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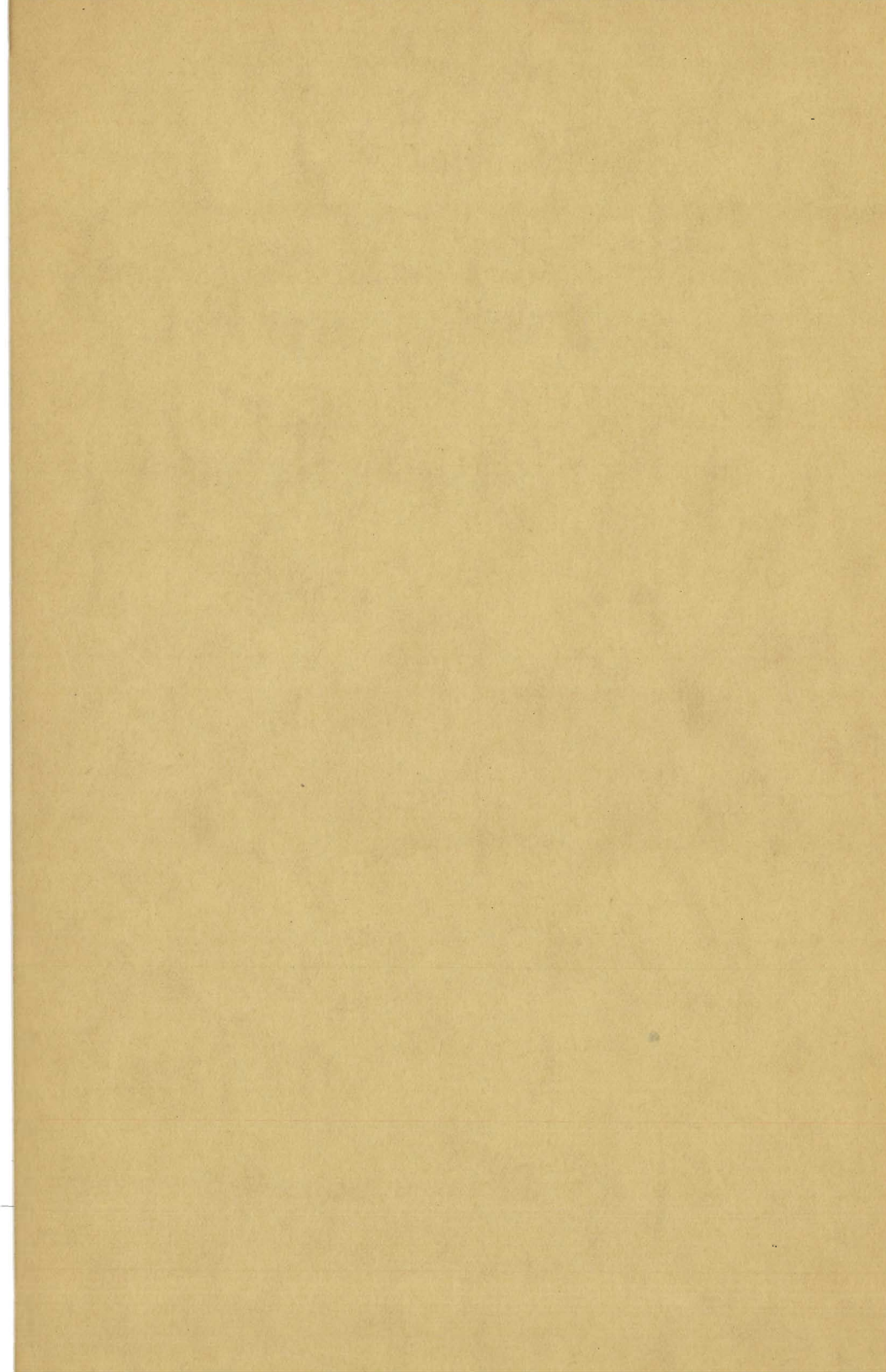
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Laymen's Benevolent Society—Board of Trustees: President, Allen M. Gehman; Secretary, G. O. Billig; Treasurer, H. G. Brunner.

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

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

Business Rules of the Conference

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.]



Parsonage of Ebenezer M. B. C. Congregation, 1124 North Main Street, Bethlehem, Pa.
Purchased in 1930, F. M. Hottel, Pastor.

Annual Conference Proceedings

1931

FIRST MEETING

Thursday Forenoon, October 15, 1931

The Forty-eighth Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania convened in Ebenezer M. B. in C. Church, 1121-1125 North Main Street, Bethlehem, Pa.

The first meeting was opened at 9 a.m., according to announcement, by singing "I Will Guide Thee With Mine Eye." 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 "Walking, Yes I'm Walking in the Spirit of the Lord," the Chairman, H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder of the Allentown District, gave us a very helpful address from I Corinthians 13.

The names of the members of the Conference were then enrolled, as follows:

Ministers Enrolled

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, H. K. Kratz, W. F. Heffner, J. B. Layne, V. H. Reinhart, E. E. Kublic, J. B. Henry, E. H. Musselman, Paul E. Baer, W. B. Musselman, H. W. Feldges, C. F. Snyder, N. M. Cressman, J. F. Barrall, O. S. Hillegass, E. T. Shick and R. W. Dickert.

Probationers—H. W. Hartman, E. George, E. B. Hartman, A. M. Sprock, C. L. Miller, R. H. Gehman, E. W. Bean, M. M. Myers, J. T. Anderson and W. W. Hartman.

Delegates Enrolled

Allentown District

G. O. Billig, Allentown (Bethel).

Myron H. Gehret, 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.
 A. W. Deppe, Northampton and Walnutport.
 E. Godshall, Nazareth.
 A. A. Schaeffer, Lehighton and Weissport.

Easton District

Herbert V. Smith, Easton.
 Paul H. Miller (Alternate), Shamokin.
 Mason Klinger, Mt. Carmel.
 George R. Fish, Stroudsburg.
 C. B. Brosius, Sunbury.
 Frank A. Borchers, Scranton.
 Edward J. Dietzman, Wissinoming and West Philadelphia.
 P. T. Tarbert, York.

Both Presiding Elders, all the Pastors, all the Delegates and a number of others were present at the opening of the first meeting.

We are remembering at this time W. B. Musselman, of Cleveland, Ohio, and his work, and the Gospel Herald Society, a number of whom were present at this Conference, E. T. Shick and O. S. Hille-gass, both of Allentown, Pa.; H. W. Feldges, of Colombia, S. A.; C. F. Snyder and Mrs. C. F. Snyder, of China, and Miss Mary A. Miller, of the Belgian Congo. Also Mrs. H. W. Feldges, N. M. Cressman and Mrs. N. M. Cressman, on furlough.

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

Chile—Miss Anna LeFevre and Mrs. Nettie Meier.

Africa—E. E. Crist, Mrs. E. E. Crist, E. R. Hess, M. E. Barter, Harry Stam, Mrs. Harry Stam, Joseph Ummel and Paul Ummel.

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

China—C. F. Snyder and Mrs. C. F. Snyder.

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

Palestine—Miss Mary A. Butterfield.

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 two sections on the east side of the Auditorium constitute the Conference Bar,

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 Paul E. Baer as Timekeeper.

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

Committees

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

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

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

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

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 Annual Conference Records: E. E. Kublic and V. H. Reinhart.

Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records: J. C. Roth, H. K. Kratz, E. H. Musselman, Paul H. Miller, E. E. Kublic, V. H. Reinhart, C. D. Bean, Herbert V. Smith, C. B. Brosius, A. W. Deppe, Frank A. Borchers, George R. Fish, Mason Klinger, P. T. Tarbert and Edward J. Dietzman.

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

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

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

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

Committee on Resolutions: W. G. Gehman, R. L. Woodring, T. D. Gehret, J. C. Roth and F. B. Hertzog.

Committee on Auditing: G. F. Yost, Paul I. Wentz, Myron H. Gehret, J. B. Henry, W. D. Evert, R. R. Fox, Paul E. Baer, A. A. Schaeffer, E. Godshall, F. B. Hertzog and H. N. Rishel.

The following report was read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Worship:

We recommend that all the pastors submit their oral reports, limited to five minutes each, in regular Conference meeting, on Thursday evening. The following shall speak about thirty minutes each:

Friday evening—N. H. Wolf and A. G. Woodring.

Saturday evening—E. N. Cassel and T. D. Gehret.

These services shall open at 7:45 o'clock.

At last year's Conference it was resolved that at this Conference the Chairman, H. B. Musselman, shall preach the Conference Sermon on Sunday morning and W. G. Gehman shall preach in the afternoon.

C. H. Brunner and B. Bryan Musselman shall preach in the evening. The Sunday services shall open at 9:30 a.m., 2:15 and 7 p.m. The Chairman of the Annual Conference shall have charge of the Sunday Services.

H. B. Musselman,
W. G. Gehman,
F. M. Hottel,

Committee.

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

Adjourned at 10:45 o'clock with prayer by P. T. Tarbert and the benediction by E. E. Kublic.

SECOND MEETING

Thursday Afternoon, October 15, 1931

The Chairman opened the afternoon meeting at 3 o'clock with singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and prayer by J. B. Henry.

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 Executive Board. (See Reports.)

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

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders submit their reports at this time and submit an oral report this evening.

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

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

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

Report of the Committee on Communications:

We have received a communication from J. F. Barrall, of Shamokin, Pa., and one from R. W. Dickert, Oviedo, Fla. We recommend both to be read before this Conference body.

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

Committee.

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

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

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

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 highly commended for their lives of noble sacrifice, devotion and earnestness in preaching the Word, and fulfilling their various duties connected with the Lord's service.

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

Committee.

Report of the Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Records:

We have examined the Annual Conference Records of 1930 and found them all correct.

E. E. Kublic,
V. H. Reinhart,

Committee.

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. Wood-

ring, 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, Paul E. Baer and E. T. Shick.

Conditional—None.

Resolved, That we elect two Presiding Elders.

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

The following were elected Presiding Elders for the ensuing year: H. B. Musselman and W. G. Gehman.

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

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

Resolved, That the minutes of this meeting be read at the opening of tomorrow morning's meeting.

Adjourned with prayer by P. T. Stengele and benediction by R. L. Woodring.

THIRD MEETING

Thursday Evening, October 15, 1931

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

The roll was called.

The Pastors submitted their oral reports, followed by the Presiding Elders.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and adjourn to meet tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Adjourned at 9:45 o'clock with prayer and benediction by C. H. Brunner.

FOURTH MEETING

Friday Morning, October 16, 1931

The meeting was opened at 11 o'clock with singing "How Beautiful to Walk in the Steps of the Saviour," and prayer by H. L. Shelly.

The roll was called, after which the minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

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

Report of the Conference Treasurer. (See Reports.)

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

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

Report of the Beneficiary Society. (See Reports.)

The President of the Gospel Herald Society presented the name of A. C. Wieand as an applicant for Annual Conference License.

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

Adjourned with prayer by E. Godshall and benediction by T. D. Gehret.

FIFTH MEETING

Friday Afternoon, October 16, 1931

The meeting was opened with singing "Jesus Shall Lead Me," and prayer by C. B. Brosius.

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 Allentown District Sunday School Convention. (See Reports.)

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

Report of the Ministerial Convention. (See Reports.)

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

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

We, the Committee on Quarterly Conference Records, beg leave to report that we examined the Quarterly Conference Records and found most of them in excellent condition. A few slight mistakes were found, which we instructed the Pastors to correct:

J. C. Roth,	Paul H. Miller,
H. K. Kratz,	E. E. Kublic,
E. H. Musselman,	V. H. Reinhart,
C. D. Bean,	Frank A. Borchers,
Herbert V. Smith,	George R. Fish,
C. B. Brosius,	Mason Klinger,
A. W. Deppe,	P. T. Tarbert,
Edward J. Dietzman,	
	Committee.

Report of the Committee on Auditing:

We, the Committee on Auditing, have examined the following accounts: Presiding Elders' Reports, Benevolent Society, Camp Meetings, Sunday School Conventions, Board of Publication and Printing, Quarterly Conference Records, The Home, Executive Board, Foreign and Home Missions, Gospel Herald Society, Conference Treasurer and the Report of the Committee on Finance. The records were all found to be in an excellent condition. A few minor errors were corrected in the presence of the parties concerned.

G. F. Yost,	W. D. Evert,
Paul I. Wentz,	J. B. Henry,
R. R. Fox,	Myron H. Gehret,
E. Godshall,	F. B. Hertzog,
H. N. Rishel,	A. A. Schaffer,
Paul E. Baer,	
	Committee.

Report of the Committee on Communications:

We have received a communication from Rev. H. Bente, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa., expressing his cordial Christian Greetings to the Ministering Brethren and the Chairman of this Conference. Being sick, Rev. Bente wishes to be remembered in prayer for his recovery.

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

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

We, the Committee on Applicants, wish to report that we have examined A. C. Wieand, an Applicant from the Gospel Herald So-

ciety, for Annual Conference License, and recommend that Annual Conference License be granted to him.

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

The Chair appointed the following Boards and Committees:

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

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

Report of the Committee on Resolutions.

1. *Whereas*, We have listened to the reports of our Presiding Elders, also the report of the President of the Gospel Herald Society, in which they expressed their appreciation of the faithfulness of the Pastors, as well as the noble company of believers throughout the various charges who have shown an excellent spirit of loyalty and sacrifice, and,

Whereas, Our Presiding Elders have worked willingly and wholeheartedly for the advancement of the work on all lines, therefore,

Resolved, That we praise our Heavenly Father for their zeal and exemplary lives, and pray that they may continue in the future to be made a great blessing to all.

2. *Whereas*, Through the providence of God the lives of all the Pastors have been spared, and divine strength given for the demands of the work, and,

Whereas, The Pastors all reported that noticeable spiritual progress had been made, so that a number of souls were saved, many healed of various infirmities, others stepping out more fully upon God's Word, therefore,

Resolved, That we desire to hereby express our heartfelt praise and thanks to our Heavenly Father, who has so graciously upheld them all and enabled them to labor in His harvest field and trust that they shall, by the Spirit's power, prove to be diligent in service and true to their calling.

3. *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 at length concerning the work being done, and,

Whereas, The Lord has graciously overruled in the preservation of the lives of all the Missionaries, having enabled them to continue in the spread of the Gospel and the winning of souls, so that much effectual work for God has been done, therefore,

Resolved, That we praise the Lord, who has so faithfully led the Missionaries in this so noble a cause, supplying hitherto strength and grace for service, and further,

Resolved, That we pray God to continue to bless and prosper them in the future.

4. *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.

5. *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 this literature the very best possible, both doctrinally and spiritually, and,

Whereas, Through this medium, tons of sound Gospel literature is sent into many parts of the world, therefore,

Resolved, That we give hearty 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.

6. *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 the errors and deceptions of Satan, 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.

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

8. *Resolved*, That we as a Conference recognize W. G. Gehman, President of the Gospel Herald Society, as the agent appointed by the Union Gospel Press to handle their Sunday School supplies and all their other publications.

9. *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 April 1.

10. *Whereas*, It is one of our standing rules for each Pastor to hold a special service at each appointment, on which occasion the Annual Offering for the poor shall be lifted, and,

Whereas, The Home for our aged is in need of funds, and,

Whereas, The offering for the poor has been very low from year to year, therefore,

Resolved, That our Pastors shall lay especial stress upon this offering, designating it as an offering for The Home and that this offering shall be lifted at a Special Service on or near Thanksgiving Day.

11. *Resolved*, That W. G. Gehman, President of the Gospel Herald Society, shall have charge of the general sale of the Church Hymnal.

12. *Resolved*, That we ask the Sunday Schools to remit 25 cents for each Officer and Teacher reported on this year's schedule, to be added to the Conference Fund for Printing of Supplies. This amount to be paid to the Conference Treasurer before next New Year.

13. *Resolved*, That the Executive Board, under legal advice, formulate a form of deed for church property that may be acceptable to trust officers and that the Board be privileged to permit congregations to use this form of deed, to submit to the next Annual Conference for consideration.

14. *Resolved*, That the management of the Cafeteria at the Mizpah Grove Camp Meetings continue under the direction of the Executive Board.

15. *Resolved*, That H. B. Musselman shall preach the Conference Sermon on Sunday of the next Annual Conference at the morning meeting. W. G. Gehman shall preach in the afternoon. The two

Presiding Elders and the Pastor of the Conference Church shall arrange and publish the program for all the evening meetings.

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

Resolved, That we 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 the Lord's work.

17. *Whereas*, The daily papers, the "Bethlehem Globe-Times" and the "Allentown Morning Call," have given us such splendid service in publishing the proceedings of the Annual Conference, and,

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

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of their services and pray God's blessing 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 F. M. Hottel to the respective newspaper offices.

18. *Whereas*, Robert E. Peiffle, Mayor of the City of Bethlehem, and Superintendent of Police Frederic T. Trafford and his assistants, have so willingly and cheerfully granted the request in providing traffic officers during the week and on Sunday, and,

Whereas, These officers have given efficient service, therefore,

Resolved, That we as a Conference express our hearty appreciation for the services rendered, and pray God's blessing upon the said 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 this Conference, be forwarded by the Pastor, F. M. Hottel, to this Department.

W. G. Gehman,
T. D. Gehret,
R. L. Woodring
J. C. Roth,
F. B. Hertzog,

Committee.

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

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

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

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

A very hearty welcome is extended to the Annual Conference to consider Allentown Bethel as the meeting place for its Annual Session in 1932.

G. O. Billig,
B. Bryan Musselman.

Resolved, That this invitation be accepted and that the Conference convene in the Allentown Bethel Church, October 6, 1932, at 9 a.m.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a Committee of three to compile a report of the Conference and the Sunday Services for the "Gospel Banner." He appointed E. N. Cassel, A. G. Woodring and T. D. Gehret.

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

Resolved, That the other officers be nominated and elected by ballot.

The following were elected:

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

Secretary of the Next Annual Conference: C. H. Brunner.

Treasurer of the Conference: C. H. Brunner.

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, H. K. Kratz and T. D. Gehret.

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

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

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

Resolved, That we hold a Sunday School Convention in each Presiding Elders' District. The Presiding Elders, Pastors and Delegates of their respective Districts shall 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.

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

SIXTH MEETING

Saturday Morning, October 17, 1931

The meeting was opened with singing "I'm on the Way," and prayer by R. L. Woodring.

The Chairman read several selections from the Psalms.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination:

We beg leave to report that we have interviewed E. W. Bean, A. M. Sprock and R. H. Gehman, who have completed their three years' Reading Course creditably and have labored acceptably in the Gospel Herald Society for a number of years. We believe them to be sincere, conscientious and promising young men of good character but owing to the fact that they have not had the opportunity to labor in the Church, we recommend that their ordination be deferred for the present.

B. Bryan Musselman,

E. N. Cassel,

C. H. Brunner,

Committee.

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.)

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

Business was resumed at 11:50 o'clock.

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

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

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

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

Board of Examiners—President, E. N. Cassel; Secretary, H. K. Kratz.

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

Board of Publication and Printing—President, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner.

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

Beneficiary Society—President, W. G. Gehman, Secretary, F. M. Hottel; Treasurer, B. Bryan Musselman.

Adjourned with prayer by H. N. Rishel and benediction by V. H. Reinhart.

SEVENTH MEETING

Saturday Afternoon, October 17, 1931

The meeting was opened with singing "My Jesus I Love Thee" and prayer by Herbert V. Smith.

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

The following report was read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

1. *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.

2. *Whereas*, We have listened to the reading of a communication from J. F. Barrall, of Shamokin, Pa., in which he requested that he be excused from being present on account of his work, also stating that his relationship to the Conference is the same as always, therefore,

Resolved, That we are sorry that he could not be with us and that we pray God's richest blessing upon him for the future.

3. *Whereas*, We have listened to the reading of a letter from R. W. Dickert, of Oviedo, Florida, in which he states that he is now officially connected with the Southern Baptist Ministry, and requesting that their church letters be sent to them; therefore,

Resolved, That we grant his request and that we pray God's blessing upon them in their present sphere of labor, that they may continue faithfully in the work and service of the Lord until He come.

W. G. Gehman,
T. D. Gehret,
R. L. Woodring,
J. C. Roth,
F. B. Hertzog,

Committee.

Resolved, That we hold the Annual Ministerial Convention at Easton, Pa., on April 14, 1932. 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, Paul E. Baer.

Committee on Program: H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and P. T. Stengele.

Resolved, That we print 800 copies of our Year Book for 1931.

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 ask the Board of Foreign Missions to print 2400 copies of the Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The following reports were read and adopted:

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.)

Report of the Committee to Organize for the Allentown Division Camp Meeting of the Allentown District. (See Reports.)

Report of the Committee to Organize for the Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting of the Allentown District. (See Reports.)

Report of the Committee to Organize for the Easton District Camp Meeting. (See Reports.)

Resolved, That the Committee to Compile a Report of the Conference and the Sunday Services for the "Gospel Banner," submit their report to the Conference Secretary to be published in the Year Book as well as in the "Gospel Banner."

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed by the Chair, including himself, to consider by what way and means our young people may be engaged and exercised in more spiritual activity.

The Chair appointed B. Bryan Musselman, E. N. Cassel, W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner and H. B. Musselman.

The minutes of the afternoon meeting were read and approved.

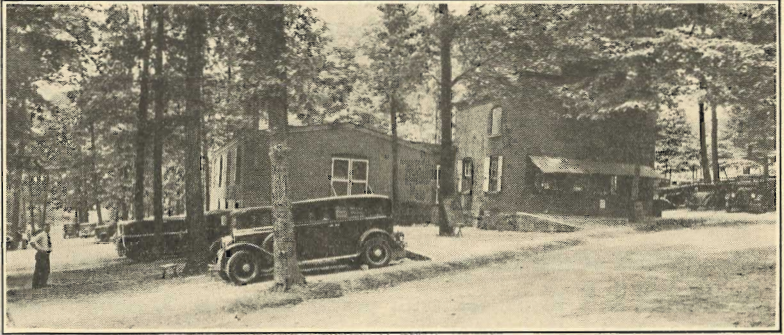
Adjourned at 4:50 o'clock with prayer by H. B. Muselman and benediction by W. G. Gehman.

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,	
A. G. Woodring, Recording Secretary,	
N. H. Wolf, 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,	Paul H. Miller
F. B. Hertzog,	G. K. Himmelreich,
P. T. Stengele,	R. R. Fox,
J. C. Roth,	Herbert V. Smith,
T. D. Gehret,	A. A. Schaffer,
R. L. Woodring,	C. B. Brosius,
H. K. Kratz,	E. Godshall,
W. F. Heffner,	A. W. Deppe,
J. B. Layne,	C. D. Bean,
V. H. Reinhart,	P. T. Tarbert,
E. E. Kublic,	George R. Fish,
Paul E. Baer,	Mason Klinger,
J. B. Henry,	Frank A. Borchers,
E. H. Musselman,	Edw. J. Dietzman,
G. O. Billig,	H. H. Bergey.
Myron H. Gehret,	

Views of Mizpah Grove Camp Grounds

(Photos by Dreisbach Photo Service)



Cafeteria and store. Open only during Camp Meetings.

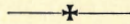


Auditorium seating about two thousand.



Literature Cottage. Owned and operated by the Gospel Herald Society.

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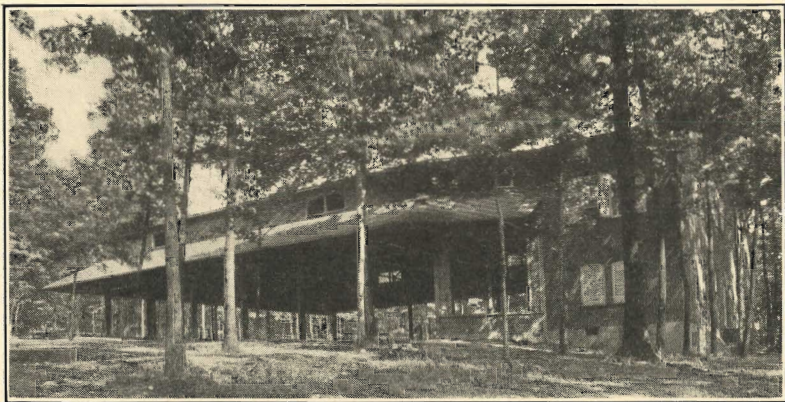
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I.—Presiding Elders

REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF THE ALLENTOWN DISTRICT

"But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins" (I Pet. 4: 7, 8). "In your patience possess ye your souls" (Luke 21:19). "Be patient therefore brethren, unto the coming of the Lord" (James 5:7).

God's abiding presence, through the Blessed Holy Spirit, has been our enabling through this another Conference year, permitting us to meet all of our appointments and to minister according to the ability which He gave us. We have been constantly made to realize our utter



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Mizpah Grove

Auditorium. Operating room of Radio Station WCBA on second floor to the right.

insufficiency, and His abundant all-sufficiency for all things. The brethren have shown us much kindness. Their concern in our behalf and the constant patience manifested, together with their unceasing prayer for us, was never more appreciated, causing us to be lifted above the "light afflictions" which are only momentary in the pilgrim voyage.

God has again spared us all of the pastors with their families. We thank God for a faithful ministry—for such compassionate and loving pastors who care well for the flock, and who preach the Word in all its purity. Unity and love has been prevailing.

A business depression has been made to be felt more and more, affecting the offerings somewhat, but the work of the Lord has been moving onward through the sacrifice on the part of many. Sunday Schools have been well attended. Prayer Meetings and the general church services have not abated in interest and attendance at any time throughout the year. We are asking for much prayer and waiting on God for His help in these "perilous times" that are now upon us. Pray especially for our young people who are meeting problems on every

side that are above the power and wisdom of man to solve, that they may be kept from the strong currents of worldliness, and be brought out of the battles of present conditions victors for God.

Church properties have been kept in good condition, and good use has been made of the same. Special missionary services have also been held on the district at various places. The radio messages which are being broadcast, and reach the many thousands everywhere in both rural and city homes (in every nook and corner), continue to bring forth a wholesome response for good which we believe is felt in fruitage on the greater part of the district. What a blessing to be privileged to bring the Gospel Message to the thousands who gather in the fire halls, police stations, the sick and dying in hospitals and homes, to the many aged who are deprived from all church attendance, and are thus not permitted to hear the Gospel otherwise.

Two Camp Meetings were again held on the District with good results. Both these gatherings were again held in Mizpah Grove, Allentown. The Bethlehem Division Camp had 217 tents erected, and the Allentown Division Camp had 239 tents put up. The morning prayer service held in the large tabernacle was made a great help and blessing. Children's services were most interesting and the attendance throughout at both Camp Meetings was very large, taxing the capacity of the large auditorium. The faithful pastors preached the Word (having had little special outside help) and God greatly used them in preaching as never before.

A tabernacle meeting was also held near Souderton, Pa., by Pastor W. F. Heffner with good interest.

Thus we are trustingly pressing onward, looking upward for the glorious appearance of our Lord, desiring to be found abounding in the work of the Lord (2 Cor. 15:58).

FINANCIAL

Receipts

Balance on hand October 18, 1930.....	\$	89 84	
Received from Treasurer of Home Mission Fund.....		1,960 00	
			\$ 2,049 84

Expenditures

(a) Appropriations

Quakertown and Hatfield	\$	180 00	
Nazareth, Pa.		180 00	
Northampton and Walnutport.....		240 00	
Leighton and Weissport.....		360 00	
			\$ 960 00

(b) Miscellaneous

C. H. B., General Conference Executive Board.....	\$	33 89	
E. H. Musselman, Moving Expense.....		75 00	
Quakertown Trustees		18 50	
Hatfield Church		131 53	
W. G. Gehman, Donation.....		100 00	
Matron, Home		48 80	
O. S. Hillegas, Donation.....		55 00	
J. C. Roth, Donation.....		10 00	
R. L. Woodring, Donation.....		20 00	
W. F. Heffner, Donation.....		20 00	

Camp-Meetings—for help and other Missionary Work	194 27	
Miscellaneous (Fares, etc.)	32 10	
Bethlehem Trustees	250 00	
W. F. Heffner, Tabernacle hauling.....	22 00	
Balance	78 75	
		1,089 84
Total		\$ 2,049 84

H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder.



Gospel Herald Society
Church at Chester, Pa. Living quarters in the rear.

II.—Presiding Elders—Continued

REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF THE EASTON DISTRICT

Our adorable Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has again given us the victory for another year, sparing the lives and preserving the health of all the pastors and their families, and enabling them to minister according to the ability which the Lord gave them.

There are many reasons for praising the Lord for His manifestation of salvation, sanctification, healing, and edification through a number of the people of God, in spite of the flood tide of ungodliness. Quite a number were baptized and added to the Church. A tender tie of love prevails among the members and pastors, and loyalty and sacrifice are evident.

The prayer meetings are well attended and young and old take part in public prayer and testimony. The church meetings are well attended and quite a number who are not members attend the meetings. Easton and Wissinoming and West Philadelphia still hold open air meetings

in spite of the crowded streets, with excellent results. The Sunday Schools are lively and largely attended. The instruction given is scripturally wholesome.

The Sunday School Convention for the District and the Gospel Herald Society was held in Easton, Pa. All day long the spacious church was well filled and the program was rendered effectually to the interest of all concerned. The convention was most agreeably entertained by the pastor and his class.

The Camp Meeting held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., was a very glorious one. The attendance throughout was very good and in many respects it was the best Camp Meeting ever held at this place. The Gospel Herald Society Day was marked with a large attendance and impressive meetings. There were 131 tents erected and occupied. The Word was preached with clearness and power from on high. The ax was laid to the root of the tree. Melting times such as we seldom see in these days were on God's program. The many seekers throughout the Camp Meeting were not disappointed. The offerings were better



Gospel Herald Society
Tent meeting held in Wilmington, Del., June and July, 1931.

and came more freely than ever before, which was certainly the Lord's doings. Quite a number were present from the other District, which, we are assured, proved to be a mutual blessing and benefit,

A small Camp Meeting, or a large Grove Meeting, was held in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, with 15 tents occupied by the local class. A number of visiting preachers with many of their people, and the pastor, V. H. Reinhart, gave effectual services. There were many seekers, and such who have been out of fellowship for years were gloriously restored. The expenses were more than met, for which we praise the Lord.

Personally, I want to express my gratitude to God for enabling me to meet the many appointments; to the pastors and pilgrims for the many prayers offered; and for loyalty shown and sacrifices made in our behalf.

May our love increase yet more and more, and may loyalty and faithfulness to our Lord and His Truth predominate until He come again.

FINANCIAL**Expenditures**

	(a) Appropriations	
Sunbury		\$ 240 00
Mount Carmel		600 00
Scranton		240 00
Stroudsburg		300 00
Wissinoming and West Philadelphia.....		300 00
York		300 00
		<u>\$ 1,980 00</u>
	(b) Moving	
J. B. Layne, to York, Pa.....		75 00
	(c) Miscellaneous	
Storage, Allen M. Gehman.....		20 00
		<u>\$ 2,075 00</u>
Total		\$ 2,075 00
Received from the Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund.....		2,075 00

W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder.



Gospel Herald Society
Tent meeting held by the Chester Mission at Trainer, just outside
of Chester, Pa., during August, 1931.

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

October 1, 1930, to September 30, 1931

The Gospel Herald Society has missions in three different states of the Union at the present time. These are supplied by men in uniform called Gospel Heralds, who preach and sing the Gospel in open air, halls, and tabernacles, and sell Bibles, Testaments, mottoes, the official paper called "The Gospel Herald and Saturday Evening Call," the Christian Service Calendar, and other religious publications. While doing this kind of work they are in training also for pastoral, evangelistic, and missionary work at home and abroad, as the Holy Spirit may designate, direct, and enable.

Lebanon, Pa.

The meetings are held in a large tabernacle which seats more than 300 people. The class is taking more of the nature of an established work for the Lord the last few years. There are whole families which attend the meetings regularly and take active part. Open air meetings are held during the summer months. The enrollment of the Sunday School is close to 100. Nine were baptized during the year. There is a very nice parsonage in connection with this mission which forms an L with the church property.

M. M. Myers has had charge of this work for quite a number of years, and has been instrumental in leading many souls to Christ.



Gospel Herald Society
G. H. S. Church at 251 South Fifth Street, Lebanon, Pa.

Harrisburg, Pa.

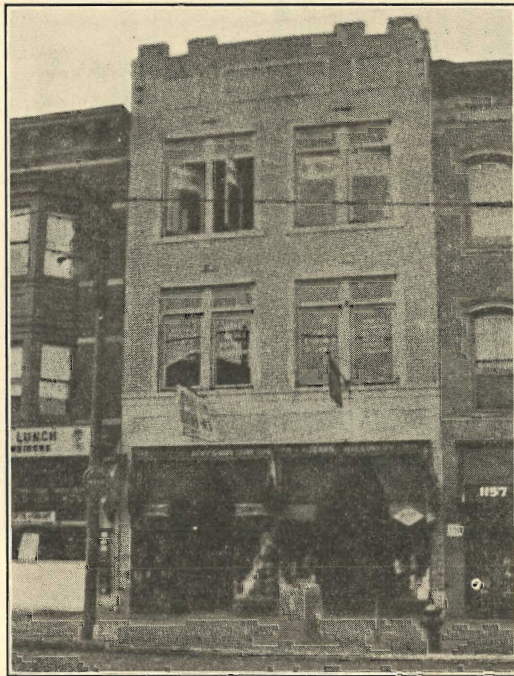
The meetings are held on the second floor of a large building in the center of the up-town business section of the capital city. This building was formerly an Evangelical church. The first floor is laid out in store rooms, etc., which are rented and help to pay the running expenses and for the building which we purchased several years ago. The meeting place is well lighted and ventilated and seats about 300 people. There are such in this class who stand by well and will be ready when the Lord comes. Open air meetings are held during the summer months. The enrollment of the Sunday School is over 100. Twenty-two were baptized during the year.

