourteenth Ward in the City of Allentown. The under-brush in part of this new addition has been cleared away. The Highway Department of the City of Allentown has kindly opened Ellsworth Street from Walnut to Fairview, thus giving an additional entrance to the Grove, and also additional parking space for automobiles. Some grading and filling has been done, but much remains to be done.

The Board met at the following places:

At Emaus, and gave advice as to the location of the proposed new church building.

At Easton, and viewed different properties considered for a parsonage and encouraged the congregation to purchase the property located at the corner of Ferry and Cherry Streets.

At Harrisburg, and encouraged the Gospel Herald Society to purchase the property they are occupying at 612 and 614 Broad Street.

Near Paxinos, and viewed a grove under consideration to be purchased for camp meeting purposes, but no definite action was taken.

The Reading congregation was encouraged to purchase the property next to the church building, 715 North Tenth Street.

#### Financial

##### Receipts

Pledges paid during the year.....	\$	345	00
Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention.....		479	00
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting Lumber Rent..	\$	222	40
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting Balance.....		1,239	91
Allentown Division Camp Meeting Lumber Rent..		238	89
Allentown Division Camp Meeting Balance.....		2,223	95
Telephone Tolls .....		12	05
			3,937 20
Interest .....	\$	100	00
From sale of Zionsville Parsonage.....		200	00
From Home Mission Fund.....		200	61
			500 61
From sale of Hymn Books.....			497 00
Total Receipts .....	\$	5,758	81

##### Expenditures

Balance on property.....	\$	9,000	00
Labor, clearing and grading grove.....	\$	450	09
Plumbing .....		101	67
Crushed stone .....		139	27
Electric current .....		201	36
Board Meetings .....		97	30
Insurance .....		90	59
Telephone .....		80	05
Repairs and new supplies in Mizpah Grove.....		507	29
New chairs and canvas.....		254	68
Camp Meeting Equipage Committee's bill.....		423	93
			2,346 23
Binding hymnals and postage.....			61 32
Total Expenditures .....	\$	11,407	55



The loans of the Board amount to \$17,700.00. The balance in Treasury is \$5,071.23, making an actual debt of \$12,628.77.

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

Board.

## XII.—The Home

### THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HOME

The Board held three regular meetings during the year to transact the routine business.

F. L. Musselman, the manager, desires to have the work of the Home and Farm carried forward in a successful manner. Timothy Gehman, the farmer, and Ernest Bean are working most acceptably on the farm. Mrs. Kate Fearheller, the matron, and Mrs. F. L. Musselman, the manager's wife, are taking care of the inmates in an acceptable manner.

The inmates, as well as the help on the farm, have been kept in real good health during the year. Mary Ann Young, who had been an inmate for several years, died in the Sacred Heart Hospital, at Allentown, December 18, 1926—age, eighty-one years. Funeral services were held in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church at Coopersburg, in charge of Pastor F. B. Hertzog. She was buried in the Hellertown Union Cemetery.

Brother O. S. Hillegass and Sister Hillegass entered the Home just before the Annual Conference. Brother Hillegass preached the Gospel in our Conference from 1889 until 1925 when he felt that his physical condition would not permit him to continue any longer in the active ministry.

On account of the scarcity of help on the farm, it was thought best to sell all the milk cows at a public sale, which was held on April 19, 1927. The cattle brought real good prices. A number of young heifers were bought that are growing well and promise to make good cows. The crops are doing very well. The potato crop promises to be exceptionally large.

Donations have been received during the year, as follows:

Wm. Seem—Twenty-five (25) dollars.

H. M. Hottel—Fifteen fruit trees.

Ed. Fehnel—One basket pears.

Joel Rothrock—Two ducks and 1½ days' labor.

#### Financial

#### (A) FARM ACCOUNT

##### (a) Receipts

Cattle .....	\$ 4,217 03
Eggs .....	43 72
House Rent .....	150 00
Labor .....	8 65
Milk .....	3,066 48
Potatoes .....	106 73
Refund .....	73 58

Swine .....	835 22	
Truck .....	132 09	
Wheat .....	812 84	
Sheep .....	39 06	
Donations .....	12 50	
Feed .....	7 50	
Poultry .....	18 77	\$ 9,524 17

N.B.—Products from the farm were also used at the Home and by the farm family amounting to \$580.00.

## (b) Expenditures

Advertising, periodicals and postage.....\$	26 06	
Auto maintenance .....	445 70	
Building (new) .....	59 80	
Building, repairs and improvements.....	342 69	
Carfare, toll and telephone.....	168 44	
Cattle, sale expense.....	517 61	
Dairy supplies .....	85 55	
Electric current .....	80 14	
Express and freight.....	3 51	
Feed and veterinary services.....	2,587 12	
Fertilizers .....	199 04	
Fuel gas .....	22 45	
Hardware .....	28 37	
Hogs and pigs.....	30 00	
Horse shoeing .....	36 40	
Implements .....	312 10	
Lime, sand and cement.....	24 85	
Labor .....	2,447 23	
Livestock .....	1,383 00	
Loan .....	500 00	
Oils and paints.....	282 34	
Poultry .....	121 54	
Printing .....	14 00	
Registrations and transfers.....	17 00	
Repairs .....	433 73	
Seeds and plants.....	261 35	
Spraying material .....	90 03	
Straw .....	61 28	
Taxes .....	171 22	\$ 10,752 50

## (B) HOME ACCOUNT

## (a) Receipts

From the Fund for the Poor.....\$	465 29	
Interest on various notes.....	177 35	\$ 642 64

## (b) Expenditures

Interest, Geho Legacy.....\$	27 00	
Coal .....	5 91	
Electric current .....	71 98	
Fuel gas .....	19 90	
Furnishings .....	51 25	
Inmates .....	197 11	
Labor and wages.....	298 00	
Periodicals .....	5 93	
Provisions .....	594 62	
Repairs .....	14 60	\$ 1,286 30



## STOCK ACCOUNT

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

## (A) FARM

Farm, including land at The Home.....	\$ 18,000 00	
Tenant's home .....	4,000 00	
Implements .....	3,500 00	

## Live Stock:

Holstein Friesian Cattle.....	\$ 3,845 00	
Horses .....	660 00	
Swine .....	960 00	5,465 00

## Produce:

Potatoes .....	\$ 2,250 00	
Ensilage .....	360 00	
Hay .....	750 00	
Straw .....	250 00	
Feed .....	155 11	
Wheat .....	256 25	
Oats .....	165 00	
Corn .....	750 00	
Truck .....	25 00	4,961 36

## Miscellaneous:

Coal .....	\$ 1 65	
Firewood .....	15 00	
Crates, etc. ....	60 55	
Fence posts .....	5 00	
Oil .....	24 00	
Shelter shed .....	62 50	
Furniture .....	175 00	
Disinfectants .....	12 90	356 60

## Securities:

Money outstanding .....	\$ 966 68	
Loans and Bonds.....	2,683 37	
Cash on hand.....	160 51	3,810 56

Total .....\$ 40,093 52

## (B) HOME

Home .....\$ 12,000 00

## Miscellaneous:

Furniture .....	\$ 400 00	
Canned goods .....	109 40	
Provisions .....	95 39	
Smoked meats .....	53 20	
Coal .....	4 00	
Soap .....	8 98	
Poultry .....	105 00	
Office equipment .....	200 00	975 97

Total .....\$ 12,975 97

## SUMMARY OF TOTALS

Farm, Tenant House, Stock and Equipment.....	\$ 40,093 52
Home, Provisions and Furniture.....	12,975 97

Grand Total .....\$ 53,069 49

## STATEMENT

## Resources

Properties .....	\$ 34,000 00	
Live stock .....	5,465 00	
Implements .....	3,500 00	
Produce .....	4,961 36	
Miscellaneous .....	1,332 57	
Outstanding bills .....	966 68	
Securities .....	2,683 37	
Cash on hand.....	160 51	\$ 53,069 49

## Liabilities

Contributions to date.....	\$ 26,560 98	
Donations to date.....	2,201 21	
Surplus .....	24,307 30	\$ 53,069 49

## FORMS OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE

## BEQUEST

I give and bequeath unto H. B. Musselman, E. N. Cassel, W. G. Gehman, B. Bryan Musselman, J. G. Shireman, C. H. Brunner, F. M. Hottel, G. F. Yost, Allen M. Gehman, A. A. Wismer, H. G. Brunner and H. M. Hottel, Board of Trustees of "The Home" of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, Pennsylvania Conference, located at Centre Valley, Pa., and their successors in office the sum of ..... payable one year after my decease.

## DEVISE

I give and devise unto H. B. Musselman, E. N. Cassel, W. G. Gehman, B. Bryan Musselman, J. G. Shireman, C. H. Brunner, F. M. Hottel, G. F. Yost, Allen M. Gehman, A. A. Wismer, H. G. Brunner and H. M. Hottel, Board of Trustees of "The Home" of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, Pennsylvania Conference, located at Centre Valley, Pa., and their successors in office the following described real property together with the appurtenances, in fee simple, viz: (Describe nature, situation and contents of property), possession to be given one year after my decease.

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,
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B. Bryan Musselman,	H. M. Hottel,
	Board.



### XIII.—Foreign Missions

#### THE FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE MENNONITE BRETHREN IN CHRIST OF PENNSYLVANIA

##### The Work at Home

The work at home is the basis and foundation of the work abroad, as Jerusalem and Antioch were the strongholds and centers of operations for the spread of the Gospel among the Jews and Gentiles respectively. Only a Spirit-filled Church or society can bring forth and sustain a spiritual, sound, living, established work on the mission field.

One more year has passed into history. We realize that the coming of our Lord, the Lord of the Harvest, must be at hand, even at our doors. We have preached it, looked for it all this past year and have exhorted our people to prepare themselves and keep themselves ready for that all-important event, and we shall continue to do so till He comes.

The Lord has again greatly blessed our home churches during the year, sending us "showers of blessings" and "fruitful seasons," saving many souls, healing the sick, sanctifying and cleansing the believers and establishing them in "the present truth." The ranks of the ministry remain unbroken. Our faithful, devoted leaders have been wonderfully spared, preserved and used by the Lord.

Our Camp Meetings have been seasons of great blessing and spiritual help. The attendance at all of them was larger than ever. The preaching was clear-cut, Scriptural and fruitful. A great many responded to the altar calls. Some were saved and others reclaimed; some were healed and others consecrated their lives definitely to the Lord.

We again held two Camp Meetings in our beautiful thirty-acre Camp Grove in the Fourteenth Ward of the city of Allentown, Pa., known as "Mizpah Grove." These comprised the Bethlehem and the Allentown Divisions with 263 and 283 tents respectively. At the first one we had with us Rev. G. P. Rand and Rev. T. MacDonald, representing the European Christian Mission, also the Tuskegee Institute Quartette. At the last one we had Rev. W. N. Ruhl, of the Kansu-Tibetan Mission, and the Gospel Quintette, all of whom are representatives of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

The Shamokin District Camp Meeting had 161 tents. Rev. Wm. Backenstoe, M.D., and wife, missionaries on furlough from Africa under the Free Methodist Church, were with us here.

This issue of "Regions Beyond," as in former years is largely made up of reports directly from the field, giving first hand information from the pens of the the workers. It is a record of "what God hath done" during the Conference year ending October 1, 1927. Of course it is only a partial, meager record of the blessings of God as all will not be known in this life.

The report could have been made much longer as much interesting matter has been laid aside for fear the report would become too bulky. Perhaps it should have been condensed more but points that are not interesting to some might be very interesting to others. We trust, however, that this little pamphlet will by the blessing of God be made a source of encouragement to some discouraged one and a stimulus to many to help the more faithfully push the work of the Lord ahead, press the battle to the gates and stand by those who dare to venture



out into the dark places of the earth, brave the perils and labors of the "habitations of cruelty" and endeavor to snatch as brands from the burning as many as possible before Jesus comes. Rewards for faithfulness will be sure and worth while.

Who knows where, when and by whom the last member of the Body of Christ will be brought out, from what dark, remote corner, language or tribe, to make symmetrically complete the mysterious body of Christ our Lord, making ready for His coming?

Statisticians tell us that the Protestant churches of America contribute annually, on an average, one dollar per member for Foreign Missions. Our accounts show that the receipts for Foreign Missions in the Pennsylvania Conference for 1926 were \$6.44 per member and for Home Missions \$5.18, or \$11.62 for missions alone, while for all religious purposes they were \$64.72 per member.

These figures seem to be high but the records are here to prove them. This would, however, have been impossible had it not been for the great interest all our people are taking from our Presiding Elders, Pastors and officers down to the last member. May the Lord bless this noble band of devoted, sacrificing, consecrated givers whom He has given us and abundantly reward and repay them for their loyalty to the Lord and His service.

Let us continue the good work. Let us pray more for our missionaries that the Lord should keep them faithful, true to the Standard, free from modernism and worldly tangles into which so many are falling during these perilous days. Pray for their physical health as years are being added to their lives and the strenuous pressure of toil and the dreadful temptations of the enemy may increase in number and force.

These are days when there is much questioning as to soundness of doctrine, many ministers at home and missionaries on the field having turned their ears to fables, denying even the Lord who bought them! Because of this some have withdrawn their support from their former channels and for good reasons. We, as a Church, as a Conference, as a Foreign Mission Board and as individuals, together with all our missionaries still, and trust ever shall, hold to the inspiration of the Scriptures, the Virgin Birth of our Lord, separation from the world, looking for the coming of our Lord and Saviour from heaven.

Our many friends who are contributors to this cause can feel assured that their money will not be used for the support of any missionaries who stand for modernism, higher criticism, social service or such like.

We desire to thank all those who have so nobly stood by us in this work in the past and trust that our fellowship in interest, in prayer as well as in financial support of the great work will continue. Pray for the missionaries, for their converts, their churches who often have to go through great trials, temptations, persecutions and sometimes death for Jesus' sake as this report again shows.

On account of the revolutionary troubles in China all the missionaries have been ordered either to the coast or out of the country for the present for their safety's sake by the American and European governments. Brother and Sister Feldges specially request the prayers of God's people for physical healing and strength for themselves and their daughter Grace. Brother and Sister Snyder also ask special prayers for Sister Snyder's physical condition. All these are now in California, engaged in the Lord's service as opportunities present themselves. Let us remember all of these.

At the end of this report you will find a directory of the Board of Foreign Missions and also of all the missionaries whom we support.



The financial statement will show what a very small percentage has been used for home expenses.

Contributions may be sent to the Secretary or any member of the Board whose addresses you find at the head of the Directory or to any of the Pastors of the Conference whom you may know personally. Persons desiring copies of "Regions Beyond" will also please apply to the above.



## PALESTINE

Missionary—Miss Mary A. Butterfield

Rev. E. O. Jago has kindly requested our Board to discontinue his support as one of our missionaries as his stay in the homeland was indefinite.

Miss Butterfield wrote early in the year:

Many thanks for the Annual Reports received a day or two ago. They are fine, as they always are.

We are now having our Annual Conference in Jerusalem. Twenty-three missionaries are present. What a difference from the old days when so few of us were here! And best of all, nine of them are men! Praise God! They are all earnest and faithful. Our Chairman, Mr. Allen, is God's man for the place and is being used of God in a very blessed way among us. My heart rejoices as I look around the circle that sits in the Mission House Reception Room these days of Conference. There isn't a "slacker" among them.



Palestine

"Hauling" wheat to the threshing floor at Dahareyek (Kirjath-Sepher) back of our mission premises.

One of the issues for consideration is how and when we may make our advance into Arabia. All the young men and women of the Mission seem to want to go there as soon as the way is open.

Our field today extends from a little south of Ramallah on the north to the tip of Sinai Peninsula on the south, or as far in that direction as there are inhabitants to whom to preach the Gospel, and on the east side of Jordan, except for a strip of territory some seventy miles in length occupied by the Church Missionary Society, we have a territory which extends from the southern limits of Damascus on the north to Aden on the south and as far eastward as the Arabian Peninsula is wide. All this we are far from possessing for we are not actually in it. We long that we may soon occupy this territory for the glory of the Lord, that many souls be reached before Jesus comes.



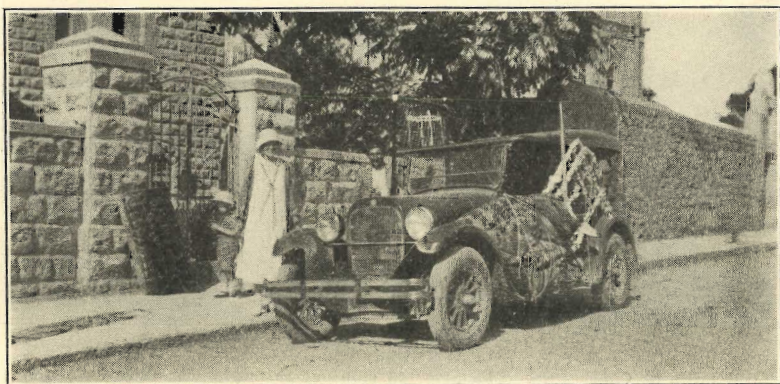
How faithful the Lord has been! Shall we be less faithful to Him? Our call as a society is to the "regions beyond" and that to us means *Arabia*. Since last year a new station, Ma'an, not far from the border of that great peninsula, has been opened. Trips into Arabia, to El Jouf have been made in order to find the best way of advance. On these trips many opportunities for witnessing unto Him have been given. We now plan to advance much farther. There is no doubt but that the Lord has put this urge in us and we intend soon to advance toward the sacred cities of Mecca and Medina.

#### A Visit to Beirut

In her next letter Miss Butterfield says

Dear Brethren in Christ:

Your missionary in Palestine has thought of you often and has planned many times to write, but it has not been possible to control the interruptions that hinder plans from being carried out.



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Miss Graves starting out for her station in Madaba.

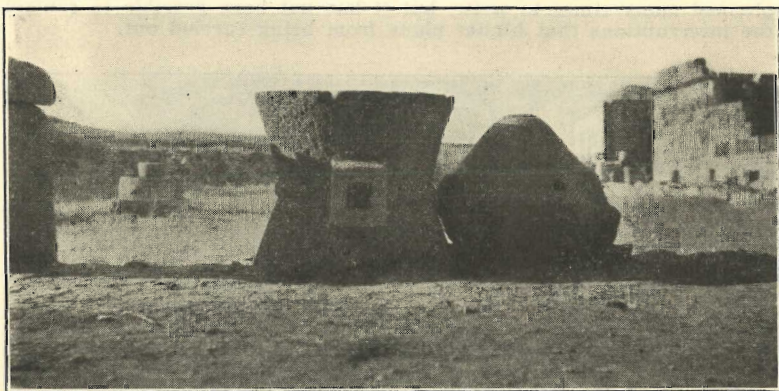
I am sure you will be interested in a trip some of us took to Beirut recently, as delegates to the United Missionary Conference held there. We left Jerusalem at 8:30 A.M. and arrived in Beirut about 7:30 P.M. Our journey lay through the Judean hills as far as Jenin (El Gannim) and thence across the Plain of Megiddo to Haifa where we had our lunch. From there we rode on the seashore to Acca (Acre). The tide was not high so we did not have to ride through the water, as is necessary sometimes. From Acre to Tyre, we had the Sea on our left and the Galilean hills on the right. Near Tyre, we climbed up the steep promontory which forms the border, at that point between Syria and Palestine.

Here we had our passports examined by British officials and a little further on we had to show them to the French officials. From this on, we had the Lebanon Mountains on the right and occasionally we rode over or around some of the lower ones which stand in the way, though much of the road was comparatively level. The Lebanons are all that David and Solomon claim for them in the Psalms and in Canticles. They remind one of sections of our woodland in the homeland and are very different from what we have in Palestine.

Just about sunset we passed through Sidon and in little more than an hour we were in Beirut.

We had barely time to find our places of entertainment before hurrying off to the evening devotional meeting. The leader of the meeting gave a message on the necessity of prayer and then gave the rest of the time to prayer. In the quiet season of worship that followed we felt the presence of the Lord in our midst, giving us the assurance that He was there to help us in the Conference. We were a group of more than forty missionaries, representing sixteen missionary societies of different nationalities, with different viewpoints as to dogma and doctrine, but we had a common aim—the spread of the gospel of Christ.

All through the sessions, whether in devotional meeting or in discussion of missionary problems, we felt the controlling power of the Holy Spirit. A paper on "The Aim of Evangelism," by one of the



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Old mills at Capernaum. The inverted stone at the right was fitted into the mug-shaped vessel and the flour came out at the opening in front.

ladies of the British Syrian Mission, was greatly blessed to all of our hearts as Christ's call to service and His promise of power from on high was emphasized. Later, a missionary from the Friends' Mission in Brumanna, in the midst of a business session, urged the necessity of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit upon those who would be soul-winners. The holy hush that pervaded the room as he spoke was an evidence that the Master was standing in our midst saying, "Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost."

One of the marked results of the Conference was the striking out of the word "foreign" in the clause of our Constitution which confined membership in the Conference to only foreign missionaries. Henceforth, there may be a native representation, as well. The whole Conference was an inspiration to more earnest prayer, to a greater love for souls and to more aggressive evangelism among the people of Syria, Palestine and Arabia.

At last, the time came for the Conference to break up. We bade farewell to our kind hosts and hostesses by whom we had been so well cared for and started on our long journey home, taking into our car two Missionaries from the Church Missionary Society. We had several punctures on the way and Mr. Allen and Mr. Shaw had to work hard to get them fixed up. The delay caused us to be later than we had



expected to be and our journey through the Judean hill-country was taken after dark.

At Nazareth, we learned that some of the missionaries who had traveled home the day before had been robbed in "The Valley of the Robbers," near Ram Allah. With our hearts stayed on Jehovah, claiming the promises in the 91st Psalm, we traveled all the way in safety, seeing no one on the way except a few policemen who had been sent out on patrol because of the robbery the night before. On our arrival in Jerusalem, we learned that the Bishop of the Anglican Church had been beaten and robbed, that a chauffeur in the car behind him had been shot so that he died and an American lady had been shot through the neck and shoulders. It was a most serious time for them and the Bishop's wife gave this testimony, "The experience made the 91st Psalm very real to me." Oh, what a refuge we have!



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A water hole in the Arabian desert. These holes are about one hundred miles apart. The water gathers in them from some underground source.

At this writing, we have two missionaries out in Arabia, making a special tour among some Arabs in several distant towns. The last report from them indicates that they are being treated very kindly while preaching the simple gospel, passing out tracts, etc. Pray for them that this Psalm may be real to them and also to souls who never knew its value before.

I am using every spare moment trying to get a working knowledge of the Hebrew language.

I often think of the dear praying friends at home and more than once I have been conscious that some were praying very specially for us here. May God bless each one of you and give you all abundant joy throughout the year.

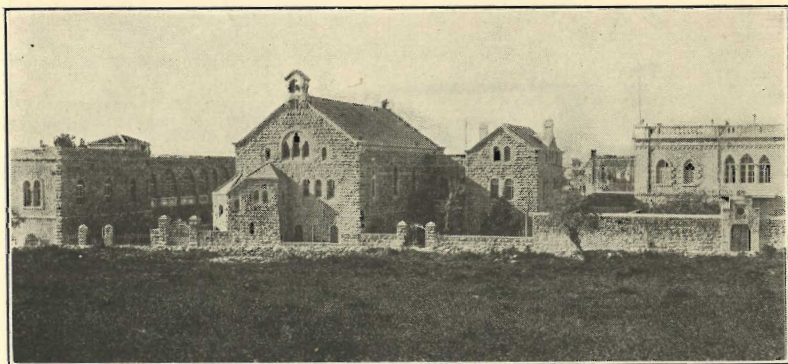
#### The Great Earthquake

The August report from Palestine includes the following interesting items:

July has brought to us the greatest variety of incidents ever experienced by our Mission in a single month, some of them pleasant and

some very sad. Listed in the order of time, the outstanding events are as follows: A birth, a great earthquake, a death, a baptism and a wedding.

The earthquake happened on the 11th. A summary of sensations experienced in the Jerusalem Mission House runs as follows: a shaking of the house which seemed to be only the noise of the children romping up stairs; next, a loud bang like the slamming of a door, followed by a terrorizing boom which one supposed to be the sound of a dynamite explosion somewhere near, lastly, a rocking house with rattling windows and stones grating in the walls with hideous suggestions of an immediate collapse while light furniture bounced about in some of the rooms. In less time than it can be described, it was all over. Thank God we were all safe and the house was unharmed except for some cracked plaster in places. But the church auditorium was damaged some at the junction of the roof and the end walls which



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Christian and Missionary Alliance American Church in Jerusalem. Mission house wing to the right. Building to the right is the German Consulate. To the left is "Bikar Kholim" Jewish Hospital. Another story is to be added to this hospital. All this is outside of the city wall. The foreground—commons of which the title is in dispute.

will have to be anchored. A room in the residence on the Jewish property will have to be repaired, also. So far as we have heard, only one life was lost in Jerusalem but quite a number were wounded and many houses rendered uninhabitable. The Hebrew University on Mount Scopus is wrecked and the Kaiser's palace on the Mount of Olives is in a very bad condition while some small villages in the vicinity are almost wholly ruined.

In some places in Palestine, especially Nablus (ancient Shechem), the destruction has been pitiful. Houses have collapsed and buried whole families and the relief corps are still finding dead bodies among the debris. Hundreds are homeless and many are wounded. Among the places suffering greatly are Lydda, Bethlehem, Hebron, Jerico and many small villages. Trans Jordania has also its death toll, especially in Es Salt where nearly one hundred were killed and every house has been damaged badly. Our rented missionary residence in Madaba is not safe for habitation and Miss Graves is sleeping elsewhere. It is to be hoped that the new bungalow may soon be completed there. There have been several slight shocks since, with little damage, but



people feel worried. We are being kept in peace, notwithstanding the fact that physical nerves are conscious of every tremor caused by passing vehicles. A blessed aftermath of the disaster is an unprecedented tenderness of Moslem hearts towards the gospel message. Our itinerating missionaries report great concern on the part of many who ask serious questions about the way of salvation. Hundreds have been seen on their faces, in the fields near Nablus, praying earnestly. Moslem leaders ordered all their people to spend three days in fasting and prayer. It is indeed a call to prayer and service.

