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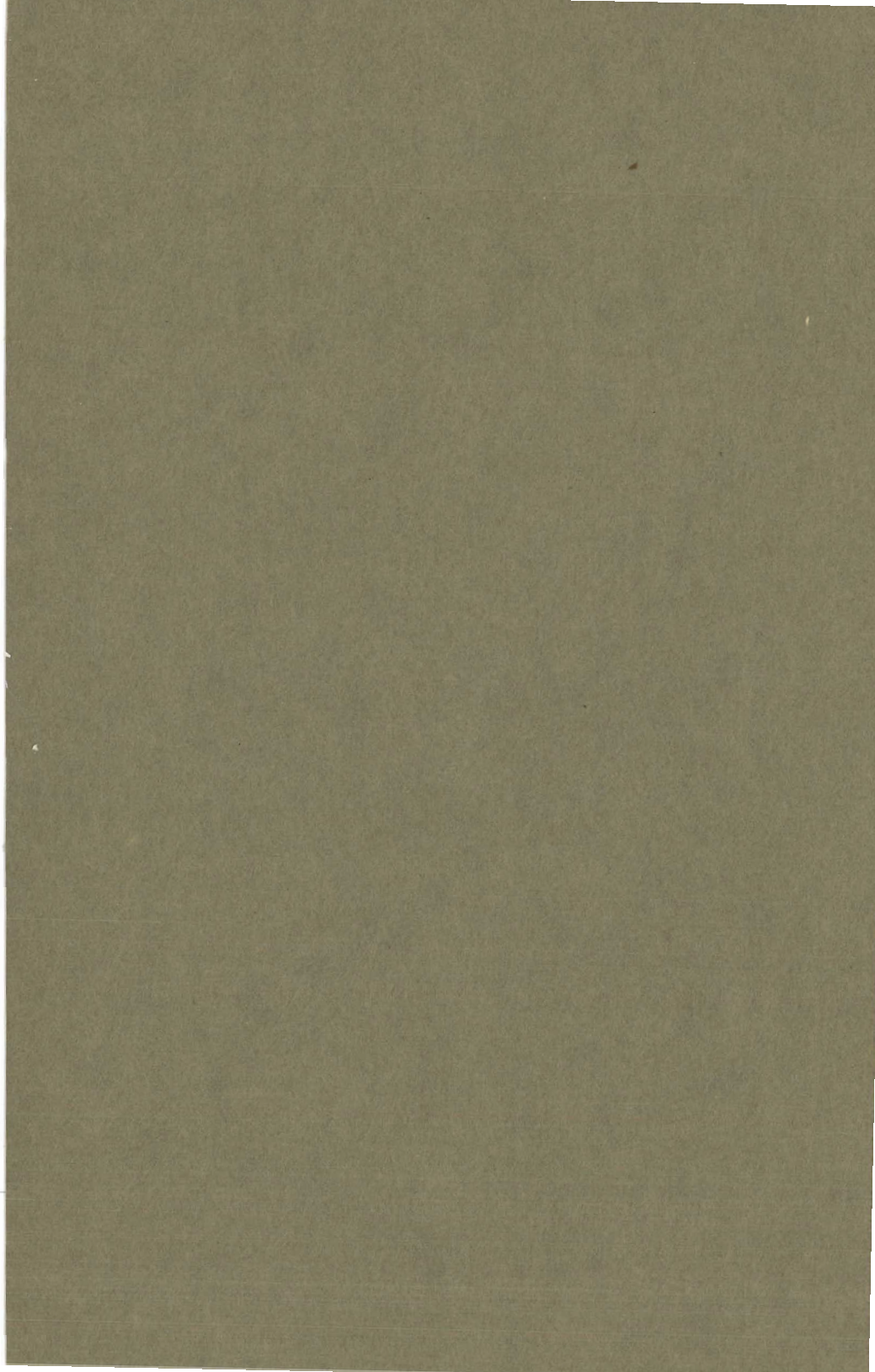
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Home Mission Fund—Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner.

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

Business Rules of the Conference

1. Two sessions shall be held daily, as follows: From 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 compiled and appended to the proceedings of the last Quarterly Conference of the current year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IV. BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Camp-meetings held in Mizpah Grove shall pay into the treasury of the Executive Board, rent for the lumber that they use at the rate designated by said Board.

In case there is a balance left over at the various camp-meetings after all the expenses are paid the balance shall be paid into the treasury of the Executive Board.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Home.—The Annual Conference shall elect a Board of Trustees for The Home consisting of eight ordained ministers and four laymen. They shall be elected for a term of two years in such a manner that the term of office of four ministers and two laymen expires at each Annual Conference.

The Board of Trustees shall have the privilege to elect or appoint a Superintendent or Manager, sub-boards or committees to carry forward the work of the Home and the farm connected therewith, and shall direct all other matters relative to the same.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Publication and Printing.—A.—The Chairman shall appoint a committee of three as a Board of Publication and Printing. This committee shall have charge of the Annual Conference Fund. [Revised October 15, 1910.]

B.—An offering shall be lifted once a year in a prayer meeting, in each class by their respective class-leaders for this Fund. The pastor in charge shall bring the same to the Annual Conference. [Enacted October 20, 1902.]

C.—The Annual Conference shall supply class books, steward's books, rent books, trustee books, and all the other account books for the different charges to be paid for out of the Conference Fund. [Enacted October 15, 1906.] Also the expenses of materials used by the Secretary of the Annual Conference. [Enacted October 15, 1910.]

D.—All expenses of committees of investigations, appointed by the Presiding Elder, shall be paid out of the Conference Fund. [Revised October 17, 1903.]

Camp Meeting Equipage.—The Chairman of the Annual Conference shall appoint a committee who, under the direction of the Presiding Elders shall see that the Camp-meeting Equipage and Tabernacle outfits are kept in good working condition and repairs. They shall purchase such articles as will be necessary to the proper maintenance of the Camp-meeting Equipage and Tabernacle outfits. For the payment of their expenses they shall submit bills from time to time to the Executive Board.

In case any Pastor, or the President of the Gospel Herald Society desires to use, or cause to be used a tabernacle he shall make application for the same to his respective Presiding Elder. In case the privilege to use a tabernacle is granted, the Presiding Elder shall inform the Equipage Committee. The Pastor or the President of the Gospel Herald Society shall be present in person and in conjunction with a member of the Camp-meeting Equipage Committee shall see that the tabernacle and outfit is shipped. The expenses of this shall be paid by the one that uses or causes the tabernacle to be used.

The number of tabernacles to be used on the respective Presiding Elder Districts and in the Gospel Herald Society shall be mutually agreed upon by the Presiding Elders.

Laymen's Benevolent Society.—The Annual Conference shall elect annually a Board of three Trustees from among the laity for the Laymen's Benevolent Society. The Annual Conference shall elect and designate them as President, Secretary and Treasurer of said Board.

The Treasurer shall acknowledge to the various Pastors any contributions which he has received from time to time for this Fund.

Whenever a member of the Society dies, the Pastor shall return the membership book to the Secretary.

Whenever a member of the Laymen's Benevolent Society fails to pay his contribution till after Feb. 1, after it was due he shall pay then and thereafter at the rate under which he would re-enter at that time as a Beneficiary. The Pastor shall be careful that the names of members shall be written correctly and alike in both the Member's Certificate Book and the Pastor's Book. The Pastor should always be careful to send names of members exactly as recorded when he forwards the respective contributions to the Treasurer through the Secretary. If for any reason or other the names of members should change, then the change should be recorded on the books and the Secretary of the Society be informed accordingly.

Camp Meetings.—A.—The advisability of having boarding stands at the various camp meetings shall be left to the decision of the Presiding Elder. [Enacted September 17, 1900.] There shall be a General Camp Meeting Committee, consisting of two Presiding Elders and the Chairman of each Camp Meeting Committee, to which matters that may refer to Camp Meetings in general may be referred. [Enacted October, 1906.] The collections for Camp Meetings shall be reported by the Chairman of the General Camp Meeting Committee and be recorded by themselves on the Summary Statistical Report. [Enacted October 16, 1909.]

B.—All bills of camp meeting expenses shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Committee in an itemized form giving date of all expenses. The Secretary shall have the bill O. K'd. by the Chairman of the Committee and issue an order on the Treasurer, who shall pay such orders when properly signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee.

The Secretary shall enter the bills in his book as they are submitted, and also enter all money as it is received, giving date, and name of party from whom such money is received, making the Camp Meeting Committee creditor for all money received and debtor for all money paid out. He shall also compile a summary of receipts and expenses at the end of the record of all expenses for the year.

The Treasurer shall make himself debtor in his book for all the various amounts of money as they are received and creditor for all money paid out, giving date and name of party or parties from whom the money is received and date and name of party or parties and number of order to whom money is paid. [Enacted October 10, 1908.]

Gospel Worker Society.—A.—A free-will offering shall be lifted for the Gospel Workers in each class each quarter at a prayer meeting held by their respective class-leaders. [Enacted February 20, 1897.]

Year Books—A.—The Annual Conference minutes shall be published only in the Year Book. The Secretary shall be privileged to curtail them as he sees fit and have them published in the Gospel Banner. [Revised October 14, 1907.]

B.—The pastors shall pay for their Year Books within one week after they receive them. [Enacted October 13, 1905.]

C.—The Secretary shall send Year Books to our Foreign Missionaries and also the local Railroad Companies. [Enacted October 12, 1908.]

D.—The Secretary of the Annual Conference shall also be Editor of the Year Book of the same session.

In case a church or parsonage will be built or purchased during the year, a photograph of the same shall be taken and a cut inserted in the Year Book of next year.

V.—SPECIAL SERVICES.

A.—Matrimony.—Each pastor shall preach a sermon on Matrimony at each appointment on his charge in the first year.

B.—The Lord's Coming.—Believing that the coming of the Lord is rapidly approaching, therefore we recommend our ministers to give still more earnest prominence to this blessed hope of the church as we see the Day approaching. [Enacted February 4, 1894.]

C.—As the Scriptures contain a number of instances where children of Godly parents were formally and publicly dedicated to the Lord, (1 Sam. 22:28; Mark 10:13-16,) we heartily encourage our people to dedicate their children to the Lord by prayer and laying on of the hands of the Elders, who shall then furnish proper certificates. [Enacted October 5, 1901.]

D.—Class Meetings.—Each pastor shall hold a class meeting four times a year in each class, and read the general rules or get them read once a year. [See Discipline.]

E.—Camp Meetings.—Camp meetings shall be held annually according to the decision of the Presiding Elders and pastors of their respective districts.

F.—Sunday School Conventions.—One or more Sunday School Conventions shall be held annually. The officers shall be elected at the Annual Conference. The committee on programme shall meet six weeks before the convention to arrange a programme. Each Sunday School shall be represented by the Superintendent, and one delegate from the laity. The Superintendents, Delegates and Essayists shall have their fares paid. Each Superintendent shall take up a liberal collection to defray the expenses of the convention. [Enacted October 29, 1904.]

G.—Funerals.—We recommend our ministers not to officiate at Sunday funerals, and use their influence strongly against the same. [Enacted October 29, 1904.]

VI.—SPECIAL OFFERINGS.

A.—Foreign Missions.

(a) Foreign Missionary Offering—Annual.

(b) Missionary Day in Sunday School—Semi-annual.

B.—Home Missions.

(a) Home Missionary Offering—Annual.

(b) Gospel Workers' Society—Quarterly.

C.—Offering for the Poor—Annual.

D.—Beneficiary Fund—Annual.

E.—Conference Fund—Annual.

VII.—MISCELLANEOUS.

A.—Transfers.—When a good standing member moves from one class to another, his or her name shall be transferred at once. [Enacted February 3, 1894.]

B.—Each pastor shall bring an itemized report to the Annual Conference, according to the form of the report of the Financial Secretary.

C.—No charges shall be brought against any Annual Conference member which have not been recorded in the Quarterly Conference proceedings of their charge, except such as have been committed or discovered since the last quarterly conference. [Enacted February 1, 1891.]

D.—Each pastor shall record the mailing lists of the subscribers to the "Gospel Banner" and "Gospel Herald" in a book together with an accurate statement of the account of each subscriber to be transferred to his successor. [Enacted October 15, 1906.]

E.—Beneficiary Fund.—We recommend each Pastor to make a special effort to swell the Beneficiary Fund to assist the worthy widows of our deceased pastors. [Enacted October 29, 1904.] An offering for this Fund shall be lifted sometime before the Semi-Annual Ministerial Convention and a check to the amount be made out to the Treasurer and sent at once to the Secretary.

F.—Collections.—The pastor shall have charge of the offerings for the Poor, Foreign and Home Missionary work, and Conference Fund, until the Annual Conference unless needed sooner. The offering for the Gospel Workers shall be delivered to the Presiding Elder at the Quarterly Conference and reported by the pastor to the Annual Conference. All collections received on a charge for the building or purchase of churches, parsonages or other purposes on another charge shall be reported to the pastor where collected. [Enacted October 28, 1904.]

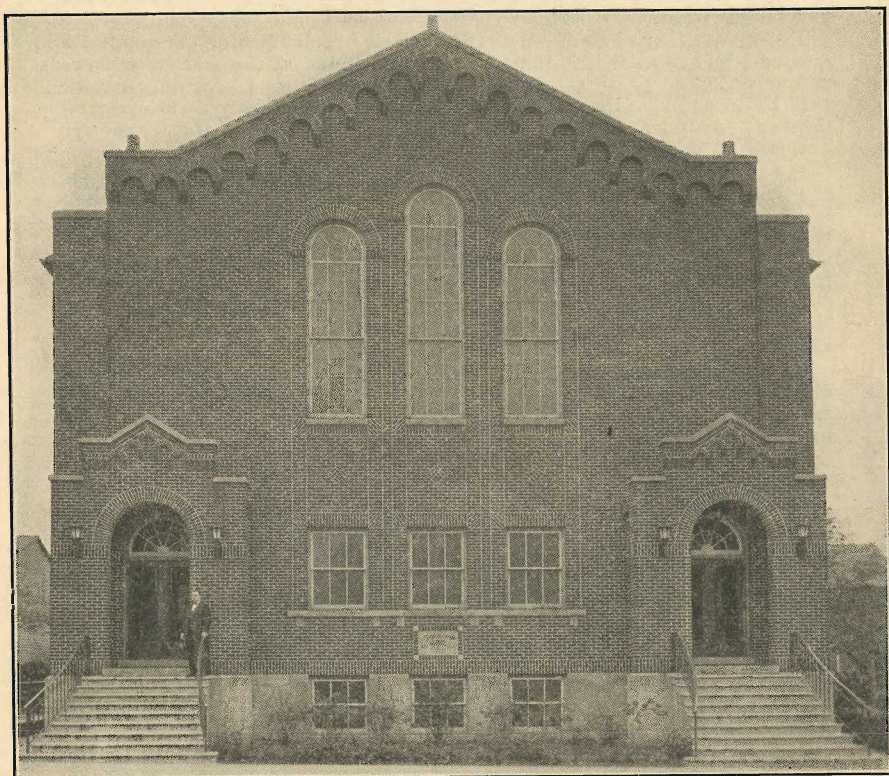
G.—Home Mission Funds.—Whenever any Presiding Elder desires any money from the Home Mission Treasurer, he shall inform the Secretary of the desired amount, who shall take note of the same and forward the request to the Treasurer, who shall forward the same to the Presiding Elder, up to the amount appropriated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

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

I.—No offering shall be lifted for the Secretary of the respective Sunday School Conventions, and Annual and Semi-Annual Ministerial Conventions, but give him a donation of two dollars on each occasion out of the treasury of the Sunday School Convention and out of the Collections for expenses for the Ministerial Conventions respectively. The Chairman of these respective Conventions shall see that the above is duly paid.

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

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



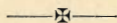
Bethel Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church,
526-530 North Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa.,

Where the Conference was held.

Rev. B. Bryan Musselman, Pastor, standing at the door.

Annual Conference Proceedings

1928



FIRST MEETING

Thursday Forenoon, October 11, 1928

The Forty-fifth Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania convened in Bethel M. B. in C. Church, 526-30 N. Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa.

The first meeting was opened at 9 a.m., according to announcement, by singing "I'll Live for Him Who Died for Me." This was followed by a season of prayer, during which the Lord touched our hearts. This was a time of thankfulness and praise to the Lord for His gracious help during this Conference year, and for the blessing of God upon the officers and members of the Conference, as well as upon our beloved lay members of the various congregations at home, who have stood by the Pastors and the Conference so nobly during the past year.

After singing "Hallelujah, Thine the Glory," the Chairman, H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District, gave us a very helpful address from the twelfth chapter of Romans.

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, E. T. Shick, R. Bergstresser, J. F. Barrall, O. S. Hillegass, W. B. Musselman, M. P. Zook, C. F. Snyder and H. W. Feldges.

Probationers—J. B. Henry, E. H. Musselman, Paul E. Baer, H. W. Hartman, E. George and E. B. Hartman.

Delegates

Bethlehem District

G. O. Billig, Allentown (Bethel).

M. L. Musselman, Bethlehem.

W. D. Evert, Philadelphia.

H. N. Rishel, Reading.

Paul I. Wentz, Emaus, Macungie and Zionsville.

H. L. Shelly, Coopersburg and Allentown (Salem).
 R. R. Fox, Royersford and Spring City.
 G. K. Himmelreich, Fleetwood, Blandon and Terre Hill.
 H. H. Bergey, Quakertown and Hatfield.
 C. D. Bean, Graterford and Harleysville.
 Edward T. Semmel, Northampton and Walnutport.
 E. Godshall, Nazareth.
 Charles E. Eroh, Lehighton and Weissport.

Shamokin District

Herbert V. Smith, Easton.
 Clarence S. Renn, Shamokin.
 Charles L. Hornberger, Mt. Carmel.
 George R. Fish, Stroudsburg.
 C. B. Brosius, Sunbury.
 Otto Schroeder, Scranton.
 Edward J. Dietzman, Wisconsin and W. Philadelphia.
 P. T. Tarbert, York.

We are 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.; O. S. Hillegass, of Allentown, Pa. Also M. P. Zook and Mrs. M. P. Zook, C. F. Snyder and Mrs. C. F. Snyder, H. W. Feldges and Mrs. H. W. Feldges, on furlough; N. M. Cressman and Mrs. N. M. Cressman, of French Indo-China, and Miss Mary A. Miller, who left August 4, for the Belgian Congo, 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.

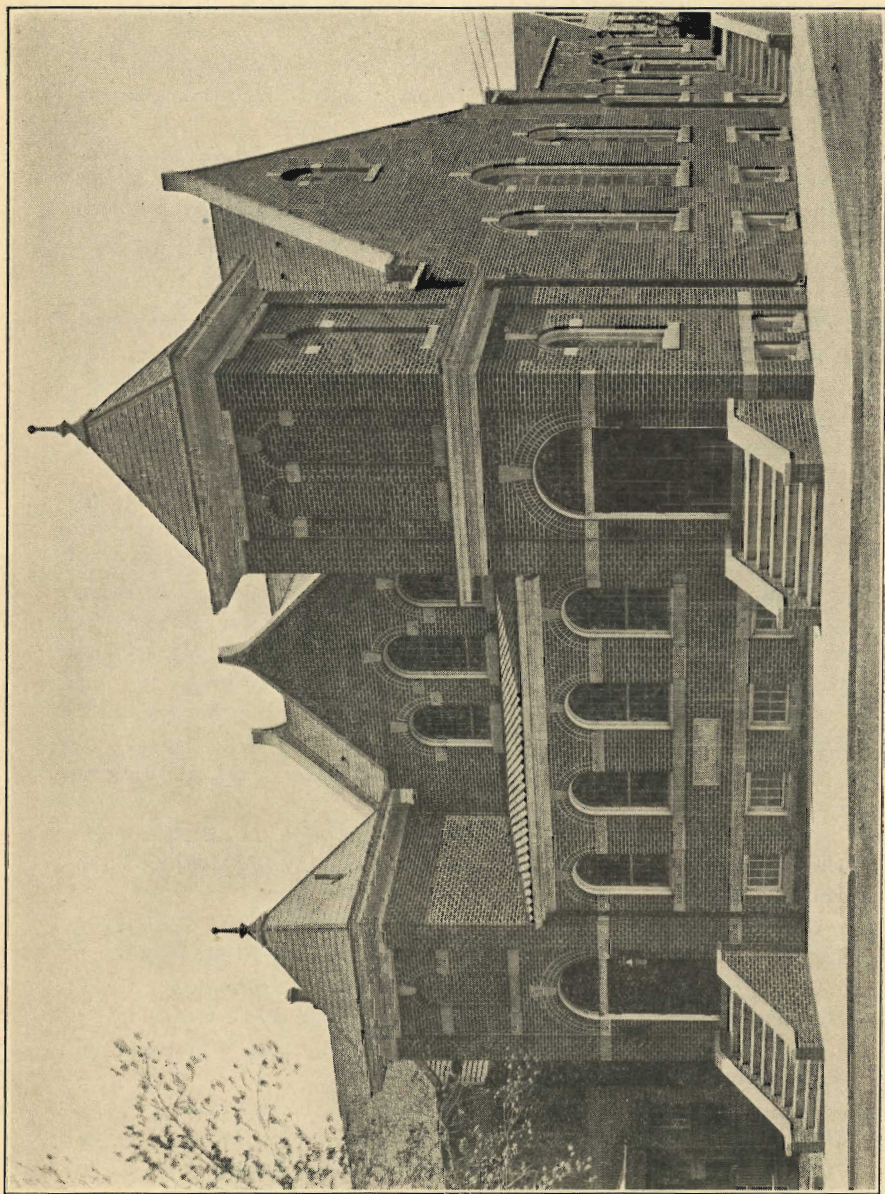
India—E. R. Carner, Mrs. E. R. Carner, Samuel Kerr and Mrs. Samuel Kerr.

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

Palestine—Miss Mary A. Butterfield—32 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 right of the Chair constitute the Conference Bar. Also the basement for evening meetings.



Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church
Twelfth and Spruce Streets, Easton, Pa., P. T. Stengele, Pastor.
(Lot 53 by 112 feet, Church 50 by 86 feet.)

The Secretary appointed his assistants, as follows: Assistant Secretary, B. Bryan Musselman; Recording Secretaries, N. H. Wolf, H. L. Shelly and A. G. Woodring.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a Reporter and a Timekeeper.

He appointed H. K. Kratz as Reporter and E. H. Musselman as Timekeeper.

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

Committees

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

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

Committee on Communications: R. L. Woodring and J. B. Layne.

Committee on Finance: F. M. Hottel, H. L. Shelly, G. O. Billig, C. H. Brunner 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, Charles E. Eroh, C. B. Brosius, Herbert V. Smith, Clarence S. Renn, Edward T. Semmel, Otto Schroeder, Edward J. Dietzman, E. H. Musselman, George R. Fish, Charles L. Hornberger and P. T. Tarbert.

Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Records: E. E. Kublic and V. H. Reinhart.

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

Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists and Missionaries: J. G. Shireman, W. F. Heffner, F. B. Hertzog and J. B. Layne.

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 T. D. Gehret.

Committee on Auditing: G. F. Yost, M. L. Musselman, J. B. Henry, P. T. Stengele, W. D. Evert, R. R. Fox, E. Godshall, F. M. Hottel, Paul I. Wentz, F. B. Hertzog, H. H. Bergey and H. N. Rishel.

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

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and adjourn to the call of the Chair. R. L. Woodring led in prayer. Benediction by V. H. Reinhart. Adjourned at 10:45 o'clock.

SECOND MEETING

Thursday Afternoon, October 11, 1928

The Chair opened the afternoon meeting at 3:10 o'clock with singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and prayer by F. M. Hottel.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on 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 an excellent condition.

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

J. C. Roth,	P. T. Tarbert,
H. K. Kratz,	Edward T. Semmel,
E. E. Kublic,	Clarence S. Renn,
C. B. Brosius	V. H. Reinhart,
Otto Schroeder,	Charles E. Eroh,
Edward J. Dietzman,	E. H. Musselman,
George R. Fish,	Charles L. Hornberger,
Herbert V. Smith,	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.

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

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and have a meeting tonight in the Conference Bar at 7:30 o'clock.

The pastors now began to submit their oral reports.

Adjourned at 5 p.m. with prayer by Paul I. Wentz and the benediction by J. C. Roth.

THIRD MEETING

Thursday Evening, October 11, 1928

The evening meeting was opened with singing "Rescue the Perishing" and prayer by H. H. Bergey.

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 Conference Treasurer. (See Reports.)

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

The oral reports of the Pastors were concluded.

The following report was read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, Another very fruitful year has passed with all the pastors on both districts spared and present at this Conference, reporting the Lord's work on the various charges and,

Whereas, Considerable progress has been made, many being saved and added to the Church, remarkable cases of physical healing being reported, therefore,

Resolved, That we praise God for His wonderful leading during the past year among such a loyal and devoted laity, and further,

Resolved, That we sincerely pray the Lord to keep our ministry wholly devoted, spirit-filled and well united, especially so, in these days of spiritual declension, until He come.

W. G. Gehman,
R. L. Woodring,
T. D. Gehret,

Committee.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

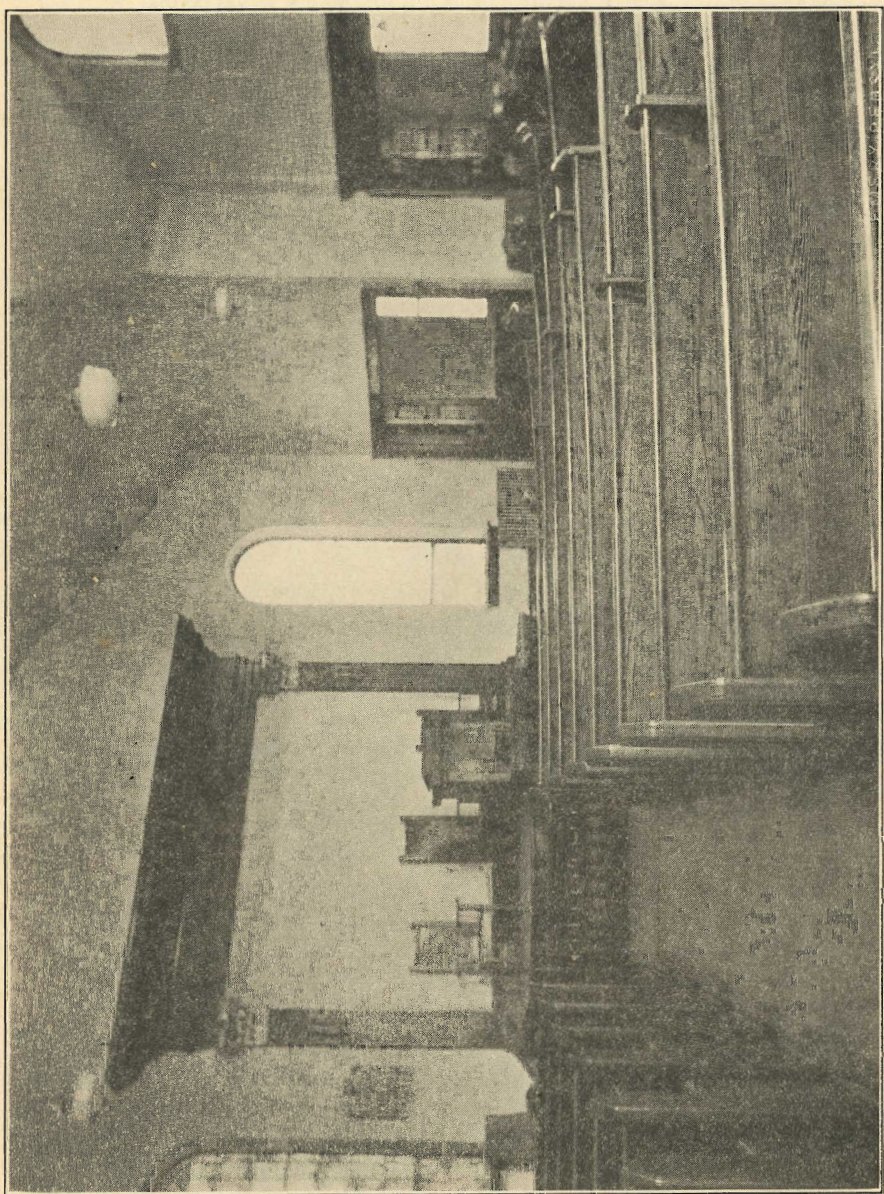
Report of H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder of the Bethlehem District. (See Reports.)

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:

Whereas, The Lord through His infinite love has again preserved both of our Presiding Elders, who have given such interesting and encouraging reports of the work of the past year to this Conference



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along spiritual and financial lines, the President of the Gospel Herald Society also reporting all Missions nicely progressing, with one new Mission opened, and,

Whereas, These reports in a special way describe God's providential leadings throughout the Conference both among the pastors and the laity and in the Home and the Foreign Missionary work, therefore,

Resolved, That we sincerely pledge our prayers and support for them in every way, and further,

Resolved, That we pray God to spare and further use our leaders in the propagating of God's most noble cause.

R. L. Woodring,

T. D. Gehret,

Committee.

Adjourned at 9:30 o'clock with prayer and benediction by C. H. Brunner.

FOURTH MEETING

Friday Morning, October 12, 1928

The meeting was opened with singing "I Am So Wondrously Saved from Sin" and prayer by C. B. Brosius.

The Chairman read from I Corinthians 9 and gave us a very needful and helpful address.

The roll was called, after which 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 Trustees of the Home. (See Reports.)

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

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

Report of the Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Records:

We beg leave to report that we examined the Annual Conference Records of 1927 and found them correct with the exception of a slight error which was corrected in the presence of the Secretary.

E. E. Kublic,

V. H. Reinhart,

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.

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

Committee.

Rev. Walter Schaffer, Pastor of the Holiness Christian Church at Weatherly, Pa., was introduced to the Conference.

W. G. Gehman, President of the Gospel Herald Society, presented the names of A. M. Sprock, E. W. Bean, R. H. Gehman, C. L. Miller and C. O. Reed as Applicants for Annual Conference License.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

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

Report of the Ministerial Convention. (See Reports.)

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

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

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

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

Adjourned at 11 o'clock with prayer by J. B. Layne and benediction by R. L. Woodring.

FIFTH MEETING

Friday Afternoon, October 12, 1928

The afternoon meeting was opened at 2:20 o'clock with singing "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine," and prayer by E. E. Kublic.

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 Camp Meeting Equipage. (See Reports.)

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 A. M. Sprock, E. W. Bean, R. H. Gehman, C. L. Miller and C. O. Reed and recommend them to this Conference for Annual Conference License.

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

Report of the Committee on Examination of Applicants for Ordination:

We, the Committee on Examination of Applicants for Ordination, beg leave to report that we have considered the Applicants J. B. Henry and E. H. Musselman, who have been laboring for a year as pastors, and recommend that they be ordained on Sunday afternoon.

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

Rev. David Wilson, General Evangelist of the Pilgrim Holiness Association, was introduced to the Conference.

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. 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, T. D. Gehret, J. B. Henry, E. H. Musselman, J. F. Barrall and E. T. Shick.

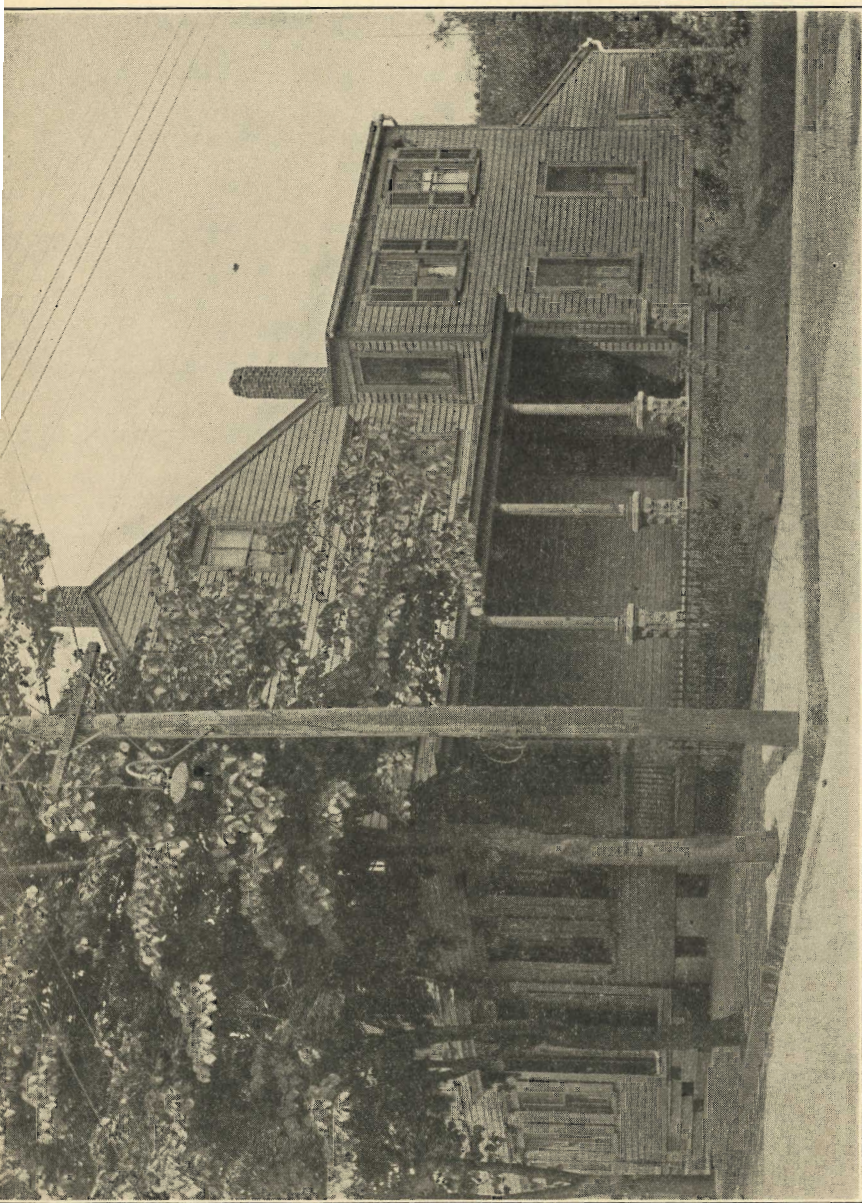
Conditional—R. Bergstresser and O. S. Hillegass.

Resolved, That we elect two Presiding Elders.

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

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.



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1231 Ferry Street, Easton, Pa.
(Lot, 42 by 110 feet.)

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

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and adjourn to 8:30 this evening.

Adjourned at 2:50 o'clock with prayer by T. D. Gehret and benediction by C. H. Brunner.