E. J. Rutman has had charge of this work for a number of years. He broadcasts regularly every Sunday afternoon and Saturday evening,

and every other Sunday night from the mission, over WCOD in Harrisburg, Pa. He reaches a great number of people, a number of whom claim to have been saved by this ministry. The mission is well filled every Sunday night with an attentive audience.

Chester, Pa.

The Property purchased and remodeled has very much the appearance of a regular church building with a parsonage added to it in the rear. It seats about 300 people. It is a very nice place of worship and has splendid living quarters. There is quite a nice class of people being gathered together who love the Lord. The Sunday School has an enrollment of more than 100. This mission opened another mission in Wilmington, Delaware, during the past year. Tent meetings were held



Gospel Herald Society
Mission, 1159 Elizabeth Avenue, Elizabeth, N. J.

in which very many claimed salvation through the Lord. Tent meetings were also held at Trainer, Pa., just outside of Chester, Pa. These were well attended and many were saved of whom quite a number come to the Chester mission. Twelve were baptized during the year.

E. George has had charge of this mission for a number of years, and is ably assisted at present by A. M. Sprock and R. R. Gibson, an applicant for the work from Jersey City, N. J.

Wilmington, Delaware

These meetings are held in a place rented on the second floor, adjoined by living quarters. After the tent meetings held here were closed the mission was separated from the Chester, Pa., mission by which it was opened. The services are not so largely attended but there are a faithful few who may be depended upon. The brethren spend much time in colportage work, and in holding open air meetings and in visiting, as doors and hearts open. E. W. Bean has charge and is assisted by C. E. Kirkwood, who is a son of the Chester mission, and J. I. Somers, an applicant, and from Girard College, and W. H. Walters, an applicant from Bethlehem, Pa.

Elizabeth, N. J.

We rent the second floor of a building centrally located which contains a beautiful place of worship and fine living quarters. The class is not so large but there are faithful ones who stand by well. The Sunday School is a live one with a very uniform and regular attendance of around 30. The brethren spend much time in selling Heralds and Christian Service Calendars and other good religious literature.

H. N. Foulk has charge of the mission and is assisted by A. C. Wieand and T. E. Turnbull.

Newark, N. J.

We rent a mission on the first floor and living quarters on the third floor, in the Irvington section. These are the best quarters we have had yet in Newark. Unfortunately we were obliged to change locations several times since the work was opened in this city of 400,000 population. Tent meetings were held for four weeks. These were well attended with quite a number of seekers. There are such coming who intend to stand by continually. This is quite a field for colportage work, and the brethren take advantage of it.

C. L. Miller has charge of the work and is ably assisted by E. B. Hartman and also F. C. Wagner.

Camden, N. J.

We took over a property located on a main street of this city across the river from Philadelphia, Pa. The place of worship is spacious and nice. The living quarters on the second floor are comfortable. The class of people gathered together are becoming more and more established in the Lord and His work. Tent meetings were held in which many souls were saved, of whom quite a number stand for the Lord. Twenty-seven were baptized during the year. The Sunday School has an enrollment of around 80. R. H. Gehman has charge of the work and is ably assisted by W. W. Hartman and previously by A. M. Sprock.

Jersey City, N. J.

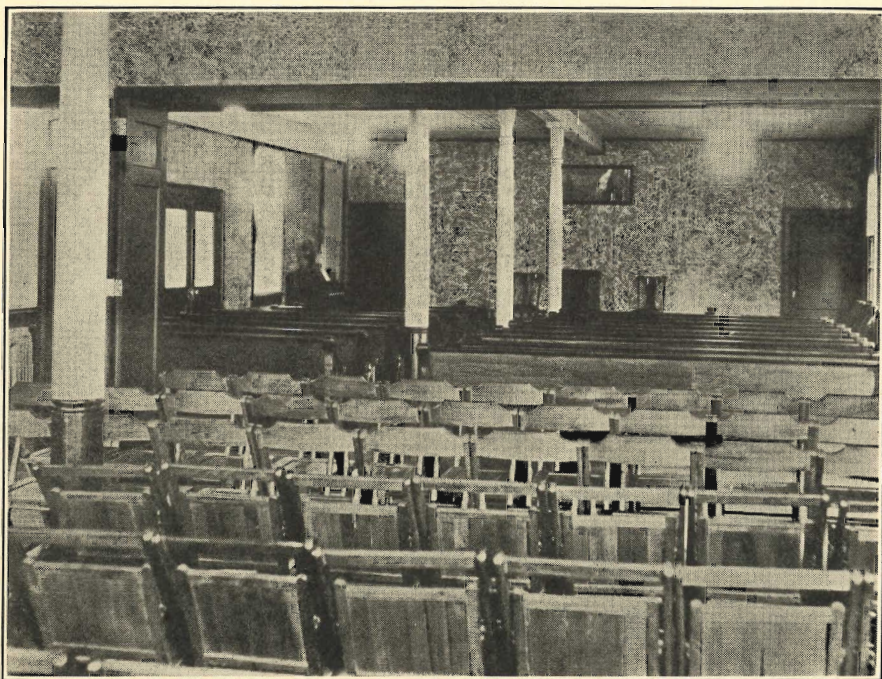
For many years we rented the second and third floors of a building in the up-town business section of this city of 350,000 population. It served its purpose though rather inadequately for the last several years. During the year we purchased a large factory building between two main avenues up town and began to remodel it. This was formally opened for services in August. This furnishes seating capacity on the first floor for nearly 400 people. The second floor has splendid living quarters beautifully laid out and nicely finished and furnished. The class is being well established and is loyal and sacrificing. The Sun-



Gospel Herald Society

This building, located at 45-47 Lincoln Street, Jersey City, N. J., was purchased, remodeled and opened in 1931.

day School has an enrollment of 125. Each Saturday night two open air meetings are held in two sections of the city. Seventeen were held during the season in Leonard Gordon Park on Sunday afternoons. In these meetings were distributed 6099 pieces of Gospel literature, 587 pieces of foreign Gospel literature. There were 3228 adults present, of which number 141 raised their hands for prayer. Many of the 2571 children who attended also raised their hands for prayer. Quite a number who attended these meetings were attracted to the new tabernacle.



Gospel Herald Society
Interior of the Mission at 45-47 Lincoln Street, Jersey City, N. J.

The class stood by well with donating labor, money, and furnishings for the new tabernacle and living quarters. The Heralds also toiled and labored hard to complete the place of worship.

This city furnishes a grand opportunity for colportage work which the Heralds take advantage of. Ten were baptized during the year. H. W. Hartman has charge of the work and is ably assisted by J. T. Anderson and C. M. Bonnet.

These Gospel Heralds, twenty in number, are wholly consecrated to the Lord and are willing to go wherever they are sent and do whatever they are commanded to do. They are ready for sacrifice or service. As pioneers may they press the battle to the gates and realize that the gates of hell shall not prevail against them. We trust they shall be found faithful and active till Jesus comes again.

STATISTICAL

Ordained ministers in the M. B. C. Conference.....	2
Probationers of the M. B. C. Conference.....	10
Full Gospel Heralds	15
Probationers	2
Applicants	3
M. B. C. Members dropped.....	4
New Members	1
Received by transfer from M. B. C.....	2
Total M. B. C. Membership.....	25
Baptized	80
Children Dedicated	10
Sunday Schools	7
Officers and Teachers enrolled.....	104
Scholars enrolled	587
Average attendance	493
Home Department Scholars enrolled	200
Cradle Roll	101
Children's Meetings and Sunday Schools held.....	552
Open Air Meetings	250
Prayer Meetings	523
Sermons and addresses	2,945
Pastoral visits	3,506
Copies of Gospel Herald sold @ 10¢.....	66,340
Copies of Gospel Herald sold @ 15¢.....	7,625
Copies of Gospel Herald sold @ 6¢.....	200
Copies of Christian Service Calendars.....	4,022

Valuation of Mission Properties:

Lebanon, Penna.	\$ 8,500 00
Chester, Penna.	18,000 00
Jersey City, N. J.....	25,000 00
Harrisburg, Penna.	20,000 00
Camden, N. J.	12,000 00

Total\$ 83,500 00

FINANCIAL

(a) Receipts

1. Collections

Rents	\$ 4,680 00
Sundry Expenses	3,618 86
Light	434 58
Donations, Gifts, etc.	3,836 75
President	928 25
Gospel Workers	54 72
Sunday Schools	2,339 85
Sunday School Convention.....	71 41
Conference Fund	180 24
Gospel Herald Society Headquarters' Fund.....	25 12
Foreign Missions	743 10
Missionary Work	17 10
At Gospel Herald Society Conferences and Con- ventions	121 80
Chapel and Lot Fund	1,653 57
Beneficiary Fund	148 00
House rent, Lebanon, Pa.	92 62
Garage rent, Chester, Pa.	52 00
Rents, Harrisburg, Pa.	1,665 75

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2. Literature

Literature, etc., sold at Missions.....	\$10,629 77	
Literature, etc., sold to Laity at M. B. C. Camp Meetings	773 78	
Literature, etc., sold wholesale to ministers, etc...	3,841 64	
Sunday School supplies to Sunday Schools.....	6,729 55	
	<hr/>	21,974 74

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

Appropriations	\$ 3,300 00	
Tabernacle Meetings	88 16	
Furniture	325 76	
Fares, Postage, Telegrams, Periodicals.....	193 60	
Freight and Express	53 48	
Cartage	21 82	
	<hr/>	3,982 82
Total		\$ 46,621 28

(b) Expenditures

1. Appropriations

Harrisburg, Pa.	\$ 420 00	
Lebanon, Pa.	360 00	
Chester, Pa.	735 00	
Camden, New Jersey	600 00	
Newark, New Jersey	395 00	
Elizabeth, New Jersey	720 00	
Wilmington, Del.	70 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,300 00

2. Tabernacles

Wilmington, Del.	\$ 17 28	
Trainer, Pa., near Chester.....	10 00	
Camden, N. J.	9 57	
Newark, N. J.	51 31	
	<hr/>	88 16

3. Miscellaneous

Furniture	\$ 622 71	
Fares, Postage, Telegrams, Periodicals.....	488 14	
Freight and Express	37 32	
Freight and Express Literature.....	48 85	
Cartage	83 94	
Mission repairs, Furnishings and Supplies.....	686 68	
Printing and Stationery	95 88	
Paints and Painting	37 05	
Heralds	334 32	
Rent	120 00	
Literature distributed	88 06	
Reo Truck	352 08	
Auto Use	86 18	
	<hr/>	3,081 21
Total		\$ 6,469 37

W. G. Gehman, President and Treasurer.

IV.—Stationing, Boundary, and Appropriations
REPORT OF THE STATIONING, BOUNDARY, AND
APPROPRIATION 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—E. H. Musselman.
 Northampton and Walnutport—H. K. Kratz.
 Nazareth—R. L. Woodring.
 Lehighon and Weissport—J. C. Roth.
- (d) **Local Preachers**
 E. T. Shick—Allentown (Bethel) Quarterly Conference.
 O. S. Hillegass—Allentown (Salem) Quarterly Conference.
 R. Bergstresser—Nazareth Quarterly Conference.
- (e) **Quarterly Conference Licensed Workers**
 Mrs. C. H. Brunner, W. J. Fretz, E. W. Martin.
- (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, Pa.—J. B. Layne.
- (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, E. W.
 Bean, W. W. Hartman, A. C. Wieand.
- (e) 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
Lehighon and Weissport, per month.....	30 00
To be used at the discretion of the Presiding Elder.....	800 00

2. Easton District

Mount Carmel, per month.....	\$ 50 00
Stroudsburg, per month	25 00
Sunbury, per month	20 00
Scranton, per month	20 00
Wissinoming and West Philadelphia, per month.....	25 00
York, per month	25 00

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.—1511 North Fourth St. To be supplied.
- Lebanon, Pa.—251 South Fifth St. To be supplied.
- Chester, Pa.—721 West 7th St. To be supplied.
- Jersey City, New Jersey—45-47 Lincoln St. To be supplied.
- Camden, New Jersey—2006 Federal St. To be supplied.
- Newark, New Jersey—136 19th Ave. To be supplied.
- Elizabeth, New Jersey—1159 Elizabeth Ave. To be supplied.
- Wilmington, Delaware—1522 West Fourth St. To be supplied.

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

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|------------------|--------------------|
| H. L. Shelly, | Herbert V. Smith, |
| C. D. Bean, | Paul H. Miller, |
| Paul I. Wentz, | W. D. Evert, |
| G. O. Billig, | H. N. Rishel, |
| Myron H. Gehret, | G. K. Himmelreich, |
| R. R. Fox, | |

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:

Allentown District

- Bethlehem Division, June 27 to July 5, 217 tents.
- Allentown Division, August 15 to 23, 239 tents.

Easton District

- Shamokin, July 18 to 26, 131 tents.

Receipts

Allentown District	
Bethlehem Division	\$ 2,574 63
Allentown Division	2,892 88
	\$ 5,467 51
Easton District	
Shamokin	1,919 25
Grand Total	\$ 7,386 76

H. B. Musselman, Chairman.

VI.—Camp Meeting Equipage

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CAMP MEETING EQUIPAGE

We as a committee have made a number of repairs and replacements. The expenses of the Committee were met by the Executive Board.

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

Committee.

VII.—Publication and Printing

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND PRINTING

Our supply of Conference and Sunday School forms, blanks, etc., is running low. Some must be printed soon. We paid the first payment on our Great Gospel Songs.

Receipts

Received at the Annual Conference.....	\$ 311 51
Received from sale of Year Books.....	413 50
Received from Sunday Schools for supplies.....	170 00
	\$ 895 01

Expenditures

Printing Year Books	\$ 390 00
Fares, postage, Half-tone Cuts.....	29 19
Printing Sunday School supplies.....	29 00
Reading Course Committee Expenses.....	20 24
Conference Secretary, Donation	50 00
First payment on Great Gospel Songs.....	120 00
	\$ 638 43

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

Board.

VIII.—Beneficiary Society

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BENEFICIARY SOCIETY

We have received the sum of \$317.03 at last conference.

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

IX.—Laymen's Benevolent Society

**TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE LAYMEN'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY**

October 13, 1930, Members Enrolled.....	398
Members Received During the Year.....	0
Members Died During the Year.....	4
Members Withdrawn During the Year.....	30
October 12, 1931, Members Enrolled.....	364

Financial

Receipts

Contributions	\$ 743 50
Interest	962 50
	—————\$ 1,706 00

Expenditures

Donations	\$ 300 00
Sundry Expenses	5 31
	—————\$ 305 31

Report of the Treasurer

Receipts

October 13, 1930, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 3,755 09
Received During Year	1,706 00
	—————\$ 5,461 09

Expenditures

Expended During Year	\$ 305 31
October 12, 1931, Balance in Treasury.....	5,155 78
	—————\$ 5,461 09

The Society also holds Securities to the amount of \$17,000.00.

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 1931

- (a) Applicant on the Discipline
A. C. Wieand 99

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

(b) Reading Course (as follows)

	Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation	All About the Bible	Church History	Knowing the Scriptures	Nelson on Infidelity	Lessons in Holiness	Bible, John, Chap. 13-17; I. Timothy	Romans	Fletcher's Appeal	Jesus Is Coming	Bible, I. Timothy	Average
First Year's Course												
W. W. Hartman....	97	96	98	.....	.....	95	96	.....	.....	.....	91	96
Third Year's Course												
C. L. Miller	89	.....	.....	60	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
R. H. Gehman	97	.....	89	90	91	.....	.....	97	73	97	.....	90
E. W. Bean	88	.....	87	72	83	.....	.....	83	70	91	.....	82
A. M. Sprock	86	.....	88	83	85	.....	.....	95	75	91	.....	86

C. L. Miller expressed his desire to be relieved from the Fall Examination because of his physical condition not being the best at the present time.

The brethren R. H. Gehman, E. W. Bean and A. M. Sprock having successfully completed the studies in the Reading Course are hereby recommended to the Committee on Ordination.

E. N. Cassel, President,
H. K. Kratz, Secretary,
T. D. Gehret,

Board.

XI.—Executive Board

THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Board met at ten different times during the year to consider matters that were presented to the Board for decision.

The Gospel Herald Society was encouraged to purchase a factory building for Mission and living quarters at 45-47 Lincoln Street, Jersey City, N. J.

The Highway Department of the State proposing to build U. S. Route No. 120 over our church property at Shamokin has caused considerable discussion and meditation. The matter is pending at the present time.

Hymn Books

The Board has resolved to adopt "Glorious Gospel Hymns" as the hymn book for the conference. After ascertaining that so many of the congregations still had Rose of Sharon Hymnals that were in fairly good condition it was decided to hold off on the matter and the Board purchased 3,000 "Great Gospel Hymns" which were used at the Camp Meetings during the summer with good effect.

Mizpah Grove

Twelve large oriental plane trees were planted in Mizpah Grove in November, 1930, to replace trees that had died and had been removed. Most of them have made good growth during the summer.

A refrigerator was built in the store room in the cafeteria. The cafeteria was conducted by the Board with B. Bryan Musselman as manager. The good meals and service were enjoyed by the many patrons. Considerable ground was hauled, free of charge, into the old quarry, thus enlarging the parking space. The electric wire service to the cafeteria was inadequate and was renewed with heavier service. The splendid shade of the grove was enjoyed by the many campers and visitors.

Financial

Receipts

Easton District Sunday School Convention.....	\$ 65 00	
Allentown District Sunday School Convention.....	160 00	
Pledges paid during year	111 00	
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting, Lumber Rent.....	\$ 182 20	
Allentown Division Camp Meeting, Lumber Rent.....	205 08	
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting, Balance.....	256 73	
Allentown Division Camp Meeting, Balance.....	405 23	
Cafeteria Balance	590 92	
Telephone Tolls	8 70	
		1,648 86
Interest	200 00	
Refund	7 68	
Sale of Hymn Books.....	377 50	
		377 50
Total		\$ 2,570 04

Expenditures

Hymn Books	\$ 353 94
Hauling	32 81
Repairs and Replacements	41 10
Labor	31 10
Roofing	14 70
Equipment	65 28
Electric Current	171 00
Telephone	150 17
Meals and Car Fare.....	107 51
Insurance and Taxes	117 18
Trees	6 00
Duck for Camp Stools.....	47 88
Camp Chairs	180 80
Stone and Tarvia	23 75
Acid	30 00
Electric Equipment	37 35
Refrigerator	166 78
Shamokin Camp Meeting	65 00
	65 00
Total	\$ 1,642 35

The Board owes loans amounting to \$20,700.00 and holds trust funds to the amount of \$5,000.00. The actual debt on Mizpah Grove and equipment is \$12,829.71. The Board permitted the Trustees of the Home to draw on their funds so the actual available balance is \$1,220.96.

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

XII.—The Home

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

The Farm

The Board met at the Home in March and in September to transact the business of the Home. Between Board meetings the work was looked after by committees and the Manager, I. K. Wismer, who has been laboring untiringly for the best interest of the Home and Farm.

The crops on the farm have possibly been above the average.

The herd of Holstein Friesian cattle is producing well and increasing in number. The herd at the last test was found free from bovine tuberculosis. It is the aim of the Board to have a herd free from the Bang disease, or negative to the blood test. The milk is being sold on a retail route in Center Valley and Coopersburg. Some is sold wholesale to Quakertown and Bethlehem and suburbs. The water in the spring was determined by laboratory test to be contaminated, making it necessary to seek another supply of water. An artesian well was sunk to the depth of 140 feet and a good supply of water was found. A Fairbank Morse deep well pump was installed at a total cost of considerably over six hundred dollars. With this source of pure water and a few other changes we have been able to meet the standard of grade A raw milk in Bethlehem, Pa. The bacteria count is kept very low. The milk in the way it is produced and handled has exceptionally good flavor and keeping qualities.

The sale of milk has been by far the largest source of revenue. The price of cattle and farm produce has been very materially lowered by the depression and large production, which has very materially affected the value of the herd and produce.

On account of ill health the Stauffers that have labored on the Farm last year asked to be released and Albert Moser and George MacNutt, former employees, were re-engaged to assist on the Farm. These brethren together with James Willitts and John Henshel have been working faithfully with the Manager to the best interests of the Home.

The Home

Mrs. Kate Fairheller, who came to the Home as matron when the Home was opened on July 1, 1909, has been kept in remarkably good health during the year. With the assistance of Mrs. I. K. Wismer as assistant matron they have been ably looking after the work in the Home.

Edgar and Frank Glass, fatherless boys of Mrs. Gertrude Glass of the West Philadelphia congregation, were admitted into the Home in January, 1931. When not in school they are helping with the work.

Claressa Mebus of the (Salem) Allentown, Pa., Congregation, who was admitted into the Home in 1917, died on May 24, 1931, at the age of 77 years, 2 months and 20 days. Funeral services were held in the Salem Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church in Allentown, Pa., in charge of Rev. F. B. Hertzog, with Undertaker Wm. Derr, on Wednesday, May 27, 1931. Interment in St. Mark's cemetery, Allentown, Pa.

It is now twenty-eight years since the conference held in Mt. Carmel October 16-20, 1903, that a committee consisting of H. B. Musselman, L. B. Taylor, Wm. Gehman, J. G. Shireman, and W. G. Gehman was appointed to look into the matter of the advisability of purchasing a property for an Orphanage and Home. At the conference held in Bethlehem October 12-16, 1905, the following Board of Trustees was elected: H. B. Musselman, president; C. H. Brunner, secretary; E. N. Cassel, treasurer; W. G. Gehman, L. B. Taylor, J. G. Shireman, H. L. Musselman, O. B. Bartholomew and Allen M. Gehman. On March 28, 1906, this board of trustees took title to a farm of 85 acres about one-third mile east of Center Valley station. Edwin Fehnel and Thomas Knauer were secured to do the farming. In the fall of 1908 the Board bought the property of the late Henry Sell in the village of Center Valley, Pa., and took title to this property in the following spring.

After some additions and alterations the Home was opened on July 1, 1909, with Kate Fairheller as matron. Since the appointing of the first committee to look into the advisability of purchasing a property for a Home and the present time, the experiences of the Board have been varied, some very agreeable and some not so pleasant, but we trust and believe to the profit of all who love the Lord and undertake in His name and for His glory. It is surely still true as James says in his epistle of good sense that "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world." The Home is small in size as might be expected in a small denomination but large in its purpose to help the needy. Possibly the Home does not come up to what all expect it to do, and possibly not all have done all that they might have done to bring it to what they expect it to be.

The following is a list of those who have enjoyed the hospitality of the Home.

Joseph Preisch, of Bethlehem, Pa., applied for admittance before the Home was opened and died before he could be admitted. Funeral expenses were paid by the Home. Interment at Bethlehem.

Fianna Preisch, widow of Joseph Preisch of Bethlehem, Pa., an invalid on a wheel chair, was admitted on July 14, 1909, and died on June 15, 1912. Interment at Bethlehem.

Sarah Moll, of Allentown, Pa., was admitted on July 21, 1909, and died May 3, 1917. Age 78 years, 8 months and 5 days. Interment at Coopersburg.

Elmer Arndt, of Vera Cruz, Pa., an orphan boy, was admitted in April, 1910, and remained until he was of age.

Louisa Horlacher, of Allentown, Pa., was admitted in 1911 and died September 15, 1916. Interment at Allentown.

Mary Steiner, of Bangor, Pa., whom the board of deacons and the Home had been caring for since 1885, was admitted into the Home in 1911 and died February 26, 1926. She was cared for, a total of 41 years. Age 81 years, 6 months and 9 days. Interment at Coopersburg.

Mary Roberts, of Bethlehem, was admitted into the Home on December 28, 1912, and died April 15, 1914. Interment at Danielsville, Pa.

Martin Hoffman, of Sunbury, Pa., a fatherless boy, was admitted into the Home in 1912 and remained until he was of age.

Abbie Esch, of Allentown, Pa., was admitted into the Home in 1916. Died January 20, 1920. Age 83 years and 13 days. Interment at Coopersburg.

Claessa Mebus, of South Allentown, Pa., was admitted in 1917 and died on May 24, 1931. Interment at Allentown.

George MacNutt, Raymond MacNutt and Kenneth MacNutt, of Mt. Carmel, Pa., orphan boys, were admitted during 1919 and remained until they were of age.

Marie Widmeyer, of Philadelphia, was admitted in 1920 and is at present in real good health.

Mary Ann Young, of Coopersburg, Pa., was admitted on September 3, 1925, and died December 18, 1926. Interment at Hellertown, Pa.

Amelia Ziegenfuss, of Quakertown, Pa., was admitted in 1928 and died September 20, 1930.

Edgar Willis Glass and Frank Norman Glass, of West Philadelphia, were admitted in January, 1931, and are enjoying the hospitality of the Home.

O. S. Hillegass and wife lived in the Home in 1927, 1928.

Henry Musselman lived in the Home in 1923-1925.

The children of Albert Moser were cared for in the Home in 1917.

Besides these, aid was given to those outside of the Home as follows: Ephraim Leshner and wife, of Terre Hill, Pa. Mrs. Gephart, of Graterford, Pa. Mrs. Emma Eddinger, of Macungie, Pa. Mrs. Hutchings, of Washington, N. J. Abraham Hilbert, Allentown, Pa. Edwin Painter, of Philadelphia.

Donations

The Board most thankfully acknowledges the receipt of the following donations during the past year:

Trustees of the Graterford Church, paint and wall paper; Graterford Sunday School, one 32-foot extension ladder and one step ladder; Clarence Musselman, one cabinet; A friend, boys' clothing; A friend, \$5.00; Brother W. F. Heffner saw that the Farm buildings were badly in need of paint and was inspired to donate the labor to paint the buildings. In the last two years he most generously donated 571 hours repairing, painting, and papering the buildings at the farm. He also was instrumental in securing donated labor assisting him in this work as follows, John Golla, Easton, Pa., 16 hours; Harold Shelly, Quakertown, Pa., 24 hours; J. B. Layne, 17 hours; E. H. Musselman, 20 hours; V. H. Reinhart, 30 hours; P. T. Stengele, 50 hours; N. H. Wolf, 79 hours. In acknowledging the donations of labor from these ministering brethren the Board does not wish to convey the impression that they neglected their regular work but that they were faithful in the discharge of their duties in their appointed fields and gave this time as a diversion from their regular employment.

**Financial
RECEIPTS**

(a) Home Account

Offering for the Home.....	\$ 830 63	
Interest	30 00	
Cash Donation	132 85	
	<u> </u>	\$ 993 48

(b) Farm Account

Cattle	\$ 1,098 33	
Hay	58 60	
House Rent	50 00	
Labor	22 30	
Milk	10,289 18	
Potatoes	805 50	
Provisions	42 88	
Refund	8 48	
Swine	231 00	
Wheat	43 46	
Apples	56 00	
	<u> </u>	12,705 73
		<u>\$ 13,699 21</u>

EXPENDITURES

(a) Home Account

Furnishings	\$ 24 50	
Coal	140 27	
Electric Current	59 49	
Fuel Gas	25 71	
Inmates	270 22	
Labor and Wages	289 50	
Provisions	430 08	
Oils and Paints	6 00	
Building Repairs	50 27	
Taxes	11 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1,307 04

(b) Farm Account

Advertising, Periodicals, Postage.....	\$ 64 58	
Auto Maintenance	222 40	
Building Repairs	222 94	
Car Fare and Telephone.....	116 34	
Dairy Supplies	641 84	
Electric Current	180 18	
Freight and Express	55 02	
Feed and Veterinary Services.....	4,026 10	
Fertilizer	239 02	
Milk and Eggs	8 90	
Horse Shoeing	30 50	
Implements	98 90	
Lime, Sand and Cement.....	89 14	
Labor	2,637 81	
Livestock	2,910 95	
Gasoline, Oil and Paint.....	354 96	
Poultry	12 50	

Registrations and Transfers.....	33 90	
Repairs	564 04	
Seeds and Plants.....	374 87	
Spraying Materials	24 16	
Taxes	321 93	
Straw	148 59	
Well and Pump	625 22	
		<u>14,004 79</u>
		\$ 15,311 83

STOCK ACCOUNT

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

(A) FARM

Properties:		
Farm, including land at the Home.....	\$ 18,000 00	
Tenant's Home	4,000 00	
		<u>\$ 22,000 00</u>
Implements		3,000 00
Live Stock:		
Holstein-Friesian Cattle	\$ 5,305 00	
Horses	500 00	
Swine	380 00	
		<u>6,185 00</u>
Produce:		
Potatoes	\$ 200 00	
Ensilage	1,000 00	
Hay	560 00	
Straw	240 00	
Feed	109 90	
Wheat	300 00	
Oats	4 44	
Corn	314 00	
Truck	15 00	
Apples	10 00	
		<u>2,753 34</u>
Miscellaneous:		
Firewood	\$ 15 00	
Crates, etc.	40 00	
Oil and Gasoline	28 50	
Paint	51 50	
Furniture	150 00	
Fertilizer	24 00	
Spraying materials	20 00	
Bottles, Caps and Crates.....	213 00	
Milk Route	750 00	
		<u>1,292 00</u>
Securities:		
Bills receivable	495 00	
Loans	400 00	
		<u>895 00</u>
Total for the Farm.....		<u>\$ 36,125 34</u>

(B) HOME

Property (The Home)		\$ 12,000 00
Miscellaneous:		
Furniture	\$ 400 00	
Canned Goods	105 60	
Provisions	53 50	
Smoked Meats	19 60	
Coal	9 00	
Soap	14 25	
Poultry	20 00	
Office Equipment	200 00	
		<u>821 95</u>
Total for the Home		\$ 12,821 00
Grand Total		\$ 48,947 29
Treasury deficit		8,649 33
Actual appraised value		<u>\$ 40,297 96</u>

STATEMENT

Resources

Properties	\$ 34,000 00
Livestock	6,185 00
Implements	3,000 00
Produce	2,753 34
Miscellaneous	2,113 95
Bills receivable	495 00
Securities	400 00
	<u>\$ 48,947 29</u>

Liabilities

Contributions to date.....	\$ 26,560 98
Donations to date	3,455 71
Treasury deficit	8,649 33
Surplus	10,281 27
	<u>\$ 48,947 29</u>

H. B. Musselman, President,
 E. N. Cassel, Secretary,
 J. G. Shireman, Assistant Secretary,
 C. H. Brunner, Treasurer,

W. G. Gehman, Allen M. Gehman,
 B. Bryan Musselman, H. G. Brunner,
 F. M. Hottel, H. M. Hottel,
 G. F. Yost, C. D. Bean,

Board.

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, C. D. Bean, H. G. Brunner and H. N. Rishel, 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, C. D. Bean, H. G. Brunner and H. N. Rishel, 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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XIII.—Foreign Missions

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

The Home Work

The time has again arrived to make a report of the Lord's work for the year in its relation to the Pennsylvania Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ. How short the year seemed to be. The strengthening grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the uplifting hope of His coming has kept us through the tests and trials of these strenuous days.

The reports from all the fields of the Conference have been encouraging. Many have been saved, baptized and added to the Church. Seasons of refreshing and blessing are reported from every appointment. Many were definitely healed in answer to prayer.

Camp Meetings

The Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting was held in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., June 27 to July 5, consisting of 217 tents.

The Easton District held their Camp Meeting in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., from July 18 to 26, with 131 tents.

The Allentown Division Camp Meeting was held in Mizpah Grove August 15 to 23, having 239 tents.

These were real seasons of exhortation, teaching, deep heart searching and blessing. The 9 a.m. prayer services were always largely attended by from 200 to almost 400 worshippers. Here much deep, personal work was done. The 1:30 p.m. Children's services were well attended, a large number of the older people attending, as many as 750 being present in some services. The large auditorium seating two thousand was more than filled on Sundays and special occasions. A large number came forward in response to the altar calls.

Sunday School Work

The reports submitted by the various Sunday Schools of the Conference at the Annual Conventions showed a good, healthy condition with an encouraging increase in membership and interest. The total average attendance for the year being again about fifty per cent above the total enrollment of Church membership. This is a splendid record.

The Easton District Sunday School Convention convened at Easton on May 20 and the Allentown District Convention convened in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, on July 4 during the first Camp Meeting.

Radio Services

Another feature is the radio service. This is a source of much blessing and comfort in these strenuous days. The operating room of Radio Station WCBA is located in the brick annex of the auditorium in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa. It is owned and operated by Rev. B. Bryan Musselman, Pastor of Bethel Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, 526-530 North Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa., operated on a frequency of 1440 kilocycles. From here many of the services held in Mizpah Grove are broadcast. Religious services are also broadcast weekly by Pastor Paul E. Baer of Scranton, Pa., and Gospel Herald E. J. Rutman of Harrisburg, Pa.

A Note of Appreciation

First of all we wish to give God all the glory, for all that has been accomplished has been the work of the Holy Spirit. This alone will stand the test of time. We have learned that without Him we can do nothing.

Then we realize that much credit is due to the faithful leadership of our noble, hard working leaders in the Conference, and the devoted ministry of our band of consecrated pastors throughout the Church, men who have been blazing the trail for many years, men who have not counted their lives dear unto themselves but have given the best of their years, the strength and energy of their body, soul and spirit in the service of the Lord and the Church. We thank the Lord for preserving every one of them during the past year.