About ten days ago our Mission passed through a great sorrow through the death of one of our missionaries—Mr. Marshall Rackett. He had not been well for about two months and was unable to get



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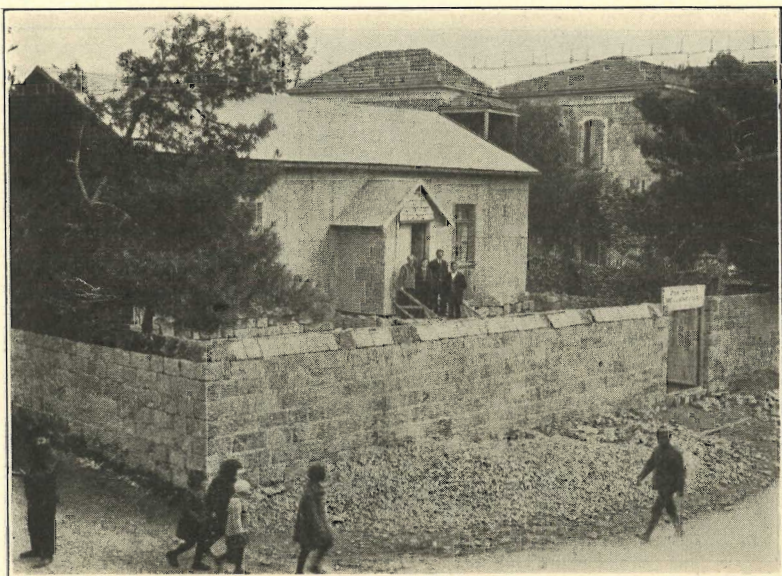
Young Men's Bible Training School in Ain Karim, four miles west of Jerusalem.  
Five of these are in colportage work in various parts of Palestine  
and Trans-Jordania.

deliverance, though much prayer was offered for him. Finally, of his own accord, he went to Kerak and a few days later his body was laid away in the little cemetery there. The burial service was conducted by Mr. Shaw, assisted by Mr. Ward and their Arabic friends in the town. The next day, Mr. Allen, our Chairman, and other missionaries, who had arrived too late for the funeral, were present at another service attended by about three hundred people of Kerak. It was an opportunity to preach the gospel, of which Mr. Allen took advantage as they stood around the grave. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out for the relatives and friends who are thus bereaved of their loved one. May the Comforter be very real to each one.

Meanwhile, in Jerusalem a young Jew was baptized in the American Church. As all our ordained missionaries were in Kerak at the time, Mrs. Allen secured the kind consent of Rev. F. S. Cragg of the Church



Missionary Society, to baptize the young man. The service was conducted in German and the hymns were sung in English, German and Hebrew, at the same time, with no confusion. The young man gave a ringing testimony of the saving power of Jesus Christ before an audience of sixty people, twenty of whom were Jews. At the next Saturday evening gospel meeting a crowd of Jews gathered for the purpose of taunting the young man for becoming a Christian. He smilingly answered all of their questions, reading to them from the Scriptures as he talked. It was a good opportunity for the workers to speak with them about the gospel, and despite their evident displeasure, tears came to the eyes of some of them as they were told of the love of



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"House of Seekers after Truth," our Jewish Reading Room in Jerusalem.

Christ for their souls. Pray for them and also for the young man who no doubt has some trying days ahead of him.

Again Miss Butterfield writes:

I am having such joy in the study of Hebrew, now, only my time for it is limited. It seems so good to be able to read a little in the Bible in Hebrew. I have had several long walks with the Jews of the Hebrew Night School which I am attending and we all chatter in Hebrew on the way, though, as yet, very brokenly. But I am learning something more than Hebrew as I walk with them. I am learning to know the Jews in a way I never did before, and they are learning to know more about true Christianity, as I seek to show them the love of Christ by my life. Many of them come from lands where they were persecuted by so-called Christians, and it is hard for them to believe there is any love in Christianity. So my first duty is to preach love by my life and then, as God leads, I can do so with my lips. Pray for them.



Never before in the history of the Mission have we seen such softening of hearts towards the gospel among Moslems as we have since the earthquake. Nearly every day some one comes and says he wants to learn about Christianity. Crowds in the villages quietly listen to the missionaries who go to them. God has spoken and some have heard, and we trust they will heed His voice.

We are having unprecedented opportunities to reach souls. Pray for their salvation.

Hundreds of Jews are out of work. It was pathetic the other day to see about 400 of them quietly walking on the streets between offices of the Zionists, asking for work. It was really a strike for more money than they have been receiving. The Jews are hiring Arabs to build for them as their labor is cheaper and the Jewish laborers were protesting.

One longs to see them seeking help from their Saviour. Pray for them. Greetings to all the flock. Yours in service.

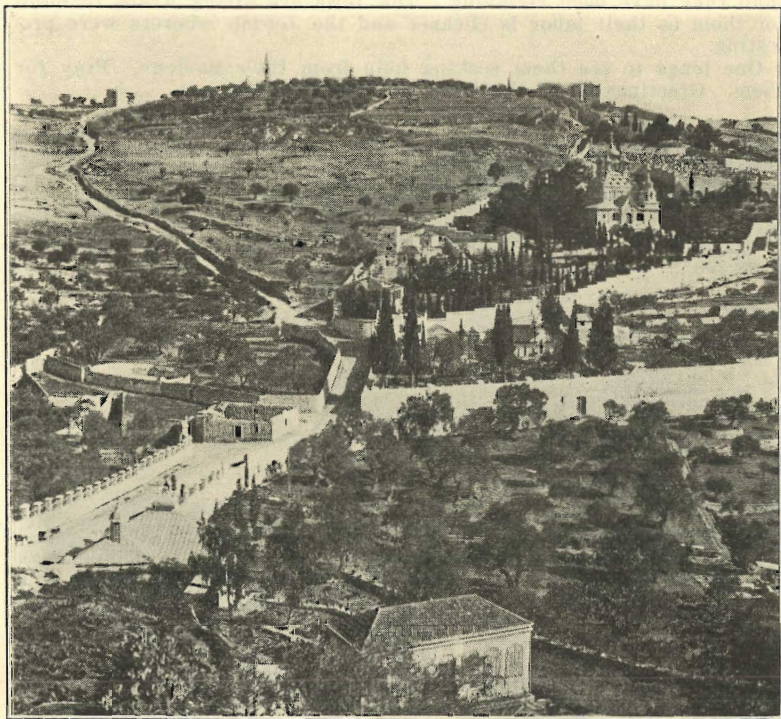


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Rachel's Tomb. Near Bethlehem (Gen. 36:19, 20).

**Latest Report from the Palestine and Arabian Mission**

MISS MARY A. BUTTERFIELD

Since our last report, we have advanced one more step towards Arabia. A new station has been opened in Ma'an, a town on the Hedjaz Railway, in Trans Jordania, about one hundred miles south of Kerak, and approximately the same distance from the border of Arabia. The whole district of Ma'an was formerly part of Arabia but when the border was moved two hundred miles further south it rendered the forbidden territory accessible to foreigners. We could not go into Arabia so Arabia came to us!



Palestine

Mt. Olivet. Photo taken from near the eastern wall of Jerusalem.

Keep on praying that the whole land of Arabia shall be as open as Trans Jordania is now. Only a few years ago, it was risking one's life to go far across the Jordan river. "But prayer was made" and now we can go anywhere we wish within the boundaries of Trans Jordania and, as a rule, we receive a kindly welcome in the villages and Bedouin encampments. As soon as the people learn to know us and lose their fear of any political motives of which they had suspected us, they become very friendly and kind to us. They are interested in our Girls' Day School in Madaba and urge us to open similar schools in other places, for girls and for boys.



Young Moslems, as well as Oriental Christians, attend the Bible Classes and ask intelligent questions about Christ and His way of salvation. The missionaries visit the homes in Madaba and also go out into Bedouin encampments in that vicinity. They are given a respectful hearing as they tell the gospel story.

In Kerak, "Kir of Moab," a little group of true believers is being gathered out and some of them are expressing a desire to organize a church in the near future. A Girls' Class meets to sew and to study the Scriptures. Mr. Shaw and his evangelist made an extensive itinerating tour of the villages of Kerak District. So far as we know it is the first tour of the kind made among those villages. Remarkable interest was manifested in some places; and in others, there was great animosity and hatred with threats to kill the messengers of the Word.



Palestine  
Women and children gleaning in Palestine (Ruth 2:19).

However, deep impressions were made on some hearts who expressed willingness to receive Christ as their Saviour.

One old Sheik especially, was convicted of his need of cleansing from sin and asked questions with apparent anxiety, as to how he could be cleansed. Needless to say, he was told the precious story of Christ's death for the sin of the whole world. Pray for him. It's the first time he has heard it and very difficult for him to understand, with a whole life-time of superstition behind him.

You will recall that three trips were made into Arabia last year by Mr. Turnbull; on two of which he was accompanied by Messrs. Breaden and Ward, and on all of them, by a young student-evangelist. This year, another trip was made by Mr. Breaden and Mr. Brooks, accompanied by the same evangelist. They journeyed out from Ma'an station in a hired automobile, several days' ride into the desert, having great difficulty in ploughing a path through the trackless land, weaving



their way in and out among large sand-dunes which rove about at the pleasure of heavy winds.

When they were twenty miles from Teima, their car broke down and they had to walk to the city which lies in an oasis of palm-groves. They were given a kindly welcome by the Prince or "Emir" of the District and invited to remain there until the necessary parts could be sent out from Jerusalem for the automobile. Thus, their visit was lengthened to twenty-six days. A guest-room was furnished them and one of the Prince's servants was appointed to minister to their needs. They frequently visited the Prince in his court and answered his many questions about Christianity, telling the straight gospel story as they conversed with him. They left a Bible with him but he returned it later, whereupon they gave it to one of his servants.

During this visit, their chauffeur was taken with a violent illness. For about a fortnight his life was in the balance and but for their prayers and constant care, night and day, he would have died. The Arabs who noticed their kindly attentions to this ill man, expressed their astonishment, saying they had never seen Christianity in this fashion before. The chauffeur, himself a Moslem, was greatly moved by their kindness, and seemed to be another man afterwards. All along their journey, going and returning, they were ministering to people—washing sore eyes, praying for sick ones, preaching the gospel, leaving tracts and Scriptures with any who could read. It is a call for thanksgiving and prayer.

Teima is a Wahabite city. I think you know that the Wahabis are a sect of Mohammedans who are seeking to purify their religion of various corruptions which have crept in among Moslems during the past centuries. Ibn Saud is their present king and, under his rule, they have succeeded in capturing a large part of Arabia, including the sacred cities of Mecca and Medina. They insist on plain and inexpensive clothing. They forbid smoking, drinking, thieving, etc.

Mr. Breaden tells how the automobile, which broke down in the desert, stood there untouched for twenty-six days, though it was a caravan route over which many Arabs pass with their camels. Not a thing was stolen. He lost his Arabian cloak and a few days later it was brought to him by an old sheik who had found it among the desert shrubbery. Mr. Breaden said to him, "Why do you bring this to me? You might have stolen it and I would never have known the difference!" "God forbid," replied the Arab, "When any of us steal anything, our Prince has our hands cut off!" Thereby Mr. Breaden knew why he had seen a number of handless men in the town!

On his return from this long trip, Mr. Breaden told the story of it in our Jerusalem Church. He read Isaiah twenty-one, calling attention to the fourteenth verse, especially: "The inhabitants of the land of Teima brought water to him that was thirsty," etc. On their long walk from the broken-down car, in the hot sun, they had exhausted their supply of drinking water and their throats were dry before they came to Teima. A short distance from the city, they stopped, according to custom, and sent a messenger in to tell the Prince of their arrival, asking permission to enter. When the messenger returned, he was accompanied by servants of the Prince carrying drinking water for them. It was indeed a welcome sight to the thirsty missionaries.

There is an immense well of clear, pure water in Teima. It is fed by an underground spring which flows so copiously that the Arabs stop it up when the water reaches a certain height in the well. As in the days of Isaac, neighboring tribes sometimes make raids to steal wells, and the inhabitants of Teima fear that some tribe near, learning of their abundant water supply, might come to take it away from them. Mr. Breaden came near getting himself into trouble by inno-



cently standing and watching the large number of camels being watered there. The people feared he was there as a spy upon their water supply, and some secretly threatened to kill him. However, as his life was watched in the days that followed, this danger ceased.

One pathetic parable of their lives is that, notwithstanding their abundant supply of good water, the people, including the Prince and his court, get most of their drinking water from dirty pools nearer at hand. What a type of the condition of their souls! Streams of



Palestine

Village women. Two "grinding at the mill" (Matt. 24:4).

living water at their disposal while they are content to drink from the devil's dirty pools of sin and superstition! God pity them! Pray for them and for several million square miles of their dry and thirsty land! Pray for our missionaries, all of whom are longing to have a part in evangelizing Arabia. Not one wants to remain outside the border longer than is absolutely necessary.

Conditions in Syria have made it possible to re-open Dera'a station. One of our Palestinian evangelists went up a few months ago and is now being joined by Mr. Brooks, who will be in charge of the station,



and Mr. and Mrs. Fried, who will continue the study of the Arabic language there. The little churches, established there by Mr. Allen, have had a long time of suffering during the French and Druse war. Pray for them that their suffering may have brought them nearer to God, making them aggressive witnesses for Christ. A large area there is still waiting for the gospel message.

It will take God's patience and grace to cover the field, reaching Druses, Mohammedans and Oriental Christians in the aftermath of the terrible war which is even now being carried on by guerilla warfare in parts of Syria. This section of our field also borders on Arabia. Surely among its men and women God will help us find some to cross the line to carry the news of salvation to those who have never heard it. One of the greatest needs of our whole field is that of Spirit-filled native men and women with a God-given missionary vision.

On the Palestinian side there has been more aggressive evangelism than ever before. Mr. Turnbull, in the Ford provided by The Gospel Tabernacle in New York, covered the field last year, giving lantern slide talks in many of the villages. In this work he was assisted by Mrs. Turnbull, Mr. Allen, Miss Chalmers, Mrs. Clark, Miss David and others. The students of the Bible Training Schools went out to nearby villages, on foot, every week. This year they will do the same. Mr. Irish now has the Palestine District and is actively engaged in village work since he completed his language study. He reports wonderful meetings since the great earthquake.

You will be interested to know about the distribution of our Missionary personnel. We have mentioned several, already. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, who were in Kerak, are now in charge of the Young Men's Bible Training School in Ain Karim; Mr. and Mrs. Ward are taking their place in Kerak, beginning their home life as bride and groom, together with the varied duties of station work. Mr. Ward is also completing his language study. Mr. and Mrs. Breaden, in Ma'an, are being reinforced by Mr. and Mrs. Smalley, as they return from furlough, with a view to active pioneer work in Arabia; Miss Chalmers has charge of the Young Ladies' Bible Training School; Miss Beecroft, Miss Graves and Mr. Clark left on furlough this last summer; Miss Lewis is continuing her language study and will also render such help as is needed in the Jerusalem Church and Sunday School, women's work, etc. Miss Gummoe and Miss Best are the missionaries in Madaba now.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen are in charge of the Jerusalem Station, including Mission House activities which are no small part of the work. Missionaries are coming and going, packing or unpacking; missionary guests, passing through from other lands, are often entertained; tourists interested in mission work call here for information; Moslems interested in Christianity are given a shelter for days at a time. The door-bell and the telephone vie with each other in their insistent calls for attention. Jews, Moslems and Christians, out of work, come here pleading for a job or temporal help; landlords come for rental fees of buildings rented by the Mission; taxgatherers, for taxes, etc., etc., etc.

Mr. Allen, as Chairman and Business Manager of the Mission, as Pastor of the Church and as Missionary in charge of the Station, has no time to call his own. Committee meetings, interviews, telegraphic calls to other stations, Church Board meetings, preparation of Messages, with endless details, interruptions, correspondence, and so on, require grace, patience, wisdom and strength. Only God is sufficient. Pray for him and for his wife. Two of our former Chairmen have broken down physically under this burden, one of whom is now in glory.

My own personal ministry is in the Jewish Department, including the study of the Hebrew language, and also some editorial work in connection with the periodical publication of news from the field.



In general letters sent to "The Gospel Banner" monthly, we have kept you informed about all of our work, generally, including activities in "The Tin Tabernacle" also known as "House of Seekers after Truth." The building is situated in a fairly central locality where thousands of Jews pass by daily. Perhaps its widest ministry consists in signs bearing Scripture texts in Hebrew, painted by Mr. Gabriel and Mr. Wilmer. The signs are changed from time to time as occasion may require. That is, they are kept up to date with various Jewish feasts and holidays and local events. The Passover, Feast of Purim, Day of Atonement, the great earthquake this summer, all had a message both from the Old and New Testaments, which were read by thousands of Jews. Some came into the Reading Room to inquire about them and others, to ridicule and to scold! However, only the



#### Palestine

Christian and Missionary Alliance Missionaries gathered in Jerusalem for Annual Conference, January 6-14, 1927.

rabble seem inclined to act rudely. The majority are kind and courteous and friendly, though disagreeing with us in our teaching.

The workers meet every morning for Bible reading and prayer. Then the doors are opened wide and various ones come in and out during the day, reading the Books and tracts, newspapers, religious magazines, etc., which are there. Some have earnest conversation with the workers and a number have secretly confessed faith in Christ. One was recently baptized and is openly confessing Christ to all he can, regardless of the persecution it brings upon him.

The Saturday meetings are being blessed with a special sense of God's presence. Many Jews have come in and listened quietly to the messages given. They take special delight in singing Hebrew Hymns,



as they are all learning Hebrew. We sometimes have four languages used in one meeting. We might use fifty if we could. There are many languages among the Jews. However, the Hebrew is the one most of them like best, though we still have our services in German, as most of them understand it best.

A special meeting for believing Jews is being held weekly. Tea is served and hymns are sung in different languages. A Bible reading and a time of prayer follows. So far not many have attended. Two have left us, one for his home in Russia, and one for Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. He had been interpreter for the doctor in the London Jews Society Hospital. We have no work to give anyone, so our Jewish believers have to secure employment elsewhere.

Mr. Gabriel and Mr. Wilmer have visited some of the Jewish colonies around Jerusalem, meeting many who are willing to listen to the gospel, as well as some who aggressively seek to hinder their witnessing.

As I write this report, I am sitting in a room near the sea shore in a Jewish colony just outside of Haifa. It is called "Bat Galeam" (daughter of the waves). I am having the desire of my heart to spend my vacation among the Jews, hearing and speaking Hebrew. I have rented a room in a private Jewish home. They are very kind to me. I go bathing in the sea, meeting a number of different ones, each time. I take my meals in a Jewish restaurant and eat nothing I cannot ask for in Hebrew, so it's learn Hebrew or go hungry!

I was in a Jewish hotel in Haifa before coming here. Previous to that I spent three days in one in Tel Aviv. In Haifa, I played hymns on their piano and sang some of them. Had several talks with different ones, telling the whole gospel story to three of them in broken Hebrew, of course, mixed with English!

I left tracts and portions with the members of the landlady's family and gave picture-tracts to the children. They begged me to stay longer and I was loath to leave. I tell these things to show the openness of heart among the younger Jews. On the train from Tel Aviv the entire time was spent in talking about Christ, particularly his second coming. At the request of a man sitting near, I got my Bible out and he read long passages from the prophets and some from the gospels. Others joined in the talk.

The greatest objection I had to meet was the fact that Christians are not Christ-like! Many of them come from Russia and Poland and other European countries where bitter persecution has been carried on against Jews by so-called Christians bearing a Cross before them and holding up the New Testament as their authority for their murderous deeds. Is it any wonder my Hebrew teacher said to me, "I do not like the New Testament for the Christians say it teaches them that they must kill the Jews." It nearly broke my heart and tears flowed as I tried to shew him that this is not true. I asked him if he had seen any of these persecutions in Russia. He shuddered and said, "Yes. That is why I speak as I do." Then he told me a little of the awful scenes he had witnessed as Christians beheaded Jews in the name of Christ!

European Jews have lived in terror of Christians from their childhood. They are astonished when they hear us speak of Christ loving anyone, especially Jews. They simply cannot believe it is possible for Him to *love*! Even in lands where such cruelty is not carried on, they are so despised and hated by those who claim to be Christians that they know nothing of Christ's *love*. Oh! Oh! Oh! What an awful disgrace to Christianity!

On the train the other day, a Jew said to me, "There are no Christians—none that live like Christ lived. I have read about Him and His life was *sacrificial*. He taught his disciples to love. But all the



Christians I have seen are selfish and unkind, thinking only of their own profit. When I read about Him, I thought his followers would love me, but they hate me. There are no Christians—none who live like Christ lived." His young face looked so sad as he said it. I tried to tell him that Christ has many true followers but it seemed hard for him to believe. I could only give him a tract and commit him to God, as he left me at the station.



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Gordon's Calvary. Taken from the animal market place by Herod's Gate.  
This may have been the Sheep Gate.

These young Jews respond to courtesy and kindness. They teach it in their schools. Their school books are full of stories of love and sacrifice on the part of very poor people. I remarked to some one in Tel Aviv: "My host and hostess are so kind." He replied, "Everyone in Tel Aviv is kind." The words rank in my mind as I walked down the street—so like streets in our American cities—and I looked at the faces of those whom I passed. They were *kind-looking*. It was *kindness* born of *suffering*!

No doubt you have kept in touch with general conditions in Palestine through the papers. Immigration has been suspended until times



are better. Many Jews are leaving the country, sad and disheartened. Foreign funds have ceased to flow into the country and resources here are insufficient to pay wages for work done. Teachers have had no salary for six months, yet they have gone ahead patiently and faithfully teaching. Finally, in desperation, some of them agitated for a strike. It lasted only one day and night and then they went back to work on a promise from the Zionist Committee who are at their wits' ends to know what to do! The only really prosperous colonists are those devoting themselves to agriculture and dairy work.

God's plan for Israel will still go on. It is ebb-tide just now, but the flow will return and some grand and glorious day, a great wave will sweep the nation into the arms of their Saviour! "Ye who are the Lord's remembrances, keep not silence and give Him no rest till He establish and till He make Jerusalem a *praise in the earth!*"

### Palestine and the Jews

A Jew brought the Gospel to Rome.

A Roman took it to France.

A Frenchman carried it to Scandinavia.

A Scandinavian brought it to Scotland.

A Scotchman evangelized Ireland and an Irishman in turn made the missionary conquest of Scotland. No people have ever received the Gospel except at the hands of an alien. (Selected.)

### Conditions in Palestine

From the *Jewish Tribune* of November 16th we learn of the economic situation in the Holy Land as follows:

"Economic conditions are now the primary concern in Palestine. The stability of Tel Aviv, notwithstanding the present unemployment, was recognized by the Palestine government in its first loan advanced to a Jewish city in Palestine. The government granted the Tel Aviv municipality a loan of £50,000. It was stated that the loan will be used to inaugurate necessary public works which will partly relieve the unemployment situation.

"Despite the economic depression, Jewish industry in Palestine is in a stronger position than at the beginning of the crisis, according to the Trade and Industry Department of the Zionist Executive, which, in a statement giving the results of the third industrial census, reports that the number of factories in November, 1923, was 279, with 2,331 persons employed and an invested capital of £966,548. By July, 1925, according to the corrected list, the figures had risen to 547 factories, 5,000 employed and £2,000,000 invested capital. In July, 1926, there were 592 factories, 5,711 persons employed and a capital of £1,848,227. If the Palestine Electric Corporation, which did not furnish data this year or last year, be taken into consideration, it is estimated that the respective figures will be brought up to 592 factories, 6,000 employed, and an invested capital of £2,300,000. Although ninety-four industrial undertakings closed down since last year's statement was compiled, it is very likely that a number of these will reopen. In the majority of cases, the invested capital, in the form of machinery, is still and this investment is considerable.

"Emigration of Jews from Poland to Palestine continued in smaller numbers during the month of October, three hundred and three Polish Jews leaving Poland for Palestine during that month."

### Greatest Jewish City in the World

Israel Chipkin has just completed a survey of the Jewish population in New York, a summary of which appears in the *Jewish Tribune* as follows:



"According to this survey, 45 per cent of the Jews of Greater New York now reside in the borough of Brooklyn, where they constitute 43 per cent of the total population of that borough; while in the Bronx, where 22 percent of the Jewish population of Greater New York now resides, their proportion of population is 52 per cent. In the last five years there has been a marked movement of Jewish population out of



Palestine  
Mixing bread in a Palestinian village.

Manhattan, and the Bronx and Brooklyn have been the principal gainers.

"The total Jewish population of Greater New York has increased from 1,500,000 in 1916 to 1,750,000 in 1926, according to this survey. The number of children of school age has increased from 300,000 in 1916 to 350,000 in 1926, and it is about 38 per cent of the total child population of New York.

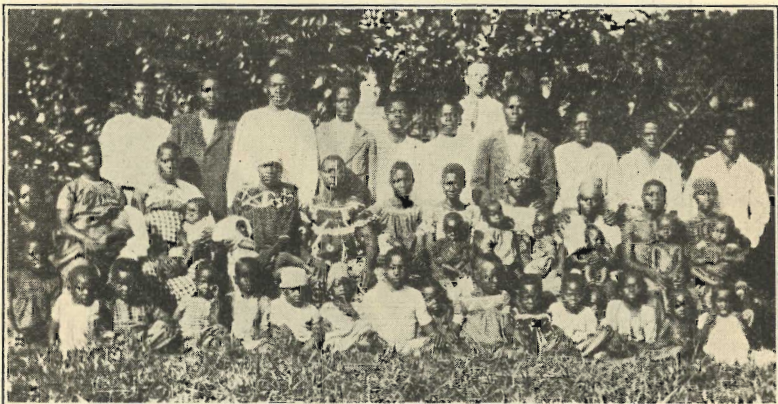
**AFRICA—Belgian Congo**

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

**God's Leadings in the Congo**

H. L. PIERSON

On September 2 to 6 a church seating seven hundred people was dedicated at an out-school, four hours' walk from here. Mr. and Mrs. Hess, of Boma; Miss Smootz, of Yema, and myself were there, besides about 1,500 natives. Four meetings were held daily and each meeting lasted about two hours. This does not include the women's or children's meetings. On Sunday there were seven hundred in the church, while Mrs. Hess had four hundred and sixty children in their meeting and Miss Smootz had two hundred and fifty women with babies in the mothers' meeting. In the church services there were eight speakers each day, six of whom were natives. From the first the Spirit of the Lord was



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Mr. and Mrs. Barter with the men of the Bible School  
and their wives and families.

present and all the messages were extra good. I especially enjoyed the messages by the native brethren. On Saturday afternoon after two strong messages by native preachers, Tomasi Paku, the ordained pastor of the district church, took the platform and after some exhortation he said something like this: "Today I consecrate myself—spirit, soul and body—to God to be forever His, to be spent wholly in His service. I don't know what it may mean, but I don't care either. I only want to be filled always with His spirit and to do His will in everything." Then he told of the great burden for souls and for the cleansing of the native church that had been on him ever since he returned from the Conference at Kinkonzi. Then he began to ask the congregation, "Who will consecrate himself wholly to God today, to be filled with the Spirit and to do God's will in everything?" He did not put it in the form of an altar call, but just kept asking it over and over and over again. Then suddenly he dismissed the meeting, but as people were going out he asked the native Christians to remain for a few more words. I went



out, but soon word came to my house that there was a great uproar in the church. After prayer I went up and found the whole congregation of five hundred people weeping and confessing their sins and faults to God. Preachers, deacons and elders were confessing and telling how the Spirit had been speaking to them about their worldliness, carelessness, lack of zeal for the work of the Gospel and lack of passion for souls, but they had been grieving Him.