SIXTH MEETING

Friday Evening, October 12, 1928

The meeting was opened at 8:30 o'clock with singing "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine" and prayer by H. K. Kratz.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

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

Report of the Committee on Worship:

G. F. Yost and E. N. Cassell shall preach Saturday evening, twenty minutes each.

Sunday Services

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

At 2:15, Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman shall preach the Ordination Sermon.

The evening service will be a Radio service, opening at seven o'clock with an inspirational song service.

The Brethren F. M. Hottel, R. L. Woodring and C. H. Brunner shall speak for twenty minutes each.

The Sunday services shall be in charge of the Chairman of the Annual Conference, Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman.

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

Adjourned at 8:50 o'clock with prayer and benediction by W. G. Gehman.

SEVENTH MEETING

Saturday Morning, October 13, 1928

The meeting was opened with singing "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds" and prayer by V. H. Reinhart.

The Chairman read I Peter 4:7, 8, followed by a most earnest and needful address to the Conference.

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 Auditing:

We, the Committee on Auditing, have examined the following financial accounts: Presiding Elder's Reports, Benevolent Society, Camp Meetings, Sunday School Conventions, Board of Publication and Printing, Quarterly Conference Records, The Home, Beneficiary Society, 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,
M. L. Musselman,
Paul I. Wentz,
F. M. Hottel,
E. Godshall,
R. R. Fox,

F. B. Hertzog,
H. H. Bergey,
P. T. Stengele,
W. D. Evert,
J. B. Henry,
H. N. Risel,

Committee.

Report of the Beneficiary Society. (See Reports.)

Report of the Committee on Communications:

We have received a communication from R. W. Dickert, former pastor of Sunbury, which we recommend to be read to this Conference.

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

Committee.

The communication was read to the Annual Conference.

Resolved, That the communication be referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The following reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Sunday School Forms and Supplies. (See Reports.)

Report of the Committee to Secure a Suitable Hymn Book for Sunday School Purposes. (See Reports.)

Resolved, That we instruct the Board of Publication and Printing to print new uniform Sunday School Supplies.

The Chair appointed the following Boards and Committees:

Board of Publication and Printing: E. N. Cassel, B. Bryan Musselman, F. M. Hottel and C. H. Brunner.

Committee over Camp Meeting Equipage and Tabernacle Outfits: B. Bryan Musselman, F. M. Hottel, G. F. Yost and F. B. Hertzog.

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

The following were elected: First Vice-Presiding Elder, B. Bryan Musselman, and Second Vice-Presiding Elder, C. H. Brunner.

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

Resolved, That we as a Conference recognize Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman as appointed agent to handle Sunday School Supplies and the Gospel Herald for the Union Gospel Press and urge all our Pastors to press the Gospel Herald and all other publications of the Union Gospel Press among our people.

Resolved, That we send a night letter of greeting and convey the information of the above to W. B. Musselman, signed by the Chairman.

Resolved, That the other officers be nominated and elected by ballot. The following were elected:

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

Resolved, That we elect a Conference Secretary-Treasurer. C. H. Brunner was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

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): J. G. Shireman, F. M. Hottel, G. F. Yost, B. Bryan Musselman, A. A. Wismer and H. G. Brunner.

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

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and adjourn to meet at 1 o'clock.

Resolved, That the request of E. Godshall and Paul I. Wentz to be excused from the meetings of the day be granted them.

Adjourned with prayer by W. D. Evert and benediction by J. C. Roth.

EIGHTH MEETING

Saturday Afternoon, October 13, 1928

The meeting was opened with singing "In the Cross, In the Cross, Be My Glory Ever!" and prayer by N. H. Wolf.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Committee to Audit Schedules:

We have examined the Pastors' Schedules, the Summary Schedule and the Quadrennial Schedule and find them in a neat and clean condition, and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

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

Committee.

Report of the Committee on Ordination:

We, the Committee on Ordination recommend that Paul E. Baer, who has been stationed by the Stationing Committee, be ordained on Sunday afternoon.

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

Committee.

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 Conventions.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a Chairman in each District to organize for these Sunday School Conventions.

He appointed the following:

Allentown District—C. H. Brunner.

Easton District—J. G. Shireman.

Resolved, That we hold two Camp Meetings on the Allentown District and one on the Easton District.

Resolved, That the Camp Meeting Divisions comprise the congregations as follows:

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

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

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

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.

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 seduction, 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 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 the price of the Annual Year Book be fifty cents and in case of a deficit this shall be provided for out of the Conference Fund.

Resolved, That we print 950 copies of our Year Book for 1928.

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 J. C. Roth, T. D. Gehret and J. G. Shireman.

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

Resolved, That the next Annual Conference convene in Ebenezer M. B. in C. Church, Main and Durham Streets, Bethlehem, Pa., at 9 a.m., October 10, 1929.

Ministerial Convention

Resolved, That the Annual Ministerial Convention be held at Easton, Pa., on April 8, 1929. All ordained Ministers and probationers having charge of a work shall be members of this Convention.

The following officers were then elected for this Convention: Chairman, W. G. Gehman; Secretary, F. B. Hertzog. Committee on Program, H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and P. T. Stengele.

Resolved, That we proceed with the election of Delegates to the General Conference.

The following delegates were elected:

Ministers—B. Bryan Musselman, C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel, G. F. Yost and F. M. Hottel.

Ministers, Alternate—First Alternate, J. G. Shireman; Second Alternate, T. D. Gehret.

Laymen Delegates—G. O. Billig, H. H. Bergey, M. L. Musselman, H. L. Shelly and Allen M. Gehman.

Laymen Alternate—First Alternate, C. D. Bean; Second Alternate, P. Ward Musselman.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and adjourn.

Adjourned at 3:10 o'clock with prayer by Clarence S. Renn and benediction by P. T. Stengele.

NINTH MEETING

Monday Morning, October 15, 1928

This meeting was opened with singing "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" and prayer by J. C. Roth.

The Chairman read a portion of the fifth chapter of First Thessalonians, followed by some 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:

(A) *Whereas*, C. H. Brunner, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, who has been in constant touch with our representatives on the various Mission fields, and has reported in detail concerning the work being done, and,

Whereas, The lives of all our Missionaries were preserved, the Lord having given health, and strength for their work, so that many souls were won, and the seed of the Word faithfully sown, therefore,

Resolved, That we praise God for all His leading in the past and pray God to continue to bless our Missionaries, so that the work may continue to the salvation of many precious souls.

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

Resolved, That we highly appreciate his whole-hearted interest and untiring labor, 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 world, and,

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

Whereas, They print much Gospel literature which is scattered abroad, therefore,

Resolved, That we express our heartiest thanks to God for His leadings and heartily pledge our prayers and support otherwise and continue to pray God's choicest blessings upon them that their courage, health and strength fail not and that our fellowship in the

Word and Work of the Lord may increase more and more until the Lord's return.

(D) *Whereas*, The Pastor, B. Bryan Musselman, and the members of the Allentown Class have so abundantly provided for the entertainment of the Annual Conference members and friends of the work, all meals being served in the basement of the Church, therefore,

Resolved, That we appreciate 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.

(E) *Whereas*, The daily papers, the "Allentown Morning Call" and the "Chronicle and News," have given us such splendid service in chronicling the proceedings of the Annual Conference, and,

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

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

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Conference and be forwarded by Pastor B. Bryan Musselman to the "Allentown Morning Call" and the "Chronicle and News" office, respectively.

(F) *Whereas*, The Police Department of the City of Allentown, Pa., through the courtesy of the Chief, M. H. Bernhard, and Captain Miller, have so cheerfully granted the request to provide traffic officers on Sunday, and,

Whereas, Officers Fronheiser and Heath, who were delegated for the task, have given most courteous and efficient services, therefore,

Resolved, That we as a Conference express our hearty appreciation for the services thus rendered, and pray God's blessing upon this Department in their noble work for the safety of the public, and further,

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution, signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Conference, be forwarded by the Pastor, B. Bryan Musselman, to this Department.

(G) *Whereas*, R. W. Dickert has expressed himself as led of the Lord to accept the offer of R. E. Neighbor to assist him in his work, and upon his request was granted a release after October 1, and,

Whereas, He desires to continue his membership in the Conference and his and family's membership in the Church, therefore,

Resolved, That we grant him his request and pray God's blessing upon him and his family.

W. G. Gehman,
R. L. Woodring,
T. D. Gehret,

Committee.

Resolved, That the membership records of R. W. Dickert and family be held by the Annual Conference Secretary.

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 Publication and Printing—President, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, F. M. Hottel.

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.

Resolved, That the Executive Board under legal advice formulate a form of deed for Church property that may be acceptable to trust officers, that the Board be privileged to permit congregations to use this form of deed, if necessary, during this Conference Year and present the new form of deed to the next Annual Conference for consideration.

The following report was read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, Our Church organ, "The Gospel Banner," published at Elkhart, Indiana and so ably edited by A. B. Yoder, of the Indiana and Ohio Conference, and,

Whereas, We consider the "Gospel Banner" one of the cleanest and most reliable papers published, both in doctrinal and practical truths, therefore,

Resolved, That we urge the spreading of the "Banner" among all our members and friends, and further,

Resolved, That we recommend that each pastor having charge of a regular appointment write short articles for the same at least four times a year, and send short reports of their respective work, regularly.

W. G. Gehman,
R. L. Woodring,
T. D. Gehret,

Committee.

Resolved, That we extend the time indefinitely.

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

Adjourned at 12:10 with prayer by G. F. Yost and benediction by R. L. Woodring.

TENTH MEETING

Monday Afternoon, October 15, 1928

The meeting was opened at 3:50 o'clock with singing "Home, Sweet Home" and prayer by Paul E. Baer.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

Announcement of Studies by the Board of Examiners. (See Reports.)

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

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

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

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 29 to July 7, 1929.

Allentown Division—Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; Treasurer, G. F. Yost. Place—Mizpah Grove. Date—August 17 to 25, 1929.

Easton District—Chairman, J. G. Shireman; Secretary, P. T. Stengele; Treasurer, T. D. Gehret. Place—Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa. Date—July 20 to 28, 1929.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication and Printing print official stationery.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed by the Chair to audit the Quadrennial Report.

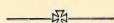
The Chair appointed W. G. Gehman and P. T. Stengele.

Adjourned at 4:50 with prayer by the Chairman, H. B. Musselman. After singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" the benediction was pronounced by the Secretary, C. H. Brunner.

Signed,

H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder, Chairman,	
W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder,	
C. H. Brunner, Secretary-Treasurer, 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,	
F. M. Hottel,	W. D. Evert,
E. N. Cassel,	H. N. Rishel,
G. F. Yost,	Paul I. Wentz,
J. G. Shireman,	Clarence S. Renn,
F. B. Hertzog,	G. K. Himmelreich,
P. T. Stengele,	R. R. Fox,
J. C. Roth,	Herbert V. Smith,
T. D. Gehret,	Charles E. Eroh,
R. L. Woodring,	Otto Schroeder,
H. K. Kratz,	E. Godshall,
W. F. Heffner,	C. B. Brosius,
J. B. Layne,	Edward T. Semmel,
V. H. Reinhart,	C. D. Bean,
E. E. Kublic,	H. H. Bergey,
J. B. Henry,	George R. Fish,
E. H. Musselman,	Charles L. Hornberger,
Paul E. Baer,	Edward J. Dietzman,
J. F. Barrall,	P. T. Tarbert,
G. O. Billig,	Allen M. Gehman.
M. L. Musselman,	

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A.—The History of Mizpah Grove

It is interesting to study the Record of Camp Meetings in the back part of the Year Book. Changing location from year to year was not always so satisfactory and to find suitable groves large enough for our annually enlarging Camp Meeting became a problem. With the advent of the automobile the parking also became a serious consideration.

Therefore the Annual Conference held in Allentown, Pa., October 18, 1909, authorized the Executive Board to purchase land or property for Camp Meeting purposes. After much diligent searching in the spring of 1910, the Board purchased a part of a grove from John F. Saeger and Andrew S. Keck, in Hanover Township, in what was then called East Allentown. This was later on incorporated in the City of Allentown, Pa., and was called the Fourteenth Ward. This tract was 356 feet wide and 700 feet long, along the south side of Lawrence Street, 5.72 acres for the sum of \$3,159.53. Two lots of 20 feet each on the north side of Lawrence Street were also purchased from John F. Saeger for \$300.00. A well was drilled 44 feet deep, giving an abundance of clear, cold water free from limestone. Cleaning the grove, building pulpit, well, etc., cost \$758.42. The place was named Mizpah Grove, as Mizpah of old was a place for the gathering together of God's people for prayer and confession and victory (I Sam. 7:5, 6, 11, 12, 16).

In the spring of 1911 a brick building was erected by Schuler and Hottel, of Coopersburg, on the lot on the north side of Lawrence Street. The front part with a frontage of 26 feet and 28 feet deep was two stories high, while the rear part was 30 by 36 feet, only one story high. This cost \$1,350.00 and was used for storage and restaurant purposes. \$947.00 were spent for improving the grove. Special free-will offerings for the grove from the churches in the conference amounted to \$4,758.70.

During 1912, Marcus Reinhart, of Emaus, built an auditorium 72 by 102 feet for \$1,450.00 and \$716.70 were spent for improvements.

In 1913 an additional strip 20 feet wide and 700 feet long along the south side of the grove was purchased from Andrew S. Keck for \$321.40, or at the rate of \$1,000.00 an acre, toward which Mr. Keck donated \$50.00. Improvements during the year amounted to \$668.72.

Prior to 1914 the meals for the invited pastors and their families had always been prepared in a large tent erected for that purpose. In the spring of 1914 the Preachers' Dining Hall, a two-story brick building 22 feet 8 inches front by 34 feet deep, was erected by Schuler and Hottel at a cost of \$978.21 Other improvements for the year cost \$261.32. The Gospel Herald Society erected their Literature Cottage this spring.

During 1915 three lots, each 20 feet front and 120 feet deep, were purchased from John F. Saeger for \$1,500.00, one on the west side of the Dining Hall and the other two on the east side, making five lots or 100 feet front. Improvements costing \$271.70 were added this year. The City of Allentown purchased two full city blocks below Ellsworth Street for school purposes.

In 1916 only \$282.17 were spent for improvements. The City erected a half million dollar public school building on their lot. Improvements and repairs during 1917 cost \$430.11; during 1918, \$705.59 and during 1919, \$404.13.

During 1920 an additional 40 feet along the south side of the grove were purchased from Andrew S. Keck for \$1,000.00, or at the rate of about \$1,555.00 per acre. J. W. Shaw, of Quakertown, drilled our second or upper well, 72 feet deep, costing, with pump, \$310.79. The improvements for the year cost \$1,532.98.

In the early part of 1921 the Executive Board purchased from John F. Saeger all that tract on the east side of the lots previously purchased, 120 feet wide on the north side of Lawrence Street, 548.35 feet up to Gilmore Street, 120 feet beyond the former boundary line. Then a strip 124.35 wide and 441 feet long between the east side of Mizpah Grove and Gilmore Street to the end of our southern boundary line, 2 acres and 122.12 perches, for \$4,350.00. The grove now contains a little more than 10 acres. Late in the fall an addition of 35 by 48 feet, with a basement, was built to the Dining Hall by James Dries, of Emaus, costing \$2,272.39. Other improvements and repairs amounted to \$1,361.15.

During 1922 a tarvia floor was put in and around the auditorium, which, together with other improvements, cost \$1,775.84. Besides this, \$792.06 were spent on other work in the grove.

Repairs and improvements during 1923 cost \$719.28, while during 1924, \$2,770.66 were spent, mostly to clean up, remove stones and stumps and build driveways for parking and purchasing lumber for tent floors.

During the great snow storms of January, 1925, the excessive accumulation of snow, sleet, rain and ice broke down the auditorium. Something had to be done. Contractor Jacob Hartman, of Bethlehem, was asked to secure plans and estimates for a new, larger and more substantial structure. Under the supervision of Mr. Hartman an auditorium of brick and steel construction, 82 feet wide between center of columns and 98 feet long, with an additional ten feet projection outside the posts, was built, seating about 2000 people. Under the same roof is a two-story brick building, to be used for storage, office and dormitory purposes.

Two brick lavatories, 20 by 24 feet each, one for men and one for women, were also constructed and fully equipped to meet the sanitary regulations of the City. For this purpose another artesian well was drilled, 100 feet deep. A concrete reservoir was built on top of the hill and an electric pump with automatic control installed to keep it filled during the time that camp is open.

These three buildings, with all their furnishings, together with the well, cost \$28,332.57. Repairs during the year cost \$380.17.

During 1926, through Mr. H. W. Yost the Executive Board purchased from John F. Saeger an additional tract of 20.83 acres on the north and east sides of what had been purchased before for a consideration of \$10,000.00. Mizpah Grove now comprises 30.86 acres. A Public Address System was installed at a cost of \$1,118.27. Additional expenditures for improvements and repairs amounted to \$1,384.71.

During 1927 a lot of grading, work on driveways and incidental repairs cost \$2,346.23.

During this summer of 1928 very extensive grading was done with a steam shovel, teams and dump trucks, filling up the old stone quarry, preparing roadways and parking places for the widening of the altogether too congested tent circle northward.

We must not forget that during these 19 years many thousands of dollars worth of free labor was given in the grove and at the buildings by the ministers of the Conference and many of the laymen. This is worthy of mention.

Among the improvements and repairs in this statement are included about 62,000 feet of lumber and over 3,000 cubic feet of blocking which are used for tent floors and piled up well over the winter.

It might also be of interest to state that Radio Sending Station W C B A, owned and operated by Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, is located in and above the Auditorium with the studio located in the Allentown National Bank Building, Seventh and Hamilton Streets, Allentown, Pa. A number of services were broadcast from here during our Camp Meetings this past summer. Many messages of appreciation of these services were received by mail and telephone.

Financial Summary

Year	Land Purchased	Buildings	Improvements and Repairs
1910	\$ 3,459.53	.....	\$ 758.42
1911 .....	.....	\$ 1,350.00	947.00
1912 .....	.....	1,450.00	716.70
1913	321.40	.....	668.72
1914 .....	.....	978.21	261.32
1915	1,500.00	.....	271.70
1916 .....	.....	.....	282.17
1917 .....	.....	.....	430.11
1918 .....	.....	.....	705.59
1919 .....	.....	.....	404.13
1920	1,000.00	.....	1,532.98
1921	4,350.00	2,272.39	1,361.15
1922 .....	.....	.....	2,567.90
1923	719.28
1924	2,770.66
1925	28,332.57	380.17
1926	10,000.00	2,502.98
1927	2,346.23
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	\$20,630.93	\$34,383.17	\$19,627.21
Total			\$74,641.31

B.—Camp Meetings

"Gather My saints together unto Me; those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice." (Ps. 50:5)

The first Camp Meeting is said to have been held in Kentucky on the banks of the Red River in 1799 by a Presbyterian and a Methodist minister. For several years these congregations held Camp Meetings together until gradually the Presbyterians withdrew and the Methodists continued.

Lorenzo Dow, an able though eccentric Methodist minister, first introduced Camp Meetings in Staffordshire, England, in 1807. Two Methodist ministers, Hugh Bourne and William Clowes, were so impressed with the advantages of this style of services that they persisted in holding them even after they were disapproved by the Wesleyan Conference in 1807, for which they were finally expelled and in 1810 founded the Primitive Methodist Church.

According to our record of Camp Meetings in the end of our Year Book their origin in the Pennsylvania Conference was the result of a Grove Meeting on Chestnut Hill, between Coopersburg and Limeport, Lehigh County, in August, 1879. In August, 1880, the first Camp Meeting was held in this grove with one large tent. This was owned and occupied by one of the pastors, Abel Strawn.

At the time our first Camp Meeting was held there were only three circuits in the Conference supplied in 1880 as follows: Zionsville and Fleetwood, Abraham Kauffman, pastor; Coopersburg and Springtown, Abel Strawn, pastor; Quakertown and Hatfield, Jonas Musselman, pastor. William Gehman was serving his second year as Presiding Elder.

A small temporary platform with a roof was erected for the speakers. Boards were staked down and rough planks laid across for seats. Lanterns and fishing torches were used for lights. A few years later a few street lamps and gasolene torches were counted a great improvement until we procured gasolene pressure lamps followed by electric lights.

A large tent was procured in which the meetings were held when it rained. Wooden stakes were driven into the ground and a plank nailed on top served as an altar. Around this altar the ground was covered with straw. When a rain threatened this was raked on a big heap and covered with a large canvas made for the purpose.

The first tents were made by the individuals and erected by them. Heavy muslin was tacked on a light portable frame, with doors on hinges and rafters for the roof and an extra inside roof canvas. For a number of years no one had floors in their tents. Some covered the ground with straw.

At these early Camp Meetings the top of an old cook stove with one or two pieces of pipe were placed on a wall of stones and mud about a foot high. Dry wood for fuel was gathered or brought along and here the cooking was done for the week. No oil or gasolene stoves, no boarding houses, no refreshment stand. A butcher and a baker were engaged to enter the grove and provide the campers with meat and bread several times a week but never on Sundays. Strangers came mostly provided with their own lunch. Preachers and friends coming from a distance were invited for meals in turn by the campers. No ice could be had so most of them dug a little hole in the ground, in which they placed a box to answer for a cellar.

During the eighteen years of Camp Meetings in this grove a man had to be secured who would haul the water used for drinking and cooking in barrels from a distance. Often old whiskey barrels were used for this purpose, often giving the water a peculiar taste. An attempt was made to dig a well but when it was almost a hundred feet deep and no water was found it was abandoned.

There were no trolley cars those days and the nearest railroad station was about four miles distant over hilly, stony, muddy roads.

In spite of all these disadvantages these annual gatherings increased rapidly in blessing, power and popularity, so that the grove and the roadways were filled with teams and fields had to be opened to accommodate them.

There were no dormitories or sleeping tents provided in those days so that those who had no tents to sleep in often slept in the large tabernacle on camp stools or on the straw. One of our deacons, the late Milton Kauffman, lived two fields' breadth away from the grove. He often had his house filled with women lodgers while the men, as many as forty, slept in the barn on the hay and straw.

About the year 1885 a few individual cottages were built by William Gehman, John B. Gehman and Joseph Preisch.

In 1893 several of the brethren, Milton Kauffman, H. M. Hottel and Thos. Hackman purchased thirty tents which they rented to the committee.

These were pioneer Camp Meeting days. Besides these inconveniences there were some persecutions and disturbances but the power of

God was present and many were saved, sanctified, healed and blessed. Many of these have served the Lord and the church for many years and have fallen asleep in Jesus. Others are still living and they, their children and grand-children are today pillars in the Church, scattered far and wide.

Camp Meetings were held on Chestnut Hill annually for 18 years, the last one being held in 1897. The work was spreading. By this time twelve Camp Meetings had been held at seven other places, many of which were much more convenient of access. Although "The Old Camp Ground" had become a sacred spot to many yet it was thought wise to spread out into other sections of the country.

Up to the present time our records show that the Pennsylvania Conference has held 132 Camp Meetings in different places. In 1910 Mizpah Grove was opened. For five years three Camp Meetings were held there each season thus making 43 to date.

C.—Camp Meetings of 1928

A.—Bethlehem Division

The first Camp Meeting of the season, the Bethlehem Division of the Bethlehem District, was held in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., from June 30 to July 8. Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman had charge. The Committee on Arrangements consisted of the following Pastors: F. M. Hottel, Chairman; A. G. Woodring, Secretary; E. N. Cassel, Secretary; R. L. Woodring, N. H. Wolf, J. C. Roth, J. B. Layne and H. K. Kratz. Number of tents, 241.

All the ministers of the conference were present. Rev. Charles Neighbor gave a few addresses on the Fourth of July. Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Snyder, returned missionaries from the China-Tibetan Border, were present part of the time and gave a few addresses. Some of the services were broadcast over WCBA Radio Station, established in the grove.

B.—Shamokin District

The Shamokin District Camp Meeting was held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., from July 21st to the 29th. Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman had charge. The Committee on Arrangements consisted of the following Pastors: J. G. Shireman, Chairman; P. T. Stengele, Secretary; R. W. Dickert, Treasurer; T. D. Gehret, V. H. Reinhart, E. E. Kublic, E. H. Musselman and J. B. Henry. Number of tents erected, 161.

All the ministers of the Conference were present. Miss Alma E. Doering, of the "Unevangelized Tribes Mission of Africa," gave a few addresses. Miss Mary A. Miller, of Shamokin, gave her farewell address before sailing for the field under the above mission August 4th. This was reported as the best Camp Meeting ever held in Edgewood Grove.

C.—Allentown Division

The Allentown Division Camp Meeting of the Bethlehem District was held in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., from August 18th to 26th. Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman had charge. The Committee on Arrangements consisted of the following Pastors: B. Bryan Musselman, Chairman; C. H. Brunner, Secretary; G. F. Yost, Treasurer; F. B. Hertzog and W. F. Heffner. Number of tents, 294.

All the ministers of the Conference were present. The following also were present and gave addresses: Rev. T. P. Gates of the Baptist Church, Plainfield, N. J.; Bishop C. F. Derstine, instructor in the Mennonite Bible School, Kitchener, Ontario. Also the following returned missionaries: Rev. Harry Stam, of the Africa Inland Mission from the Belgian Congo, Africa; Rev. E. R. Hess, of the Christian and Missionary Alliance from another District of the Belgian Congo, and Rev. B. H. Alexander, also of the Christian and Missionary Alliance from Central China. Mr. and Mrs. Stam and Mr. Hess are supported by the Pennsylvania Conference. All enjoyed the presence of the Alliance Quintette from Cleveland, Ohio, (colored) who favored us every day with many of their excellent selections in song. Mr. Lacey, their leader, and Mrs. Lacey rendered a number of duets, also a few trios in which their young son, Robert, assisted. The Quintette had full charge of the Friday evening service. The Quintette had also been with us at the Allentown Division Camp Meeting last year. A number of the services were again broadcast over WCBA. Many notes of thanks and also requests were sent in by telephone and by mail, showing the appreciation of these radio services.

At both of these Camp Meetings in Mizpah Grove the attendance was excellent, the large auditorium seating almost 2,000 being much too small.

I.—Presiding Elders

REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF THE BETHLEHEM DISTRICT

Through the goodness of the Lord we are again permitted to submit this report. The Lord has been our enabling, giving as the needed strength to meet all of the appointments throughout the year. We shall continue to realize our utter insufficiency and His all-sufficiency for all things.

The Lord has spared us all of the pastors with their families. Their labors have been signally blessed of God in the salvation of souls, the healing of the sick, and the sanctification and upbuilding of the Church. We wish to give praise unto our God for such a loyal band of pastors, in these last days.

The various Sunday Schools continue to be large in attendance. The Church services and prayer-meetings are exceptionally well attended, considering the trend of things in these last days. The interest made manifest for the work is very encouraging throughout the entire district.

The Church properties are all kept in good condition, and the various Church offerings are a proof of a wholesome missionary spirit that is manifested by the same.

Two Camp-meetings were again held on the District with an excellent interest manifested for the same. The first Camp-meeting (Bethlehem Division) had 241 tents. The latter (Allentown Division) had 294 tents. The preaching was exceptionally good, the brethren preaching the Word with unction from on high. The attendance was large, throughout, over-taxing the seating capacity again and again.

An interesting tabernacle meeting was again held by Pastor W. F. Heffner on his charge. The various pastors have been launching out in preaching the Word at many surrounding places, and a good missionary spirit is shown by them in so readily responding to the many openings and calls in these needy days. The Word preached over the

radio has brought in a great response, and the thousands of listeners-in are eagerly awaiting the messages sent forth over station WCBA.

We are encouraged, as we keep our eyes fixed on the living hope of the Blessed return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We also wish to thank the pastors and members of the District for the much patience and loving kindnesses shown us in every way. We thank God for such a faithful loyal ministry not swerving from preaching the pure, plain, unadulterated Gospel.

FINANCIAL

Receipts

Received from Treasurer of Home Mission Fund..... \$2,080 00

Expenditures

(a) Appropriations

Quakertown and Hatfield.....	\$180 00
Northampton and Walnutport.....	240 00
Nazareth	180 00
Lehighton	480 00
	<hr/> \$1,080 00

(b) Miscellaneous

O. S. Hillegass donation.....	\$ 75 00
Matron, Home	40 00
Anthony B. Yoder, Ex. Committee.....	9 50
Mizpah Grove, Camp-meetings.....	100 00
W. F. Heffner, donation, and tabernacle exp.....	80 00
R. L. Woodring, donation.....	25 00
Public Address System, 4 speakers, 1 microphone.....	335 00
Fares for brethren assisted in special work.....	19 50
Trustees, Allentown (Bethel) Pa.....	200 00
Balance on hand.....	116 00
	<hr/> 1,000 00
Total	<hr/> 2,080 00

H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder.

II.—Presiding Elders—Continued

REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF THE SHAMOKIN DISTRICT

Again the Lord's favor has been manifest during the year which gives much cause for thanksgiving. The Pastors preach the Word faithfully and the members in general respond with loyalty and sacrifice in the work of the Lord.

There were converts at each appointment and a number were baptized and added to the Church. Quite a number of our people reach forth for fullness of salvation for spirit, soul and body.

The Prayer meetings are well attended and young and old pray in public.

The Sunday Schools are well attended and the officers and teachers are loyal and active.

The attendance at the Ordinance meetings is commendable and the meetings are invigorating.

The Sunday School Convention for the District and the Gospel Herald Society was held in York, Pa. A spacious balcony and a prayer meeting room were built just in time for the Convention. The attendance all day long was very good. The Program rendered was instructive, inspirational and helpful in every way. The young class under their Pastor did well in entertaining the members and friends of the convention.

The Church properties are in reasonable repair. Some incumbrances have been removed during the year.

The Camp-meeting held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., with one hundred sixty-one tents, was indeed led of the Lord. The messages delivered by the preachers were pregnant with truth and celestial fire. Quite a number sought and found the Lord according to their needs and God's people, in general, were edified. The expenses were met with offerings more easily than ever before in spite of the financial stringency throughout. The God of this age is going about seeking whom he may devour, yet the majority listen to the warnings of the men of God, are led by the Spirit, and prosper in spirit, soul and body.

The Pastors and members have been praying for us unceasingly and have given us support materially and spiritually far above that we are worthy. It is all of grace. We trust that a fellowship between the ministry and the laity shall continue and increase unto our Lord's coming, which will be a testimony that satan and false professors cannot overthrow.

FINANCIAL

Expenditures

(a) Appropriations

Stroudsburg, Pa.	\$300 00
Sunbury, Pa.	240 00
Wissinoming and West Philadelphia, Pa.....	300 00
Scranton, Pa.	120 00
York, Pa.	300 00
Total	\$1,260 00

(b) Miscellaneous

Rent for storage, Allen M. Gehman.....	\$ 20 00
Camp Meeting, Shamokin, Pa., Lumber, etc.....	300 00
R. Bergstresser, moving.....	45 00
Executive Work	25 00
Donation, J. F. Barrall.....	125 00
Donation, E. E. Kublic.....	325 00
York, Pa., toward Sunday School Convention and Bldg.	100 00
Donation, Wissinoming, Phila., property.....	175 00
Donation, West Phila., for renovation.....	100 00
	<hr/> 1,215 00
Total	\$2,475 00
Received from Treasurer of Home Mission Fund.....	2,475 00

W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder.

III.—Gospel Herald Society

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GOSPEL HERALD SOCIETY

October 1, 1927–September 30, 1928

The Society at present has missions in Jersey City, on Central Avenue and also on Jackson Avenue; in Newark and in Camden, New Jersey; Lebanon, Harrisburg and Chester in Pennsylvania. Newark, N. J., was opened in May.

The open air meetings held draw large crowds of people and good free will offerings.

The Sunday Schools, Prayer meetings and other indoor meetings are well attended. Quite a number were saved and baptized.

The selling of Bibles, Testaments, Gospel Herald papers, other religious books and mottoes, is quite an interesting and helpful phase of the work.

The tent meetings held in Chester, Pa., Camden, N. J., and the Central Avenue mission in Jersey City, N. J., were very well attended. A number were saved in each. In Camden Tent Meetings, especially, quite a number took a stand for the Lord and followed us to the mission.

Our newest mission, in Newark, N. J., is starting splendidly with a very nice class of people attending, and some saved who really needed the Lord. The brethren toil nobly in colportage work and this with the offerings makes the mission practically self-supporting from the start.

The brethren preach and labor faithfully. They are learning to get along well with each other. They stand by their leader and uphold him with their prayers and support, and teach others likewise. They are laboring in view of the near coming of our Lord.

The offerings for the entire Society are somewhat lower, because of two strong missions, York, Pa., and West Philadelphia, having been turned over to the Conference.

STATISTICAL

Ordained Ministers of the M. B. C. Conference.....	2
Probationers of the M. B. C. Conference.....	6
Full Gospel Heralds.....	14
Probationers	1
Received M. B. C. Members.....	7
Received M. B. C. Members by Transfer.....	1
Transferred to M. B. C. Church.....	3
Net Increase	5
Total Membership	27
Baptized	88
Children dedicated	6
Sunday Schools	5
Officers and Teachers Enrolled.....	72
Scholars Enrolled	455
Home Department Scholars Enrolled.....	250
Cradle Roll	54
Children's Meetings and Sunday Schools held.....	355
Open Air Meetings.....	152
Prayer Meetings	330
Sermons and Addresses.....	2,371
Pastoral Visits	1,955
Copies of Gospel Herald Sold.....	64,275
Copies of Christian Service Calendars.....	906

Valuation of Mission Properties:

Lebanon, Pa.	\$ 8,500 00
Chester, Pa.	10,000 00
Jersey City, N. J.	5,000 00
Harrisburg, Pa.	20,000 00

Total \$43,500 00

FINANCIAL

(a) Receipts

1. Collections

Rents	\$3,527 50
Sundry Expenses	3,157 70
Light	331 62
Donations, gifts, etc.	2,621 72
President	795 06
Gospel Workers	75 17
Sunday Schools	2,521 36
Sunday School Convention.....	68 56
Conference Fund	235 77
Gospel Herald Society Headquarters Fund.....	59 75
Foreign Missions	1,029 36
Missionary Work	60 00
At Gospel Herald Society Conferences and Conven- tions	132 92
Chapel and Lot Fund.....	1,129 88
Beneficiary Fund	103 00
House and Lot Rent—Lebanon, Pa.....	89 50
Garage Rent,—Chester, Pa.	134 75
Rents—Harrisburg, Pa.	295 75
Total	\$16,369 37

2. Literature

Literature, etc., sold at Missions.....	\$9,103 69
Literature, etc., sold to laity at M. B. C. Camp Meetings	875 84
Literature, etc., sold wholesale to ministers, etc.....	4,705 14
Sunday School Supplies to Sunday Schools.....	5,073 68
Total	19,758 35

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

Appropriations	\$2,195 00
Tabernacle Meetings	158 57
Fares, Utensils, Freight, Furniture, etc.....	1,068 72
Rent for President.....	300 00
Donations for Heralds.....	256 05
Donations for Properties.....	590 00
Total	4,568 34
Grand Total	\$40,696 36

(b) Expenditures**1. Appropriations**

Harrisburg, Penna.	\$ 310 00
Lebanon, Penna.	360 00
Chester, Penna.	595 00
Camden, N. J.	905 00
Newark, N. J.	25 00
Total	\$ 2,195 00

2. Tabernacles

Jersey City, N. J., Central Avenue.....	\$ 34 76
Camden, N. J.	65 30
Chester, Penna.	58 51
Total	158 57

3. Miscellaneous

Mission Repairs and Supplies.....	\$ 485 85
Furniture	208 92
Freight and Express.....	38 77
Fares, Postage, Telegrams, etc.....	172 47
Cartage	19 75
Printing, Stationery, Periodicals, Paints and Paint- ing	92 96
Rents	350 00
Donations to Heralds.....	256 05
Donation to Herald Society Properties.....	590 00
Total	2,214 77

Grand Total \$ 4,568 34

W. H. Gehman, President and Treasurer.

IV.—Stationing, Boundary, Appropriations

REPORT OF THE STATIONING, BOUNDARY AND APPROPRIATING COMMITTEE

(A) APPOINTMENTS**1. Allentown District—H. B. Musselman, P. E.****(a) Stations**

Allentown (Bethel)—B. Bryan Musselman.
Bethlehem—F. M. Hottel.
Reading—E. N. Cassel.
Philadelphia—C. H. Brunner.