Back of these stands the Church, the many congregations composing the Conference. What a band of loyal, hard working, faithful members we have! What can compare with them? Where can they be duplicated? Is this saying too much? If this is not real in every instance we pray the Lord to make it so, and trust every member to cooperate in this matter.

We thank the many members and friends for their support of the Church during the past, for their noble gifts for the Home Mission work as well as for the Foreign work. These gifts we know have meant real sacrifice to many, for which we pray the Lord to abundantly reward them. We know He will.

A Call to Prayer

We would here also urge every one who has an interest in missionary work to especially remember in prayer all our Home and Foreign workers. They have severe physical and spiritual tests from dangerous surroundings, unwholesome food, emaciating climate, isolation and loneliness, discouraging circumstances, and from the powers of darkness. They need our prayers. Look over the list at the end of this report, spread it before the Lord and make intercession for each one personally. Let the Holy Spirit pray through us "according to the will of God" (Rom. 8:26, 27).

The Work Abroad

William Carey's text for his famous missionary sermon at Nottingham, May 31, 1792, was, "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations; spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes. For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited" (Isa. 54: 1, 2). He divided his text into two parts, 1—Attempt great things for God. 2—Expect great things from God.

On the Sunday following the great fire in Serampore, India, in which \$50,000 worth of mission property was destroyed including all his valuable translations, the work of many years of hard labor, he preached on the text, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth" (Ps. 46: 10). He spoke on two thoughts, 1—God has a sovereign right to dispose of us as He pleases. 2—We should acquiesce in all that He does to us.

We have been much impressed by the reports received during the year from the various mission fields. As the missionaries on the field understand the situation better than we do at home we again permit

them to give their reports from the different fields right out of their own hearts. So what you, the readers of these reports, get will be fresh, real and authentic.

Only parts of their reports could be used here for want of space. Many expressions of appreciation for the literature, papers, *Regions Beyond*, as well as the prayers of the dear ones in the homeland, likewise had to be omitted.

We desire to thank the dear ones on the field for the beautiful photos submitted, a number of which have been inserted in this report.

As our Conference does not have a foreign missionary work of its own we have simply been supporting a number as the Lord prospered during the past years. Several of these had been severely tested in their bodies during the past year. Some have been definitely helped and healed while others have come home for a much needed period of rest and recuperation.

The offerings have been very good for these days of depression. This is due largely to the untiring efforts of our Pastors and Sunday School Superintendents in stimulating a missionary interest in both Churches and Sunday Schools. We wish to thank them all, including the parents and children for the great interest manifested by their liberal offerings. May the Lord bless you all.

The report of Rev. Wm. Christie, Treasurer of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, contains the following encouraging items:

Rejoice with us over the large harvest of souls gathered on Alliance mission fields during 1930; no fewer than 3,896 having been baptized. You will also rejoice that the native Christians gave to the Lord more than \$55,000 in United States currency for the support of the work, and our native churches entirely supported last year 826 workers. Thirteen new main stations were opened and the Gospel Light penetrated farther into heathen darkness.

A recent report from Rev. J. Woodberry, Shanghai, China, indicates that revival fires have been kindled. "The work has become so large with the steady revival of the past two years . . . All the weekly meetings but one (which threatens to do so also) have outgrown their own rooms and have moved into the church, whereas on Sunday itself the attendance is such that the seating has become an acute problem. The church is packed, gallery and all, and those who arrive on time are all but too late to be accommodated. Special occasions see some hundred or more turned away for lack of room. Hungry ones are flocking from many churches and many parts of Shanghai to hear the simple four-fold Gospel from the lips of this chosen youth of God, Mr. Dzao, the native preacher."

PALESTINE

(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

Missionary—Miss Mary A. Butterfield

Dear Brother Brunner:

Owing to financial shortage we have had to refrain from publishing our news-letter this quarter, but I feel that I must write one for the dear Brethren and Sisters who are holding me up in prayer and sacrificing so much to keep me on the field. Do not think because you do not hear more often from me that I am not appreciative of the blessed fellowship of dear ones in the homeland.

Missionary Conference

This Fall has seen considerable change in missionary appointments in our mission. We held our Annual Missionary Conference in September in Bethlehem at our Bible Training Institute. The two buildings rented for the Institute are in a delightful situation—just outside of Bethlehem, near the spot where Jacob buried his beloved Rachel so long ago. The Young Men's Department is located on the road to Hebron and the Young Women's is on a side road leading up to Beit Jala, a village in the heart of the second largest olive grove in Palestine. It is just the place for quiet study and meditation of the Word. It was a treat to have the Conference out there instead of in the dusty city of Jerusalem with its noisy traffic.

The morning devotional meetings were blessed through the ministry of Rev. P. S. Allen as he brought us messages from the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, illustrating the power of the life of faith in the lives of the patriarchs and saints of old. The heart of all the messages was the fact that "nothing is impossible with God" and "all things are possible to him that believeth." Faith need not be hindered by any obstacles whatsoever and the greater the obstacles the greater our faith should be. If God sets before us a goal He will lead us to it if we hold steadfast in faith. Obstacles are only challenges to greater faith and God will sweep every one of them away as we steadily advance in faith toward the goal set before us.

Much time was spent in prayer during the Conference days and every matter that was discussed was most prayerfully considered before decision was made. The idea of getting the gospel out as far as possible with the force and equipment at our disposal was ever before the missionaries, especially those who came to this field with a call to Arabia. Though the door is still closed, and no recent visits to that dark land have been made, it is the ruling motive in the lives of most of our force on this field to enter there as soon as God opens the way. Meanwhile they are moving out as near the border as it is possible to get.

It was sacrificial Conference to some of us who have longed to see more souls saved in Palestine. But, as a pioneer mission, the call is always to the "greater need" as was expressed by one of our number. Hence at the close of Conference, we found our forces scattered considerably.

Persia

Our beloved comrades, Mr. and Mrs. Allen and their little son, Paul, are now away out on the Persian Gulf, in Muhammerah, opening up an entirely new mission under exceedingly great difficulties, alone with God.

They report that the heat is intense at this season of the year. Vegetables are very scarce and they can scarcely find the kind of food that agrees with them. Their goods, sent by freight, have not arrived and they have lived for over a month with scarcely any furnishings in the house which they succeeded in renting for a residence. Inquiries at the freight office reveal the fact that they will probably have to wait another month or more before they can receive their household goods. Meanwhile they are seeking opportunities to witness for Christ. They will have to learn the Persian language, of course, but they find a few who know some Arabic. Mr. and Mrs. Allen write hopefully in the midst of considerable opposition. The police authorities have forbidden them to do any kind of missionary work and they cannot get permission to open up a Reading Room. They are studying hard at the language and finding contacts with a number of very friendly people who

seem to enjoy listening to the story of Christ during the conversations. They have met a number of men who have been anxious to purchase Christian books and the Bible. Several have privately declared their faith in Christ. They get books for their friends and "bring a continual stream of new faces to the house." This is a precious answer to prayer, as well as a call to continued intercession. Pray for these pioneer missionaries that God will supply their every need and use them in calling out a people for His Name.

Jerusalem

The Jerusalem work will go right on, as usual. The native church carries on its own activities without the direct supervision of a foreign missionary, holding church services, prayer meetings and Sunday School under native leadership entirely. At present, they are having a three weeks' series of meetings, conducted by Rev. Atiyeh Javed, an Egyptian pastor, who has come to Palestine for a year of missionary work.



Palestine (M. A. Butterfield)

Ruins of Caesarea. Son of a converted Moslem in the foreground.

The English services are having the ministry of Rev. L. F. Irish who comes in from Bethlehem three Sundays a month to give the message from the Word. Mr. Smalley comes in from Ma'an once a month to attend to such matters as may require his personal attention and remains over one Sunday to preach in this service. The great burden that is on our hearts as a mission just now is that God will pour out His Holy Spirit on the native church and use it in revival power in this city and throughout the whole country.

Miss Lewis and Im Bedour, our faithful Bible Woman, spend much time in visiting the Arabic-speaking women and children in the city and also in the villages round about Jerusalem. Miss Lewis is having young people's meetings once a week, too. She and the Bible Woman often have access to Moslem homes and men, women and children will sometimes listen attentively to their messages. They desire your prayers that the Lord will save souls as they go out in all sorts of weather into these homes.

Jewish Work

God is blessing the Jewish work. Since the Reading Room has been renovated, the work has been much easier for the evangelist, Mr. Gabriel, whose zeal for the salvation of the Jews is very keen. He meets many who talk with him about the gospel and some are definitely inquiring for their own soul's needs. One of these has accepted Christ and is preparing for baptism. We are glad to see the way the Lord is breaking down the middle wall of partition which has existed more or less between Arabs and Jews even after their conversion, in some instances. An example before us at present is the attitude taken by a recent convert from Mohammedanism. He was converted in another city and came to our evangelist in the Jewish Department for fellowship. It is gratifying to see him standing at the door of our evangelistic services and inviting Jews to enter, passing out hymn books, etc.—all voluntary service. He comes regularly to all of our services.

Someway we seem to be realizing a little of the earnest of our great desire to hear the last of "Jewish work" or "Moslem work," "Christian work" or anything of the sort! We are here for the salvation of souls in the *Lord's work*. He died to save a lost world regardless of race or creed or nationality; and Jerusalem can never be a "praise in the earth" until it is filled with saved souls of all classes whose gaze is focussed on *Jesus* their Saviour. I think you know that the evangelist, Mr. Gabriel, is not a Jew but is an Arabic-speaking Syrian. He has learned several languages, including Hebrew, and can speak with Jews of almost all nationalities, and hundreds of them are hearing the gospel from his lips. At the same time, he is Superintendent of the Arabic Sunday School and a wide-awake elder in the Arabic church. It is a joy to see God working in our midst. Keep on praying. "God is working, only wait!"

Bethlehem

The students of the Bible Training Institute in Bethlehem heard of the people in Jebaib wanting to build a church and, unknown to the missionaries, planned ways and means to help. They decided to fast every Friday night and also do without a favorite dish for a whole month and give the money saved to the church. When they counted their savings sometime later, they had Nine Pounds (\$45), including a gift from a former student. One of the young men said, "I move we make it Ten Pounds. Put me down for another shilling." A young woman said, "I have only one shilling in my purse but I want to give that to the Lord, too." Little by little the amount grew to Ten Pounds. Later, it increased to Twelve Pounds. This is the first Missionary Pledge offering from the Bible Training Institute. The students are very poor but they love the Lord.

Beersheba

Our Beersheba station is in charge of a native worker, Mr. David Suleiman, who graduated from our own Training School several years ago. He and his wife and little child are residing in our mission house there and preaching the gospel to those who visit them as well as in the homes of those they visit. He holds regular services attended by a small Christian community. They, too, are praying for a spiritual revival. The town has only about fifteen hundred souls, all told; but once a week several thousand Arabs from the desert gather there for "market day" when the city hums with bargaining over horses, camels, sheep, goats, grain and any other produce that may be in season. It is an opportunity for the spread of the gospel, also, as the missionary goes in and out among them.

The villages of the District are being visited by the students of the Bible Training Institute, as they prepare for their life's ministry of the gospel. There is also a special evangelist for this work, residing in our little zinc house in Daheriyeh. He goes about among the villages "gossiping the gospel" in the simplest colloquial, distributing portions of the Word of God among Moslems and Oriental Christians.

Madaba

There is considerable difficulty in our Madaba work, at present. Some of our native Christians are in prison under false accusation, one of whom is threatened with a term of three years' imprisonment. A soul was saved there recently and is boldly witnessing for Christ. Miss Best and her native helpers desire your prayers for the work there.

Kerak

We have word from Kerak that several souls have been saved there this past month and they are in need of your prayers. No saved soul in any of these places escapes the bitterest persecution. Mr. Ward and Mr. Brooks are visiting several villages regularly in an auto, holding meetings each time they go to them. There have been some results in one of these villages where the schoolroom of the place is filled with people eager to hear the messages.

Hauran

Another special campaign is being conducted in the Hauran just now, under the ministry of Rev. Barnaba, the evangelist who was so blessedly used in that district last year. He is an Egyptian evangelist who has come to Palestine to serve the Lord wherever he is needed. Pray for results as these meetings continue in the Hauran. The little churches established there last year are still growing, in the midst of poverty and distress. Yet they are learning to give to the Lord and some of their number are giving their lives to Him for service. They are asking for instruction in the Word of God that they may become acceptable witnesses for Christ.

You will recall our report of two successful revivals in Jebaib, a village in the Hauran. They expected to build a small church room this summer; but, owing to opposition, permission to build has been refused. Furthermore, Mr. Fried was sent out of the town by the authorities, at his last visit, and ordered never to return. The little flock needs your prayers.

The church in Ghasm Hauran still holds its prayer meetings regardless of whether a missionary is present or not. Through the prayers and personal efforts of native Christians a very wicked young man was converted this summer. It is a joy to see his happy face as he worships with those he once hated and persecuted. This group tithes its grain for Christ.

The meetings in Ezra'a, Hauran, in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Brohn, became so interesting that organized opposition began and after a few nights of noisy interruptions through banging on the door, throwing stones, breaking the windows, etc., the meetings had to be given up temporarily. A quiet ministry is going on, however, as those who have been saved come for instruction and prayer. Some of them witness in the villages round about.

Auxiliary Bible Training School

That has led to another new step in our mission's policy. These men who desire Bible Training work are too poor to come away down to Palestine for their training. They cannot afford the fee, nor have they money for travel. Besides they come from a locality with an entirely

different standard of life from that of more prosperous Palestine. It would spoil them to come here. They would probably never want to return to the life they are now compelled to live. So, at Mr. Fried's request, Conference decided to allow him to open up a short term Bible School on his station and permit the men who want Bible Study to spend two or three months at a time there under the instruction of the missionaries. It is to be as inexpensive as possible to students and to the mission. They will be permitted to occupy the rented room of the mission but will be required to furnish their own provisions, bedding, etc. It is to be a very simple course but giving sufficient training to enable the men to carry the gospel to the villages in the district. Pray for this project that God will guide in every detail and fulfill His own plans for each life that is dedicated to Him there.

Well, dear friends, it is a joy to think of you away over the ocean bearing a share of our cross as well as your own. I often feel so unworthy of any of your thought and prayer. But I want you to know that I truly appreciate everyone of you and thank God for the faithful friends who are holding us up so constantly. God bless every one!

Miss Butterfield's latest report follows, dated September 4, 1931:

It has been a strange year for me. Last Fall, I was left in charge of our Jerusalem Mission House and general responsibility for the Jerusalem Station, when our missionaries who had been living here went to the front lines across the Jordan. Miss Lewis was appointed to Jerusalem, also; and she most faithfully worked among the women and children, with our devoted Bible Woman, Im Bedour. They also visited the villages, preaching the Word. It was no easy task traveling long distances on donkeys on some of our hot, sunny, summer days, but they did it gladly. They were usually well received though sometimes they were invited to leave the village at once and witnessing to any souls was very difficult indeed. We can only leave the results with God.

Since only two of us were in the Mission House, it became necessary for us to take in a few paying guests. The Lord gave us a most congenial missionary household. Most of them were studying the language preparing for some missionary work. One precious family was from India, having had a term of service there. They stopped in Jerusalem to study mission work for six months. They were an inspiration and a help to all of us. A young missionary couple, both children of missionaries—one from India and one from Muscat, Arabia—were here studying to be missionaries in Arabia. They lived with us and attended the Inter-Mission Language School nearby. Others were here from Syria, Egypt and Palestine. It was a sweet ministry of "going into all the world" to have them with us.

As I wrote you last winter, I was off duty for the greater part of four months because of illness. There was a month in the hospital, then a month here, trying to carry on some of my work, and then about two months in a delightful Missionary Rest Home in Alexandria, Egypt, called "Fairhaven." Much of the time there I had some difficult dental work, which, of course, has been beneficial to health.

Miss Lewis had the responsibility for my work, assisted by a kind independent missionary, Miss Marie Davies. When I returned, Miss Davies continued to help me for a period. I was ordered by a physician to take immediate furlough and for a few days I accepted it as the will of God.

But oh, it just broke my heart to think of it! I could not bear the idea and found myself unable to face either going or staying! It was a little like the Israelites between the Egyptians and the Red Sea! It

forced the uplook I had been trying to take and there I saw the Pillar of Cloud! As I waited on God in prayer I felt He would give me strength to stay. I asked our Executive Committee to let me stay and prove the Lord once more. They did so, much to my joy, and oh how graciously the Lord has helped! It has been a miracle and the glory is all His!

My helper and "prop," Miss Davies, was called to help another of our missionaries who became ill, and then I took up full responsibility for the Home. There was other precious ministry, also, in connection with all of our stations, as this is Headquarters and most of the governmental "red tape" has to be unwound here, mail forwarded, Scriptures sent out, and so forth.

As we are seeking to help the native people learn to feel and bear responsibility, much of our missionary effort consists in learning to let them do some of the work we used to do ourselves; while we hold on in prayer, advice and constant encouragement. Any mother will tell you it is easier to do her work herself than to let her child do it, but if she is a good mother, she will let the child "learn to do by doing." So it is on the Mission field. It would be much easier to keep right on doing everything one's self than to watch those who do not do things just as you would do them and as you long to see them done. Of course, the missionary has plenty of opportunity for direct personal work.

Our Jerusalem Church has carried on unassisted, this year. They have no pastor, but the elders and deacons have arranged for the services, taking turns in preaching or getting some visiting minister to take a service. They have supported themselves this year, with very little help from the Mission. Mr. Smalley, as Chairman, has come to Jerusalem from Ma'an, Trans-Jordan, once a month for counsel or advice and to preach in the English service. The other English services were in charge of Rev. L. F. Irish, principal of the Bible Training Institute in Bethlehem.

Last Fall, at their own expense, the Arabic Church had a month of daily meetings conducted by a minister from the Holiness Mission in Egypt—a convert from the Coptic Church there. He was a man of prayer, and an inspiration to all. We had daily prayers, together. He also spent hours in private prayer. The meetings were a real blessing to the church.

They have held cottage prayer meetings as well as regular weekly prayer meetings. The cottage meetings being in the different homes throughout the city, have brought contacts with many others as strangers in each neighborhood attend the meetings. One feels encouraged to realize that the Lord is holding a group together in prayer and we are praying God to give it a real missionary vision. Will you join us in this request?

Our Jewish work has been more or less encouraging, too; though we regret there have not been greater results. Mr. Gabriel has dealt with several hundred Jews, personally, and has preached faithfully in the Evangelistic meetings, attended by an average of about fifty each service. Some of the meetings have been unruly ones while most of them have been quiet.

About twenty-five Jews confessed their faith in Christ, but most of them fear to make public confession. It means loss of home, friends, and employment, with no hope of finding any other way to make a living. I know we all think they should face it out and trust God; but I wonder how many of us would do it if we were in exactly the same circumstances as they are? Pray for them, please.

I had a delightful visit in our Mission Stations in the Hauran, near Damascus, this summer. I went by auto from Jerusalem to Afouli in the Plain of Esdraelon. There I got in the train and rode to Dera'a, changing cars at Samach at the southern end of the Sea of Galilee.

Here I had an experience which shows the Lord's wonderful care of His own. I had run to the Post Office to mail a letter and was returning to the train rather hurriedly, as I heard the engine whistle and I thought the train was about to start. Suddenly I found myself directly in front of the engine which was backing up on an inside track instead of on the track I had thought it was. Of course I jumped backwards immediately; but if the engine had not been stopped just when it was, I would probably not be here writing to you this morning. I received many scoldings for carelessness and, of course, I scolded myself while apologizing to the officials, and praising God for His goodness to me.

It was a most interesting journey. Much of the scenery was very beautiful. Lovely Jewish colonies with gardens, grain fields and tiny forests, were to be seen on the Plain of Esdraelon and in the Valley of Jezreel. From Samach on to Dera'a, we were climbing up to the top of the Trans-Jordanian Tableland. It was miniature, rugged mountain scenery along the River Yarmuk part of the way. We passed the Rutenberg works where they are "harnessing the Jordan" to make electricity. Then we climbed up and up, passed through tunnels, crossed bridges over pretty valleys with flowers growing on the banks of the stream.

When I got on the train at Afouli, I distributed some Hebrew and Arabic copies of St. John's Gospel. My supply was soon exhausted and I regretted not having brought more, especially when the conductor came to me saying, "Where is the lady who gave out the books? I want one, too." The train was full of Arabs and Jews. I conversed with different ones of both races. They did not like to occupy the same compartments together, and seldom conversed with each other. Occasionally I heard expressions from each indicating the strained feeling that exists between them. The reason for the strain there is the purchase of Arab lands by the Jews. The Arab effendis sell the land and the fillaheen (farmers) do not like it.

I tried to preach Christ to some of them, but not many were interested. They need our prayers. Many of these settlers are fine young strong-bodied men and women, but their whole desire is to build for themselves. They do not even have synagogues in many of their colonies. Many do not believe their Old Testament Scriptures. They laugh at the idea of their fathers' God.

Well, I must get to the end of the journey! Mr. and Mrs. Fried and Paul and Ruth welcomed me in Dera'a, and I had a lovely four days with them. At all times of the day callers would come and one would hear Mr. Fried having a conversation with them about Christ. Their little room was well filled on Sunday morning for the service, while another room had twenty-two tiny tots on the floor learning Scripture verses and hymns, taught by the faithful Bible Woman Hannie.

In the afternoon we went to Ghasm, where a church service was held. Most of the people sat on the floor. It was inspiring to hear them sing. They were making "a joyful noise unto the Lord." Their prayers were fervent and earnest. They listened appreciatively to Mr. Fried as he ministered to them from the Word. At the close of the service I was shown a very sacred room—just a plain bare room—with piles of grain in the corners. They were bringing their tithes into God's store-house. They are miserably poor. They seldom see money, but they bring the tithe of their grain to sell for the Lord.

There was a new convert at Church that day. He had been the most wicked man in the village. He had cursed the little praying group and

did all he could to hinder them. But they kept on praying and especially for him. By and by through their prayers and personal work, he was brought to Christ. Oh what a change! His ugly face was transformed by Christ dwelling within. There was a holy glow on it as he sat there worshipping with those he once hated. He talked with Mr. Fried afterwards and told him of his new-found joy. This church has no pastor, but its members conduct its services and go out after souls whether Mr. Fried can go to them or not. He has a number of churches throughout his district and can only visit each one occasionally. We want them to have a native pastor, so no missionary is being pastor.

I had a night and part of a day in Ezra'a, our new station. Here Mr. and Mrs. Brohn are living in most difficult circumstances. The house is a native one and far from comfortable. It is right on the street with no yard around it. People battered the doors while meetings were held and finally the meetings had to be discontinued, though a number came in for prayer and Bible study every day. I walked around with Mr. Brohn through the village. It is built out of stones of very ancient towns right among the ruins and appears to be a mass of debris. We had chats with many people along the way and were invited in to visit one of the leading Moslem men. Needless to say, Mr. Brohn wasted no time in telling him of Christ, and others sitting there heard it, also.

Yes, it's a difficult task they and all of our dear pioneers have, breaking down prejudice, making acquaintances, preaching the Word to those who do not want it. Thinking one has converts only to find that they have been scheming to steal from you or to spy on your methods of work, so as to report to authorities who wish to stop the propaganda among their people. But, thank God! here and there we find jewels—"diamonds in the rough." Pray for us all over our field.

Had I time I would tell tales from the other stations which I have heard. These were the only ones I visited this year. I hope to see the others before I go on furlough next May, if God wills.

Our Chairman, Rev. W. F. Smalley, and his family have lived in Ma'an in Trans-Jordan. A few years ago this city was in Arabia, but the border was moved back a long way, bringing hundreds of miles of territory into Trans-Jordan and opening the door into what was Arabia. Perhaps God will continue to open the door into that forbidden country in this way. Who knows? But in whatever way He does it, He will do it in the way that is best for reaching the thousands of souls scattered about over the oases of that vast desert. He is not particular as to the *name* of the country we evangelize. He is concerned about the *souls* who live there. Many cross the border of Arabia and come to Ma'an. Some receive Scriptures and get contacts with the missionaries. Pray for them.

Continue to pray for a spiritual revival on every part of this field. Please pardon the poorly composed report this time. In order to avoid further delay, I began to write it at 3:45 a.m. and it is now about six o'clock a.m. I must get ready for breakfast and for a day's work. We begin our Annual Conference in Bethlehem tomorrow and many preparations are necessary.

My heart goes out to you in gratitude for your constant faithfulness in prayer and support this past year. Had you known how unworthy I am perhaps you would have given me up. But He Who keeps you praying and giving knows all about it and He still holds on! What a Wonderful Saviour! May He continue to bless you. I have read some of the reports in the "Gospel Banner" and also the "Gospel Herald" which you so kindly continue sending to me. Those papers are a great help to our Reading Room here in Jerusalem.

"Now the Lord of peace, Himself, give you peace at all times, in all ways. The Lord be with you all."

AFRICA—Congo Belge

(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

Missionaries—Rev. E. E. Crist, Mrs. E. E. Crist,
Rev. E. R. Hess, Rev. M. E. Barter

Rev. Crist, the Chairman, and Mrs. Crist have just arrived in the homeland on furlough. Mr. Crist's report follows:

The Lord has given another prosperous year in the Congo. While there has been nothing spectacular yet from almost every section of the country souls were saved.



Africa—Belgian Congo (E. E. Crist)
Part of the Sunday congregation at Nua Maza, Banana District.

The total number baptized during the year was 1239 and 127 backsliders returned to the Lord. It is marvelous to watch God work. The Apostle Paul said, "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believed." Practically all the evangelistic work is done by the 700 or more native teacher-evangelists. Many of them have had little school training, but they know they are saved and know how to read the word of God to others and tell them how to be saved. The wise men of the world think such work amounts to nothing but of course they do not know that one soul is of more value than the whole world.

Many of these teachers could earn much more money at other work but they have consecrated their lives to the Lord to serve him. Often it means privation and even persecution but they stand true to their Lord and for that reason it is not surprising that souls are saved.

One of these teachers was asked by a missionary whether he always slept through the night without waking. Oh no, he said, I always wake up in the night and spend time in prayer. Then if the Lord does not send a special blessing I again go to sleep, but sometimes he gives me such blessing I pray right on till morning. The missionary had wondered at the source of his power, but after hearing that testimony knew why his work was so prosperous.

Africa is no more the isolated land it was a few years ago. The financial depression that has struck the world has also reached Congo and money is difficult to procure. Some of the plantations have had to close entirely and all others have reduced their number of employees by about one-half. The price of palm oil and nuts made such a drop that traders and planters ceased shipping them for some time, and the price is still very low. This is very hard on the church as their prin-



Africa—Belgian Congo (E. E. Crist)
The teachers of Boma District and their families.

cipal source of income is cut off. Yet we are glad that the church offerings have kept up fairly well. The total being a little over \$4,250 in our money. Some of the churches were not able to pay their teachers in full every month, but the work goes on.

In order to give the teachers better training for their work we have a number of preparatory schools where they go for one year to get help in elementary subjects and Bible study. These schools are filling a long felt need. Some of them are conducted by missionaries but several are now conducted entirely by natives with missionary oversight. Young men who expect to become teachers, and teachers attend these schools. There were 132 in attendance last year.

Twenty men graduated from the Bible School in February and have returned to their work in the different districts. We praise God for the blessing and inspiration these men bring into their districts as they return after two years of Bible study. They are able to lead the people into the deeper things of God.

The length of term for the Bible School has been changed from two to three years. It was not possible to cover all we felt the students needed in a two-year term.

There are 19 organized churches, and a dozen more will soon be, as they already meet separately to hold their quarterly communion services. Almost all the larger churches are planning to sub-divide their districts, because the crowds are too large to gather at one place for the quarterly meetings.

The Kwimba church with 500 members built a large brick church during the year.

There has been considerable itinerating done by the native workers during the year through the less frequented sections. We were hoping to place teachers in new villages in the Boma district but the Roman



Africa—Belgian Congo (E. E. Crist)
Sunday School at Matamba in the Banana District.

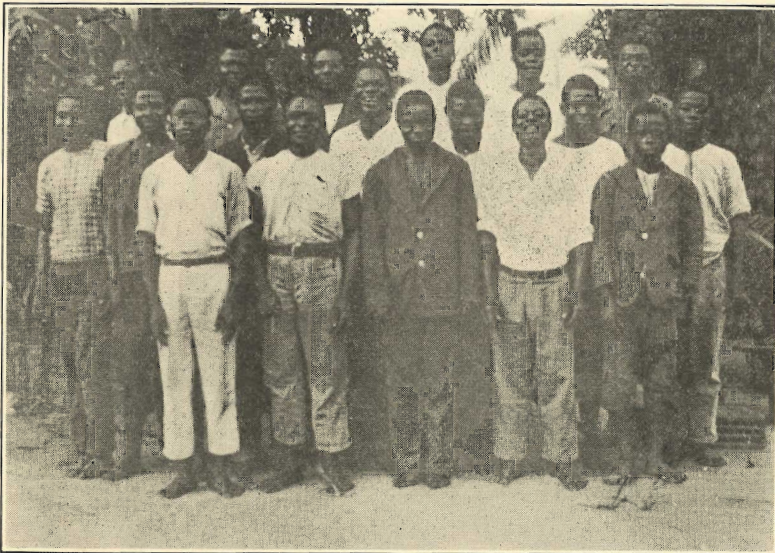
Catholics learning of our plans, intimidated the people and they were afraid to accept the workers.

We praise God that another section long closed to us because of the strong Roman Catholic opposition has at last opened and many people have heard the gospel for the first time. Many who formerly were afraid to listen to the gospel begged our teachers to come and preach to them. May the Lord cause the Word to find an entrance into their hearts.

In our newest fields, Kaongo and Banana, we are beginning to reap fruit for which we thank God. But for the faithful, consecrated native workers who are not afraid to endure hardness for Jesus Christ, these districts would still be closed. These men pushed their way into villages and stayed there when they were not wanted and suffered hunger and persecution (one family was given poisoned food and all nearly died) but they stayed on living and preaching Christ. Twenty-nine were baptized in Kaongo and seven in the Banana district. Eight have been baptized at Banana this year.

Just before we left the field a Roman Catholic priest had by threats caused the people of our newest village school in the Banana district, to tear down the teacher's house, and the chief of the village, though friendly to our work, when intimidated by the priest commanded the teacher to leave. However the teacher said he was placed there by the missionary of that district and would not leave till he was taken away by him. Friends gave him and his family shelter and he has remained, still preaching Christ.

While we praise God for His blessing upon the work in Congo there are still closed villages where the people refuse to listen to the gospel. We would like to place these upon the hearts of God's praying people that opposition may be broken down. The Lord has his own in these villages and we long to reach them with the Gospel.



Africa—Belgian Congo (E. E. Crist)
Native evangelists and teachers in the Banana District.

We thank God for preserving the lives of all the missionaries during the year. There has been serious illness in our ranks but He has spared all our lives. May we be more faithful in using them for the hastening of our Lord's return.

The trump is beginning to sound and all His chosen ones are lifting up their heads and looking for His soon appearing. Even so, Come, Lord Jesus.

We have 19 organized churches with a total membership of 9665. Maduda is the largest church, with 1840 members; Yema has 1780; Kinkonzi, 1073, and Ndingi, 1047. 1239 were baptized last year. We have 750 native teachers and evangelists and 2317 inquirers are on our waiting list. The native Christians contributed last year 151,854 francs for the work of the Lord.

Mrs. Crist is still suffering from neuritis. Please continue to pray for her recovery.



Africa—Belgian Congo (E. E. Crist)
Part of the congregation at Matamba, Banana District.

AFRICA—Belgian Congo
(Africa Inland Mission)

Missionaries—Rev. Harry Stam, Mrs. Harry Stam

The following is the first report from Rev. and Mrs. Stam received during the year.

“God is able to make all grace abound toward you” (2 Cor. 9:8).

Almost a year has passed since that last letter, in which we told of Esther Rachel's home-going. We can testify with humble gratitude that it has been a year overflowing with His grace and love, as well as with the loving sympathy of many of His children toward us. How often did we thank God from full hearts, as mail after mail brought expressions of love, and assurances of help in prayer from many. For we found ourselves so very human, and the pain was great. But “His grace abounded more abundantly.”

Each of the three terms of the school year seemed to find us busier than the last, but it is a blessed busy-ness. What a joy it is to get back to our main business,—that of training evangelists to go out and win souls. We have been blessed with a good measure of health, for which we praise God, and were able to go ahead with little interruption, though often handicapped by reduction in staff. It is marvelous, however, to see those very circumstances give opportunity for Him to work through our weakness, and in spite of lack of time for preparation, and similar difficulties, to give His blessing in each class.

In May we went toward the south with a number of evangelists from the school, as far as Kitambala's village, near the River Nzoro. The boys divided the carrying of the loads among themselves, and we worked back through Kitambala's, Sagu's, and Dramba's country, making headquarters in the chief's village each time, and scattering daily to the villages round about, and the road camps.

The Bible pictures with the Brayco Projector connected to the motorcycle battery, were a great help in giving the Gospel in evening meetings, and many gathered around the pictures in the dark, who would not otherwise have heard the Good News. Pray for this seed-sowing. We had long talks with both Kitambala and Dramba, the two big chiefs of the region, both once so antagonistic and both now so very friendly, and anxious to talk about the things of God. But both, we feel, still need to know personally the miracle of being "born again."