Such real dealing with God I have never seen anywhere before. After a time of confession, weeping and prayer, the meeting was dismissed, but the work of the Spirit continued on through the evening service and all day Sunday and was in full swing when we separated Monday noon.

At the Sunday testimony meeting everyone wanted to tell how they had failed God, but how He had met them on Saturday afternoon. The meeting went on for hours with nothing but clear notes of victory. There was no "I hope so," "I intend to," "pray for me" talk. The keynote of every testimony was, "It is done. The Lord has met me and changed me and my future ministry."



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Kinkonzi Station from a hill. Home of M. E. Barter at extreme left.  
Large building at the right is the Church.

One of the leading workers in another church stood up with a lantern in his hand. It was turned down so low that we could hardly see the flame. He said, "This is the way I came here." He told how God had talked to him for years about two things. One was his debts and the other was his dogs. His debts had hindered his fellowship with the saints and his testimony to the lost; and his raising, buying and selling of dogs had taken time, thought and love which should have been spent in soul-winning. These things had almost put his light out. But now he had determined to sell some property and pay his debts and to quit dealing in dogs. God had met him and, as he turned up the wick of the lantern, he said—"This is the way I am going home—a light to show the lost the way of life."

Monday morning there was a closing service lasting from 7:00 to 10:00 and ending in an offering of about three bushels of food and much money being laid on the altar for the support of an old woman who is unable to provide for herself.

The Spirit is working in other places also and will you please pray with us that a Holy Ghost revival will speed over all the Congo churches. It is greatly needed everywhere for white and colored.



The following interesting report comes from Rev. W. P. Darling:

I want to thank you for your faithful support and also for the good literature that we receive. We especially enjoy the *Gospel Herald*. Just last mail the 1927 diary came and it is just the right size for busy people.

Our work here seems to be going on nicely, at times we feel as though we were standing still or losing ground, but when we stop and count the blessings, thank God, we find that some of these people are moving toward Heaven.

We have the Kwimba, Ndingi, and Kakongo churches with a total membership of over 800 people. Last quarterly meeting there was over 1000 gathered at Ndingi and over 200 people could not enter the church building. Now we have divided the church into two sections, namely: Ndingi and Nzobe. We have two teachers just out of Bible school who



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School for assistant teachers; 30 enrolled. Mrs. Darling taught three hours, a native teacher one hour and myself two hours. Thirteen of the men are out as teachers now. Mrs. Darling stands to the left.

have completed their two-years' course. We are praying that these two men will mean much to the Ndingi churches as one is to remain at Ndingi as scribe and the other will be head deacon at Nzobe.

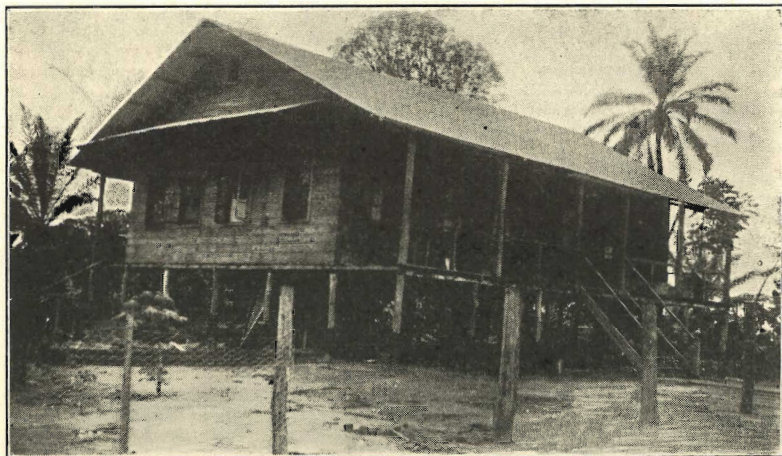
The Ndingi people have nearly enough material ready for the erection of a nice brick bungalow and we want to place two single ladies there for school work. D. V.

The Kwimba church has completed its six-room bungalow since our coming here and is now working on palm oil which they will sell or trade for roofing iron for a new brick church. The iron will cost 22,000 francs; so this is a big undertaking. They have also started to press bricks for the church. They will need 120,000.

Their offerings for the year were 38 francs per capita and 2,000 francs of this they gave to missions. Praise God for this, but we want some real consecrated young men from this church for missionaries. They have one now.

There seems to be a general awakening in our midst and many are inquiring. Thirty-six were baptized last quarter and God is blessing in many ways. Both these churches are self supporting and do a lot for us, their missionaries.





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Home of Mr. and Mrs. Darling. A bungalow of six rooms and bath built entirely by the native Church without expense to the mission.

They send two teachers bi-monthly down through the unevangelized section which extends from Lukula to the sea, seven days' journey. We would that these men might be blessed as they go and that many might be saved through the preached word in that country.

The Kakongo church is new, Mr. Boyer having started it while in charge of this district. We have some 12 teachers there at present and have baptized two Christians so far. This new church is supported entirely by the Yema, Ndingi and Kwimba churches, having no allowance from the mission. The field is hard and needs to be watered with intercessory prayer.



Africa—Congo

House in which Mr. and Mrs. Barter lived prior to their furlough.

**AFRICA—Congo**

(Africa Inland Mission)

Missionaries—Rev. Harry Stam, Mrs. Harry Stam

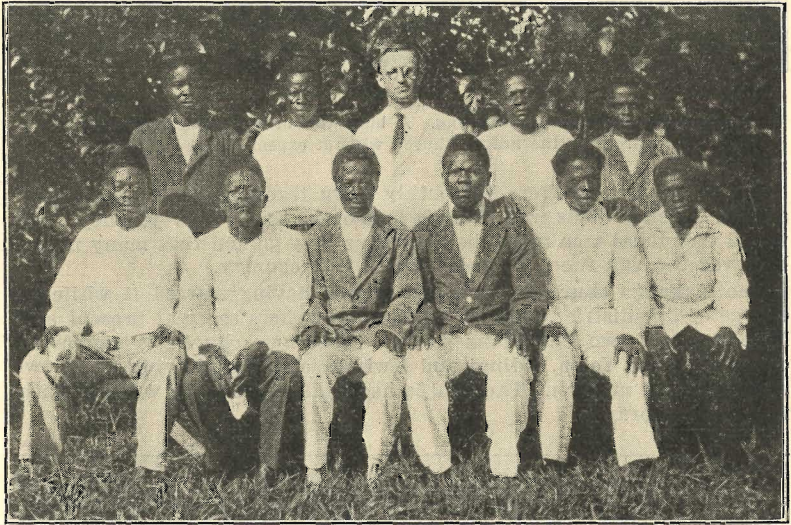
John 3:16 in Kiswahili, one of the Congo languages:

Kiswahili—Johana 3:16

"Kwani Mwenijiezi Mngu jinsi Alivyoupenda ulimwengu, amewapa watu Mwanawe mzaliwa Pekee, killa mwenaji kuamini kwakwe asipotee, awe na uzima wa milele."

English—John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."



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M. E. Barter and the men enrolled in the first year of the two-years' course at Kinkonzi.

**Africa**(From *Inland Africa*.)**MODERN EXPLORATION**

Africa is a big land; five thousand miles long from Cairo to the Cape, four thousand five hundred miles across at its widest extremity about ten degrees above the equator. For ages the land of mystery and night, long known as "the open sore of the world." For centuries early adventurers, slavers and pirates, including the hardy Portuguese navigators, sailed its coasts. In 1415 the Moorish stronghold at Cueta opposite Gibraltar was captured by Henry the Navigator when he was but



twenty-one years old and in that capture the first step was taken toward the modern exploration of Africa. Africa was bitterly hostile to the early explorers; many lives were laid down in an endeavor to get a foothold or to penetrate behind the coastal regions. The explorers were confined to entering along the great water ways. They could find no entrance elsewhere; climatic conditions, vile diseases, wild beasts and savage men opposed them unto death. Early expeditions into Africa followed the natural highways; the great water courses like the Nile on the North, the Zambezi on the East, the Niger and the Congo on the West. Livingstone having at last crossed the continent from East to West went back into its jungles to die among those he loved so well.

#### MODERN MISSIONARY EFFORT

In 1877, fifty years ago, Stanley, after being lost in jungle land, emerged into the light of day. Having crossed from East to West, he reached the mouth of the Congo out of the jaws of death. It was at that



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Mrs. Barter and the wives of the men in the Bible School at Kinkonzi.

time Central Africa received its most direct and forceful impetus along the line of missionary advance. At the end of that year Comber entered into the Congo country on the West and McKay was laying foundations in Uganda on the East. Thus 1877 became a red-letter date in modern missionary history. European Governments took up the work of opening the closed continent. At times expeditions were over-whelmed by adverse circumstances; at times expeditions perished almost to a man; at times it looked as if the Arab advances from the North in 1890 would reach to the West and the Southwest and hinder missionary work indefinitely; but God, over all, the Lord of hosts, looking into the hidden inaccessible jungles, seeing there His treasures, overruled by His mighty hand, gave victories so that the work of explorers and Government expeditions was not lost. Such rapid missionary advances have been made that in spots today the dark continent is brighter by contrast than some of our great centers in so-called civilized lands.



## SPIRITUAL BARRIERS

There were great barriers around the hearts of the people, hindering the entrance of the Word. It was hard for the missionaries to make them understand that they were desirable to God. Hard to make them understand that God, who to them was a strange mystical being, unreal, far away, not concerned in them at all, was the God of John 3:16, that He "so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." That He was to be adored; that He would be implored, and would answer prayer.

These treasures were hidden away under the debris of ages, long accumulations of jungle stuff. Slavery in a land whose soil was fertilized along certain great highways by the bodies of those who fell with their chains upon them. Polygamy, with its sensual attraction to men and its crime against womanhood and home, and age-old custom making of women what dogs and goats and hogs were—things to breed with, chattles to be sold and moved about, severing all ties at the pleasure of their lords and masters. Devil worship everywhere with its hideous and unspeakable crimes, its brutal butcheries of human sacrifices, its wholesale slaughter of young and old in the name of religion.



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How the men came to the Bible School at Kinkonzi.

And so came the treasure seekers. The climate was against them, they had strange languages to dig up and reconstruct. To recommend them, only an absurd incredible story about some powerful being who loved them enough to send the missionary with a love message to them. But God here again drove opening wedges into hearts and today the heart of Africa is wide open to the Gospel messengers and message.

## AFRICA THE TREASURELAND

What a wonderful country is Central Africa with its immense water ways penetrating into every part! A treasureland indeed, diamonds and gold, valuable hard woods, ivory and rubber and palm oil; a land of dense forests, a land of high hills and mountains, of rolling plains and deep valleys, a land where peoples yet abide with unreduced languages. Naked hordes decorated in barbarous ways, bodies powdered and painted and braceleted, cut and mutilated, but with, under all, the same kind of hearts, able to receive the Gospel message. Their value unseen but by God alone or by those whose eyes have been opened by the Holy Spirit to see them hidden away under all their rubbish as they actually



are and then with the eye of faith looking into the future to see how they shall shine—outshine the sun.

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In central Africa many strange and to our taste undesirable things are used as food, and some Central African people would not eat things we relish. It is only a matter of taste. We have no liking for snake meat, particularly when it has been long dead, for monkey meat or rats or white ants, but these are delicacies to some folk. In places in Central Africa there are no cattle and they know nothing of the value of milk as a food; the use of milk, say goat's milk, for instance, is nauseating to the native.

Is it nothing that God can do such marvelous work with such poor material? Will it not be to the greater glory of God that the material used came up from the dark places of the earth which are filled with the hibitations of cruelty rather than from happy places and from pro-



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Some of the dormitory rooms in which the men in the Bible School at Kinkonzi live.

pitious conditions in the homeland? The Lord has His treasures hidden away in the jungle lands of Africa. They are lost; they can only be found by human beings, by saved sinners, by the recipients themselves of God's grace, by just common-garden-variety of folks who have had their sins forgiven and cleansed away and have been brought by birth into the family of God through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Young treasure hunters are needed now who are willing to endure the hardship of life's plans laid down, of broken family ties, and ready for real privations in new jungle lands.

### Palm Sunday in Congoland

(From *Inland Africa*)

MRS. AMY PIERSON

It was Palm Sunday, a glorious day, bright and clear. We rubbed our eyes open about five-thirty and were out at six o'clock. We walked up to the long brick school and chapel and found about six boys sitting at

the benches in one of the classrooms, heads bowed on their arms. We slipped in and joined in the prayers. About nine natives and four whites gathered for that little prayer service to start the Lord's day. We have only just begun that meeting, and are not advertising it, for we want only the ones whom God calls out to attend it. It will increase in numbers and power as God speaks to one and another. Yoane Kodravele's prayer was so distinctly native. He said the people were just like the flying ants who come out to the light only to fall in the flames, (a hearing without accepting).

At seven we went home to breakfast, and to make sure our family of eight little half-caste children were getting ready for church. One native girl, Atiri, faithful and devoted to the children, bathed and dressed them all. At eight I started out for the native services and my



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Native house of worship at Dizi, one of the out-stations of Kinkonzi District.

husband took his motor cycle and rode four miles to our outschool at the government post. He attended the service there and visited with the boys, and then came back to finish his sermon for white service. Dr. Sturton spoke to the church members at eight and I presided in my usual place at the baby organ. There were about sixty at the service, and they were very attentive. Mr. Stam spoke at nine at the evangelistic service. There were about four hundred and fifty persons, men, women and babies, the latter in great number. The singing was even more notorious than usual, and I use notorious advisedly. Mr. Stam and I were both beaten by that singing. I tried fortissimo and clear octaves, and stopped altogether while he mounted on a box and waved his arms and used his lungs, but all to no purpose. No matter how in unity we started a verse, we finished anywhere from two tones apart. Not Mr. Stam and the organ, you understand, but Mr. Stam and the organ versus four hundred and fifty pairs of lungs. And Mr. Stam had the



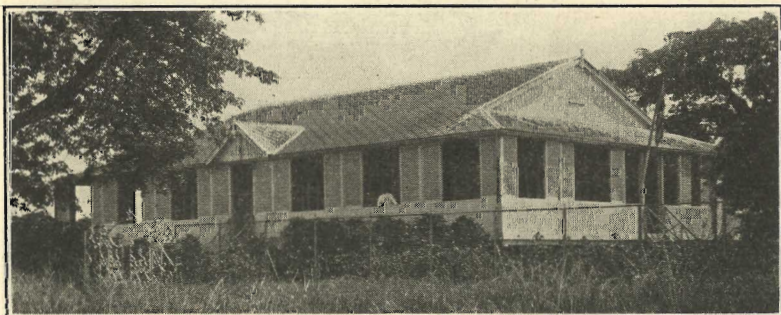
audacity to blame it all on the girls. He said plaintively to me after service, "No matter how much I waved my arms some of those girls would not look at me." I explained to him that Nagora would have done just as valiantly if she had looked at him, and I believe it, for I have come in contact with her before. Now, really, they sometimes sing very nicely. Two elder boys stood up to confess Christ at the close of that service.

After dinner we rested a bit and I thought about a message for the women's service. At two-thirty we went and found that six women came to attend the meeting as the result of our invitations. We had a good service, with about sixty-five women and girls present.

### Specimens of the Lord's Work

(From *Inland Africa*)

When we saw her she was not more than nine years old. Her tiny heart held hopes and desires which her ancestors never knew. An older brother had visited the mission and had told her about the school, the little girls, their dresses and their village among the rocks near the good Madama Musungu (Miss Alta Hurlburt) who mothered them.



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Mission House in Boma.

A question flashed through her mind. Would she dare to run away and go to that wonderful place? She kept her thoughts to herself, not daring to reveal them lest she be reprov'd and watched.

Several months passed. Finally she was missing at home. She had run away to "Madamu's" school. She was the first girl of her tribe, the Mondo, ever to leave her home in the bush and venture into the mysteries of a white person's village!

Madamu's conies—the little girls of the rocks—welcomed the new-comer, and introduced her to their home and its ways. Their great joy was in helping her to don a little khaki dress. She was perfectly speechless, delighted and thrilled by wearing clothes for the first time. A bandana handkerchief tied around her head was the crowning joy!

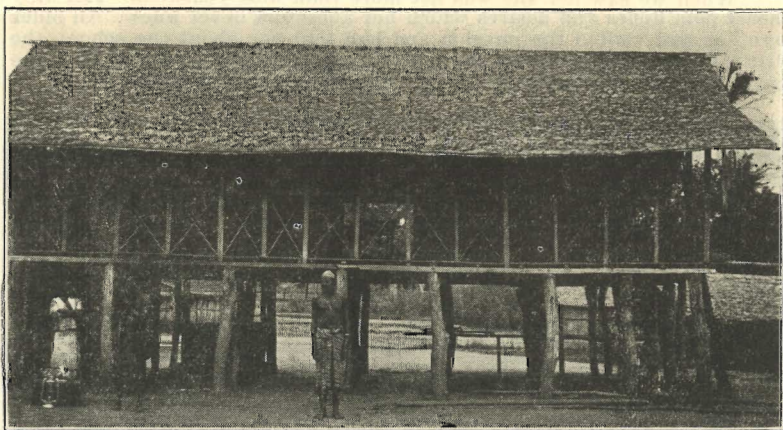
Day after day she went with the other girls to attend the chapel services and school. Eagerness to understand and learn was always evident and she progressed rapidly.

One morning her father came and before night she was again in the gloom of her own mud hut. Would she remember what she had been told during the time spent at the station? She was watched and to add to her punishment her father sold her to an old heathen for a wife. That enraged the child and she awaited opportunity to run away again.

She was threatened that they would bury her alive if she tried to return to the school.

At last she got away and ran back to Madamu Mussungu. Running away from home in Africa is no easy matter. The country is overrun with leopards, hyenas and many other wild beasts.

The daily routine work was entered; school, sewing and gardens. Aina was happy and contented with the other children. The missionaries assembled at noon for prayer. The little grass-thatched hut, known as a chapel, was a hallowed spot. With bowed heads and hearts the Lord's guidance was sought in the many affairs that missionaries have to meet. Prayer was made that God would guard little Aina. Prayer time was scarcely ended when a messenger arrived with the word: "Aina has gone!" Gone? "Yes, her father came and took her. Aina's mother is ill." We understood that message. When cruel threats of beating, starving and even death itself (burying alive) fail in the



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A modern native building.

accomplishment of heathen purposes, is it strange that the enemy appeals to love?

Aina turned for a last look at the station and brushed away a tear before a turn in the path hid it from view. She was gone.

The soft spat of bare feet and the busy working of two brains filled up the next hours of the day for the two travellers! The man's thoughts were of the past. He remembered the good old days when three other daughters had been sold at bargains! Of the fat sheep, bridal gifts, which he and the suitors had feasted on! The pots of luscious beer drunk with prospective sons-in-law. Of the rapid increase in flocks and herds after the sale of each daughter, until now—this one seemed only bent on giving trouble.

The girl revelled in pleasant memories. She thought of the play times at the home; of the songs and verses so quickly learned together and droned out in sing-song style. She ventured so far as to plan a return to school as soon as her mother recovered.

She was soon awakened from her day dream and exclaimed, "Why, father, this is not our path! We have made a mistake; this way does not lead home!"



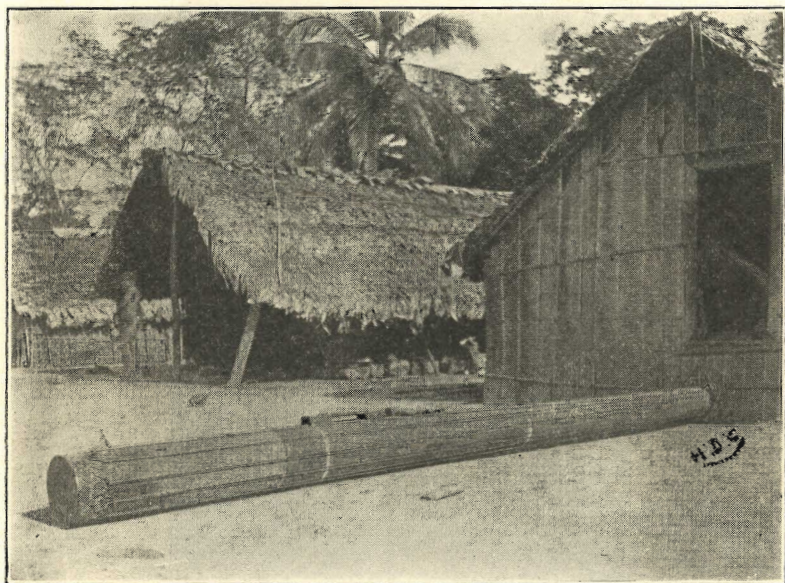
"No," replied the stern old heathen. "We are not on the path that leads home. I am taking you to Lyak's village!"

A stab or a blow could not have hurt her more.

The months dragged on at the village; the beatings becoming more and more frequent. Like an African woman she bore her harsh treatment in silence.

Finally, one morning when one of the girls went to start a fire in the cook house, there, crouched in a dark corner, lay Aina fast asleep! She had slipped away during the absence of her cruel owner, and, walking most of the night, had reached her haven of rest.

From that time on for many months, lawsuit followed tedious lawsuit with relatives, native elders and government officials. Some mis-



Africa—Congo  
Native huts. Dance drum lying on the ground.

sionaries then gave the required number of goats to redeem Aina and the case was settled.

Today, after seven years, a Christian teacher with his wife Aina are living out among the Mondo tribe, where they are witnessing to the power of a God who both saves and keeps.

### A Cruel Custom of Nandi People

WILLIAM A. MUNDY

After a death the corpse is carried at nightfall to the west of the hut, towards the setting sun, and laid on the ground. Three adult relatives are charged with the duty of conveying the corpse to its last resting place. Great care must be taken that not one of the bearers stumbles during the journey. That would bring misfortune on the whole family. The body, which is left to the hyenas to devour, is not covered except with a skin garment, which the deceased wore when alive, and a few

handfuls of grass or leaves. After the body has been deposited at the appointed place, relatives cry, "Hyenas! Come and eat." Returning to the place where the death occurred, those who handled the corpse wail and shout the name of the deceased. They bathe, anoint their bodies with fat, partially shave their heads and live in the hut of the deceased for four days, during which time they must not be looked upon by a boy or a female. They must touch no food with their hands, but must eat with the help of a potsherd or chip of a gourd, and they may drink no milk. The body is visited on the second day after death to see if the hyenas have been there. If it is found that they have not been near



Africa—Congo

Mr. Barter and a dead enemy—a deadly black snake.

the spot, a goat is killed and the meat is placed on and near the corpse to attract their attention and should the hyenas stay away it is considered proven that the deceased was killed by witchcraft. The kindred proceed to a medicine man to ascertain who was responsible for the death. In days gone by the one named as guilty, if found, was killed. On the death of anyone but a baby, an old man or a woman, great sorrow is shown. In the cases of very old men and women and very young children the corpse is buried in a dung heap near the cattle kraal. No sorrow is shown when old people die. The relatives laugh and talk at the burial, for it is said—He has now reached the place where he expected to arrive a long while ago. We were told of a Nandi



man who on his death bed asked some of our Christian boys to pray for him. He also asked them to bury him when he died. The boys were going to do this but the heathen people, hearing about it, would not allow them to bury the body.

Oh! that these people who are in so great darkness might have their eyes opened to see and accept the Lord Jesus as their Saviour!

### **The Dangers of the Jungles**

These August rains make the grass and undergrowth very heavy and much higher than a man's head. Mr. Sprout is a hunter. So far he has killed a snake and an antelope. The last time he was out he came across an elephant and was almost under it before he noticed it. It was on making his getaway that he came across the big snake. It measured about ten feet in length and about one foot around. The natives roasted it and had a feast. An elephant killed one woman and pierced a man several times with his tusks a few days ago only a short way from here. The elephants came on the station one night and destroyed much banda and potatoes. A leopard took a boy not far from here one evening not long ago and another leopard attacked a man night before last. He did not kill the man but broke one leg and cut and tore him so badly that he will likely die. The boys say they hear lions often but I have failed to hear any yet.

As I sit here writing this letter this evening, I can hear the heathen dance drums trudding, and the chilling shrieks and shouting of the natives in their heathen practices. I think I have never had quite such a pathetic experience as that of a few nights ago when I stepped out in the black darkness; from over at my right came the weird sounds of the heathen dance. I listened a while and then to my left, from the boys' houses on the concession, came the soft refrain, "Calling today, calling today, Jesus is calling, is tenderly calling today." Then, "There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins." I thanked God that He is able and willing to take wretched heathen of the wilds of the Congo and out of such poor material make saints to sing His praises.

JAMES R. KAPPLE.

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### **AFRICA—Nigeria**

(United Missionary Society)

Missionaries—Rev. Joseph Ummel and Rev. Paul Ummel

### **Back to Africa**

JOSEPH UMMEL

Going back to the time we left America for this needy land, I must say that we had a good voyage all the way out here for time of year. It was rather rough a good deal of the way across the Atlantic and again as we were passing through the Bay of Biscay on the way to Nigeria. We were fortunate in not getting very sick from the effects of it. I did not mind it at any time and Mrs. Ummel did not either, until passing through the Bay of Biscay.

We had the pleasure of having some other missionaries as travelling companions all the way. Misses Lang and St. Germain, two new workers going out for the S. I. M., were with us all the way from New York and there were several others after we left England. This makes it so much more pleasant to travel than when we happen to be the only ones aboard, as is sometimes the case.

We reached Mokwa Friday afternoon, February 4th, and were met at the railroad station by my brother and Brother Sherck. Both of them were looking well, as were all the other missionaries when we saw them at the Executive Meeting the following week.

I am sure that I cannot tell the feeling which I had when we once more arrived in this land which I am sure the Lord has called us to labor in. I surely would rather return to the field than to leave it. Many of the people out here seem to count the days until they can go on leave, but with us it is not the most easy thing to do to pull up and leave, even just for a furlough which we may need. There is a real joy in knowing that we are messengers of Christ in a needy land such as this. There is nothing in the world that I would rather do or be than to be a missionary. The work at many times is hard and the duties and responsibilities many, but the Lord is ever near to help in every time of need.

Since reaching Zuru, where we were again stationed, we have built the living room. Paul had gotten over seventeen thousand brick made



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The Zuru Sunday School in front of the grass Church.

and had gotten the grass ready for the roof before he went down country to meet us. This was a great help when we once actually started the building work.

The building of the house was quite a hard task, took many days of hard and hot work when the sun was hot. We had no trouble in securing all the volunteer help which we could use for the greater part of the time. The natives were anxious to get their tax money in before their farm work came on, so many were on hand to hire out to us. We paid them three shillings a week, about seventy-two or three cents, for men and two-thirds of that amount for boys, for the ordinary labor, while the two and three builders for three or four times that amount. They did fairly good work, but with our oversight it was much better. For the first they did not like for us to be watching them all the time, until they saw they were building a neater house, and then often they would ask if it was all right.