(b) Circuits

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

(c) **Missions**

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

(d) **Local Preachers**

E. T. Shick—Allentown (Bethel) Quarterly Conference.
O. S. Hillegass—Allentown (Bethel) Quarterly Conference.
R. Bergstresser—Nazareth Quarterly Conference.

(e) **Quarterly Conference Licensed Workers**

E. W. Martin, W. J. Fretz, Mrs. C. H. Brunner.

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

2. Easton District—W. G. Gehman, P. E.

(a) **Stations**

Easton—P. T. Stengele.
Shamokin—J. G. Shireman.

(b) **Missions**

Mount Carmel—E. E. Kublic.
Stroudsburg—V. H. Reinhart.
Sunbury—T. D. Gehret.
Scranton—Paul E. Baer.
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, H. W. Hartman, E. B. Hartman, E. George, A. M. Sprock, C. L. Miller, R. H. Gehman, C. O. Reed and E. W. Bean.

(e) **Quarterly Conference Licensed Worker**

W. W. Zimmerman.

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

(B) APPROPRIATIONS

1. Allentown District

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

2. Easton District

Mount Carmel, per month.....	\$40 00
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
Moving T. D. Gehret.....	100 00
Moving Paul E. Baer.....	50 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 St. To be supplied.
 Lebanon, Pa.—251 S. 5th St. To be supplied.
 Chester, Pa.—721 W. 7th St. To be supplied.
 Jersey City, N. J.—278 Central Ave. To be supplied.
 Jersey City, N. J.—298 Jackson Ave. To be supplied.
 Camden, N. J.—2006 Federal St. To be supplied.
 Newark, N. J.—519 12th Ave. To be supplied.

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

G. O. Billig,
 H. L. Shelly,
 H. N. Rischel,
 W. D. Evert,
 Herbert V. Smith,
 R. R. Fox,

Paul I. Wentz,
 G. K. Himmelreich,
 M. L. Musselman,
 C. D. Bean,
 Chas. L. Hornberger,
 Clarence S. Renn,
 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, in the City of Allentown, Pa., and one Camp Meeting was held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., as follows:

Bethlehem District

Bethlehem Division, June 30 to July 8, 241 tents.
 Allentown Division, August 18 to 26, 294 tents.

Shamokin District

Shamokin, July 21 to 29, 161 tents.

Receipts

Bethlehem District

Bethlehem Division	\$3,433 10
Allentown Division	5,515 12
	<hr/> \$ 8,948 22

Shamokin District

Shamokin	\$1,527 46
	<hr/> 1,527 46

Grand Total	\$10,475 68
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H. B. Musselman, Chairman.

VI.—Camp Meeting Equipage**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CAMP MEETING EQUIPAGE**

We as a committee have supplied the various needs of Camp equipment during the year and have made minor improvements and replacements, the expense of which has been paid by the Executive Board and is included in the report of the Executive Board.

B. Bryan Musselman,
F. M. Hottel,
G. F. Yost,
Committee.

VII.—Publication and Printing**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND PRINTING****Receipts**

Received at Annual Conference.....	\$246 23	
Received from Year Books.....	444 50	
Received from Special Offerings.....	399 06	
		\$1,089 79

Expenditures

Donation to Conference Secretary.....	\$ 50 00	
Printing 1000 Year Books for 1927.....	575 00	
Minute Books, Conference Supplies, etc.....	238 62	
Printing Forms	102 00	
Carfares to Mid-Year Examinations.....	43 90	
		\$1,009 52

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 \$729.73 at last Annual Conference and during the year, and have paid out the sum of \$15.00 during the year.

Report of the Treasurer**Receipts**

October 14, 1927, Balance in Treasury.....	\$5,966 85	
Received during the year.....	729 73	
		\$6,696 58

Expenditures

Expended during the year	\$ 15 00	
October 14, 1928, Balance in Treasury.....	6,681 58	
		\$6,696 58

W. G. Gehman, President,
F. M. Hottel, Secretary,
B. Bryan Musselman, Treasurer.

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

October 10, 1927, Members enrolled.....	445
Members Received during year.....	4
Members died during year.....	5
Members withdrawing during year.....	1
October 11, 1928, Members enrolled.....	443

Financial**Receipts**

Contributions	\$985 50
Interest	634 00
	<hr/> \$1,619 50

Expenditures

Donations	\$325 00
Sundry Expenses	4 59
	<hr/> \$ 329 59

Report of the Treasurer**Receipts**

October 10, 1927, Balance in Treasury.....	\$6,705 48
Received during year.....	1,619 50
	<hr/> \$8,324 98

Expenditures

Expended during year	\$ 329 59
October 11, 1928, Balance in Treasury.....	7,995 39
	<hr/> \$8,324 98

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 1928****(a) Applicants on the Discipline**

C. L. Miller	100
R. H. Gehman	100
C. O. Reed	99
E. W. Bean	98
A. M. Sprock	95

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

(b) Probationers on the Reading Course

	Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation	All About the Bible	Church History	Lessons in Holiness	Bible, John 13-17; I. Timothy		Average
First Year's Course							
H. W. Hartman.....	87	96	96	93	95		93
E. B. Hartman.....	88	98	95	96	98		95
E. George	85	87	84	90	94		88

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

Board.

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

Besides the regular routine business, the Board considered the purchasing of the Jacob Renn grove near Paxinos, Pa., for Camp meeting purposes, and for various reasons the time of the option was permitted to expire without purchasing.

The proposition of the Gospel Herald Society to install city-steam heat in the Mission Hall at Harrisburg, Pa., was approved.

The plan of the York, Pa., congregation to put a gallery and prayer meeting room in their meeting house was approved.

The Scranton, Pa., congregation was encouraged to make proposed changes at their parsonage.

The Easton, Pa., congregation was encouraged to accept the award of the Board of Viewers for damages suffered from the widening of the street.

The plans for alteration at the buildings of the West Philadelphia congregation were approved.

Mizpah Grove

B. Bryan Musselman was granted permission to put the broadcasting station WCBA on the second floor of the preachers' dormitory. This was considered wise as some one would be in the Grove more frequently and would serve as a protection for the property. It also made it convenient to broadcast part of the camp meeting services for the benefit of those who were not able to attend. It also helped to advertise the camp meeting.

A large number of dead trees were removed, stump and all, as well as a large number of old stumps from the main grove, as well as the parking space.

At a considerable expense, much of the old quarry hole was filled in by leveling the surrounding banks with the aid of a mechanical shovel. In order to cover the rough stones and holes, many loads of stone and ground were hauled from a nearby quarry. Besides this, many tons of crushed stone were put on the driveways. This solved for the time being the problem of automobile parking. The old quarry is at the present time being used as a dumping place and we hope that it will soon all be filled in.



Mizpah Grove
Allentown, Pa.
"Fellowship in beautiful Mizpah."

"Rose of Sharon" Hymnals

Several hundred "Rose of Sharon" Hymnals were bound in a substantial manner in buckram, in Reading, Pa., during the year. The stock of signatures is running low, and the first issue is about exhausted.

Financial

Receipts

Home Mission Fund for another camp grove.....	\$1,000 00
Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention.....	535 41
Shamokin District Sunday School Convention.....	20 69
Pledges paid during the year.....	262 00
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting Lumber Rent.....	\$ 200 60
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting Balance.....	767 37
Allentown Division Camp Meeting Lumber Rent.....	246 90
Allentown Division Camp Meeting Balance.....	1,938 61
Telephone Tolls	14 60
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Interest	3,168 08
From sale of Hymn Books.....	100 00
Sale of firewood.....	165 38
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Sale of firewood.....	25 00
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Total	\$5,276 56

Expenditures

Mechanical shovel, hauling and grading grove.....	\$1,947 23
Labor, removing trees and stumps, etc.....	378 87
Painting trusses of auditorium.....	259 57
Repairs on equipment.....	96 85
Carfare and meals.....	151 28
Telephone rental and tolls.....	91 74
Insurance and taxes.....	76 77
Lumber for tent floors.....	147 00
Furnishings	79 88
Sawing Wood	55 00
Electrical supplies	87 46
Digging sink hole and bricks.....	74 50
Crushed stone	946 92
Electric current	252 99
Roofing paper	60 05
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	\$4,706 11
Office equipment	122 50
Shamokin District Camp Meeting.....	20 69
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Total	\$4,849 30

The loans of the Board amount to \$17,700.00. The balance in Treasury is \$5,498.49, with \$1,000.00 held for another camp grove, makes the actual debt on Mizpah Grove \$13,201.51.

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

Board.

XII.—The Home

THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HOME

Another year has passed and gone. We praise the Lord that He has kept all our workers, including the inmates, in good health. We had no serious illness of any kind during the year. The Board has admitted Mrs. Amelia Ziegenfuss, a member of the Quakertown congregation, into the Home. Mrs. Kate Fearheller, the matron, is doing her best for the comfort of the inmates.

Timothy H. Gehman has charge of the management of the Home and the farm and Wilmer A. Alderfer, his assistant, lives in the farm house. Both have been desirous to see the work prosper.

The crops have been real good all the way through. The potatoes are not dug at the compiling of this report but it looks very promising. We sold all but a few of our cattle last spring, thus relieving our help of a great deal of work. We purchased a few head later on. The Board held five meetings during the year.

Donations

Donations have been received during the year as follows:

R. L. Woodring, two pullets, two roosters and one electric brooder.

H. M. Hottel, labor.

H. G. Brunner, one year's subscription to Rural New Yorker.

Timothy H. Gehman, two sets stair pads.

B. Bryan Musselman, pastor, and Allentown (Bethel) congregation, one radio receiving set.

Financial

(A) RECEIPTS

(a) Farm Account

Cattle	\$4,295 00	
Eggs	98 71	
House Rent	110 00	
Labor	26 20	
Milk	447 49	
Potatoes	3,389 28	
Refund	84 66	
Swine	832 65	
Truck	95 81	
Wheat	997 85	
Donations	1 90	
Feed	1,051 17	
		<hr/> \$11,430 72

(b) Home Account

From the Fund for the Poor.....	\$ 424 49	
Interest on various notes.....	128 75	
		<hr/> 553 24
Total		\$11,983 96

N.B.—Products from the farm were also used at the Home and by the farm family amounting to \$582.00.

(B) EXPENDITURES

(a) Farm Account

Advertising, periodicals and postage.....	\$ 20 07	
Auto maintenance	325 08	
Building, repairs and improvements.....	482 05	
Carfare, toll and telephone.....	137 32	
Cattle, sale expense.....	255 55	
Dairy supplies	17 79	
Electric current	66 00	
Express and freight.....	40 96	
Feed and veterinary services.....	2,251 63	
Fertilizers	451 91	
Fuel gas	48 85	
Hogs and pigs.....	46 00	
Horse shoeing	39 55	
Implements	70 75	
Lime, sand and cement.....	2 20	
Labor	2,290 98	
Livestock	1,497 75	
Gasoline, oils and paints.....	213 50	
Registrations and transfers.....	19 00	
Repairs	371 26	
Seeds and plants.....	583 67	
Spraying material	225 58	
Straw	31 09	
Taxes	543 64	
Loan	300 00	
		<hr/> \$10,332 18

(b) Home Account

Interest, Geho Legacy.....	\$ 27 00	
Coal	443 29	
Electric current	56 63	
Fuel gas	25 75	
Inmates	65 65	
Labor and wages.....	298 00	
Periodicals	14 75	
Provisions	672 87	
Repairs	11 77	
Repairs, Building	178 45	
		1,794 16
Total		\$12,126 34

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:



Mizpah Grove
Allentown, Pa.
A small corner of the white city of almost three hundred tents.

(A) FARM

Farm, including land at the Home.....	\$18,000 00	
Tenant's Home	4,000 00	
Implements	3,000 00	
Live Stock:		
Holstein Friesian Cattle.....	\$2,835 00	
Horses	575 00	
Swine	541 00	
		3,951 00
Produce:		
Potatoes	\$1,750 00	
Ensilage	258 00	
Hay	630 00	
Straw	275 00	
Feed	53 15	
Wheat	163 75	
Oats	192 50	

Corn	630 00	
Timothy Seed	8 94	
Truck	25 00	
Apples and Pears.....	55 00	
		<u>4,041 34</u>

Miscellaneous:

Coal	\$ 10 00	
Firewood	15 00	
Crates, etc.	46 00	
Oil	25 10	
Roofing Paint	35 00	
Furniture	175 00	
Fertilizer	56 67	
Spraying material	31 70	
		<u>394 47</u>

Securities:

Money Outstanding	\$ 319 19	
Loans	1,933 37	
Cash on Hand.....	18 13	
		<u>2,270 69</u>

Total for Farm..... \$35,657 50

(B) HOME

Home \$12,000 00

Miscellaneous:

Furniture	\$ 400 00	
Canned Goods	103 95	
Provisions	59 45	
Smoked Meats	58 65	
Coal	168 29	
Soap	8 00	
Poultry	42 00	
Office Equipment	200 00	
		<u>1,040 34</u>

Total for Home..... 13,040 34

Grand Total \$48,697 84

STATEMENT

Resources

Properties	\$34,000 00	
Live Stock	3,951 00	
Implements	3,000 00	
Produce	4,041 34	
Miscellaneous	1,434 81	
Outstanding bills	319 19	
Securities	1,933 37	
Cash on hand	18 13	<u>\$48,697 84</u>

Liabilities

Contributions to date.....	\$26,560 98	
Donations to date.....	2,218 71	
Surplus	19,918 15	<u>\$48,697 84</u>

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.

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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.

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H. B. Musselman, President,
E. N. Cassel, Secretary,
J. G. Shireman, Assistant Secretary,
Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer,

W. G. Gehman,	G. F. Yost,
C. H. Brunner,	A. A. Wismer,
B. Bryan Musselman,	H. G. Brunner,
F. M. Hottel,	H. M. Hottel,
	Board.

XIII.—Foreign Missions

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

Forward

REV. A. B. SIMPSON

"Forward, forward, on to ev'ry nation,
Give the glorious Gospel to the world;
Over all the lands that lie in darkness,
Let the blood-stained banner be unfurled.
On till ev'ry tongue and tribe and kindred
Hear the blessed Gospel's joyful sound;
Forward, forward, till the name of Jesus
Shall re-echo all the world around."

"GO YE therefore and make disciples of all the nations... teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you; and LO, I am with you all the days, even unto the consummation of the age" (Matt. 28:19, 20).

The Work at Home

The above verse is still there without a change. The command "GO YE" and the promise, "LO, I" are still standing. The record, written and unwritten, of the past year proves this. Our final salvation is nearer than when we first believed. Surely "the time is at hand."

The Lord has given us another year of gracious blessing. Souls have been saved all over the conference. The believers have been marching forward, claiming victory and gaining ground. We have had "fruitful seasons," and "showers of blessings" have been poured down from heaven upon us.

The lives of our home workers have been spared and God has graciously preserved our faithful, devoted leaders, upheld them in their trials, carried their burdens and made them a great blessing in leading the church safely on to victory, past the dangerous shoals of worldliness and higher criticism.

天勢都要震動人想
到那將要臨到世界
的事就都要嚇得魂不
附體一有這事你們
們就當挺起身軀起
頭來因為你們得贖
的日子近了
路加第廿一章廿六
節廿八節

Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh. Luke 21:26, 28, in Chinese characters.

We held three Camp Meetings again this past summer. Two were held on the Bethlehem District, both of them in "Mizpah Grove," in the city of Allentown, Pa. The first one, constituting the Bethlehem Division, was held June 30 to July 8, with 241 tents. The other one, on the Allentown Division, was held August 18 to 26, with 294 tents. At the first of these Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Snyder, of the Kansu-Tibetan border, representing the Christian and Missionary Alliance, spoke and at the second one Rev. Harry Stam, of the Belgian Congo, under the Africa Inland Mission. On this occasion Rev. E. R. Hess, of the Belgian Congo, and Rev. B. H. Alexander, of Central China, spoke. Both of these are under the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

A number of the services at these Camp Meetings were broadcast from Station WCBA, located in the grove. The attendance was very



China
Farewell service for the Snyders at Hochow, Kansu Province.

large, the auditorium seating several thousand often being much too small.

The Shamokin District Camp Meeting, comprising 161 tents, was again held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., July 21 to 29.

Altar services were held daily at all these gatherings and many came forward for salvation, divine healing or to be filled with the Holy Spirit and claimed victory through Jesus.

The contents of this report are gathered from the letters and reports received from the missionaries from the various fields, not in full but what to our mind was of the greatest interest to the readers of this report. For want of space much interesting matter could not be included. We are very thankful to the missionaries for their excellent reports and also for the photos submitted, most of which you will find in this report.

The names and addresses of the members of the Board and also of all the missionaries whom we support, you will find again at the end of this report, also the financial account.

We wish to thank the members of our Church as well as the many friends of the work who have again contributed so liberally toward both the Home and Foreign work, thus making it possible to send full allowances for the support of our thirty-two representatives scattered over a number of mission fields.

Contributions may be sent in to the Secretary, 3848 North Park Avenue, Philadelphia, or to any member of the Board or to any of our pastors, who will submit proper acknowledgment.

Copies of this Report, called "Regions Beyond," may be had by applying to the Secretary or any of our pastors.

Miss Mary A. Miller, a member of the congregation at Shamokin, Pa., after studying at the Missionary Training Institute at Nyack, N. Y., was accepted as a missionary under the Unevangelized Tribes Mission of Africa, Miss Alma E. Doering, Secretary, on July 28, 1928.

Both Miss Doering and Miss Miller spoke at the Shamokin Camp Meeting, the latter giving her farewell message before her sailing for Belgium on August 4, 1928, enroute for Africa.

The following is part of a letter from her, dated Antwerp, Belgium, August 26, 1928:

"After spending almost eleven days on the Atlantic, we arrived at London, leaving for Antwerp two days later. We met five other missionaries on the ship. We held a service on the ship every afternoon at 4.30. Many stopped to listen. We met some hungry hearts to whom we had the privilege of telling of Jesus and His love. We sowed the seed and I believe it will count for good in eternity.

"We expect to sail from Antwerp for the Congo on August 28, on board the steamer "Elizabethville." The Lord has thus far kept me from sea-sickness and I am trusting Him for the rest of the voyage.

"I praise the Lord for the privilege of following Him all the way, no matter what the cost may be. I want to be true and faithful so that I may be a real soul winner for Him. Kindly pray for me that as I enter my field of labor I may be able to grasp the language quickly."

ISRAEL

Judicial Changes in Palestine

Considerable changes have been made in the judicial system of Palestine under the British Administration. At present the highest court is the Court of Appeals, which is presided over by the Chief Justice of Palestine and includes a British Vice-President and four Palestine members. For judicial purposes the country has been divided into four districts, with courts at Jerusalem, Jaffa, Haifa and Nablus. Each district court consists of one British and two Palestinian judges.—*American Hebrew*.

Wonderful Advance

The great progress of the Zionists in founding a new nation in Palestine is beyond doubt. More than 120 colonies have been established. Swamps have been drained and made healthful. The land is being afforested. Orchards and gardens are revealing the fine possibilities of the soil and climate. Other lines of development show the touch of Jewish energy. Electric power from the Jordan will soon light the cities of Palestine, run her printing plants, supply factories and aid the farmer. A school system is forming to teach all modern learning by the medium of Hebrew. A Jewish peasantry, drawing life and energy and spirit from the soil and the Jewish past, will form the backbone of this new people.

Another great development is soon to come. A report made in August, 1927, by the British Government reveals surpassing wealth in the salts and nitrates of the Dead Sea. Their value is placed at 1,190 billions of dollars. These riches are soon to be exploited. The nitrates will enrich the soil of Palestine and immense supplies will be available for export. In view of the envy which will be stirred among the nations, as revealed in Ezekiel xxxviii, 10-13, this development is extremely significant.

Progress Without God

All this new life in Palestine seems so bright and beautiful, except for the drudgery and privations of the pioneers, but it is so unreal and



China
Chinese Christian Workers' Conventicn at Titao, Kansu Province,
composed of Chinese and Foreign workers.

unsatisfying. An enduring foundation is lacking. No people can build a strong nation without God. The seeming strength, as in ancient Rome, is subject to decay. Zionism is building without the strength of true religion. It makes no appeal to Jehovah. The idealism of its sturdy young men and women is very noble. They are ready for any sacrifice, even of life itself, to build the new nation. But they have no God, and neither atheism, rationalism, indifference nor socialism can furnish any true foundation for the social structure. Israel may soon restore on Mount Moriah the Mosaic ritual and sacrifice, but the supreme need will be unmet. *Zionism has no Christ.*

The Supreme Need of the Jews

The greatest need of Israel is reconciliation with God. Israel sinned a great sin in rejecting Jesus her Messiah. For that sin God cast the Jews out of their land. But there is a way back to favor with God. This way is not by observing talmudical rules and precepts. No amount

of agonizing prayer can bring peace to Israel's troubled heart. Israel's one way of peace is to accept Christ as Saviour and Lord. Then will the Jews be able to build their national home. "He will speak peace unto his people." (Psalm lxxxv, 8.)

Redeemed Israel A Blessing

God gives no promise of blessing to the world through unredeemed Israel. On the contrary, God calls them "a curse among the heathen (nations)," Zech. viii, 13. Yet they who heap curses on the Jews must suffer for it. For God watches over them even in their disobedience, to preserve them for His great purposes. The words of Frederick the Great are still true: "No nation ever persecuted the Jews and prospered." And the divine promise has still its potency; "I will bless them that bless thee." God waits to bless every believer who seeks the good of Israel. And He will send spiritual leanness on those who, having opportunity to give the gospel to the Jews, neglect and despise them.

Neglected Israel A World Danger

How much of evil would have been spared the world if Karl Marx and Leon Trotzky had been led to Christ! If some humble, faithful servant of God had won Spinoza to the Lord, what years of barren controversy and how much of the higher criticism and modern atheism and pantheistic philosophy would have been unknown to the Church? "While men slept," the devil sowed tares. What tares are being sown now in the hearts of Jewish children while the churches are neglectful? A few years more will reveal the awful harvest. How much of blessing may come if we but sow the seeds of gospel truth.

It is stated by Soviet authorities that in Moscow not less than fifty per cent of the Jews who are able to work are either government officials or employes. The percentage of government officials and employes among the Jews in Russia is estimated at nine times more than among the Gentiles.

PALESTINE

Missionary—Miss Mary A. Butterfield

Miss Butterfield has been reporting faithfully during the year. Some of her reports have appeared in the Gospel Banner. From her personal letters and reports we clip the following:

In a letter dated April 6, 1928, she writes:

Mr. Shuman, the President of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, is here on a deputational visit, as you will see by the enclosed report. It is a great joy to us to have him here. I think you know him, personally. He is also attending the International Missionary Council on the Mount of Olives, reports of which will doubtless be published sometime. Thank God there are so many missionary lands represented as it will give an idea of the needs of the whole world. I understand that at least fifty mission fields are represented and many of them by native missionaries. The Conferences are confined only to delegates, so not all the missionaries in the city can attend. However, the heads of the Missions can do so and we can all hear about it.

We are having quiet Jewish meetings in the city every Saturday evening. The Arabic services in the church are increasing in attendance and the Arabic superintendent of the Sunday School is being used to help build up the Sunday School which had been decreasing in attendance for a time. This is an encouragement to us, especially since

we are aiming to shift more responsibility on native men. In past days, we missionaries felt that we should bear most of the burdens of our activities, and perhaps it was the best way then, but after all these years we realize that God would have it the other way, leaving missionaries free to go on to new territory as He shall lead.

There is a good deal of evangelistic work for us in the territory we already occupy. So we really have two objects in view—one to open up new places in our present field and the other to get out into the land to the south and east of us. We have been forbidden to do so by the government of that country but we believe that God will break down the barriers and let us go in yet. Keep on praying about this. It will take much prayer. Several of our missionaries have a great burden to go there to stay even if it means the giving up of their lives. But we know that God would have us be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. He needs these men and we feel it is not God's will to see them mown down by the enemy of our souls unless for some strategic purpose which is not plain to us yet. It is true that every field opened up hitherto has its pioneers' graves and if God wants some of ours, His will be done. We believe He will make it plain, however, and are looking to Him for guidance.



Palestine

Bethany. The ruins above the city is called the house of Simon the leper.

The month of March has been a month long to be remembered by the missionaries on this field, for during it we have had the joy of having our president, Rev. H. M. Shuman, with us. The influence of his Christ-like life as he went about visiting the stations or met with us in Conference has been an untold inspiration and blessing. We are deeply grateful to the Home Board for having permitted us this visit from him.

When we last wrote, Mr. Shuman and Mr. Allen were just starting out on a tour of the stations. They went first to Ma'an in Trans Jordan, from there to Kerak, and on to Madaba. At Amman they were joined by Mr. Smalley who accompanied them to Dera'a and Damascus from whence they set out on the desert ride to Baghdad.

Upon their return to Jerusalem, the stations hereabouts were visited and during the week of the nineteenth the missionaries from all the field gathered in Jerusalem for two days of Conference. They were days of great blessing to us all. Mr. Shuman's keen insight into our problems and his wise counsel have meant much to us. The discussions centered around our advance work, and the best means of really evangelizing that territory already occupied. Let us not forget that we are together largely responsible for that peninsula to the south—we to enter the land in person, you by prayer and supplication to help make that advance possible. The very fact that our men were forbidden to return to two sections is but a challenge to our faith and yours to gain an abundant entrance.

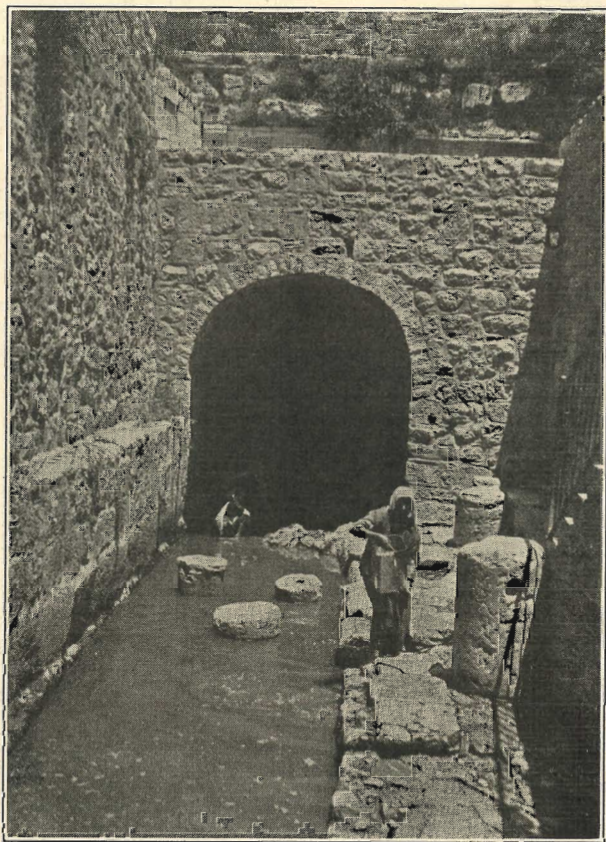
Continual political unrest and increasing antagonism to Christianity make missionary activity in Trans Jordan, particularly the southern part, very difficult. About two weeks ago in one of the larger towns a Colporteur from the Nile Mission Press was attacked and beaten. We thank God for His care of our own missionaries in Trans Jordan during these trying days. Let us continue to ask God that all the turmoil and strife shall work to His glory and the opening up of lands closed to the Gospel.

About May 1, 1928, Miss Butterfield wrote as follows:

One of the most interesting events was the International Missionary Council held on the Mount of Olives March 24 to April 8, 1928, under the direction of Dr. Mott. Our Society's president and our field chairman were among the two hundred and forty delegates and guests from fifty-two different mission fields. Doubtless you will be seeing the printed reports of this historical fortnight and will rejoice in the way the Lord kept the vision of Christ and His work before the Conference.

An unexpected result of this gathering was its effect upon the people of this land. It was held at Easter time when all classes are at white heat with religious fervor. Jews keep their Passover; Moslems have a feast for the Prophet Moses; and Christians, Catholic and Protestant, celebrate Easter. Such an avalanche of Protestant missionaries settling down in the temporary structures erected on the Mount of Olives for the accommodation of the delegates, aroused suspicions which gave birth to all sorts of rumors as to their purpose in coming. Many feared that these missionaries had come to *force* Protestant Christianity upon the land. The Moslems went so far as to appeal to the government to prevent the Conference from being held and when their request did not seem to produce the desired result they became angry. This, together with the fact that missionaries had made trips into Arabia, has stirred up considerable opposition among Moslems throughout the entire country. However, the government is dealing with the whole situation most wisely and they are urging that missionaries co-operate by using great caution and wisdom during this period of unrest. It is a call to more earnest prayer.

While letters from the heads of stations refer to increased difficulties yet they also contain notes of encouragement. Mr. Ward writes of two souls saved in Kerak. One of these, a Greek Christian, was saved on his death bed. Under fire of protests from friends standing around, he was told the simple gospel story while eagerly questioning the messenger until the light of salvation shone upon his face. He passed away peacefully, praising God with such joy that his friends were amazed. Mr. Brooks writes of four souls seeking God in Dera'a this month. Mr. Smalley and family spent a week in Madaba, holding services nightly with good attendance. Despite marked opposition in Beersheba, a young man who was converted from nominal Christianity stands true and yearns for the salvation of souls. He pleads for our prayers that he may be all that Christ wants him to be. In Jerusalem, several Moslems have been coming for instruction but they fear the cost of open



Palestine

The Pool of Silcam. Ruins indicate the presence of a Roman Basilica in the time of Christ. Here the blind man of John 9:7-11 received his sight. Here the waters "go softly."
(Isa. 8:6.)

confession. A number of Jews attend the weekly services regularly. We long to see them saved.

Your prayers are of untold help to us. Pray that "a great door and effectual" may be opened through conditions which would naturally close the ones already opened.

From Miss Butterfield's latest communication, dated September 1, in which she submits her annual report, we clip the following:

Mr. Ward, with a native evangelist, has been itinerating among the Beduin in the Kerak District for the past weeks. His last letter told of a tribal chieftan who had called him aside after the general conversation to tell him that he believed and would like further instruction. Mr. Ward had known this man previously. Pray that he may be led out to accept Christ fully and confess Him before his people.

Visitation among the Moslem women in Jerusalem has taken us into new homes where we have been kindly received—and otherwise! It was disconcerting in one place to have a neighbor of the home come in and fairly shriek at us, "We don't receive your words! We don't receive your words!" When another woman, wishing to be polite, asked us to read, the angry woman reprimanded her and went off in high dudgeon not wanting to profane her ears by listening. It seems sometimes as though the women are harder to reach than the men. They are so steeped in ignorance and superstition.

Some of our missionaries and native workers have been attending a General Conference for Christian Workers at Nazareth this week. Mr. Allen wrote after the first two days that the devotional services under an Egyptian evangelist were times of rich blessing and we trust that all shall return to their work endued with new power.

Please pray for special meetings to be held ere long in Jerusalem under the auspices of the native church. Also remember that missionaries returning to their stations the first of next month need your loving, prayerful support.

Palestine and Arabian Mission

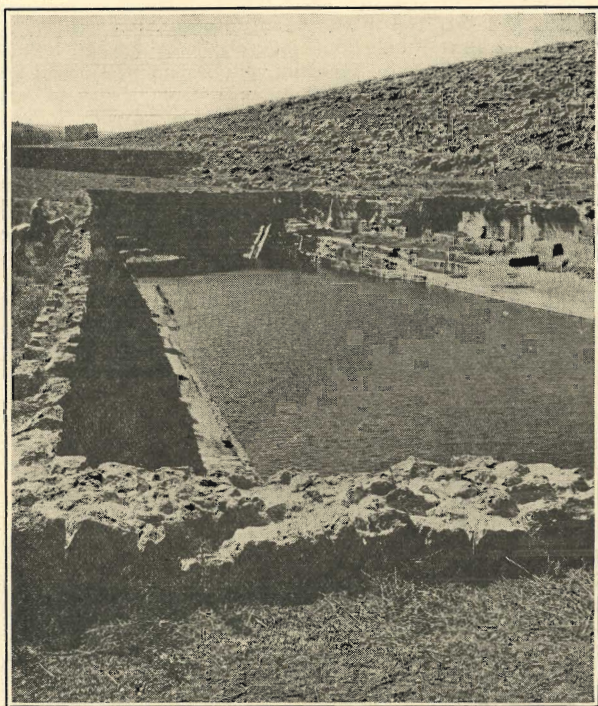
MISS MARY A. BUTTERFIELD

The following is the general report for the year by Miss Butterfield, dated September 1, 1928.

"Not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you." In this strain the aged leader, Joshua, comforted the children of Israel as he reviewed their experiences in the promised land under his leadership. Yet we find that the "good things" referred to include difficult circumstances, hard battles, persecution of enemies, etc. It had not been all smooth sailing, by any means. It would not have been a "good thing" for them at all had it been so.