That same month of May we also made a week-end trip to Dungu and Zande-land. We saw most of the boys who had graduated from the School of Evangelists, and much that we saw encouraged and inspired us. There was Pierre Peleke, once so noisy and full of swagger, when as new missionaries we came into Congo. But the Lord has quieted him and deepened him. In a hard place he and his wife have stood firm. She has been poisoned, they and the children have all been sick at various and pretty continuous intervals, and the opposition has



Africa—Belgian Congo (H. Stam)

Group at Aba Chapel: To the left—Evangelist Gidona Sivigi and his wife and child. His wife, who seemed a hopeless case, was wonderfully saved.

been terrific, but whenever they were offered the opportunity of leaving, they have answered, "No, Bwana, we believe God has sent us here. Let us try another year. Has not God protected us?"

Samwele and Naomi were doing a fine work at Ngilima's, while dear old Sila Tigini, so slow mentally and so warm spiritually, is doing a work to be proud of, away to the north. Yisaka Mangizele has been praying much about the needy French Sudan country across the border, and we feel that God may be calling him to go there. Pray that he may have guidance, and courage for whatever difficult task may lie ahead. He, too, has lost a baby this year.

Two more terms passed, (for truly the months simply rush by,) and the year finished with a "bang". Nine evangelists go back to their stations. Oh, how we need to pray for humility and steadfastness for these boys, in this land of rapidly changing conditions and standards. Remember them by name, "before the throne": Samwele Dzema, Lazaro Locuvi, Yoane Ligei, Zakayo Bage, Simasona Baba, Yisaka Gbadinga, Yosua Mayaya, Yosua Draruma, and Barunaba Kumbaboyo. That is the order in which they sat before me all year long in our little end room.

Almost all of the first year men have done good work and are going on into the second year. A number of new boys are coming, and we crave your prayer for them too. Pray that they may receive, while here, the thing for which "L'Ecole des Evangelistes" exists,—training in and for the work of winning souls. We must keep "first things first" and we believe that the first need of all is the proclamation of the Gospel of salvation.

Christmas Day was a day of blessed rejoicing because of the great love of God in giving His Son for us. In that great morning service the people brought their gifts with gladness of heart, both money and goods. The total native offering, that day, came somewhat over five hundred francs, which they decided, this year, to use for the so greatly needed house of worship. In the afternoon, at the open-air evangelistic service, about twenty decided for Christ.

The red letter event was the first conference for our Bangala speaking Christian natives, just passed. The results of it only eternity will tell. For eight days we feasted together, delegates having been sent in from all of our stations here in this corner of northeast Congo. The theme of the conference was "That blessed hope" of the soon return of our Lord and Saviour. To some of us this conference was the answer to the prayer of years. Even among our native Christians there had been prayer that such a thing might be possible.

The Lord was present with us, and as we considered what God's Word says concerning holy living, feeding of the sheep, and soul-winning, hearts were searched. Perhaps the strongest message of the week, especially of the native messages, was that of Yoane Akudri, a Kakwa Christian from Adi, on "A Christian Must Be Holy in Walk Here on Earth." That Saturday hearts were touched by the "strong words" Yoane had to say concerning actual cases of harm to souls in need, because of Christians going back to their villages and living unholy, inconsistent lives. The week ended with a blessed communion service Sunday morning, and a praise and testimony meeting at night.

Now it is over, and they have scattered again. But the cleansing is still going on. Pray that the Spirit of God may be allowed to do a thorough work. And *pray for us* that we may take time to pray. For we desire that last clause of 2 Cor. 9:8 to be true of us, as well as the first,—"That we may abound." With greetings in Christ Jesus.

Extracts from a Personal Letter

As extracts from a personal letter, dated August, 1931, we insert the following by Mrs. Stam:

We don't write often but think and pray for you all very much. We trust you have been having blessed camp meetings. We are already looking forward to the next Camp we will attend! It may be 1934 or 1935!! If the Lord tarries. Thanks for all the publications and last year's *Regions Beyond*. Greetings to your own family.

In the same letter Rev. Stam writes: The service of the Lord continues to be a very busy, and still more, a very happy service. Forgive us for not writing oftener. Our hearts are with you. We have been continually thinking of you and your Camp Meetings and have been praying that much real work may be accomplished for God. Do remember us to the friends in the Church. Our affectionate greetings to your family and the whole Church, whom we have truly come to "love in the truth."

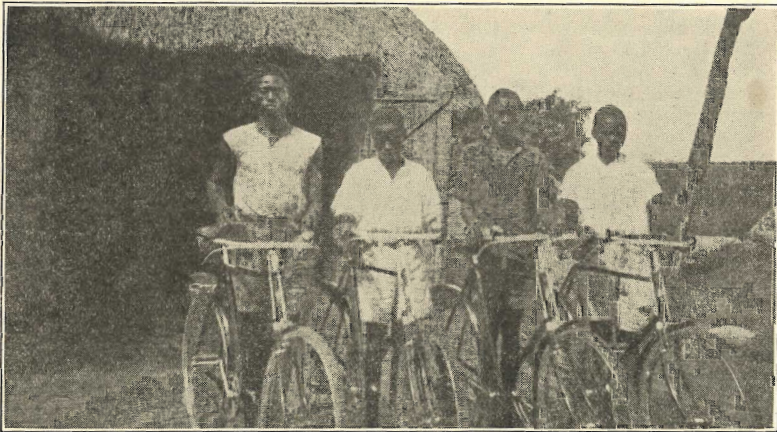
The following, the latest report from Rev. and Mrs. Stam, dated August 24, 1931, is especially interesting and encouraging.

Dear Brother Brunner: Greetings to you and your dear people, in the blessed Name of the Lord Jesus! "The Name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." Praise the Lord.

In this year, or even in the months since that belated letter, written in January, we have had a number of new notes of praise to add to the song of thanks which we can, and shall sing, to the glory of His Name.

School of Evangelists

The new boys that entered into the first year class of the "Ecole des Evangélistes" are a loveable group, with wonderful possibilities. Two are from the Alur tribe, two are Bahema's and two Balendu,—these all from the great hill country on the west shores of Lake Albert. Two



Africa—Belgian Congo (H. Stam)
Evangelists ready to go out with the Gospel.

are from the wild Lugbara, two from the Logo, fairly near us, one Mundu from right in this territory, and one Mangbetu from down-river.

Pray much for the boys who will finish this year, God willing. Pray that not one may fail of God's best will, but that as each goes forth fully surrendered to Him, that all the rich promises of their youth may come to full fruition in His hand. Pray that not one may fall by the wayside. The battle will not grow any easier within the next few years, for the opposition of the Adversary is being better organized than ever before, and they will need your prayers sorely in the battle. Pray that they may learn the secret which Christian learned when wounded in his battle with Appolyon, of getting down on their knees;—there, in the attitude of weakness, to find His strength, which is made perfect in weakness.

Kidoko, Paulo Wojok, Yisaya Ukumu, slow but faithful, and Tito Jamundu, all go back to their Alur fellow-tribesmen. Paulo Mbunzu (son of a Bari chief reported to have four hundred wives and eighty children), and Mori (Mamvu) go back to their people, kindly and intelligent, but steeped in such awful sin. Their homes are about 180 miles to the southwest. They twain have been such good, quiet, loving followers of the Lord.

Simasona Barua and Yosua Banzi go back to the Azande, with great, great stretches of unreached field beyond them, in their own wonderful tribe of about three million people, spreading right on up into French Sudan.

Sila Mandé and Yosefa Thethu, (both Bahema,) and little Sositene Cedyá (BaLendu) go back to the wonderful Blukwa country, and Yisaka Zibu (also Lendu) to the great and widespread work around Rethi. Both Rethi and Blukwa are up in that same thickly-populated hill country. Yosiya Mando, of the Logo, whose steady walk with God and love for souls have been a joy to us, goes back to Todro, only 40 miles away from here, but with many opportunities. He has been wonderfully saved from the Roman Catholic error, and has a gift for dealing with those who still worship Mary rather than the Lord Jesus.

Pray for each of these boys. In them lies the hope of quickly and truly getting the Gospel out among the peoples of this land.

Bicycle Evangelism

Week by week the word of evangelism in the territory right around us goes on. With bicycles (we praise God for a gift of ten of them) and motorcycle, and sometimes car, the Word keeps going out. From three to five bicycles are "hitting the road" almost daily, and more on Saturdays and Sundays. With them the Word is carried to the distance, while each Sunday at sundown brings notes for prayer and praise also from those who have been out on foot.

Gradually, in some places we can see the opposition breaking down. The Devil is raging, of course, that is his business and nature,—but our God is working, unceasingly, and who can stay His hand? Hallelujah! Often lately it is the women, who, bound in the fetters of pagan heathenism, or of that other,—Romanism,—try to keep the men from listening to the Gospel. But steady sowing in some of these fields right at our doors, which have been labelled "impossible," is yielding results. Hard? Yes, very hard,—stony soil plus the heavy growth of error. But our God is the God of the impossible.

Said one woman, "Why do you people always come around here talking about Jesus, Jesus, Jesus? We don't care about Jesus. We are people of Mary. We are sick with your words of Jesus, as of eating too much. Go away."

Dema answered, "Mary was a good woman, of great faith. She is saved because of her faith, and I shall see her in heaven, for I too am saved because of my faith in Jesus. But Mary is a person of earth like you and me. Tell me, who made Mary?"

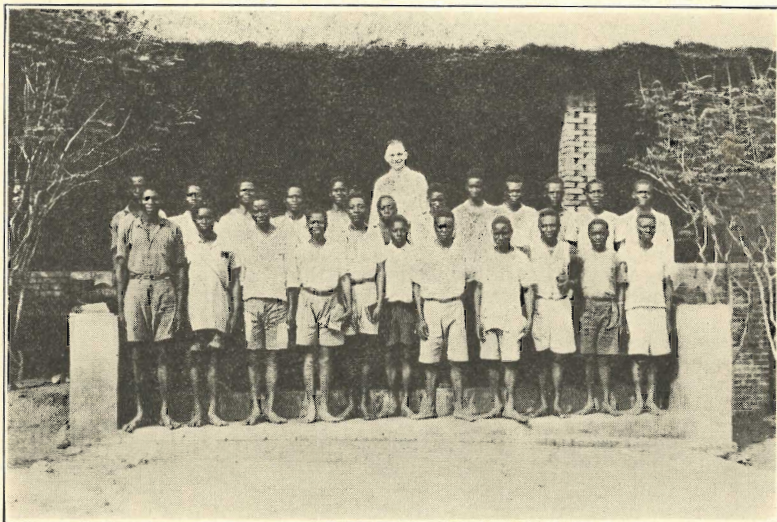
The answer came back scornfully,—and how Mary may have been saddened by its awful error, and the lack of knowledge of the eternal excelling majesty of her Divine Son,—"Why, no one made Mary. Mary made God and all that came thereafter." This would seem to me to indicate either a very ignorant or a corrupt priesthood, perhaps both. The men, however, on that particular road, even to the chief himself, and his head clerk, have been listening eagerly to the story of salvation from sin through faith in the shed blood of the Lord Jesus. And we think that some have believed.

New Church too Small

At Aba Poste we praise God for His answer to the taunts of the Adversary. Before we went home on furlough, while the chapel was being built down in that little "poste" three miles away, which is starting to look so civilized and "putu"-like, with its metal roofs, and electric lights, and machinery, and about one hundred white men,—the place of wonders to native eyes,—and the place of so much sin,—while

the chapel was in building the taunts of the Enemy were many. Like Sanballat and his fellows, they stood around and said, "You are building a house of God for nothing. Do you not know that the land all about here belongs to the priests? Your God is "pamba" (powerless and worthless). Whom will you get inside? Will anyone enter? Why, not a single person will come in to your worship."

But today, with shining faces, the Christians and evangelists from Aba station, and also the evangelists in the School of Evangelists say often to each other and to the Lord, as they mingle praise with their prayer, "Behold God's answer. See how He has worked! Where they said not one would enter, now continually more than a hundred come, and the house is too small for the hungry crowd." Hallelujah! Ours is a God of power! He lives, He hears, He answers our humble cry.



Africa—Belgian Congo (H. Stam)
1931 Class of students for Evangelistic work at Aba.

The Locust Scourge

And then there are the locusts. For more than a year now they have been passing back and forth over the country-side, eating especially the corn and millet. Like a red-brown storm cloud they come,—millions of them, and miles of them,—advancing remorselessly from the distance, and cleaning out the crops as they come. After the first visit they cease being an interesting novelty, I assure you. They are a scourge. It is a sight of sadness to see them strip those great leaves of the corn, and even attack the ear on the stalk, when still green. They eat, and then leave behind them their thin sprinkling of refuse on the ground, not having digested much of what they ate. Like Satan, they seem bent only on destruction. And eventually the field is left, a field of bare lances, where once the rich full blades and ears of corn were seen. Or with young millet, or rice, they simply eat it off even with the ground.

A few months after the large, flying locusts, come the little dark, baby hoppers, a terrible brood,—worse than the parents, for they move

more slowly, in one inch hops, and therefore do more damage. The natives, under government leadership, try to fight these by driving them into trenches and then stamping or burning them to death. Sometimes they have a good measure of success, and sometimes not. And it is disheartening business to a poor unthinking native, for later on more swarms of big ones come along. Hunger time has started, and worse is ahead for many sections. Now cases of selling children for food are beginning to crop out. And the end is now yet. "That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten." Wherefore, "Cry unto the *Lord*." We are praying that God will mightily turn the people's hearts to Him through this visitation. In some places there seems to be evidence of a working of His Spirit now.

Divine Protection and Blessing

For ourselves, it has been a time of blessed protection by the hand of our God. It has been a true lesson in prayer to many of our Christians. For while the locusts have eaten around the edges, they have never been able to settle down to an extensive destruction, and we have always been able to drive them off. And now there is food enough. The Christians seem to realize that it is all of grace, and that we have no right to protection because of our goodness. Some day we, too, may be visited by hunger,—but how good it is to dwell in the secret place of the Most High and under the shadow of the Almighty.

It has done our hearts good to see God answer the prayer of His little children, and time after time send the wind to turn them away from the fields, or keep them on the move and passing on. And it has been a testimony to His power to answer prayer in Jesus' name, apart from medicines and charms and incense. In many places the villages where an evangelist was situated, though in the midst of a section where the locusts were heavy, were spared any great damage, until like Laban when Jacob was with him, some of the chiefs have seemed to find that for their own personal village gardens, the Lord seemed to bless them for the sake of the man of God in their midst. May He cause us all to walk very humbly before Him, with a real passion for souls burning in our hearts.

And now, brethren, pray for us, that the word of God may run and be glorified. "To the praise of the glory of His grace."

AFRICA—Belgian Congo

(United Tribes Mission)

Missionary—Miss Mary A. Miller

From a number of reports from Miss Miller we clip the following interesting items:

Superstition

There are quite a number of large cobra snakes here, several were killed on our station. One had wrapped itself around the leg of one of the women when going for water. Another one chased after some of the workmen who killed it. We told them we desired the skin of it and asked them to skin it for us. Wish you could have seen the look of horror that passed over their faces as they drew back and exclaimed, "Why mama, if we would skin that snake our skin would turn the same color as the snake." We tried to change their beliefs but found it quite useless.

On the path leading to our station we noticed a hill of dirt, and wondered what the belief of the native was concerning it, so we watched and saw that when the natives would come to this hill of dirt they would, with their feet, scrape some more dirt up on the pile. We asked them why and they told us that if they did not put dirt on this pile their feet would become very sore so that they would not be able to walk. At another time a woman came here to sell us some corn and when she went to return to her village she bumped her toe on the stump of a tree. I watched to see what she would do and I saw her turn around, kneel on the ground, put her lips to the stump and kiss it, then she clasped her hands and implored the stump not to make her foot sore. I imagine I can hear some folks say, "Why she is crazy." But I wonder, dear ones, what you would do if you lived in a land where you had never heard of Jesus. Where the Glorious Light of the Gospel had never penetrated; where there are no doctors, nurses, hospitals, stores, and only a handful of missionaries to tell the blessed story to millions of lost souls. Please



Africa—Belgian Congo (Mary A. Miller)
Miss Miller visiting a native village.

think this over and see if in your heart you would be any better than the natives of this vast region who have never heard of Jesus.

When the native desires to go hunting he makes a small hill of dirt in front of his house, takes some certain leaves from the forest, smashes them fine, puts some white clay on top of these hills, puts the leaves on top, then he lays the gun across these hills and prays to the gun to call all the beasts of the forest together so he will kill them. When I heard it, it put me in mind of the Bible story of Elijah on Mt. Carmel. Such a crying as they make. I asked the native if it would help him catch meat. He said, "Surely the medicine which sticks to the gun would call the wild beasts in front of the gun so he could easily shoot them. But he returned empty. Poor deluded souls, how our heart longs to tell to all of them of Jesus, but our lives are only one, but we desire for God to have all there is of us and use us to win many of these souls for Him.

We know of seven other large tribes here in this district to whom the Bread of Life has not been taken; they are waiting so long for some one to tell them of Jesus. We hear the cry so often, "We are so glad you have come to tell us of Jesus." As you read these words I pray the Holy Spirit to cause you to stop your hurried and busy life

for a short time, and get alone with God and on your knees ask Him what He would have you to do to help bring the Gospel to these lost souls for whom Christ died. As you pray I trust there may be lives given to God for Him to use as never before, whether in Prayer, Giving or Going.

May the Lord richly bless each and every one of you and make you a channel of blessing to lost souls is my prayer.

My Dear Prayer Partners:

Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession (Psa. 2:8).

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen (Psa. 46:10).

Wonderful promise, is it not? Ask, and I shall give thee, then be still, and know that I am God. I am the Great Almighty God who will give you just what you ask for, but you be still and trust. How often we fail in being still. It is so much easier to rush on and work ourselves than to be still before Him and allow Him to work through us as He pleases.

Since my last letter to you, we have been very busy giving out the "Gospel Story" to many natives who had never heard before. So often they tell us, "Why mama, we never heard of Jesus before." How we thank God for the wonderful privilege which is ours, that of giving out the "Bread of Life" to lost perishing souls.

Building A Chapel

The work on this station is moving steadily on. At present we are building a chapel. We have prayed for one for quite awhile, but it seemed as though houses in which to house the missionaries was also a great need. So we called the natives together and told them that if they really loved Jesus and would like to give Him a small gift they could in their spare time bring in poles, cody, grass, etc., to build a chapel. To this they gladly consented, so that the greater part of the main poles were brought in gratis by the native boys as a gift for God's house. At present time they are tying grass on the roof, and in a few weeks we expect to hold our services in a sun and rain proof building. At present we are holding all services out in the open, and we are hindered so much on account of the rain.

While on the path one of our men was bit on the foot by a snake. We asked them what they did. They said, "First we prayed to God to help us, then we put some of our medicine from the forest on it." These heathen boys first asked the Lord to help them. How often we put the Lord last instead of first in our lives. I pray that God may be first in each one of our lives so He can use us to a greater extent to win these lost souls for Him. We daily thank the Lord for the marvelous change which has been wrought in the lives of some of these natives. Will you join us in prayer for them that they may be kept real true and faithful to Jesus, and become real bright and shining lights before their relatives and friends, and that they may receive a burden to make Christ known to those who have never heard the Story of Love?

Please pray that the Lord will thrust forth more workers into this part of His vineyard, also funds for the opening of new stations among other tribes who have never yet had the privilege of hearing of Jesus.

May the dear Lord continue to bless you is my prayer.

Dear Brother in Christ:

Another year has passed, and 1931 has come bringing with it, its joys and sorrows. We know not what the future holds or what lies before us. God in His great love and mercy has veiled our eyes, but we do know that He will give the needed grace and strength to meet the different situations as they arise. So this year let us push forward with a greater zeal, yea a greater love in our hearts for lost, perishing souls and win them for our Christ.

Needs Supplied

On January 26th, I received the check from Miss Dunkelberger, for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for which I send you my heartiest thanks. It came just at a time when everything looked so black. Surely it was a God-send, for it seemed as though we would have to send the children home to their heathen villages. This of course, would have meant that the priest would take them to his mission station where they would never have the privilege of hearing of Jesus and His love.



Africa—Belgian Congo (Mary A. Miller)
Natives. White stripes are strips of clay.

My sister received her check the same time as I did mine. Well, we had a thanksgiving service and thanked the Lord for answering prayer. It is wonderful to me the way our friends and Brothers and Sisters at home sacrifice and give for missionary work right in the midst of such hard times, when there is so much unemployment. Surely the dear Lord will not forget your work and labor of love, but when He comes He will give out the rewards for everything done in His name. Again, I say "thank you."

I received the Year Book which you so kindly sent me. I thank you so much for it. I was very glad for it as reading it makes me feel kind of at home. Was so glad to read of the work at the home end and of the way the Lord is leading and prospering the work there. I am praying that the Lord will continue to add His blessing on the work both at home and abroad.

The new party are still at Kafumba. The Hutchison party are at their new place and are busy putting up their buildings. Mr. Bort has also left us and is opening up his new station. His wife and child are still with us and will remain until the house is built. So almost all the work here again falls to my sister and I until the new

party arrives. We are looking for them most any day. The Lord is giving us strength as our day, and is just pouring His blessings out upon us. He is so very good to us.

May the Lord bless and keep you in His hand.

Dear Friends:

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

Today my heart is filled with praise to my Redeemer for His loving, watchful care of me, and for the wonderful way in which He is leading and blessing the work here. Through the dense darkness we see His face and realize His nearness more than ever before. He has been working mightily in our midst thus fulfilling His word. Hath He not said, "My word shall not return unto me void, but shall accomplish that whereunto I have sent it"? We are daily sowing the seed and trusting the Lord for the increase.

Bible Training Class

We have started a Bible training class and about 45 natives attend. These men, women and boys have professed to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. We see a great change in many of their lives and are praying that the Lord will get a real hold on their lives and fill them with the Holy Spirit and use them to bring the Gospel to their own people. Will you please join us in this prayer?

We opened an out-school several months ago in a big chief's village. A young man from the mission goes over each day and gives them a Bible story, teaches them to sing hymns, also teaches them Bible verses, and to read and write. The Lord is blessing this school and the testimony of the young man. The devil is mad and is trying his best to discourage him, but we know God's grace is sufficient to keep him in the midst of tests and trials.

Recently I took a trip to Kandale to meet the Misses Graves and Whitaker and bring them back with me to Kamayala. This is a distance of 120 miles which we made by sleeping four nights on the path, arriving at Kandale on the morning of the fifth day. I rode on Kipoy, but of course walked quite some each day in order to relieve the men who carried me as the sun was very hot. We had a nice trip, but on the way back some of the natives started to fight, and fought until the blood ran. After the fight was over some of them said to a relative of theirs "since you say you have accepted the affairs of God, you refuse to help us when we fight, you do not care if they would kill us, you would not help us at all." So you will realize some hearts have been touched by the Gospel and a change wrought in their lives. This boy is learning quickly in school and we feel that should Jesus tarry, he may become a real power for God among his own people. While on this trip, each evening we held a Gospel service and gave out the Word which is the Power of God unto Salvation.

Witch-craft

One night we were awakened by the tramping of feet on our path. We arose and dressed and quickly went out to see what was wrong. Two men were carrying a sick man to us for medicine. He said, "I am going to die, because a man from a village many miles away shot me in the back of the neck with his gun." There was no wound at all, so we asked him when he shot him and he said, "Why, to-

night." Can you imagine, dear friends, how these souls are bound with their witch-craft and dense superstition. How much they need the Saviour in their lives. This man had an attack of pleurisy and of course had sharp pain at every breath. We spoke to Him of Jesus and of how He was able to take these fears out of his heart and give him peace. He then prayed and asked the Lord to help him, and the Lord heard and answered. Today this man is well.

Last Sunday in our service we had an attendance of about two hundred. Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker brought a Victrola and an organ with them, which is a great attraction to the natives, they come to service to hear the music and then we preach Christ to them. O, what a blessed privilege is ours, that of preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ to lost, perishing souls. Wish you could have seen the natives when they heard the organ and victrola for the first time.



Africa—Belgian Congo (Mary A. Miller)
Native boys bringing in the first pole for the new chapel.

Their eyes became so big and bright, and they seem to enjoy them so much.

Recently our government official with his wife was over to visit us. They seem much interested in the work here and are helping us all they can. She is Catholic and he is neither Catholic nor Protestant, but seems to lean more toward Protestantism. They are very nice to us. While here she asked us what the difference was between our belief and their belief, and whether we prayed to the Virgin Mary or direct to Christ. We had the blessed privilege of telling them of Jesus. She said to us, "I am a Catholic, but I do not believe in confessing my sins to the priest, for he is only a man like any other man, when I feel sad at heart I go direct to Christ and He helps me." We gave them the Gospel of John and Acts in French to read which we pray may be used of the Lord to open their eyes to the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. Please pray that they may find Jesus as their Saviour.

Isolation

Perhaps it may be of interest to you to know we are around 270 miles from the nearest trading post where we can buy supplies. Trains, street cars, auto busses and the like are unknown here. Our means of transportation is walking or being carried by the native porters on Kipoy. This makes over five hundred miles to walk before the needed supplies of flour, sugar, etc., can be secured. The native porter makes this trip in twenty days' time. We took this path when coming here to this station. The natives get around eighty cents for walking this distance of over 500 miles. It does not seem so much, but when a crowd goes it amounts up into the dollars. We are also the same distance from a doctor. But we do thank the Lord because He gives us health and strength each day, and although far away from the outside world we are very happy in our work for Jesus, and find real delight in telling out the story of love. I would not desire to be anywhere else, because I know I am in the center of His will, and in it I am happy and content. We are asking the Lord to put it upon some one's heart to open a store closer to us, thereby saving this money spent on porters to further the Lord's work.

Please continue to pray that the Lord will bless and save many souls here. These are jewels to lay at His feet when He comes to claim His own.

May we all be faithful to the trust He has given us until He comes.

The Cruelties of Heathenism

"When He putteth forth His sheep He goeth before"

Two of our boys were brought to us suffering much pain in their sides. Upon examining them, we found them to be full of small cuts. We asked how this happened. Their fathers had cut them in order to let out the evil spirit that was making them sick. They both had bad colds, so instead of just having the pain from the colds, they had the added pain from cutting.

Each day, we realize more we are in the wilds and not in the midst of civilization. All the natives are so taken with witchcraft, and are afraid if they leave these heathen ways, they will be harmed by the witch doctor. A young mother in a nearby village, the wife of one of our workmen, gave birth to a baby a month ago and is sick ever since. We gave her medicine and treatment. Her husband became scared by the threats of the natives, called in the witch doctor, who ordered them to leave their warm house and put up a shack on the edge of the village because if they stayed in their house they would have to burn it after the sickness was gone. This they did, and in the evening when we went to the village, we found the husband suffering from a cold and the young mother much worse. We called the chief and headmen of the village together and talked to them of the error of this and the harm it has done. They listened and gave their consent for them to return to their house.

Extracts from a very interesting letter from Miss Mary A. Miller, dated July 13, 1931.

"The Lord is my Rock, and my Fortress, and my Deliverer; my God, my Strength in Whom I will trust; my Buckler, and the horn of my Salvation, and my high Tower" (Psa. 18:2).

The above verse has meant so much to me the last two months, surely we have been proving the Lord to be our deliverer and our strength. How I do praise Him today for His goodness to me, and for His protecting care over me in these days when men's hearts are failing them for fear.

A conference of the U. T. M. was announced to take place at Mangungu on June 1st, and as Mr. Whitaker was getting things in shape for the building of his house, it was decided that my sister Bertha and I should represent our station at the conference. So with this in view we packed our chop box, clothing, bedding and other things needed to take a rather long journey, after supper on May 20th. So you can imagine we were very tired when we retired shortly before midnight. The next morning we arose very early so as to be ready to leave before the sun was so hot, as we had a journey of about seven hours before we would stop for the night. As we only expected to be gone a few weeks, we went with as few things as possible in order to make light loads for the men, and also to travel with as few men as possible, as food is so hard to get on the path.

We arrived at our first stopping place around three P.M. and at once ordered food for our men. Then, after putting up our beds, we decided to try to get something for ourselves to eat, as we were rather hungry. The natives refused to sell us either chickens or eggs, so we made a hot drink of ovalmaltine, and ate some bread which we had with us, made a lunch for the next day, and then waited for the men's food to come. Darkness fell before they brought it, but finally all had received their food and we retired for the night.

Lions in the Way

Before daylight we were up, packed and were ready for our second day trip, but our men were not ready. They said there were too many wild animals around that early in the morning on the path we were to take, so they wanted to wait until daylight. We could not go without the men, so we had to wait until the breaking of dawn. We were not very far out on the plain when the men showed us a lot of lion tracks, made by a pack of lions which had just passed by that very morning. If we would have left at the time we desired to leave, we no doubt would have just ran into them. How good the Lord was to us.

We made a short day and arrived at our stopping place before dinner-time. We at once ordered food, made our dinner, then rested. In the afternoon the Medel chief came to see us, bringing some chickens and manioc flour as a gift. We, of course, gave him a present of both money and salt in return for his gift. He asked me why no missionaries came to his villages to tell his people the affairs of God. He said: "My people have no one to teach them, and no one teaches my children 'the affairs of God'." He coaxed us to either come ourselves or ask someone else to come and live with them and tell them of Jesus. Please remember these natives in prayer.

The third day we left at daybreak, and traveled until around four o'clock P.M. We wanted to go on to the next village, where there was a nice State house, but as our men's feet were all blistered from the hot sun, we decided to remain for the night. We found an unfinished Catholic teachers' house in which we put up our cots. Food for our men was very scarce and so they had to go hungry. We bought all we could, but it was not enough to satisfy them after traveling all day. Each night we held a service and gave out God's Word, trusting Him for the results.

Had to Go to Bed Hungry

The next morning we left before daylight. Upon arriving in the next village we met Mr. Graves, who was also enroute for the Conference. From here we traveled together. This was another big, tiresome day. We arrived at our stopping place around three o'clock in the afternoon. The natives welcomed us and told us there was lots of

food for the men there. This, of course, made us very happy, as the men had so little the night before, but after we ate our supper and darkness had fallen, no food came, so we went to see why they had not brought us any food and they then told us there was no food in their village. We had noticed a Catholic teacher going among the people late in the afternoon, so we thought he had something to do about us not getting food. Well, we went from hut to hut and demanded food. Finally we did get a little, but not nearly enough to satisfy all the men, so they had to go to bed hungry. Early the next morning we were again on our way. We arrived at Kandale around dinner time.

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We came to Mukedi around four o'clock in the afternoon, dirty and tired. Mr. Moser at once offered to take us to Mangungu in his Ford touring car, as Mr. and Mrs. Eicher expected to leave the following day at noon, and if we wanted to see them it would be necessary to get there that night. If we went by Kipoy it would take nearly two days to get there and we would miss seeing them, so we accepted his kind offer. We quickly ate supper, changed our clothes, repacked, and were off. My! I almost felt as though I was back in civilization again. We made the trip in three hours and five minutes. A car is such a blessing in Congo now, as so much time can be saved, also strength, and many more have the privilege of hearing the Gospel story. We received a hearty welcome from all of our co-workers who were at Mangungu for the conference.

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We had a glorious conference. We were brought low at His feet in prayer for these dying millions. We were all better fitted for service for Him because of these days of waiting before Him. I want to be an earnest Light Bearer for Him.

While at the conference we were told of the illness of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and little Freddie, of Tshene, and, as we were so close, we decided to pay them a short visit before we would return to our stations. After seeing Mr. Buck and Mr. Hutchison leave for their return trip to their stations, we started for Tshene in Mr. Haller's car. The auto road went as far as Mr. Christanson's station, and the following day we went the rest of the way by Kipoy, which took about five hours. Miss Bodin went with Bertha and I to Tshene, while Miss Larson and Miss Mahon went with Miss Briggs to Mbeo. When about an hour from Tshene we were met by the Mission boys, who took our Kipoys on to Tshene. The boys were so glad to see us again, and we were also glad to see them. Upon arriving at Tshene we found the Andersons both sick in bed, and little Freddie so thin and pale. They were so glad to see us and we were also very glad to see them. They told us they had been praying that the Lord would send us to visit them and if possible one of us remain with them for a time until they would get a little stronger, as it is almost too much for Emma to do all the work and take care of the sick also.

So we decided that as it was needful for me to return to Kamayala, Bertha would stay with them for a time and try and care for them until they could gain strength again. They are ordered home by the Doctor, and so, as soon as their passage money comes, they will leave for the States. After staying there a few days, we left for our return trip to Mangungu, from there expecting to return at once to Kamayala. Upon our arrival at Idiofe, we received some very sad news which made our hearts very sad, as we were told it would be impossible for us to return to our stations for some time. But in order that you will understand just what I mean, I will go back to our time of waiting at Kandale.

A Serious Rebellion

I mentioned of the rebellion which was in the hearts of the natives, or some of them, in the Kandale district. While we were still at Kandale, report came to us that the natives had risen in rebellion against the Government, and had shot at the Kandale Territory Agent when on his way home for furlough. He, however, escaped, then the Kandale Administrator, with soldiers, went to investigate the trouble while the other Kandale Official went into the district to collect taxes from the natives, so we thought the natives would be quieted down and that there would be no further trouble. On July 13, we received word that Mr. Balot, the Official who was collecting taxes, was killed by the natives, his head and arms cut off, and that the natives had declared war against all white people.

The Official who was killed had just recently come to Kandale from Kahemba, our Government Post, and was at Kandale about three weeks when he met his death at the hands of the natives. We from Kamayala feel as though we have lost a real friend, as both he and his wife were such a help to us at Kamayala. They had been in our home and we had been in their home, and just before leaving Kandale for the conference we were entertained in their home. Troops of soldiers went down and so we again had hope that it would be settled, but the natives meant war and not peace. But we heard no more until on our return from Tshene the Idiote Official told us that hundreds of soldiers were in the district with some machine guns, and that the Griffins had left Kandale, and Mrs. Balot, the wife of the dead Official, was taken away by night to Mukedi for safety.