We moved into it on the second anniversary of Paul and my arrival here, the 27th of last month. We found the house much more comfort-



able than the small round houses were. The house was not quite complete so we had to do some work on it since living in it, such as putting on the doors and windows, which happen to be made out of corrugated iron nailed onto a frame made of native cut wood. Here in this heat one is able to live in houses which do not have doors or windows which may be closed, but it is rather disagreeable when it storms. However, we now have things so they can be closed and so do not have this discomfort. As soon as I get a picture taken and printed, I will send you a print of it.

Since the work has been somewhat done away with on the house, I have again started school. For the first few days I had more scholars than I have had since. It was a new thing for some of them, so they came for a few days and then stopped. However, there are some who



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Leopard caught with bear trap near mission. Weight, 80 pounds.

Length, 7 feet, 5 inches.—Paul Ummel.

are showing quite an interest and are making progress. It takes much patience to teach the simple children of the bush. I often think if there is one thing a missionary needs plenty of, it is patience. May the Lord give us more of it. The last few days I have had ten or so present. I hold the school in the afternoons for about an hour and a half or so.

Most of the services have been good, well attended, especially those in the open air at the market, and the interest has been good. Yet, in spite of this, how one does wish they could reach out to the many who are yet outside of the fold. How one does wish they were more able to speak to them clearly. One of the greatest obstacles seems to be the language, this must be learned and even then it seems often to be nearly impossible to adequately express our thoughts. So far I have not had time to study language since my return to the field, but hope to be able to get at it again one of these days.



We find the enemy is hard at work doing all he can to oppose the work and is trying to keep it from making the progress that we would like. Northern Nigeria has the name of being a hard field and I think it is correct. Yet, I am glad to report that during the past year or so a much greater awakening has been seen in our part of the field than was seen in all the years before we have been here. It appears as though the seed which the former workers have been so faithfully sowing for so many years is at last taking root and bringing forth a harvest.

During the past year the first M. B. C. class has been organized in Africa. This is at Jebba, where they have about fifteen members. There are many more that would like to come in, but we are not sure they are proper candidates. Here there are so many that would like to profess without really knowing the Lord that one has to be extremely careful who one accepts. Just the other day we had an experience of this. A man came here and has been doing work as laborer for us, is a native from Timbuktoo, and told me on Sunday morning that he has been baptized and would like to give an exhortation at the evening



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Zuru Mission House. Material used: 15,700 sun dried bricks, 6 x 6 x 12 inches, 225 cubic yards clay mud, 600 palm roof poles, 700 bundles thatching grass, about five miles of braided grass rope. 3319 days of labor were done at a cost of \$414.12.

meeting. I did not give him a definite answer, as I thought that I would have a talk with him first. He came to the market meeting but I did not allow him to speak. Later he got very drunk and acted shamefully in the town. So you can see, one needs to be careful here the same as in the homeland.

On our way to Zuru in March, we stopped at Salka for three days. While there I could not help but notice the great change that has come over the natives. When I first got there they were so afraid of the white men they would hardly come near, many would not come near, but when there they had gotten so much over their fears. Quite an interest was being shown in the church and school work. Some had come to the Durkees and told them they knew they were sinners and wanted to follow Jesus. Such reports make one's heart rejoice and think that after all the work done in this land has not been done in vain.

As a whole over the entire field, I think the outlook for the future is quite good if we keep on praying and looking to the Lord. Outside of



Him, we can do nothing. What these people need is not education or ethics, but a real living Christ, a Saviour that can save and keep them from sin. I am heartily in favor of what you wrote in the last issue of the *Gospel Banner* which reached us. It is about being careful what kind of missionaries we support. While we do not get so much in contact with them here, yet there are some here in Nigeria who are not fundamentally sound, and many that are not spiritual and about all they teach is "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." I think if I were to ask a crowd at one of our market meetings



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A few of the Day School attendants at Zuru Mission.

how many believed on Christ, nearly all would respond and then, my, the number of converts I could report! I would rather see ten really saved and witnessing for the Lord than a thousand times that number professing but living in sin.

These people surely are needy in many ways. Just now they are suffering from a food shortage, caused by the lack of sufficient rain last wet season. Crops were short and now they have trouble in getting food and what they do get is very, very high in price. Rains have been fairly good so far and we are hoping for a good crop.



Paul has gone to a town about fifty miles from here, Bena, to see about a site for a proposed mission station and has not yet returned. We are looking for him in the morning, though. I do not know whether we will be able to open a station there or not, but we would like to do so if we can get the help. There are so many out here without even knowing of Jesus Christ that it makes one's heart ache and wish to do something for them. Thousands and millions will never hear of Christ unless this present generation brings them the Word.

I have already written more than I thought I would when I began, so will have to come to a close for this time. In the future I will try and be more faithful in my writing to you. I was thinking this evening that I ought to write more often, it almost appears as though I do not appreciate your support. I surely do appreciate it much, not only that, but your prayers as well. Pray for us that the Lord will give us health and strength and spare us for many years of service in this land of sin, vice, darkness and superstition.

### Pioneering in Nigeria

PAUL UMMEL

"I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work."—John 9:4.

Jesus, the Son of God, said that He must work the works of Him by whom He was sent. How much more should we who have been redeemed through the merits of His shed blood! And especially should we be up and working in these last and evil days ere He returns for His own.

The work at this new place has been progressing quite well during the past months. It has not been what we would like to see, for Satan is doing his utmost to keep these people in the sin and darkness in which they have been steeped for centuries. It is so difficult for them to see that they must turn from their evil ways and find pardon in Jesus. Many admit that it is the truth but,—not now. If we would have a ritualistic religion to preach to them, a religion which would allow them to continue in their sinful ways, it would appeal much more to them, but that would never prepare them for a heavenly home.

How glad we are that we have a crucified and risen Saviour who will save and keep from sin to present to these black people! In spite of the many hindrances, there are some on this field who know what it is to have their sins forgiven and there are many others who are counting the cost. Let us prayerfully approach the Throne of Grace in their behalf!

Last year, prior to the annual meeting, which was held in February, I was stationed alone at this place. I was kept busy with language study, teaching school, services and the many other odd jobs which are to be done at a mission station. During the year the school had an average attendance of four pupils. The teaching was done in the Hausa language, which is the traders' language of this part of Africa and in which there is considerable literature. The language of this tribe, Dakkarikari, at which I am working, is an unwritten language.

During the latter part of January I trekked the 175 miles down country for our annual meeting and also to meet my brother Joseph and his wife, who arrived several days before the date for the meeting, February 8-11. It was a treat to meet the other missionaries again after not having seen any of them for nearly ten months. We, my brother and wife and I, arrived here at Zuru again on the 16th of March, after a little more than a two-weeks' trek.

Immediately after our return we began building the large Mission house for this station, for which seventeen and a third thousand





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Joseph and Paul Ummel at Mckwa Mission Station.

6 x 6 x 12 sun-dried brick had been made before I went down country. Within ten weeks from the time we began building we had moved into the house. Up to 75 laborers were employed on the job. I am enclosing a picture of the house, the money for which was pledged at the Indiana District Camp Meeting in 1926.

Last November and again in June I took more than a hundred-mile village trip in the eastern and southeastern part of this Division. This was the first time that a gospel service was ever held in these places. They were quite well attended by people who gave good attention to the Word. Many of the people of these heathen lands will never hear the good news unless we are true to the trust that is committed to us and take it to their very doors. God help us to be faithful!

There is victory in my soul tonight, praise His precious name! How sweet it is to know that we are in the center of the Lord's will.



## INDIA

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

## India and India's People

REV. E. R. CARNER

India is one of the most remarkable sections of the whole earth and to one who will study that land and people with unprejudiced mind it becomes apparent that the people of India are justly proud of "their own, their native land."

From the extreme western boundary of India to the eastern boundary of Burmah, which belongs to what is called Farther India, is a distance of nineteen hundred miles; the extent from the extreme north to the cape of Comorin, the southern point, is nearly the same. But the whole area of India is only about 1,800,000 square miles, an area which approximates that east of the Rocky Mountains in the United States of America. Being in the form of a triangle, which has its base in the great system of the Himalaya Mountains and its apex two thousand miles south of that in the Indian Ocean, India hangs like a great pendant from the southern slopes of the Himalayas.

This great peninsula presents wonderful variety in topography. There are mountain chains, beautifully verdant clusters of hills, expansive plains crossed by great rivers, stretches of rocky waste land, sandy desert places and tracts of swamp land. One can stand in the foot-hills of the Himalayas and, looking to the north, view great snow-covered peaks, piled in majestic grandeur as far as the eye can reach, a vast region where factory smoke has never dulled the dazzling purity of the eternal snows that there glisten in the sun, and where many a titanic peak has never felt the tread of human feet. Looking to the south one beholds great stretches of forest land and cultivated fields. Slow moving oxen, appearing in the far distance no larger than toys, may be discerned as they, with snail-like pace, drag primitive wooden plows across little thorn-hedged patches of land. Or, the eye may follow the water courses of tributaries of the Jumna or Ganges rivers, until they are lost to view in the haze of distant atmosphere.

From the tops of the Ghats of the western coast, or of the Nilgiris of the south, and from other similar points, one can count dozens of red-roofed villages dotted over the warm plains below. What a beautiful and inviting land India will be when the curse will be lifted and the groaning of the now enslaved creation will no longer be heard!

We have heard it said that India has no sun-sets! Most emphatically I wish to correct any such statement. I have stood on the mountain tops of the Ghats in western India and have watched the great star of day depart in such splendor of color as I have never seen in any other land and, attended with vast fleecy armies of glorified clouds, his beauty has had a grandeur that filled one's mind with awe. No wonder that souls not enlightened by the Word of God should worship the sun, as many in India do.

The natural products of India may well excite our interest. With only two-thirds the area of the United States and a population nearly three times as great, it is not surprising that the wealth per capita is small; the noteworthy thing is that after so many centuries or even millenniums of cultivation the soil of India continues to be productive, bringing forth grains and fruits sufficient to keep alive its burden of so many millions of people. Of wheat alone, nearly 11,000,000 tons are produced annually, and of rice 33,000,000 tons; millions of tons of *jowari*, a grain something like Kaffir corn, are produced, besides vast harvests of lentils of various kinds. The tropical sun and rain seems



to respond to the people's love of color even in the grain that grows, for in an Indian bazaar you will find grain, gold, brown, white, red, green, black, and other colors in varying tones. Each has its own peculiar taste and charm for the Hindu epicure and he picks his weekly store, even if stinted in means, with the greatest nicety of judgment.

The variety in fruits, when all India is under consideration, is remarkable. Visit in imagination one of India's great cities, such as Bombay or Calcutta, and go to the big central bazaar or market-place, which draws from all India for its beautiful store of edible treasure. See there the tempting array of neatly arranged fruits—oranges and tangerines, apples and apricots, limes, litchis and loquots, pomeloes, papayas, pomegranates, pineapples, peaches, pears, mangoes, melons, grapes, figs, bananas, custard-apples, etc. Then walk to the humbler but equally essential vegetable quarter and see the long lines of stalls filled with potatoes, tomatoes, onions, garlic, carrots, celery, parsnips, radishes, rutabagas, egg plant, beets, beans, peas, cabbage, cauliflower, pumpkins, squashes, spinach, etc., etc.

One fifth of the world's sugar comes from India and India's cotton crop annually comes near to becoming a rival to some of the other cotton producing sections of the world. Of the live stock of this land it may be mentioned that there are about 120,000,000 oxen, over 28,000,000 water buffaloes, 22,000,000 sheep, 24,000,000 goats, more than 1,000,000 donkeys and over 400,000 camels.

The mineral wealth of India is not fully developed but more than 20,000,000 tons of coal are annually produced and India has stored in her mountains and hills iron, manganese, mica, lead, copper, gold, silver and precious stones. Motor car drivers will be interested to know that India contributes annually more than 8,000,000 barrels of oil to the world's supply and other and greater reservoirs of this fluid which plays so large a part in the modern world may yet be discovered there.

Many other potentialities await development in that land of light and darkness, but the greatest thing about India is its people. More important than all the material resources is the wealth of fine personalities that are to be found among India's people. I have lived in that land for years and am glad to bear testimony to the fine qualities that I have found in those whom I have learned to know and many of whom I am proud to own as friends.

Kipling, like many another clever man of the world who judges by outward appearances and transitory conditions, was wrong when he said that "never the twain shall meet," for in Christ the East and the West can meet and do meet on common ground. In Him they both find the One who answers the questions that are known to every member of Adam's race and in Him they come into the brotherhood that knows no difference between Jew or Greek or bond or free. In that new brotherhood, each contributes something to the other.

Sad and tragic beyond words to describe, it is the fact that we have kept from the millions of India's people the news that deliverance from their sins and the penalty of them has been provided them and that the sting of death need never hurt them. Because they have not had the Word of God they have suffered as only such can suffer. Over against the brightness that is there, and which we have tried to suggest in what we have written above, is the drab of suffering from poverty, ignorance, superstition and all that follows in the wake of the awful sin of idolatry.

Pestilence, famine, epidemics of small pox, fevers, and cholera, annually claim millions of India's precious sons and daughters. The dull monotony and dead hopelessness that one finds in the typical Indian village (and be it remembered that India is a land of villages,

having more than 750,000 of them), sicken the heart of anyone who goes to them with the least spark of sympathy. Everywhere in India one is constantly meeting up with suffering and poverty, injustice and cruelty.

Thousands, yes millions, of the people, born with hearts and minds capable of being saved and conformed to the likeness of Christ are moving toward death as hopeless while they live, almost, as if they were already in that death which means conscious separation from God. Many are so degraded that there is hardly more than the few rags of filthy clothing they wear to distinguish them from the brute creation about them, so far as the physical is concerned. They are dehumanized.

Why? Sin. "The wages of sin is death." "Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." But whose sin? Part of it their own, and only for that will they finally be judged. But is not a part of the sin our sin, the sin of not having obeyed our Lord and theirs in not having given them the news of their emancipation? Christ died for their sins as well as for ours.

What has resulted from the missionary work already done proves that in all the castes of India and in the outcast communities, too, are wonderful personalities with rare beauty of character and marvelous possibilities for good. The pearl fisheries of Ceylon have given to the world some fine treasures and it was from India that the great Kohinoor diamond came, but all the pearls and diamonds of the world are a paltry nothing compared with the gems that have been gathered for the crown of our Lord and Christ from among the sons and daughters of India. And think of the others that wait to be gathered in! One hundred millions of people in India know not even the name of their Redeemer. Another two hundred millions have never been given an adequate chance to receive Him as their Redeemer and Friend. How dare we live in self-complacency when this is true? How can we look up into the face of our Lord and say we love Him and then live on as though all the world knew as we have known of His love and power to save from the guilt and penalty and power of sin?

"Out in the dark they are dying,  
For them His life He gave;  
Go, tell the lost of salvation,  
Give them a chance to live.

"Go, go, go, go,  
Leave what He asks you to leave;  
Pray for your part in the harvest,  
Give what He asks you to give."

Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Kerr write from Sanand:

Dead fellow-workers:

Just a little word of greeting in the Name of our Blessed Master to our co-workers and supporters in the Mennonite Church. The annual diaries, and current literature which reach us duly are all received with gratitude and appreciation and we cease not to give thanks to God for our loyal supporters in prayer and gift in the homeland. In view of the modernism which is now sweeping over the church both at home and abroad, it is surely necessary that the adherents of the faith once delivered unto the Saints should bind themselves together to oppose, in His name and by His help, all the attacks of the enemy.

We would like to sound a note of praise to our Faithful God for His many mercies toward us. The three children and ourselves have been kept in health and strength in the midst of disease of various kinds. God has supplied needs—only made known to Himself—in His own



supernatural way so that we have not lacked any "good thing." He has permitted us to see the desire of our hearts in the turning of a few souls, here and there, to Himself and gives us constant joy—oft-times in face of discouragement—in proclaiming the Glad Tidings of Salvation.

We would also praise Him for the wonderful provision made for our two school-going children—aged 7 and 5 years. As most of you may know there are no educational facilities for European and American children on the plains and even if there were, it would be detrimental to their health and very unwise to keep them in the intense heat where their parents live, so God, who sees the end from the beginning, made it possible for the Alliance Mission to purchase a commodious bungalow in Ootacamund, South India, where there is an excellent school under English management, as a Home for the school-going children of Alliance Missionaries. One of our missionaries is appointed as the pro tem mother of our precious children there, and under her loving care they are happy and well taken care of.



India  
A Religious Fair.

Ootacamund has a lovely, home-like climate and abounds in beautiful vegetation, vegetables, fruit and flowers. The school has a high standard of education and added to the secular instruction our children are daily instructed in the Word of God and recitation of Scripture portions is part of the curriculum. Morning prayers are conducted by the Principal—a godly man, and inasmuch as nearly all the teachers are consecrated Christians, our children have the advantage of being in a religious atmosphere all the time.

We have just had an unusual experience in India—a flood. This is our monsoon season, but the government records show that we have had up to the present, almost 3 years' rain in one! Seventy-one inches has been the rainfall, fifty inches of which fell last week. Much damage has been done to life and property. Just last night we heard of fifty houses which fell during the night while the occupants were fast asleep and consequently were smothered. Hundreds of houses—usually built of mud and without foundation—have been swept down by the terrific wind-storm which accompanied the downfall of rain. Bridges have been swept away so that railway traffic had to be can-

celled on several lines. Still in the midst of it all we hear the heathen villagers beating their drums and imploring their idols for help! How long-suffering our God is!

Three of our Christian villagers waded through water, mire and bramble for 12 miles to tell us half of their houses were blown down and the grain, cotton and sugar cane crops were all washed away with the flood. The roof of our little church, too, was blown in, so the poor people had to crowd into the four-room bungalow for shelter. But how different their attitude to that of their heathen neighbors. They know God and seek to trust and follow Him.

I would like to solicit your prayers for this little Christian village of about 24 families—most of them poor farmers. They are surrounded by heathen neighbors and we are praying that their lives in homes and community will so reflect Christ that the heathen will be attracted to Him. The recent flood swept their fields of all the sown crops of grain, cotton and sugar cane, so they are very miserable and poor just now. Pray that their faith fail not a trial.

Two of our evangelists, situated in a heathen village about eight miles from our bungalow, had their little mud houses blown down and are now living huddled up on neighbors' verandas. We, ourselves, were practically shut in for five days. Our compound flowed with water like a river on all sides, but only a few drops came into the bungalow, so we remained high and dry for which we thank God.

For the last three days or so the sun has been shining so the waters are gradually disappearing and we trust things will soon be normal.

The work of preaching the gospel goes on steadily day by day. A few souls here and there decide for Christ, but there is no mass movement in this part and the work is uphill and sometimes discouraging. Still we are thankful for the twos and threes and we believe God will soon, in answer to the petitions of His children, convict so mightily of sin and judgment that there will be a large turning to the shelter of the Cross. He is faithful. Pray that we might be kept faithful in our part of the contract, that of sowing the precious seed.

With repeated thanks for your every remembrance of us, we are, sincerely yours in His service.

#### Mr. Kerr's Latest Report

*"Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance."*

This quotation from scripture contains both a command and a promise to the ambassador of the Gospel, and once more we have endeavored to accept the challenge by proclaiming the Glad Tidings in the Sanand district, from which by God's help and grace, we hope to obtain an inheritance among the heathen.

We praise God for health and strength to do another full year's work. With our workers we started out in the usual touring season and pitched our tents on ground covered many times before by others and ourselves. At the first camp two persons were evidently very much influenced by the Holy Spirit through the preaching of God's word. One day a caste man came quietly after the meeting and earnestly enquired the way of salvation. We explained the way to him and left him with an invitation to come to our camp. He came, and as far as we could judge accepted the Lord Jesus as his Saviour. We visited him several times in his village until one day we were told by his friends he had left the town after being very much persecuted by the landlord and others. His village is in rice country surrounded by water, so we have not been able to visit him for months.

In another town the headman became very much attracted to us and our message and kept coming to the camp and attending our prayer



meetings and Sunday services, and even arranged meetings for us in his own village. He was very bold in associating himself with us, and declared he, too, wanted to be a Christian. His friendship with us caused him quite some trouble. He was reported to his caste as having broken caste, and the leaders arranged an elaborate ceremony for his reinstatement. The favourite idol was taken out in procession and an attempt made to compel our friend to carry it on his head through the town to prove that he was still a true and orthodox Hindu, but he refused to take any part in that, or in the subsequent feast in honour of the idol. Just recently we prayed with this man and he himself definitely asked the Lord to save him from sin and reveal Himself to him fully. Before he left he signed a candidate's card and expressed a desire to be baptized.

At another outstation a man of 45 years and in good caste has come under our care during the year. Just after we met him, he was seized with a serious illness and his friends thought he was dying. Later, upon being restored to health, he declared that while he was ill he was surrounded by missionaries and the Indian evangelist, and some one with long white hair and wearing a plain white robe approached him and told him to open his mouth, whereupon the person garbed in white put a small white substance into it and from that time he began to get well. He claims this person in white was the Lord Jesus who, he says, healed him. This man is under instruction and we hope to baptize him soon.

At Kalol, where we keep a bookseller who does a good work, selling about 5,000 books annually, we came across a very intelligent man, a contractor by trade, carrying with him an English New Testament which he has studied quite thoroughly. We have had this man under our spiritual care for about six months and he professes to have accepted Christ as his Saviour. He wants to be baptized, but he hopes first to persuade his wife who now is very much opposed to Christianity.

The last time he arranged to meet me his wife hid all his good clothes—made in European style—and also so soiled the one he wore that he was ashamed to appear. The N. T. he says is his best friend and constant companion. Pray for spiritual courage for this man. We have others who are in a similar state but I cite these few examples to show how the Lord is working in the district.

During the year we re-opened an outstation at Charodi, and God has put his seal upon it by bringing one of the men spoken of above under the influence of the Gospel. In all of the other three places where we are witnessing we see a measure of fruit and the Master is using the Indian brethren in a very significant way. We regret the attack of the Enemy upon our forces in striking Mongal Devji with tuberculosis. Mongal is known to most of our missionaries as interpreter to nearly all the deputations from the Board. From outward appearances there is little hope for him, but our hope is in God, who we believe will heal Mongal if it should be for His Glory. At present he has a hospital all to himself at Kaira where Miss Wells very kindly made accommodation for him and his family. We earnestly desire that you will pray that God's name might be glorified whether in the life or death of this man.

In submitting this report we feel that we have greater encouragement to go on than ever before. We are assured that God is working in the district as leaven does in dough and we praise God for the earnest of the inheritance which He will give according to His promise.

When the men referred to are safe in the fold we will have a zig zag line of Christian men of character and standing from one end of the district to the other.



### The Aim and Motive of Foreign Missions

The Rev. E. Stanley Jones, Evangelistic Missionary to India under the Methodist Board, in a little booklet published by the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, 25 Madison Ave., New York City, speaks very strongly on Christ being the need of India and, of course, for the whole world. We clip the following from his booklet, "The Aim and Motive of Foreign Missions."

Some time ago, in thinking over the matter, I tried to compare what the different religious systems tried to produce, what the aim and end of the whole progress has been. Here was Greece; Greece said, "Be moderate; know thyself"; Confucianism said, "Be superior, correct thyself"; Buddhism says, "Be disillusioned, annihilate thyself"; Hinduism says, "Be separated, merge thyself"; Mohammedanism says, "Be submissive, bend thyself"; Shintoism says, "Be loyal, suppress thyself"; Judaism says, "Be holy, confirm thyself"; Modern materialism says, "Be industrious, enjoy thyself"; Modern dilettantism says, "Be broad, cultivate thyself"; Christianity says, "Be Christlike, give thyself." Now, if the end in view of Christian missions is to produce Christlike character that it may give itself as Jesus gave Himself, I suggest that we have no reason to apologize in the slightest degree for that end and motive, since there is nothing higher for God or man than to be Christlike.

The end of Christian missions then is not to propagate Western civilization around the world nor to project an ecclesiasticism throughout the world, but we are in a land frankly and without apology, openly and without the slightest hesitation to say that we think it is worth while to make men like Jesus Christ.

Nine years ago Dr. John R. Mott was speaking in Victoria Hall in Madras. In the midst of his address, he used the name of Christ. The audience hissed him. Nine years later we were in that same hall for six nights with one topic: Jesus Christ and Him crucified. The crowd increased, until on the last night people were standing around the windows and doors and everywhere. That last night I did something I had never dared do before. I asked men publicly, openly and frankly to give themselves to Jesus Christ. Generally the best we had been able to do, hitherto, was to take a man away privately for such testimony in order to shield him and shelter him from the storm that would break upon him; but that night I said, "Brothers, I have nothing to cover; will you frankly and openly give yourselves to Jesus Christ? Will those who do so come and take these front seats?" If one had come, I should have been grateful. If five had come, I should have been overwhelmed. But that night between one hundred and one hundred and fifty came, from among those leading men, and took their stand frankly and openly as followers of Jesus Christ in the very hall where nine years before the name of Christ had been hissed.

It was not the difference in the speakers, for everything was in favor of the first speaker, but in the meantime a new revelation has dawned upon the mind of India, that Christ belongs to her need and to her future as much as He belongs to the West. That new revelation is bringing us face to face with one of the most wonderful facts that the Christian church has ever faced, namely, that Christianity is breaking out far beyond the borders of the Christian Church. The question that we must face in this Convention is this: is the Christian Church going to be big enough and great enough and Christlike enough to be the medium through which Christianity will express itself before the non-Christian world? If so, there must be a finer and more utter abandon to Jesus Christ than there has ever been in the past, less of the supercilious, less of racial patronage, less of that bending over the



East and saying, "I come to do you good," and more of the catching of the spirit of service that animated Jesus and of the feeling of real brotherhood that throbbed in His every act.

### What India and the Whole East Needs is Christ Himself

A leading non-Christian said to me, one day, "Can you put your finger Mr. Jones, upon something that you have in your religion that we do not have in ours?" I said, "Shall I tell you in a word?" He said, "If you can." I said, "I can. You have no Christ." That is the heart-breaking and pathetic lack of the non-Christian world. Its peoples have no Christ. I see no one anywhere around the world who is getting along well without Christ. I see no hope for any one around the world except along this one way of Jesus Christ. I make no apology, then, for being a Christian missionary, since the making known of Jesus Christ is the supreme and controlling motive of the missionary's life.



India  
Weary toilers of Hindustan.

I was one day in a great meeting of non-Christians. The judge of a native state was the chairman of the meeting. When I got through my appeal, he said this, "You have heard tonight what it is to be a Christian. If to be a Christian is to be like Christ, then I hope you will all be Christians in your lives, though I am not one myself. I see nothing better than for you to be Christians, if to be a Christian is to make you like Jesus Christ." Then he turned and in a very gracious but compelling manner said, "May I say one word to you who are Christians here? If you Christians had always lived more like Jesus Christ, if you would live and talk and act like Him and have His outlook on life, this process of conversion would go on much more rapidly."