Praise God! We, too, can truthfully re-echo Joshua's words as we look back over the past year of mission work. It has been a year of hard experiences but the goodness of the Lord has been the outstanding feature of the year.

It began with evidences of spiritual revival in different parts of our field. Meetings were held and souls were saved. Occasionally there was a remarkable healing, also. Missionaries' hearts were being filled with joy and there were great hopes of the working of the Holy Spirit among all classes in this dry and thirsty land. But, as time went on, the enemy sowed tares and droughts came and the harvest appeared to be a failure. Some who had seemed to be deeply stirred, fell away and became bitter enemies of the mission, using their efforts to keep others away, also.



Palestine
Solomon's Pools between Bethlehem and Hebron.

Various explanations might be given for the reversal of the revival. It developed that a number of those who had come had ulterior motives, secretly thinking that their coming as they did would eventually bring material help. When they were disappointed in this, they became angry and refused to come to us longer. About this time, Moslems were especially indignant with us over the trips which had been made into Arabia. A little later, the International Missionary Conference in charge of Dr. Mott was held on the Mount of Olives and all classes were worried over such an aggregation of missionaries. It occurred just at Easter time when religious fervor is at a frenzy among all classes. Moslems made demonstrations against missions, calling out, "Down with the missionaries and up with Mohammed!"

So keen was the situation that the High Commissioner, Lord Plumer, sent a request to the missionaries of all societies to refrain from activities which would add to the anger of the Moslems. So for a time it was necessary for us to cease aggressive evangelism on most of the stations. But, "All things work together for good to them that love God—to the called according to His purpose," and we believe we shall yet see good come out of these circumstances which have seemed so against us.

Arabia

Those who are interested in the opening of Arabia will want to hear of progress along that line. Some of you heard of the trip that was made into Arabia by Messrs. Smalley and Breden last winter. They started out in November, traveling by auto from Na'an to Akaba. At Akaba they had hoped to get a boat to take them down the coast of Arabia but no boats were available, so they hired camels and rode across the desert. After four or five days they were taken into custody by Arab officials who conducted them to Jeddah as prisoners. Here they were detained for some days for a trial which never came off. They were not unkindly treated. They were told that they were "guests of the government" and were given as good meals as it was possible to get for them.

Finally they were placed in a mail boat and sent out of Arabia with orders never to return! Their passports were returned to them with the fact expressed that the owner of that passport was forbidden to enter the country again. They had taken a box of Bibles, tracts, etc., in Arabic with them. This was taken from them and sent to the King, Ibn Saud, in Mecca, for his inspection. It is hoped that he and his courtiers read some of the books. Mr. Smalley and Mr. Breden arrived in Jerusalem about Christmas time and were indeed glad to be safely with their friends again, not to speak of the joy of those friends who had waited in suspense for weeks while praying the Lord to make their journey a success for the kingdom of God.

Mr. Smalley was taken ill soon after his return and lay in bed with a high fever for a number of days, as a result of the extreme hardship of the journey. Mr. Breden was very much worn out, also, but he had another hardship to suffer as a result of his trip. News of the journey found its way to the Moslems of Ma'an and a great stir was made. Articles were published against him in the Arabic papers and false stories were told all over the city. It looked as if the family would have to leave and close up the work. But the enemy overstepped himself and reports got out that the government officials had a part in the journey. This caused the officials to investigate the stories and it was discovered that one very wicked young man had lied deliberately. He was made to confess and was also punished. In the end, Mr. Breden had more friends than ever in the city.

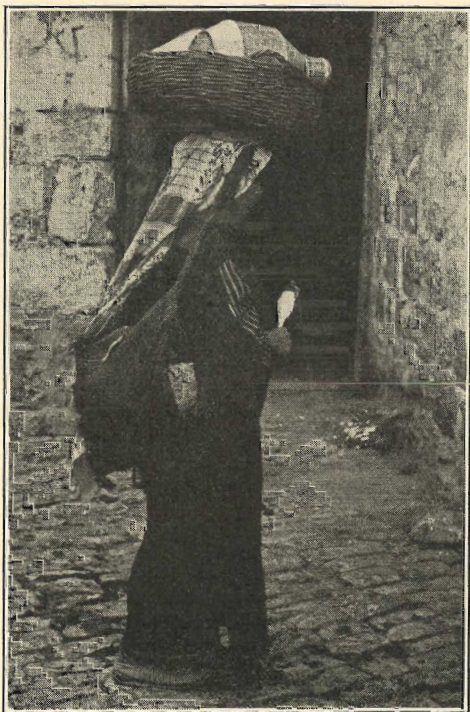
But a few months later, after the Intermission Conference was over, the Moslems got so stirred there that Mr. Breden had to close his city work and just live quietly at home. However, many came to the house to visit him and talk with him about Christ so that he and Mrs. Breden had all the missionary work they could attend to in meeting those who came to their home. It was a blessed ministry and one that will tell for eternity. Pray for souls in this our newest station.

Keep on praying for an open door into Arabia, remembering that the Lord has said that this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations. That takes in Arabia. The witness has gone forth in a measure but we believe the witness is to include men and women born again there through careful, prayerful preaching of the Word by resident missionaries. Pray for an opening for a missionary home there. Mr. Smalley and another missionary hope to take another trip into that land this fall again, traveling in another section of it. When we remember that only a few years ago the work of spreading the gospel in Trans Jordan was as impossible, apparently, as it seems now in Arabia, we may look forward hopefully to the day when the way will be as open as it is now in Trans Jordan.

Kerak

Mr. Ward, our missionary in Kerak, Trans Jordania, has just been having an extensive tour throughout his district, preaching the gospel freely in villages and among the Bedouin in their tents, eating and sleeping with them, suffering every discomfort from fleas, mosquitoes, body lice, etc. Yet the joy of witnessing was so great that the suffering was nothing in comparison. Here and there along the way, he was told that if he went to certain places it would mean death to him, but he went right on and found friends. God protected him and his companion, a Palestinian evangelist. He had the joy of hearing some of those to whom he preached saying that they believed his message and wanted to know more about it.

When Mr. and Mrs. Smalley went to this station five or six years ago, they were scarcely welcome, but by patience and prayer, with quiet living for Christ, they won the hearts of the people. Later, Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were able to carry on still more work as the people got to know them and the first itinerating trip was taken last year by Mr. Shaw. This past year, Mr. and Mrs. Ward have had charge and are having a very successful Sunday School, a Bible Class and a Girls' Class, in addition to the regular weekly meetings which were established in the earlier years. The Day School carried on then, has been



Palestine

Village mother on her way home. Notice her baby on her back, milk cans on her head, spinning with her hands.

closed as it was not considered necessary when there is a good government school in the city. This Station is on the site of ancient Kir of Moab. It stands on the flat summit of a high mountain surrounded by other mountains. An old castle is there which has the credit of being upon the site of one built by Amri, King of Israel.

Madaba

Miss Best, in Madaba, often goes out among the Bedouin encampments and gathers the women around her in their tents, telling the old, old story while the women sit and listen with their crying babes in their arms. She is always hospitably treated and is very much loved by those who hear her. In Madaba itself, the Girls' School is the chief feature. There is a good Sunday School, also. Bible teaching is carried on among the young men who come in the evenings. Quite a group of men and women gather for the services on Sunday. This station began its history in the midst of great opposition also, and its present opportunities are the result of much prayer and early discouragements. How one can rejoice in the knowledge that God does hear and answer prayer as we look back to see what He has accomplished!

Dera'a

Since the Druse War, the work in the Hauran has had its battles, also. Dera'a was one of the stations where the revival looked so promising. Forty-five souls seemed to have been moved by it yet in a few weeks almost none of their faces were to be seen in the meetings. Some of their number deliberately set themselves to hinder all the others from coming. Yet the missionary there has not allowed himself to be discouraged. It takes patience and grace to bear with the ups and downs of carrying on station work in a place like this. Here is where Mr. Allen, our Chairman, began his missionary activities, traveling about through the District on horseback, starting little preaching places, two of which were finally organized into little churches. Now a Palestinian evangelist ministers to these churches and goes about from place, preaching the gospel.

The Hauran has great possibilities among its numerous villages. It stands over against the great desert of Arabia and who knows what part its sons may have in the evangelization of that dark peninsula once the land is opened up? Let us pray for a real revival of soul-winning in the churches of this district. Our heart's desire for all of our stations is to see the indigenous churches awake to their glorious opportunities and privileges, in giving the gospel to their own people.

Beer-sheba

Mr. and Mrs. Irish and their three evangelists have had an active year of evangelism throughout the villages of Palestine. Their home is in Beer-sheba, where little Betty Lou has done more to open homes than a grown-up missionary could do. Mrs. Irish has ministered to the women, and taught a girls' class. A blind evangelist has ministered to the Sunday congregations and the others have gone out among the Bedouin and also among the villages, giving the gospel to men and women who welcome them. They pass out the Scriptures to as many as can read, and answer the questions that are asked of them. Pray for fruit. There are one hundred and fifty villages to be reached every year and many of them are hard to reach. It wears on one to go about among these villages, putting up with poor food no matter how kindly offered it may have been. Pray that the Word will bear fruit in the nucleus of little churches among the villages.

Jerusalem

Our Jewish work continues as it has been. The main feature is the Jerusalem reading room where Jews come to read and talk with the evangelist and every Saturday quite a number come to the evangelistic service, as a rule. The attendance varies. This part of the work has had a backset, also this year and not so many have attended as heretofore. Yet we are believing God to make the place a blessing. Pray for ministry among the colonies. We feel that more should be done than looks possible just now. The Word has been given out in some of them but no fruit is evident yet. Some have come to us secretly saying they believe but they fear the consequences of open confession.

The Jerusalem church has had its difficulties which sometimes threaten to break it up, yet it goes steadily on, increasing in attendance. A number of baptisms occurred during the year. Some of these were members of the Bible Training Schools. These schools are not large but they are counting much for the Lord. Several of the students are most devout and earnest and are looking forward to serving the Lord as an evangelist or colporteur. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw are now at the head of the Young Men's Training School and we are expecting Miss Beecroft to return from her furlough for the Young Women's School. The students are taught the Bible and are trained to use it as a weapon for Christ.

This report would not be complete without a note of praise for our prayer-warriors at home. As I write this, I can see the little groups gathered on their knees interceding for us. I can hear your fervent prayers and also your shouts of victory and your songs of praise so sweetly sung without the aid of an instrument. I know that you will share in the great harvest. Keep on praying and praising. If ever we needed your help in this way, it is now. We are facing hard things but we face them with Christ. Pray that we may have faith for some impossible things. Pray for the salvation of souls. Pray for sanctified believers among Jews, Moslems and Oriental Christians.

I almost forgot to thank you for the lovely report which came a short time ago. Thank God for the good news it contains of the Lord's working in all parts of the world. I see the Mennonite Brethren in Christ still have their missionary vision, as the financial report shows the way they are pouring their gifts into the Lord's treasury. God bless each one and give souls—many souls—in return.

AFRICA—Belgian Congo

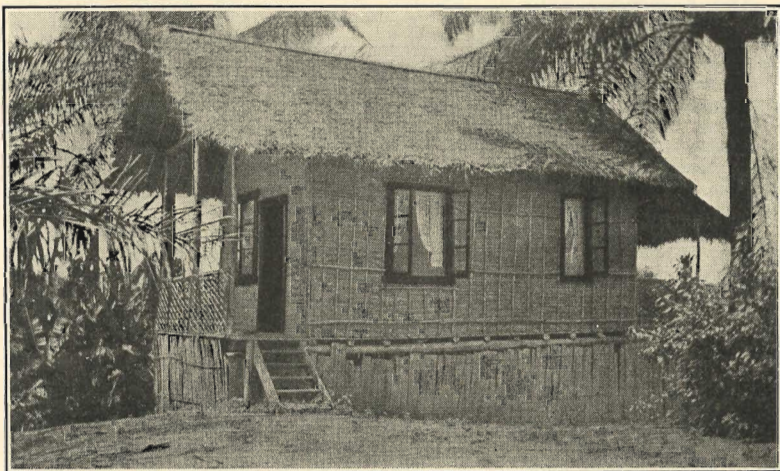
Missionaries—Rev. E. E. Crist, Mrs. E. E. Crist, Rev. E. R. Hess, Rev. M. E. Barter, Rev. W. P. Darling and Rev. H. L. Pierson

A School Village in Africa

REV. E. R. HESS

In many ways the work has been advanced. Everywhere self-support and self-government are increased. Previously neglected sections have been opened and results are becoming evident. Many native workers have left their tribes to go far away to the new fields to preach. While some have become discouraged and have returned home, others have stood true in the face of opposition and persecution, and souls are being saved. Catholic opposition is very strong in some sections and seems to be becoming more so. Work in the Nkutu section of the Mboka district, in Portuguese territory, has, for some time, been prohibited by the government. By a recent change in governmental division of territory, government permits, now in the hands of Mboka teachers, are

valid for not only the Bboka section, but also Nkutu and another adjoining section thus opening, temporarily at least, a large and needy field. Another long-felt need has been on the plantations where many of our Christians have gone to work, and it was necessary that these should be shepherded. Now permission has been secured from the management on several plantations where native workers have been placed in charge of schools. After a long attempt to evangelize the Banana district, which is some distance from our central work, the first four converts were baptized there this year. The native in charge has gone a long way from home in order to preach to these needy ones and he is joyfully suffering for the sake of the Gospel.



Africa (Belgian Congo)

House where Mrs. E. R. Hess lived at Mboka before they were married.

Besides the opening of new work during the past year much effort has been made to train new workers to go out into these new fields. The Commencement of the first class to graduate from our Bible School at Kinkonzi was held in March when, after two years of faithful study in the school, ten native men were given their diplomas, and are now in definite work. Interest in the school is growing. The new class numbers fifteen, so that there are now twenty-five men in training. Their wives also receive some training. There is at present a "school village" of fourteen brick houses where the students live. Six have been erected during the past year and seven more will be ready by the close of this dry season.

In the out schools in the districts much has been done to help Christians to learn to read their Bibles and to forward the preparation of prospective workers. This work is still of the most primitive sort and there are many Christians unable to read their Bibles. To this end we are working and much remains to bring the people of Congo to the place where they can read God's Word for themselves. Mr. and Mrs. Wells, as General School Supervisors, have been abundantly used and blessed in their assistance to the native workers in the different districts. At nearly all the central stations they have met with the native leaders in a two weeks' session of Bible study and many were blessed through their ministry.

Several much-needed buildings have been erected on our different stations and we are still looking to the Lord for the supply of more needs in this direction.

Our hearts were gladdened again when, at the final service, four native men were ordained. With this number we now have seven ordained men on our Congo field.

This has closed another year of conquest, another year of victory in our Lord Jesus Christ. Forward we go in His Name.

Entering the Banana District

REV. AND MRS. E. R. HESS

About three years ago, our Mission sent some teachers and white men down to the Banana District to spy out the land. They came back with good reports of large towns and many people and also, like the spies of old, they said, "there are giants in the land," not literally but in the form of Catholicism. Catholic opposition is very strong. But we have a God with whom nothing is impossible, praise His name.

After several itinerations by both our white and black brethren we decided to put a few teachers in several of the towns where there seemed to be a little open door. It was hard work. These men were just as much missionaries as we are, for they left their homes, wives and families and went to a strange land, to strange people, cut off from all our other work by a six days' journey overland through hot sands in the dry season and many swamps in the wet season. But God gave them courage, and they went in His strength.



Africa (Belgian Congo)
Missionaries leaving Kinkonzi after Conference (Hess).

A house was secured from the chiefs until their own houses could be built. These men were down there almost a year when their wives followed them, and then they set up the first Christian homes in that section.

Last March, Mr. Hess and I and little Ruth were down there for three weeks. At that time we baptized the first four converts. Since then two more women have been baptized; eight other persons are testifying, and about eighty come regularly to the services. Much prayer has gone up for this unevangelized portion of Lower Congo, and now we are beginning to see the result of answered prayer.

Since June, three more teachers have gone there, and their wives and families will join them this month.

An appeal has just gone to our up-country stations for at least five more men, and we have received word that the Kinkonzi Church is giving us Elija Mbanda, a graduate of the first class from Bible School, to take a very important place in that section. So we praise God for this and are expecting others to follow while the door is open. The Catholics have been there over forty years, and still the people sit in darkness. Now that the light of the true Gospel has begun to shine, the people are seeing the difference.

AFRICA—Nigeria

(United Missionary Society)

Missionaries—Rev. Joseph Ummel and Rev. Paul Ummel

Encouragements and Discouragements in Nigeria

JOSEPH UMMEL

I am glad to report that this finds us both as well as usual. Often one feels rather worn in body in this land, which is nothing more than is to be expected, but outside of that, we have been well. So far



Africa (Nigeria)
Butcher shop at Zuru (Ummel).

neither of us have had fever since we are out this time, which is doing well. Fevers seem to be one of the prices that have to be paid for being in this land. However, we all consider Zuru to be a fairly healthy station, more so than some other places. We have a fairly high altitude, about thirteen hundred feet above the sea.

This wet season has gone quickly and will soon be a thing of the past for this year. For the first part it did not rain much and fears were felt for the harvest, but later we have had good rains so that all seems to bid fair for a good harvest. We are very thankful, too, for last year, as I think I told you, they had poor crops with a resulting near famine in these parts. In fact, it did get so bad that in some parts some did starve to death. Here nothing more was noticed than the high prices of food and the difficulty of getting it. This is now a thing of the past and prices are nearly normal once more.



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Standing, left to right—J. Ummel, S. P. Lantz, P. Ummel, M. L. Hood, J. Stouder, N. E. Durkee. Seated—Mrs. J. Ummel, I. W. Sherk, Mrs. I. W. Sherk, Mrs. N. E. Durkee. Taken at Mokwa.

Rains have been so heavy recently that the streams seem to be about as high as they often get. Many bridges that had not been taken out for several years are gone now. It makes traveling very difficult and disagreeable.

We are encouraged in the work here and are looking forward to the time when we shall see many souls saved and made ready for the Lord's coming. It seems that at some of these newer stations one must spend some time faithfully sowing seed before so much of a harvest is to be seen.

There are several things here that seem to be a hindrance to making the progress we would like to see. One is that we do not yet have a Church near town, but have to hold all our services out here on the compound outside of town more than a fourth of a mile. Not many natives will come that far unless they get really interested. We have

asked for a site nearer town but so far it has not been granted us. We had been hoping it would be soon granted and that we would be able to build this coming dry season. However, we fear since the superintendent, who is our Power of Attorney, is leaving for home in a few weeks, that it may not be granted to us in time to build before another year.

Last Sunday morning there were eighteen in the morning service, most of them were adults. This number may not seem so large, yet we thought it very good. Usually we have from forty to fifty at the Sunday School, nearly all children. I go in to town and try to get them to follow me out, if I do not, many will not come that would otherwise.

Our open air meetings in the town market, or rather by the market, are usually well attended. The other evening we had a meeting with the Stereopticon with about four hundred present. It seems that these people can be better reached through the eye than most any other way. What they can see, they understand, so we like to speak to them from



Africa (Belgian Congo)

Natives laying foundation for Evangelists' Bible School at Aba. Bricks made and burned on the Station. Mortar made of ant hills (Stam).

pictures. Our market meetings are held with a Sunday School picture chart. At these meetings with the Stereopticon we reach many that would be reached in no other way. Some of them manifested a real interest and we believe understood much of what we wished to tell them. How we do wish it were possible for us to better express ourselves to them. They have been in sin and darkness for so long that it is hard for them to realize what all we wish to tell them. It is hard for them to understand how terrible sin is.

The school work is about holding its own. Many of the children are not coming as well as they did some time ago. I recently heard that some of them have been beaten for coming. Very likely the Mohammedan Priests were at the bottom of that. They act friendly to us but behind our backs they try to hinder the work wherever they can. One thing we are thankful for, we seem to have the full confidence of the children whether they can come or not. It does our hearts good to see them going along the roads singing songs they have learned here at the services.



Africa (Belgian Congo)
Evangelists' Bible Training School at Aba. Trimming the grass roof (Stam):

Motor Cycling in Nigeria

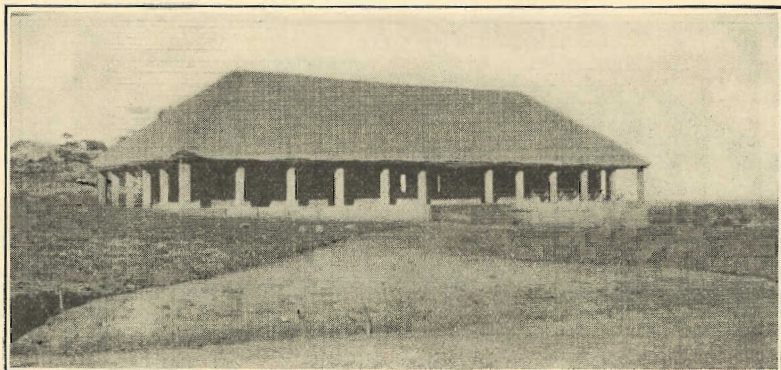
JOSEPH UMMEL

I think that the past few months have been some of the most crowded ones in my life. December 30th we started for Share mission station where I was asked to help Mr. Embree put a tin roof on the living house. We went as far as Jebba, but when we got there we found it was necessary for us to take charge of the work at that place for a few weeks before starting on the roof. Mr. Rich, who had been stationed there, was not well and left for a short rest. Since, he with Mrs. Rich have returned home.

After we finished the roof work we had to wait a few weeks for the motor cycle and side car which our parents and relatives very kindly gave us as a Christmas present. This we are finding most useful in the work: Traveling is made much easier, quicker and cheaper. So, by the time we had the motor cycle and had our loads sent off for Zuru, it was later than we had thought we were going to stay. On our way to Zuru we stopped off here for a week while the carriers went on with our things. It was March 30 when we finally reached our station once more. Found the watchman had things looking nice and in good condition.



Africa (Belgian Congo)
Evangelists' Bible Training School at Aba (Stam).



Africa (Belgian Congo)
Evangelists' Training School at Aba. 40 x 110 feet. Big assembly room in center. Four rooms at each end (Stam).

However, we were unable to stay there long, for, owing to shortage of workers caused by a number being on furlough and other unavoidable reasons, it is impossible for us to station any one here at Salka this year. This makes it necessary for us to see to the work here as well as at Zuru. As a new roof needed to be put on the church just built here, we were unable to stay any time at Zuru. After only three weeks, during which time we built a small garage and put additional grass on the house roof there, we again came back here. We drove through in a day, 122 miles, just seven hours in fact, whereas trekking would have taken a week or more.

When we arrived we found the natives, the Kambaris, had just begun their big fetish they hold annually to insure good crops. For this reason we could not think of getting the church roof work started for



Africa (Belgian Congo)
First and second year Evangelists in training at Aba (Stam).

a few days until they were through with their excitement. Five days' work last week finished the roof.

During this fetish they held, many dogs and fowls were killed as an offering to the demons, yet far the greater portion of them were eaten by the offerers, but the refuse was actually given to the evil spirits. Much drinking of their native made beer was also done so that by the end of the affair many were lying around the town in a drunken condition. Poor people, how they are bound by their sins and appetites. At an open air meeting one evening I mentioned that the Lord does not want them to drink and they must stop it to be pleasing in His sight. To this one answered that they can not stop. True, in their own strength they are powerless, but there is one that can help them if they will but look to Him and be saved.



Africa (Belgian Congo)

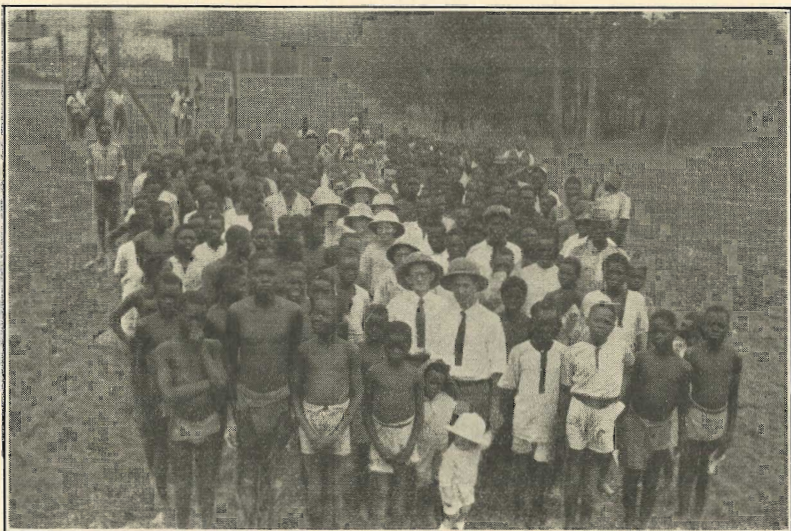
Evangelists in training at Aba. Graduating class of 1927 (Stam).

The work here appears encouraging at the present and we are looking for better days here. Much hard work has been done here since the station has been opened, but we are glad to see that it has not been in vain. The Kambari people are reserved, more so than some others, but they are opening up more to us right along and there are some that are taking quite an interest in the Word of God.

One of the hardest things we have to contend with is their attitude toward us and the Gospel. They seem to think that we are different and have our ways while they have theirs and that while our ways may be good for us, their ways are good enough for them. Often, when speaking to them, they will say, "Yes, but you are white people," or something to the same effect. Again, they have been in sin so long that they have little realization of it, and as a natural consequence, repentance means but little to them. They all want to repent and go to heaven, yet do not know just what it means to do so.

When looking at some of these hindrances it makes one sometimes wonder if they will ever see themselves as they really are, yet we are encouraged to look for a better realization on their part of their need. Were it not that the Holy Spirit is present to convict of sin, surely our task would be hopeless, but with Him and God on our side to help, nothing is impossible.

We have had some excellent meetings in the villages near by. Since we have the motor cycle we find it is a good means to help in this kind of work for it is so much easier to go out and have meetings. One can go so much quicker so we are bound to go oftener than we possibly could otherwise. Then again, a motor cycle and a "kwando" (basket), as the side car is called by them, is a novelty to the natives, so that by the time we have stopped in a town and are out of it they are coming



Africa (Belgian Congo)
School boys, about 225, and Missionaries at Conference at Aba.
These hear the Gospel taught twice a day (Stam).

running from all sides. In short order we have our congregation waiting for us, the message can be given and, if time permits, we may go on to the next town and have another meeting.

We are planning on going to Gurai, Auna and Warra tomorrow and hold meetings in these towns. Warra has a large market which is held every fourth day. Tomorrow being the market day, we ought to have a large number there to speak to. We are planning to go in the forenoon and return in the afternoon, the distance being but thirty miles or so.

So much is to be done at Zuru and Salka both that it makes us wish we could settle down at both of the places, but as this is not possible, we wish to do what we can in taking care of the interest and work at both places by dividing our time. This is easily done so long as the rains do not destroy the bridges, but as this is bound to happen before very long we can not plan to be here long any more until we must be back at Zuru with the motor cycle and if we come later we will have

to trek through the water and mud. Taking care of two stations which are 122 miles apart is quite a task, but we are looking to the Lord for help and strength to enable us to do our best.

We are glad to report that the church site we asked for at Zuru has been approved and we hope to be able to build this coming dry season.

While we have been most busy all the time, yet there are new experiences for us right along. While at Zuru about three weeks ago we had the pleasure of meeting the Governor of Nigeria and some of the other high officials. They were on a tour of Northern Nigeria, traveling mostly by motors. This is possible as we are having a network of motor roads built all over Nigeria. Surely much work and expense is going into them.



Africa (Belgian Congo)

African home in course of construction. Afterward plastered with mud inside and outside. Roof covered with long grass (Stam).

At Jebba I performed my first wedding ceremony. One of the teachers in our school at Jebba was married and as I happened to be the only man there at the time it fell to my lot to tie the knot. As the laws here require Christian weddings to be solemnized in a church, the wedding was in the church in the presence of about one hundred and fifty people.

This past hot season was not as hot as the past few before. Rains seem to be earlier than most years, too. The wet season comes as a relief to the hot, dusty harmattan weather. The country is so much greener and fresher, too. Ere long we will be in the midst of the wet season once more.

Am glad to report good health on the part of both of us. Our courage is good to be faithful to the work the Lord has called us to and to occupy until He comes. We thank you for your interest in this part of the Field and for your kind support and prayers.



Africa (Belgian Congo)
Stams' first home. Now used as Missionaries' Rest Home.

AFRICA—Congo

(Africa Inland Mission)

Missionaries—Rev. Harry Stam, Mrs. Harry Stam

John 3:16 in Bangala, one of the Congo languages. Compare this with John 3:16 in Kiswahili in last year's report.

"Nzambe alingaki mokili, mingi, boyo Ye apisaki

"God loved the world much, so that He gave
Mototo na Ye moko, boyo, soko motu an-
the son of Him the only one, so that if a person be-
dimeli Ye, ye akufa te, kulamoko ye ati-
lieves in Him, he shall die not, aflair one he shall
(however)

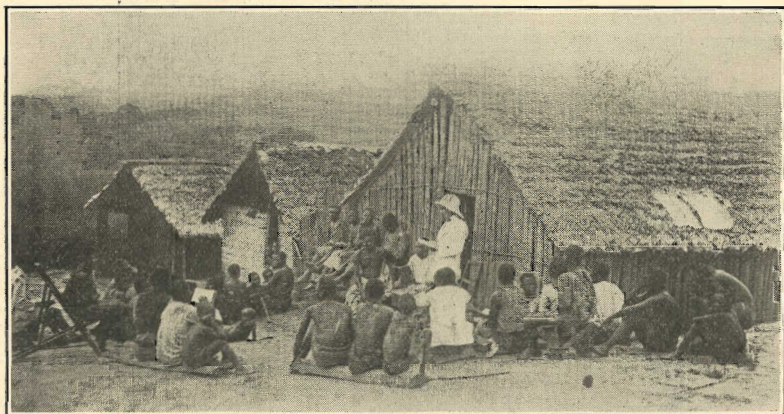
kala na kubika na mikolo mikolo" (Yoane 3:16).

abide with life of days days" (John 3:16).

(ever and ever)



Africa (Belgian Congo)
Grave of Chief's son. "Allah" pot on pole containing food
for his spirit. Food changed daily (Stam).

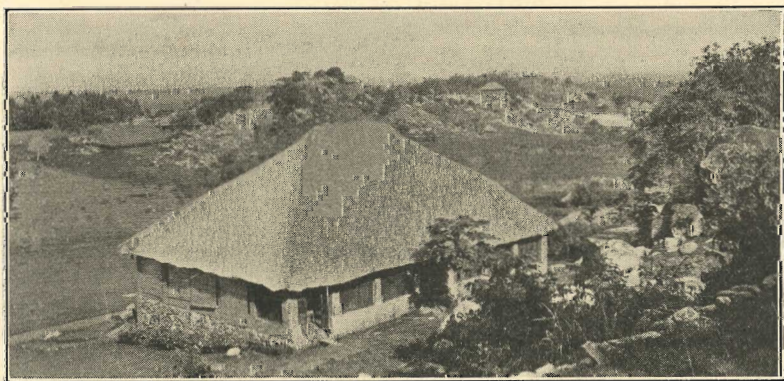


Africa (Belgian Congo)

Photo by E. R. Hess. Rev. Boyer preaching.

Brother Stam writes:

We have again to thank you and the brethren in Christ with you there in Pennsylvania for material help and support in all this year. And when we thank you, you know that our first thanks goes to the Lord. He it is that supplieth all our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. He it is that hath so completely and repeatedly redeemed our life from destruction, and crowned us with loving-kindness. He it is that healeth all our diseases. But we thank His children too, for many of them, I imagine, must be going without some things that we might have food and raiment. Brother Brunner, I am anxious to get to heaven and meet all you people with whom we have been having such precious fellowship. I'm afraid I'll never meet them all here upon earth. And if the fellowship down here is good, what will it be when we see Jesus and are made complete in His image.



Africa (Belgian Congo)

Typical Missionaries' brick home (Stam).



Africa (Belgian Congo)
Rubber plantation. Owned by the state (Stam).

We have very much to thank the Lord for. He has allowed us to work for Him, and with Him, in health and joy, and even in time of physical weakness. Mrs. Stam was sick from the effects of sun through a roof which was too thin, but the Lord kept that affliction from being any worse, and gave renewed health again. My eyes grew tired, and regular midnight headaches came along with severity, but the Lord has given gracious restoration. Halle'ujah!

Beside the regular work in the Evangelists' School, and the thousand and one "incidental duties," we have been working pretty much day and night on the New Testament in Bangala. About eight months ago we started work on our end of it, and with this mail I am very much hoping to be able to send the last bit off. Mr. Grubb, of the Heart of Africa Mission, did most of the translation. Our work was revision. Soon we hope to have a good readable copy of the New Testament in Haut Uele Bangala, a book that will be useable over a great area. It has been an unspeakable privilege to handle the Word of God in such a way.

In a letter dated March 12, 1928, Mrs. Stam writes:

The copies of "Regions Beyond" came. Thanks very much. They were such good reading. It struck me so, that the Pennsylvania Conference should be supporting Mr. Darling at one end of Congo—who is training evangelists—and H. Stam at this end of Congo, doing the same work.

I will have Mr. Stam write out John 3:16 in Bangala. This is the inter-tribal language of this section. We use only the romanized letters. It is continually becoming richer as a language.

Here at Alba, the field headquarters of the Africa Inland Mission, we have in the main two tribes—Logo and Kakwa. Some Mundu.

In the Evangelists' Training School, which receives the most promising boys of all our Congo stations, Mr. Stam has Logo, Kakwa, Mundu, Pzande, Alur Bahama, Balendu, Babira. The teaching of course is all in Bangala.

You have heard that we expect this year the first edition of the complete New Testament in Bangala. It is mainly the work of N. P. Grubb, of the H. A. M.

We are beginning our fourth year of service on the field, and the Lord has surely been good to us.

Maigaiki, of whom I wrote the first year, was taken this January for an outschool teacher. We do pray that he may make an earnest worker for the Lord. May souls and not francs be his first love. Our two little girls, Ruth Lois, past two years, and Esther Rachel, seven months, are well and growing nicely.

From one of Mr. Stam's latest reports:

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass (Ps. 37:5).

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work (2 Cor. 9:8).

Here we are, back in the land of civilization and enlightenment, of big business and energetic living, but if any one should ask you what one word we would like to pass on to all we meet, saved and unsaved alike, it would be the one from Psalm 37 written above. After seeing His hand in leading us out to Africa, we felt very confident that it was wise to commit our way unto the Lord Jehovah. And day by day out there, amidst the darkness, experiencing the heartaches and the great



Africa (Belgian Congo)
Weighing an eighty pound leopard shot by Mr. Stam.

joys that Africa can give, we have never for a day regretted committing our way unto him. Now that he has so strangely and yet so graciously sent us to the homeland, we feel more than ever like advising all we meet to commit their way unto Jehovah and to trust in Him.