The natives were all dressed for war, with their paint, and women nor children wore any clothing and the men only wore a small piece of cloth around the loins. The women were fighting with a baby on the hip and a large knife in the hand. All paths from Kikwit to Kandale are cut off so that no word can be sent through. Many natives have been killed, but still they refuse to give in. They claim to be guided by the "Vumbi," or spirit of one who died and arose again. Sad, is it not? But this shows you how superstition grips them. Only the power of God can set them free. As our path lay through Kandale, we were not allowed to go back.

Three Company Postes have been burned to the ground and from two others everything was stolen. Soldiers have been made to run, as there were not enough to withstand the natives. Troop after troop have been rushed to the war zone and twenty machine guns have been in action, and before the soldiers had come to the village the natives went to meet them and they said the air was black with their arrows. So they just turned the machine guns on them. As those in front would drop, natives from the rear would step over their dead bodies in order to kill the white man. Thirty soldiers were killed in one day.

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We pray that our God, Who loves and cares so much for His little ones, will not allow them to be harmed unless it were to be a means of furthering His work. I know we can trust Him. When we worry, we do not trust, and when we trust, we do not worry. So I am praying that the Lord will teach me to trust Him more and more each day. The natives who made the attack at Kahemba are from villages around Kamayala, so my mind often wonders as to what has taken place there. No word can be received, for the reports are that the natives kill all messengers who try to get through. But we do know we are safe in His hands. Thank God.

The Brutality of Heathenism

The other day the Commassaire from Ilebo was here on his way to Kilembi, and told of the death of Mr. Balot. He said the natives had wounded him severely with their knives, and as he was in so much pain and in the hot sun, he asked for a drink of water. Then the natives followed, caught him and cut him in pieces while he was still alive. Whatever part of his body they desired to have, they would cut it off. They took these pieces of his body to use as a charm to help them kill the white people. Someone from one village took a toe, another village a finger, a leg went another way, and so it went. Can you imagine the terrible pain that man endured at the hands of the natives? His poor wife is heartbroken; she has left for her home in Belgium, and we are praying that the Lord will use this to bring her unto Himself. Will you join us in this?

Our hearts are made to bleed when we think of the hundreds who are going into Christless graves, many of whom have never heard the message of Life. Please pray that peace may soon be made so that the Word of the Lord will go forth to lost and perishing souls and that many will accept and believe and turn from their sinful ways and serve Him, the True God.

May the Lord continue to bless you and make you a great blessing to all you meet, is my prayer.

"Our safety lies not in the absence of danger, but in the presence of a Saviour."

AFRICA—Nigeria

(United Missionary Society)

Missionaries—Rev. Joseph Ummel, Rev. Paul Ummel

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Ummel had been at home in Elkhart, Indiana, on furlough. Mr. Ummel sailed for Nigeria about February 10. Mrs. Ummel expects to follow later on. Following is his first report since arriving on the field. It is dated Salka, June 10, 1931:

First of all I wish to praise the Lord for the good health He has been giving me ever since I have come back to Nigeria. I have never had any better health in Africa than I have so far. Good health is to be much appreciated, in this land especially where there is so much sickness and where the climate is so enervating all the time.

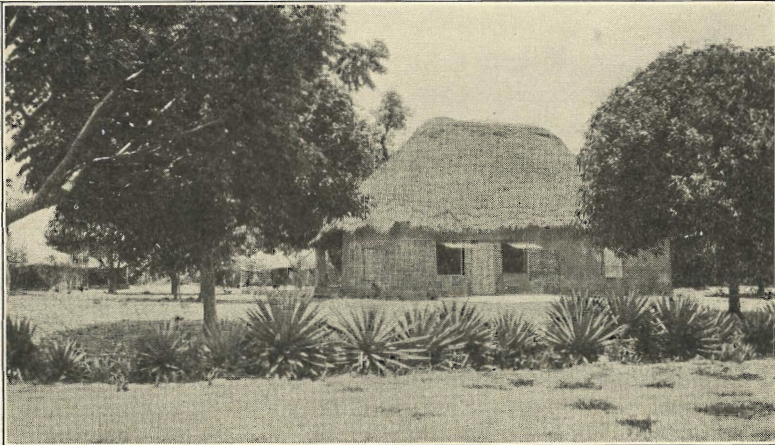
We had a nice voyage all the way out here. It was rough for part of the way to Liverpool, but the steamer, "Adriatic," was very steady so that we did not mind it. At Liverpool I met Miss Finlay, who had arrived from Canada two days before, and came out with her. There were but few passengers on either of the ships, but on the West African ships there were several others who were missionaries or medical people working in Mission hospitals. This made a nice group to travel with, so much more pleasant than having to come alone the whole way. We landed at Lagos, March 11th, and I was at Mokwa the next afternoon where I was met at the railway station by Brother Sherk who came in his car. It is hardly necessary for me to say that I was glad to once more be back on the field.

The Annual Executive Meeting was held here at Salka the week after our arrival, rather we came up here the week after, but the meeting actually lasted over the Sunday. It was the first time that the meeting had been held up here and the first time for some of our missionaries to be at Salka. The Lord was with us throughout the

entire session. Reports were very encouraging. A nice progress is being made in the work, in all lines, it seems. The work does not grow by leaps and bounds, but there is a nice healthy growth. We all think that the foundation has been laid for a good work here in Nigeria and are looking to the Lord for still greater things.

An Encouraging Audience

Following the meeting I was able to visit all of our stations with the exception of one for a short time. Was at Jebba for Easter Sunday and had a congregation of 401 to preach to in the morning. There were 160 present in the afternoon. I think of the contrast between that congregation and the ones I saw there back in 1922 when I first arrived. At that time a congregation a fourth or a third the size would have been considered good. But it is not only numbers that are encouraging, but the spiritual side as well, that is most encouraging. Then there were but few christians among them,



Africa—Nigeria (J. Ummel)
Houses at Igbetti.

that is real born again christians. True, there were many professors, but few that really knew the Lord. Today, however, there is a membership there of about forty or more of those whom we believe really know the Lord. How we do praise Him for this.

I much enjoyed the two days I was at Igbetti with Mr. Powers. It was the first time I had ever been there. It seems to be a promising place and there are a number there who are saved. He has quite a field of labour among the people of that place and we will do well to remember him and them in our prayers. The enemy is hard at work, but the Lord has been giving victory in many ways.

A Great Need

The need at Share was almost heart-rending to me. I was there but a few minutes on my way back to Jebba from Igbetti. Since the Embrees have been detained at home on account of the shortage of funds there has been no one there with the exception of a native worker. He has been getting along alone as best he can. His wife deserted him some time ago so he is alone with his small daughter

and a small boy that was with Embrees. He was encouraged with the work, said that goodly numbers have been coming to church, but there are certain conditions existing there which make it imperative that some missionaries return to stay and oversee the work. The United Missionary Society Board should be meeting today and our prayer is that they will see their way clear to return the Embrees in the near future. Oh, if people at home would but see the need of some of these places, I believe, some would not use as much gas for automobile riding and would give more to the missionary cause. May the Lord help them.

My own appointment is "Village work around Salka." There are a good many villages all round here and it is in them I am to do my work for this year. The task is great, but the Lord is sufficient for the work before me. I just returned from a few weeks' trip day before yesterday. Will be here for a few days and will then go out



Africa—Nigeria (J. Ummel)
Traders with young ostriches.

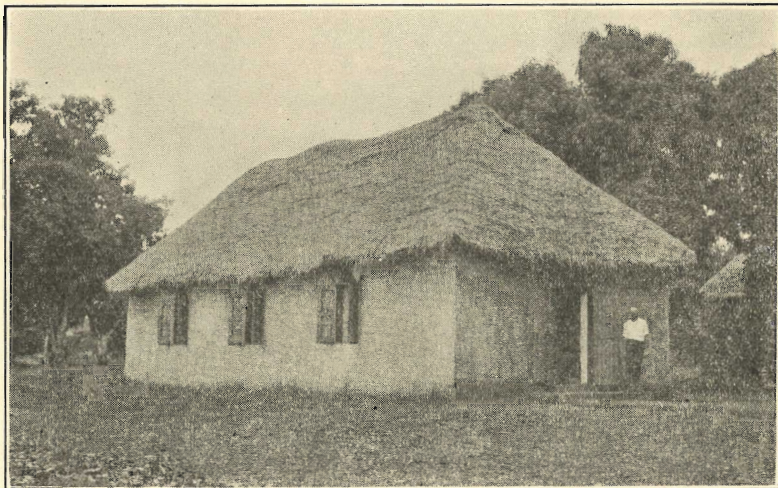
in another direction. I enjoy the work and the response has been good at nearly every place. The natives very willingly listen to the Gospel and are interested, but it seems so few of them see their need of Salvation, or their sinful condition, for that matter. I am unable to tell you in this letter of the conditions of sin and vice that exist in many places. They surely do need the Lord in a very real way.

This is not the best time of the year for village work on account of the fact so many of the people are at work out on their farms, often some distance from the towns. At times they live on the farms and do not come back to their village homes until after harvest. The dry season will be a better time to meet them. I would stay one, two, or three days at a place according to circumstances and would then try to reach all the smaller places around me I could. After finishing at one place I would move on to the next suitable location. Frequently there would be market days at some of the larger towns and, in that case, I would aim to stay over that day. Thus I would get to preach to some that would not get to hear otherwise.

The Locust Plague

The food situation is serious in many parts of the country on account of the destruction done by the locusts last year. There is no starvation yet that we have heard of, but it is extremely hard to say what the outcome may be in some parts before harvest. Locusts are very plentiful in these parts again this year and have done a lot of damage locally. Some of the farmers have had to sow their seed three times already and Brother Sherk wrote some time ago that at Mokwa they have had to sow five times. After the passing of a swarm of locusts nothing green would be left on the farms, the guinea corn being eaten right down to the roots.

I am enclosing several snapshots that may be of interest to you. I do not know how many of them you will care to use in the Year Book. Just now I do not have a great many that are just what I would like to send for it. A little later I may be able to send you a



Africa—Nigeria (J. Ummel)

New Church at Mokwa. Brother Ummel at the door. School to the right.

few more that may be better. Having just arrived on the field I have not had time enough to take them and have them all returned to me yet. I send them to England for finishing. These I am sending are some that I must get duplicates of in order to have any for myself but I will let you have them for I am afraid that it will take too long before I will get them in order to wait for them before sending to you.

In closing I wish to thank you for your kind support, both in prayer and in means, and pray God's richest blessing upon you. May He ever bless you and be with you in your labours for Him.

She Was A Slave

One Sunday morning while on the way to hold a meeting at a market, I came to a compound built on a farm. There were a few people about so I spoke to them of Christ. Among the listeners was an old, feeble woman who years ago was carried off far away into slavery. After I had finished speaking, she came and began

praising and thanking the white people for having liberated her from bondage and slavery. Words could hardly express her gratitude. She told of her small child having been taken off her back and tied fast to a tree, and having been forced to hoe while having to listen to the cries of the hungry babe. Many times she was beaten severely and three times she tried unsuccessfully, to escape. But about twenty years ago, as the result of English government, she was liberated and returned to her former home. She has been there since, however, her few living children are still gone.

Is it any wonder, Dear Reader Friend, that she rejoices in her liberty from the terrible slavery she and so many of her people were in? She has a right to rejoice, but what about her need of the Great Liberator, the Saviour, the One Who is able to save from sin and its bondage? How many in this dark land are still living in



Africa—Nigeria (J. Ummel)

A scene along a Nigerian dry season motor road on the way to Salka.

darkness, bound by sin and vice, knowing nothing whatever of His power to save from the Great Bondage of SIN!

“My God shall supply all your need, according to His riches in Glory by Christ Jesus.”

An Open Door

“For a great door and effectual, is opened unto me and there are many adversaries.” I Cor. 16:9.

Having just returned to the field, and having been assigned to do village work around Salka, upon considering the “great door” or field of labor that is mine for this year, the above quotation seems to be a fitting one.

Thousands of people are living in nearby villages, many of them have never heard the Gospel preached, so there is a great field of labor awaiting me. It is a work for which we have been burdened and so we are glad to be able to take the Gospel to many who are living in darkness bound by the shackles of sin, vice and superstition.

But "there are many adversaries," so we would try to urge you to please remember this work when you pray. God is able to give victory if we look to Him. He is our only hope and help in every time of need.

Village Work

We recently returned from a nineteen days' trip to villages to the east of Salka. During this time we travelled 137 miles by bicycle, visited seventeen towns and villages, and held thirty-four meetings with an attendance ranging from twenty or so, in some of the smaller places, up to three or four hundred at the larger towns. The total attendance of all the meetings was nearly 3500. Had it not been the busy farming season the attendance no doubt would have been larger, but they did well in turning out as well as they did. The attention and interest was good at nearly every place.

Are we doing all we can to take our Saviour to them? If not, why not?

Rev. Paul Ummel reports from Zuru:

A Sunday School Under A Big Tree

"Let us go into the next towns, that we may preach there also."

Jesus went into the next towns and we should, as His followers, do likewise, because there are so many in the next towns who have never heard the Gospel story.

Several months ago a new Sunday School was started at a town four miles north of Zuru. This service is held late on Sunday afternoons in the shade of a large baobab tree. The noise of the motor-cycle engine is the signal for them to gather, and they come from every direction. The attendance is good and they appreciate it that the speaking is in their own tongue—Dakakari. Each attendant receives a small Sunday School card, and when they return ten small cards, they receive a sheet from a Sunday School chart which they prize highly.

The Word is being sown in the next towns. Will you join in prayer that It may fall on good ground and bring forth fruit for His glory?

INDIA

(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

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

Report of Rev. and Mrs. Carner, of Amraoti, Berar:

Once again it is our privilege to bear witness to the loving kindness of our heavenly Father through another year. Goodness and mercy have followed us all the days.

Our touring season was one of joy and blessing. The Lord was with us and in nearly all the villages visited we were given a respectful hearing. In some places there was much interest in the old, old story. On one occasion we sat in an idol temple and preached the gospel to a good sized audience seated there with us—the ugly idol with its thick daubings of red paint not twenty feet away.

The need of Christ, only Christ, for the people among whom we work, becomes more and more plain as the years fly by and the world hurries on to its hour of judgment. There is no other name, no other way than Christ. These sin-sick souls are sinking now to the nethermost

hell and unless they are lifted by the power of Christ and cleansed by His blood they are lost, lost, lost. Shame on those who call themselves missionaries and bring to such a lie of so-called comfort. The doctor who maltreats should be stopped from practicing. The missionary who knows not the poured out blood of Christ to be the alone remedy for cleansing from sin and deliverance from hell is a false practitioner of the most atrocious kind.

Only a few times in our touring work did we see signs of the political storm which has since broken over India and over our district. On such occasions it was evident that the people could not, in their ignorance, distinguish between the messengers of Christ and the administrators of the foreign government. All things foreign are, for the moment, hated by such.

The Night Cometh

After the close of the touring season and since the hot season India has—as the world knows—seen stormy days. Our station and district have been disturbed along with the rest of the country. We are hopeful of better conditions soon. But whether the way to the people be open or not, during the coming touring season, it is becoming more and more evident that soon the night cometh when no man can work. We want to use the opportunities that may be left us for giving precious blood-bought souls the message of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Two of our three out-stations were kept open during the most of the year, and the other one part of the time. The scarcity of water in our station and district has made it difficult to keep workers in Pulambra and in Mahispur. The coming months are likely to be worse even than last year in this respect as our rainfall has been far below normal.

There have been a few baptisms and some others are candidates for baptism. We hope we may be able to give personal attention to some of these in the near future and that they may be ready for this step soon.

The meetings in Amraoti have been well attended. We have a fine group of young people who are in Amraoti for the purpose of special training for teaching or for nursing or for the learning of trades. Quite a number of these attend our meetings and we have had the blessed privilege of giving them the truth of God's Word.

The church at Badnera was reorganized in the year, and the attendance there has been fairly good.

Another privilege we had was to hold cottage meetings, once each week, among the Anglo-Indian friends in the camp. These have only recently begun, but we trust they may grow in interest and be fruitful of much good.

Encouraging Outlook

So far as our work in India is concerned, we have never been more encouraged than during the past touring season. The poor outcasts and some of the caste people, too, have listened to the gospel with apparent interest and we have had a nice number of baptisms. I shall try to send you a brief report of our last season's work, before long.

One thing grows more and more clear to me as the days go by and that is that the gospel is perfectly adapted to the economic conditions of all the peoples of the earth. In other words if we will give out the gospel according to God's *method* it is able to make its way regardless of the poverty or ignorance of the people to whom we give it. This has to be true if the gospel is what God says it is. I am becoming increasingly stronger of the conviction that we need to correct our methods of missionary work if we are to have the results we ought to have and which the Lord intended us to have.

It would hardly be in place to try to tell you all that I mean by this in a letter at this time, but, to sum it up in a very few words, I would say that we need to trust more to the Gospel in the hands of the Spirit of God and in the hearts of the people and less to the machinery of missions, such as schools, trained workers, foreign money, church buildings, etc. These things have their places but we can hamper or trammel the work of God by giving undue prominence to any or all of such things.

These criticisms apply more to the larger missions than to such evangelical movements as you and I are engaged in, but all of us will do well to compare our methods with the New Testament pattern, in these days.

Furlough

If all is well, we shall reach New York by the 15th of May. We do not know just where we shall be this summer, but we believe the Lord will open up the way for us step by step as we need to see.

Thank you for the copies of your Annual Report. The Report is good and it is, as usual, beautifully gotten up. It was good to read in your letter that the Lord is blessing and saving souls in your part of the vineyard also. The wedding supper is almost ready and all the places must be filled. I believe they will be filled rapidly now, for the time for the marriage supper of the Lamb is very near.

Brother Carner's Latest Report

This is the first time in all the years since we first went to India that we are writing our report far from the scenes where the work was done. If there be disadvantages in this, there is at least the one advantage that we have the perspective of a more distant view.

As we look, from this far-off point, at our little part in the great harvest field, we realize that what we have had the privilege of doing is like a tiny "drop in a bucket." Yet we are deeply grateful for that drop. The Lord of the harvest sees all. Each honest effort and faithful service for Him will be counted when He comes to reward His servants.

He permitted us to preach and witness to hungry hearts in many villages and to see some fruit in a few of them. Nearly a score and ten were baptized, the majority of them being young married couples. Out of this number we remember a few who seemed to us to be very promising, in spite of the fact that they were all outcasts. If they go on with the Lord and receive instruction in the Word, they should develop into useful members of the body of Christ and a few of them, it seems to us, might well become elders of local churches. Rather, they may become elders in the new church where they live. By "church" we mean the little company of believers who were baptized at the village of Vartoda in Amraoti *taluka*. To us, it does not seem to be the teaching of God's Word to count church buildings a necessary part of our equipment in Christian propaganda. God has churches which meet only in private homes, or under shade trees, or in village alleys. The only fundamental requisite is that those who meet be real believers in Christ, who meet, as our Lord said, "in My name."

Open-air Communion Service

One precious hour in our memory of the past touring season is that of a communion service which was held under the shade of two trees, a *nym* and a tamarind. That little company was composed of new Christians, with the exception of the writer and the Indian brother who led the service, together with his wife. We had no chairs to sit on and used one cup for all, even though one who took part came from a home where smallpox was then burning the body of his little daughter.

It was a blessed occasion and we believe the Lord was there, "in the midst." Who would say that such a company does not constitute a real church? It is a long-standing conviction with us that no church buildings on any of our mission fields should be built with money that is not the offerings of the indigenous church.

Native Evangelism

Another conviction with us, a more recent one, is that the more spiritually minded in each group of new believers should receive special instruction in the Word and after reasonable time should be ordained by the laying on of the hands of mission elders. This ordination sets them apart as local elders with all the liberties and responsibilities granted such elders in the teachings of the New Testament. Why should *such* not determine who among local enquirers are ready to be baptized? And why should they themselves not be given the joy of baptizing the souls they may win to Christ? Safeguards against heresies and unscriptural methods can be provided by sending worthy mission workers to visit for given periods among these groups of new Christians, to instruct them in the Word.

In our last touring season we did not attempt to cover as much ground or reach as many villages as in previous years. We believe that the way to evangelize most rapidly in the long run is to concentrate on the more important towns of our respective districts and then expect the work to spread from such centers. Our experience of the past touring season makes us feel that this Scriptural method would probably bring surprisingly fruitful results if followed faithfully.

All the work of selecting the receptive centers of a given district and holding special evangelistic campaigns in such centers; of appointing elders from among converts from such campaigns, after time has been allowed for their spiritual development through proper teaching of the Scriptures; of allowing such elders to baptize converts whom they themselves may win—all such work, it seems to me, could be done without using the term "organization" in connection with any local body of believers. Let there be as little of machinery as we can get on with. Let us be very slow to put around our new converts the wrappings of elaborate constitutions. But let us be very *quick* to tell them, patiently and faithfully, the simple plan set forth in God's Word through His servant Paul and others. Thus will we see Him work and thus will we hasten His coming.

India—A Pen Picture

REV. EARL CARNER

An Indian village lies baking in the dazzling brightness of a cloudless, tropical sky. Its homes and huts of brick or mud, with roofs of tile or cotton stalks, present the same aspect of mingled apathetic life and finished death that you will find in the average village of India. Half-starved dogs sleep in the warm dust of the lanes and alleys. Only a few of them have the ambition or inclination to rise and yap at you as you pass. Bullocks are tethered before the doors of their masters' homes. The rest of the cattle—buffaloes, cows, goats, and other non-descript parts of the herds and flocks—have been driven into the jungle by the village herd-boys, for pasturing.

Short Crops

The fields around the village blister in the glaring heat. The *jawari* leaves are shrivelling into wrinkled ribbons of sickly grey, instead of yellowing into ripeness. The half-filled, or empty pods stand with heady uprightness instead of bending with becoming modesty under loads of golden grain.

This year there will be a "four-anna" crop instead of a "rupee" crop; that is, twenty-five per cent instead of one hundred per cent. The cotton crop is better than that, but the bottom has dropped out of the market and has let down the price appallingly. The farmers will get only four annas out of the sixteen-anna rupee in the sale of their cotton, too, as compared with the prices of other years.

The wells of this village are dry though the "rainy" season has scarcely passed by. The tethered bullocks will soon be hitched to clumsy carts and driven off to the neighboring river bed (the river, too, is dry) where holes have been dug, and from which will be hauled murky water, the day's supply for the homes of the respective owners of the carts.

Cheerless Homes

Now pass from the drab surroundings to the more drab interiors of these village homes. Here is the dwelling of a family of outcasts. There is just one room. A pile of old bedding—really far worse than that which goes into the rag bag at home—has been tossed into a dark corner to wait till sleeping time, when it will do duty once again as shelter from the night chill which is now coming on.

A fireplace for the cooking pots, made of baked mud, rises out of the mud floor in another corner—like an ant hill. A few earthen pots, and a wooden or a pewter spoon or two, comprise the housewife's cooking outfit. A little heap of fresh cow dung lies conspicuously before you. It will be tossed into an iron basin soon, and the hands of the housewife will mix it with water into a thin batter, and then it will be spread, by those same hands, over the floor—to settle the dust and freshen the room. A few pods and bunches of mysterious seeds and herbs are tied with shreds of cloth to the rafters of the low roof above you. They will be taken down some time, perhaps, and used, with very questionable wisdom, as medicine when sickness next invades the home.

Look closely around you, and you will probably see a *tulsa* plant (an object for worship in this idolatrous land) somewhere in the little roofless court outside the room. Or, at least, there will be a niche or two in the walls of the room, and in them will be seen some family god, or, maybe, a family of gods.

There is nothing bright or joy-provoking here. The faces you see are hard, stoical, sin-marked. If they are the faces of children, they are so dirty that they make a favorite stopping place for flies.

Sorrow

Into some of these lowly homes cholera has entered in the past few months, and has taken an extra heavy toll of lives. More old men and women (old in appearance and decrepitude, though not so very old in years) have gone to get ready, it is supposed, for the next round of weary incarnation. Babies and half-grown children, too, have gone, but there is a great plenty of these left.

Poverty

The problem of keeping the wolf from the door will be very acute in the coming months. The daily fare will be even worse than usual. There will be more cases of malnutrition and more victims ready for the next epidemic of pestilence than if the season had been normal. Hunger will gnaw the stomachs of thousands.

The children will have to wear just dust and filth for clothing longer even than has been the custom, because there will be no cash with which to buy so much as the coarse, home-made cloth which was to be the panacea for all of India's ills. The nights will be chilly, and the

thin blood of the underfed, unclothed poor will stagnate in their thin frames, and bones will ache along with hungry stomachs. The outlook is worse than usual.

The sky above will be just as beautiful as ever. But even in its best days this village seldom looked up to see the sky (except to watch for rain), much less now. Sirius, Orion, Cassiopeia, the Pleiades, and all the other solitaires and clusters of the jewelry of the firmament, will scintillate with the same radiancy as in the past, but no one in the village will know it. The villagers do not look in that direction. When the sun is setting, departing from the day in such a retinue of glory as would make a poet ecstatic, and a musician rhapsodic, these poor villagers will only stare with unseeing eyes.

Their lives have no uplook, and their outlook hardly reaches the horizon. Certainly it does not comprehend the beauty of the blue hills some miles to the north.

Childhood has a few fleeting hours of brightness; youth has passing glimpses of hope, while hope flies by on swift-moving wings; middle life has struggles, burdens, and care; grey hairs have fear, apathy, and then—death! The outlook for all is hardly more than existence for a few years, and then—the dark!

Why? WHY? WHY? WHY? Oh, that we might shout this question loudly enough to make the ears of all the inhabitants of India and of the whole rest of the world tingle! And then, when all ears had heard, and every ear was listening for the answer, we fain would whisper back, in the very accents of God Himself, His own answer and the remedy—"The wages of *sin* is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

A few days ago two men—brothers—from this village, stood before me while I urged them to step out from the old life of sin and despair, and live for Christ, openly and wholeheartedly, without fear or favor of man. This was their answer: "Sir, we do read the Bible and pray in the name of Jesus every day. We do not worship idols any more. Why, we destroyed a whole boxful of gods that belonged to our ancestors and our people." They seemed to think that this ought to be enough to ensure their salvation from hell and to give them a place in heaven. (The same lie that Satan uses in America!) Yet they have never destroyed the god of fear, the fear of man. They are poor outcasts—"untouchables"—but not so untouchable as some of their neighbors! They are afraid of—what? Caste! When they are already outcasts? Yes. In India "the reproach of Christ," "the offence of the cross," is worse than being an outcast!

Work Among the Women of India

MRS. E. R. CARNER

How glad we are to tell you of the good times we had in the district during the last touring season. From the very start we felt the presence of the Lord in a marked way, and I think I may say it was the best I have had in India.

We had Gerald with us, also Mr. Fisher—one of his teachers—from Brecks School, Ootacamund. They both stood by in prayer as we worked and we believe the Lord did bless.

Kashabai, who has been the head nurse in the Dufferin Hospital in Amraoti for some years, came with us, too. She has yielded her life, we believe, to the Lord Jesus and her presence in our midst was an inspiration to us all. She came voluntarily and without pay. She was known to some of the people in nearly all the villages we entered and usually to the high caste people. As soon as they saw her they would say, "O Kashabai, won't you come to our house?" We were glad of

such invitations and off we would go with the crowd following in our footsteps. So we had many opportunities of witnessing in wealthy, high-caste homes where we told these hungry hearts of Jesus and His love for them. On reaching a village one morning, we were directed to the Kanby (farmer) quarters where we had an interesting meeting with the women. After the meeting was over they began to scatter. One woman who had been listening eagerly to the story lingered behind and turned to us with such a sad and longing look in her face and said, "Won't you come to my house and talk some more with us?" With prayer in our hearts for God's blessing upon us we followed her. She told us she was a widow and her life was full of sorrow. We told her again of the "Man of sorrow" who is acquainted with our griefs and told her how He loves us. When we left I said, "*Bai* (woman), if you want to hear more of this story, come to our mission house in Amraoti." Some weeks later, on a Sunday, I was called to the door and there stood *Girjabai*, the poor widow, waiting to hear more of His wonderful love. I said to her, "*Bai*, how did you ever find us?" Her answer was, "Your Lord showed me how to get here. As I was walking along the road I asked a woman if she knew where the woman lived who tells God's wisdom in the villages, and she brought me here." *Girjabai* was so glad to see us again and we were glad to see her and glad of the privilege of telling her again of our blessed Saviour and of His interest in her. She is one of the many that we met who are groping in darkness and seeking peace. May our heavenly Father bless the seed that was sown and cause the light to shine into these dark hearts.

The following report is from Rev. Samuel Kerr, of Sanand, India.

Sanand Church and District

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." These words uttered by the prophet Samuel when he erected the stone Ebenezer at Mizpah in commemoration of his decisive God-given victory over the Philistines, bring to us both joy and encouragement, as we with gratitude to God review the work of the past year which brings us near the close of another term of service in India. For God's continued love and grace manifested to us in various ways throughout the year, we would return Him thanks. We praise Him for His good hand upon us in keeping us in health so that we could move a little faster and farther into the distant corners of this large district of 471 heathen villages, and for the many ways in which He has from time to time supplemented our short allowances.

It was our privilege to spend over four months of the year under canvas, most of this time being devoted to touring in the north side of the district. The roads in this section are mostly carpeted with deep sand, thus very heavy and difficult for itineration. Most of the produce of this area is carried to the railways by camel. In numbers our audiences of these four months totalled 35,500 souls,—7,000 of this number were women ministered to by Miss Peter, her Biblewoman and Mrs. Kerr. While we deplore the fact that there are no baptisms to record from the 154 heathen villages visited, yet there are signs on all sides, that where Christ is being lifted up, He is drawing men to Himself.

Many men and women said they believed the gospel story; several continue to enquire about the Way of true life, but we can only vouch for one young man of the Thakarda caste and a family of Rajputs, who, we believe, are added to the list of those who "believe to the saving of the soul."

After we pitched our first camp this young man formed an acquaintance with the workers, and for days came regularly and listened earnestly, while good old faithful Rama Durla tenderly and tactfully unfolded God's wonder plan for the redemption of man. Finally our young friend confessed his sins, with Rama's help prayed the publican's prayer and testified to having accepted the Christ of God. A few days more instruction and he asked for baptism, but at this point, his relatives, on pretence of a death in the caste, whisked him away to a distant village, where they kept him until we broke camp and moved on. We commend him to your prayers.

The family story is a very interesting one. It seemed as if God had touched their hearts before we came to live in their field. In order to irrigate and care for their crops, this family were living in a corner of their field adjoining us, and when we arrived they showed us no little kindness in helping us to pitch our tents, get water, fodder for the buffalo, etc. With the days the friendship grew until this family of father, mother and several children seemed really part and parcel of our party. Regularly the mother and little girls came to Miss Peter's tent to learn of the true and living God. The children quickly learned the hymns taught them by the Biblewoman, cook and ayah, and it was no unusual thing to hear the praises of Jesus being sung in the little shack over the hedge. The grey-haired father, a leader in his caste, came again and again and listened reverently to the old, old story. In short, before we left that camp, both he and his wife had renounced idol-worship and were learning to worship God through His Son. A couple of weeks later the mother, big son and two little girls visited us at our last camp ten miles further up the line. They were neat and clean, their faces actually shining from the inside out! Without any ado they ate and drank and fell in line with all the arrangements Miss Peter had made for their entertainment day and night. At the close of the season the old man himself came and drove the buffalo, a three days' journey back to Sanand. While we were at the hills the Biblewoman and cook visited our friends of the field and brought a good report of their steadfastness in the faith. At this time they had returned to their home in the village, opposite which is a temple, to which the caste women had actually dragged the mother, but no power of theirs could make her worship the ugly, temple god. Pray that these people might present themselves for baptism soon.

A terrible epidemic of small-pox which raged all through the winter months constantly reminded us that, "in the midst of life we are in death." On the outskirts of nearly every little village we daily passed new graves, and cases of the dread disease were in nearly every meeting. In one women's meeting the ladies counted eleven cases, all at different stages of the disease. We surely thank God for His protection.

The colportage work has been carried on throughout the year at two railway stations. The Kalol station man, paid by the Bible Society, has sold on an average 394 books a month, while the man at Sarkhej station succeeded in disposing of an average of 158 per month. The political disturbance has affected the book sales considerably, but, when added to the big sales of the touring season, our figures for this year are the best we have ever recorded, viz., Bibles 45, New Testaments 323, gospel portions 8,167 and other books 2,339.

Our portion of the Indian church has taken another step forward. Since the beginning of the year they have contributed towards the support of the mission evangelist stationed at Ashapur, and a few weeks ago they called this same man to be their pastor, making them-

selves responsible for at least one-half of his support. A few months ago we had the joy of baptizing fifteen second generation Ashapur Christians. These young people are really alive and alert for God.

For the last two years God has been impressing us with the need of a Bible study class at Ashapur, but no time seemed available for the venture until this year, when Mrs. Kerr and I spent a very profitable six weeks in teaching the Word of God to twenty-five young people, and now the good work is being carried on by the pastor and headmaster. These young people work all day in the fields or factory, yet very few of them ever missed a night during the six weeks that we were there. God blessed us—both teachers and students—in this ministry, and we hope it may be the foundation for more individual Bible study on the part of these promising young people.