May I speak out of seventeen years' experience that I have spent in India in evangelistic work among these leading men. I see no other way out. There are scars on every word that I am saying just now. I see no other way out for East or for West than the way that Jesus offers, namely, Himself. I see no other hope for human character save to be made like Jesus Christ. I see no other way out of the world troubled situation than the way that Jesus would point. I see no other way except Jesus, who Himself is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

## FRENCH INDO-CHINA

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

Rev. and Mrs. Cadman visited a few of our classes during their short furlough, namely: Philadelphia, Allentown and Scranton. In several letters they express their great pleasure and profit received from their visits to these churches, desiring especially to thank the pastors and their people for their kindness shown to them. Again Mr. Cadman writes:

"It has been most beautiful to see how Jehovah first meets our needs. We are encouraged to press on in faith, wholly trusting the Lord. The Lord is at hand and we feel the 'urge' to return to Hanoi and resume our literary work. \* \* \* We hope to be back to our field of labor inside of a year from the time we left. May the dear Lord ever keep the revival fire burning in your ministry. I long for such in my own ministry."

Rev. and Mrs. Cadman arrived on the field in time to attend the last three days of their Conference. They received a very hearty welcome. The last afternoon of the Conference they held the Lord's Supper, followed by the dedication of several of the Missionaries' children, after which two men were ordained to the Gospel ministry, Brother Cadman making the charge.

Greetings in the Precious Name! Praise God for this privilege of being back again once more in the midst of the work. We arrived back after exactly eleven months' absence, and, best of all, in time to have part in the closing three days of our missionary conference. Then there followed several days of executive committee meetings, most of them in joint meetings with the new Annamese executive committee. These times of fellowship were very precious, and it was a great encouragement to see how the Annamese are taking hold of things and developing real leadership.

Upon our return to Hanoi we found it somewhat difficult to adjust ourselves to the regular work of the station and also the publication work. God most graciously answered prayer, and today we have two fairly good translators or helpers, one who has a good knowledge of Chinese characters and another of French. Much of our work for the rest of this year will be translations from the above two languages into the Annamese.

There are twenty workmen busy in the press, but we seem to have arrived at the opportune moment when new manuscripts are needed. Pray that we may be divinely guided in the material to be translated and published in the Annamese. So much depends upon this, as apart from this press native workers and Christians have practically no other helps in the way of literature.

We are trusting the Lord most definitely for the financial needs, but, praise His Name, so far He has supplied abundantly; and we have never had to refuse a request for a free grant of literature or close down for lack of money. Trust and pray with us that this may continue,—yet that we shall be kept low on our faces before the Lord.

The Hanoi Church seems to be somewhat in a rut. We need a new and fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit. Some of the members are in sin and backslidden, others are luke warm and need reviving, and so on. Pray with us that our ministry may be deeply spiritual and a blessing to these people. We are hoping to get out some special leaflets for dis-



tribution in the homes of the city, and thus make a special effort in evangelizing the city.

It may be interesting to give a resumé of how we usually spend our Sundays in Hanoi. Last Sunday was a fairly typical day, so I will write about that.

Our morning worship begins punctually at 7:30, and is usually over by 9:30. Thus the heat of the day is avoided. Last Sunday there were from forty to fifty present, mostly Christians. A small number of people, but, praise God, blood-bought and blood-washed. The morning exposition was on Psalm 3, showing God's gracious dealings with David after his grievous sin and during his consequent punishment. The sermon was based on a contrast between Absalom's vanity in building a memorial pillar for himself, and Jacob's altruism in digging a well for others. The service came to a close about 9 a.m. Our desire is to see the church full on Sundays, as then we try to give the best that God gives us so that this might become a truly apostolic church, full of faith and good works.

Between the morning and evening services Mrs. Cadman and I usually go out visiting Christians and enquirers. Mr. R. M. Jackson now has taken over the charge of all the country work, so we confine ourselves mostly to the city and suburbs.

At 9:30 we were on our bicycles, in company with our native evangelists, making a visit to one of our Christian homes. The husband and wife are earnest Christians, all out for the Lord and His service. They invite people to their home to talk the Gospel. We had precious fellowship in prayer and praise. Then we paid a visit to a young man, a teacher in one of the government schools, who first heard the Gospel from us nine years ago. Now and then he attends the Sunday morning services. In his heart he believes the Gospel, but, as usual here, the family influences against the Gospel are so strong that he dares not come out openly and be baptized. He and his family receive us most hospitably, and we had good opportunity to make a witness for Jesus to one and all, giving them some Gospel tracts to read after we were gone. Pray for this Mr. Dat that he may be willing to pay the cost, and come out boldly for Jesus.

By noon we were again back home for dinner, after which some time was spent preparing an exposition of the 4th Psalm for the evening service. In the afternoon we again went on our bicycles to visit some more homes. First we visited a Mr. Hao, who lives just outside the city limits. He was baptized five years ago, and, although not a zealous Christian, yet has stood true to his faith amid much family opposition.

As we entered the door we noticed a new coffin standing there. We wondered why it was there, but did not make any comment. Mr. Hao received us very kindly, and we sat together and drank tea. He told us that his wife had been taken very ill while we were in America, and that he was afraid she could not live much longer (thus the coffin!). At once we asked to see her, and so he led us into another room where she, a skeleton of her former self, was lying on the usual bamboo bed. Immediately we saw that she was past human aid, and that nothing but a miracle could restore her.

We spoke to her about her soul's welfare, whether she believed in Jesus as her Saviour. She replied, "Yes." We asked her further questions, to which she gave reassuring replies.

For years we have been exhorting her to follow the Lord in baptism, believing that she had faith, but she had always put the matter off till another day. Here again it was a question of the family's opposition. We had a season of prayer and praise around her bedside, and the burden of the prayers was that if it was God's will, she should be restored



to her loved ones, but, if not, that she might be willing to go to be with Jesus. We left her with hearts praising God that, although she had not been baptized, yet she believed in Jesus as her Saviour and was ready to meet Him. She died on the following Monday evening and was buried Tuesday. We visited her home and had prayer but no other ceremony as her family had heathen rites.

From there we visited another Christian living a couple of miles farther out in the country. This was our first opportunity to visit his country home and meet his family and fellow villagers, as up till now he had lived in Hanoi, being employed as a compositor in one of the newspaper offices. He was very pleased to meet us, and introduced us to his father and other members of his family. "Yes, they all knew of the Gospel, but did not understand it," and so on. We drank tea together and made a witness, exhorting them to believe. As we left we distributed Gospel literature, and promised to return to further explain the Gospel.

It is in this way that the country work opens up. Have we the faith to trust God that in the near future a Christian community might spring up in this particular village? Three years ago we visited the village of Tu-Nhien under very similar circumstances. Now there are over fifty Christians there and they are contemplating putting up their own small and modest church building during this year. Yes, pray for this village work in Tonkin. Over nine-tenths of the people in this country live in the villages, so you see how important this work is in the evangelization of the whole country.

From this place we returned to the city, and visited one of the prominent members of the church committee, a Mr. Nguyen-duc-Thuc. He is a professor in the French government schools, teaching art. He has been a Christian about nine years, one of the first to be baptized. Being somewhat of a prominent man, the enemy seems to mark him out for special testing from his neighbors and friends. But he usually brings his spiritual difficulties to us. This afternoon he was troubled in soul because folks accused him of being an ungrateful son,—refusing even to give money to others with which to continue the family ancestral worship. Would it be right for him to give anything whatever to other members of the clan who practiced Buddhist rites so that they could carry on the heathen family practices? We opened up the Word to him, and after prayer he seemed to more clearly understand what his duty was Godwards.

It was now time for the evening meal, so we returned home. At 8 p.m. the evening service began. About seventy were present, mostly heathen. One of the Annamese played the organ, Mrs. Cadman, her violin, and I led the singing. Some of the Christians now sing fairly well, but the outsiders seem to have everything but melody and harmony! After a song service,—how well we remember the inspiring song services in Philadelphia and Allentown,—and an exposition of the Fifth Psalm, the native evangelist gave an earnest message on salvation, showing the heinousness of sin, its penalty, and pointing the unsaved to Him who is "the way, the truth and the life." When the appeal was made, two men held up their hands for prayer, and were afterwards dealt with in the reception room.

They professed to believe, and were exhorted to attend the meetings. But we wonder whether the seed has been sown on good ground? During the past four weeks seven in all have raised their hands in the meetings and have been dealt with in prayer. So far it seems but one is willing to come out openly and boldly for Jesus. We have paid several visits to his home and been well received. He has his mother and wife and family living with him. They are willing to welcome us to their home, and that counts for much, but we feel that there is an



undercurrent of hostility. Pray for this man (a Mr. Long) and his family that they may all ultimately accept Jesus.

The evening meeting was over by a little after nine, and, as we returned to our home it was with a feeling of deep thankfulness to the Heavenly Father for granting unto us this precious privilege of being once more permitted to be Christ's Ambassadors to these dear people.

I just received the bill of lading for a new gold-blocking press for printing the covers of books, and also a new bookbinders' press. The Lord has provided the wherewithal! Just now, with a teacher, I am working on a translation of "Exposition of Romans" from the Chinese character, of course changing it somewhat to adapt it into Annamese. Mrs. Cadman has another translator helping her on an Annamese Daily Light with a homily on the leading daily text.

Although only attending three places in the Mennonite Work (Philadelphia, Allentown and Scranton) on our last furlough, yet I received a real soul blessing. May the dear Lord grant unto you all His special benediction, and may there be continued fruitage. May we one and all not neglect the "gift within us," but may we ever "stir it into flame," as Paul advises his son Timothy.

### How Mr. Nhu Was Converted

He gave his own testimony, as follows: "One day I was visiting near the chapel, where I met the preacher, who invited me to come to the services. When I drew near the chapel I heard music and strange singing. I went in. Someone handed me a book. They were singing 'Happy day, happy day, when Jesus washed my sins away.'

"When the singing was over the preacher preached on 'The Ten Commandments.' He read from the Bible. When he read the second Commandment I could not well tolerate it but I forced myself to listen till he was through. He explained the first Commandment and I agreed with what he said.

"Then he went to the second and said, 'Please listen, friends, and I will re-read the second Commandment—"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, etc.".' In his explanation he said the following:

"An idol, in the first place, is just a tree in the forest. Men cut it down and cart it home. One part of it is made into firewood, another into chairs, tables, etc., and the little that remains is used to make idols. *Their own hands make them.* In a few hours a piece of tree turns into a Buddha.

"At first this Buddha needs clothes, so they have to fashion a dress for him. Being rather advanced in years, this Buddha must have whiskers, of course, so they have to use their own hair to make a beard for Buddha. Now their man is all fixed up, but what will they call him? They give him the greatest name they know,—the name of a great personage in Heaven. My! but *Ong Phat* (Buddha) is a wonderful being! Men call him *Ong Phat* and worship him. Now, Brethren, you all well know that when a son is born into the world he has nothing. His father must clothe him, nourish him until he is grown up, and educate him until perhaps at last he becomes a Mandarin. Ordinarily such an one would naturally have to respect his parents. Can't you see? Here is this idol that you made. It is greater than the son, to whom you gave birth? Then why do you call it a god and worship it? That certainly is very unreasonable.

"I left the meeting in a rage, but next Sunday I went to the Chapel without an invitation. The preacher spoke on 'Eternal Life.' After the service I went to have a talk with him, but it took me a long time until I was willing to accept the Lord as my Saviour. But I am happy today that I ever accepted Jesus as my Saviour."

### The Annamese Conference at Tourane, March, 1927

We were privileged to have with us as speakers Rev. A. C. Snead, our Foreign Secretary from New York; Rev. R. A. Jaffray, our Honorary Chairman, from Wuchow, South China; and Rev. Alfred Martin, the French Pastor from Hanoi. Mr. Snead's messages were given in the power of the Holy Spirit and he brought us rich truths from God's Word. Mr. Jaffray's talks on prayer caused the people to determine to live more prayerful lives. Four Annamese speakers also made addresses.

After every message the people were given an opportunity to pray. The invitation would hardly be given before two or three would be praying. It was difficult to stop them in order to commence the next meeting. I think that I have never been in a meeting where the people enjoyed praying, and desired to pray, as much as these people did.

While each morning and evening was devoted to preaching the Word, the afternoons were given over to the workers to report on the work done on their stations during the past year. These reports were most inspiring, and we rejoiced as we heard how God is working in this country.

The evangelist from Faifoo told how the work was begun in Tamky since last June. (This town is not far from Faifoo.) A woman came from Tamky seeking her son, who had run away from home because he had lost five hundred dollars of his mother's money by gambling. She had no idea where her son was, but began the search by going to Faifoo. There she met the evangelist in the home of one of the Christians and told him her troubles. He began to tell her about God and that all, who do not love Him, are like her prodigal son. She became intensely interested and asked question after question. Finally she said that she believed, and right there she knelt down and gave her heart to God. At the same time the evangelist told her that if she prayed about her boy, God would help her to find him. She did, then left the house. Just as she stepped on the street, she met her son. The poor old lady was so overcome that she could speak of nothing except that the God, about whom she had just heard, had answered prayer. She made the son stay with the evangelist a few days in order to hear the Gospel and he, too, was saved. She went back to her town and put away all her altars and witnessed to her friends of Christ. Now in her town there is an organized church of twenty members, who are zealous for God.

The evangelist to the Mois gave an interesting report of his work during the past year. His station is in the mountains near Tourane. He makes his headquarters at Tourane, from which place he makes trips to the Mois, staying about three weeks each time. He cannot remain longer because he must return for a fresh supply of food. He has found it impossible to eat the food that the Mois eat. Indeed, as we heard him tell how they lived, we could easily understand why he could not eat their food. While listening to him, we thought, "Truly, he is a pioneer missionary." He is trying to learn their language, but fortunately there are a number in that district, who can speak and understand Annamese. There are four Mois there who are Christians, and the evangelist brought two of them down to the native conference. A small chapel has been built there in the mountains, and we rejoice that even in the hardest places, the Gospel is being proclaimed. Some of you may remember reading in the *Call* about a trip that Mr. Thua, the Annamese pastor, made to these Mois near Tourane, with the result that about thirty-five men and women gave their hearts to God as best they knew how. The evangelist tells us that the whole village, where these people lived, was destroyed by a plague and only the four mentioned above escaped death. What a blessing it was that Mr. Thua had gone there and given them a chance to hear the Gospel.



The worker from Mytho spoke of the blessing of God upon that Church during the past year. About one hundred have been added to the church, and the Christians have just completed their church building, which is a substantial brick structure with a seating capacity for about three hundred and fifty people.

Saturday afternoon was given over to business instead of reports. At that time the officers for the coming year were elected. That is a time of keen interest to all of us and we are all eager to know who has been chosen. Before the election, the chairman of the Conference, Mr. Thua, called upon the members to make up the deficit of the expense for bringing delegates to Conference; the amount needed was one hundred and fifty piastres (seventy-five dollars). A collection was taken, but it did not cover the entire sum. One by one the people added to what they had already given. One evangelist gave his watch, which he valued at twelve piastres. The Chairman took it and offered it for sale for ten piastres. A Christian from Battambang bought it and immediately gave it to the evangelist, who had offered it, saying: "Keep it, you need it when you are out in service for our Master." Praise God! Even though these men have been saved from heathenism but a few short years, they are willing to give their all to Him because they love Him.

#### The First Annamese Prayer Confence Held at Mytho

There were about three hundred delegates present, and it was a blessing to see how well they were entertained and cared for. Native hotels had been rented and an Annamese cook had been secured to cook for this large Christian family. Everything went off smoothly, and expenses were fully met. Many of the preachers went, fearing that they could not afford it, as it was understood that everybody should go trusting God for his expenses. Offerings were taken up in the churches, and when the expenses were gone in to, it was found there was sufficient money to pay all the expenses for each preacher. One preacher did not come and there were nine piasters over, which would have met all of his expenses had he the faith to trust and come.

Each day, three hours were given to Bible study, three hours to prayer, and one and a half hours to praise and testimony. The messages brought were a progressive study of God's Word to us about prayer. Each message brought the prayer urge, and everyone earnestly sought the face of God during those three days of precious opportunity. The delegates came with hungry hearts and they were not disappointed, for they were unfaintingly found on their knees at all hours of the day. It was blessed to hear the rising volumes of prayer that would at times ascend from this earnest gathering. Definite requests were held before God for the entire work in French Indo-China, and already there have been definite answers.

It was A Native District Prayer Conference, and each day had its Native Chairman, who presided over the day's meetings. The missionaries rejoiced to see the anointing of God's Spirit on these Godly Annamese as they entered into each day's program with eager, earnest, thirsty hearts. Throughout the meetings there seemed to be a spirit of praise on the people and there was much earnest, urgent prayer that God would revive backslidden hearts and give added blessing and much wisdom for the entire church.

Brother H. A. Jackson writes: "This letter is to thank you for the copies of the 1926 *Regions Beyond*. But what do you think? I have so placed one of them that there is a call for six more copies if you can spare them. I am glad for the privilege of a short visit among you and yours. After knowing you and your people and the much blessed work you are doing for the cause of Christ, I like to tell others. God bless



you. I like to be numbered among you and included in your interests. Our present plan is to return to the field by way of France in the early Spring. We covet the prayers of all your people."

The following article by Brother H. A. Jackson was written in France, where he and Mrs. Jackson are staying for a while to get a more thorough knowledge of the French language, which is the official language of French Indo-China.

### A Genuine Christmas

REV. H. A. JACKSON

It seems a little strange to be sending word from Europe. This is neither my native country nor the land of my adoption. Yet I'm glad to be here for the Gospel's sake. I trust that I shall be better equipped for future service in Indo-China after a few months of concentrated study in French.

I have often looked back with joy to the four days spent in your midst last year. I thank God that I can be so vitally connected with such a noble band of consecrated believers that I can be one of your missionaries. It also rejoices my heart that I can give the Gospel, so dear to you, to a people much loved by our Lord. It isn't necessary to compromise in the least when preaching to those of another race. The Gospel of Jesus Christ, so full of cleansing, conquering, healing power, is indeed more acceptable than theories. This, with the glistening hope of the coming of the Lord is the message they embrace.

I am at this time reminded of the happiest Christmas of my life and feel like sharing its blessing with you. As strange as it may seem, the 25th day of December to which I refer was not spent in America, nor with white people. It was the last Christmas of our first term (December 25, 1925) and we were in the interior of Cochin-China. Our responsibilities had increased until we had three main stations with their out-stations. It would be impossible to visit all these places in one day, yet we felt we should plan some way to make Christmas real to all the Christians in our section.

After much prayer it seemed best to stay with the largest group. This kept us on our home station (Cantho). We had no more than made this decision before the Cantho Church sent invitations to the Christians of six other provinces to worship at Cantho on Christmas day. These invitations urged the Christians to come as soon before Christmas as possible and stay as long as they could. It would cost them nothing but their travelling expenses, as their entertainment would be provided. A committee was then formed to work out the details.

Previous to all this we had decided upon a program. There is such a lack of truth in a heathen land, that we didn't care to further deceive the people by introducing the popular Santa Claus. Our thought for Christmas was that of worship. We wanted the Christians to see JESUS!

We (the missionaries) didn't care to take any prominent part. It was the Cantho Church that invited the Christians of other provinces, and they were the ones to appear on the program. With the help of the talented native preacher then at Cantho, we prepared poems for the children and Christmas stories for the older ones.

It was past the middle of December. A special offering had been taken among the Cantho Christians to meet the heavy expenses of Christmas week. No one was sure how many would be present, but they planned on feeding several hundred on Christmas day at least. A



temporary bamboo house was built to accommodate the happy throng. They bought a beef, a hog and baskets full of fish; quantities of vegetables and fruit, with a huge bag of rice. This meant work for the women, but they informed the men ahead of time that any amount of cooking and serving wouldn't keep them from having their portion of the spiritual feast.

By December 24th the Chapel was appropriately decorated and our home made into reception rooms. Some of the visiting Christians had come soon after the 20th of the month, but the crowd came on the 24th. The boats and pony carts brought smiling faces from all directions. No one was very long getting acquainted. It is terribly hard to suppress praise when the clutches of heathenism have been broken and a man has been "born again." Annamese, Chinese and Cambodians rejoiced with us. There is that same fellowship among Christians in the East as in the West. It is hard to explain, yet it is there in a very real way.

The Chapel services began on Christmas eve. The thought of the entire evening was "Prophecy." All who took active part pointed to the Saviour who was to be born in our likeness; Immanuel—God with us. The special part of this evening was given by the women. As they cited one promise after another, they unfolded the plan of the ages revealing the secret of our hope as provided in Jesus. This was followed by a message from the Cantho native preacher. There was no uncertain meaning to his words. He clearly showed us that God had promised to raise up One like unto us and to Him we should harken. He also explained that although Confucius and Buddha lived 500 and 600 years before Christ, yet their religions were man-made.

The next day was Christmas. Every one was in the center of activity at an early hour in spite of the fact that they were too happy to sleep much the night before. Throughout the morning we worshipped Jesus our Saviour. The children recited their poems at that time and Mrs. Jackson contributed special Christmas songs. My message to the Christians that morning was that "Christ has come to fulfill God's Word and to meet the every need of man." We need no other. Christ is our all-sufficiency. At the close of the preaching service we had communion. It took an hour to serve all who gathered around the Lord's table. The Lord Jesus was very near to us as we met in His Name to remember the anniversary of His birth and the gift of Himself to us.

In the afternoon the entire congregation met for the third public service. By this time the people had flocked in upon us until there was no standing room nearer than the street. This was the men's service. They pictured the wealthy, the educated, the religious and the poor as lost and undone without Jesus. There isn't a person under the sun that doesn't need this Saviour and in His completeness man can find the solution to every problem and the supply of every need. Their recitations were full of valuable instruction. Following this the native preacher from Lang Xuyen brought an eye opening address on "What Christ's coming to earth has meant to the world." A heathen didn't have much room for argument when we adjourned for the evening meal.

The closing service of this Yuletide was on the evening of the 25th. No one seemed worn with the long sessions. It was disappointing to think that they would soon be over. The young people were in charge of this service. They had worked hard and had something to give. Since the night before they were patiently waiting their turn. Their message to the over-crowded chapel was summed up in the parable of the ten virgins. They left no loop-hole for anyone. What a climax it was as they brought us face to face with eternal issues. Then the



Chaudoc native preacher came in strong with the final appeal, "Jesus is coming again! Are you ready?" This lad seemed specially anointed for that last hour. They were serious moments as the Spirit searched hearts and obedient children of God said "Yes" to the pleading voice.

The native preacher of the entertaining Church then read a parting word to one and all. We were representatives of four nations but felt like one big family. Some of us were so full of good things that we couldn't contain them all. Liquid "something" was running from many eyes.

It was late that night as we clasped hands throughout the chapel, singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." I have never witnessed a Christmas like that one before or since, nor have I attended many services in Indo-China that were more gripping. Today that Church at Cantho is self-supporting with its own ordained Annamese pastor.

Mr. Irwin, who has charge of the Tourane Station, reports as follows: "There are in all nine congregations connected with the Tourane Station, with a membership as follows: Tourane, 551; Faifoo, 196; Loctanh, 259; Tamky, 23; Vinh, 48; Nhatrang, 29; Ninhhoa, 25; Daian, 162; Namu, 15. Baptized during 1926, 332, while 860 more names are on the evangelists' lists, representing those who have nominally accepted Christ as their Saviour during the year, but who have not yet been baptized."

#### Rev. R. M. Jackson

Rev. R. M. Jackson writes as follows:

This morning the mail man brought me the envelope containing the handsome diary that you sent. Two copies of *The Regions Beyond* were received some time ago. Lest I delay writing for a long time, I will write at once to thank you most heartily for both. We were interested to read the news from many fields contained in the Report. I had never seen my brother in the native costume until I saw his picture in the report. The diary, too, is of convenient size for a busy missionary. I often neglect to write up a large diary.

Probably Mr. and Mrs. Cadman have told you most of the news from Hanoi, and you will have read other facts in the *Call*. Herbert wrote and told me of the happy time and Christian fellowship that he had while he was among your people. I regret that I did not get to visit you. Most of my furlough was spent in New England. I did spend six weeks near Pittsburgh, after which I rushed back to Boston to prepare for going to France and returning to the Field.

As everywhere, there are many disappointments, many things that make us sad, and yet, we have very many reasons to praise God. In one village there were 22 baptized last year; eight men and fourteen women. That means that the work is being solidified. In several homes, there are three or four members who have publicly confessed Christ by baptism. Often the women hinder their husbands, but when the wives and mothers trust Jesus, they encourage their husbands, brothers and children. Another reason for praise is that in two villages the believers meet every night for Bible reading and prayer.

Since the Chinese New Year, the evangelist and I have visited eight villages; in two of them I stayed over night. Usually the evening is the best time for seed sowing. Most of the folks have to work all day, but after they have finished eating the evening meal, many of them are willing to listen to the Gospel. We praise God, too, for the auto that Mr. Worsnip left for us to use in connection with Hanoi Station. The car has enabled Mrs. Jackson to go with me to several places where it would have been impractical for her to have gone in any other way.



We are anxious for the return of Mr. and Mrs. Cadman, so that I shall be free from the printing press and able to give much more of my time to country work. The hearts of many seem to be open, and we desire to sow the Word of God there before these hearts shall become indifferent or opposed to the claims of God upon them. May God continue to richly bless your work for Him.

#### Brother N. M. Cressman

Brother N. M. Cressman writes from Paris during our last Annual Conference:

We are attending a good school in Paris. We have sessions every day of the week, except Sunday. They are very good and we feel we are making good progress. Thanks for your prayers on our behalf. We are finding things quite different here from that at home. It is all due to the lack of the knowledge of the Gospel. How the darkness of sin penetrates. It is the same story the world over.

While we are happy in the knowledge of being in the center of His will, we very much feel the loss of fellowship with the brethren, especially that of the Conferences. While I am writing this the afternoon session is no doubt in progress. Our prayers are with you. Thanking you for past favors and interest, we are His and,

In his next letter Brother Cressman says:

"The Lord forsaketh not His saints; they are preserved forever."  
Psa. 37:28.

We want to thank you first of all for the copy of the *Regions Beyond*. It is certainly interesting and shows a great deal of work was again spent in getting all that material together. We received the Diaries and wish to thank you very much for the same. They are very nice and of a convenient size.

We have heard occasionally since being here of the blessing of the Lord on the various churches and brethren, and we are very glad to hear such good reports. We are praying continually for the same.

Our studies have been keeping us very busy, for we are attending school every day. It is very tiresome sometimes and we have much home work to do besides, nevertheless we are enjoying it very much as we know it is preparing us for our work for the Master. We find it possible now to make ourselves understood and can understand most everything that is spoken, that is, when it is spoken in good French and not too fast. We are able to understand French preaching very well. They, of course, speak distinctly and always with good phrases.