For indeed he does bring things to pass. Why He chose us and gave us the privilege of working for Him in the newer parts of His vineyard we do not know. He has let us experience pain there, and testing so different and perhaps greater than we would ever have experienced at home. But through it and far above it all He has let us know the joy of His presence. What a wondrous joy it is to see God work. We wonder and rejoice to see His Word bring forth fruit. Our hearts get all warmed up and happy as we remember the way He worked in Pierre Peleke and Samuvele Wapol and Naomi Matoroma and Setefano Magasa, as we remember the way He led those boys in the Evanwelists' School on to greater usefulness and a deeper walk with God, through knowledge of His Word. His saving power, His restoring power, His healing power, His keeping power,—how mightily He showed them all. And now those boys and those Christians, men and women, out there, are praying that we may get back soon. During those last few days at Aba, that was the common note in all their farewells. As they clasped our hands and then our thumbs in that familiar greeting of the north-east Congo, they would almost without exception say, "We will pray God to give you back to us very soon."

Will you join with them in that request? After all, the healing of the body is but a very small thing for the Lord God. But as we followed His hand, even when it seemed so strange and unexpected to be sent home at this time, still we could trust Him to bring to pass His purposes in our lives. For ours is a God that doeth wonders.

INDIA

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

Brother Kerr reports the following concerning a conference on the district last April:

Our district conference this year convened at Ashapur, our Christian village situated on a large elbow of land which threatens to impede the course of the Sabarmati river, on the banks of which Mr. Gandhi, the nationalist leader, has founded his anti-government institutions. Here is settled the largest Alliance Christian village in India. It was founded about twenty years ago as a kind of reformatory after the American idea and has had its ups and downs, but is now showing signs of brighter and better days ahead.

After we arrived, a tabernacle of bamboos and long grass was erected. Having had no rain for nine months, the ground required no carpeting, so the audiences sat crosslegged as usual on the sandy floor. Several of our people came from a distance of forty miles. Some came by train and motor bus and others by the more ancient bullock cart. The convention lasted five days and all the services were in the hands of our Indian pastors and evangelists. Each day was fully occupied with three meetings, and it seemed as if every day were an all-day meeting. The Lord spoke through our Indian brethren, and each message seemed to whet our spiritual appetites and make us hungry for the next feast of fat things.

The Holy Spirit manifested Himself throughout, and men and women whom we had never heard speak in a spiritual meeting, prayed and testified. The first service on Sunday was a well-attended sunrise prayer meeting, and the day finished after midnight with outbursts of praise and testimony.

On Sunday afternoon the people showed the fruit of the Spirit's blessing, for an offering of straw, grain of all kinds, eggs, chicken, wood, bricks and money laid at the Master's feet totaled well over four hundred Rupees. This unique offering was the response to a signed agreement on the part of thirty-seven householders to give God a tenth of all their income in money or kind. To many of them, who gave their tithes in pounds of grain only, it was a real sacrifice and meant a food shortage in several homes, but God had spoken, and they realized their responsibility. They are only poor farmers, dependent upon the uncertain monsoon, so pray that our Heavenly Father may make a difference in the field returns of these His children and those of their heathen neighbors, so that they might continue in the grace of giving.

SYRIA

Between the years 1902 and 1914 the Pennsylvania Conference was directly interested in missionary work among the Armenians in Hadjin, Turkey. During that time our Board supported several missionaries and orphans under the United Orphanage and Mission Society. During the war and since we have contributed very little toward that work.

In one of her reports in the Gospel Banner, Miss Bertha Fidler, who is one of the four Mennonite Brethren in Christ missionaries laboring among the thousands of unfortunate Armenians who had to leave all their earthly possessions in Turkey, says:

"Requests and letters come from various committees wondering if we can not help the poor which are under their special care. We know that though our list of names is a long one, yet not in any sense does it include all the poor among the estimated 25,000 Armenians in Beirut. We know also that those on our list are living in anticipation of soon getting their bundles of clothing, and if we give to these others and the clothes do not reach, then what? We look at our list again, then at the clothing sorted in boxes or piled in rows along the walls and finally decide our replies must be in the negative to all except the Hadjin committee. This committee attends to those who are originally from Hadjin. Well, it would be pretty hard to turn down the latter when two of our present missionaries were formerly in Hadjin, would it not?"

Thousands of these are orphans and widows whose families have been practically destroyed, poor left-overs of those awful massacres of a once thrifty, prosperous, peace-loving race.

During the early spring of this year our congregation at Salem Church, Philadelphia, gathered together a lot of clothing, shoes, etc., for men, women and children, new and used, for summer and winter. These were packed in seven large boxes and shipped to Rev. D. C. Eby, Beirut, Lebanon, on April 1. From a letter from Miss Dorinda Bowman, secretary of the mission at Beirut, we clip the following:

It was a very pleasant surprise to us to receive a shipment of relief goods from our good Pennsylvania friends. Now I think boxes have come from different sections from the Pacific coast to the Atlantic seaboard. We have received things from Pennsylvania before this too, but they were not M. B. C. people. Of course, it is an encouragement to us to have interest shown in this work from so many different quarters, especially by our own M. B. C. friends. They have done nobly by

the Armenians for many years past and I am sure it is only the love of God that keeps that love burning in their hearts even yet, because there are so many causes which are equally worthy and which need financial aid. May the dear Lord richly bless you and all the good people who contributed toward the boxes sent.

Many useful things appeared in these boxes. The woolen things we have stored away with moth balls until fall but the cotton things are being given out now to some who are most in need. We do not know who may have sent the five tins of wonderful peaches or who made and sent the big tin of lovely cookies.

The spiritual work is encouraging. We four missionaries and the six-years-old daughter of the Ebys are all well, for which blessing we are truly thankful. May you and yours enjoy much of the same blessing and may He continue to use you for His glory.

ON FURLOUGH

Miss Anna Haupberg, of the Kansu-Tibetan Border Mission, writes from Grand Junction, Colo.: "Through the good hand of the Lord upon me He has led from place to place. First on the West Coast, speaking on missions where there were opportunities. Then in Sioux City for three months where, besides leading meetings, my own heart was much refreshed in the Alliance Church and with old and new friends.

"I am scheduled for three meetings thus far at the request of the Board. I am praying that the Lord Who has sent me here will also manifest Himself by using His poor instrument." We had the pleasure of having Miss Haupberg visit in our home and also to speak for us in our church in Philadelphia.

Rev. C. F. Snyder and Mrs. C. F. Snyder and Rev. W. N. Ruhl, all of whom are supported by our Board, are also home on furlough, itinerating, speaking at conventions, camp meetings and other places wherever the Lord opens the way. The foregoing four missionaries are from the Chinese-Tibetan Border in Kansu Province, Western China. They are hoping and praying for the time soon to arrive when they shall be able to return to the field and continue the work to which the Lord of the harvest has called and qualified them and where they have spent many years in blessed service for Him.

Rev. M. P. Zook, Mrs. M. P. Zook and their two boys had been laboring for a while in Papayan Colombia, South America. But, owing to the dampness of the climate and Mrs. Zook's serious ill health, chronic bronchitis, they were advised to return to the United States. Brother Zook writes, "As in all tropical climates it is extremely damp. The houses are built of sun-dried bricks, no cellars, but bricks laid on the damp ground. The house gets so damp that at the union of the walls with the floor it gets green with moisture and the clothes and bedding get wet, mildewy and cold."

Brother Zook arrived in New York early in March and, after spending several weeks visiting in the East, went out to California where he joined the rest of his family.

Rev. H. W. Feldges, Mrs. H. W. Feldges and their daughter Grace are spending their time in California. Brother Feldges writes:

As to work we have been doing since we arrived in the home-land, we have been to a number of conventions under the supervision of the District Superintendent, C. H. Chrisman. When called on by the different Alliance Pastors locally, where we mostly attend, we have always gladly responded; speaking also in the young people's meetings, etc.

Then we have been conducting a mission for Mexicans, holding one meeting on Sunday and one during the week. Our flock is somewhat scattered, as the church in which we were holding the meetings has been rented by the people of the community, and we have to hold the meetings in their homes. In another chapel we have one meeting a week in which Grace speaks to the Mexicans and teaches the children.

Then we have been giving out tracts frequently in Los Angeles and almost every town around this large city. People have been kind enough to take us in their cars, otherwise we could not have gone to so many places.

Receiving our monthly allowance has made us feel again and again that we must keep busy for the Lord, while He gives the needed strength. We praise Him for all He has been to us in the past, and trust Him for the future.

We still believe God will open the way for us to go to the field again, for our hearts are there. But while here, we would also redeem the time among the strangers that are within our gates.

FRENCH INDO-CHINA

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

The Christian and Missionary Alliance was the first society to open missionary work in French Indo-China in 1911. In the first three years seven converts were won for Christ. Following are the statistics for December 31, 1927:

Missionaries on the field.....	31
Missionaries on furlough.....	8
Baptisms during the year.....	1339
Total church membership.....	4463
Native preachers	35
Bible women	3
Stations occupied by missionaries.....	10
Stations occupied by native pastors.....	7
Outstations	67
Students in Annamese Bible School.....	86
Students in Cambodian Bible School.....	28
Self-supporting churches	8

Rev. A. C. Snead, of New York, Foreign Secretary, spent ten weeks on the field and visited every station and nearly every outstation. The object is to bring every church up to a self-supporting and self-governing basis. During their last Conference, although the services began at six o'clock in the morning, the Annamese Christians could be heard praying before the first service in the morning and after the last one at night.

John 3:16 in Cambodian: ព្រះព្រះដ៏ជាអ្នកស្នូតជីវិតមានព្រះហឫទ័យ
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The Indo-China Field in True Perspective

Rev. and Mrs. Wm. C. Cadman, Hanoi, French Indo-China

Have you ever watched an artist paint a landscape? See how he first paints only the general outlines of what is before him. Then as the picture grows in detail you see the high lights, and these again he makes more striking by the shadows, some very dark and intense, others light and faint, but all needed to give the perspective so indispensable to the production of a true picture.

Now it seems to us that this should have its counterpart in the missionary messages given by voice or pen to our constituency in the homelands.

Our earliest messages could only give the general outlines of the great work before us: the twenty millions hitherto unreached by any Protestant mission, the "open door" granted to our Alliance by GOD'S gracious providence, the missionaries eager and ready to enter. Then came the period of painting in the high lights: the thousands of converts won, the establishing of a Mission press, the translating and printing of the entire Annamese Bible, the opening of efficient Bible training schools for native workers, and the founding of several tens of churches of which some are already autonomous.

But all this, though true, would only give a "flat" picture, so usual in Oriental art,—a picture lacking in perspective and therefore not wholly true to life. It is our purpose to paint in some of the shadows so that our helpers in the homelands may be the better able to pray the fervent and effectual prayer which availeth much.

Millions of Perishing Souls

First then there is the dark shadow of the millions of perishing souls still steeped in idolatry and sin,—for Indo-China is by no means an evangelized land! True some hundreds of thousands of Gospels, books, tracts, and leaflets have been sold or given out. True some five thousand names are on the church roll. True a hundred or more students are in our Bible Schools preparing for Christian service. True some forty missionaries and scores of native colleagues are preaching the glorious Gospel with no uncertain sound in about eighty centres.

Nevertheless all this is but the *bare beginning of the task*,—there remaineth yet much land to be possessed! Remember that here there are twenty millions of souls, and that one can take day-long journeys by auto in various parts of this land and not find a Protestant chapel or Christian!

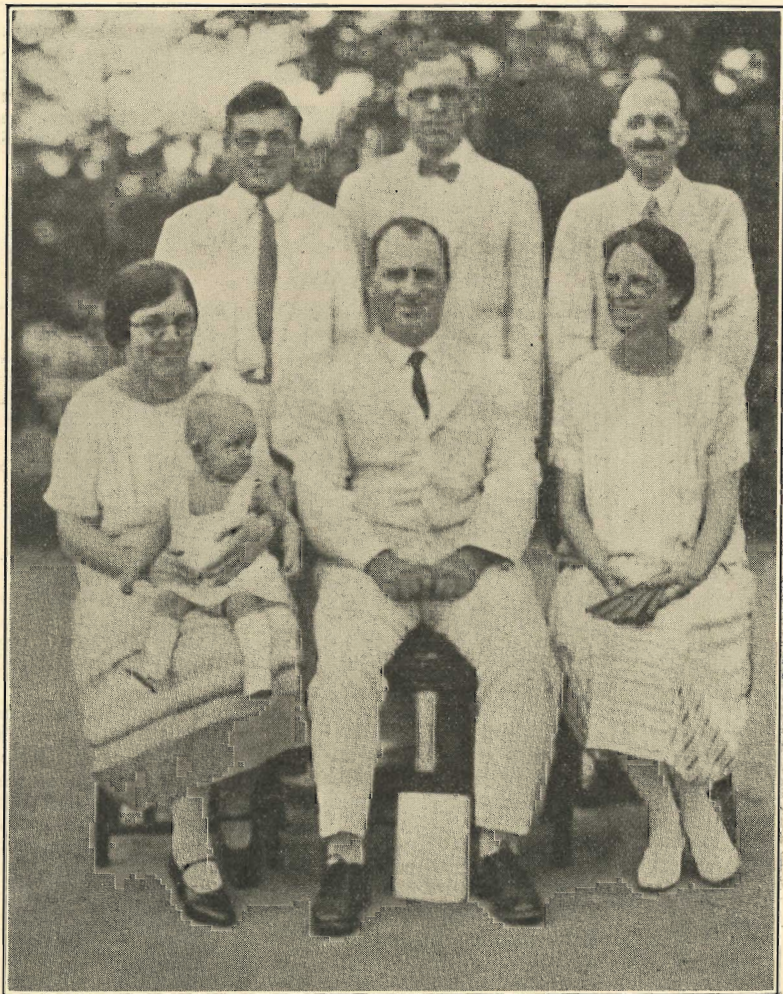
Opposition to Increasing Missionaries

Then there is the deep shadow of government opposition to the increasing of our foreign missionary staff, or the opening of new stations in the protectorates of Tonkin, Annam and Cambodio. We praise GOD for the news of many earnest young men and women in the homelands who are looking forward to Indo-China, some already in France. But unless "prayer changes things," we will be in a quandary where to place them when they arrive on the field.

The missionaries now in Nhatrang and Thanhhoa are but "holding the fort." They have been forbidden to do aggressive *personal* evangelistic work. In Cambodia we have likewise been notified that the government does not wish any additional missionaries to enter or any new stations to be opened.

Fierce Persecutions

Again there is the shadow of the fierce persecution of native evangelists and Christians. The Annamese as a race are naturally timid, and afraid of in any way offending "the powers that be." Centuries of subjection to China, followed by decades of French protection, have not tended to develop a robust and independent character. It is therefore the greater evidence of divine grace when they continue to meet for worship, even when fined, imprisoned, and beaten by those who are doubtless spurred on by the Catholic influence, so powerful here.



French Indo-China
Our representatives in French Indo-China. From left to right, seated—
Mrs. Cressman and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Cadman. Standing—Mr. Cressman,
Mr. H. A. Jackson and Mr. R. M. Jackson.

Losing Fervency of First Love

Perhaps the deepest shadow of all is the fact that in some of the churches a number of converts have backslidden, and others have lost the fervency of their "first love." We are now in the *critical transitional stage*. The constitution for the independent indigenous church has been drafted, and much of the work is being handed over to our native colleagues. They are responding nobly! But oh how the church and workers *need* a real revival, a fresh endowment with divine power, lest organization overshadow spirituality.

All these shadows should drive us to our knees to pray "with all prayer and supplication" that "GOD may arise for our help," and loosen the bands of the enemy of souls. We realize that what has already been accomplished for GOD in this land is by "GOD'S right hand, and HIS arm, and the light of HIS countenance, because HE had a favor unto us" (Ps. 44). Thus we feel the great need of humbling ourselves before GOD that we may "boast only in GOD," and lean more on HIS power to accomplish yet greater things.

Adventuring for the Gospel in Eastern Siam and French Laos

MRS. WM. C. CADMAN

The Whistling Witness

"Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war," whistled by a Siamese soldier in a crowded third class carriage away in distant Siam! The words would not have been intelligible to the lone missionary, the only white man on the train, but the well-known tune brought a comforting sense of fellowship, the recognition of "the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love." The missionary smiled at the soldier and joined in whistling the good old martial air. Soon others followed suit until there was a chorus of whistlers and a cheery atmosphere of kindliness.

How ideal it would be if one could believe that all were also with their hearts uniting in praising God Who hath made of one blood all the races of men! But alas, later on the soldier confessed, in very broken English, that although he had studied a year at the Presbyterian college in Bangkok, he had no faith to believe in the Gospel. The missionary endeavored to show him that faith cometh not by the wisdom of men, but by "looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith." The incident passed, the train rumbled on, and at last the long day's journey was ended.

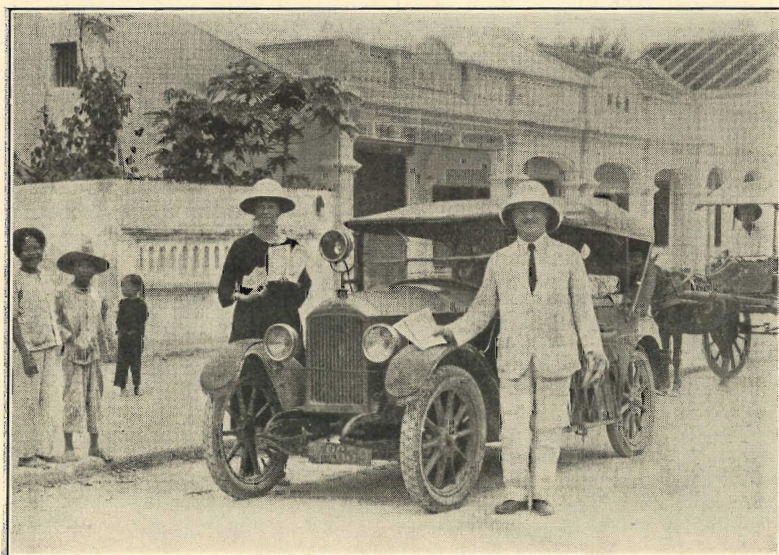
But now notice the sequel of God's good guidance. The missionary was on his way to consult with the Presbyterian missionary stationed at Pitsanuloke, Central Siam. When the train finally drew up at the station, darkness had fallen,—darkness complete and intense as is only possible on a cloudy night in these outposts of civilization. It was expected that someone would meet the train, but there had been a misunderstanding, and so the missionary found himself alone on the station platform, still some distance from the missionary compound, unable to speak the language of the people. Truly a predicament!

But oh, joy! There was the soldier! The missionary went up to him, grasped his arm, whistled a bar or two of "Onward, Christian soldiers," repeated "Stewart, Stewart," the name of the Presbyterian missionary, "Mission, Mission,"—at the same time pointing out into the dark roadway. By repeated whistling, gesticulating, and pronouncing the different names, he managed to make him understand that he wanted to find the mission compound.

Very graciously the soldier commanded a comrade to guide the missionary through the murky night, over a rough road, down steep slippery banks, and across a stream in a tiny canoe, where a false move would have plunged one into the deep water. At last the weary missionary reached the mission station, and was welcomed to its cheer and brightness, thanking God and his guide for the love and kindness shown the stranger.

Buddhist Priest Desires to Make Heart Good

The scene changes. Now we are in Bangkok the beautiful, the proud capital of Siam, where the garish display of Eastern architecture is in strange contrast to the staid and dignified palaces and public buildings in European style. In one of the most elaborate of the *watts* (temples),



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Rev. and Mrs. Wm. C. Cadman selling Gospels.

on the great Menam River, we met a Buddhist priest, a man still young and virile, well educated and intelligent. He was wearing the usual long yellow robe, and had his head closely shaven. To our surprise he conversed with us in good English. We asked him where he had learned to speak our language. He said he had been employed in one of the large business houses in Bangkok. "Then why," said we, "are you now in this monastery, consenting to become a priest dependent on the bounty of others?" He replied, "I am here because I want to make heart good." Thus he had chosen this way, renouncing the world and its vanities and pleasures. Alas, how impossible for him or for any of us "to make heart good" by our own efforts! We explained to him the simple way of salvation, but he smiled in a superior way and kept silent. We parted from him with a prayer for his salvation.

The numerous beautiful wats in Siam are kept in perfect repair, and showered with rich gifts of gold and silver. The Buddhist priests, who are everywhere in evidence and seem to be the best nourished class in the land, are supported by the faithful with gifts of food each morning, and periodic offerings on certain days of the year of new yellow robes and valuable presents. All this is done because of the craving "to make heart good," a vain effort to find some way of "making merit," to gain assurance of attaining "Nirvana" hereafter. Oh, that they knew of Jesus and His cleansing blood which alone is able "to make heart good."

"Face to Face With Christ" in a Buddhist Monastery

Again a change of scene. Not now are we in the busy marts of men, in a shining and gilt-spired temple to the shady recesses of which penetrates the rush and roar of traffic, the shrill whistle of the tugs, the deeper note of the ocean going steamers. Now we are in the heart of the forest,—alone in a Buddhist monastery. A glorious tropical moon is making the night almost as light as day. Here in these solitudes we are to pass the night. We laid some straw on the board floor for a bed, hung our mosquito net, and got everything fixed for the night.

In the meantime the priests had gathered in a neighboring building for their evening prayers. For about an hour they continued their rhythmic chanting in unison. Clearly above the voices of the men rose the treble voices of the boys who are here to receive the religious instruction which every male is supposed to receive for a few months, if not for years.

How our hearts were saddened as we heard these "vain repetitions" of the heathen, who think they shall be heard for their much speaking. But, when the chanting ceased, how our hearts were cheered as through the moonlit silence of the night we heard the Lao Christian who had come to guide us on our way, singing in his native language,

"Face to face with Christ my Saviour,
Face to face—what will it be?
When with rapture I behold Him,
Jesus Christ who died for me."

What a contrast! These heathen priests blindly seeking for God; our Christian guide joyfully singing the songs of Zion. What child of God would not willingly spend his life in heathen lands that he might be the means of producing such a transformation.

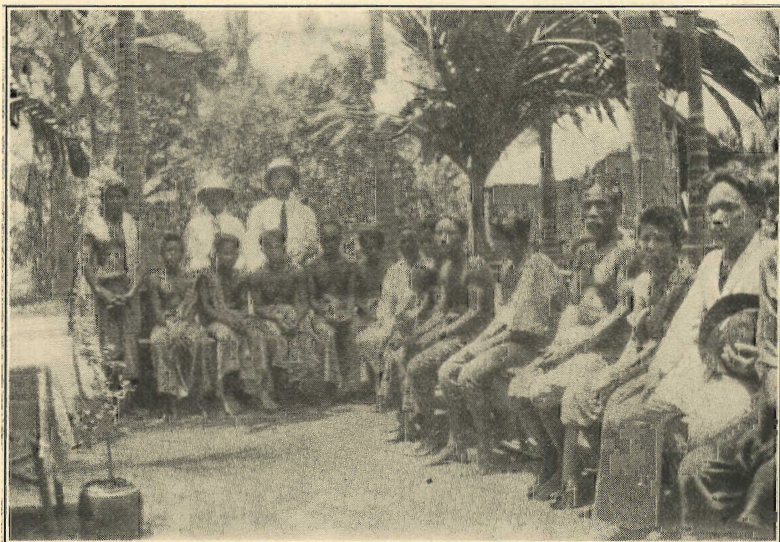
Mounting the Rapids of the Mighty Mekong

Now we have left the forest solitudes and are steaming up the mighty Mekong. The rapids are swift and strong, the rocks beneath cruelly sharp, and as our sturdy little steamer chugs along, quivering in every bolt and bar, we pray silently and fervently for God's protecting care. Our thoughts wander back through the years, to the time when a dear French Christian friend, her husband and three children, were passing over these same rapids. Without a moment's warning the boat struck a rock, overturned, filling with water the cabin where the lady and one little girl were dressing. They were drowned, while the husband and two children barely escaped with their lives.

We have reached a danger point, where a huge buoy is anchored to guide the mariners past the rocks. Our little steamer battles valiantly with the current, comes abreast the buoy, slips back, back. The captain orders more steam, yet more, and bravely again she reaches the buoy. But the opposing force is too great and again we slip back. A third, a

fourth effort, and at last we are past, and breathe our fervent thanks to God. [Only a few days after a similar launch was carrying gasoline which in some mysterious way caught fire and exploded, killing a large number of native passengers and the Europeans on board. When we read the news we felt we had fresh reason to praise God for His protection.]

On either bank of the river are the interminable forests and jungles, peopled by the Lao race, hundreds, yea thousands of square miles, to most of which no one has ever come to preach the glad tidings of great joy. "Who will go, and whom shall I send?"



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A meeting at a new out-station.

The Superstitious Autoists

At last we have reached Savannakhet: a clean and pretty little French town, with the usual boulevards, club, residency, and other official buildings. We are now on the last stage of our homeward journey from Siam, through Laos.

We find the proprietor of an autobus, who proves to be a garrulous old Annamese lady. Early next morning we set out, and follow one of the excellent French roads, at first over gently rolling country, then through a mighty mountain range, following the course of a rushing river, through dense forests and jungles. Suddenly the auto draws up at the side of the road. A man climbs down, takes incense sticks and other worship paraphernalia. We wonder what it is all about. They tell us that this road was made at great sacrifice of life, many have died here, and so they must appease the spirits in the locality lest they too fall victims. The incense is lit, some prayers mumbled, with much bowing before a little shrine, and we are off once more.

But only for a time. Once more we descend a deep valley where a long cement bridge is in construction. Again the same proceedings of incense burning, praying and bowing, for here too the spirits must be

very malicious, many lives having been sacrificed! We tell our garrulous old lady how we too pray for protection, but our prayers ascend to the true God who really has power to protect and aid.

While traveling on this bus we were much encouraged to press on, and "sow the Gospel seed beside all waters," for here, among the passengers coming from the banks of the Mekong, hundreds of miles from the nearest mission station, we found three men who knew us and had heard the Gospel in Annamese. How little we know how many will greet us in the heavenly mansions, who have heard the Gospel perhaps only a few times in some Gospel Hall, and have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ and have been saved. Therefore, dear co-workers in the homelands, let us not be weary in well-doing, for surely we shall reap if we faint not, and shall come with rejoicing bringing our sheaves with us.

Eastern Siam and Northern Laos Waiting for Missionaries

Shall we then send men and women to Eastern Siam and Northern Laos to free these precious Lao souls from their vain fears and superstitions?

In Bangkok you can visit the magnificent throne hall, resplendent with imported marble, built by an Italian architect and modelled after the public buildings of Italy. But how strange the contrast when one passes into the garden in the rear! Here one's sense of proportion is shocked to find a mud-colored baby elephant, kept in an elegant building, on a dais under a royal canopy. This ugly, dirty little creature is regarded as a rare and sacred being, to be worshipped and honored by king and courtier.

Thus in the East does one constantly meet this strange mingling of ancient superstitions with modern education and enlightenment. Oh that the "Light of the world" might illumine their darkness, and lead them "in the way everlasting!" "But, how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" The responsibility therefore is yours,—is ours. Let us not fail God in the short period which may be all that is left before the Coming of the King.

Over the Border Into Eastern Siam

WM. C. CADMAN

In the cool and star-lit silence of the hours before dawn, we set out from Battambang in the mission auto to begin our journey over the border into Eastern Siam. Our object was to see what was the opportunity and the need for missionary work in this territory of tens of thousands of square miles.

On the map Eastern Siam appears to eat its way into French Indo-China, as will be seen by reference to the map on the back page of this issue of the "Call." It is bounded by French Laos on the north and east, and by Cambodia on the south. These boundaries are merely political. The Lao people who largely compose the population of from two to three millions, are of the same race as the people in French Laos, speaking and writing the same language. The pioneer missionaries will therefore be able to use the New Testament recently translated by the Swiss missionaries working in Southern Laos. Thus it would seem logical for our Alliance missionaries to go over the border into this benighted land.

Aranya is the border terminus of one of the branch lines of the Siamese State Railway and so, after a ride of some eighty miles, we boarded the train for Bangkok shortly after nine in the morning.

We spent a few profitable days in Bangkok, consulting with Mr. Irwin, of the American Bible Society, and the Presbyterian missionaries working in Siam proper. They told us that their mission would heartily welcome the Alliance to do evangelistic work in Eastern Siam, as at present they were not in a position to occupy this territory. Therefore in order to gain first hand knowledge of this new field, we planned our return journey to Indo-China through Eastern Siam.

Strenuous Days of Travel

The first day we traveled by train to Korat, a town two hundred miles north-east of Bangkok, with a population of about ten thousand people. Here our Presbyterian friends have a Chinese evangelist working among his fellow countrymen, the inhabitants being mostly Chinese, as is usually the case in the cities and towns of Siam. The Lao people prefer to live near their ricefields, hidden away in the interminable forests. Korat is a stragetical centre, it being the junction from which two railways branch out: one due east to Oubone, close to the border of



French Indo-China
Rev. Ellison baptizing at Battambang.

Southern Laos, and the other north-east to Thakhet and Vientiane in Northern Laos. When these lines are completed Eastern Siam will be very accessible from Indo-China. There are also auto roads penetrating to several parts of Eastern Siam, but these being little better than ox-cart trails, are at present only practicable for six months of the year during the dry season, and even then are full of ruts, sand, and ditches.

The second day we journeyed by train for two hundred miles to the temporary end of the railway. We passed through the mountain range which divides the watersheds of the Menam and the Mekong. Again but few people were seen.

The third day we traveled to Oubone in a decrepit auto truck, over the usual Siamese apology for a road, and were truly thankful to reach our destination in safety.

Oubone, with a population of about five thousand inhabitants, is a town of some importance. The Siamese governor of the province lives there. It is near the French border and has therefore a French consul and also a Catholic mission. Without a doubt if our missionaries enter Eastern Siam from Indo-China they will locate either in or near this place. There is an auto road of the usual type running from Oubone to Roiet and onward to Viengtiene in Laos.

The fourth day we traveled some forty miles in a small launch down a wide and tranquil river, one of the tributaries of the Mekong. The final stage of our trip in Eastern Siam was made by auto over a splendid road for about thirty miles to the border of French Laos, and some twenty miles further to the Mekong, about a mile wide at this point. It was near midnight when we crossed, in a small pirogue, this mighty river, the Mississippi of the Far East.

"A Dry and Thirsty Land"

In Eastern Siam the country traversed was for the most part uninteresting, and at this season of the year could well be described as a "dry and thirsty land." The villages one sees are usually built along the watercourses, and are quite picturesque. The houses are made of wood and bamboo, raised on poles some six or eight feet above the ground. The inhabitants are few and widely scattered, living apparently in groups of a few houses amid the ricefields in the small forest clearings. There are practically no good all-the-year-round auto roads, the main means of travel apart from the railways being by canoes, ox carts, horseback, or on foot. Itinerating will be possible only in the dry season, while during the rainy season, from May to October, the missionary will be practically confined to his station since much of the country is converted into marsh land. Missionary work in Eastern Siam will therefore be very different from and apparently much more difficult than the work in Indo-China.

Buddhism A Vital Force

Also Buddhism is a vital force in Siam. As one travels through the country many handsome pagodas or temples are seen, richly decorated and in an excellent state of repair. We were especially impressed by one such temple in Oubone. It was so like one of our well-built brick churches in America, and presented such a contrast to the houses around it.

The Buddhist priests are everywhere in evidence. Whether in the towns or on the trains, or in the jungles, one sees the gleam of the bright yellow robes. One realizes that these missionaries of Buddha are literally "going out into the highways and hedges" to win converts. They live the "simple life" *par excellence*: a cloth bag suspended over the shoulder carrying personal effects, often a young disciple carrying a large umbrella which can be converted into a sleeping tent with mosquito net, and a bowl in which to gather the gifts of the faithful. As we often saw these Buddhist priests, many of them young and vigorous and evidently zealous in the cause of Buddhism, how we prayed that we might soon see some of our fine young men from the homelands thus doing missionary work for JESUS in this land.

The Allure of Labour for Jesus

In closing this brief article we would emphasize the fact that Eastern Siam as a country is unattractive, its climate is unpleasant, the conditions of living are unalluring. Missionary work will entail great hardships and much sacrifice, with perhaps meagre results. History tells us that Garibaldi, the great patriot of Italy, when appealing for soldiers to join the army of his king, promised them only "hard marches, poor rations, danger, perhaps death." Did he lack volunteers? No, never! His appeal called forth the heroic quality in man, the will to do and dare, yea, to die for a worthy cause. Is our cause less worthy? Shall we not go forth to do exploits for our King, JESUS, in this benighted land? Oh, let us no longer delay, "for the night is far spent, the day is at hand,"—the glad day of JESUS' Coming.

Grave Crisis—Urgent Call to Prayer

WM. C. CADMAN

Hue, 4th day, 1st month, 3rd year Bao-Dai.

THE ROYAL PRIVY COUNCIL TO THE MANDARINS

In accordance with the 13th article of the Peace Treaty of 1884, the Catholic Church only has the right to evangelize in our country. The bishops, priests, and teachers belonging to the Roman Church are the only ones who may preach their religion. We hear that there are lately many teaching a new religion (Protestantism), as well as the "Cao-Dai" religion, in Cochinchina and also in South Annam. If these religions increasingly gain adherents there will surely be persons who will take this occasion to cause trouble in our country, and many will be duped as was the case the past year in the affair of Vo-Tru and Tran-Cau-Van. These two persons made a pretence of propagating their religion, but in reality were inciting the people to revolt. How greatly did the people suffer because of them! It is clear that from now on the new religion (Protestantism) and the "Cao-Dai" religion must be expressly forbidden to propagate or itinerate in Annam. If anyone still disobeys this decree, punish him according to the law. The Resident-Superior is in accord concerning this matter. The Royal Privy Council send this for your information to act accordingly.

Seal of the Royal Privy Council.

**French Indo-China**

Bible Conference at Battambang, Cambodia, March 28, 1928. Top row standing, on the left Mr. Cadman and Mr. Cressman second. Mr. R. M. Jackson on extreme right. Mr. H. A. Jackson on extreme right in second row. Dr. and Mrs. Jonathan Goforth sitting in the center. Their daughter, Mrs. Jeffrey at Mr. Goforth's left and Mr. Jeffrey, the Chairman, at Mrs. Goforth's right. Mrs. Cressman and baby and Mrs. Cadman at the extreme left,

NOTICE FROM THE RESIDENT-SUPERIOR OF TONKIN

March, 1928.