The Lord of the harvest is faithful, and we knew He will not withhold His blessing on any effort that has been put forth in His name and for His glory.

CHINA—Kansu—Tibetan Border

(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

Missionaries—Rev. C. F. Snyder, Mrs. C. F. Snyder

After a prolonged furlough, as stated in this report, Brother and Sister Snyder sailed from Vancouver, B. C., on August 29, 1931, on the S.S. Empress of Asia. Their parting messages to the Foreign Mission Board, written just before sailing, follows:

To the Board of Foreign Missions of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania.

“For thy mercy is great above the heavens.”—Ps. 108:4.

A Prolonged Furlough

Due to our circumstances—Sister Snyder's physical condition and, also, the political situation in China—we have been detained at home for a period of four years.

However, during this period, there existed in my inmost spirit a constant urge to return to China, a realization that our task was unfinished.

There has come to us an experience which is about like receiving a second call to go back to our field.

The Lord in the opening of 1931 gave me a New Year's text which is recorded in Psa. 145:19: He will fulfill the desire of them that fear Him. This has been converted into fact as pertaining to ourselves, for we are actually booked to embark on the S.S. Empress of Asia, C. P. R. Line, on August 29th, from Vancouver, B. C., and we find ourselves preparing to that end.

Thank God.

In the Spring of 1928, we had temporary charge of a small Alliance Branch in Fullerton, California. After attendance at Nyack Annual Council that same year, a considerable number of missionary meetings were conducted here and there in the States, working our way westward to California.

The thought that possibly we might be able to set sail for West China this time from the coast failed of materialization.

This was followed by preaching and again holding missionary services for the space of about three months in Colorado, and, further, with a night on to two years' ministry in Weeping Water, Neb., and Harper, Kansas, in the Nebraska Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ.

The Lord did give success in these efforts and clearly vouchsafed unto us the joy of getting out the missionary message not only in our own Church, but, also, in the communities where we resided, particularly was this true of Harper, Kansas. In addition to this, souls were saved for which all the glory is the Lord's.

I trust I have learned to enter into the home pastor's task in a more sympathetic fashion than heretofore.

Personal Physical Tests

For all these years in China, excepting persistent headaches which passed off usually after a half day's duration, I was kept on the whole quite well; nevertheless, strange to say, this sojourn in the homeland saw me attacked with a bad case of sore eyes, erysipelas and stomach trouble.

I am thankful that I am delivered.

Once A Missionary, Always A Missionary

I am a believer in this—if a foreign missionary, then be a foreign missionary throughout the whole lifetime, unless a very clear indication of the Lord be to the contrary.

I quote concerning Alexander Duff to this effect:

"The first missionary sent out by the Church of Scotland was Alexander Duff, who reached India in 1830 after suffering two shipwrecks.

"Twenty-five years later he returned to Scotland and in giving a missionary address he fainted. When he came to, he said, 'Where am I? What was I doing? I was pleading for India. Let me finish my speech.' He was told he would kill himself. He said, 'I'll die, if I don't.' He was taken to the assembly whereupon the whole audience arose, many of them in tears.

"'Fathers of Scotland,' he said, 'are there any more sons for India? I have been there 25 years. I have lost my health. But if there are no more young men to go, I'll be off tomorrow. I'll die as a witness for Christ. I'll show the people there is some one ready to die for them.'"

Dr. J. Hudson Taylor, founder of the China Inland Mission, towards the end of his missionary career was invalidated home: he spent two and one-half years in Switzerland recuperating.

He had a desire to die in China.

Coming back to China, he, on the last day that he lived on earth, attended Sunday morning worship—in the afternoon, he fell asleep in Jesus.

These men were missionaries, indeed. May we "follow in their trail."

Appreciation

I, assuredly, wish to show my appreciation for the splendid Christian spirit exhibited usward by Rev. C. I. Scott, the Presiding Elder and all the ministering brethren in the Nebraska Conference while it was our privilege to be associated with them in pushing the gospel battle to the gates.

Then, too, Sister Snyder and I hereby express our deep and earnest thankfulness to the Pennsylvania Foreign Mission Board and the Pennsylvania Conference, as a whole, for again having undertaken our support as we return to do mission work in faraway Kansu Province in West China.

Brethren, pray for us.

The following is Mrs. Snyder's report, written at the same time:
Dear Co-workers in the Lord:

Our faces are again set towards the land of our adoption and we believe we can say, "So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel" to the people who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death in needy Kansu. "I am debtor" and God will help me to pay the debt.

It seems to me as we go forth this time it must be as never before. "Everything in Jesus and Jesus everything." We have neither courage nor power nor strength but we can do all things "through Christ who strengtheneth me" and I know "He goeth before."

I thank the Lord that through your support we are able to go forth and I know too we have your prayers. May we be faithful to the trust and together may we come rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us. We have just a month before us ere we leave our kindred and friends behind us here, but it is only "until He come."

I will close with this verse which I have written in the back of my Bible:

"Christ, if ever my footsteps should falter,
And I be prepared for retreat,
If desert or thorn cause lamenting,
Lord, show me Thy feet,
Thy nail-scarred feet,
My Jesus, show me Thy feet."

FRENCH INDO-CHINA

(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

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

Dear Brother in the Lord:

I have just received notification from the A.B.S. that the sum of \$24.46 is being sent to be used for Scriptures to my order.

I have been deeply touched by this very tangible interest in the work which the Lord has given me, and I wish to take this opportunity to heartily thank you and the dear ones of the Pennsylvania Conference. May our dear Lord's richest blessing be their reward, and may He grant all needed wisdom in its use that all glory and honor may be the Lord's.

Owing to communistic conditions in French Indo-China, financial depression everywhere, and determined opposition from the "enemy of souls," the work of Scripture distribution in this land is in an extremely critical condition, causing us great concern. It is a call to earnest prayer that our God will rule and overrule, and in these last of the last days enable us, His called ones, to bend every effort and energy to increasingly make the witness for the Gospel by the printed page.

I have just returned from the Executive Committee meeting of the mission held in Tourane. For several days we went most searchingly into every expenditure of the work, and by adopting the method of subsidizing the "mission-churches" we have started putting further pressure on their members to give more to the support of these churches. By quiet insistence on increased offerings we managed to get together sufficient to finance the opening of at least three of the neglected provinces of Tonkin. Pray that these "mission-churches" will nobly respond, and that the money saved by the mission may really become available to open these three new centres.

Then by faith we appointed several more fine native evangelists to open other provinces as soon as possible, and several more evangelists to go to still other provinces when the funds are sent of the Lord. In all there were still at least seven more fine young evangelists left unappointed. As our Home Board feels unable to send us more mission funds, we missionaries are now put to it to ask these funds directly from the Lord. And I am sure the Lord will provide. Our eyes are not upon men or means or agencies, but upon God. He created the heaven and the earth from nothing, and surely He can send us the monies needed; the single link now missing between these perishing millions and the Cross. We have the Gospel, the men to preach, but lack the money. God help us to measure in faith to this great responsibility!

The annual reports were very good this year. Thank you also for the two bookmarks. I especially enjoyed pondering over your thoughtful verses.

Now dear Brother, there is very much I could write at this time, but owing to the pressure of the new Annamese Bible Magazine I feel I must come to a close, trusting to be able to write you more fully news of the work in the near future.

Mrs. Cadman joins with me in sending our warmest regards to you and the dear friends whom we have met, praying that more grace, more love, and more passion for lost souls may be granted us. Let us look up! Jesus is nigh!

Tonkin—The Challenge of Its Need!

We invite you to come with us on an imaginary aeroplane journey over Tonkin. Tonkin, to you, may be but a name on a map; to us, it is a country of over seven-and-a-half millions of souls: a challenge to our faith as missionaries, a vast responsibility Godward to bring the Gospel of salvation to these lost ones. Imagine a land of the size and population of the State of Pennsylvania, a land of marvellous geographical contrasts—of low-lying, level delta lands with their rich alluvial soil, of a vast mountainous hinterland with its lofty mountains, deep valleys, primeval forests, and impenetrable jungles.

The Thai Race

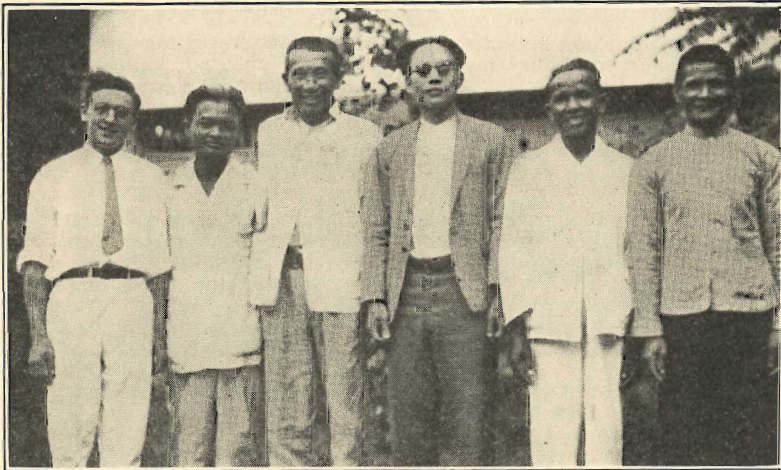
We are approaching Tonkin from the north, so first we fly above the Baio d'Along. Of course, we have chosen a perfect day for our flight, so through the crystal-clear air we can see way down into the azure depths of the water, studded with the innumerable skyward-pointing rocks of the calca-resus formation, which crop out at intervals throughout much of Tonkin and North Annam.

To the northwest of the seacoast we catch a glimpse of Lang-son, the centre of a large region inhabited by branches of the great Thai race, here called the Tho and Nung tribes. In this region of foothills we have one missionary couple, Mr. and Mrs. Van Hine, and one native evangelist for a population of a quarter of a million. The

chief language is the Tho, though the missionaries also speak Tonkinese, and so can minister to the few thousand Tonkinese living chiefly in the towns. Their work must be done mostly by long itinerating trips on horseback over the hills, visiting the scattered villages. How inadequate therefore the force!

New Year in Tonkin

But now we are nearing the populous district of Haiphong, the chief port of Tonkin where the ships of all nations cast anchor. We are near the Tonkinese New Year season, so, far below us, we can see many a teeming market place where thousands of people are swarming like busy ants, for in this district there is a population of a million and a quarter. Imagine this vast parish with one Protestant missionary and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Smith, with two native evangelists to spread the soul-saving Gospel of Jesus!



French Indo-China (N. M. Cressman)
Mr. Cressman and several Cambodians.

A Lone Christian

Continuing our flight southward, we pass over the "chef lieux" of Hung-yen and Thai-binh, a district with a population of a million and a quarter, without a missionary or native evangelist. In Thai-binh one lone Christian is living. Praise God, his life and testimony are truly as a light shining in the darkness of heathenism, as salt to purify, as a candle on a candlestick to lighten the home. But yesterday he visited us here in Hanoi, and we were again impressed by his fragrant Christian character and his large-hearted love for the Gospel.

In Hung-yen there is a fine Christian family with several enquirers. But oh, why must we leave these there alone with not even a native evangelist! Will you not pray the "Lord of the Harvest" to send forth laborers into the whitened "harvest field" of Tonkin, and then give so they can go?

Now flying west we pass over Namdinh. Below is a veritable network of rivers, gleaming like bands of silver in fields of emerald green. Namdinh and district has a population of a million and three-

quarters, including the fair-sized town of Ninh-binh to the south and Phuly to the north, in all of which we have one lone missionary Mr. Funé, a native preacher and wife, and a colporter. "But what are these among so many?"

Turning northward, we follow the course of the great Red River which brings its rich red soil all the way from the distant mountains of Yunnan and generously spreads it over the rice-fields of Tonkin during the yearly summer floods. We are now flying over one of the most densely populated portions of this globe, for studying the rice-fields are innumerable bamboo-encircled villages, each with its hundreds or thousands of inhabitants of the yellow skin, black hair, and black lacquered teeth, garbed in sombre brown or black.

We often ask ourselves, when and how shall the Gospel ever be preached in these villages? But few can be reached by auto or even on bicycles; most must be reached on foot along the narrow, often muddy and slippery paths between the rice-fields, seldom straight as they wind their sinuous way from village to village. To walk day after day for hours in the humid air under a burning tropical sun, is almost more than a foreign missionary can stand without acquiring violent fevers. Therefore we must needs use many native workers who can live among these villages and gossip the Gospel in the leisurely Oriental way, to these rustic folk.

Hanoi

Here we are at last flying over the airport of Hanoi, the capital of French Indo-China, a city with some hundred and thirty thousand people, and a surrounding district of over a million. Here we have one missionary couple, Mr. and Mrs. Cadman, and one student of the language. Mrs. Homer-Dixon, but the time of the former is necessarily chiefly occupied with publication work, and he is seldom able to give more than Sundays and the evenings to evangelistic work. We praise God that the Hanoi church is self-supporting and cared for by its own native pastor. In Hadong, Bac-ninh and Tun-hien are native evangelists out in the work for the first time who need much help and supervision. How greatly we need a missionary couple to take charge of the growing district work! Many a village within twenty-five miles of Hanoi is begging for us to "come over and help" them understand the Jesus doctrine.

Now let us by swift aeroplane leave the populous delta region and still follow the course of the Red River towards Laokay. To the northeast is a great district of mountain, forest, and jungle. Away to the far north is the military post of Ha-giang; then to the southeast is Backan, and to the south Tuyen-quang. These names recall vividly our last year's trip, much of it on horseback among the Tho and Nung tribes of these regions. They are different in character and dress and customs from the Tonkinese of the delta.

We feel sure a missionary whose heart is full of the love of Christ would soon win the love and confidence of these simple-hearted people, and probably have greater success than among the more sophisticated Tonkinese. "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us," saith the Lord, to bring the Gospel to these people, and live in one of these yet unoccupied centres, reaching a population of a hundred and fifty thousand?

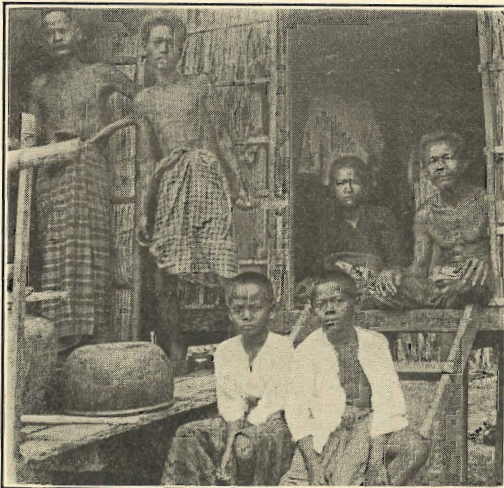
The Meo Tribespeople

To the southwest of the Red River is a district of similar size and even wilder and more rugged geographical contours. Here we have the "chef lieu" of Son-la, and a military territory of Lai-chau, and

on the river at the border of Yunnan, Lao-kay. During our trip through Upper Tonkin and Laos two years ago, we traversed much of the district by canoe or on horseback. The people are mostly of the Thai race, but there are many other groups of varying characteristics. At Phong-tho, near Lao-kay, are the Meos, a most interesting people, proud and stalwart, dwelling apart in groups of two or three houses, often built on lofty mountain peaks.

A Challenge

What a challenge this to some hardy young missionary couple, willing to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ! Oh, how we covet two or three missionary couples to occupy for Jesus this wild and vast mountainous region of southwest Tonkin! True



French Indo-China (N. M. Cressman)
Typical front door scene in a Cambodian home.

the population (150,000) is comparatively small, widely scattered, and difficult of access, but surely they need the Gospel as much as their more favored neighbors of the delta. God grant that our hearts may be stirred, our purses opened, our feet ready to go, for "how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth glad tidings . . . that publisheth salvation" to those who are living in the bondage of sin.

Thus we have given you, as from an areoplane, a view of Tonkin and its need. And what a challenge to our dear Alliance, the only Protestant Mission allowed to work in the Protectorate of Tonkin, the evangelization of these seven and a half millions being our unique responsibility, and also our reproach if we do not buy up the present opportunity. It is increasingly evident that we are living in the last days; the time is short, the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Let us therefore in bold faith accept this striking challenge of the open doors in Tonkin and occupy the land for Jesus.

Report of Rev. R. M. Jackson

Dear Brother Brunner:

Two copies of the "Regions Beyond" were duly received yesterday and I hasten to thank you for them. It does my heart good to read of the steady growth that God has granted to your work. In spite of all the devil does to oppose, "His truth goes marching on."

You will be interested to know that special meetings were held at Thanh-Hoa for fifteen days in January. Afterward nine days of meetings were held at Vinh. Pastor Tiep was the speaker. We praise God that in all forty-one declared their willingness to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. After the first meeting, one man went home and removed the shelf on which he put the objects of idol worship. The next night he came back to the chapel and gave his heart to the Lord. Soon after his wife believed also. They seemed very happy and were enjoying salvation.

Two days ago was the first day of Annamese New Year. The wife told us that her husband had gone to visit in his village. She was afraid he might be tempted to eat food offered to idols and follow the heathen customs. Many start on the road to Heaven, but sad to say, a large number find the road too narrow or too steep and they turn back to the broad and easy road of sinful pleasure. Please pray that God will break the bands with which Satan has bound these poor people.

As I was writing the above paragraph, a Protestant French soldier came in. He is in charge of a post of native guards about twenty miles from here. His wife was to arrive by a night train. As he was seeking some way to pass the time, he walked by our chapel and heard the preacher's daughter practicing on the organ. When he enquired for the missionary, the evangelist brought him to our home. We were happy to talk with him and gave him some tracts that he can read when alone on his out-of-the-way post. It was a privilege to entertain him for two hours or more rather than have him continue to roam about the streets or wander into some den of sin.

It is now February 20th. Yesterday was the third day of the New Year. The evangelist and I went to visit a number of inquirers and according to custom we wished them a prosperous year. Especially do we desire that they shall learn to know our Saviour more intimately. Very many of those we talk with agree that Christ's teachings are right. Their minds are convinced, but their hearts are not yet moved. As in the days of our Lord, those who desire to quit sinning and walk in the way of holiness are relatively few. Still we keep on warning them and praying that the Master will save some.

Do pray for a mighty revival in Indo-China. God has blessed His work here in answer to the prayers of his children in all lands but if the Holy Spirit were to have full control of all those who profess to follow Christ, I feel sure we should see greater works than we have yet seen. May God help us to be faithful in our prayer ministry.

Just before supper yesterday evening, I called to pay my respects to three Annamese Officials, the First, the Second and the Judge in this province. The second, called Quan Bo, was the only one at home. He received me with all the politeness usually shown by Annamese mandarins. While we ate candied fruits and drank tea, he asked my opinion about communism. I told him we could have nothing to do with that party because it is against God and the avowed purpose of its leaders is to destroy all religion. He spoke of the strife among groups and nations and I told him of our blessed hope of the Lord's return to establish a righteous government. He said "Perhaps." Let us all pray for those who govern the people, especially for the rulers who are honestly trying to do their duty. Officials do not have an easy time these days.

Mrs. Jackson and I hope to leave for furlough, D. V., about five weeks from now. We are very conscious of our Heavenly Father's care since we left New York in April, 1925. He has supplied our every need and kept us from serious illness. When Mr. Pruett and I went to Laos in 1925, months of November and December, we were not careful enough to have clean, thoroughly cooked food. As a result, both of us were sick when we got back to Hanoi. Thank God that He has restored me sufficiently to go on with my work. Because of my folly, I frequently have to choose my food in order to avoid having my digestion upset. This teaches me that I have a part in keeping well. Though God does take care of our bodies, I have no right to be presumptuous and careless about the things I eat.

Please thank your people for their prayers and their gifts which have kept me on the field for another term. We hope that a year in



French Indo-China (N. M. Cressman)
Mr. Cressman's oldest child in the center of the group.

America will refresh our souls and our bodies and that the Lord will send us back to Indo-China for a third term if He should tarry. With hearty Christian greetings.

Extracts from French Indo-China Reports

But, "There remaineth much land to be possessed." In Tonkin there are still seventeen unoccupied provinces with a total of over two-and-a-half million souls; in Annam there are still four unoccupied provinces with a population of almost three-quarters of a million; and we can but barely mention the vast territories in Cambodia, Laos and East Siam waiting, yes, still waiting for the Gospel! Then there are the most interesting tribespeople, the Muong, the Moi, the Man, the Meo, etc., who will each need at least one consecrated missionary couple to bring them the Gospel.

Oh! may God grant us missionaries the courage of faith to continue to boldly go forward, trusting God to supply the necessary money for paying the rents of new Gospel halls and the support of the well-trained native evangelists, ready and eager to occupy these

populous provinces for Jesus. And, dear reader, in Jesus' name we would plead with you to loyally back us up, by your prayers and offerings, in this forward movement, one of the greatest our Alliance has ever been privileged to make. Jesus is coming soon, and has not every race and tribe in this dark land the right to at least a chance to know of His redeeming love?

Hanoi Press

Praise God for the second edition of 3000 Annamese Bibles just off the press, also for a further order from the Bible Society for 20,000 Annamese Gospel portions. Pray for the \$700 gold still needed to replace the roof of the old section of the Press buildings, also that this, the only Gospel Press in Indo-China, may be loyally supported both by prayer and gifts, and so its God-blest ministry continue undiminished.

An item of interest which should spur us on to greater endeavour in giving the printed Word of God to these people, recently appeared in the local newspapers. It was as follows: "The Buddhist Institute is using 'Library-Autos' for the distribution, in the common language of the people, of prayer books and other literature among the villages, etc." Newspapers abound, cheap and tawdry novels are in many hands, even communistic propaganda gets through the official vigilance. Why, oh why, should the Church of Christ be less zealous to spread clean, wholesome, soul-saving books, tracts, periodicals? However, unless supporters are raised up for the Hanoi Gospel Press, it may soon have to retrench its activities, and its output of Gospel literature be much reduced.

Temporary Gospel Tabernacle in Hanoi

In order to accommodate the Annual Council of the Annamese Church, the Hanoi Church secured special city permission to erect a large, temporary bamboo tabernacle with a palm leaf roof. A ten days' series of evangelistic meetings preceded the Council, and were continued for five evenings during the Council. It was most inspiring to see the attentive audiences of from three to four hundred people drink in the Message of Salvation as given by various native pastors. About fifty decisions were made for Christ.

It was with keen regret that this tabernacle had to be pulled down, and a desire was put into many hearts for a permanent tabernacle. Already over five hundred dollars have been pledged by various ones in Hanoi towards this object. With such a large plain tabernacle continuous, city-wide, soul-winning campaigns could be successfully conducted. To erect such a tabernacle will cost at least five thousand dollars.

Gospel Triumphs Over Movies

Ninh-Giang is very promising. The people though in constant touch with the larger cities of Haiphong and Nam-dinh are the country folk who live simply and happily. Though one of the largest towns in Tonkin there is no jail! A traveling cinema (picture show) visits the town periodically, but on the last tour had to close down as the people came to the Gospel Hall rather than to the pictures. The native preacher is having a splendid ministry in witnessing and selling Gospel literature, and many who have heard the Gospel before but failed to understand are having the Old Story repeated, and their minds are being enlightened to the truth thereof.

Hai-duong is the half-way mark between Haiphong and the capital city of Hanoi. Opposition is strong and though there are many secret believers few are courageous enough to openly confess Christ.

One man who was an opium addict for twenty years has been delivered from the habit and from all desire for the deadly drug. His testimony has been used of God to convince others that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation.

Four splendid young men have been saved the past month, one of whom is our translator. Another is the son of a Christian Cambodian who has already gone on to meet his Saviour. The son tells an interesting story. His father who was a soldier, went to France to serve in the army. He was taken prisoner by the Germans. While in the prison camp a French Christian used to come and hold services. The love of God and the love and sacrifice of the Lord Jesus touched his heart, and he was truly born again. After the war he returned to Pnompenh and died a few years ago. Before his death he had witnessed to his family. This son was deeply impressed. He travels a great deal, and has been in the chapels in different places in Cochinchina. Two months ago he started coming to the Cambodian chapel here in Pnompenh. Now he is saved and rejoicing in the Lord!



French Indo-China (H. A. Jackson)
The neglected Moi race of the jungles.

A Kidnapper Saved

Another new out-station has been opened just below Takeo as the result of a kidnapping. "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." On another station lived a young Christian girl who was to be God's instrument of blessing. She was stolen from her home by a young man who took her to his village over twelve miles away. He forced her to become his wife. She began witnessing for her Lord, and many became interested. The evangelist went to the village, and the missionary came the next day, finding a good crowd to preach to. The Lord blessed and eight souls were saved.

An insane man has been saved and healed, and is able to go to work again. To the Lord belongs the glory! In another district the native official, who was most unkind to the evangelist and Christians, has become very kind and courteous. Pray that he will be saved. From the stations of Kratié and Battambang also comes the good news of souls being saved.

American Pastor in Luang-Prabang!

The above was the title of a notice published in the daily "Official Bulletin":—"By royal ordinance of the 9th June, 1931, His S. M. Sisavang Vong has authorized the American pastor, Mr. Roffe, to evangelize in the Kingdom of Luang-Prabang. This is the first time that a foreign missionary has received permission to work in Luang-Prabang. Mr. and Mrs. Roffe have been established in Luang-Prabang since 1929." Thank God for this widespread official recognition of Protestant missionary work in northern Laos.

Prayer Help Needed

Pray for Pastor Tiép who is perhaps the most gifted native evangelist we have, a college man, inferior to none of us as a preacher, that he may be filled with the Power of God. His wife can play the organ quite well, and we would like to give them a little portable one. Won't you pray that the Lord will make it possible? Pray for Mr. Tiep's little boy, three years old, very weak in body. Pray for the young converts that they will stand true to God in the hour of trial. I would specially commend to your prayers a certain good Christian, Mr. Súc by name, who is chief secretary in the office of the highest mandarin of the province. His wife is strongly opposed to the Gospel. Almost every time he comes to the meetings she comes to get him, and shouts on the street at the chapel door so that all the town can hear her complaints. Yet he stands true, and we dare to hope that some day she will also turn to the Saviour.

Brother and Sister N. M. Cressman, who had spent several years in French Indo-China, are still home on furlough. Mrs. Cressman's physical condition, aggravated by an accident, is still making her return to the foreign field impossible. Both of them have been actively engaged in itinerary work throughout the country. They desire the prayers of God's people for help, strength and guidance for the future.

A Remarkable Church

Herbert A. Jackson

Cantho was one of the first three provinces of Cochin-China to be entered (March, 1922). There were three baptisms by the end of the first year. Six more were added to the membership the following Easter.

Two deacons, a secretary and a treasurer were elected from the nine and served as the Executive Committee in cooperation with the preacher, a student from the Annamese Bible School, who was their Chairman.

In October, 1923, an out-station was opened at Cairang.

At the end of the year there was a membership of 34. The native church offerings for 1923 were \$126.03 (piasters).

Omon was opened as the second out-station in February, 1924. That year ended with a membership of 115. The 1924 offerings amounted to \$635.63.

In 1925 the Cantho Church entered a neighboring province and opened Long Xuyen as a third out-station.

By the end of that year the membership numbered 267. The offerings were \$895.89 for 1925.

The Cantho Church has not received a cent from the Mission since October, 1925. In the spring of 1926 the resident missionary family left for furlough and no foreigner has lived there since, Cantho being a fully self-supporting Church.



French Indo-China (H. A. Jackson)
 Church at Cantho, Cochin-China.

About the middle of the same year the Church called a man of its choice, ordained him and made him their pastor. From that day to this the missionaries have acted only in an advisory capacity. Cantho is also a self-governing Church.

A fourth out-station, Traon, was opened in 1926. There were 398 members of the Church by the end of that year.

Being situated in the very heart of Cochin-China, this Church cast beams in all directions and gave light to the provinces all around. The first woman to publicly accept Christ was the means of opening a new work in Tam-Binh, Vinh-long province, where a Church has been established.

An Annamese doctor heard the Gospel in Cantho and witnessed to his friends in Ke-Sach, Soctrang province. Today there is a Church there with an ordained pastor, it is the largest congregation in Soctrang. The same man has been the founder of another Church in Annam.

A school teacher found his Savior in the services at Cantho and later passed on the Good News at his post in Phuoc-Long, Rach-Gia Province, and then invited us to preach there. This was the beginning of the work in that province.

Another school teacher went from Cantho to Camau, Bacieu province, and there began a work from which still another out-station has been opened.

It is already stated that the Cantho Church began the work in the Long Xuyen province. The Gospel was thus preached and spread to ALL the bordering provinces.

In 1926 the Cairang chapel was moved to Phong-Dien where a native structure has been built with native funds. Early in 1929 the Omon Christians put up a very respectable church (all wood). The accompanying picture was taken at the dedication service of the most complete and best finished church in Cochin-China which is a picture of the church at Cantho. The church was planned and built by the Christians themselves. There isn't a piaster of foreign money in it. Including the property it cost them about \$4,000.00.

Fifteen men and seven women have gone to the Annamese Bible Schools from this Church. Six of the men have graduated receiving diplomas and several of the women have certificates for the work they covered. Four of the six men are ordained and these four are again divided, one being the Chairman of the Cochin-China Conference and another is a member of the Cochin-China Annamese Executive Committee.

CHILE

(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

Missionaries—Mrs. Nettie Meier and Anna LeFevre

Mrs. Meier wrote the following report on January 22, 1931:

A long, long time has passed since I last wrote you. One reason is that one is so busy that days turn to weeks and months and then a year has gone by without one's noting it. Then secondly we have been going through a long siege of testing and trials as a mission and as a result there have not been very many encouraging things to write about. Nevertheless I beg that you pardon this neglect and I trust God will in this new year have free course to work in such a way that it will be a joy to write and tell of His wonders among the sons of men.

In the Institute last year we only had five students which we lament but they did good work and made progress intellectually and what is better, spiritually, for which we praise God. The students always go to surrounding towns over weekends to minister to groups who have no pastor. One is specially good to enter into new places and thus interest new people. The Lord willing we shall have three young men and a young lady graduating in December and already there are places waiting for them. Pray that God will equip them with all His fullness.

Classes begin again on March 25 and we are hopeful of more students. Already we know of a very promising young Indian and also



Chile (Anna LeFevre)

Miss Anna LeFevre and Mary Dunstall, her adopted daughter.

a young Indian lady so if the Indian who was here last year comes back, that will make three. We are especially anxious that Indian converts be prepared as only by their own people can they be reached efficiently.

Several young men have been thinking of coming but since work has become so scarce and the crops this year little more than a complete failure, it may be their faith will not be adequate to step out and trust God for their means. We charge only 60 pesos a month which includes food, light, room and laundry and besides the boys receive pay for going out over Sundays to help them along. 60 pesos is a little less than \$7.50 in American money.

One very bright spot in the past year, in fact there were two, were two conferences held here in the Institute. The first one in March for the German brethren scattered throughout our field. It lasted

from Thursday night until Sunday night. There were from 70 to 150 present during those days, the big crowd being on Sunday. This is counting those from outside of town. They were days of real fellowship one with the other and with Christ. Many of the brethren had grown dry or empty but were blessedly refreshed and new souls added to the family of God during those days.

Then in September we had a conference of three days for the German Young People, the first one ever held. About ninety were present in all and the Holy Spirit worked in such a way through the messages that many took a step consecrating themselves to the Lord and a good number were converted and that it was a real work we have had the joy of seeing in changed lives. This conference has meant a forward movement in our German work.

Brother Diener, I believe you got acquainted with him when he was in the States in 1921, is the leader in the German work. He has always been very active in his labors among them but for the last several months he has been suffering with his throat, being very hoarse. He has been prayed with and for, but there has been no change. Two specialists have examined him and said that his vocal chords are worn out and that he needs a complete rest. Also he is growing so deaf. Please remember him in prayer and ask others to make this a matter of special prayer.

In March 5-8 a second Young People's Conference is to be held in Contulmo and we are all looking forward to it, expecting a time of blessing.

Our Annual Conference was held here January 12-16, and while there was not very much progress in some places yet throughout one of our country districts and in the far south there has been a real revival and in the Aromo parish, thirty-two people were baptized while in the southern part of Chiloe where Brother and Sister LeFevre visit, over fifty have been converted and are very energetic in propagating the Gospel, giving evidence of great joy in the Lord. We are praying that soon some good workers will be available for that district.

Beside my many duties as administratrix of the Bible Institute, the classes I teach, etc., I have been happy to be able to go away over weekends many times to hold services here and there. Everywhere there are hungry hearts and they listen with great attention to the life-giving Word.

Although nearly all of our missionary force have suffered and still do suffer many and serious ills in their bodies, my precious heavenly Father has permitted me to pass another year with scarcely a day of illness. For this I am truly grateful to Him.

This is the last year of my second term but if the work prospers as we believe it will, then I want to stay on and be useful for my blessed Master in this part of His vineyard.

Believe me to be truly grateful for your financial as well as prayerful support and that daily I am asking God to bless the dear Mennonite Brethren in Christ in their noble work of extending Christ's kingdom.

Kind greetings from the grateful heart of your Sister in Christ.

In her latest report dated June 2, 1931, Mrs. Meier reports:

Months have slipped by again since last I wrote but the days are full with duties that it grows harder to write letters.

Soon you will be having your Conference and my prayer is that you may have a spiritual banquet with the Lord.

For a long, long time we have been praying for a revival, for it is so badly needed here. But praise be unto our gracious Lord Jesus for we have been privileged to have a real revival in our midst.

Dr. Ridout from the States is making an evangelistic trip through the South American countries and God has honored the preaching of His Word.

Two weeks ago he came to Temuco and while here made his home with us in the Institute. He spoke in the different churches here and in every service there was a ready response, especially to be sanctified and filled with the Spirit!