We feel the Lord is helping us very much and we are making very good progress compared with others in our class who have had the advantage of studying French in the United States for a few years before taking the course here. We give the Lord the glory and expect to work hard and get the best possible. By the end of February we shall have finished our first course of four months and then to advance into the superior course for the following four months. By that time we would be ready to go on to the field, but of course there is much more to be had.

I received word from Brother A. C. Snead that the Board in Indo-China wrote to him and told him to advise us to wait till September before coming to the field. That, of course, will give us the year of studying that was spoken of at home and will allow us to sail for the field in time to arrive there in the beginning of their winter season. It seems like a long time for us, but we are going to make the best of the time by studying and working for the Master in winning souls.

We found a very good, active church at Paris, which was founded by Rev. Saillens, who is possibly the leading Christian minister here among the true men of God. Most of the Protestant ministers here, very few in number as it is, are modernists. This church is well attended and they have a number of faithful members who are real soul winners and they have conversions almost every week. They are Baptist and they are also looking for the Coming of the Lord. They are plain in dress and habit. They worship in a basement church at present, but the Lord has sent them a gift from an unknown friend in England which will enable them to complete their church this year.

The folks at the church have a real missionary vision and they support two of their own missionaries in Africa, and they have two studying in London and two at Nyack, at present. Besides their pastor, they have three young men that do evangelistic work and visitation work in the neighborhood and other districts. They only carry tracts, Testaments and Bibles and offer these for sale to the people as they speak to them about Christ and invite them to the church. By this means they are reaching many for God and the church.

The Lord has been keeping us in good health and we are very thankful for the same. The New York office has been faithful in sending the allowances. The Lord is supplying our needs and we have much to thank you folks and the Lord for, and hope to be remembered in your prayers.

In his last letter he states: We have now made arrangements to start for French Indo-China, in company with Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Jackson, about the latter part of November.

Our trip from Marseilles to Saigon will take 28 days on the water and, as I previously informed you, we shall be going to Battambang, Cambodia, to begin our language studies. We are counting on your united prayers both for a safe voyage as well as for our language studies. We are looking to God these remaining days in France that He may truly prepare us in a special way for the work which lies before us and would appreciate your prayers in this behalf as well.

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## CHINA

### Kansu-Tibetan Border

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

In the early part of the year a letter was received from Brother C. F. Snyder then yet at Hochow, Kansu Province, from which we clip the following:

I have your most interesting and much appreciated letter of August 16th date for which accept thanks.

It is a matter to be very thankful for that you can voice the same testimony as the one which may be found in the China Inland Mission Home in Hankow, "The best of all is that God is with us."

That is our experience, thank God.

My horse in a recent itinerary of 15 days to Hsüin-hua, Paongan, Rung-wo and Liabrang, on the latter part of the journey for some reason or another developed a limp—maybe caused by a kick from another animal, of this evidently there had been a slight weakness left.

From December 9 to 12, the Christian and Missionary Alliance Executive Committee members and Chinese Advisory members are to gather here for meetings—this is a quarterly affair; on the 13th of December the Moslem Committee will convene—also here, so there will be a little stir.



A very marked advance in our work was made when recently we took up devotions for the building of an outstation, not along the lines formerly followed, when more mission funds were utilized, by the Chinese Christians themselves, the objective being an indigenous church.

Ninety-five dollars Chinese and forty-five dollars foreign were pledged on this proposition and I am praying that more Chinese money will be forthcoming. The putting up of the necessary building for this outstation is assured by next spring.

During this past year here in the city the church in its year's budget undertook one-half support of door-keeper, incidental expenses connected with the chapel and boys' primary school, certain sum for evangelistic band and our own poor, and also one-tenth support of an evangelist.

It is my fond hope that by 1927 we can foot one-half of the evangelist's wage and by the time our furlough is due we shall see the Chinese congregation select their own pastor and fully support him.

Personally, I am qualified to push out again into Tibetan field, do work among moslems and, of course, prosecute evangelistic effort among Chinese.

Forever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in Heaven. Psalm 119:89

遠承恆直天在立堅語言的你阿主

Each verse of Scripture on this card is accompanied by a Chinese translation. The Chinese characters, however, are read from right to left, and downward.

Give

Give as you would if an angel  
 Awaited your gift at the door;  
 Give as you would if tomorrow  
 Were to find you where giving is o'er;  
 Give as you would to the Master,  
 If you met His searching look;  
 Give as you would of His substance,  
 If His hand the offering took.

亮光的上路我是燈明的前足我是語言的你

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105

Might I say that if my feelings could be followed, for me to be free from the main station burden, spend more time in study of the Word, in prayer, and preaching and evangelistic work—this would be to my liking.

Hochow is a wonderful field and certainly has some latent spiritual possibilities. I have been praying for the Lord to give us new blood in this church, where one shall see stalwart Christians not only choose their own pastor but build their own church building.

Thank God for the harmony existing in our midst; the Chinese workers are standing by well.

In the Hochow church there now exists a Church Committee of 8 members of which I am one. All church business goes through the hands of this body first before being taken up by the church members or presented to them.

With best wishes from both Mrs. Snyder and myself to yourself and family, to you congregation and to the Foreign Mission Board.

主的律法純全可以蘇醒人心。  
 The Law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul. Psalm 19:7

神的話，是活潑的，是有力的。  
 For the Word of God is quick, and powerful. Heb. 4:12

Under date of August 19, 1927, Brother Snyder writes from Glendale, Calif.—“The peace of our Lord Jesus be with you all. This is to announce to you the arrival of Sister Snyder and myself from Kansu, China, to the homeland. We are now residing at the above address for the present, and as far as rest and change is concerned this place is fine, thanks to Mrs. Suppes, who has been used and led by God to make this a possibility.”

Brother Snyder desires the prayers of the Board and the Church for Sister Snyder's physical healing. The Alliance Board has arranged for their stay at the above address for a while.

#### Miss Anna Haupberg

Miss Anna Haupberg writes as follows:

Let me first say thank you to the society for their support and the literature sent me regularly and is most welcome. Some of it I also share with others, especially the children's papers. Thanks also for the diary which I have received every year.

The Lord has given souls since coming back to the field and while not all that looks like fruit really is, yet there has also been the fruit that remain. Praise God.

Nearly two weeks ago one of our Christian women brought her daughter-in-law to church saying to us that she wanted to become a Christian.

As I was busy with some other women I sent the Bible women over to talk with her and she found out that the woman was sick and wanted God to heal her but that she would not promise to serve Him afterwards. We then told her that under those conditions we could not pray for her healing but trusted that God would convict her.

Then last Sunday her father-in-law, who is also a Christian and was very anxious that his daughter-in-law would turn to God, came and asked could I come out there this week? Yes, but where would I get a cart just now, so near to the New Year? Well, he would bring his ox cart for me and the women. We went and not only one woman confessed the Lord, but all together four. May they all prove to be true.

After the New Year's holidays are over I expect, the Lord willing, to give some time to the country work, which is promising in this district, and shall be glad for the prayers of the Saints.

There are more than ten villages where we have Christian women; in some places several families, and the care of these has taken most of my spare time. We reach some outsiders through the regular meetings. This district is large and the people are friendly so there are more opportunities than one can accept.

Praise God for allowing me to work out here where the fields are white unto harvest and in these days of unrest in China. We have had rest and been unhindered to go on with the work.

May God bless the friends at home who give and pray. Am sure you will all feel rewarded when you see the saved ones from China in glory.

Later on upon arrival in the homeland Miss Haupberg writes the following:

Through the good hand of the Lord upon us we reached this place on the 19th of June. Praise God for keeping us all the way.

It was one of the hardest experiences that I have gone through to have to leave the work and come away, for the doors in our district were as open as ever. We can only leave it with God and trust that conditions in China will soon come to the place of peace and missionaries may go back to their beloved work. Pray that God may lead and guide us while at home and use us for His glory.

I presume others have written about the trip so I shall not repeat.



### How China Learns

From the *Missionary Review of the World* of Sept., 1926, we learn: "China has a good telegraph system which reaches every important city in China. Newspapers are multiplying rapidly. They have grown in number from ten or less fifteen years ago to more than one thousand dailies and several hundred magazines today, filled with items and comments on international affairs.

"More important, however, than the newspapers are the student lecturers. In every large city and in many of the important market towns boys and girls from high schools and colleges are speaking on the streets, several times each month. Whenever anything important happens, these volunteer lecturers get busy and explain the whole affair. They are the creators of public opinion, and because they reach many more millions than can possibly be reached by the newspapers, they are undoubtedly the most important group in China today."



Thirty million heathen died last year without the Gospel. What will we do to save the thirty million that will die this year?

## CHILE

Missionaries—Miss Anna LeFevre and Mrs. Nettie Meier

We received the following resolution of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Conference in Chile through their Chairman:

The Mennonite Brethren in Christ, U. S. A.,

Dear brethren in Christ:

The Thirtieth Annual Conference of the Chile Mission of the Christian and Missionary Alliance has just finished its sessions in Osorno, Chile, January 13 to 15, 1927. We had a very blessed Conference in which the power of God was manifest, and the working of His Spirit very real. We praise God for His abundant blessings. We have just closed a year full of activity and much seed sowing, and we are looking to the Lord of the Harvest that this seed bring forth much fruit in the salvation of hundreds of souls. We are praying and believing for a mighty revival throughout Chile.

One of the last resolutions of the Conference was to send a vote of thanks to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ for their cooperation and support during the past year. May the Lord richly bless you all in your labor of love for Him and His cause.

Cordially yours in His glad service,

HENRY WAGONER, Chairman.

Miss Anna LeFevre writes early in the year:

I praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy that have followed me all the way. Soon after returning to Chile I came to this place (Purranque) in the southern part of our mission field and at present I am the only foreign missionary in this large province and I find much need all around. The people are open to the Gospel but bound up in the chains of sin and vice. The work is new here. The Church here was organized last May and we have a group of lovely young Christians here who are very active in propagating the Gospel. We have several out-stations where they help me in taking the Gospel.

I often think of the pleasant days I spent with you and your family and people in Philadelphia and at the Allentown Camp Meeting. It all seems so far away now and yet I like to think back over it. I thank you and your Board for your prayers and support and interest in the work, and my desire is to be ever a faithful humble worker for my Master. The Lord is teaching me a new lesson of faith; to really believe God for definite results as we give out His precious Word. While up north in January to attend our Annual Conference I spent three days at a Conference of the missionaries of other Boards working in Chile, especially Methodist, Presbyterian and Anglican. There were some very good things but it was very sad and sickening to learn of the awful spirit of Modernism there is among them. Our precious Bible was criticised and depreciated by those who were supposed to come to this land to preach it. I was glad to belong to those who stand by the dear old Book.

I am receiving the Gospel Herald and the Bible Teachers Quarterlies which I appreciate very much, and thank you for.

I am living alone except for a little girl I adopted a few years ago and work pretty hard, especially on the trips to out-stations, yet I praise the Lord. He has been keeping me in good health and gives me strength as my day.

Again I thank you for your kind help, interest and prayers. May the Lord continue to bless you and make you a blessing. Help me in prayer that the Lord will so fill me with Himself that I may make Christ real to these needy hearts and lives that I come in contact with.



### A Visit to an Out-Station in Chile

ANNA LEFEVRE

Llanquihue is one of the largest and richest provinces of Chile. It is located in the extreme south and its principal industries are agriculture, cattle raising and lumbering. Since the early years of the mission the Gospel has been preached in the northern part of the province, especially in the beautiful city of Osorno, but the great district to the south, about four hundred miles with scattered population, was untouched until late years, and here there is plenty of room yet for pioneer missionary work.

The town of Purranque, where I have been working some months, is an hour's journey on the train south of Osorno. A little church was organized here last May and the Lord has been blessing the work. The members are all only beginners in the Christian life as the entire congregation of twenty-two members were baptized last year, and their spiritual growth has been very encouraging.

Besides the work in Purranque we have out-stations both north and south where the young people of the church help in giving out the Gospel in testimony and printed page. The work in the out-stations is interesting and encouraging but has its difficulties too. Perhaps you would like to have been with me on a recent trip to Casma, one of my out-stations, and to spend a day in missionary work in this country and see how it goes.

We left Purranque on the 9 a.m. train, third class, and that means something here in the south, for the trains do not run often and are invariably crowded with all kinds of dirty people and things, with smells almost strong enough to pull the whole train. One of my Chilean sisters and a couple of the brethren accompanied me. It was a Roman Catholic feast day and many people were not working. I took my folding organ and a bag of Gospels and tracts.

On arriving at Casma a crowd of country people awaited us and gave us a glad welcome, and, after the greetings with many handshakes and embraces were over, we started off on foot for the rest of the journey. We walked down the railroad about half a mile, stopping at a house along the way where there were more greetings and another crowd joined us. We had to cross a deep ravine on a high railroad bridge, stepping from tie to tie. On these trips a man with a wooden leg and a woman with her feet all crippled with rheumatism have often accompanied me even in cold rainy weather. I sometimes held my breath for fear they would slip and fall through the bridge, but the dear souls were so hungry for a Gospel meeting that they did not mind the trip.

Finally we branched off into the woods, crossed another stream over sagging boards, climbed a hill and arrived at the home of our host, where the man and his wife and eldest son and daughter are members of the church in Purranque. It was only a little rough board shed, no windows. The best room had some old rough boards for floor. It seemed to be a lonely place, but as it was located high, we could see a few houses through the woods at a distance, so it was a great surprise to see the many people that had gathered to hear the Gospel.

We opened our organ and the people crowded in. Homemade benches, boards and boxes served for seats and the rest stood until the room was crowded and some stood outside. Then the meeting began. How those simple people loved to sing the hymns! And how joyously and fervently they sang! What did it matter if they did not keep the time or the tune? They were making a joyful noise unto the Lord. And if some could not sing as fast as others, they sang anyway and usually caught up by the time the next verse was started. The prayers were simple and earnest. Close attention was given to the simple Gospel

message. And the testimonies! Wonderful stories of the power of the Gospel transforming and satisfying darkened hungry souls! They must be heard to be fully appreciated.

But the majority of our congregation were those who had never or seldom heard the Gospel before, but there was no mocking or disrespect as one often finds in towns. Some would ask questions or tell of their need of salvation and then there was more praying and more singing. But finally the meeting had to stop and vacate the room so the table could be set. The table, which had been taken out to allow room for the benches and people, was brought in. Soon plates of mutton stew and bread baked in the ashes were placed before us to which we did full justice. As table service was scarce, knives and forks were loaned back and forth as needed by the guests; nobody worried about microbes. Three times the table was surrounded with guests and the rest ate in the cooking shed around the open fire in the middle of the floor.

While the last tablefuls were eating the organ was removed to the yard and another meeting was in progress when a shower drove us in. So again the table was taken out and the singing, praying and Bible study continued. Late in the afternoon we were served to coffee and more tortilla, round cakes of hard bread baked in the ashes.

The evening meeting had been arranged for in another place further back in the woods, so the organ was folded up and the books gathered and we began our march. They had told us it was not far, but we walked up hill, down hill, through woods of beautiful immense trees, climbed great fences constructed of logs and stumps of these large trees, went through swamps, crossed streams by carefully balancing ourselves on the trunks of trees felled across the streams, and finally came to a group of small rough board buildings near a sawmill. Here again we were cordially welcomed by a sweet little woman, also a member of our church.

Supper was being prepared in big iron pots hanging over a big wood fire on the ground floor in the middle of the kitchen. The evening was cool and damp, so when we got too cold outside we went into the kitchen and sat on the big logs around the fire and toasted one side while the other cooled off. On a log on the other side of the room behind the fire sat a few lumbermen who had been invited for the meeting, and while our hostess made the soup she was preaching the Gospel to these men. She was an uneducated country woman, could not read, only saved last year, baptized in July; but I marvelled while I listened how she clearly and forcibly explained the Gospel story and the way of salvation to those men in such a sweet, simple way, sometimes unconsciously gesticulating with her soup ladle. It was a wonderful blessing to me. I have heard college graduates preach, whose message was absolutely nothing in comparison to this simple woman's testimony. How wonderfully God reveals Himself to these simple babes in Christ. She finished with a direct application in a sweet and earnest manner: "Ahora, Don Pedro, if you should arrive at the judgment seat of God without repentance you will have more blame than ever before, because now you have heard the Gospel." And he had, although probably for the first time. He seemed real impressed as he with the others listened respectfully.

Out in the yard, seated or standing about the woodpile, were a group of young folks singing hymns; in another group the men conversed. It reminded me of a camp meeting at home on a small scale. Soon we were again invited to surround the table and served to mutton stew, black coffee and bread. Then another meeting which lasted until midnight, but everybody seemed happy and did not seem to think of the time. It was a dark night with a drizzling rain, and most of the



people had to go a long way over, what to me seemed, dangerous paths through the woods to their homes. I was thankful to be invited to stay there over night, for I was so very tired it seemed I could hardly keep up longer. After midnight I and the Chilean girl that had accompanied me were able to lie down to rest in a little bed in the corner of the same room where the meeting had been held. There was no window to the room but the wind came in through the cracks between the boards. At the other end of the same room two Chilean men had a bed on the floor.

In the morning it was raining and the trip back to the station had to be made through rain and mud. The wind was blowing hard and on the way turned my umbrella inside out. I was very glad to get back to my own little room and rest, but I thank the Lord for the blessed privilege of ministering to these dear hungry souls in the country districts of Chile. There are thousands of others who yet wait for the first visit of a messenger of the Gospel. Remember them in prayer that the time will soon come when all shall have an opportunity to know the peace that satisfies the hungry heart.

### **Bible Conference in Valdivia, Chile**

NETTIE MEIER

Many times our thoughts had turned back to the precious time we had during April Bible Conference, and our prayers had been, "Lord give us another time of blessing like that, revive and quicken the people." And so He did. God was very gracious to us, and we were conscious of His presence in our midst.

It was a real joy to meet and greet the workers again after a six months' separation. All were present except four missionaries, and we were very sorry not to have them with us. Our host, Mr. Arturo Oyarzún, with the hostesses, Miss Lena Schaefer and Miss Dorothy Thompson, spared no effort to make their guests comfortable and happy during their stay.

The early prayer meeting each morning, as well as the other periods dedicated to prayer were times of refreshing and uplift as we came before God claiming the precious promises in Jesus' names. The themes presented were interesting and profitable. The evangelistic services in the evenings were well attended in spite of the fact that the students' festival was on in all its glory, and lasted for four days. The messages were followed by an altar call each time, and many came forward at every service. Personal work with the seekers showed that many were in earnest and really wanted to be saved. They were directed to believe in Jesus as their only hope of salvation. We expect to hear and see that souls were really born again during that Conference.

Although Valdivia is known as the town where it rains thirteen months in the year we were especially favored by having fine weather for which we praise our Father.

Monday was a special day. As it was the birthday of one of our number the whole conference was very cordially invited to spend the day at Carboneros, a lovely little spot along the Valdivia river where dear friends of the missionaries live. The steamer ride was very enjoyable, for the scenery along the river banks is beautiful, and the ride seemed short for we were well entertained by some of the workers giving us a concert of favorite hymns.

The sessions that day were held in the spacious sitting room of a neighbor's home. The love of our hostess manifested itself in the bountiful way she served us while we were there. The day passed all

too quickly. In fact the Conference came to a close before we realized it. The morning after, there were mingled feelings of gladness and sadness as we parted, some to the north, some to the south, while others stayed behind. With new hope and courage we take up our work to labor for Him whom we love, Jesus our Master.

In her latest report, Mrs. Meier writes:

God is so good to us day by day, we have been so conscious of the Holy Spirit's presence both in the hours of joy and gladness as well as in time of trial and disappointment, and they are many. But Jesus our Lord and Saviour is the same yesterday, today and forever, as we have experienced many, many times. Our heart's desire and our daily prayer is that some day soon our Father will send a mighty revival in our midst. And He will. Mercy drops are falling, and soon there will be the showers because He is faithful and will not pass us by here in Chile. Our hearts are encouraged as we note the faithful attendance in our Sunday Schools. Even on very rainy days when the attendance drops, of course, many come out. If you could see how few clothes some of them have, and how few are the families that know any such luxury as an umbrella you, too, would understand that Sunday School is very attractive for them to come out in a hard rain. For them to receive one of the lesson cards which kind friends in the homeland send for them fills their hearts with joy.

And we love the young people, in spite of their short comings. Compared with the well-dressed and educated young people of the churches at home they naturally suffer by comparison in appearance and manners, but oh friends, there is a real shine on their faces, a light in their eyes that Jesus has put there. How they like to sing and especially in choruses. Rarely can any of them read notes, and it is so hard to teach them the different parts, but oh, they like it and would be so willing to practice for hours. Then, too, they love to stand before an audience and preach, or recite some piece. Their thoughts are not always connected and many times a text is more apt to be a pretext, but they are learning and making progress too. They attend services six times a week and would come the remaining two nights if there were services.

This is due perhaps to their home not really being a home. It is a place to eat and sleep, but nothing else. They have no natural inclination to read or study, so the meeting at the Chapel is their life outside of working hours. They round up their old-time friends or those who work with them and bring them to the meetings, and how glad they are when one or the other wants to be saved too. They are very good at giving out tracts and selling Testaments and take great delight when on the last Monday of the month at the young people's meeting the reports are given of the Christian work done during the month. It is a big thing in their lives.

We have one brother here who, especially, is a live-wire, always at service if he can possibly get there, and a great inspiration to others. He is the one who urges the others on. He wants especially to reach the Indians in different places about here.

And yet do you know that there is not another one so often afflicted in body as he. He has asthma, a growth in his nose, and an ugly sore that comes on his limbs from time to time. He is a veritable Job as to trials, and sicknesses. Does he murmur or complain? No. A bright ringing testimony, praising God for His goodness and chances to serve Him, are all we hear. God has heard our prayers and helped him when he was very ill, but oh, won't you take this brother on your heart and intercede for him? He is one who can be greatly used of God. Greetings to all.





Colombia  
A funeral passing the Mission House.

### COLOMBIA

Missionaries—Rev. M. P. Zook and Mrs. M. P. Zook

Brother Zook and his family, who had spent some twenty years in Chile and Argentina, were sent by the Christian and Missionary Alliance Board to Colombia, South America. The following clippings from his letters will, no doubt, interest us all:

We sailed on the eighth of December at 3 p.m. and the boat was a splendid one. We went on tourist class and had the majority of the passengers. They were a congenial lot and not of the uppish sort. In first class they did not have very many. Brother Reed, of our mission in Ecuador, was amongst the passengers and we had sweet fellowship together to Panama. The sea was completely calm all the way and you would hardly realize that we were on the water. Besides it was a large ship and rode wonderfully quiet. In Panama we had to wait 8 days for a coast boat to Buenaventura, the Colombian port. Brother Reed went on after 3 days on a boat that did not stop at our port.

I had a real good time in Cristobal and spoke three times. Once in the Union Church, composed of the canal employees. Had a splendid

meeting there and the people receptive. Then twice in the Colored Baptist Church where we had by far the largest congregations. I had spoken in that same church seven years ago and when it was announced that I should speak there again a large congregation was there to hear me. And we had such good meetings, for those people are really well taught and responsive. You could feel the presence of the Spirit in every meeting. And such testimonials and prayers! We could hardly close the meeting.

On Thursday morning, the 23rd of December, we boarded the "Santa Cruz" of the Grace Line for our destination. It is a pretty good boat for passengers and cargo. It was filled to the limit. But not such an easy riding boat as the former. We arrived on Christmas day and, but for the experience at the Custom's House, we would not have realized that it was Christmas. I have never experienced a Christmas that impressed me so little of the day as this one. Fortunately for us Brother Langeloh, our missionary here in Popayan, was there to meet us and had rented a boat to take us to shore with our baggage. Otherwise we might have had difficulties and perhaps paid much more than necessary.

We got to shore about 1 p.m. and then began the harrowing experiences. The customs officials said they were not obliged to work and as a matter of fact were not in a condition to do so on account of drink. But they finally consented to be there by one o'clock. Well, we stood their in the broiling tropical sun and waited and waited. The passengers became impatient and vociferated but to no avail. Finally someone, a Columbian by the way, said he was going to complain to the authorities and he went and soon one official came stalking along in state and the noise began. Everyone wanted his baggage looked over first. What made matters worse there was so little room in the yard where our baggage was put, for they have no room in the building. Finally another official came along and we prevailed upon him to look through ours. He was not in humor to make much work and only looked through our baggage very superficially. I was afraid I might have to pay for our new organ but he just left it pass through. Then we went to the station to get them despatched to Popayan.

Well, our first impressions of Colombia were of the most pessimistic for reasons I will explain. I have never seen nor ever expected to see a country so near like Africa as this one is. The first sight of the people is blacks. In fact you hardly see any whites on the coast. This impression leaves one little by little as you go inwards. Then the streets—if you can call them that—the huts and smells remind one of the impression I have of Africa. Most of the huts—for you can not call them houses—are made of bamboo, covered with palm leaves and meadow grass. The children and even some of the grown-ups almost naked and the former entirely so. The dirt and filth and squalor just overwhelms one. Then just outside of the town and right against it you see the tropical jungles with their banana trees, plantain, pawpaws, avocados and an infinity of other tropical fruits with which the jungles abound.

Well, we stayed in the best hotel, which is entirely out of keeping with the rest of the town, for it is a concrete building and well kept and run by a Swiss. We had a good night there but were anxious to get away the following morning to get nearer our ultimate destination. The train is a narrow gauge one and not very impressive. We left at 8 a.m. and went as far as Cali the first day where we had to remain over night. We went to the service of the Gospel Union, who have a work in that city. It is a better city, situated in one of the most beautiful valleys of this country. And indeed it is a beautiful one. Our train began to wind around the innumerable curves and up the



hills and mountains and down the valleys at a pace of about 20 miles per hour. You can imagine that seems to go pretty slow for one who has just come from the States. But it gets you there just the same and when one considers the curves and the condition of the railway you are glad it does not go faster.

Farther inland the jungle disappears and gives way to grazing lands. Such grass for the cattle I have never seen. It grows in profusion just like the trees and shrubs in the jungles. But everywhere you get the impression that the country is in a backward condition. Practically no cultivation and very little work bestowed on the crops. Here, where we have to pay \$16.00 for a hundred pounds of flour, they could raise the wheat in abundance without much labor, but no, not they. They need some colonists to come in and teach the people how to work. But they do not want colonists.



Brother and Sister Feldges and a number of Mexicans among whom they carry on mission work in California.

Well, we stayed all night in Cali and at 7:30 a.m. were off again on the last lap of our journey. We went over more hills and mountains again and up to an altitude of about 6,000 feet above sea level. Here the air was fresh and bracing but the vegetation just as exuberant as anywhere else. Everywhere you look and all that you see gives the impression that God has been very generous with the people but that they are very unthankful. "Where every prospect pleases, and only man is vile."