"I have been advised of the attempts at proselytism made, under your direction, by the 'Christian and Missionary Alliance,' in certain provinces of Tonkin, and especially in that of Nam-Dinh.

"This initiative being contrary to the explicit stipulations of the Treaties of 1874 and 1884, concluded between the French Government and the Emperor of Annam, I find myself obliged to invite you to take measures, to make an end, with the least possible delay, to this religious propaganda."

The foregoing constitute a grave menace to the continuance of Protestant missionary activities in the Protectorates of Annam and Tonkin. But the greater the menace the more urgent is the incentive to pray. We know that in answer to prayer God can change hearts, as the course of the water brooks is changed. Also He can give us missionaries the "wisdom which is from above," so that we may cope with this critical situation. Surely we can rely on all God's "remembrances" to join in such a mighty volume of prayer that a new and favorable interpretation of these treaties will be made, and full freedom granted for the preaching of the Gospel.

Testings and Triumphs in Cochin-China

Recently at Laphoa, an outstation from Vinh-Long, the Catholic priest decided to make it hot for the twenty Christians but recently saved in that village. The local mayor of the village, a determined enemy of the Gospel, told the priest that these Christians lived on land belonging to a Catholic. This zealous priest told the owner of the land that he must put all the Protestant Christians off his land immediately or else take the consequences. This he promised to do. A few days later the Christians came to their local preacher and related their troubles. Prayer was made without ceasing for these persecuted Christians.

Some time later the owner of this property received a second visit from this Catholic priest and was severely scolded because he had not yet driven the Protestant Christians from his land. While the priest was scolding, the man became very angry, ordered the priest out, told him the Protestant Christians could stay on his land if they wanted to for he would not molest them, and said some very uncomplimentary things to this priest who had tried to discomfit some of God's children. These earnest Christians had built their homes and planted their gardens on this man's land which they rented, and it would have meant a terrible hardship had they been driven out.

Praise God for victory! The mayor is still determined to do his worst, and is trying to discredit the Christians whenever he finds opportunity. When you read this please pray that the mayor of Laphoa village may be saved.

Eleven More Bible School Graduates

The Bible Schools in Tourane and Battambang are now closed for the summer vacation months, after having had a "banner year" along all lines. The closing exercises of the Tourane School were held the 6th of May, there being a graduating class of eleven young men. All of these have already received appointments in the work, but most likely two or three will be called as pastors to newly self-supporting churches. Practically all the seventy or eighty students will be engaged in colportage and evangelistic work during the summer. Let us specially remember in prayer this summer ministry.

Rev. R. M. Jackson

In "The Gospel of Jesus for our Juniors" for June 10th, on page 3, at the bottom, I read yesterday a few lines by M. G. H. which seemed to fit into our present experiences. I will quote them: "As Christians, we do not fight with a sword to gain our victories. We fight by prayer. We tell the Lord about those who are working against us, and He will take care of them in the right way."

Mrs. Jackson and I came to Thanh-hoa in the beginning of February, 1928. We were given permission to live here, but did not receive authorization to open a chapel. We came, hoping that later it would be possible to begin definite evangelistic work. Almost before we had finished unpacking our trunks, the chief official in this province called me to his office and told me I was forbidden, by the Governor of the state of Annam, to propagate Protestant teachings whether by the printed page or by word of mouth. He did not forbid me to pray. Ten days later, the same official sent for me again and stated that the local native officials had received orders to prevent all attempts at propagating the Gospel. Offenders would be punished.

From February 20 until May 22, when we went to Conference, we kept silent. Considerable time was spent in prayer. I did some translating from English into Annamese and I wrote some letters for Mr. Jeffrey. Conference thought it best to leave us here. Since returning from Conference, we have given away a few hundred tracts. Recently, several boys have come to the house to buy books.



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Taken in court-yard in Hochow, Kansu Province, in 1926. C. F. Snyder, Mrs. Snyder and Lai Mei Hsiang. "We call her May Hsiang," says Mrs. Snyder.

At the end of June, I spent ten days in Northern Tonkin. Mr. Cadman had to be away from Hanoi and I visited the Christians at Langson in his stead. At the same time, I went about 85 miles beyond to get data about the Tho tribe, which is numerous in the provinces of Caobang and Langson. My report has been sent to Mr. Snead, and if he has it printed, you will see the facts I gathered. I hope it will be possible for next Conference to appoint a couple to work among the Tho people, but since these folk live in forbidden territory, only the prayers of God's people can make it possible, even though workers are available.

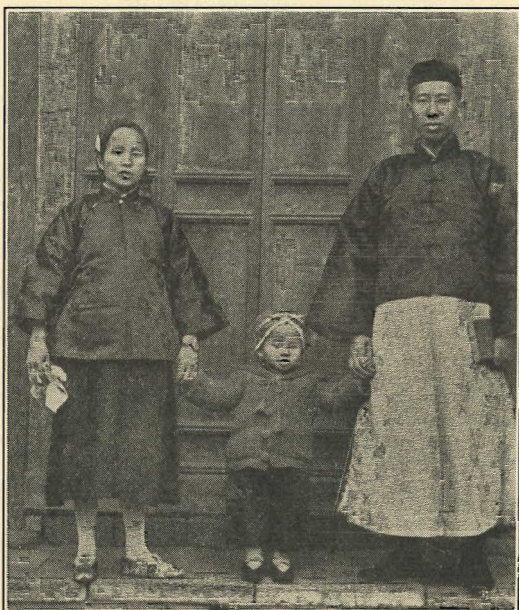
The Catholic Church claims that the treaties between France and the Annamese King give the Church of Rome the monopoly on preaching Christianity in the states of Annam and Tonkin. Thus far the Government has upheld their claim. The only exceptions to the rule are Hanoi, Haiphong and Tourane, which belong to France. Some of our missionaries have received oral permission to begin work in the forbidden areas, but we have understood that such work could be stopped at any time. Written authorization has never been given to do evangelistic work in Annam or Tonkin, except for the three cities of Hanoi, Haiphong and Tourane. For those three places we do have a written permit.

Having made a treaty, you can imagine that the Government would feel bound to abide by its promise until such time as the unfavorable treaty were replaced by a more favorable one. Some French Protestants assert that there is nothing in the treaty to serve as basis for the claim that the Roman Church has the sole right to propagate its teachings. The treaty does give them the right to preach everywhere. Nothing was said about Protestants. At the time the treaty was made, there were no Protestant missionaries in the country. That may account for the silence regarding them. There may be other secret treaties that we know nothing about. To date, the authorities have not seen fit to make a new treaty which would guarantee religious liberty to all sects.

Last Conference asked me to edit the Sunday School Lessons for the Annamese. Mr. Cadman prints the lessons for one month at a time. I use the "Bible Teacher's Quarterly" which you so kindly have sent to me from the Union Gospel Press at Cleveland, Ohio. While preparing the lessons and writing them in Annamese, I get a blessing myself. Once again, let me state that I find the many stories and illustrations contained in all your literature: "The Gospel Herald," "Gospel of Jesus," "Christian Life Missionary," etc., to be most useful in presenting the Gospel to the Annamese. They like to be taught by stories and parables. Recently, I have been receiving the "Gospel Banner," which is much appreciated. Please accept our thanks for all this fine literature. I regret that I am unable to read all of any paper, but I am thankful for what I do find time to read.

Perhaps I can pass on a couple of items that will be of use to you in teaching at home. I find that the customs here in the Orient resemble those in Palestine more closely than our Western customs. Some parts of Scripture which were obscure before I came here are quite clear now. In the lesson for June 3, 1928, the Editor, commenting on Mark 14:20, said: "How enormous the crime of Judas—one who dipped his morsel into the same dish with the Lord!" As I read that, a whole flood of light burst upon me. That verse was clearer than I had ever seen it before. That is just what the Annamese do. They have a salty, brown liquid made from fish. At each meal, a little of this liquid is poured into a small bowl and set in the center of the table. Using his chopsticks, each person picks up the morsel that pleases him, then he dips it in the bowl in the middle of the table, after which he puts it in his mouth. In preparing the lesson for the Annamese, I called their attention to this custom which they follow every day.

Just one more illustration and I must stop. Last month we went to the seashore, ten miles from here. The natives go out to sea on rafts of bamboo. The village is a little back from the beach. To avoid carrying sails and oars a long distance, the men have secured permission to build shacks right on the beach in which to store their equipment. One or two persons have to sleep there to watch the stuff. These shacks are built upon the sand. Some Europeans have built Summer cottages upon the hill with a rock foundation. One day a man told us that last year, during a storm, his shack was washed away. He and those who were with him got out alive, but they lost everything they had stored there. The other houses, that had stone foundations, are still standing.



China

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Keith Ching, Postmaster at Hochow, Kansu Province. 400,000 in his district. He employs eight couriers to Lanchow, the Capital, and to Tibet. Studied law. Saved in Brother Snyder's mission and baptized by him.

There was the best possible opportunity to take Matthew 7:24-29 as a text and preach on the two foundations, but we are prohibited to preach. I believe the Annamese method of drawing the fishing net must be almost the same as the method used in Palestine in the time of our Lord.

Pray for Indo-China, that God will send us a Holy Ghost revival. In spite of all the blessings God has showered upon Indo-China, there are in our churches, many who are cold and back-slidden. More than anything else, we need a revival that will put the whole Church in Indo-China in a place where God can use it to complete the evangelization of this land. Many are baptized each year, but the names of others

have to be crossed off because they move away or neglect to attend for a year or more. That souls will be saved in spite of persecution and opposition.

Rev. Herbert A. Jackson

To be writing you from Indo-China seems more natural than ever. After our furlough in the States and an extended time for language study in France we are back at our starting place. The beginning of this term is very different from those months in 1920, when everything was new and hard to understand. To get back to the interior of Cochinchina is like coming home, and to sit down with a group of Annamese Christians for an evening is like talking over by-gones with old, familiar friends.

Among the first things we saw waiting for us were the publications that we received, enjoyed and used so much since being in touch with you and the Mennonite Brethren. They bring such timely messages to our own hearts and give us such valuable material to pass on to others that we cannot but appreciate them. To simply say "thank you" for your interest and support that has continued from year to year seems cold and inappreciative, for I realize continually that it is your love and sacrifice that make it possible for me to be a missionary in this pioneer missionary field. May God continue to bless you dear ones with all spiritual and temporal blessings is my earnest desire and prayer.

Immediately upon our return we went to the interior for ten days. There were many things that rejoiced our hearts and proved most clearly that the presence of a missionary is not always necessary. We believe that God has revealed His will to the missionaries who are throwing more responsibility over upon the natives than ever before and thus freeing themselves for advance work in untouched sections. The mission has drawn up a Church Constitution that the Annamese Conference has accepted, so that from now on the self-supporting churches will be under the direct leadership of the Annamese Conference and Annamese Executive Committee.

The Annual Conference (Foreign) met just three weeks after we reached the field, which gave us an unexpected opportunity to renew old friendships. Dr. Jonathan Goforth was God's man sent from Manchuria with a message we all needed. God gave us such a hunger after Himself that we were unable to stop and go home when the appointed time was up, so we stayed on for three more days and I dare say our mission was never more united than now.

Less than a month after the foreign conference was concluded the native conference took place and God did no less for the Annamese than He had done for us. They too stayed on for prayer and heart searching and received great blessing after the conference was supposed to be over. Now we are asking God to cause this revival to spread throughout the length and breadth of Indo-China. We long that the church shall be so clean that God can dwell in our midst, revealing His glorious power. We are expecting an unusual year in spite of oppression and persecution.

The conference has asked us to go to the southernmost part of Cochinchina with the thought of pressing on into the unreached sections of three provinces. Our parish consists of 216 villages with a population of 486,802 Annamese, 98,138 Cambodians and 25,037 Chinese. We thank God for an automobile that faithful servants of God gave us while on furlough. With this car we will be able to reach the people in the large centers and on the auto roads. Yet there are scores of thousands who never leave their villages, hidden away in the jungle and rice fields of this section. A good part of this number live on the waterways so

we have started to build a house-boat with some money we have for that purpose, hoping that we will be able to finish it soon and take the Gospel to those who would never hear it in a street chapel at a large market place. Since responsible for the 610,000 souls in this part of Indo-China, we want to use every available method of giving them the message of life before death overtakes them.

Rev. N. M. Cressman

In a letter dated November 25, 1927, from Lakanal Aubagne in the south part of France, Brother Cressman writes: This finds us with a fine Christian family in the south of France with only one more week before sailing. We have found it a bit warmer here in the south but rather wet as this is the rainy season.

Mr. Arnera, the man of the house, is in charge of a Gospel car, and travels all over the country here in the south preaching the Gospel and giving out tracts and selling the New Testaments. It sure is a great missionary work. I was with them for a five-day trip and sure learned a few more things about the great needs in France of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The following is from a letter dated December 3, 1927, written "On the Mediterranean": This is Saturday afternoon and we are enjoying very smooth sailing. The sun is very warm on the right side of the boat and the other side is a bit cool. We are very nicely installed in a comfortable cabin. The boat is of medium size and has a very agreeable service by French and Annamese men.

According to what we have been told, we expect to see one of the most beautiful oceans in the world. This is already noticeable, for the water is very blue and the sun so strong.

The baby is doing fine and we expect to have a good rest this month before our hard work begins on the field. I am very glad for this month on the boat with a great deal of sunshine for it will do Sister Cressman much good as the last month or two in France we had too much rain and they missed being out of doors.

The Lord gave us a deliverance the other night. As you know we were in Aubagne for the last month. For the last day and night we went to Marseille to the same hotel where Mr. and Mrs. Van Hine were staying. They are with us on the boat on their way to Indo-China, Tonkin, also Alliance missionaries. Well, the last night before sailing Sister Cressman began to feel very sick. She ran a very high fever and also had chills. The Lord helped us out of whatever it was for we had the fever broken and she had a good sweat until noon the next day. We left the hotel at noon Friday in a terrible storm. Rain and lightning made a very dark background for our departure. All went well and nothing was stolen though we had a great deal to carry with us as baggage.



Lai Mei Hsiang (beautiful fragrance) when four years old, born 1921. A little Chinese girl which Brother and Sister C. F. Snyder had taken into their home.

The next letter was written January 9, 1928, on their arrival at Pnom Penh: We are at last in Saigon and very near our goal, Pnom Penh, Cambodia. The voyage from Marseille was very agreeable in spite of the warm weather we had at Singapore. This was the hottest part of the trip as it is very near the Equator. We had splendid meals and service on the boat which added very much to the comfort. It was not a very good rest for Sister Cressman with the baby to care for as well as the laundry, which she did herself in the cabin. The baby did well and seemed to enjoy the entire trip. The Lord was good to us in preserving all of us through the changing climates. Two or three days out from Marseille it was very cool. In fact we were rather uncomfortable when on deck as we were not prepared for it. Later on it got so warm and the sun so glaring we could not enjoy sitting on the same deck. We needed wisdom from God to be able to regulate the baby's clothing and to watch against the changing winds which were sometimes blistering hot and other times strangely cool. We praise the Lord for the opportunity of sailing just at that time for it is considered the best time of the year.

We enjoyed stepping on dry land at the various ports. Each place was different and very interesting.

We are detained at Saigon for a short time on account of serious opposition in Cambodia. Our chairman, Mr. Jeffrey, does not think it advisable at the moment to let us crowd in with the other two couples now at Pnom Penh but prefers to have us wait until Mr. Hammond leaves for America in March when we will move in, taking their place. At present all missionary activities are stopped in Cambodia, the authorities having closed the meetings, etc. Prayer alone can open this closed field which presents new territory with thousands who have not as yet heard the Gospel. Will you not stand with us in intercessory prayer for the needs these people present?

We are having a teacher sent from Pnom Penh so that we can start our language studies. We trust that we can begin in a week or so.

Under date of March 14, 1928, Brother Cressman writes: You notice that we at last can write Pnom Penh. We arrived here February 16. Mr. and Mrs. Hammond have now started for home and we have moved in their quarters.

To say that we are happy to be at our appointed station will be easily understood. We found the home very comfortable and the missionary couple in charge very congenial.

The work here, as you no doubt understand, is a very new work. The Christians are very few as far as the Cambodian work is concerned. But those that are converted show fruits that prove the genuineness of the work accomplished in their hearts. One man's conversion has been rather remarkable and will form the basis of another letter later. We have an interesting work here among the Annamese. They have an evangelist and their own chapel. A work among the Chinese will soon be opened through the efforts of Rev. R. A. Jaffray of South China, and his workers. Mr. Jaffray just visited our station on his return from the Islands of the South, where he has already made plans for several chapels for Chinese work. The country of Cambodia is about the size of Pennsylvania and has a population about that of Philadelphia. They are strong Buddhists and their ideal is a Buddhist priest from each family. Oh that Christian families would have such an ideal, one child out of each family to preach the Gospel. If this had been the case the history of Missions would read different. Thus you can understand when we say that the streets are dotted with yellow robed Buddhist priests. These all live on the kindness of the people. They appear early in the morning at the doors of the devout begging for rice. With their rice pot filled they wander about the streets or return to the temples to pray and eat. Though they themselves are not living

better lives than the people they get a great deal of respect and reverence from every one. Sometimes we see folks bow before them in the street as they pass. It is really heart-rending to see them walk around in groups, many times boys from the age of twelve on up, already wearing the robe and trying to gain the merits so vainlessly sought for. Little boys from 8 years on up will often follow the priest all day carrying his rice pot or any bundles he may have to carry around, thus they, too, would gain some merit.

Ignorance prevails and many cannot even read their own language, especially the women. Thus the printed Word is somewhat hindered. The four Gospels, Acts and Genesis have already been printed. The New Testament is ready for printing but has not yet gone to press.

There is a great joy in knowing that the Divine Program is being fulfilled, as these people are hearing the true Gospel for the first time. "The Gospel must be given as a witness" and it seems time is so short that we will hardly have time to do more than just give them the simple Gospel and pass on, leaving results entirely in His hands. Where the work has taken root we find earnest Christians, bearing the same fruits of the Spirit that can be seen in the home land when Christ has full control. How wonderful our Gospel is, so adaptable, so suitable and so well applied when the Holy Spirit does the work.

Our Bible School at Battambang is training the natives to take this Gospel to their people and to shepherd them when chapels are opened and churches established.

There seems to be every indication that the Lord will be here soon to take His own to Himself. We realize that the great hindrance to His coming is the tardiness of the Gospel in these untouched regions. Please pray much for this land. There are difficulties that demand much prayer. Direct permission has not yet been granted to open the places ready and waiting for the message. This is a challenge to our faith and His promises.

The language is very different and at the same time very interesting. Enclosed please find a tract in Cambodian. I will send you John 3:16 soon set out plainly. We expect to be able to read soon. We have just secured Mr. Hammond's old teacher, the man that helped him with all the translation work.

On March 18, 1928, a Cambodian Prayer and Bible Conference was held at Battambang, reports Brother Cressman. We clip the following:

Many of these native Christians met with Rev. A. C. Snead last year for the first gathering of this nature in Cambodia. The memory of the blessings received through God's servant, whom they call "the big teacher," was still fresh in their minds, and they willingly made preparation to gather with us again for three days.

Among the many who gathered with us were those who just a year ago had not even heard the Gospel. Now with shining faces and hungry hearts, some came many miles on foot and others on bicycles to hear more about the source of their new-found joy. While many have a very meagre knowledge of Redemption truths due to the fact that they have as yet only a few portions of the Scripture at their disposal, most of them know they are saved and they are not ashamed to witness to others. An illustration of such witnessing was related here and we had the privilege of meeting the man at the conference. Since becoming a Christian he met the chief of the community who said to him, "I hear you have left your family religion. Why if you really do that Buddha will not save you." He answered, "I was afraid he could not save me, that is why I accepted Jesus!"

During the conference we had three of the hottest days of the season. The thermometer was often at 95 degrees in the home. However, the attendance was good although many had to travel long distances in the scorching sun, and in spite of the fact that a great deal of cholera

and small pox is prevalent at this time. One man who attended all the meetings had to travel eleven kilometres morning and night. The students of the Bible School took active part. Two of the native evangelists gave excellent addresses, on "The Church" while the other spoke on "Fruit Bearing."

The second day of the conference, six obeyed the Lord in baptism. Five men and one woman went down into the river which passes directly in front of the compound, to witness to the world, friends and relatives that they were now Christians, dead to the world and ready to follow their Lord and Master. The candidates were made to thoroughly understand that they were new creatures and all relations, of which there are many, with their former religion are to be forever severed.

The story of the conversion of the first man baptized is very interesting. Some one in his neighborhood had purchased a Gospel from one of the colporters. The neighbor later stated he was sorry he bought the book as he should have saved that money for some cakes for his children. When this man heard about it he bought the Gospel and both were happy because of the sale. The latter became indeed the happiest for he read the Gospel and became interested in hearing more about Jesus. Some time later a missionary and the evangelist were passing through the same district en route to another place. Time did not permit them to stop along the road but God ordered a stop. The engine of the car went dead and while the missionary looked the car over the evangelist started out for the nearest house in sight to offer the Gospel in the form of Gospels. It happened—that, of course, is our way of expressing it—but it was so arranged of God that he found the house of the man in question. You may well understand that he was heartily welcomed and later this man believed and accepted with all his heart. Is it not inspiring and encouraging when one considers how a man in heathen darkness, never having heard the Gospel can receive through reading the Word the joy of the Lord and today he is a saint of God, young, but ready to serve and wait for His Master.

Thus we have another chapter added to the great records of the miracles of grace. Would anyone now dare to ask, "Do missions pay?" Please pray for the work in Cambodia!

I am enclosing a picture of the baptism which I took and a picture of one of the out-stations where the folks meet under these trees to hear the Word whenever the missionary comes their way. Mr. Ellison is standing at my left. It was rather warm for us but they were kind hearted, remembering our needs. While the service was going on we could hear the thump of the cocoanuts as they fell to the ground. One of the young men had slipped out of the meeting, climbed one of the tall cocoanut trees and one by one they came falling out of the cluster of branches until I counted six. As soon as the service was over these were opened and we drank cocoanut milk to our hearts' content. This cocoanut milk is sure a God send in a tropical land for a weary missionary. This, of course, is the milk of a green cocoanut, which is much sweeter and more refreshing than the milk of the ripe cocoanuts seen at home.

In even the same manner they seemed to have a thirst for the Word of God. They are as dry as parched land. They have need of much teaching and great showers of blessings from the throne of God. They show evidence of the work of the Gospel in their hearts. The young man that went in search of the cocoanuts was a student priest in a pagoda when his father accepted Christ. The following day he went to the pagoda and brought his son home. The importance of that act can hardly be realized unless you can see and understand what the priesthood means to them.

On June 18, 1928, Brother Cressman writes: We just returned from a glorious conference. All the missionaries were present. The Lord spoke to us through Dr. and Mrs. Goforth who were there for the conference. He was invited as the special speaker for the native conference to be held this month.

We passed our first examination in the language before going to conference. We find it very interesting, at the same time difficult. But God is helping us and we were able to take the first examination in less time than was allowed for the same.

Mrs. Peterson took sick and had to make a trip to Hong Kong direct from conference. As Mr. Peterson accompanied her that leaves us alone on the station. It sure is interesting to try to carry on the meetings with the native worker and the other duties with so little of the language. How thankful we are for our French. It has been used so often as a means of communication. We only wish we had more.

Enclosed you will find a picture of the six missionaries supported by the M. B. C. in Indo-China. Sorry it is not a bit clearer. I have also enclosed a reduced picture of the large conference picture. You will notice Dr. and Mrs. Goforth in the center. Their daughter, Mrs. Jeffrey, is on one side and Mr. Jeffrey, our Chairman, is at the other.

The rainy season is on now and we are a bit more comfortable. It sure helps us in our studies to have the weather change a bit. We are all well and thank God for His keeping power and your constant prayers. We would that the whole church would unite in real earnest prayer for Cambodia.

This station is one of the hardest on the field. The Cambodians are very timid and are not easily reached in any district. But here in Pnom Penh where they are in such close contact with so many foreigners, and where the seat of their government is, they have extreme fear. Even the Catholic priests, who are very successful in their own way, in Cochin-China and elsewhere cannot get a church started among the Cambodians even though here for over fifty years. They have a big church here for the Annamese. Thus you will see it will be the power of God alone that will get souls saved here, for there is nothing else that can attract them. This, of course, is all true of any land but the forces of Satan are so busy through so many agencies that it is especially difficult. The missionaries of Cambodia reported a few new out stations opened this last year and a number baptized. These were mostly from the country districts.

CHILE

Missionaries—Miss Anna LeFevre and Mrs. Nettie Meier

A Baptismal Service in Chile

MISS ANNA LEFEVRE

On a beautiful mid-summer day amidst the magnificent scenery of the lake region of southern Chile congregated from north and south many of the Lord's happy children for a day of spiritual feast and blessing. For a couple of months previous a group of believers in the little church in Purranque and another in Frutillar had been receiving special instruction and preparation to follow the Lord in baptism. Early in the morning a group of the members of the Purranque church with the missionary in charge and five candidates for baptism and their friends started for Frutillar. After about an hour's ride on the train we were met at the station by the congregation of Frutillar.

A room in the warehouse had been prepared for the meetings as it was the only place large enough to accommodate the people. All the seats were soon filled and some had to stand in the doorway. The singing was enthusiastic, the prayers fervent, the messages were

eagerly listened to, and everybody was happy in the Lord. Shortly before noon the meeting had to close so as to allow the tables to be set. Some of the good sisters of Frutillar served the numerous visitors with a good cazuela (lamb stew).

About one o'clock the brethren again gathered, and the march began, down the hill to the shores of the beautiful lake Llanquihue, about a mile distant. The whole town was interested in the occasion and seemed to join in the procession. A passing auto took the folding organ, and the Christians and their friends marched down the dusty hill in the hot sun, singing hymns the while. When we arrived at the lake a large open air meeting was held and it was calculated that about five hundred were gathered on the shore, many with love and devotion to the Lord, others out of curiosity, and some to mock, but the order was very good, although there had been threats of disturbance. Some rich Germans who had large plantations in the vicinity came in their autos, others on horseback and the rest came on foot. A number of hymns were sung and then Brother San hueza, pastor of the Puerto Montt church gave a stirring message on the text, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

Several hymns were again sung as the crowd moved closer to the water and the candidates prepared in the dressing rooms that had been prepared with shawls hung up from the limbs of the trees. Then followed the beautiful and impressive baptismal service, when seven women and five men from the Frutillar church and four men and one young lady from the Purranque church were buried in baptism thus publicly confessing their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The service was witnessed by hundreds, and with the testimonies, prayers and singing was a wonderful contrast to the shallow immoral religious system presented by the Roman Catholic church in this country. How we praise the Lord for these seventeen souls redeemed by the precious blood of the Lamb. If those in the homeland who by their prayers and sacrifices have made it possible to bring the story of salvation to this land could know the story of these lives, and the wonderful change wrought by the Holy Spirit in them, we know they would rejoice with us as we behold what God hath wrought. Help us to ever hold them up in prayer that they may grow in grace and the knowledge of the Lord and be faithful and valient soldiers for their Lord and Saviour.

The Lord's Work in Chile

MRS. NETTIE MEIER

I have been unusually busy this last year. Besides my many duties as pastor of this church I have been going to Temuco each week where I had a class in our Bible Institute. The trip there and back, getting the lesson ready meant about two days out of a week that is already too short for the many things there are to do. But I enjoyed it as I got real blessing out of preparing for the class.

I do thank God for His Presence and blessing with us in a very special way these last months. Our Sunday School attendance has kept above the 100 mark the greater part of the year and our young people's work has been most encouraging. Quite a number have felt the responsibility to get the message out to others.

While I am having the German service here on Sunday morning a group of the young men go out visiting the sick and shut-ins and such as do not come to the services here. They enter the houses where they are asked to come in and then they have a song and prayer service with a brief message from the Word. They have thus entered into a number of new homes and new people are being reached and interested in the Gospel.

It would do your heart good to hear them tell how the people listen and how they look forward to their coming.

We have recently changed the Thursday night cottage meeting which the young people conduct to another home that is in a neighborhood where there are many more people than where we used to be. There has been real interest from the very beginning and several souls have expressed their desire to accept Jesus as their Saviour. Oh, there is so much to praise God for; He is so good to us.

The Sunday evening services have been very well attended and many new folks come, especially young men. The commander of the regiment here is not favorable to the Gospel so he gives no encouragement to any effort to reach the soldiers with the Gospel but God has been answering prayer and nearly every Sunday, both in Sunday School and evening service, more and more of the soldier boys are coming. We are making a special effort to make them feel at home so they will want to come.

One young fellow who is clerk to one of the officers, up to a few weeks ago, was a confirmed drunkard but another soldier, who is a member of our congregation, persuaded him to come to the young people's meeting and he liked it so well that he has not missed one meeting since and has not been drinking any more. He seems to be in earnest about seeking the Lord. It surely is a joy to see souls deciding for Christ.

A couple of our boys were backslidden and it was impossible to get a chance to talk to them because they would come in to the service when it had already begun and then they would hurry out before I could reach the door, but I had a way to reach and that was by way of the throne. Morning, noon and night these boys were on my mind and I kept pleading for them to my heavenly Father and He heard our prayers and soon there came a time when they came to see me and talk with me, saying that they were so unhappy away from the Lord and wanted to come back to Him and live the right kind of life. I tell you I have found out, over and over again, that prayer does change things. I would be helpless and undone if I could not carry everything to God in prayer.

Recently I had the pleasure to accompany some brethren on a visit to a group of Indians who, until a previous visit by these same brethren, had never heard about our precious Saviour. They showed real interest as the two Indian brethren talked to them and told them what a wonderful change God had wrought in their lives since they had heard and accepted the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They are very anxious to have a school for their children. Having a school is the best and quickest way to get hold of them. Please make this a matter of prayer that God will raise up some one to go out among them and the many other groups scattered throughout Chile who are perishing without the Gospel. The workers are so few that there is not much hope of our workers reaching them, but God can, through prayer, put the burden on some heart to dedicate his life to this very needy people.

In a letter dated March 12, 1928, Mrs. Meier writes:

We had an unusually blessed day yesterday. The presence of the Lord seemed so very real. It was our missionary Sunday. So many things had happened that I had been a little anxious about our offering coming up to the usual mark and behold, just as it has happened so many times when I allow myself to look at circumstances instead of looking to the Lord, He gave me a reproof by letting the offering go beyond any that we have had for several months. Oh, praise Him for His faithfulness. We fail Him but He us, never.

We are going to have the Bible conference in April at our place here and I want to ask your interest in prayer for us that it may be so blessed of God that our people here will be revived and brought closer to Jesus and that many new souls be brought in and come to a knowledge of Jesus Christ as their own Lord and Saviour. With the workers gathering here from other places and special singing it always attracts people who would not otherwise come.

The poor people are so deceived by the priests. They teach them all kinds of ridiculous things about us, the evangelicals, that they dread coming in contact with us. But when they need help of any kind then they know where we live. Our alms are very acceptable and more readily given than when they apply to their own people.

But if they ever can be gotten into the chapel to some service then they are generally convinced that we are not such terrible people after all. One does feel so sorry for them because, with all their running to their novenas and fulfilling their vows, they find nothing to really satisfy their souls.

Just yesterday a new woman came to us, both in the Sunday School and evening service saying she felt drawn to come. She is a Catholic but one day when she was in great need she wanted to pray. She said she did not want to go to her saints as usual but shut her door and cried to the Lord. And it seems she has been led of Him to come and see and hear our service. She says she is not going to do anything herself but is asking God to lead her and show her which is the real thing. I told her I was sure that if she followed the promptings of the Spirit He would lead her into the truth. When she heard we had women's prayer meeting this afternoon she wanted to come to that but unfortunately she came when we were about finishing up. However, not too late to hear the sister's giving their humble testimonies how God hears and answers their prayers and how He delivers them in times of trouble, how they were once Roman Catholics and then how God brought them into the light. I feel sure this woman will be brought to the knowledge of Jesus Christ as her only hope of salvation.

The following is from Mrs. Meier's latest report:

Looking back over the past year there is nothing unusually striking to write about and yet again and again we have to praise God for His great love and faithfulness to us.

In my own soul I have been greatly blessed and believe I have come to know my Lord in a more intimate way than ever before. I do praise Him with all my heart.

One of the bright spots of our work this summer was the Daily Vacation Bible School which lasted three weeks. It was our first experience in this work and we were delighted to see the children gather each morning eager for the classes to begin. Some 55 children were enrolled.

As a closing exercise a fine program was prepared, the children reciting long portions of Scripture, answering questions in catechism and the essentials of Christian life, finishing up with a very impressive piece given by the children, showing what a blessed gift is water and the curse that strong drink is. About 33 received diplomas, having done satisfactory work in the classes.

One morning we had a special meeting for the older children and seven accepted the Lord as their own Saviour.

The chapel was filled the day we had the closing exercises and the older folks were truly astonished to see and hear how much the children had learned from the Word of God in such a short time.

Later that same day we had baptismal service when five persons, a married couple and three fine young men, were baptized. The husband of the couple, an aged man, was a hardened sinner who resisted the Gospel for years. At times it seemed he would never yield but in our women's prayer meeting much prayer went up to the Throne for him because his wife kept asking prayer for him. All of a sudden he began coming to the meetings regularly and one night he came forward, was born again evidently because he has given proof of it since by his faithfulness in following Jesus. Now he is so sorry he waited so long for he feels that he may not have much time left to serve the Lord.

Twice lately I have had the pleasure to visit a town six stations north of here. There is a small group of brethren there who, although they are so ignorant in the Word, nevertheless are doing their best to hold meetings to draw souls to Jesus Christ. They are hungry for the Gospel and oh, so glad when some one from here goes to visit them, bringing them the Bread of Life. They are gathering quite a few people and souls are being saved.

But the most interesting part of the work there is the meeting in the jail. There are some 60 or more prisoners there. For the service they are gathered in a big open building in the yard and they listen so eagerly to the Word and are so truly grateful that someone remembered them. It is a real joy to speak to them for they, with the attending guards, seem to drink in the message. Some seven or eight claim to be saved and their faces fairly shone as they held up their hands as evidence that they had accepted the Lord as their own personal Saviour.

Here in our own prison we are glad to have services again after having been kept out for a year by the influence of the Catholic priests. It was a most encouraging work before and a good number of souls were really saved, but since returning there the interest has never been the same although there is a change since the last two meetings, so we are hoping for better things in the near future.