I would especially mention that God manifested Himself very definitely here among the students. Conviction fell upon them and the volume of prayer that went up was wonderful. Some especially received a great blessing. It has literally transformed them and set them on fire to go out to preach the Gospel with more zeal than ever.

The young man who seems to have had a special portion of the Holy Spirit is one of our Indian boys who in the natural is very timid and not at all fluent in speech. But he went out the following Sunday with another Indian, walking about three hours to a place where there are a lot of Indians. They had the joy to gather together about a hundred Indians and after the message when a call was made for those who wanted to be saved, thirty came forward and the brother



Chile (Anna LeFevre)

The ruca (house of Amador Huenhueque, an Auracanian Indian. When the mission was opened near his home he was an ignorant drunkard living in direst poverty. He used to go to the chapel, learn to sing the hymns and then go to the saloons in town and sing them to get drunk. But the words he heard and learned brought conviction and he was saved and has been faithfully serving the Lord and bringing others ever since. He has rebuilt his house and made a nice garden, is industrious and dresses well, and his character and appearance are completely changed. He brings his wife to the chapel and she professes salvation. He is shown standing by his door. The girl standing is Mary Dunstall and the one on the ladder a friend of hers.

said he felt sure that of the thirty at least twenty-five had really meant business with God. The boys came back just running over with joy.

Our boys go out over the week-end to different places to preach and those that went that week reported of real blessing everywhere; a real hunger and interest in the Word. In another place visited, ten souls came forward to be saved. How we praise God for all this.

On Sunday morning we had a 6 o'clock prayer meeting to which several folks from the outside came. It just seemed a new Pentecost (the day was Pentecost Sunday) and several young men got a real blessing as they later testified with tears running down their cheeks.

At the ten o'clock service the chapel of the Institute was well filled and Dr. Ridout gave a splendid message on the text, "Have ye received the Holy Spirit since ye believed?" Deep conviction was upon the audience and when the altar call was given between thirty and forty persons came forward and soon there was real travail in prayer and some prayed through and got up from their knees gloriously happy. It was indeed a new Pentecost for many.

One of the results of the meetings has been that our men students of their own choice get up early and have a six o'clock prayer meeting and it is like music to hear their voices ringing through the building early in the morning.

From here Dr. Ridout has gone to different towns where we have work and in each place God has been blessing.

On Saturday afternoon during the week of special meetings an anointing service was announced and some fifty people responded, about the half of which wanted to be anointed. It was a most blessed service in which the very heaven seemed to come into our midst. There were some real definite healings. Among them an old Methodist brother who has been suffering for a year and a half and whose only hope was an operation and yet in a consultation held by the doctors it was decided that he would never be able to withstand an operation, so of course there was no hope for him. But Sunday night in the service before a great crowd he testified that Jesus had healed him. Praise God! Another case was a Holland woman who had her arms all stiff with rheumatism so she could not raise them up to her head but God touched her and the next morning she could swing her arms around as she pleased. Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever. Praise God.

There is a real interest in many places and new people are attending services. The other day a young woman who tells fortunes and is the mother of two illegitimate children came to our door to ask about the Scriptures. She wanted to have them explained. I explained to her how great was the evil into which she had fallen and tried to show her the way of salvation. We prayed together and she was out to the service on Sunday morning.

Help us pray that the work begun by the Holy Spirit in these days spread throughout all of Chile. Dr. Ridout has been urged to return to Santiago, the capitol, for a month's meetings. He has been able to get released from other engagements for another month so he is going back.

We have fourteen students this year and all seem to be real in earnest to get ready for service.

With grateful heart toward God for His great love and many blessings and to you, dear Mennonite Brethren in Christ for your continued support, I shall close, wishing you all God's richest blessings on all your efforts put forth for the extension of His kingdom.

On February 20, 1931, Miss Anna LeFevre wrote as follows:

I praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy that have followed me all the way. A short time ago I received the Conference reports, "Regions Beyond," that you sent. Thank you for them. They are beautifully prepared and very interesting to me as several of the missionaries whose reports are included are personal friends of mine since our days together in dear old Nyack, and I am glad to learn more of their work.

I am also writing to inform you that I am retiring from the mission field because my health is such that it is practically impossible for me to continue to carry on the work and responsibility of a mission station. I love the work and these simple Mapuche Indians are very dear to me. Only God knows how hard it is for me to leave them. There is yet so much need and a great lack of workers in this mission field. Our Superintendent is finding it difficult to find some one to fill the vacancy. We are hoping for a new worker. Help us in prayer that the Lord of Harvest will send along just the right person to carry on the work. The Lord has been blessing in the work and we trust these precious souls will not lack a true shepherd.

I am expecting to take my adopted daughter Mary Hills Donstall with me. She has been my faithful companion and helper especially these last five years, and she wants to prepare herself to return and continue missionary work among the Mapuches. We are preparing to sail from Valparaiso on the "Santa Maria," of the Grace Co. S.S. line, on March 20, and arrive in New York April 6th.

On May 1, 1931, Miss LeFevre reports her arrival in the homeland:

I praise the Lord for bringing me safe back to the homeland again and for His goodness and mercy which have followed me all the way. We had a very good trip home. I also thank the Lord for making it possible for me to bring with me my adopted daughter, Mary Dunstall, and I was able to get her into the country without any difficulty. I am nicely settled in a small apartment here in Lancaster.

COLOMBIA

(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

Missionary—Rev. H. W. Feldges

Brother Feldges had been a member of the M. B. C. Church at Bethlehem, Pa. After laboring for several years in the Gospel Herald Society he sailed as a missionary to Chile, South America, under the Christian and Missionary Alliance. On August 29, 1929, he sailed from Vancouver, B. C., for Colombia. This is his fourth term in Latin America. On account of the ill health of Mrs. Feldges, she and their daughter, Grace, have been unable to accompany Brother Feldges but have been faithfully laboring among the Spanish speaking people of California. Pray for the speedy recovery of Mrs. Feldges, as she is anxious to return to the field. We give the following interesting extracts from their letters:

The months are passing fast, the work is slowly taking root and spreading. Persecution has let up a bit but the desire to live a holy life and make one's self sure for God and the future doesn't seem to take hold of people in this indifferent yet very superstitious town.

The people who appreciate us most are not very friendly with the priests but our presenting the Gospel message does not appeal to them either; after all, having a nominal connection with the R. C. Church and practically at liberty to live in all kinds of abominable sin suits them best.

How glad we are that the first Indian boy will soon be baptized in Popayan. I think I told you how I met him on the street in Popayan. He had already bought a Bible months before and was glad to go to Brother Langeloh's house and be instructed in the things of God. He has been obliged to be a soldier for one year but has remained faithful to God. He will soon be free and expects to go to his tribe and bring them the Gospel of their salvation. Pray for him!

Also in one or two other places Mr. Langeloh and his helpers have been enabled to get an entrance with the Word of God and regular preaching places are being established amidst fiery persecution. God help the poor Indians; it seems, at last the light is getting to some of them.

My outstations are prospering with the usual drawbacks. It is very hard to get to these people and as they live so scattered in the hills, it is hard for them to get together. Then, of course, some of the first that heard the Gospel have lived anything but exemplary lives, which means that we must begin all over again. Notwithstanding, we have blessed communion services and are looking forward to see others taking a stand to serve God in Spirit and in Truth. God grant it.

I am just convalescing from what they term here "Paludismo" or Malaria. I was pretty sick for a few days but I am much better again to the honor and praise of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ. These Tropics do make a fellow lose strength and one is not as capable to get out and do a day's work as in other cooler regions. It's a different climate and the diseases are stalking around that are ready to devour everything that hath breath. But God is able for it all.

I am still keeping house alone when I'm not on the trips. But the people were all so good and did all they could to make me comfortable, etc. I would be up one day and down the next, then up again, and so on. Well, only so that God is glorified and these precious souls saved and helped.

Kindest regards and thanks to the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Mission Board and to all those good stand-by-brethren and all the churches.

In his last letter, received September 14, 1931, Brother Feldges writes:

My verse for today is out of my daily reading, 1 Sam. 11:13: "Today the Lord hath wrought salvation in Israel" and our God is still the same today in Colombia.

I thought I'd write a few lines about a trip or two that I make every other Sunday.

It means, like most missionary excursions, getting up at about five in the morning. After making a hasty breakfast, tidying the room and devotions, we get to the station and off on the train at 7 A.M.

"Timba," the junction, is reached in about an hour. This is market-day and the brethren and well-wishers are there, at least a few of them, to see that I have a horse to ride on. The saddle is a bigger problem. Last time it was a make-shift of one, but after putting my blanket and Old Cravenette on the crude affair I sat quite softly if not exactly altogether comfortably and "pretty."

After tasting the hot sun for over four hours, crossing a number of rivers, up and down hills, etc., we arrived at "Arabia." Here they are not Mohammedans, but before they are converted to God they live like Arabs. Oh, how they cling to their old customs, and especially their evil habits and superstitions!

Good Brother Elias Ocampo simply couldn't stand it any longer, so he left his father's house to not be mixed up with the wicked lives his people were living. Pray that God may really change the hearts and lives of those at this place who profess to love His Word. We had a meeting at night and believe the spirit spoke to hearts.



South America—Colombia (H. W. Feldges)

Josue Mina and family. Foundation stones of the church at Rocío, near Santander.

Monday we followed a trail along a river for about two hours, crossing the river twice on logs and fallen trees, arriving at "Rocío." Rocío means dew, and truly the dew of heaven was accompanying us. The morning meeting we held in a house where there was a sick Brother who appreciated our prayers and presence very much. The afternoon meeting was a communion service. Only three could take part, the rest had not taken a stand for God as yet, in baptism or walking in newness of life.

These people are taking up land as Colonists and of course are very poor and work hard to clear the forests and often wait long to get results from their claims. But, on the other hand, the temptations of the towns are far away and so they can serve God easier, especially as they begin to walk the straight and narrow way.

To reach our evening appointment we had to climb up and down a mountain, perhaps 1000 feet, and then up another equally as high. They saw that we had a horse and so arrived quite fresh for the evening service. Two young men followed on foot.

This place has the fine name, "Alba," which means "Dawn of day," and one of the finest views I ever saw is from this point. Here we are on one of the foothills of the Western Andean range. The Central and highest Andean range is right across the Canca Valley. When the sun rises above those lofty peaks, one over 17,000 feet high, called "Huila," it is a wonderful sight. One feels like saying, "Come, Lord Jesus, also with healing in Thy wings," and it seems we can hear Him say, "Behold, I come quickly!"

Here about six take the Bread and fruit of the vine to commemorate Jesus' death. There are perhaps a dozen more who are counting the cost and we hope to "commune" with them also later on.

Bro. Alfonso Insuastti lives here. He is one of the Bible Society's colporters. He was away on a three-months tour up the coast from



South America—Colombia (H. W. Feldges)
Backwoods natives coming into the light.

Buena Ventura. May God keep him well in those terrible fever infested districts, and help him win many souls for the Lord.

Being up in these mountains is real refreshing and we are very glad for an extra covering at night. Our blood gets a bit thin in the hot valleys below.

On the way back we pass a hamlet where the enemies of God were going to form a riot and drive out the Evangelicals. The Priest was going to have 100 men to do the job, but when the native Brother from Cali was up the last time we are glad to tell you that they had a fine meeting and no disturbance whatsoever. Praise God. It is called "Liberia," but like the one in Africa, where they say they still practice slavery, so here the most of the people are slaves to sin and to the Priests. Some, we are glad to report, are free indeed, for the Son of God has made them so. Bless His Holy Name!

Tuesday at 2 P. M. we arrived at our town, Santander, quite well and happy—but oh, it was a hot afternoon. It hasn't rained for weeks and

so the roads are dusty too. Up where we had been it rained both nights, so you see it makes a big difference if you are in the tropics. You can be that low that you can be almost overcome with the heat and then the same day that high that you shiver with the cold, and if you go a bit higher you get into everlasting snow and ice.

The other Sunday in between we leave at 7 A.M. again. Get to Timba at 8. Walk to the next station in one hour and three-quarters. Then on horseback for about another hour and a half, when we reach a place called "Mina". You see, this country was formerly a gold mining district and the blacks were brought in to work in the mines as slaves. This lasted for about 80 years. They were freed, however, as far as government statute was concerned, before slavery was abolished in our country.



South America—Colombia (H. W. Feldges)

The Stocks—Still used occasionally as a means of torture and punishment. But the Word of God is not bound, as you see.

Here we have a real interesting service. It is rather a new point and practically all blacks, but mind you some of them have hearts "white as snow."

From "Mina" to the town of Jamundi is another horseback ride of an hour or more. Here we take an auto to Cali, arriving there about 6 or 7 P.M. There on Monday we do some shopping, as many things we need cannot be had in our small place. The Missionaries there are always very kind to us and we enjoy the fellowship immensely.

Tuesday about 2 P.M. we are home again. The other two Sundays we visit our Bellavista appointment. There the Lord is also blessing. One man who has resisted for some time is yielding, for which we are profoundly thankful. Of course we give out literature all the way to and from these places. May God give an abundant harvest some day.

It seems that God is going to give us another place shortly to visit. Some of the natives go there occasionally and are preparing the way. Brethren, pray for us!

Mrs. H. W. Feldges and her daughter, Grace, are still living at 331 W. Avenue 37, Los Angeles, Calif. Mrs. Feldges writes: I wish to sincerely thank you for all your kindnesses, our support, the good papers and your prayers. Praise God for all these blessings. I do feel so unworthy of all.

How I wish I could be out in the field with my dear husband, but it seems it is not to be, at least not for the present. For some time now I suffer with such awful perspiring spells, which seem to almost choke me at times, and no one seems to really find the cause of it; they will stop for a while then start in fresh. But we are looking to the Lord and He will surely help.

Meanwhile we are doing a little work here among the Mexican people. We have meetings in their homes. Also in a Mexican Clinic the Lord gives me many opportunities to give His Word to these needy souls. I am thankful for this. My throat is some better, for which I praise God. Grace has gone through a very trying experience, but the Lord has upheld her and she can now see His hand in it, and "we know that all things work together for good to them who love the Lord, to them who are the called according to His purpose." My dear husband writes that he is happy in the work. We know that the only way to get the Gospel to the people is to go where they are. Therefore long trips must be taken, and God will surely give the strength just as long as He wants us to go. We are helping by prayer and when He makes it possible and the way opens it won't take us long to start out again in His Name. Meanwhile we want to be faithful in the work He gives us to do here.

FINANCIAL

The contributions from the various congregations throughout the Conference for the year ending October 16, 1930, were as follows:

Home Missions

Regular Church Home Missionary offerings.....	\$ 8,017.82
For Miscellaneous Home Missionary purposes.....	9,089.47
Total	\$ 17,107.29

Foreign Missions

Receipts

October 7, 1930, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 780.57
Receipts during the year—Church.....	8,649.89
“ “ “ “ —Sunday School	7,986.41
Total	\$ 17,416.87

Expenditures

Allowances October 1, 1930, to December 31, 1931
(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

Palestine (1 Missionary)	\$ 825.00
Africa (4 Missionaries)	2,100.00
India (4 Missionaries)	2,625.00
French Indo-China (6 Missionaries)	4,500.00
China (2 Missionaries)	480.00
Chile (2 Missionaries)	1,050.00
Colombia (1 Missionary)	750.00
On Furlough (1 Missionary)	750.00

\$ 13,080.00

Allowances January 1, 1931, to December 31, 1931	
(Africa Inland Mission)	
Africa (2 Missionaries)	\$ 900.00
(United Missionary Society)	
Africa (2 Missionaries)	800.00
Allowances February 4, 1931, to February 4, 1932	
(Unevangelized Tribes Mission)	
Africa (1 Missionary)	500.00
Total Allowances	\$ 15,280.00
Transportation Brother and Sister C. F. Snyder (Half)	\$510.00
Regions Beyond	550.69
Literature to Missionaries	57.50
Postage	6.18
Fares, Board Meetings, etc.....	33.22
48,000 Foreign Mission receipt cards.....	141.60
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	\$ 16,579.19

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

DIRECTORY

The Annual Conference held at Allentown, Pa., October 16-20, 1920, elected the following Board of Foreign Missions for the 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, 1124 N. Main St., Bethlehem, Pa.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MISSIONARIES

(a) Palestine

Butterfield, Miss Mary A. Box 50, Jerusalem, Palestine.

(b) Africa

Barter, Rev. M. E.	Furlough: Wardsboro, Vt.
Crist, Rev. E. E. }	Furlough: 153 N. Broad St., Lancaster, Pa.
Crist, Mrs. E. E. }	Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa.
Hess, Rev. E. R.	Aba, Congo Belge, via Khartoum and Rejaf,
Stam, Rev. Harry }	Sudan.
Stam, Mrs. Harry }	Zuru, Zungeru, via Lagos, Nigeria, West
Ummel, Rev. Joseph	Africa.
Ummel, Rev. Paul	Zuru, Zungeru, via Lagos, Nigeria, West
	Africa.
Miller, Miss Mary A.	Kamayala, Kahemba, via Kikwit, Dist. du
	Kwango Congo Belge, W. C. Africa, via
	Antwerp.

(c) India

Carner, Rev. E. R. }
 Carner, Mrs. E. R. } Furlough: Missionary Training Institute,
 Kerr, Rev. Samuel } Nyack, N. Y.
 Kerr, Mrs. Samuel } Sanand, Gujarat, B. P., India.

(d) China

Snyder, Rev. C. F. }
 Snyder, Mrs. C. F. } Hochow, Kansu Province, China.

(e) French Indo-China

Cadman, Rev. Wm. C. }
 Cadman, Mrs. Wm. C. } No. 1, Rue Nguyen Trai, Hanoi, French Indo-
 Jackson, Rev. R. M. } Furlough: Merrill Cottage, Lowland Drive,
 Nyack, N. Y.
 Jackson, Rev. H. A. } Dalat, Anam, French Indo-China.
 Cressman, Rev. N. M. } 1033 Monocacy St., Bethlehem, Pa., on fur-
 Cressman, Mrs. N. M. } lough.

(f) Chile, South America

LeFevre, Miss Anna }
 Meier, Mrs. Nettie } Furlough: 120 Nevins St., Lancaster, Pa.
 Feldges, Rev. H. W. } Temuco, Chile, South America.
 Feldges, Mrs. H. W. } Santander Canca, Colombia, S. A.
 On furlough; address, 331 West Avenue 37,
 Los Angeles, Calif.

FORMS OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE
BEQUEST

I give and bequeath unto H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, W. G. Gehman, B. Bryan Muselman 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 Forty-first Annual Ministerial Convention of the Pennsylvania Conference, of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, convened in the M. B. in C. Church, on Tenth Street, near Oley, Reading, Pa., Thursday, April 16, 1931. The Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman, of Allentown, Pa., opened the Convention at 9:30 A.M., with singing "Come, Thou Blessed Saviour." Pastor C. H. Brunner led in prayer. Pastor P. T. Stengele, of Easton, Pa., recorded the minutes.

Both of our Presiding Elders and all the active pastors were present, together with a number of their families, also a number of Gospel Heralds.

The Chairman appointed the following Committees:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION: H. B. Musselman, A. G. Woodring and W. G. Gehman.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS: G. F. Yost, N. H. Wolf and J. C. Roth.

TIMEKEEPER: Paul E. Baer.

REPORTER: H. K. Kratz.

We were then privileged to listen to two well written and well read Essays, as follows:

"The Teaching of Jesus in Relation to Militarism," by Pastor T. D. Gehret, of Sunbury, Pa.

"The Pastor's Responsibility for the Success of His Work," by Pastor F. M. Hottel, of Bethlehem, Pa.

These Essays showed much care in preparation and contained instructive and timely remarks for all.

A liberal offering was received for the Convention.

The meeting closed with prayer by Pastor R. L. Woodring.

Afternoon Meeting

The afternoon meeting was opened at 2 o'clock with singing. Prayer was offered by Pastor J. G. Shireman. The following Essays were read and discussed:

"Personal Evangelism," by Pastor P. T. Stengele, of Easton, Pa.

"Studying and Teaching the Bible," by Pastor H. K. Kratz, of Northampton, Pa.

These Essays were splendid and gave profit to all in the ministry.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor F. M. Hottel.

Evening Meeting

The evening meeting was opened at 7:30 o'clock with singing and prayer.

Pastor R. L. Woodring, of Nazareth, Pa., led in the song service.

We then listened to two addresses, as follows:

"Signs of the Times," by Pastor C. H. Brunner, of Philadelphia, Pa.

"The Pastor His Own Evangelist," by Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, of Allentown, Pa.

The addresses were inspirational, timely and forcible in their delivery and application.

The meeting closed with prayer and benediction by Pastor E. N. Cassel, of Reading, Pa.

The Pastor, E. N. Cassel, and members of the Reading congregation entertained this convention in a most cordial manner, providing abundantly for our every need.

A number of Gospel Heralds rendered several selections in song, which were much enjoyed. The attendance was large throughout the day.

The Committee to arrange for the program consisted of H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and E. N. Cassel.

The Committee on Publication recommends that all the essays read at the Convention be given to Pastor C. H. Brunner to be published in the *Gospel Banner* in parts or as a whole, as may be arranged by him.

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

XV.—Sunday School Convention (Allentown District)

The Forty-second Annual Sunday School Convention of the Allentown district of the Pennsylvania Conference convened in the Auditorium in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., in the forenoon and afternoon of July 4, 1931, during the Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting.

Pastor B. Bryan Musselman was Chairman, Pastor W. F. Heffner, Secretary, and Pastor F. M. Hottel, Treasurer.

The Committee on Program consisted of H. B. Musselman, B. Bryan Musselman, C. H. Brunner, F. M. Hottel and E. N. Cassel.

The Presiding Elder, all the Pastors, Superintendents and Delegates of the district were present and registered at 9:15 A.M. The Presiding Elder of the Easton District, a number of his Pastors and many of the Gospel Heralds were also present.

The following Committees were appointed by the Chairman:

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE AND READ THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS SESSION: H. K. Kratz and N. H. Wolf.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION: H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner and G. F. Yost.

COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS: F. B. Hertzog, H. L. Shelly and C. E. Musselman.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE: F. M. Hottel, P. H. Cressman and S. W. Heiser.

Rev. Forrest E. Dager, D.D., Pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, of Philadelphia, President of the Reformed Episcopal Theological Seminary, and Professor of Homiletics in Temple University, was the speaker for the occasion. He spoke on the following subjects:

10:15 A.M. "The Sunday School and Manhood."

2:00 P.M. "Getting There."

3:30 P.M. "Fighting the Devil."

These were excellent addresses, clear, forcible and helpful.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lacey favored us with a number of excellent messages in song. A solo also was sung by Mr. Herbert Sweet, of Jersey City, N. J.

The services were broadcast over station WCBA, owned and operated by Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, for the benefit of the many invalids and others not able to be present.

The weather was fine and the attendance was very large and attentive; it was a great gathering from far and near.

Statistics

Sunday Schools represented.....	22
Officers enrolled	176
Teachers enrolled	350
Scholars enrolled	4018
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Total enrollment	4544
The increase in enrollment over last year was.....	146
Home Department enrollment.....	1029
Cradle Roll enrollment.....	417

**Financial
Report of the Treasurer**

Receipts

July 4, 1930, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 4 86	
Received at this Convention.....	283 45	\$288 31

Expenditures

Expenses of the Convention.....	\$121 82	
Donated to Executive Board.....	160 00	
July 4, 1931, Balance in Treasury.....	6 49	\$288 31

F. M. Hottel, Treasurer.

B. Bryan Musselman, Chairman.

W. F. Heffner, Secretary.

XVI.—Sunday School Convention (Easton District)

The Forty-Third Annual Sunday School Convention of the Menonite Brethren in Christ of the Pennsylvania Conference, Easton District, convened in the M. B. C. Church at Twelfth and Spruce Streets, Easton, Pa., on Wednesday, May 20th, 1931.

The Presiding Elder, W. G. Gehman, all the pastors of the District, all the leaders of the Gospel Herald Society Missions where there are Sunday Schools, Superintendents, delegates, essayists and discussionists were present.

Also the following Gospel Heralds: H. W. Hartman, A. M. Sprock, W. W. Hartman, E. W. Bean, A. C. Wieand, T. E. Turnbull, J. J. Bachman, F. C. Wagner, C. E. Kirkwood and E. B. Hartman.

The Presiding Elder, H. B. Musselman, and the following Pastors of the Allentown District were present: C. H. Brunner, F. M. Hottel, F. B. Hertzog, A. G. Woodring, B. Bryan Musselman, G. F. Yost, E. N. Cassel, J. C. Roth and R. L. Woodring.

The Committee to arrange the program consisted of W. G. Gehman, P. T. Stengele and J. B. Layne.

Pastor J. B. Layne, of York, Pa., was chairman of the convention. Pastor T. D. Gehret, of Sunbury, Pa., recorded the minutes and Pastor E. E. Kublic, of Mt. Carmel, Pa., was treasurer.

All the Pastors, Superintendents and Delegates were present and registered at 9:30 A.M.

The Convention was opened at 9:45 o'clock with singing, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Pastor J. G. Shireman, of Shamokin, Pa., led in prayer. The Chairman read 1 Corinthians the 13th chapter. Pastor P. T. Stengele gave a short address of welcome.

The Committees as appointed by the Chairman were:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION: W. G. Gehman, V. H. Reinhart, Paul E. Baer.

COMMITTEE OF RESOLUTIONS: J. G. Shireman, H. W. Hartman, H. N. Foulk.

COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS: J. B. Henry, E. George, R. H. Gehman.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE: E. E. Kublic, E. J. Rutman, M. M. Meyers.

COMMITTEE ON AUDITING: M. M. Meyers, W. W. Hartman.

COMMITTEE TO READ THE MINUTES: Paul E. Baer, E. W. Bean.

TIMEKEEPER: W. W. Hartman.

REPORTER: C. L. Miller.

The Superintendents of the various Sunday Schools represented on the Easton District and the Gospel Herald Society, submitted their oral, statistical and financial reports. These reports were interesting and showed the conditions of the schools represented as being healthy and flourishing.

The morning meeting was adjourned with prayer by R. L. Woodring, of Nazareth, Pa.

Afternoon Meeting

The afternoon meeting was opened at 2 o'clock with singing the Convention hymn, "Coming Again." Pastor E. E. Kublic, of Mt. Carmel, Pa., led in prayer.

The roll was called and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Following the reports of the various committees, we listened to two very important essays.

First, "Preparation of the Sunday School Lesson and the Art of Teaching It," by H. W. Hartman, of Jersey City, N. J.

Second, "The Relation of the Sunday School to the Church," by Pastor Paul E. Baer, of Scranton, Penna.

A discussion was opened by Pastor J. B. Henry, of West Philadelphia, Penna., on the subject, "Departmental Sunday School Work."

The thoughts presented by these brethren and the further discussions by members of the Convention were stimulating and helpful.

We recommend that both essays be given to C. H. Brunner for publication in parts or as a whole in the *Gospel Banner*.

Evening Service

Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman was in charge of the evening service. After a short period of song, there were two twenty-minute addresses.

First: "The Christian Home," by Pastor J. B. Layne, York, Penna.

Second: "He That is Spiritual," by Pastor T. D. Gehret, Sunbury, Penna.

The messages throughout the day were inspiring and stirred the hearts of all to work more earnestly in the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The class and friends of the Easton M. B. C. Church entertained the convention most cordially, under the able leadership of their Pastor, P. T. Stengele. Meals during the day were served in the basement of the church.

The attendance at every service was large. The weather was somewhat warm but ideal for the convention. The spiritual tide throughout the day rose high.

Special selections in song were rendered during the day by the Gospel Heralds.

Statistics

Number of Sunday Schools represented.....	16
Officers enrolled	102
Teachers enrolled	175
Scholars enrolled	1,597
Total enrollment	1,874
Home Department Members enrolled.....	501
Cradle Roll Members enrolled.....	345

Report of the Treasurer

Receipts	\$215 20
Expenses	143 14
Balance	\$ 72 06

E. E. Kublic, Treasurer.

J. B. Layne, Chairman.

T. D. Gehret, Secretary.

XVII.—Conference Report

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

The forty-eighth session of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania convened in Ebenezer Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, 1121-1125 North Main Street, Bethlehem, Pa., October 15-18, 1931.

The presence of the Lord was manifested throughout all the meetings of Conference so that in many respects this Conference was one of the best ever held. Services were held each evening, to which the public was invited. These services proved to be very interesting, especially the service of Thursday evening, when all the Pastors submitted the oral reports of their local work, which was followed by a short address by each Presiding Elder. Many from the various classes were present at these meetings.

The Pastors reported that many had been saved, baptized and added to the church, others were healed in answer to prayer. The spirit of devotion and sacrifice was evidenced in ministry and laity.

Home Mission Work

The three annual Camp Meetings of the past summer have been a glorious success. The attendance was large, many having come from places far and near to have fellowship together and enjoy these spiritual feasts. The ministering brethren preached the Word faithfully and the Lord blest in the saving and sanctifying of many souls. In Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., two Camp Meetings were held, with 217 and 239 tents, respectively. Another Camp Meeting was held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., with 131 tents. Many of the services were broadcast over station WCBA through the courtesy of Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, owner of the station. Through this medium many were able to enjoy these spiritual feasts who would not otherwise have been so privileged.

The Gospel Herald Society at the present time is composed of twenty noble young men of Christian character. They are laboring in eight missions located in cities of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. A new mission has been opened during the year in Wilmington, Delaware. They are engaged in definite home missionary work, house to

house visitations, colportage work, indoor and street meetings, thus getting in contact with many who might not have been reached otherwise.

The Conference has contributed during the year the sum of \$6,401.06 for Home Missionary work, to be used in the conference and the Gospel Herald Society.

Services are broadcast regularly over radio station WCBA, which covers a large area, and many letters of appreciation have been received. The Lord has greatly blessed this means of sending forth the Gospel into many places, thus reaching men and women in all walks of life and enabling them to hear the Word of Truth. The station is located in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., and is operated on a frequency of 1440 kilocycles and 208.1 meters.

Foreign Mission Work

Conference has undertaken the support of 25 missionaries which are scattered throughout various parts of the world. The sum of \$13,939.49 has been contributed during the year by the Church and Sunday Schools for this cause. Thus indicating that the Conference is interested in fulfilling our Lord's great commission to go into all the world and preach the Gospel.

Officers for 1932

H. B. Musselman and W. G. Gehman were again elected to serve as 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, and C. H. Brunner, Secretary and Treasurer.

Appointments and Announcements

No changes were made by the Stationing Committee in the assignment of Pastors.

The Sunday School Convention of the Allentown District is announced for Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., July 4, 1932. The Easton District Convention is announced for Sunbury, Pa., on Wednesday, May 18, 1932.

The Annual Ministerial Convention shall meet in Beulah M. B. C. Church, Twelfth and Spruce Streets, Easton, Pa., on April 14, 1932.

The next Annual Conference shall convene (D.V.) in Bethel M. B. C. Church, 526-530 North Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa., on October 6, 1932.

Sunday Services

The services on Sunday were very well attended, the spacious church was filled to capacity, extra chairs being needed to accommodate the large audiences all day.

The morning service was opened at 9:30, according to Conference announcement. The Chairman of the Annual Conference, H. B. Musselman, P. E., preached the Conference sermon. The Scripture reading was Acts 20:7-38 and I Tim. 1:12. The Lord used him in presenting a message of encouragement and inspiration so much needed in these distressing times.

The afternoon meeting was opened at 2:15. The sermon was preached by Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman, who preached a very forceful sermon on "The Passover and the Passage Through the Red Sea." The Scripture was read from Exodus 12:7-11 and I Cor. 5:6-9. The fact of Christ's power to deliver from the bondage of sin as well as His divine enabling for the believer to live apart from sin was clearly set forth.

The evening service was opened at 7 o'clock with a stirring song service. Pastor C. H. Brunner, of Philadelphia, Pa., was the first speaker. His theme was "The Bible." The Scripture reading was II Tim. 3-16.

He was followed by Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, of Allentown, Pa.

The messages were inspirational and were presented fervently and tenderly. The Lord spoke to hearts and impressions were made for eternity.

The Bethlehem Male Quartette, male chorus and mixed chorus rendered several appropriate selections in song during the day.

The Bethlehem congregation, under the able leadership of their Pastor, Rev. F. M. Hottel, entertained the Conference in a most commendable and hospitable manner. All meals were served in the basement of the church. The Conference expressed its appreciation and thanks for the consideration and kindness of the Class manifested during the time of the Conference session.

E. N. Cassel,
A. G. Woodring,
T. D. Gehret,
Committee.

XVIII.—Announcements for 1932

(A) MINISTERIAL CONVENTION

Annual Ministerial Convention

This Convention is announced to convene in Beulah M. B. in C. Church, Twelfth and Spruce Streets, Easton, Pa., April 14, 1932.

Chairman, W. G. Gehman; Secretary, Paul E. Baer.

Committee on Program: H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and P. T. Stengele.

(B) SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

(a) Allentown District

Report of the Committee to Organize for the Allentown District Sunday School Convention for 1932

This Convention shall convene in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., on Monday, July 4, 1932.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, A. G. Woodring; 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.

We encourage the Committee to secure special speakers for the day.

C. H. Brunner, Chairman,
A. G. Woodring, Secretary.

(b) Easton District

Report of the Committee to Organize for the Easton District Sunday School Convention for 1932

This Convention shall convene in Sunbury, Pa., Wednesday, May 18, 1932.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, P. T. Stengele; Secretary, J. B. Layne; Treasurer, E. E. Kublic.