You need not go very far to see the results of Romanism in its worst forms. It is well known everywhere that this country is under the heel of Rome as no other Republic in South America. While the Constitution is quite liberal and concedes liberty of worship to its inhabi-



tants, the Roman church has made an agreement with the Republic and formed what they call a "Concordant" which supercedes the Constitution and practically annuls it, and in that gives no liberty of worship and gives the priests unlimited power of the souls and bodies of all, and practically governs the country, its politics, education, commerce and religion. The government is obliged to pay to Rome the sum of many millions of dollars annually because of the fact the liberals, when they were in power years ago, confiscated the properties of the church. But the people are chafing under the yoke of Rome and I would not be surprised to see an uprising of the liberals at any time.

I am glad to say that we already have a little nucleus of interested persons who attend the meetings. I have no doubt but that in a short time we will have some converts. Our missionaries in Ipiales, to the south of us have been mobbed and driven out of the town by the fanatics but the last information tells us that they have again returned to the town and are being protected by State troops. Brother Chrisman, who had been in Ecuador for many years, is there with his family. In this case the devil underestimated the results, for that act of brigandage has stirred up the people and the liberals to an extent that one would not have anticipated and it even has shown the Government what kind of an enemy they have in the church. It has also served to advertise our work as nothing else could have done. We want you to continue to pray for us and the work here. We believe that God has a people for His name in this town and country. Our united love to you and all the brethren.

Extracts from Brother Zook's latest report:

Conditions in this country are much more crude than I had even anticipated. Besides, there is an organized resistance to the preaching of the gospel by the authorities that hinders our work very much. The people in general, while fanatical, still are friendly and hospitable and willing to associate with us even against the will and warnings of the priests. But everywhere, especially in the Sierras, we are at the mercy of the priests, who bring pressure to bear upon the authorities to stop our propaganda in public, and the authorities lend themselves as dupes of the priests and stop us. Even the Governor of this Department has published a decree putting an end to all Bible selling, tract distribution, etc., in the whole department under penalty of prison or a hundred dollars fine. So the only thing for us to do is to confine ourselves to our preaching places and do what we can from there.

Our colporteur recently had been selling Bibles, etc., in the market place and was not molested nor threatened. But recently the priest ordered the police to take him to the police station. When he arrived there the Chief wanted to know what the charges against him were, for the Chief knew him and knew he was a colporteur. The policeman told him the priest had ordered him taken there. Well, the Chief became quite angry that the police had to be under orders to the priest and told the colporteur he could go and sell all the books he desired. But the next day he called for him again and said that he had put a wrong interpretation on the law and that he could not sell any more Bibles or make any propaganda in public or he would be imprisoned or fined a hundred dollars. The facts evidently are that the priests, hearing of the clemency of the Chief, had a consultation with him and compelled him to take these measures. These conditions obtain pretty much all the way from here south to Ecuador. Farther north, especially in the Cauca Valley, the people are much more liberal as well as the authorities. There the spirit of prosperity has entered and many foreigners are coming in and consequently they have no time to occupy themselves with such matters.



As to the meetings here they are not encouraging, but we are believing God for souls and we see that He is working in some ways. People have been coming here and privately have been inquiring about the way of salvation and the teachings of the gospel. While the work goes slow, still we believe the Lord is really working.

We have had three different visits from a tribe of Indians to the north of us, who came to get tracts and literature and they told us that most of them were in favor of the gospel. But as yet we have had no opening to go amongst them to preach but they at least have Bibles and tracts and they will do their work. We have also been visiting two out-stations where there are good prospects for a work. The last place I went to we had from 50 to 60 people and of the best and most prominent people of the town. They seem to be very enthusiastic about our coming. While their interest principally is from a political



Mrs. Feldges and Grace with some of their Mexican Indian converts.

motive, for they see in the gospel a liberalizing tendency, it is to be hoped that at least some of them will be caught in the gospel net and held.

My companions, the Langelohs, are making preparations to leave for California the latter part of the week and we have no hopes of any new ones coming to take their place. That will leave us alone with only a native helper. Besides we have no hopes of any new ones being sent even in the future. There seems to be no money to send them. When we look on this great field and so destitute, we are made to cry out to God and pray the Lord of the harvest field to send laborers. It surely is not possible that all these souls must be lost just because the Church of Jesus was not willing to give the few paltry dollars necessary to bring the gospel to them. What an awful condemnation that will be for the Christians who are living in ease and luxury and satis-

ying every whim and fancy of the flesh at any expense when their eyes will be opened to see what could have been accomplished with just a small portion of that money and with a little sacrifice. But then it will be too late. May we be faithful at least in keeping this before the people of God.

### Allowances, October 1, 1926 to October 1, 1927

(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

#### Palestine—

Rev. E. O. Jago.....	\$ 360 00	
Miss Mary A. Butterfield.....	720 00	
		\$ 1,080 00

#### Africa—

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

#### India—

Rev. E. R. Carner.....	\$ 415 00	
Mrs. E. R. Carner.....	415 00	
Rev. Samuel Kerr.....	415 00	
Mrs. Samuel Kerr.....	415 00	
		1,660 00

#### West China—

Rev. C. F. Snyder.....	\$ 400 00	
Mrs. C. F. Snyder.....	400 00	
Rev. W. N. Ruhl.....	400 00	
Miss Anna Haupberg.....	400 00	
		1,600 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	
Rev. N. M. Cressman.....	440 00	
Mrs. N. M. Cressman.....	440 00	
		3,520 00

#### Chile—

Miss Anna LeFevre.....	\$ 360 00	
Mrs. Nettie Meier.....	360 00	
		720 00

#### Colombia—

Rev. M. P. Zook.....	\$ 360 00	
Mrs. M. P. Zook.....	360 00	
		720 00

#### Ecuador—

Rev. H. W. Feldges.....	\$ 420 00	
Mrs. H. W. Feldges.....	420 00	
		840 00

\$ 12,300 00



**Allowances, January 1, 1927 to January 1, 1928**

(Africa Inland Mission)

Africa, Belgian Congo, Northeast—

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

(United Missionary Society)

Rev. Joseph Ummel.....	\$ 400 00	
Rev. Paul Ummel.....	400 00	
		800 00
		\$ 14,000 00

**Miscellaneous**

Printing and binding 2,000 copies of "Regions Beyond" for 1926.....	\$ 270 00	
Half-tones for the above.....	208 30	
Literature, etc., to Missionaries, 1927.....	82 80	
Expenses of Board Meetings, postage, etc.....	22 94	
Donation to Treasurer.....	50 00	
Missionary Receipt Cards: 20,300 for the Church and 5,300 for the Gospel Herald Society.....	93 00	727 04
Total .....	\$ 14,727 04	

Ignorance on the part of Christians of the appalling needs of mission lands is inexcusable in these days of missionary sermons, missionary magazines, and missionary activities of many kinds. Instead of excusable ignorance, it must be a willful shutting of the eyes to the deplorable conditions set forth so fully in writings and in sermons.

The need of mission fields is hard to exaggerate. Whosoever will lift up his eyes may see.

The British and Foreign Bible Society has published the Bible or parts of it in 576 languages. Thus the Bible "girdles the globe with Salvation." What a monument to the industry, scholarship and devotion of men and women who have spent and are still spending their lives to prepare the "Bread of Life" for every nation and tongue on the globe! What a colossal work! Through the efforts of this and other Bible Societies, supported by friends and well-wishers of "The Truth," the Bible is now the cheapest and most accessible book in the world.

Four hundred years ago William Tyndale saw that people never could be established in any truth, "except the Scriptures were plainly laid before their eyes in their mother tongue." So he began to translate the New Testament into English, and in 1525 his translation was complete. This did for the people of England what Luther's German version did for Germany; namely, make possible the rapid spread of the Protestant Reformation. The Scriptures have since been translated into over 770 languages and dialects. Some portion is published in a new language on an average of every six weeks.

## DIRECTORY

The Annual Conference held at Bethlehem, Pa., October 13-17, 1927. 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.
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#### (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	Zuru, via Kantagora, Nigeria, West Africa.
Ummel, Paul	Zuru, via Kantagora, Nigeria, West Africa.

#### (c) India

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

#### (d) Western China

Hauptberg, Miss Anna	Taochow, Old City, Kansu Province, China. On furlough; address 2120 Palmetto Ave., Sioux City, Iowa.
Ruhl, Rev. W. N.	Taochow, Old City, Kansu Province, China. On furlough; address, 131 S. Marshall St., Lancaster, Pa.
Snyder, Rev. C. F. }	Hochow, Kansu Province, China. On furlough; address, 310 Mission Road, Glendale, Calif.
Snyder, Mrs. C. F. }	



(e) **Annam or French Indo-China**

Cadman, Rev. Wm. C. }	Rue de la Citadelle, voie 85, Hanoi, Tonkin,
Cadman, Mrs. Wm. C. }	French Indo-China.
Jackson, Rev. R. M.	Rue de la Citadelle, voie 85, Hanoi, Tonkin,
	French Indo-China.
Jackson, Rev. H. A.	329 Rue Frere Louis, Saigon, Cochín,
	China, French Indo-China.*
Cressman, N. M. }	Pnom Penh, Cambodia, French Indo-
Cressman, Mrs. N. M. }	China.*

(f) **Chile, S. A.**

LeFevre, Miss Anna	Casilla, 57 Valdivia, Chile, South America.
Meier, Mrs. Nettie	Victoria, Chile, South America.

(g) **Colombia, S. A.**

Zook, Rev. M. P. }	Apartado 79, Pompayan, Colombia, South
Zook, Mrs. M. P. }	America.

(h) **Ecuador, S. A.**

Feldges, Rev. H. W. }	On furlough; address, 331 W. 37th Ave.,
Feldges, Mrs. H. W. }	Los 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.

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

Board.

\* These missionaries are sailing from France on December 2, 1927. Their appointments are not absolutely certain until they reach the field.

#### XIV.—Ministerial Convention (Semi-Annual)

The Twenty-fourth Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania Conference for the Conference year 1926 to 1927, convened in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, Broad and McFarran Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., April 13, 1927.

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 p.m. with singing and prayer by N. H. Wolf, of Spring City, Pa.

Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, of Allentown, was chairman and Pastor P. T. Stengele, of Easton, recorded the minutes.

The Chair appointed the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS: W. G. Gehman, R. L. Woodring, F. M. Hottel.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION: H. B. Musselman, J. G. Shireman, J. C. Roth.

TIME KEEPER: J. B. Layne.

Two essays were read, received, discussed and adopted during the afternoon meeting, as follows:

"What Constitutes a Loyal Pastor," by Pastor E. N. Cassel, of Reading, Pa.

"Pastoral Tact in and out of the Pulpit," by Pastor F. B. Hertzog, of Allentown (Salem), Pa.

Both of these essays were well written, read and showed deep concern by the writers. Many helpful and timely statements were also presented by the discussions that followed and much valuable help received by all.

A number of Gospel Heralds rendered some excellent selections in song which were enjoyed by all present. A liberal offering was lifted towards the expenses of the Convention.

The evening meeting was opened at 7:30 o'clock with devotional services in charge of Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, after which we listened to two short but inspiring addresses. The speakers being at their best held the audiences spell bound through the Bible Truths they presented on the following subjects:

"The Pastor's Message," by B. Bryan Musselman, of Allentown, Pa.

"Scriptural Means and Methods of Evangelism," by Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman, of Easton, Pa.

Both of these messages contained very vital and important truths for the present times.

The Pastor, C. H. Brunner, and the people and friends of the Philadelphia class spared neither means or labor to provide for the comfort and entertainment of the convention members and friends.

The day was rainy but the attendance was very good, many coming from various points throughout the Conference.

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



NOTE: The Committee on Publication recommended this report to be published in the Gospel Banner and that the essay, "Pastoral Tact in and out of the Pulpit," by F. B. Hertzog, be turned over to Pastor C. H. Brunner, for publication in the Gospel Banner.

B. Bryan Musselman, Chairman.

P. T. Stengele, Secretary.

## XV.—Ministerial Convention (Annual)

The Thirty-Seventh Annual Ministerial Convention of the Pennsylvania Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ convened in Ebenezer M. B. in C. Church, Main and Durham Streets, Bethlehem, Pa., at 10 a.m., Wednesday, October 12, 1927. The Chairman, C. H. Brunner, of Philadelphia, Pa., opened the Convention by singing "Glory to His Name," followed by prayer by F. B. Hertzog, of South Allentown, Pa. Pastor T. D. Gehret, of Scranton, Pa., 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: V. H. Reinhart.

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 very profitable and timely message on "Paul's Experience of Suffering as our Example," basing his remarks on II Corinthians, the first chapter.

### AFTERNOON MEETING

The afternoon meeting was opened at 2 o'clock with singing led by R. L. Woodring, of Nazareth, Pa., and prayer by E. E. Kublic, of Mt. Carmel, Pa. After the Roll Call and the reading of the minutes of the forenoon meeting, the following essays were read and discussed:

"Christian Courtesy" (I Peter 3:8), by Pastor N. H. Wolf, Spring City, Pa.

Four Gospel Heralds then gave us a special message in song, which was enjoyed by all present.

"Things to Avoid" (I Timothy 6:20), by Pastor J. B. Layne, Quakertown, Pa.

Both of these essays were well prepared, carefully read, and were full of instruction 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 P. T. Stengele, after which two

twenty-minute addresses were given on "Punctuality and Devotedness," by Pastor C. H. Brunner, of Philadelphia, Pa., and "The Victorious Life," by Pastor T. D. Gehret, of Scranton, Pa. Both of these messages were instructive and edifying.

The Brethren were at their best, and the Lord used them in a wonderful way in bringing the messages to us. The meeting was interspersed with special singing by Mixed Chorus and Male Quartet, 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 F. M. Hottel.

C. H. Brunner, Chairman.

T. D. Gehret, Secretary.

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### **XVI.—Sunday School Convention (Bethlehem District)**

The thirty-eighth Annual Sunday School Convention of the Pennsylvania Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, Bethlehem District, was held in the Auditorium of Mizpah Grove, Fourteenth Ward, Allentown, Pa., on Memorial Day, May thirtieth, 1927.

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

The Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman, of Allentown, opened the Convention at nine-thirty a.m., daylight saving time. Pastor J. C. Roth, of Lehighton, Pa., recorded the minutes.

The Presiding Elder, H. B. Musselman, and all the pastors were present, with the exception of one who was absent on account of sickness; also all the Superintendents and all the Delegates were present.

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

COMMITTEE TO READ THE MINUTES: J. B. Layne and F. B. Hertzog.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS: C. H. Brunner, N. H. Wolf and F. B. Hertzog.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION: H. B. Musselman, E. N. Cassel and W. F. Heffner.

COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS: A. G. Woodring, H. L. Shelly and A. Gaumer.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE: F. M. Hottel, G. F. Yost and C. L. Shelly.

REPORTER: H. K. Kratz.

The report of the Superintendents showed a material increase in the attendance. Dr. Charles Calvert Ellis, Ph.D., Vice-President and Professor of Education at Juniata College, addressed the Convention on "The Function of Christian Education." The forenoon session was then closed by prayer and the benediction by W. G. Gehman.

#### **AFTERNOON MEETING**

At 1:45 p.m., the Chairman opened the meeting with devotional services. Pastor J. B. Layne led in prayer, followed by the roll call, reading of the minutes of the forenoon session and reports of the different committees, after which Dr. Charles Calvert Ellis addressed the Convention on "The High Calling." Both of the addresses, in the morning and the afternoon, were instructive, edifying, inspiring and ably delivered.



The Allentown and Bethlehem Male and Mixed Choruses, the Bethlehem Male Quartet and Allentown Male Sextet rendered excellent service in song. The weather was delightful and the attendance large. The representation of the work was excellent. The Convention proved a great blessing to all who attended and the outcome will be most fruitful.

### Statistics

Sunday Schools represented.....	22
Officers enrolled .....	181
Teachers enrolled .....	307
Scholars enrolled .....	3362
Total enrollment .....	3850
Home Department Members.....	1581
Organized Cradle Roll.....	154

### Report of the Treasurer

#### Receipts

May 30, 1926, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 4 97	
Received at this Convention.....	347 09	\$352 06

#### Expenditures

Expenses of this Convention.....	\$101 92	
Donated to Executive Board.....	245 00	
May 30, 1927, Balance in Treasury.....	5 14	\$352 06

F. M. Hottel, Treasurer.

B. Bryan Musselman, Chairman.

J. C. Roth, Secretary.

## XVII.—Sunday School Convention (Shamokin District)

The Thirty-ninth Annual Sunday School Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, of the Pennsylvania Conference, Shamokin District, convened in the M. B. C. Church, on Race Street, near Sixth, Sunbury, Pa., on Wednesday, May 18, 1927.

The Presiding Elder, W. G. Gehman, all the pastors of the District, leaders of the Gospel Herald Society Missions where there are Sunday Schools, Superintendents, Delegates, Essayists and Discussionists were present. Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman and pastors F. M. Hottel, E. N. Cassel and A. G. Woodring, of the Bethlehem District, were present. Also the following Gospel Heralds: C. L. Miller, C. O. Reed, E. B. Hartman, H. W. Hartman, J. T. Anderson, R. H. Gehman and O. G. Klinger.

Evangelist Henry Stough was introduced to the convention and favored us with a very inspiring and profitable address.

The Committee on Program consisted of W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman and R. W. Dickert.

Pastor P. T. Stengele, of Easton, Pa., was Chairman of the Convention, Pastor T. D. Gehret, of Scranton, was Secretary and Pastor E. E. Kubic, of Mount Carmel, Treasurer.

After the Chairman appointed the various committees the Superintendents of the thirteen Sunday Schools represented submitted their oral, statistical and financial reports, limited to five minutes each. These reports were very interesting, inspiring and encouraging. They showed that the Sunday Schools were in a healthy and flourishing condition.

The Committees appointed by the Chairman were as follows:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION—W. G. Gehman, J. B. Henry, R. Bergstresser.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS—E. H. Musselman, V. H. Reinhart, E. J. Rutman.

COMMITTEE OF STATISTICS—J. G. Shireman, M. M. Meyers, Paul E. Baer.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—E. E. Kublic, Wm. E. Manney, E. H. Musselman.

COMMITTEE ON AUDITING—J. B. Henry, H. W. Hartman.

COMMITTEE TO READ THE MINUTES—J. T. Anderson, E. George.

TIMEKEEPER—A. M. Sprock.

REPORTER—Paul E. Baer.

The forenoon meeting closed with benediction by Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman.

#### AFTERNOON MEETING

The afternoon meeting was opened with singing and prayer by Pastor J. G. Shireman. After the roll was called the minutes of the forenoon meeting were read and approved. The committee reports were submitted, after which two essays were read and discussed. The first essay was read by M. M. Meyers, Lebanon, Pa., on "The Relation of Sunday School Teachers to their Scholars." The second essay was read by E. H. Musselman, of York, Pa., on "The Need, Purpose and Methods of Sunday School Work."

A discussion was opened on "The Cradle Roll" by Jennie Jenkins, of Scranton, Pa.

The essays were very good, and filled with instructive and helpful remarks. Both were well prepared and read.

The discussion of the Cradle Roll was tender, inspirational and helpful.

#### EVENING SERVICE

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

"Home Evangelism," by Pastor P. T. Stengele, of Easton, Pa.

"Modern Day Dangers Confronting the Church," by Pastor T. D. Gehret, of Scranton, Pa.

These messages were filled with inspiration and good practical truths needed for these days.

The class and friends of the Sunbury M. B. C. Church entertained the Convention most cordially under the able direction of R. W. Dickert, the pastor. Ample refreshments were served the members and friends of the convention in the basement of the church.

The church was well filled all day. Large delegations came from far and near.

A number of excellent and spiritual selections were rendered by the Gospel Herald missionaries and the choruses from various missions. The convention was a source of blessing and encouragement to all who attended.



### Statistics

Sunday Schools represented.....	13
Officers enrolled .....	78
Teachers enrolled .....	152
Scholars enrolled .....	1551

Total enrollment .....	1781
Home Department Members.....	827
Cradle Roll Members.....	266

The Home Department and Cradle Roll are not included in the total enrollment of any Sunday School.

### Report of the Treasurer

Offerings .....	\$238 86
Expenses .....	158 77
Balance .....	\$ 80 09

E. E. Kublic, Treasurer.

P. T. Stengele, Chairman.

T. D. Gehret, Secretary.

## XVIII.—Sunday School Forms

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO ARRANGE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL PRINTED MATTER

The committee furnished the necessary printed matter for the various Sunday Schools according to the best of our knowledge. The cost of the same has been apportioned to the various Sunday Schools, which has been paid to the Board of Publication and Printing, which carried the cost of printed matter.

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-fourth session of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church convened in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, Main and Durham Streets, Bethlehem, Pa., October 13-17, 1927.

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 the older ones, stand by their Pastors most faithfully.

The prayer-meetings are largely attended. At a number of places very successful open-air services had been held.

Two Camp Meetings were held in Mizpah Grove, with 263 and 284 tents, respectively. Another was held in Shamokin, with 161 tents.

The attendance at these great summer gatherings has 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 \$10,123.34 for Home Missions, to be used in the Church and in the Gospel Herald Society, besides what was contributed to the Gospel Workers' Society.

#### **Foreign Mission Work**

The Conference is greatly interested in Foreign Missionary Work. Thirty-one missionaries 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 \$18,705.75 for the Cause, of which \$9,625.33 has been contributed by the Churches and \$9,080.42 by the Sunday Schools.

The offerings for all purposes throughout the Conference amounted to a grand total of \$179,990.59.

#### **Officers for 1928**

H. B. Musselman and W. G. Gehman were again elected Presiding Elders, and B. Bryan Musselman and C. H. Brunner, 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.

Upon recommendation of the President of the Gospel Herald Society, W. G. Gehman, West Philadelphia and York, Pa., were taken over into the Conference.

The Sunday School Convention of the Bethlehem District is announced for Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., May 30, 1928, and of the Shamokin District, at York, Pa., May 16, 1928.

The Annual Ministerial Convention shall meet in the M. B. in C. Church, 10th Street near Oley Street, Reading, Pa., on April 19, 1928.

The next Annual Conference will convene (D. V.) at 526-530 N. Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa., on October 11, 1928.

#### **Sunday Services**

The Services throughout the day were largely attended, the large and spacious Church was crowded, side rooms and galleries were being used.



At the morning service W. G. Gehman read the Scripture, II Timothy 4:1-8.

The Conference sermon was preached by Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, Chairman of the Annual Conference, who spoke on the subject, "Addicted to the Call to the Ministry." He emphasized the messenger, his message, authority and deliverance, basing his remarks on I Cor. 16:15; I Tim. 1:12; Phil. 1:15, and I Tim. 6:4.

In the afternoon, W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Shamokin District, preached, taking for his subject "The I am that I am," basing his remarks on Exodus 3:11-15.

In the evening Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, of Allentown, Pa., spoke on the subject, "Lifting up the Standard," basing his remarks principally on Isaiah 62:10.

The services throughout the day were interspersed with special singing. The Bethlehem Male Chorus, the Bethlehem Mixed Chorus, the Bethlehem Male Quartet and the Gehman sisters, of Easton, Pa., rendered a number of excellent selections which were much appreciated.

The Pastor, F. M. Hottel, and the members of the Bethlehem 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.

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

## XX.—Conference Treasurer

### (A) Executive Board

#### Receipts

October 5, 1926, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 719 97	
Received during the Year.....	15,808 81	\$ 16,528 78

#### Expenditures

Expended during Year.....	\$ 11,457 55	
October 5, 1927, Balance in Treasury.....	5,071 23	\$ 16,528 78

### (B) Board of Foreign Missions

#### Receipts

October 5, 1926, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 313 92	
Received during the Year.....	27,871 25	\$ 28,185 17

#### Expenditures

Expended during Year.....	\$ 24,727 04	
October 5, 1927, Balance in Treasury.....	3,458 13	\$ 28,185 17

**(C) The Home**

## Receipts

September 22, 1926, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 2,032 55	
Received during Year.....	10,166 81	\$ 12,199 36

## Expenditures

Expended during Year.....	\$ 12,038 85	
September 21, 1927, Balance in Treasury.....	160 51	\$ 12,199 36

**(D) Board of Publication and Printing**

## Receipts

October 5, 1926, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 75 80	
Received during Year.....	886 36	\$ 962 16

## Expenditures

Expended during Year.....	\$ 914 89	
October 5, 1927, Balance in Treasury.....	47 27	\$ 962 16

**(E) Home Missions**

## Receipts

October 14, 1926, Received at Annual Conference.....	\$ 10,421 27	
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## Expenditures

October 5, 1927, Expended during the Year.....	\$ 10,421 27	
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Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer.

**XXI.—Announcements for 1928****(A) SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS****(a) Report of the Committee to Organize for the Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention for 1928**

This Convention shall convene in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., on Memorial Day, May 30, 1928.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, C. H. Brunner; Secretary, N. H. Wolf; 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,  
E. N. Cassel, Secretary.



**(b) Report of the Committee to Organize for the Shamokin District Sunday School Convention for 1928**

This Convention shall convene at York, Pa., Wednesday, May 16, 1928.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, T. D. Gehret; Secretary, J. B. Henry; Treasurer, E. E. Kublic.

Committee on Program: W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman and E. H. Musselman.

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 to the Executive Board.

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 CONVENTION**

**Annual Ministerial Convention**

This Convention is announced to convene in the M. B. in C. Church, Tenth and Oley Streets, Reading, Pa., April 19, 1928.

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

Committee on Program: H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and E. N. Cassel.

**(C) READING COURSE**

**Studies for 1927-1928**

**(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 Scriptures, 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 at Reading, Pa., Tuesday, April 17, 1928, at 7 p.m.

The second examination shall be held at Allentown, Pa., Tuesday, October 9, 1928, at 7 p.m.

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

## (D) CAMP MEETINGS

## Bethlehem District

BETHLEHEM DIVISION, comprising Bethlehem, Reading, Fleetwood, Blandon, Terre Hill, Royersford, Spring City, Nazareth, Walnutport, Northampton, Quakertown, Hatfield, Lehigh and Weissport.

Place—Mizpah Grove. Date—June 30 to July 8.

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

ALLENTOWN DIVISION, comprising Allentown (Bethel), Philadelphia, Emaus, Macungie, Zionsville, Coopersburg, Allentown (Salem), Graterford and Harleysville.

Place—Mizpah Grove. Date—August 18 to 26.

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

## Shamokin District

SHAMOKIN DIVISION, comprising Easton, Stroudsburg, Scranton, Shamokin, Sunbury, Mt. Carmel, Wissinoming, West Philadelphia and York, Pa.

Place—To be announced later. Date—July 21 to 29.

Chairman, J. G. Shireman; Secretary, P. T. Stengele; Treasurer, R. W. Dickert.

## (E) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Forty-fifth Annual Conference Session shall convene, should the Lord tarry, in Bethel M. B. in C. Church, 526-530 North Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa., at 9 a.m., October 11, 1928.

Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; Treasurer, Allen M. Gehman.