Another privilege we have enjoyed was that of having in our midst the ex-priest, the Rev. Pablo Mariano Satué. He is an unusually talented man who became convinced that the religion in which he was trying to serve the Lord was not what it pretended to be. He became a real searcher after the truth. Being in school directly opposite the M. E. chapel, he could hear the singing and seeking light, he called on the M. E. pastor asking him concerning the Gospel and this proved to be a very profitable time for him. This was followed by other visits. Finally the Pastor himself called on him in the college which resulted in both being abused and mistreated by other priests in the institute.

Things finally became so unbearable for Mr. Satué that he had to flee from the college, finding refuge in the home of the pastor who became his loyal friend throughout the persecution that followed.

God led him into the true Light and now he is rejoicing in his Saviour. Jesus is real to him now and his testimony has a true ring to it.

He is a most interesting and convincing speaker and captivates his audience. He has been going up and down the country, speaking anywhere that he is invited. Already some of the best Catholic families have been convinced by his presentation of the true state of affairs in their church and a number of families in the town where all this happened are to become members of the M. E. church there.

One of the trophies of God's saving power is a dear sister who has moved away from this place. She is a very attractive person and such an earnest witness for Jesus wherever she has a chance. She has a very numerous family and one hard trial after the other has come upon her, in fact enough to completely crush an ordinary Christian and yet she is so happy in the Lord.

She has bought so many Bibles and Testaments but keeps giving them away all the time. Just yesterday I sent her a lot of tracts, Gospels and Testaments as she has no money to buy them now.

One night lately wicked men entered her home while she was kneading bread, the husband and the rest of the family in bed. They threatened to take her life if she raised a cry. The husband and oldest son had just received their half month's pay that day so they took all that money, leaving the family without anything.

In the morning some young men, ardent Catholics, came like Job's comforters, telling her that the Virgin had sent her that misfortune because she was reading that bad book, the Bible, and that she had better leave off reading it. She, however, replied that while the trial had come from Satan, God would use it to purify her and her family to be ready for the Coming of Jesus.

Last Sunday a woman came to our Sunday School for the first time. She is very nice looking and well dressed. She told me she had been in great distress and that although she is a Catholic she had gone to her room and prayed to the Lord instead of to the images and saints as she was wont to do. And since then a desire had come into her heart to come to the chapel to see how things were here. She was asking God to show her which religion was the true one. She wanted Him to direct her. I told her that if that was her desire she might rest assured that He would lead her into the truth. She came back in the evening and was so pleased with everything. On Monday she came to the women's prayer meeting but got here after prayer was over.

Yesterday she came again, asking that we pray for her as she had fallen into the trap of some unscrupulous men who, under the pretense of giving her a share in a good paying proposition, had induced her to go security for them and now she is in danger of losing her little home. I had prayer with her, asking God to help her in her distress, and she repeated the words as I prayed.

I believe that God is going to give us this woman as she seems to be really in earnest. And so while, as I said in the beginning, there is nothing very striking to write about yet we are grateful for the way God works and despise not the day of little things.

We are still praying for and expecting God to send a mighty Holy Ghost revival. We need it so badly throughout our mission but since showers of blessings have begun to fall in other fields our Father will surely not forget us and the great need down here.

The "Other Sheep" Jesus Has

MRS. NETTIE MEIER

A new day is dawning for the Indians scattered throughout certain sections of Chile, where up to a short time ago no effort had been made to reach them with the Gospel.

The work begun by Mrs. Miller less than two years ago has already yielded a splendid harvest. Among the converts there are fine young men who have an ardent desire to go out to other parts to tell others of their race about the Lord Jesus Christ Who has become so precious to their hearts. They long to witness to the wonderful saving power of God through His Son Jesus.

Francisco M., a young Indian convert, has been a great help in the school, teaching the smaller children. He has been very successful in this, and also seems to be especially gifted to preach. He is very anxious that his people shall come to the knowledge of the saving grace of God. He longs to see them delivered out of their wretched state.

Drink is a vice so deeply rooted in them that nothing short of the marvelous power of Jesus Christ can ever free them. They sell everything that they have, or take it to the pawnshop just to go to the wine-shop to satisfy the wild craving they have for drink. In this the women are equally enslaved as well as the men.

One's heart is filled with sorrow to see them in these vile places where liquor is sold to them by the quart. Already reeling and bleary-eyed they continue to pour this poison down their throats. Jesus, only Jesus, can save them from the slavery into which they have fallen. And praise God, a better day has dawned for many of them, and their changed lives and transformed appearance give ample proof of the mighty power of the Gospel.

A few weeks ago the young man Francisco, in company with one of our native pastors, visited a section some three or four leagues out from Lautaro, one of our mission stations. There they found many Indians. At first they were inclined to be superstitious and rather distant with the newcomers, and when we think of the way they have been exploited in times past by Chileans and foreigners, we recognize that they are justified in being suspicious of outsiders.

But when Francisco began talking to them in their own language a great change was noted in their attitude. The ice began to thaw under the sunshine of his smile. He told them about the work among his own people in his section of the country, and of the great change that had come into the lives of many of them because they had come to know the Son of God as the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. They listened very attentively and when he had finished they asked him many questions.

Realizing that here was someone who desired their welfare, they soon got busy, hurrying across the fields in all directions to call together the Indians for a meeting. At the time appointed, about eighty were gathered, and Francisco talked to them in the power of the Holy Spirit for several hours. Many were the questions they had to ask him. But he was delighted to instruct them about the Way.

Their great desire is to have a school for their children, and the young folks who have had no opportunity to get an education as yet. They were told that their visitors were coming back in a few weeks and then they would bring a lady missionary who might be interested in having a school among them.

And that is how it came about that I was invited to accompany the brethren on their next visit.

On the day appointed a native brother with Francisco and another Indian convert started out on foot at daybreak from Lautaro where the Indian brethren had arrived by train the night before. They had nearly three leagues to go to the home of the Cuevas family, fine Christians, who had offered lodging and meals to the party. After eating breakfast there, the men started out again to go another league to visit and round up the Indians for the afternoon meeting.

I was taken out later in the day in an ox-cart, with a top made of sheets stretched over arches of bamboo sticks. This vehicle was provided by this same family who, after our two and a half hour ride, gave us a most cordial welcome. Some dinner had been kept warm for me and my "chofer," so after eating it we were ready to proceed to the meeting place.

The Lautaro pastor, Mr. Dionisio Oyarzun, had gone out two days before on account of a funeral, so he, one of the sons of the home and myself started off on horseback.

From a distance we saw the beautiful Chilean flag floating in the breeze and coming nearer we saw a motley crowd. There in the open space of the country, sitting on the ground, were about two dozen women with their shawls wrapped around them, their large silver ornaments on breast and head, their long black braids interwoven with bright red and blue ribbons.

The men were all standing, some forty of them or more, listening intently as Francisco was giving them some message from the Word of God. But as soon as we alighted, he stopped and said he wanted to present his "raza," and so all had to have a handshake, and the customary words of greeting. I told them I was delighted to meet them, and it was really so, because they appealed to me.

After all had been through the mill of introduction, they lined up again, and Francisco began anew. He talked a long while and all listened so quietly and seemed so thoughtful. Then the other Indian brother spoke. Afterwards both sang a hymn in the Indian tongue. The meeting closed with all of the visitors singing in Spanish, "Since Jesus Came into My Heart."

After this a picture was to be taken and oh how interested they were. It was no small task to get them all lined up properly, but at last the arduous task was accomplished and the brother taking the picture shouted "All eyes this way"—a tense moment—and they were all safely in the black box. Immediately they swooped down on the photographer wanting to see the picture, for they thought that it would come out at once, all finished. But they were content when told that they would get to see it when the visitors returned.

One of the men came to me saying that they were so anxious to have a school. I told them that they must make every effort to put up a building, and God would surely provide a teacher.

Arrangements were made to visit them again the first Sunday in December, and they seemed to be so pleased at the interest manifested in them, and invited the brethren to come to their "ngillatun" a great religious feast they have once a year.

All of us returned to the home of the Cuevas family and after supper, the three brethren who had made the trip on foot decided to return to Lautaro that same night as it was moonlight. Under much protest they went, and it was well they did, for during the night it began to rain and never ceased all day Friday so that the pastor and I were held up all day and until Saturday afternoon, when we started off under threatening skies. We had to just walk the horses as there were so many hills to ascend and descend, and the soft mud was very slippery. We reached town just in time for me to catch the last train for Victoria, where I arrived full of aches and pains, but happy for having had the opportunity of seeing others receive the glad tidings of salvation. God will bless the Word given them. Pray that these other sheep be brought into the fold too, and that some may be called to dedicate their lives to this needy people.

Allowances, October 1, 1927 to October 1, 1928

(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

Palestine—

Mary A. Butterfield.....	\$	720 00
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Africa—

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

India—

Rev. E. R. Carner.....	\$	415 00
Mrs. E. R. Carner.....		415 00
Rev. Samuel Kerr.....		415 00
Mrs. Samuel Kerr.....		415 00
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Western China—

Rev. C. F. Snyder.....	\$	400 00
Mrs. C. F. Snyder.....		400 00
Rev. W. N. Ruhl.....		400 00
Miss Anna Haupberg.....		400 00
		<hr/> 1,600 00

French Indo-China—

Rev. Wm. C. Cadman.....	\$	660 00
Mrs. Wm. C. Cadman.....		660 00
Rev. R. M. Jackson.....		660 00
Rev. H. A. Jackson.....		660 00
Rev. N. M. Cressman.....		660 00
Mrs. N. M. Cressman.....		660 00
		<hr/> 3,960 00

Chile—

Miss Anna LeFevre.....	\$	360 00
Mrs. Nettie Meier.....		360 00
		<hr/> 720 00

Colombia—

Rev. M. P. Zook.....	\$	360 00
Mrs. M. P. Zook.....		360 00
		<hr/> 720 00

On Furlough—

Rev. H. W. Feldges.....	\$	420 00
Mrs. H. W. Feldges.....		420 00
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Allowances, January 1, 1928 to January 1, 1929

(Africa Inland Mission)

Africa, Belgian Congo—

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

900 00

(United Missionary Society)

Africa, Nigeria—

Rev. Joseph Ummel.....	\$ 400 00
Rev. Paul Ummel.....	400 00

800 00

Allowance, August 1, 1928 to August 1, 1929

(Unevangelized Tribes Mission of Africa)

Africa, Belgian Congo—

Mary A. Miller.....	600 00
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\$ 14,680 00

Miscellaneous

Rev. and Mrs. N. M. Cressman—

Transportation, France to French Indo-China.....	\$ 690 25
Incidentals	200 00
2100 copies "Regions Beyond".....	265 00
47 Half-tone Cuts	230 64
Literature to Missionaries (1927, 1928).....	219 08
Donated to the Treasurer.....	50 00
Fares, Postage, Telephone.....	18 40

1,673 37

Total\$ 16,353 37

 DIRECTORY

The Annual Conference held at Allentown, Pa., October 11-15, 1928, elected the following Board of Foreign Missions for the following Conference year, which organized as follows:

President—H. B. Musselman, 1129 N. 18th Street, Allentown, 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.

(b) Africa

Barter, Rev. M. E.	Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa.
Crist, Rev. E. E. }	Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa.
Crist, Mrs. E. E. }	
Darling, Rev. W. P.	Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa. On furlough; address, 17 Clinton St., Corry, Pa.
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 }	
Ummel, Joseph	Zuru, via Kantagora, Nigeria, West Africa.
Ummel, Paul	Zuru, via Kantagora, Nigeria, West Africa.
Miller, Miss Mary A.	Tschine, Idiofe, Kikwit-sur-Kuilio, Congo Belge, West Central Africa.

(c) India

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

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Snyder, Rev. C. F. }	Hochow, Kansu Province, China. On furlough; address, 122 Crescent St., Goshen, Ind.
Snyder, Mrs. C. F. }	

(e) French Indo-China

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Cadman, Mrs. Wm. C. }	
Jackson, R. M.	Route de Samson, Thanh-hoa, Annam, French Indo-China.
Jackson, H. A.	329 Rue Frere Louis, Saigon, Cochinchina, French Indo-China.
Cressman, N. M. }	Pnom Penh, Cambodia, French Indo-China.
Cressman, Mrs. N. M. }	

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Meier, Mrs. Nettie	Victoria, Chile, South America.
Zook, M. P. }	On furlough; address, 260 W. 44th St., New York City.
Zook, Mrs. M. P. }	
Feldges, H. W. }	On furlough; address, 331 West Avenue 37, Los Angeles, Calif.
Feldges, Mrs. H. W. }	

FORMS OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE

BEQUEST

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

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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.

XIV.—Ministerial Convention

The last Annual Conference decided to hold only one Ministerial Convention this year. This brings the Annual Convention into the place of the former Semi-Annual Convention.

The Thirty-Eighth Annual Ministerial Convention, of the Pennsylvania Conference, of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, convened in the M. B. in C. church, Tenth Street, near Oley, Reading, Pa., at 10 o'clock a.m., Thursday, April 19, 1928. The Chairman, pastor B. Bryan Musselman, of Allentown, Pa., opened the Convention by singing "Blessed Assurance," followed by prayer by pastor W. F. Heffner, of Graterford, Pa. Pastor A. G. Woodring, Fleetwood, Pa., recorded the minutes.

The Presiding Elders of both districts, all the pastors, together with a goodly number of their families were present. Also a number of the Gospel Herald's were present from the opening of the meeting.

The Chair appointed the following Committees:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION: H. B. Musselman, J. G. Shireman and F. M. Hottel.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS: W. G. Gehman, H. K. Kratz and G. F. Yost.

REPORTER: N. H. Wolf.

TIMEKEEPER: J. B. Layne.

An essay read by pastor E. N. Cassel, of Reading, Pa., on "Ancient Landmarks," was both well written and read, the discussions that followed were very instructive and edifying.

A liberal offering was lifted for the expense of the Convention.

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

Afternoon Session

The afternoon meeting was opened by singing "Precious Promises," led by pastor R. L. Woodring, of Nazareth, Pa. Prayer by pastor G. F. Yost, of Emaus, Pa., after which the following essays were read and discussed:

1st. "How to Promote and Maintain Unity on a Charge," by pastor F. B. Hertzog, Allentown, Pa.

2nd. "The Power Needed by Pastors: How Received, Maintained and Manifested," by pastor C. H. Brunner, Philadelphia, Pa.

Evening Service

The evening service was opened by singing "When I See the Blood," led by pastor R. L. Woodring, of Nazareth, Pa. Prayer by pastor J. G. Shireman, Shamokin, Pa., after which we listened to two short, but spicy, addresses:

"The Biblical Teaching on Separation," by pastor T. D. Gehret, Scranton, Pa.

"The Pastor's Full Devotion to His High Calling," by pastor B. Bryan Musselman, Allentown, Pa.

Both of the speakers were at their best and their addresses contained very vital and important Truths for present day needs.

The pastor, E. N. Cassel, and the people of the Reading class spared neither means nor labor to provide for the comfort and entertainment of the Convention members and friends.

The day was fair and the attendance was very good, many coming from various classes throughout the Conference.

The Reading mixed quartette gave us several selections in song which was inspiring and much appreciated.

The Committee to arrange for the program consisted of H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and E. N. Cassel.

We recommend that the essay, "The Power Needed by Pastors: How Received, Maintained and Manifested," be published in the Gospel Banner in full, and that the other two essays be handed to pastor C. H. Brunner for their arrangements for publication in parts, as he may deem advisable.

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

XV.—Sunday School Convention (Bethlehem District)

The Thirty-ninth Annual Sunday School Convention of the Pennsylvania Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, Bethlehem District, convened in the Auditorium in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., at 9.30 a.m., Daylight Saving Time, on Memorial Day, May 30, 1928. Pastor R. L. Woodring led the singing and Pastor E. N. Cassel made the opening prayer.

The Committee reports were read and approved.

Pastor C. H. Brunner presided over the Convention, and pastor N. H. Wolf recorded the minutes. Pastor F. M. Hottel was Treasurer.

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

Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, all the pastors, superintendents and delegates of the District were present. Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman, a number of the pastors of the Shamokin District and a number of the Gospel Heralds were also present.

In the forenoon and afternoon meeting the Superintendents of the District gave very encouraging reports, limited to ten minutes. The reports showed a healthy growth, and efficient work being done.

The following Committees were appointed by the Chairman:

COMMITTEE TO READ AND EXAMINE THE MINUTES: J. B. Layne and W. D. Evert.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS: B. Bryan Musselman, R. L. Woodring and F. B. Hertzog.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION: H. B. Musselman, E. N. Cassel and G. F. Yost.

COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS: A. G. Woodring, H. L. Shelly and C. E. Musselman.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE: F. M. Hottel, P. Ward Musselman and S. W. Heiser.

REPORTER: H. K. Kratz.

TIMEKEEPER: W. F. Heffner.

The Superintendents gave their oral, statistical and financial reports, limited to ten minutes.

Afternoon Meeting

Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 1.45. Pastor R. L. Woodring led the singing and Pastor J. C. Roth led in prayer. The Superintendents finished their reports. John Robertson, Acting Superintendent of Hope Rescue Mission, of Reading, Pa., gave a very interesting address.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Lacey, of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Colored Quintette, of Cleveland, Ohio, sang a number of excellent selections. The Allentown and Bethlehem Male and Mixed Chorus, Bethlehem Male Quartette and Allentown Male Sextette rendered excellent selections.

The spacious auditorium was well filled with attentive listeners, which speaks well of the interest manifested in Sunday School work.

All returned to their respective schools with renewed courage to push forward the work of the Lord.

Statistics

Sunday Schools represented.....	22
Officers enrolled	178
Teachers enrolled	312
Scholars enrolled	3591
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Total enrollment	4081
Home Department	1447
Cradle Roll Department.....	231

Report of Treasurer**Receipts**

May 30, 1927, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 5 14	
Received at the Convention.....	352 94	\$358 08

Expenditures

Expenses of the Convention.....	\$ 99 37	
Donated to Executive Board.....	255 00	
May 30, 1928, Balance in the Treasury.....	3 71	\$358 08

F. M. Hottel, Treasurer.
C. H. Brunner, Chairman.
N. H. Wolf, Secretary.

XVI.—Sunday School Convention (Shamokin District)

The Fortieth Annual Sunday School Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of the Pennsylvania Conference, Shamokin District, convened in the M. B. C. Church at 240-244 East Princess Street, York, Pa., on May 16, 1928.

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, and Discussionists were present. Pastors G. F. Yost, F. B. Hertzog and W. F. Heffner, of the Bethlehem District, were present, also the following named Gospel Heralds: A. M. Sprock, R. H. Gehman and A. C. Wieand. M. P. Zook, missionary to Colombia, S. A., was also present.

The Committee on Program consisted of W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman and E. H. Musselman. Pastor T. D. Gehret, of Scranton, as Chairman of the Convention, Pastor J. B. Henry, of West Philadelphia, was Secretary, and E. E. Kublic, of Mt. Carmel, was Treasurer. After the Chairman appointed the various committees, the Superintendents of the fourteen Sunday Schools represented submitted their oral statistical and financial reports, limited to five minutes each. These reports were very interesting, encouraging, and inspiring. They showed that the Sunday Schools were in a healthy and flourishing condition. The committees as appointed by the Chairman were as follows:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION—W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman and V. H. Reinhart.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS—R. W. Dickert, Paul E. Baer and H. W. Hartman.

COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—P. T. Stengele, M. M. Myers and E. J. Rutman.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—E. E. Kublic, J. F. Barrall and V. H. Reinhart.

COMMITTEE ON AUDITING—R. W. Dickert and H. N. Foulk.

COMMITTEE TO READ THE MINUTES—E. George and A. M. Sprock.

TIMEKEEPER—R. H. Gehman.

REPORTER—Paul E. Baer.

The forenoon meeting closed with benediction by G. F. Yost.

Afternoon Meeting

The afternoon meeting was opened with singing and prayer by Pastor W. F. Heffner, Graterford, Pa., after which the roll was called. The minutes of the forenoon meeting were read and approved. The various committees submitted their reports, after which we listened to four addresses, which followed with discussions on each subject, as follows: Addresses,

First. The Characteristics of a Sunday School Superintendent, by P. T. Stengele. Discussion opened by H. W. Hartman.

Second. What constitutes a successful Sunday School Teacher? By E. E. Kublic. Discussion opened J. B. Henry.

Third. The Best Methods of Retaining Young Men and Young Women in the Sunday School, by T. D. Gehret. Discussion opened by Paul E. Baer.

Fourth. The Cradle Roll, by E. H. Musselman. Discussion opened by V. H. Reinhart.

The addresses were inspiring and the discussions were helpful throughout.

Evening Service

The evening meeting was in charge of Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman. After an inspiring song service, there were two twenty-minute addresses, as follows: The Christian Home, by R. W. Dickert, of Sunbury, Pa. The Relation Between the Church and the Sunday School, by J. G. Shireman, of Shamokin, Pa.

The messages throughout the day were filled with inspiration and good practical truths needed for these days of indifference and apostasy.

The class and friends of the York M. B. in C. Church entertained the Convention most cordially under the able direction of E. H. Musselman, the pastor. Ample refreshments were served the members and friends of the Convention in the basement of the church.

The weather was fair and ideal. The church was filled all day with eager listeners. Large delegations came from far and near to enjoy this annual gathering. A number of excellent and spiritual selections were rendered by the Gospel Herald missionaries, which were very much enjoyed by those who heard them. The Convention throughout was a source of great blessing to all who attended same.

Statistics

Sunday Schools Represented.....	14
Officers	91
Teachers	161
Scholars	1556
Total	1808
Home Department	753
Cradle Roll	302

Report of Treasurer

Offerings	\$233 38
Expenses	212 69

Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 20 69
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E. E. Kublic, Treasurer.

Adjourned with prayer by J. G. Shireman and benediction by W. G. Gehman.

T. D. Gehret, Chairman.

J. B. Henry, Secretary.

XVII.—Conference Report

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

The forty-fifth session of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church convened in Bethel Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, 526-530 North Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa., October 11-15, 1928.

The ministers in the active work were all present, as were also their respective delegates.

The oral, statistical and financial reports of the Presiding Elders and Pastors from the whole field were of great interest. The reports showed that many were converted, 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 in a most faithful and commendable manner.

The prayer meetings have been largely attended. At a number of places very successful open-air services had been held.

Two Camp Meetings were held in Mizpah Grove, with 241 and 294 tents, respectively. Another was held in Shamokin, with 161 tents. The attendance at these summer gatherings has been larger than ever. The Sunday Schools are in a healthy and flourishing condition.

Home Mission Work

The reports of the Gospel Herald Society were very encouraging. Home Missionary work is being pushed forward very energetically in the missions, on the streets and from house to house.

Much sound, Scriptural literature is being spread abroad. Our Conference contributed \$9,118.24 for Home Missions, to be used in the Church and in the Gospel Herald Society, besides what was contributed to the Gospel Workers' Society.

A promising mission work was begun in Newark, N. J., and already souls have been saved and many friends made.

Foreign Mission Work

Our Conference has again assumed the support of thirty-two Missionaries scattered around on various mission fields. This manifests the interest we as a conference hold towards this important work.

These missionaries are sending most interesting reports, as is seen by the Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Pennsylvania Conference. Our people have again contributed \$17,985.80 for the cause, of which \$9,277.20 has been contributed by the Churches and \$8,708.60 by the Sunday Schools.

The offerings for all purposes throughout the Conference amounted to a grand total of \$172,013.00.

Officers for 1929

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 elected Chairman of the next Annual Conference; C. H. Brunner was elected Secretary and Treasurer.

Appointments and Announcements

Two changes were made by the Stationing Committee: T. D. Gehret was sent to Sunbury, Pa., and Paul E. Baer to Scranton, Pa.

The name of the Bethlehem District was changed to Allentown District and Shamokin District was changed to Easton District.

The Sunday School Convention of the Allentown District is announced for Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., July 4, 1929, and of the Easton District, at Sunbury, Pa., May 15, 1929.

The Annual Ministerial Convention shall meet in the M. B. in C. Church, 12th and Spruce Streets, Easton, Pa., on April 18, 1929.

The next Annual Conference will convene (D. V.) in the Ebenezer M. B. in C. Church, Main and Durham Streets, Bethlehem, Pa., on October 10, 1929.

Sunday Services

The services throughout the day were largely attended, the spacious church was crowded, extra chairs being necessary.

The Conference sermon was preached by Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, Chairman of the Annual Conference, who spoke on the subject, "The Bible, the Book Supreme." He emphasized the importance of knowing the Word. His remarks were based upon the words, "Thy Word," as found in the 119th Psalm. In a clear and convincing manner he depicted the preacher's duty in faithfully preaching the Word of God.

In the afternoon, W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Shamokin District, preached the ordination sermon. He took for his texts, Matt. 8:27, "What manner of man is this?" and I Tim. 6:11, "Thou man of God." The theme of his message was "The Character of Christ as an Example for the Man of God."

The brethren J. B. Henry, E. H. Musselman and Paul E. Baer were ordained. It was a touching and inspiring service.

The evening service began at 7 o'clock with a period of song. The male chorus of Allentown rendered several selections in song. Pastor B. Bryan Musselman had charge of the service, which was broadcast over the local station, WCBA.

There were three twenty-minute addresses, as follows:

Pastor F. M. Hottel, of Bethlehem, Pa., spoke from the text found in Matt. 11:28. Pastor R. L. Woodring, of Nazareth, Pa., spoke on "Investing Our Lives for God." Pastor C. H. Brunner, Philadelphia, Pa., spoke on "The Second Coming of Christ."

The Pastor, B. Bryan Musselman, and the members of the Allentown 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.

J. C. Roth,
T. D. Gehret,
J. G. Shireman,

Committee.

XVIII.—Sunday School Forms and Supplies

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL FORMS AND SUPPLIES

We supplied 53,000 coin envelopes. The stock of supplies are nearly exhausted and if they shall be continued, provision should be made for immediate ordering.

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

Committee.

XIX.—Sunday School Hymn Books

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE A SUITABLE HYMN BOOK FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL PURPOSES

After investigating the need and also demand in the various Sunday Schools in regard to a uniform Hymn Book, we learned that there were not enough needed to make it worth while to make our own Book. We therefore recommended and do recommend Tabernacle Hymns No. 2 as a suitable book instead.

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

Committee.

XX.—Report of the Conference Treasurer**(A) Executive Board**

Receipts

October 5, 1927, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 5,071 23	
Received during the Year.....	5,276 56	\$ 10,347 79

Expenditures

Expended during Year.....	\$ 4,849 30	
October 4, 1928, Balance in Treasury.....	5,498 49	\$ 10,347 79

(B) Board of Foreign Missions

Receipts

October 5, 1927, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 3,458 13	
Received during the Year.....	10,409 97	\$ 13,868 10

Expenditures

Expended during Year.....	\$ 13,013 49	
October 4, 1928, Balance in Treasury.....	854 61	\$ 13,868 10

(C) The Home

Receipts

September 21, 1927, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 160 51	
Received during Year.....	11,983 96	\$ 12,144 47

Expenditures

Expended during Year.....	\$ 12,126 34	
September 25, 1928, Balance in Treasury.....	18 13	\$ 12,144 47

(D) Board of Publication and Printing

Receipts

October 5, 1927, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 47 27	
Received during Year.....	1,089 79	\$ 1,137 06

Expenditures

Expended during Year.....	\$ 1,009 52	
October 4, 1928, Balance in Treasury.....	127 54	\$ 1,137 06

(E) Home Missions

Receipts

October 13, 1927, Received at Annual Conference.....	\$ 10,123 34	
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Expenditures

October 4, 1928, Expended during the Year.....	\$ 10,123 34	
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Allen M. Gehman, Treasurer.

XXI.—Announcements for 1929

(A) SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

(a) Allentown District

Report of the Committee to Organize for the Allentown District Sunday School Convention for 1929

This Convention shall convene in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., on July 4, 1929.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, W. F. Heffner; Treasurer, F. M. Hottel.

Committee on Program: H. B. Musselman, B. Bryan Musselman, C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel and F. M. Hottel.

Two meetings shall be held, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The offerings above the regular expenses shall be used for the improvement of the grove.

A hearty invitation shall be extended to Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman and the pastors of the Easton District.

E. N. Cassel, Chairman,
A. G. Woodring, Secretary.

(b) Easton District

Report of the Committee to Organize for the Easton District Sunday School Convention for 1929

This Convention shall convene at Sunbury, Pa., Wednesday, May 15, 1929.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, J. G. Shireman; Secretary, Paul E. Baer; Treasurer, E. E. Kublic.

Committee on Program: W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman and T. D. Gehret.

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 Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman and the other ministers of the Allentown District to be present at this convention.

J. G. Shireman, Chairman,
J. B. Henry, Secretary.

(B) MINISTERIAL CONVENTION

Annual Ministerial Convention

This Convention is announced to convene in the M. B. in C. Church, Twelfth and Spruce Streets, Easton, Pa., April 18, 1929.

Chairman, W. G. Gehman; Secretary, F. B. Hertzog.

Committee on Program: H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and P. T. Stengele.

(C) READING COURSE**Studies for 1928-1929****(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 Easton, Pa., Tuesday, April 16, 1929, at 7 p.m.

The second examination shall be held at Bethlehem, Pa., Tuesday, October 8, 1929, at 7 p.m.

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

Board.

(D) CAMP MEETINGS

(a) Allentown District

**Report of the Committee to Organize for the Allentown District
Camp Meetings for 1929**

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 29 to July 7, 1929.

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 17 to 25, 1929.

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

H. B. Musselman, Chairman,
W. F. Heffner, Secretary.

(b) Easton District

**Report of the Committee to Organize for the Easton District
Camp Meetings for 1929**

EASTON DIVISION, comprising Easton, Stroudsburg, Scranton, Shamokin, Sunbury, Mt. Carmel, Wissinoming, West Philadelphia and York, Pa.

Place—Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa. Date—July 20 to 28.

Chairman, J. G. Shireman; Secretary, P. T. Stengele; Treasurer, T. D. Gehret.

W. G. Gehman, Chairman,
J. B. Henry, Secretary.

(E) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Forty-sixth Annual Conference Session shall convene, should the Lord tarry, in Ebenezer M. B. in C. Church, 1125-1127 N. Main Street, Bethlehem, Pa., at 9 a.m., October 10, 1929.

Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary and Treasurer, C. H. Brunner.

XXII.—Financial Report

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Offerings from October 13, 1927 to October 11, 1928

Appointments	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Foreign Mission in S. S.	For the Poor	Annual Conference Fund	General Conference Fund	Total
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.							
Allentown (Bethel)	\$ 970.00	\$ 879.00	\$ 671.26	\$ 38.00	\$ 85.00	\$100.20	\$ 2,743.46
Bethlehem	708.00	820.40	1,282.84	52.00	50.00	90.30	3,003.54
Philadelphia	843.25	976.50	611.68	29.00	41.00	61.50	2,562.93
Reading	520.50	475.25	461.20	39.35	37.05	57.00	1,590.35
Emaus	578.25	594.50	356.80	21.75	19.70	35.10	1,606.10
Macungie	127.50	131.00	106.81	6.10	10.11	13.20	394.72
Zionsville	357.00	313.00	250.70	7.70	7.80	12.60	948.80
Fleetwood	192.35	249.00	126.08	9.26	11.75	15.60	604.04
Blandon	77.29	66.50	67.69	4.83	10.96	9.60	236.87
Terre Hill	315.85	326.00	111.00	20.58	19.31	18.00	810.74
Spring City	268.25	208.75	198.52	9.47	12.88	20.72	718.59
Royersford	414.50	342.00	333.91	20.27	28.51	21.09	1,160.28
Graterford	186.25	165.00	270.59	15.50	25.00	19.80	682.14
Harleysville	128.75	108.25	105.64	10.25	16.50	12.30	381.69
Northampton	216.25	149.75	102.71	10.00	13.00	11.50	503.21
Walnutport	114.00	109.75	55.08	6.44	11.75	10.50	307.52
Allentown (Salem)	399.50	443.00	250.00	14.00	24.00	22.00	1,152.50
Coopersburg	495.50	515.00	334.73	15.00	24.00	25.00	1,409.23
Quakertown	491.75	518.00	241.22	17.50	36.05	24.00	1,328.52
Nazareth	232.00	245.50	96.88	16.00	14.05	25.00	629.43
Lehighon	147.75	95.20	119.10	10.00	20.00	22.50	414.55
Weissport	.....	.....	48.54	.....	.....	.....	48.54
Total	\$7,784.49	\$7,731.35	\$6,202.98	\$373.00	\$518.42	\$627.51	\$23,237.75
SHAMOKIN DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.							
Shamokin	\$ 110.00	\$ 219.50	\$ 116.31	\$ 7.50	\$ 8.50	\$ 48.00	\$ 509.81
Easton	446.00	500.25	353.12	16.50	30.93	42.90	1,389.70
Sunbury	162.00	275.50	120.50	20.09	18.84	25.20	622.13
Stroudsburg	100.00	111.00	109.00	8.00	19.19	20.70	367.89
Seranton	179.00	133.00	242.10	10.00	19.00	18.90	602.00
Mt. Carmel	84.00	88.00	34.17	7.60	11.30	22.50	247.57
Wissinoming, Phila.	73.50	71.00	133.63	7.17	14.03	14.40	313.73
West Philadelphia	86.00	84.00	190.03	6.45	18.66	15.90	401.04
York	93.25	63.60	177.40	13.91	31.14	17.04	396.34
Gospel Herald Soc.	.....	.....	1,029.36	.....	.....	.....	1,029.36
Total	\$1,333.75	\$1,545.85	\$2,505.62	\$ 97.22	\$171.59	\$225.54	\$ 5,879.57
Grand Total	\$9,118.24	\$9,277.20	\$8,708.60	\$470.22	\$690.01	\$853.05	\$29,117.32

F. M. Hottel,
H. L. Shelly,
C. H. Brunner,

G. O. Billig,
Allen M. Gehman,
Committee.

XXIII.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—A.

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XXIII.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—B.

Appointments	Pastor	Sunday Schools										Church Property					Offerings			
		Sunday Schools Visited	Prayer Meeting Classes	New Classes Organized	M. B. in C. Sunday Schools	New M. B. in C. Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers Enrolled	Scholars Enrolled	Total Enrollment	Total Average Attendance	Home Dept. Members	Subscribers to Gospel Banner	Churches	Parsonages	Janitors' Homes	Increase of Church Property	Decrease of Church Property	Present Valuation of Church Property	Home Missions	Foreign Missions
(B) BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.																				
Allentown (Bethel)	B. B. Musselman..	47	4	4	1	1	57	524	581	470	216	43	1	1	1	.....	.....	\$125,000.00	\$ 970.00	\$ 879.00
Bethlehem	F. M. Hotel.....	47	4	4	1	1	59	529	588	443	240	59	1	1	1	.....	.....	60,000.00	708.00	820.40
Philadelphia	C. H. Brunner.....	47	3	3	1	1	35	246	281	202	28	68	1	1	1	.....	.....	45,000.00	520.50	475.25
Reading	E. N. Cassel.....	47	3	3	1	1	36	299	335	240	113	40	1	1	1	.....	.....	45,000.00	578.25	594.50
Emaus	G. F. Yost.....	8	2	2	1	1	23	175	198	142	89	28	1	1	1	.....	.....	12,500.00	127.50	131.00
Macungie	"	3	1	1	1	1	11	67	78	56	22	3	1	1	1	.....	.....	2,050.00	127.50	131.00
Zionsville	"	1	1	1	1	1	9	44	53	45	10	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	4,050.00	357.00	313.00
Fleetwood	A. G. Woodring..	14	1	1	1	1	19	105	124	85	60	19	1	1	1	.....	.....	6,600.00	192.35	249.00
Blandon	"	11	1	1	1	1	13	101	114	79	14	7	1	1	1	.....	.....	3,000.00	77.29	66.50
Terre Hill	"	15	1	1	1	1	20	162	182	130	14	22	1	1	1	.....	.....	6,000.00	315.85	326.00
Spring City	N. H. Wolf.....	45	1	1	1	1	19	86	105	85	93	20	1	1	1	.....	.....	4,650.00	268.25	208.75
Royersford	"	34	1	1	1	1	22	107	129	99	65	25	1	1	1	.....	.....	7,500.00	414.50	342.00
Graterford	W. F. Hefner....	47	2	2	1	1	17	77	94	74	29	17	1	1	1	.....	.....	8,000.00	186.25	165.00
Harleysville	"	45	1	1	1	1	10	49	59	54	..	6	1	1	1	.....	.....	2,500.00	128.75	108.25
Northampton	H. K. Kratz.....	21	1	1	1	1	12	76	88	58	74	11	1	1	1	.....	.....	9,000.00	216.25	149.75
Walnutport	"	23	1	1	1	1	14	146	160	91	30	22	1	1	1	.....	.....	5,000.00	114.00	109.75
Allentown (Salem)	F. B. Hertzog....	24	2	2	1	1	25	205	230	128	148	26	1	1	1	.....	.....	10,000.00	399.50	443.00
Coopersburg	"	23	3	3	1	1	19	127	146	118	109	27	1	1	1	.....	.....	5,000.00	495.50	515.00
Quakertown	J. B. Layne.....	47	2	2	1	1	20	120	140	105	78	39	1	1	1	.....	.....	15,000.00	491.75	518.00
Hatfield	"	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	.....	.....	1,500.00	..	..
Nazareth	R. L. Woodring..	47	1	1	1	1	20	110	130	85	30	21	1	1	1	.....	.....	11,500.00	232.00	245.50
Lehighton	J. C. Roth.....	47	1	1	1	1	15	102	117	88	33	17	1	1	1	.....	.....	7,900.00	147.75	95.20
Weissport	"	41	..	..	..	..	14	119	133	84	..	..	1	1	1	.....	.....	1,500.00	..	..
Total	Total	633	37	..	21	..	489	3576	4065	2961	1485	530	23	15	3	\$ 2,000.00	.....	\$398,250.00	\$7,784.49	\$7,731.35
(B) SHAMOKIN DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																				
Shamokin	J. G. Shireman...	44	3	..	1	..	29	179	208	128	39	18	1	1	1	.....	.....	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 219.50
Easton	P. T. Stengele...	47	2	..	1	..	21	159	180	151	140	21	1	1	1	.....	.....	55,000.00	446.00	500.25
Sunbury	R. W. Dickert...	48	2	..	1	..	19	112	131	105	39	11	1	1	1	.....	.....	12,700.00	162.00	275.50
Stroudsburg	V. H. Reinhart...	47	2	..	1	..	15	81	96	65	15	13	1	1	1	.....	.....	11,700.00	100.00	111.00
Scranton	T. D. Gehret...	47	2	..	1	..	18	90	109	85	20	11	1	1	1	.....	.....	21,000.00	179.00	133.00
Scranton	T. E. Kubic.....	47	2	..	1	..	18	126	144	96	20	14	1	1	1	.....	.....	18,000.00	84.00	88.00
Mt. Carmel	J. B. Henry.....	38	1	..	1	..	14	67	81	70	25	6	1	1	1	.....	.....	30,000.00	73.50	71.00
Wissinoming, Phila.	"	39	1	..	1	..	1	18	119	137	104	36	5	1	1	.....	.....	10,000.00	86.00	84.00
West Philadelphia	E. H. Musselman.	50	..	2	..	..	1	26	129	155	128	90	15	1	1	.....	.....	25,000.00	93.25	63.60
York	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	355	..	..	..	..	72	455	527	352	250	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	..	..
G. H. Society....	Total	762	14	3	7	2	251	1517	1768	1284	734	114	9	2	\$52,000.00	.....	\$223,400.00	\$1,333.75	\$1,545.85	
The Home.....		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	\$4,371.65	\$ 48,697.84	..
Mizpah Grove....		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	80,000.00	..	..

XXIII.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—C.

OFFERINGS—Continued

Appointments	Pastor	(C) BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.									
		Foreign Missions in Sunday Schools	For the Poor	Church Properties	Repairing Church Properties	Parsonage and Maintenance and Hall Rent	Texton and Sundry Expenses	Sunday Schools	Presiding Elders	Ministers in Cash	Ministers in Other Contributions
Allentown (Bethel)	B. E. Musselman...	\$ 671.26	\$ 38.00	\$ 3,956.67	\$ 72.00	.....	\$ 2,888.41	\$ 2,670.57	\$ 645.00	\$ 3,571.85	\$ 840.00
Bethlehem	F. M. Hottel.....	1,282.84	52.00	3,394.29	.....	.....	2,109.01	2,114.01	540.00	2,600.05	720.00
Philadelphia	C. H. Brunner.....	611.68	29.00	1,492.27	.....	.....	846.48	1,726.72	440.00	1,755.35	381.35
Reading	E. N. Cassel.....	461.20	39.35	2,055.09	.....	\$ 336.95	1,016.60	995.35	391.00	2,078.75	419.50
Emaus	G. F. Yost.....	356.80	21.75	2,743.30	.....	.....	691.14	863.81	551.00	1,847.61	476.00
Macungie	"	106.81	6.10	54.25	.....	.....	242.57	139.02	187.00	289.70	41.65
Zionsville	"	250.70	7.70	51.14	.....	.....	72.89	69.82	.....	375.75	81.60
Fleetwood	A. G. Woodring...	126.08	9.26	321.58	45.53	139.10	177.08	323.11	102.43	613.75	105.80
Blandon	"	67.69	4.83	.....	.....	46.25	270.75	248.61	176.00	307.15	28.25
Terre Hill	"	111.00	20.58	.....	388.07	126.37	634.11	317.72	109.29	855.00	144.25
Spring City	N. H. Wolf.....	198.52	9.47	.....	25.00	94.12	272.18	279.44	168.14	539.95	173.71
Royersford	"	333.91	20.27	.....	64.00	175.45	510.46	384.87	139.95	1,068.00	330.20
Gratersford	W. F. Heffner...	270.59	15.50	122.55	.....	122.55	277.33	261.02	113.00	791.00	171.00
Harleysville	"	105.64	10.25	.....	.....	56.00	128.29	94.50	123.00	437.40	101.00
Walnutport	H. K. Kratz.....	102.71	10.00	161.68	.....	302.70	161.68	205.42	98.75	625.00	122.30
Wilmington	"	55.08	6.44	.....	.....	215.75	165.75	268.25	91.00	514.80	92.00
Allentown (Salem)	F. B. Hertzog...	230.00	14.00	215.50	.....	292.75	496.81	626.34	190.00	865.75	187.14
Coopersburg	"	334.73	15.00	.....	.....	125.20	634.54	514.24	192.00	1,135.70	251.72
Quakertown	J. B. Layne.....	241.22	17.50	.....	.....	385.75	692.51	435.70	328.30	1,247.25	308.00
Hatfield	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nazareth	R. L. Woodring...	96.88	16.00	.....	468.10	189.50	358.08	279.41	166.00	1,084.56	205.10
Leighton	J. C. Roth.....	119.10	10.00	180.00	.....	222.90	418.02	290.24	193.15	743.20	353.90
Weissport	"	48.54	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.34	173.44	.....	.....	.....
Total		\$6,202.98	\$373.00	\$14,464.09	\$1,062.70	\$2,831.34	\$13,045.03	\$13,281.61	\$5,005.01	\$23,397.57	\$ 5,540.47

(C) SHAMOKIN DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.

Shamokin	J. G. Shireman...	\$ 116.31	\$ 7.50	\$ 382.85	\$ 180.77	\$ 336.35	\$ 455.82	\$ 482.87	\$ 178.50	\$ 1,721.45	\$ 514.83
Easton	P. T. Stengele...	323.12	16.50	3,421.00	.....	468.00	562.56	951.25	401.29	1,544.60	355.60
Sunbury	R. W. Dickert...	120.50	20.09	.....	.....	603.75	571.14	660.40	220.00	1,115.00	440.55
Stroudsburg	V. H. Reinhart...	109.00	8.00	322.23	.....	218.35	355.00	199.85	221.00	789.00	195.85
Scranton	T. D. Gehret.....	242.10	10.00	627.00	.....	335.75	366.37	427.02	159.00	919.55	203.90
Mt. Carmel	E. E. Kubie.....	34.17	7.60	.....	133.23	58.45	397.34	252.57	138.98	495.25	278.05
Wissinoming, Phila.	J. B. Henry.....	183.63	7.17	.....	.....	263.06	464.84	467.85	84.00	514.75	80.00
West Philadelphia	"	190.03	6.45	.....	.....	249.25	355.10	482.05	102.42	574.75	81.27
York	"	177.40	13.91	603.25	.....	157.35	922.40	700.99	148.27	924.25	414.60
G. H. Society	"	1,029.36	.....	1,129.88	.....	4,047.50	3,489.32	2,521.36	795.06	.....	2,784.47
Total		\$2,505.62	\$97.22	\$ 6,486.21	\$ 314.00	\$6,735.81	\$ 7,939.89	\$ 7,146.21	\$2,458.52	\$ 8,497.60	\$ 5,346.12
Grand Total		\$8,708.60	\$470.22	\$20,950.30	\$1,376.70	\$9,567.15	\$20,984.92	\$20,427.82	\$7,463.53	\$31,895.17	\$10,886.59

XXIII.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—D.

OFFERINGS—Concluded

Appointments	Pastor	Beneiciary Fund	Gospel Worker Society	Tabernacle, Missionary or Evangelistic Work	Camp Meetings	Sunday School and Other Conventions	Annual Conference Fund	Annual Conference Delegate	General Conference Fund	Benevolent Society	Total Offerings	Subscriptions and Literature Sold
(D) BETHLEHEM DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.												
Allentown (Bethel)	B. B. Musselman...	\$ 41.00	\$ 99.50	\$ 865.00	.....	\$ 39.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 30.00	\$100.20	\$171.00	\$ 18,561.46	\$ 275.00
Bethlehem	F. M. Hotel.....	30.00	257.20	722.00	.....	44.12	50.00	21.00	90.30	166.50	15,793.72	374.00
Philadelphia	C. H. Brunner.....	25.00	196.77	665.00	.....	28.05	41.00	26.00	61.50	79.00	10,224.92	210.00
Reading	E. N. Cassel.....	16.50	115.15	487.41	.....	25.25	37.05	26.25	57.00	28.00	9,583.15	218.10
Ensus	G. F. Yost.....	14.60	81.90	90.00	.....	16.57	19.70	23.91	35.10	86.00	9,091.94	187.00
Macungie	"	7.45	16.98	.....	.....	6.75	10.11	5.56	13.20	18.50	1,404.15	23.00
Zionsville	"	6.20	16.70	.....	.....	4.18	7.80	4.35	12.60	14.00	1,645.43	18.00
Fleetwood	A. G. Woodring...	9.20	28.50	.....	.....	9.00	11.75	8.55	15.60	35.50	2,521.17	62.70
Bland	"	7.35	15.09	.....	.....	9.00	10.96	7.10	9.60	18.50	1,370.92	26.45
Terre Hill	"	9.25	43.30	.....	.....	20.30	19.31	12.35	18.00	1.50	3,472.25	62.90
Spring City	N. H. Wolf.....	10.75	32.00	24.00	.....	10.75	12.88	12.93	20.72	25.00	2,359.87	135.23
Royersford	W. F. Hefner.....	8.50	41.25	370.50	.....	20.06	28.51	17.81	21.09	41.50	4,088.43	199.24
Graterford	"	9.00	16.80	93.25	.....	15.50	25.00	17.00	19.80	34.00	2,905.79	50.00
Harleysville	H. K. Kratz.....	9.08	30.72	37.77	.....	7.22	16.50	6.25	12.30	3.00	1,454.40	35.00
Northampton	"	5.02	21.50	19.02	.....	11.10	13.00	10.60	11.50	42.00	2,157.33	22.50
Walnutport	F. B. Hertzog...	11.00	60.50	31.32	.....	16.25	24.00	14.00	22.00	31.50	4,191.36	45.85
Allentown (Salem)	"	13.00	86.10	67.32	.....	20.52	24.00	22.00	25.00	8.50	4,506.07	195.35
Coopersburg	J. B. Layne.....	12.00	42.62	.....	.....	12.00	36.05	15.82	24.00	41.00	4,849.27	135.00
Quakertown	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hatfield	R. L. Woodring...	14.00	70.97	53.30	.....	14.00	14.05	15.00	25.00	24.00	3,571.45	215.00
Nazareth	J. C. Roth.....	11.00	24.75	.....	.....	6.35	20.00	15.50	22.50	9.00	2,882.56	115.50
Lehighton	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	239.07	.....
Weissport	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,948.22	.....
Mizpah Grove...	Camp Meeting....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 8,948.22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	\$272.96	\$1,377.40	\$3,525.89	\$ 8,948.22	\$352.80	\$518.42	\$321.18	\$627.51	\$880.50	\$117,544.52	\$ 2,848.92
(D) SHAMOKIN DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.												
Shamokin	J. G. Shireman...	\$ 6.00	\$ 31.54	\$ 179.50	.....	\$ 25.00	\$ 8.50	\$ 25.50	\$ 48.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 5,034.79	\$ 480.73
Easton	P. T. Stengele...	15.33	105.30	.....	.....	25.00	30.93	24.03	42.80	45.00	9,306.46	340.25
Sunbury	R. W. Dickert...	9.78	35.31	410.14	.....	14.17	18.84	16.81	25.20	11.50	4,780.98	225.00
Stroudsburg	V. H. Reinhart...	11.00	30.46	20.00	.....	24.50	19.19	20.00	20.70	26.00	2,801.13	50.00
Seranton	T. D. Gebret.....	8.67	38.05	47.80	.....	14.70	19.00	14.05	18.90	6.50	3,770.36	128.36
Mt. Carmel	E. E. Kubic.....	7.50	20.41	62.60	.....	16.10	11.30	26.00	22.50	12.00	2,153.05	340.22
Wissoming, Phila.	J. B. Henry.....	2.30	28.91	.....	.....	15.00	14.03	10.51	14.40	.....	2,143.95	46.43
West Philadelphia.	"	2.92	26.80	.....	.....	18.59	18.66	10.25	15.90	.....	2,304.44	150.62
York	E. H. Musselman...	4.87	75.17	60.00	.....	31.14	31.14	18.04	17.04	.....	4,326.59	502.03
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	.....	.....	.....	.....	437.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	16,369.37	19,768.35
Edgewood Grove...	Camp Meeting....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 1,527.46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,527.46	.....
Total	.....	\$ 68.37	\$ 416.92	\$ 780.04	\$ 1,527.46	\$601.57	\$171.59	\$165.19	\$225.54	\$105.00	\$ 54,468.48	\$22,021.99
Grand Total.....	.....	\$341.33	\$1,794.32	\$4,305.93	\$10,475.68	\$954.37	\$690.01	\$486.37	\$853.05	\$985.50	\$1,720,013.00	\$24,870.91

XXIV.—QUADRENNIAL STATISTICAL REPORT—A.
 Pennsylvania Annual Conference, October, 1924, to October, 1928

Ministers and Officers										Membership										Offerings										
Presiding Elders	Missionary P.E.'s	Ordained Ministers	Probationers	Applicants for Annual Conference Licences	Q. C. Licensed Preachers & Evangelists	Deacons	Class Leaders	Stewards	Rent Collectors	Baptized	Members not Baptized	Children Dedicated	Received into Church Fellowship	Received by Transfer	Total Increase	Died	Withdrawn	Dropped	Moved to other Conferences	Transferred	Total Decrease	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Total Membership	Appointments	New Appointments	Sermons Preached	Pastoral Visits	Prayer Meetings Visited	Sunday Schools Visited
1925	2	1	27	10	1	6	1	51	52	52	270	7,129	159	40	199	33	5	71	...	40	149	118	68	2,467	29	..	5,613	9,251	2,063	1,342
1926	2	1	29	7	..	3	1	52	52	52	366	7,142	278	124	402	23	3	50	...	126	202	261	61	2,667	30	1	6,090	9,995	1,935	1,396
1927	2	1	29	5	3	5	1	52	52	52	345	6,134	232	28	260	18	26	63	2	27	136	159	35	2,791	30	..	5,749	9,705	1,880	1,365
1928	2	1	29	8	5	4	1	55	55	55	307	18,131	266	37	303	25	16	44	4	40	129	196	22	2,965	30	2	5,895	10,480	1,864	1,445
	2	1	29	8	5	4	1	55	55	55	1,288	18,536	935	229	1,164	99	50	228	6	233	616	548	..	2,965	30	3	23,347	39,431	7,742	5,548

Sunday Schools										Church Property										Offerings									
Prayer Meeting Classes	New Classes Organized	M. B. in C. Sunday Schools	New M. B. in C. Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers Enrolled	Scholars Enrolled	Total Enrollment	Attendance	Home Depl. Members	Subscribers to Gospel Banner	Churches	Parsonages	Janitor's Homes	Increase of Church Property	Decrease of Church Property	Present Valuation of Church Property	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Foreign Missions in Sunday Schools	Prayer Meeting Classes										
1925	49	..	27	..	689	4,411	5,100	3,817	2,527	841	30	23	3	\$ 53,760.89	\$ 1,500.00	\$650,008.44	\$ 9,353.46	\$ 8,448.58	\$ 8,497.50										
1926	51	1	29	..	704	4,608	5,312	3,505	2,576	775	30	22	3	22,750.00	4,342.94	668,415.50	10,421.27	8,865.30	8,635.17										
1927	51	..	29	..	723	4,956	5,679	3,565	2,455	735	30	22	4	42,700.00	10,396.01	700,719.49	10,123.34	9,625.33	9,080.42										
1928	51	3	28	2	740	5,093	5,833	4,245	2,219	644	32	24	5	54,000.00	4,371.65	750,347.84	9,118.24	9,277.20	8,708.60										
	51	4	28	4	740	5,093	5,833	3,783	2,219	644	32	24	5	\$152,600.29	.....	\$750,347.84	\$39,016.31	\$36,216.41	\$34,921.69									

XXIV.—QUADRENNIAL STATISTICAL REPORT—B.
Pennsylvania Annual Conference, October, 1924, to October, 1928

OFFERINGS—Continued

	For the Poor	Church Properties	Repairing Church Properties	Paschance Maintenance and Hall Rent	Texton and Sundry Expenses	Sunday Schools	Presiding Elders	Ministers in Cash	Ministers in Other Contributions	Beneficiary Society
1925	\$ 424.97	\$28,790.93	\$1,174.14	\$ 9,335.95	\$18,246.29	\$20,133.06	\$ 7,337.07	\$ 24,582.15	\$14,488.40	\$ 330.75
1926	465.29	21,939.12	2,570.97	9,182.00	20,703.50	17,691.56	7,819.82	27,130.28	13,333.74	361.15
1927	424.49	24,707.92	3,991.44	8,744.29	21,409.82	19,856.23	7,548.06	29,968.04	13,424.43	343.79
1928	470.22	20,950.30	1,376.70	9,567.15	20,984.92	20,427.82	7,463.53	31,895.17	10,886.59	341.33
	\$1,784.97	\$96,388.27	\$9,113.25	\$36,829.39	\$81,344.53	\$78,108.67	\$30,168.48	\$113,555.64	\$52,133.16	\$1,377.06

OFFERINGS—Concluded

	Gospel Worker Society	Tabernacle, Missionary or Evangelistic Work	Camp Meetings	Sunday School and Other Conventions	Annual Conference Fund	Annual Conference Delegate	General Conference Fund	Benevolent Society	Total Offerings	Subscriptions and Literature Sold
1925	\$ 4,636.90	\$ 2,052.01	\$14,860.93	\$ 659.51	\$ 256.33	\$ 479.26	\$ 491.21	\$1,168.00	\$175,747.40	\$ 30,722.37
1926	2,652.15	2,514.16	12,066.87	1,028.78	256.86	510.36	.....	1,056.00	169,174.39	26,908.50
1927	1,999.26	3,582.78	12,402.26	989.04	246.23	490.92	.....	1,042.50	179,990.59	24,783.01
1928	1,794.32	4,305.93	10,475.68	954.37	690.01	456.37	853.05	985.50	172,013.00	24,870.91
	\$11,082.63	\$12,454.88	\$49,805.74	\$3,631.70	\$1,449.43	\$1,966.91	\$1,344.26	\$4,232.00	\$696,925.38	\$107,284.79

ROLL AND DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS

I. Itinerants

NAME	Licensed	Ordained	Received Present Charge	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Baer, Paul E.	1924	1928	1928	1023 Taylor Ave., Scranton, Pa.
Brunner, C. H.	1893	1896	1923	3848 N. Park Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
Cassel, E. N.	1901	1904	1925	936 Oley St., Reading, Pa.
Gehman, W. G.	1896	1899	P. E.	1136 Northampton St., Easton, Pa.
Gehret, T. D.	1921	1925	1928	144 N. Sixth St., Sunbury, Pa.
Heffner, W. F.	1917	1920	1925	Graterford, Pa.
Henry, J. B.	1924	1928	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.
Kubic, E. E.	1901	1907	1925	132 W. 4th St., Mt. Carmel, Pa.
Layne, J. B.	1916	1919	1925	25 S. Third St., Quakertown, Pa.
Musselman, H. B.	1890	1893	P. E.	1129 N. 18th St., Allentown, 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	1928	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.
Dickert, R. W.	1916	1904	....	Spartansburg, S. C.
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.
Bean, E. W.	1928	....	....	" " "
Gehman, R. H.	1928	....	....	" " "
George, E.	1927	....	....	" " "
Hartman, H. W.	1927	....	....	" " "
Hartman, E. B.	1927	....	....	" " "
Meyers, M. M.	1919	....	....	" " "
Miller, C. L.	1928	....	....	" " "
Reed, C. O.	1928	....	....	" " "
Sprock, A. M.	1928	....	....	" " "

IV. Quarterly Conference Licensed Missionaries

Brunner, Mrs. C. H.	1893	....	....	Philadelphia, Pa.
Fretz, W. J.	1898	....	....	Bethlehem, 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. ....	....	....	....	" " "
Miller, Mary A. ....	....	....	....	Belgian Congo, Africa.
Snyder, C. F. ....	....	....	....	Kansu Province, China.
Snyder, Mrs. C. F. ....	....	....	....	" " "
Zook, M. P. ....	....	....	....	Colombia, S. A.
Zook, Mrs. M. P. ....	....	....	....	" " "

RECORD OF CONFERENCES

Yr.	Time.	Place.	Chairman.	Secretary.
I. EVANGELICAL MENNONITES (Semi-Annual)				
1858	Sept. 24.....	Upper Milford, Pa.	William Gehman ..	David Gehman.
1859	Nov. 1.....	Haycock, Pa.....	"	"
1860	May 28.....	Upper Milford.....	"	"
1860	Nov. 6.....	"	"	"
1861	June 4.....	"	David Henning....	"
1861	Nov. 5.....	Haycock	"	"
1862	June 3.....	Upper Milford.....	William N. Shelly.	A. W. Stauffer.
1862	Nov. 4.....	Haycock	E. Hershey.....	"
1863	June 2.....	Upper Milford.....	"	David Gehman.
1863	Oct. 1.....	Haycock	William Gehman....	"
1864	June 7.....	Upper Milford.....	William N. Shelly.	"
1864	Nov. 3.....	Haycock	David Henning....	"
1865	June 6.....	Upper Milford.....	"	"
1865	Nov. 7.....	Flatland	William Gehman....	"
1866	June 6.....	Upper Milford.....	"	"
1866	Nov. 3.....	Mount Joy	William N. Shelly.	"
1867	June 4.....	Flatland	David Henning....	"
1867	Nov. 5.....	Upper Milford.....	William Gehman....	Joseph Romig.
1868	June 2.....	Flatland	William N. Shelly.	"
1868	Nov. 5.....	Upper Milford.....	William Gehman....	David Gehman.
1869	June 1.....	Flatland	David Henning....	"
1869	Nov. 1.....	Upper Milford.....	William N. Shelly.	"
1870	June 7.....	Coopersburg	William Gehman....	"
1870	Oct. 31.....	Upper Milford.....	David Henning....	"
1871	June 5.....	Coopersburg	E. Hershey.....	"
1871	Nov. 6.....	Upper Milford.....	David Henning....	"
1872	June 3.....	Coopersburg	William Gehman....	Jonas Musselman.
1872	Nov. 6.....	Quakertown	William N. Shelly.	David Gehman.
1873	June 3.....	Upper Milford.....	David Henning....	"
1873	Nov. 11.....	Coopersburg	William N. Shelly.	"
1874	June 1.....	Quakertown	William Gehman....	"
1874	Nov. 10.....	Upper Milford.....	David Henning....	"
1875	June 5.....	Coopersburg	William N. Shelly.	"
1875	Nov. 6.....	Quakertown	William Gehman....	"
1876	*March 30....	Coopersburg	"	"
1876	June 3.....	Upper Milford.....	David Henning....	Jonas Musselman.
1876	Nov. 11.....	Mount Joy	William N. Shelly.	"
1877	June 2.....	Coopersburg	William Gehman....	"
1877	Nov. 10.....	Upper Milford.....	E. Hershey.....	"
1878	June 3.....	Quakertown	A. Kauffman.....	"
1878	Oct. 7.....	Coopersburg	J. Rosenberger....	"
1879	March 22.....	Upper Milford.....	William Gehman....	S. M. Musselman.
1879	Oct. 6.....	Quakertown	"	"
1879	**Nov. 8.....	Upper Milford.....	S. Eby	"

II. EVANGELICAL UNITED MENNONITES (Annual)

1880	March 15....	Coopersburg	William Gehman....	S. M. Musselman.
1881	March 7.....	Quakertown	"	"
1882	Feb. 13.....	Upper Milford.....	"	"
1883	Feb. 5.....	Coopersburg	"	A. Kauffman.

RECORD OF CONFERENCES (Continued)

† III. MENNONITE BRETHERN 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	"	"
1928|Oct. 11-15...|Allentown	"	"

*Special Session concerning the sale of certain church property to the "Church of God."

**Special Conference whereby a union was effected between the Evangelical Mennonites of Pennsylvania and the United Mennonites of the Western States and Canada. Now changed to "Evangelical United Mennonites."

†A special conference was held December 27, 1883, at Harrisburg, Ohio, whereby a union was effected with the Brethren in Christ of Ohio and the name changed to "Mennonite Brethren in Christ."

CAMP MEETINGS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

YEAR		TENTS		TENTS		TENTS		TENTS
†1879								
1880	Chestnut Hill	4						
1881	" "	6						
1882	" "							
1883	" "							
1884	" "							
1885	" "							
1886	" "							
1887	" "							
1888	" "							
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1893	" "		Royersford					
1894	" "		Spring City		Catasauqua			
*1895	" "		"		Weissport		Annandale	
*1896	" "		"		Walnutport		"	
1897	" "		"		Rittersville		"	
1898	Quakertown		"		"		Sunbury	
1899	"		"		"		"	
1900	Macungie		Northampton		Terre Hill	64		
1901	"		Neffsville		Mohnsville			
1902	"	56	Northampton		"			
1903	"	52	"		Reading (East)			
1904	Wescovesville	104	Hellertown	73	Spring City			
1905	"	113	"	82	Bonnie Bray			
1906	"	136	"	125	Spring City			
1907	"	122	"	145	Bonnie Bray			
1908	"	148	"	164	Reading (Heiner's Spgs.)			
1909	Waldhelm	153	"	139	Reading (Spg. Valley)	90	Shamokin	
1910	Mizpah Grove (Allen. Div.)	167	Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)	154	Easton (Mt. Carmel Dist.)	75	Shamokin (Bunker Hill)	85
1911	Mizpah Grove (Allen. Div.)	156	Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)	160	Easton (Mt. Carmel Dist.)	75	Shamokin (Bunker Hill)	75
1912	Mizpah Grove (Allen. Div.)	163	Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)	169	Easton (Mt. Carmel Dist.)	75	Shamokin	58
1913	Mizpah Grove (Allen. Div.)	165	Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)	170	Easton (Mt. Carmel Dist.)	76	Shamokin	71
1914	Mizpah Grove (Allen. Div.)	143	Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)	174	Easton (Mt. Carmel Dist.)	68	Shamokin	78
1915	Mizpah Grove (Allen. Div.)	145	Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)	194	Easton (Mt. Carmel Dist.)	66	Shamokin	86
1916	Mizpah Grove (Allen. Div.)	155	Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)	203	Shamokin (Mt. Car. Dist.)	106		
1917	Mizpah Grove (Allen. Div.)	162	Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)	183	Shamokin (Mt. Car. Dist.)	120	Harrisburg	65
1918	Mizpah Grove (Allen. Div.)	199	Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)	219	Shamokin (Mt. Car. Dist.)	105		
1919	Mizpah Grove (Allen. Div.)	189	Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)	238	Shamokin (Mt. Car. Dist.)	126		
1920	Mizpah Grove (Allen. Div.)	195	Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)	221	Shamokin (Mt. Car. Dist.)	128		
1921	Mizpah Grove (Allen. Div.)	224	Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)	217	Shamokin (Mt. Car. Dist.)	136		
1922	Mizpah Grove (Allen. Div.)	240	Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)	212	Shamokin (Mt. Car. Dist.)	126		
1923	Mizpah Grove (Allen. Div.)	259	Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)	232	Shamokin (Mt. Car. Dist.)	174		
1924	Mizpah Grove (Allen. Div.)	278	Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)	233	Shamokin (Mt. Car. Dist.)	155		
1925	Mizpah Grove (Allen. Div.)	282	Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)	265	Shamokin (Sham. Dist.)	158		
1926	Mizpah Grove (Allen. Div.)	289	Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)	263	Shamokin (Sham. Dist.)	170		
1927	Mizpah Grove (Allen. Div.)	284	Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)	241	Shamokin (Sham. Dist.)	161		
1928	Mizpah Grove (Allen. Div.)	294	Mizpah G've. (Beth. Div.)			161		

†A Grove Meeting held on Chestnut Hill.

*Camp Meeting was also held at Fairview Park, between South Allentown and South Bethlehem in 1895 and 1896.

Sunbury Camp Meetings comprised the Church appointments of Mount Carmel and Girardville and the Gospel Worker Society.

The Gospel Worker Society held Camp Meetings at Pine Station, above Williamsport, in 1902, 1903.

Where the number of tents is not given, the number could not be ascertained.—Editor.

GENERAL CONFERENCES

The following is a list of the General Conferences held with the names of the Delegates from the Pennsylvania Conference.

1. ZIONSVILLE, PA. November 8-12, 1879.

A Union Conference, including sixteen Members of the Pennsylvania Conference. Name changed to Evangelical United Mennonites.

2. ELKHART, IND. 1882.

Wm. Gehman and John Traub.

3. HARRISBURG, O. December 27-29, 1883.

Wm. Gehman and A. Strawn.

A Union Conference with the Brethren in Christ. Name changed to Mennonite Brethren in Christ.

4. ZIONSVILLE, PA. 1885.

Wm. Gehman, P. E., and A. Strawn.

5. BERLIN, ONTARIO. 1888.

Wm. Gehman, P. E., A. Strawn and W. B. Musselman.

6. HARRISBURG, O. 1892.

W. B. Musselman, P. E., Wm. Gehman, Noah Detweiler and M. A. Zyner.

7. COOPERSBURG, PA. 1896.

W. B. Musselman, P. E., Wm. Gehman and C. H. Brunner.

8. BERLIN, ONT. 1900.

C. H. Brunner, P. E., H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., W. G. Gehman and J. G. Shireman.

Layman--A. A. Wismer.

9. NAPPANEE, IND. 1904.
H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., C. H. Brunner, M. P. E., and W. G. Gehman.
Laymen—Allen M. Gehman and J. D. Moyer.
10. BROWN CITY, MICH. 1908.
H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. G. Gehman, P. E., W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., J. C. Roth, C. H. Brunner and W. S. Hottel.
Laymen—O. B. Bartholomew and Allen M. Gehman.
11. BETHLEHEM, PA. October 23, 1912.
H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. G. Gehman, P. E., C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel, W. S. Hottel and W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., Publisher of the Gospel Banner.
Laymen—Allen M. Gehman and H. H. Bergey.
12. NEW CARLISLE, OHIO. October 11, 1916.
Announced for Berlin, Ontario, on the second Wednesday in October, 1916, at 9 A.M., but changed to New Carlisle, O., on account of the war.
H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. G. Gehman, P. E., C. H. Brunner, W. S. Hottel, E. N. Cassel and W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., Publisher of the Gospel Banner.
Laymen—G. O. Billig, H. S. Jones and Allen M. Gehman.
13. KITCHENER, ONTARIO. October 13-19, 1920.
H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. G. Gehman, P. E., W. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel and B. Bryan Musselman.
Laymen—Allen M. Gehman, G. O. Billig and H. L. Moyer.
14. BROWN CITY, MICHIGAN. October 15-22, 1924.
H. B. Musselman, P. E., Chairman, W. G. Gehman, P. E., B. Bryan Musselman, C. H. Brunner, F. M. Hottel and E. N. Cassel.
Laymen—G. O. Billig, Allen M. Gehman, H. H. Bergey and P. Ward Musselman (Alternate).
15. Announced for Allentown, Pennsylvania, on the first Wednesday in November, 1928, at 9 A.M.
H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. G. Gehman, P. E., B. Bryan Musselman, C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel, G. F. Yost and F. M. Hottel. Alternate—J. G. Shireman and T. D. Gehret.
Laymen—G. O. Billig, H. H. Bergey, H. L. Shelly, M. L. Musselman and Allen M. Gehman. Alternate—C. D. Bean and P. Ward Musselman.