# XXII.—Financial Report

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Receipts from October 14, 1926 to October 13, 1927

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)	\$ 954.00	\$ 916.00	\$ 605.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 2,546.00
Bethlehem	923.00	1,155.50	1,329.53	30.00	31.00	3,469.03
Emaus	667.50	522.00	328.00	23.25	11.50	1,552.25
Macungie	131.00	134.75	97.00	14.31	3.85	380.91
Zionsville	399.75	351.00	280.50	12.10	3.15	1,046.50
Philadelphia	904.00	1,121.75	344.80	33.00	22.51	2,426.06
Reading	600.00	490.75	415.06	26.00	12.00	1,543.81
Fleetwood	260.10	279.35	133.24	8.25	3.00	683.94
Blandon	62.36	57.61	65.50	5.85	2.50	193.82
Terre Hill	404.96	327.62	113.25	15.50	7.30	868.63
Spring City	269.50	213.75	224.86	11.50	4.50	724.11
Royersford	431.00	325.00	334.90	20.11	10.21	1,121.22
Graterford	324.50	176.50	310.79	13.00	9.50	834.29
Harleysville	153.50	136.25	116.17	10.50	5.00	421.42
Northampton	238.50	145.00	126.84	9.53	7.10	526.97
Walnutport	147.27	75.25	75.88	10.88	4.00	313.28
Coopersburg	566.00	492.50	287.55	12.00	12.40	1,370.45
Allentown (Salem)	420.75	409.00	291.30	12.00	7.71	1,140.76
Quakertown	472.90	498.00	227.52	19.20	8.35	1,225.97
Nazareth	262.00	252.50	112.39	14.00	4.00	644.89
Lehighton	166.75	127.25	107.75	8.55	6.25	416.55
Weissport	.....	.....	44.51	.....	.....	44.51
Total	\$ 8,759.34	\$ 8,207.33	\$ 5,972.34	\$ 350.53	\$ 205.83	\$ 23,495.37
SHAMOKIN DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.						
Shamokin	\$ 168.50	\$ 177.75	\$ 86.84	\$ 7.25	\$ 5.00	\$ 445.34
Easton	443.75	559.75	372.80	14.50	6.50	1,397.30
Sunbury	257.25	156.25	123.00	20.63	10.35	567.48
Stroudsburg	126.25	160.00	145.04	7.25	6.55	445.09
Scranton	200.00	168.75	255.40	10.43	5.75	640.33
Mt. Carmel	96.25	109.25	43.99	7.60	3.25	260.34
Wissinoming, Phila.	72.00	86.25	84.24	6.30	3.00	251.79
Gospel Herald Soc.	.....	.....	1,996.77	.....	.....	1,996.77
Total	\$ 1,364.00	\$ 1,418.00	\$ 3,108.08	\$ 73.96	\$ 40.40	\$ 6,004.44
Grand Total	\$10,123.34	\$9,625.33	\$9,080.42	\$424.49	\$246.23	\$29,499.81

F. M. Hottel,  
H. L. Shelly,

Allen M. Gehman,  
G. O. Billig,  
Committee.

# XXIII.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—A.

Appointments	Ministers and Officers												Membership										Pastoral Visits	Sermons Preached	Appointments	Meetings Visited				
	Pastor	Presiding Elders	Missionary P. E.	Ordained Ministers	Probationers	Applicants for Annual Conf. Licenses	Q. C. Licensed Preachers & Evang.	Deacons	Class Leaders	Stewards	Rent Collectors	Baptized	Members not Baptized	Children Dedicated	Received into Church Fellowship	Received by Transfer	Total Increase	Died	Withdrawn	Dropped	Moved to other Conferences	Transferred					Total Decrease	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Total Membership
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.																														
Allentown (Bethel)	B. B. Musselman..	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	4	4	4	30	17	23	5	28	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	26	334	1	162	614	70	
Bethlehem	F. M. Hotel.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	52	20	40	5	45	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	301	1	148	645	58	
Emaus	G. F. Yost.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	4	7	3	10	10	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	117	1	68	296	16	
Macungie	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	3	10	10	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	44	1	48	50	17	
Zionsville	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	42	1	45	40	16	
Philadelphia	C. H. Brunner....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	7	9	10	2	12	1	3	2	3	9	3	9	3	205	1	152	381	145	
Reading	E. N. Cassel.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	25	4	25	1	26	2	2	3	5	1	6	2	17	190	1	120	463	109	
Fleetwood	A. G. Woodring..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	2	8	1	8	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	32	52	1	51	208	14	
Blandon	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	1	1	7	7	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	51	1	59	125	15	
Terre Hill	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	60	1	40	90	4	
Spring City	N. H. Wolf.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	5	1	1	3	1	1	1	66	1	80	252	36	
Roversford	W. F. Heffner....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	7	2	9	1	1	1	1	3	3	4	1	70	1	73	261	57	
Graterford	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	7	1	9	9	9	1	3	3	3	3	4	1	66	1	103	156	37		
Harleysville	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	1	1	1	9	4	1	2	2	3	6	1	41	1	106	163	24		
Northampton	H. K. Kratz.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	38	1	72	225	12		
Walnutport	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	5	3	3	5	1	1	1	2	3	3	2	35	1	61	233	22		
Coopersburg	F. B. Hertzog....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	8	3	3	2	5	1	1	1	1	7	4	11	11	83	1	79	176	49	
Allentown (Salem)	J. B. Layne.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	4	3	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	80	1	142	324	97	
Quakertown	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Hatfield	R. L. Woodring..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	11	7	2	9	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	78	1	90	404	37	
Nazareth	J. C. Roth.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	1	4	8	8	8	3	5	1	1	1	1	1	70	1	134	199	63	
Lehighon	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Weissport	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Total		1	16	4	4	1	38	38	38	4208	1	94	171	23	194	15	23	47	2	13	100	116	22	2077	23	1906	5490	985		

SHAMOKIN DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																												
Shamokin	J. G. Shireman.	1	2	2	3	3	3	6	1	1	2	3	8	2	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	158	1	235	525	135
Easton	P. T. Stengele.	1	1	1	2	2	38	3	8	2	1	1	19	5	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	143	1	195	255	82
Sunbury	R. W. Dickert.	1	1	1	2	2	33	5	20	1	1	1	1	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	84	1	124	368	36
Stroudsburg	V. H. Reinhart.	1	1	1	2	2	13	4	10	1	1	1	4	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	69	1	113	250	52
Scranton	T. D. Gehlert.	1	1	1	2	2	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	63	1	120	304	61
Scranton	E. E. Kubic.	1	1	1	2	2	14	2	16	1	3	2	1	16	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	75	1	147	573	90
Mt. Carmel	M. Bergstresser.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	2	1	1	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	47	1	112	160	57
Wisconsinung, Phila.	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	1	5	3	1	1	48	17	2	2	1	8	9	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	22	1	2367	1780	412
G. H. Society	Total	1	9	5	3	1	14	14	137	5	40	61	5	66	3	3	16	14	36	43	13	661	7	22	1	73413	4215	895
Presiding Elders.		1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	430	135	185
G. W. S. Miss., etc.		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Grand Total		9	1	29	5	3	152	52	612	4	124	232	28	260	18	26	63	2	27	136	159	35	970	130	5749	9703	1880	



# XXIII.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—B.

Appointments	Pastor	Sunday Schools					Church Property					Offerings						
		Sunday Schools Visited	Prayer Meeting Classes	M. B. in C. Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers Enrolled	Scholars Enrolled	Total Enrollment	Total Attendance	Home Dept. Members	Subscribers to Gospel Banner	Churches	Parsonages	Increase of Church Property	Decrease of Church Property	Present Valuation of Church Property	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.																		
Allentown (Bethel)	B. B. Musselman	47	4	1	54	488	542	425	239	53	1	1	1	\$25,000.00	\$ 954.00	\$ 916.00		
Bethlehem	F. M. Hottel	47	4	1	58	502	560	430	280	64	1	1	1	60,000.00	923.00	1,155.50		
Emaus	G. F. Yost	11	2	1	23	169	192	139	96	34	1	1	1	12,500.00	667.50	522.00		
Macungie	"	...	...	...	11	63	74	50	23	6	1	1	1	2,050.00	131.00	134.75		
Zionsville	"	...	...	...	1	47	57	47	...	...	1	1	1	\$ 1,000.00	399.75	351.00		
Philadelphia	C. H. Brunner	46	3	1	36	221	257	195	38	70	1	1	1	4,050.00	904.00	1,121.75		
Reading	E. N. Cassel	47	3	1	35	298	333	238	130	52	1	1	1	45,000.00	600.00	490.75		
Fleetwood	A. G. Woodring	15	1	1	19	119	138	83	65	18	1	1	1	\$10,000.00	400.00	279.35		
Blandon	"	10	1	1	13	101	114	71	14	15	1	1	1	3,000.00	260.10	279.35		
Terre Hill	"	18	1	1	19	163	182	133	18	20	1	1	1	6,000.00	62.36	57.61		
Spring City	N. H. Wolf	44	1	1	21	92	113	95	93	22	1	1	1	4,650.00	404.96	327.62		
Royersford	"	38	1	1	23	114	137	98	62	24	1	1	1	7,500.00	269.50	213.75		
Graterford	W. F. Heffner	47	2	1	19	86	105	93	31	18	1	1	1	8,000.00	431.00	325.00		
Harleysville	"	45	1	1	10	59	69	51	...	...	1	1	1	2,500.00	153.50	136.25		
Northampton	H. K. Kratz	20	1	1	14	88	102	68	74	12	1	1	1	5,000.00	238.50	145.00		
Walnutport	"	25	1	1	14	136	150	92	50	18	1	1	1	5,000.00	147.27	75.25		
Coopersburg	F. B. Hertzog	23	3	1	18	108	126	96	102	27	1	1	1	10,000.00	566.00	492.50		
Allentown (Salem)	"	23	2	1	24	184	208	133	175	27	1	1	1	13,000.00	420.75	409.00		
Quakertown	J. B. Layne	47	2	1	20	128	148	110	70	33	1	1	1	13,000.00	472.90	498.00		
Hatfield	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	1,500.00	...	...		
Nazareth	R. L. Woodring	43	1	1	16	88	104	77	37	19	1	1	1	1,500.00	262.00	252.50		
Lehighton	J. C. Roth	46	1	1	14	72	86	68	48	18	1	1	1	11,500.00	252.50	252.50		
Weissport	"	41	1	1	14	65	79	67	...	...	1	1	1	7,900.00	166.75	137.25		
Total		683	37	22	485	3391	3876	2859	1645	559	23	15	3	\$11,700.00	\$ 8,759.34	\$ 8,207.33		
SHAMOKIN DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																		
Shamokin	J. G. Shireman	42	3	1	30	173	203	144	39	36	1	1	1	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 168.50	\$ 177.75		
Easton	P. T. Stengele	48	2	1	19	170	189	157	148	24	1	1	1	39,000.00	443.75	559.75		
Sunbury	R. W. Dickert	48	2	1	18	97	115	80	42	15	1	1	1	12,700.00	257.25	156.25		
Stroudsburg	V. H. Reinhart	37	2	1	16	99	115	70	18	30	1	1	1	11,700.00	126.25	160.00		
Seranton	T. D. Gehret	47	2	1	18	99	117	92	85	18	1	1	1	20,000.00	200.00	168.75		
Mt. Carmel	E. E. Kubic	47	2	1	13	132	145	91	28	12	1	1	1	18,000.00	96.25	109.25		
Wissinoming, Phila.	R. Bergstresser	49	1	1	13	67	80	72	15	8	1	1	1	30,000.00	72.00	86.25		
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	364	...	...	...	111	728	839	435	33	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Total		682	14	7	7238	1565	1803	706	810	1176	7	7	1	\$21,000.00	\$ 1,364.00	\$ 1,418.00		
The Home	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$ 9,396.01	\$ 53,089.49	...		
Mizpah Grove	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,000.00	...	...		
Grand Total		1365	51	29	723	4956	5679	3565	2455	735	30	22	4	\$42,700.00	\$10,396.01	\$700,719.49		
															\$ 10,123.34	\$ 9,625.33		

# XXIII.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—C.

## OFFERINGS—Continued

Appointments	Pastor	BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.										Ministers in Cash	Presiding Elders	Sunday Schools	Sundry Expenses	Parsonage and Hall Rent	Church Properties	Repairs	Church Properties	For the Poor	Foreign Missions in Sunday Schools	Other Contributions
Allentown (Bethel)	B. E. Musselman	\$ 605.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 7,591.14	.....	\$ 3,334.34	\$ 2,727.70	\$ 630.00	\$ 3,051.05	\$ 980.00												
Bethlehem	F. M. Hoffel	1,329.53	30.00	2,065.72	\$ 877.69	.....	2,646.18	562.00	2,624.75	670.00												
Emaus	G. F. Yost	328.00	23.25	3,247.26	.....	1,269.78	755.76	376.25	1,844.82	333.00												
Macungie	"	97.00	14.31	53.07	309.99	.....	307.05	142.10	266.50	35.65												
Zionsville	"	280.50	12.10	58.61	.....	164.39	76.12	.....	382.80	81.50												
Philadelphia	C. H. Brunner	344.80	33.00	1,729.97	.....	1,211.50	1,074.95	419.00	1,697.45	572.59												
Reading	E. N. Cassel	415.06	26.00	7,000.00	\$ 623.13	\$ 344.60	815.69	410.00	2,047.00	433.92												
Fleetwood	A. G. Woodrins	133.24	8.25	340.91	320.57	.....	202.86	169.50	673.10	149.16												
Blandon	"	65.50	5.35	.....	.....	172.91	196.89	75.00	242.32	44.55												
Tenre Hill	"	113.25	15.50	.....	.....	167.96	345.61	92.17	804.50	136.44												
Spring City	N. H. Wolf	224.66	11.50	.....	105.00	.....	311.96	200.17	634.75	138.50												
Royersford	"	334.00	20.11	.....	203.00	.....	408.20	204.78	1,092.50	188.70												
Harleysville	W. F. Hefner	310.79	13.00	.....	.....	433.66	250.24	125.00	680.50	200.00												
Northampton	H. K. Kratz	116.17	10.50	.....	102.00	.....	178.00	103.00	500.50	200.00												
Walnutport	"	75.88	9.53	.....	144.00	.....	277.03	113.00	607.50	290.80												
Coopersburg	"	126.84	10.88	.....	.....	240.32	123.75	124.16	480.50	175.85												
Allentown (Salem)	F. B. Hertzog	287.55	12.00	.....	.....	123.75	428.44	170.00	1,088.23	232.67												
Quakertown	"	291.30	12.00	.....	.....	334.85	429.51	170.00	899.50	167.52												
Quakertown	J. E. Layne	227.52	19.20	.....	492.43	.....	485.78	326.55	1,231.00	1,184.00												
Nazareth	"	112.39	14.00	.....	384.48	.....	287.05	167.25	1,034.86	209.08												
Lehighton	R. L. Woodring	107.75	8.55	.....	.....	314.25	241.65	179.15	679.50	460.51												
Weissport	J. C. Roth	44.51	.....	.....	.....	385.95	235.32	.....	.....	.....												
Total	Total	\$5,972.34	\$350.53	\$22,086.68	\$3,071.86	\$3,079.96	\$12,496.15	\$12,880.94	\$4,988.73	\$22,494.65	\$ 7,185.42											

## SHAMOKIN DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.

		SHAMOKIN DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.											
J. G. Shireman	\$ 86.84	\$ 7.25	\$ 2,044.38	\$ 235.50	\$ 483.70	\$ 621.67	\$ 402.24	\$ 215.00	\$ 1,852.31	\$ 714.55			
P. T. Stengele	372.80	34.50	3,807.66	.....	537.50	748.30	388.79	217.50	1,840.18	375.00			
R. W. Dickert	123.00	20.63	.....	435.08	237.40	446.08	196.28	221.00	836.30	930.71			
T. H. Reinhardt	143.04	7.23	300.00	.....	387.00	586.90	457.93	162.22	1,065.33	246.30			
Seranton	255.40	10.43	470.00	.....	71.20	457.39	258.96	156.29	607.75	167.50			
E. E. Kublic	43.99	7.60	.....	249.00	207.55	453.73	400.50	88.30	441.00	68.00			
Mt. Carmel	84.24	6.30	184.00	.....	307.58	508.92	3,989.92	1,075.39	.....	3,514.81			
Wissinoming, Phila.	1,986.77	.....	2,115.20	.....	2,759.98	5,067.90	6,975.29	\$2,559.33	\$ 7,463.39	\$ 6,239.01			
W. G. Gehman, Pres.	\$3,108.08	\$ 73.96	\$ 8,921.24	\$ 919.58	\$5,664.33	\$ 8,913.67	\$ 6,975.29	\$2,559.33	\$ 7,463.39	\$ 6,239.01			
Total	\$9,080.42	\$424.49	\$31,007.92	\$3,991.44	\$8,744.29	\$21,409.82	\$19,856.23	\$7,548.06	\$29,958.04	\$13,424.43			
Grand Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			



**OFFERINGS—Concluded**

Appointments	Pastor	Beneficiary Fund	Gospel Worker Society	Tabernacle, Missionary or Evangelistic Work	Camp Meetings	Sunday School and Other Conventions	Annual Conference Fund	Annual Conference Delegate	Benevolent Society	Total Offerings	Subscriptions and Literature Sold
<b>BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.</b>											
Allentown (Bethel)	B. B. Musselman...	\$ 40.00	\$ 106.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 22,026.23	\$ 370.00
Bethlehem	F. M. Hottel...	32.00	320.25	360.00	47.10	31.00	28.70	28.70	170.00	15,143.20	445.00
Emaus	G. F. Yost...	16.35	70.25	243.00	18.63	11.50	15.10	15.10	90.00	9,105.53	278.75
Macungie	"	4.50	15.41	18.00	6.30	3.85	7.75	7.75	18.50	1,932.48	30.00
Zionsville	"	7.28	26.99	69.00	4.17	3.15	5.15	5.15	14.00	1,436.51	40.00
Philadelphia	C. H. Brunner...	32.50	197.10	256.20	26.00	22.51	31.50	31.50	84.50	9,759.32	311.10
Reading	E. N. Cassel...	21.00	135.45	391.00	25.20	12.00	19.00	19.00	32.00	8,646.37	242.10
Fleetwood	A. G. Woodring...	6.20	20.47	39.00	9.00	3.00	6.00	6.00	41.50	2,994.50	148.76
Blanton	"	5.25	11.84	20.00	8.25	2.50	7.00	7.00	20.00	1,016.86	32.90
Terre Hill	"	8.59	51.75	83.86	20.00	7.30	17.50	17.50	25.00	2,957.81	72.23
Spring City	N. H. Wolf...	9.00	36.24	117.09	10.43	4.50	9.63	9.63	25.00	2,612.12	181.15
Royersford	"	9.50	93.50	168.50	18.14	10.21	21.11	21.11	40.00	2,996.73	186.80
Graterford	W. F. Heffner...	11.00	39.75	172.50	17.26	9.50	15.50	15.50	34.00	2,926.54	60.00
Harleysville	"	7.00	19.93	242.00	10.16	7.00	18.30	18.30	3.00	1,902.77	47.00
Northampton	H. K. Kratz...	7.57	40.60	54.20	11.00	7.10	13.27	13.27	42.00	2,584.21	60.35
Walnuport	"	7.43	34.50	48.41	10.15	4.00	12.73	12.73	1.50	2,068.72	38.70
Coopersburg	F. B. Hertzog...	13.50	76.80	135.00	13.38	12.40	16.00	16.00	8.50	4,186.35	158.89
Allentown (Salem)	"	12.00	50.85	77.00	13.00	7.71	14.00	14.00	27.50	3,698.01	132.00
Quakertown	J. B. Layne...	15.75	44.00	17.00	17.00	8.35	22.75	22.75	41.00	5,641.17	135.00
Hafield	"	7.00	94.50	95.16	15.75	4.00	14.00	14.00	22.50	3,489.27	218.54
Nazareth	R. L. Woodring...	12.25	22.30	13.25	9.00	6.25	13.70	13.70	13.50	2,828.35	310.00
Lehighton	J. C. Roth...	"	"	"	5.86	"	"	"	"	285.69	"
Weissport	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Mizpah Grove...	"	"	"	"	\$10,189.64	"	"	"	"	10,189.64	"
Camp Meeting...	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total	"	\$285.67	\$1,508.48	\$2,876.42	\$10,189.64	\$352.72	\$205.83	\$330.69	\$ 904.00	\$121,927.38	\$ 3,499.27
<b>SHAMOKIN DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.</b>											
Shamokin	J. G. Shireman...	\$ 5.00	\$ 24.54	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 22.25	\$ 22.25	\$ 21.50	\$ 6,539.28	\$ 694.95
Easton	P. T. Stengele...	10.50	106.50	110.16	27.62	6.50	22.00	22.00	56.50	10,063.16	350.70
Sunbury	R. W. Dickert...	10.12	33.25	110.16	12.04	10.35	22.18	22.18	14.50	4,858.11	212.05
Stroudsburg	W. H. Reinhart...	10.00	35.65	18.00	16.00	6.55	24.00	24.00	29.50	3,013.60	30.00
Seranton	T. D. Gehret...	10.00	44.02	18.00	15.00	5.75	17.55	17.55	4.50	4,046.10	305.25
Mt. Carmel	E. E. Kubie...	5.00	23.21	155.00	12.00	3.25	31.25	31.25	12.00	2,521.53	347.00
Wissinoming, Phila.	R. Bergstreser...	7.50	195.40	25.00	25.00	3.00	21.00	21.00	"	2,173.77	20.00
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	"	198.21	423.20	503.66	"	"	"	"	22,645.04	19,323.79
Edgewood Grove...	Camp Meeting	"	"	"	\$ 2,212.62	"	"	"	"	2,212.62	"
Total	"	\$58.12	\$490.78	\$706.36	\$2,212.62	\$636.32	\$ 40.40	\$160.23	\$ 138.50	\$ 58,063.21	\$21,283.74
Grand Total...	"	\$343.79	\$1,999.26	\$3,582.78	\$12,402.26	\$989.04	\$246.23	\$490.92	\$1,042.50	\$179,990.59	\$24,783.01

E. N. Cassel, J. G. Shireman, J. B. Layne, W. F. Heffner, P. T. Stengele, T. D. Gehret, Committee.

## ROLL AND DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS

## I. Itinerants

NAME	Licensed	Ordained	Received Present Charge	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
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.
Henry, J. B. ....	1924	....	1927	6214 Grey's Ave., Philadelphia, 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.
Kublie, 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.
Musselman, E. H. ....	1921	....	1927	246 E. Princess St., York, 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	1231 Ferry 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

Bergstresser, R. ....	1901	1904	....	Nazareth, Pa.
Barrall, J. F. ....	1901	1904	....	Shamokin, Pa.
Hillegass, O. S. ....	1889	1892	....	Coopersburg, 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	....	....	" " "
George, E. ....	1927	....	....	" " "
Hartman, H. W. ....	1927	....	....	" " "
Hartman, E. B. ....	1927	....	....	" " "
Meyers, M. M. ....	1919	....	....	" " "

## 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.
<b>I. EVANGELICAL MENNONITES (Semi-Annual)</b>				
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 Romlg.
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 .....	"	"
1927	Oct. 13-17...	Bethlehem .....	"	"

\*Special Session concerning the sale of certain church property to the "Church of God."

\*\*Special Conference whereby a union was effected between the Evangelical Mennonites of Pennsylvania and the United Mennonites of the Western States and Canada. Now changed to "Evangelical United Mennonites."

†A special conference was held December 27, 1883, at Harrisburg, Ohio, whereby a union was effected with the Brethren in Christ of Ohio and the name changed to "Mennonite Brethren in Christ."



# CAMP MEETINGS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

YEAR		TENTS		TENTS		TENTS		TENTS
†1879								
1880	Chestnut Hill	4						
1881	"	6						
1882	"							
1883	"							
1884	"							
1885	"							
1886	"							
1887	"							
1888	"							
1889	"							
1890	"							
1891	"							
1892	"		Royersford					
1893	"		Spring City		Catasauqua			
1894	"		"		"			
*1895	"		"		Weissport	Annandale		
*1896	"		"		Walnutport	"		
1897	"		"		Rittersville	"		
1898	Quakertown		"		"	Sunbury		
1899	"					"		
1900	Macungie		Northampton	Terre Hill	64			
1901	"		Neffsville	Mohnsville				
1902	"	56	Northampton	"				
1903	"	52	"	Reading (East)				
1904	Wescovesville	104	Hellertown	73 Spring City				
	"			Bonnie Bray				
1905	"	113	"	82 Spring City				
	"			Bonnie Bray				
1906	"	136	"	125 Reading				
	"			(Heiner's Spgs.)				
1907	"	122	"	145 Reading	90 Shamokin			
	"			(Spg. Valley)	(Bunker Hill)	85		
1908	"	148	"	164 Easton (Mt.	75 Shamokin			
	"			Carmel Dist.)	(Bunker Hill)	75		
1909	Waldheim	153	"	139 Easton (Mt.	75			
	"			Carmel Dist.)				
1910	Mizpah Grove	167	Mizpah G'Ve.	154 Easton (Mt.	89			
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	Carmel Dist.)				
1911	Mizpah Grove	156	Mizpah G'Ve.	160 Mizpah G'Ve.	100 Shamokin		43	
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)				
1912	Mizpah Grove	163	Mizpah G'Ve.	Mizpah G'Ve.	75 Shamokin		58	
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)				
1913	Mizpah Grove	165	Mizpah G'Ve.	169 Mizpah G'Ve.	76 Shamokin		71	
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)				
1914	Mizpah Grove	143	Mizpah G'Ve.	170 Mizpah G'Ve.	68 Shamokin		78	
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)				
1915	Mizpah Grove	145	Mizpah G'Ve.	174 Mizpah G'Ve.	66 Shamokin		86	
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)				
1916	Mizpah Grove	155	Mizpah G'Ve.	194 Shamokin	106			
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)				
1917	Mizpah Grove	162	Mizpah G'Ve.	203 Shamokin	120 Harrisburg		65	
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)				
1918	Mizpah Grove	199	Mizpah G'Ve.	183 Shamokin	105			
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)				
1919	Mizpah Grove	189	Mizpah G'Ve.	219 Shamokin	126			
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)				
1920	Mizpah Grove	195	Mizpah G'Ve.	238 Shamokin	128			
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)				
1921	Mizpah Grove	224	Mizpah G'Ve.	221 Shamokin	136			
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)				
1922	Mizpah Grove	240	Mizpah G'Ve.	217 Shamokin	126			
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)				
1923	Mizpah Grove	259	Mizpah G'Ve.	212 Shamokin	174			
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)				
1924	Mizpah Grove	278	Mizpah G'Ve.	232 Shamokin	155			
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)				
1925	Mizpah Grove	282	Mizpah G'Ve.	233 Shamokin	158			
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)				
1926	Mizpah Grove	289	Mizpah G'Ve.	265 Shamokin (Sha-	170			
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	mokin Dist.)				
1927	Mizpah Grove	284	Mizpah G'Ve.	263 Shamokin	161			
	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Sham. Dist.)				

†A Camp 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

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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.