Committee on Program: W. G. Gehman, T. D. Gehret and J. G. Shireman.

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.

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.

(C) CAMP MEETINGS

(a) Allentown District

Bethlehem Division

Report of the Committee to Organize for the Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting for 1932

This Division comprises Bethlehem, Reading, Fleetwood, Blandon, Terre Hill, Royersford, Spring City, Nazareth, Walnutport, Northampton, Quakertown, Hatfield, Lehigh and Weissport.

Place—Mizpah Grove. Date—July 2 to 10, 1932.

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

The Committee resolved that the Presiding Elder, together with the officers of the Committee, make all the arrangements. The Presiding Elder shall invite the preachers and shall secure the extra help if he and the Committee deem it advisable.

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

Allentown Division

Report of the Committee to Organize for the Allentown Division Camp Meeting for 1932

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

Place—Mizpah Grove. Date—July 16 to 24, 1932.

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

The Committee resolved that the Presiding Elder, together with the officers of the Committee, make all the arrangements. The Presiding Elder shall secure the preachers and also extra help if he and the Committee deem it advisable.

H. B. Musselman, Chairman,
C. H. Brunner, Secretary.

(b) Easton District

Report of the Committee to Organize for the Easton District Camp Meeting for 1932

This District comprises Easton, Stroudsburg, Scranton, Shamokin, Sunbury, Mt. Carmel, Wissinoming, West Philadelphia, and York, Pa.

Place—Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa. Date—August 6 to 14, 1932.

Chairman, J. G. Shireman; Secretary, P. T. Stengele; Treasurer, T. D. Gehret.

W. G. Gehman, Chairman,
P. T. Stengele, Secretary.

(D) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Forty-ninth Annual Conference shall convene, should the Lord tarry, in Bethel M. B. in C. Church, 526-530 North Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa., at 9 A.M., October 6, 1932.

Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary and Treasurer, C. H. Brunner.

(E) READING COURSE

Announcements of the Board of Examiners

Studies for 1931-1932

Examiner on Discipline—H. B. Musselman, P. E.

(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 commence on Tuesday, April 12, 1932, 7 P.M., at Easton, Pa.

The second examination shall commence on Tuesday, October 4, 1932, 7 P.M., at Allentown, Pa.

E. N. Cassel, President,

H. K. Kratz, Secretary,

T. D. Gehret,

Board.

XIX.—Report of the Conference Treasurer**(A) Executive Board**

Receipts

October 6, 1930, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 7,942 60	
Received during the Year.....	3,570 04	\$ 11,512 64

Expenditures

Expended during Year	\$ 1,642 35	
October 5, 1931, Balance in Treasury.....	9,870 29	\$ 11,512 64

(B) Board of Foreign Missions

Receipts

October 6, 1930, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 780 57	
Received during the Year.....	16,636 30	\$ 17,416 87

Expenditures

Expended during Year	\$ 16,579 19	
October 5, 1931, Balance in Treasury.....	837 68	\$ 17,416 87

(C) The Home

Expenditures

September 30, 1930, Deficit in Treasury.....	\$ 7,036 71	
Expended during Year	15,311 83	\$ 22,348 54

Receipts

Received during Year	\$ 13,699 21	
September 29, 1931, Deficit.....	8,649 33	\$ 22,348 54

(D) Board of Publication and Printing

Receipts

October 6, 1930, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 512 73	
Received during Year	895 01	\$ 1,407 74

Expenditures

Expended during Year	\$ 638 43	
October 5, 1931, Balance in Treasury.....	769 31	\$ 1,407 74

(E) Home Missions

Receipts

October 6, 1930, Received at Annual Conference.....	\$ 8,017 82	
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Expenditures

October 5, 1931, Expended during the Year:		
Allentown District	\$ 1,960 00	
Easton District	6,057 82	\$ 8,017 82

C. H. Brunner, Treasurer.

XX.—Financial Report

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Offerings from October 16, 1930, to October 15, 1931

Appointments	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Foreign Mission in S. S.	For the Poor	Annual Conference Fund	Total
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.						
Allentown (Bethel)	\$ 805.00	\$ 715.00	\$ 610.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 2,210.00
Bethlehem	436.50	542.00	909.37	26.00	20.00	1,933.87
Philadelphia	608.50	721.55	294.71	52.00	17.12	1,693.88
Reading	366.25	328.25	282.55	60.00	10.00	1,047.05
Emaus	372.00	366.00	250.05	16.60	6.85	1,011.50
Macungie	123.00	142.00	107.75	15.75	5.00	393.50
Zionsville	228.00	288.50	206.45	17.00	2.80	742.75
Fleetwood	109.50	131.50	132.67	20.00	8.00	401.67
Blandon	77.45	61.25	95.14	8.00	7.60	249.44
Terre Hill	184.50	185.50	128.00	7.00	6.35	511.35
Spring City	140.75	153.75	148.98	11.41	7.13	462.02
Royersford	268.50	276.00	274.26	21.19	9.20	849.15
Graterford	100.35	136.00	169.92	22.00	6.50	434.77
Harleysville	101.75	166.70	110.44	13.00	4.50	396.39
Northampton	100.00	127.20	68.31	10.00	4.00	309.51
Walnutport	83.91	123.92	43.25	8.05	4.86	263.99
Coopersburg	404.25	429.75	320.49	57.00	9.50	1,220.99
Allentown (Salem)	173.75	233.50	198.57	24.00	5.12	634.94
Quakertown	211.25	388.00	149.72	34.21	9.34	792.52
Nazareth	164.75	233.00	93.40	22.00	5.90	519.05
Lehighton	129.00	99.00	71.12	12.15	4.50	315.77
Weissport	.....	.....	34.69	.....	.....	34.69
Total	\$5,188.96	\$5,848.37	\$4,699.84	\$507.36	\$184.27	\$16,428.80

EASTON DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.						
Shamokin	\$ 84.35	\$ 114.71	\$ 161.24	\$ 25.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 391.30
Easton	332.50	330.50	320.18	30.50	11.00	1,024.68
Sunbury	311.25	210.25	227.31	23.75	7.00	779.56
Stroudsburg	78.50	87.00	100.54	8.55	9.50	284.09
Scranton	103.00	267.75	122.20	10.00	7.00	509.95
Mt. Carmel	48.75	51.00	71.10	10.25	4.25	185.35
Wissinoming, Phila.	66.00	57.00	79.30	6.25	6.26	214.81
West Philadelphia	81.25	58.00	123.07	7.75	5.75	275.82
York	106.50	117.75	149.28	7.90	4.35	385.78
Gospel Herald Soc.	.....	.....	743.10	.....	.....	743.10
Total	\$1,212.10	\$1,293.96	\$2,097.32	\$129.95	\$ 61.11	\$ 4,794.44
Grand Total	\$6,401.06	\$7,142.33	\$6,797.16	\$637.31	\$245.38	\$21,223.24

F. M. Hottel,
H. L. Shelly.

G. O. Billig,
C. H. Brunner,
Committee.

XXI.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—A.

Appointments	Pastor	Ministers and Officers											Membership																							
		Presiding Elders	Missionary P. E.	Ordained Ministers	Probationers	Applicants for Annual Conf. Licenses	Q. C. Licensed Preachers & Evang.	Deacons	Class Leaders	Stewards	Rent Collectors	Baptized	Members not Baptized	Children Dedicated	Received into Church Fellowship	Received by Transfer	Total Increase	Died	Withdrawn	Dropped	Conferences Moved to other	Transferred	Total Decrease	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Total Membership	Appointments	Sermons Preached	Pastoral Visits	Prayer Meetings Visited	Sunday Schools Visited					
(A) ALLENTOWN DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.																																				
Allentown (Bethel)	E. B. Musselman	1	1	4	1	1	1	4	4	4	23	19	19	24	4	28	2	2	1	1	1	6	22	401	1	220	315	58	47	47						
Bethlehem	F. M. Hottel	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	40	15	47	1	48	3	5	2	2	1	1	9	44	376	1	172	312	60	47	47						
Philadelphia	C. H. Brunner	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	23	5	17	5	15	1	2	2	1	1	1	9	4	238	1	258	298	104	47	47						
Reading	E. N. Cassel	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	11	5	17	5	19	1	2	2	1	1	1	8	9	205	1	185	320	104	47	47						
Emaus	G. F. Yost	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	14	3	14	5	19	1	2	2	1	1	1	4	18	144	1	72	325	104	47	47						
Maconie	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	48	1	64	75	20	8	8						
Zionsville	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	4	9	9	9	9	2	1	1	1	1	4	5	37	1	48	38	16	8	8						
Fleetwood	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	3	13	3	13	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	5	64	1	49	294	12	16	16						
Blandon	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	1	6	5	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	8	56	1	55	177	13	11	11						
Terre Hill	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	5	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	68	1	42	184	10	16	16						
Spring City	N. H. Wolf	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	3	2	3	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	63	1	82	424	39	43	43						
Royersford	W. F. Hefner	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	3	2	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	72	1	82	355	40	42	42						
Graterford	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	3	2	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	72	1	76	134	49	42	42						
Harleysville	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	3	2	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	62	1	86	164	25	43	43						
Northampton	H. K. Kratz	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	3	2	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	38	1	69	315	31	22	21						
Walnutport	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	3	2	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	38	1	85	170	37	25	25						
Allentown (Salem)	F. B. Hertzog	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	3	2	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	102	1	90	276	35	21	21						
Coopersburg	E. H. Musselman	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	19	10	19	4	23	1	1	1	1	1	8	4	105	1	238	351	110	48	48						
Quakertown	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	19	10	19	4	23	1	1	1	1	1	8	4	105	1	238	351	110	48	48						
Hafield	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	19	10	19	4	23	1	1	1	1	1	8	4	105	1	238	351	110	48	48						
Nazareth	R. L. Woodring	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Lehighton	J. C. Roth	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	5	2	5	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	9	9	85	1	94	395	62	49	49						
Weissport	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	5	2	5	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	9	9	85	1	94	395	62	49	49						
Total		1	1	17	3	139	40	40	198	1	98	189	30	219	22	11	20	2	29	84	158	23	2406	21	2112	5267	931	700	700							
(B) EASTON DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																																				
Easton	P. T. Stengle	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	30	7	10	10	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	7	3	141	1	135	321	92	47	47						
Shamokin	J. G. Shireman	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	10	9	1	10	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	8	145	1	142	473	120	47	47						
Sunbury	T. D. Gehrec	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	9	2	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	5	95	1	145	335	65	47	47						
Stroudsburg	V. H. Reinhardt	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	9	2	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	5	65	1	127	325	70	47	47						
Scranton	Paul E. Baer	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	68	1	127	325	70	47	47						
Easton	E. E. Kubic	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	3	2	8	8	2	2	2	2	2	2	9	1	60	1	115	344	81	47	47						
West Philadelphia	Mt. Carmel	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	55	1	62	82	43	22	22						
West Philadelphia	J. B. Henry	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	8	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	52	1	67	89	45	21	21						
York	J. B. Layne	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	10	10	4	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	15	86	1	186	211	110	47	47						
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	1	1	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	80	10	1	2	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	25	2945	3506	523	552	552						
Total		1	1	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	17	17	17	158	51	51	8	59	10	28	8	46	17	4	792	9	435	6163	1224	945	945					
Presiding Elders.		1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	50	1	464	464	464	464	464						
Missionaries, etc.		1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	50	1	464	464	464	464	464						

XXI.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—B.

Appointments	Pastor	Sunday Schools										Church Property					Offerings		
		Prayer Meeting Classes	New Classes Organized	M. B. in C. S. S.	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	Church Valuation of Present Property	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday Schools	For the Poor
(A) ALLENTOWN DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.																			
Allentown (Bethel)	B. B. Musselman	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Rethelchem	F. M. Hottel	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Philadelphia	C. H. Brunner	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Reading	E. N. Cassel	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Emmaus	G. F. Yost	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Macungie	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Zionsville	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Fleetwood	A. G. Woodring	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Blandon	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Terre Hill	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Spring City	N. H. Wolf	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Royersford	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Graterford	W. F. Heffner	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Harleysville	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Northampton	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Walnutport	H. K. Kratz	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Allentown (Salem)	F. B. Hertzog	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Coopersburg	"	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Quakertown	E. H. Musselman	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hatfield	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Nazareth	R. L. Woodring	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lehighton	J. C. Roth	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Weissport	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total		40	21	22	528	3875	1403	3425	1009	1437	123	15	4	\$ 3,500.00	\$414,600.00	\$5,188.96	\$5,848.37	\$4,699.84	\$507.36
(B) EASTON DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																			
Easton	P. T. Stengele	2	1	1	25	203	228	179	150	16	1	1	1	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 332.50	\$ 330.50	\$ 320.18	\$ 30.50	
Shamokin	J. G. Shireman	3	1	1	31	161	192	133	26	14	1	1	1	40,000.00	84.35	114.71	161.24	23.00	
Sunbury	T. D. Gehret	2	1	1	20	120	140	113	55	15	1	1	1	12,700.00	311.25	210.25	227.31	25.75	
Stroudsburg	V. H. Reinhart	2	1	1	13	90	103	73	22	11	1	1	1	17,000.00	78.50	87.00	100.54	8.55	
Scranton	Paul E. Baer	2	1	1	18	85	103	77	12	15	1	1	1	21,000.00	103.00	267.75	132.20	10.00	
Mt. Carmel	E. E. Kubic	2	1	1	12	69	81	67	18	10	1	1	1	18,000.00	48.75	51.00	71.10	10.25	
Wisconsining, Phila.	J. B. Henry	1	1	1	17	80	97	74	7	5	1	1	1	30,000.00	66.00	57.00	79.30	6.25	
West Philadelphia	"	1	1	1	25	160	185	131	45	15	1	1	1	25,000.00	181.25	58.00	123.07	7.75	
York	J. B. Layne	2	1	1	104	587	691	493	200	8	1	1	1	25,000.00	106.50	117.75	149.28	7.90	
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	17	9	128	21	1639	1921	1425	541	110	9	1	2	\$230,700.00	\$1,212.10	\$1,293.96	\$2,097.32	\$129.95	
The Home	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$ 48,947.29	\$ 3,189.67	\$ 3,189.67	\$ 3,189.67	\$ 3,189.67	
Mizpah Grove	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	
Missionaries, etc.	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	
Grand Total		57	21	31	810	5175	6324	4850	1550	562	32	24	6	\$11,989.67	\$774,247.29	\$6,401.06	\$7,142.33	\$6,797.16	\$637.31

XXI.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—C.

OFFERINGS—Continued

Appointments	Pastor	Church Properties	Repairs	Church Properties	Parsonage and Maintenance and Hall Rent	Texton and Sundry Expenses	Sunday Schools	Presiding Elders	Ministers in Cash	Ministers in Other Contributions
(A) ALLENTOWN DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.										
Allentown (Bethel)	B. B. Musselman..	\$1,662.43	\$1,284.60			\$ 2,069.63	\$ 1,641.21	\$ 610.00	\$ 2,769.45	950.00
Bethlehem	F. M. Hotel.....	764.85				849.56	2,230.55	453.00	2,523.00	575.00
Philadelphia	C. H. Brunner.....	500.00				1,475.14	1,594.78	365.10	1,595.80	445.00
Reading	E. N. Cassel.....	1,100.00	\$ 243.90			699.27	653.20	303.00	1,463.75	236.26
Emmaus	G. F. Yost.....	1,180.60				734.27	673.74	168.00	1,517.26	160.00
Macungie	"	87.87				241.56	176.61	315.00	363.26	51.50
Zionsville	"	63.40				335.11	144.46	142.00	313.75	72.70
Fleetwood	A. G. Woodring..		82.60			218.43	368.26	155.00	435.65	173.15
Blandon	"		52.67			283.93	306.15	80.55	415.35	58.35
Terre Hill	"		107.00			390.25	424.70	93.25	523.00	59.65
Spring City	N. H. Wolf.....		97.85			300.16	217.34	152.19	495.25	68.75
Royersford	"		152.60			331.00	345.45	147.14	1,069.25	170.75
Gratersford	W. F. Hefner....	87.66	144.75			315.74	210.68	87.00	717.45	133.00
Harleysville	"		67.70			170.87	128.24	90.00	535.40	95.00
Northampton	"		145.70			186.57	133.84	67.00	475.84	63.35
Walnutport	H. K. Kratz.....		66.75			149.46	197.68	69.00	461.45	70.61
Coopersburg	F. B. Hertzog....		206.00			461.50	545.36	180.00	713.20	120.00
Hafield	"		75.00			174.38	600.82	180.00	1,175.50	183.00
Quakertown	E. H. Musselman..		238.75			562.17	419.63	249.61	1,144.25	1,116.85
Nazareth	"		138.50			526.84	221.70	120.00	932.00	135.00
Lehighton	R. L. Woodring..		198.05			264.85	172.86	131.50	723.55	194.25
Weissport	J. C. Roth.....						200.52			
Total		\$5,446.81	\$1,545.60	\$ 2,153.42	\$11,275.69	\$11,607.78	\$4,158.34	\$20,663.41	\$ 5,132.17	

(B) EASTON DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.

Easton	P. T. Stengele....	\$1,464.00		\$ 433.28	\$ 1,124.40	\$ 1,574.54	\$ 333.38	\$ 1,430.30	\$ 355.00
Shamokin	J. G. Shireman..		250.95		428.74	505.42	151.00	1,292.85	862.01
Sunbury	T. D. Gehret....	150.32	404.25		365.15	396.74	232.00	347.50	373.35
Stroudsburg	V. H. Reinhart..	74.00	190.85		250.03	275.17	179.25	759.25	80.55
Scranton	Paul E. Baer....		388.75		499.25	292.57	183.00	706.90	402.34
Mt. Carmel	E. E. Kubic.....	\$ 117.00	73.87		314.32	224.77	93.25	386.30	162.50
Weston, Phila.	J. B. Henry.....	123.50	195.05		359.63	439.84	97.50	471.75	130.50
West Philadelphia	"	18.25	305.00		379.99	356.09	95.00	415.50	126.47
York	J. B. Layne.....		233.36		913.39	560.57	205.00	825.79	307.56
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	1,653.57	6,490.37		4,053.47	-2,339.85	928.25		4,009.87
Total		\$3,433.64	\$1,117.00	\$ 8,966.13	\$ 8,813.48	\$ 6,940.42	\$2,497.63	\$ 7,161.99	\$ 6,764.30
Grand Total		\$8,880.45	\$1,662.60	\$11,119.55	\$20,089.17	\$18,548.20	\$6,653.97	\$27,825.40	\$11,896.47

OFFERINGS—Concluded

Appointments	Pastor	Beneficiary Fund	Gospel Worker	Tabernacle, Missionary or Evangelistic Work	Camp Meetings	Sunday School and Other Conventions	Annual Conference Fund	Annual Conference Delegate	Beneficent Society	Total Offerings	Subscriptions and Literature Sold
(A) ALLENTOWN DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.											
Allentown (Bethel)	B. B. Musselman	\$ 30.00	\$ 82.50	\$2,500.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 26.00	\$125.00	\$ 14,711.22	\$ 350.00	
Bethlehem	F. M. Hotel	24.00	169.98	210.00	27.50	20.00	20.00	154.00	11,199.91	240.00	
Philadelphia	C. H. Brunner	15.00	164.83	208.00	27.09	17.12	26.79	52.00	8,163.41	140.50	
Reading	E. N. Cassel	16.35	61.35	20.50	24.06	10.00	15.85	24.00	5,908.54	210.25	
Emaus	G. F. Yost	12.00	52.16	250.00	12.54	6.85	11.55	55.50	5,839.12	140.00	
Macungie	"	6.65	22.10	75.00	5.50	5.00	3.30	18.00	1,759.85	25.00	
Zionsville	"	4.00	13.09	30.00	6.00	2.80	3.55	14.00	1,884.81	15.00	
Fleewood	A. G. Woodring	8.00	27.00	30.00	8.50	8.00	8.35	26.50	1,908.11	60.20	
Blandon	"	9.00	17.35	30.00	8.50	8.00	8.25	10.50	1,499.54	28.25	
Terre Hill	"	11.00	43.10	30.00	13.50	6.35	8.40	1.50	2,436.70	28.10	
Spring City	N. H. Wolf	7.00	22.75	82.29	11.21	7.13	9.31	21.00	1,947.12	113.92	
Roversford	"	12.51	52.54	18.00	15.00	9.20	16.51	38.50	3,218.40	153.01	
Gratersford	W. F. Heffner	8.50	41.05	191.46	7.64	6.50	8.65	12.50	2,400.85	16.00	
Hartsville	"	8.50	22.28	125.00	9.16	4.50	6.35	16.00	1,660.89	16.00	
Northampton	H. K. Kratz	5.50	26.10	4.00	0.00	4.00	10.00	18.50	1,454.91	18.75	
Wilmington	"	4.81	17.35	30.00	10.38	4.86	5.00	3.50	3,349.50	27.00	
Allentown (Salem)	F. E. Hertzog	9.75	33.42	30.00	10.38	5.12	6.50	33.50	3,114.33	112.50	
Coopersburg	"	13.50	58.88	68.94	14.07	9.50	19.75	9.00	4,478.88	152.50	
Quakertown	E. H. Musselman	18.46	31.34	23.71	9.25	9.34	8.27	41.00	4,705.81	176.50	
Naftield	"	8.00	39.91	83.88	10.00	5.90	12.75	22.00	2,769.83	36.00	
Nazareth	R. L. Woodring	7.00	16.25	63.00	6.75	4.50	14.00	5.00	2,114.83	95.00	
Leighton	J. C. Roth	5.00	16.25	63.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2,240.21	5.467.51	
Weissport	"	5.00	16.25	63.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2,240.21	5.467.51	
Mizpah Grove	Camp Meeting	5.00	16.25	63.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2,240.21	5.467.51	
Total		\$239.53	\$1,015.36	\$3,985.78	\$5,467.51	\$283.45	\$184.27	\$249.13	\$688.00	\$ 90,340.78	\$ 2,177.28

(B) EASTON DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.											
Easton	P. T. Stengele	\$ 10.20	\$ 71.60	\$ 230.00	\$ 30.24	\$ 11.00	\$ 23.05	\$ 25.50	\$ 8,130.17	\$ 190.40	
Shamokin	J. G. Shireman	13.00	23.63	20.00	20.00	6.00	20.00	6.00	3,984.92	262.23	
Sunbury	T. D. Gehret	14.80	30.38	55.00	20.00	7.00	17.00	7.50	3,693.55	143.00	
Stroudsburg	V. H. Reinhart	10.25	22.80	12.80	12.80	9.50	13.00	5.00	2,257.04	35.00	
Stranton	Paul E. Baer	6.50	29.35	12.00	12.00	7.00	16.50	4.50	3,051.61	151.76	
Mt. Carmel	E. E. Kubic	5.50	28.00	6.75	14.76	4.25	21.00	7.00	1,620.97	272.86	
Wissinoming, Phila.	J. E. Henry	5.00	29.00	10.00	10.00	6.25	7.90	10.00	2,084.48	52.58	
West Philadelphia	"	5.00	25.35	25.00	10.00	5.75	10.10	5.00	2,022.97	71.10	
York	J. B. Layne	7.25	22.29	17.10	15.50	4.35	6.57	5.00	3,483.06	98.10	
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	5.00	54.72	17.10	373.45	373.45	373.45	373.45	20,663.74	21,974.74	
Edgewood Grove	Camp Meeting	5.00	54.72	17.10	373.45	373.45	373.45	373.45	20,663.74	21,974.74	
Total		\$ 77.50	\$ 327.74	\$ 308.85	\$1,919.25	\$518.75	\$ 61.11	\$135.12	\$ 55.50	\$ 52,881.74	\$23,251.77
Grand Total		\$317.03	\$1,343.10	\$4,294.63	\$7,386.76	\$802.20	\$245.38	\$384.25	\$743.50	\$143,222.52	\$25,429.05

E. N. Cassel, J. G. Shireman, J. B. Layne, W. F. Heffner, P. T. Stengele, T. D. Gehret, Committee.

ROLL AND DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS

I. Itinerants

NAME	Licensed	Ordained	Received Present Charge	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
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 Gray's Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
Hertzog, F. B.	1922	1925	1925	723 Filmore St., Allentown, Pa.
Hottel, F. M.	1905	1909	1923	1124 N. Main St., Bethlehem, Pa.
Kratz, H. K.	1906	1909	1923	1737 Washington Ave., Northampton, Pa.
Kublic, E. E.	1901	1907	1925	182 W. 4th St., Mt. Carmel, Pa.
Layne, J. B.	1916	1919	1930	246 E. Princess St., York, Pa.
Musselman, H. B.	1890	1893	P. E.	1129 N. 18th St., Allentown, Pa.
Musselman, W. B.	1883	1886	M.P.E.	Box 680, Cleveland, Ohio.
Musselman, B. B.	1913	1916	1920	529 N. Eighth St., Allentown, Pa.
Musselman, E. H.	1921	1928	1930	25 S. Third St., Quakertown, Pa.
Reinhart, V. H.	1907	1909	1925	21 S. 6th St., Stroudsburg, Pa.
Roth, J. C.	1900	1903	1925	438 Cypress St., Lehighton, Pa.
Shireman, J. G.	1898	1900	1922	710 E. Sunbury St., Shamokin, Pa.
Stengele, P. T.	1918	1923	1925	1231 Ferry St., Easton, Pa.
Wolf, N. H.	1916	1920	1923	311 Yost Ave., Spring City, Pa.
Woodring, R. L.	1898	1900	1925	16 S. Broad St., Nazareth, Pa.
Woodring, A. G.	1917	1920	1923	119 N. Richmond St., Fleetwood, Pa.
Yost, G. F.	1908	1913	1923	25 N. Fifth St., Emaus, Pa.

II. Local Preachers and Evangelists

Bergstresser, R.	1901	1904	....	Nazareth, Pa.
Barrall, J. F.	1901	1904	....	Shamokin, Pa.
Hillegass, O. S.	1889	1892	....	Allentown, 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	....	....	" " "
Hartman, W. W.	1930	....	....	" " "
Meyers, M. M.	1919	....	....	" " "
Miller, C. L.	1928	....	....	" " "
Sprock, A. M.	1928	....	....	" " "
Wieand, A. C.	1931	....	....	" " "

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.

V. Foreign Missionaries

Cressman, N. M.	1917	....	....	French Indo-China.
Cressman, Mrs. N. M.	1926	....	....	" "
Feldges, H. W. ....	....	....	....	Pepayan, Colombia, S. A.
Feldges, Mrs. H. W. ....	....	....	....	Los Angeles, Calif.
Miller, Mary A. ....	....	....	....	Belgian Congo, Africa.
Snyder, C. F. ....	....	....	....	Ho Chew, China.
Snyder, Mrs. C. F. ....	....	....	....	Ho Chew, China.

RECORD OF CONFERENCES

Yr.	Time.	Place.	Chairman.	Secretary.
I. EVANGELICAL MENNONITES (Semi-Annual)				
1858	Sept. 24	Upper Milford, Pa.	William Gehman	David Gehman.
1859	Nov. 1	Haycock, Pa.	"	"
1860	May 28	Upper Milford	"	"
1860	Nov. 6	"	"	"
1861	June 4	"	David Henning	"
1861	Nov. 5	Haycock	"	"
1862	June 3	Upper Milford	William N. Shelly	A. W. Stauffer.
1862	Nov. 4	Haycock	E. Hershey	"
1863	June 2	Upper Milford	"	David Gehman.
1863	Oct. 1	Haycock	William Gehman	"
1864	June 7	Upper Milford	William N. Shelly	"
1864	Nov. 3	Haycock	David Henning	"
1865	June 6	Upper Milford	"	"
1865	Nov. 7	Flatland	William Gehman	"
1866	June 6	Upper Milford	"	"
1866	Nov. 3	Mount Joy	William N. Shelly	"
1867	June 4	Flatland	David Henning	"
1867	Nov. 5	Upper Milford	William Gehman	Joseph Romig.
1868	June 2	Flatland	William N. Shelly	"
1868	Nov. 5	Upper Milford	William Gehman	David Gehman.
1869	June 1	Flatland	David Henning	"
1869	Nov. 1	Upper Milford	William N. Shelly	"
1870	June 7	Coopersburg	William Gehman	"
1870	Oct. 31	Upper Milford	David Henning	"
1871	June 5	Coopersburg	E. Hershey	"
1871	Nov. 6	Upper Milford	David Henning	"
1872	June 3	Coopersburg	William Gehman	Jonas Musselman.
1872	Nov. 6	Quakertown	William N. Shelly	David Gehman.
1873	June 3	Upper Milford	David Henning	"
1873	Nov. 11	Coopersburg	William N. Shelly	"
1874	June 1	Quakertown	William Gehman	"
1874	Nov. 10	Upper Milford	David Henning	"
1875	June 5	Coopersburg	William N. Shelly	"
1875	Nov. 6	Quakertown	William Gehman	"
1876	*March 30	Coopersburg	"	"
1876	June 3	Upper Milford	David Henning	Jonas Musselman.
1876	Nov. 11	Mount Joy	William N. Shelly	"
1877	June 2	Coopersburg	William Gehman	"
1877	Nov. 10	Upper Milford	E. Hershey	"
1878	June 3	Quakertown	A. Kauffman	"
1878	Oct. 7	Coopersburg	J. Rosenberger	"
1879	March 22	Upper Milford	William Gehman	S. M. Musselman.
1879	Oct. 6	Quakertown	"	"
1879	**Nov. 8	Upper Milford	S. Eby	"

II. EVANGELICAL UNITED MENNONITES (Annual)

1880	March 15	Coopersburg	William Gehman	S. M. Musselman.
1881	March 7	Quakertown	"	"
1882	Feb. 13	Upper Milford	"	"
1883	Feb. 5	Coopersburg	"	A. Kauffman.

RECORD OF CONFERENCES (Continued)

† III. MENNONITE BRETHREN IN CHRIST (Annual)

1884	Feb. 4	Terre Hill	William Gehman	W. H. Gehman
1885	Feb. 2	Quakertown	"	M. A. Zyner
1886	Feb. 1	Upper Milford	"	"
1887	Feb. 7	Reading	"	A. Kauffman
1888	Feb. 6	Coopersburg	"	"
1889	Feb. 4	Terre Hill	"	"
1890	Feb. 3	Bethlehem	"	M. A. Zyner
1891	Feb. 2	Quakertown	"	C. H. Brunner
1892	Feb. 1	Upper Milford	W. B. Musselman	"
1893	Feb. 6	Coopersburg	"	"
1894	Feb. 2	Terre Hill	"	"
1895	Feb. 1	Reading	"	"
1896	Feb. 7-10	Allentown	"	"
1897	Feb. 19-22	Royersford	"	"
1898	March 4-7	Bethlehem	"	"
1899	March 3-6	Upper Milford	C. H. Brunner	W. G. Gehman
1900	Sept. 14-17	Reading	"	"
1901	Oct. 4-7	Bethlehem	W. B. Musselman	"
1902	Oct. 17-20	Reading	H. B. Musselman	"
1903	Oct. 16-20	Mt. Carmel	"	"
1904	Oct. 27-31	Allentown	"	"
1905	Oct. 12-16	Bethlehem	"	"
1906	Oct. 11-15	Reading	W. G. Gehman	C. H. Brunner
1907	Oct. 10-14	Royersford	"	"
1908	Oct. 8-12	Bethlehem	H. B. Musselman	"
1909	Oct. 14-18	Allentown	"	"
1910	Oct. 13-17	Reading	"	"
1911	Oct. 12-16	Royersford	"	"
1912	Oct. 10-14	Allentown	"	"
1913	Oct. 9-13	Reading	"	"
1914	Oct. 15-19	Bethlehem	"	"
1915	Oct. 14-18	Royersford	"	"
1916	Sept. 21-25	Philadelphia	"	"
1917	Sept. 21-25	Allentown	"	"
1918	Nov. 4-6	Reading	"	"
1919	Oct. 16-20	Reading	"	"
1920	Sept. 23-27	Bethlehem	"	"
1921	Oct. 13-17	Allentown	"	"
1922	Oct. 12-16	Philadelphia	"	"
1923	Oct. 11-15	Bethlehem	"	"
1924	Sept. 25-29	Allentown	"	"
1925	Oct. 15-19	Bethlehem	"	"
1926	Oct. 14-18	Allentown	"	"
1927	Oct. 13-17	Bethlehem	"	"
1928	Oct. 11-15	Allentown	"	"
1929	Oct. 17-21	Bethlehem	"	"
1930	Oct. 16-20	Allentown	"	"
1931	Oct. 15-18	Bethlehem	"	"

*Special Session concerning the sale of certain church property to the "Church of God."

**Special Conference whereby a union was effected between the Evangelical Mennonites of Pennsylvania and the United Mennonites of the Western States and Canada. Now changed to "Evangelical United Mennonites."

†A special conference was held December 27, 1883, at Harrisburg, Ohio, whereby a union was effected with the Brethren in Christ of Ohio and the name changed to "Mennonite Brethren in Christ."

CAMP MEETINGS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

YEAR	TENTS	TENTS	TENTS	TENTS	TENTS
†1879					
1880	Chestnut Hill	4			
1881	"	6			
1882	"	6			
1883	"				
1884	"				
1885	"				
1886	"				
1887	"				
1888	"				
1889	"				
1890	"				
1891	"				
1892	"		Royersford		
1893	"		Spring City		
1894	"			Catasauqua	
*1895	"			Weissport	Annandale
*1896	"			Walnutport	
1897	"			Rittersville	
1898	Quakertown				Sunbury
1899	"				
1900	Macungie		Northampton	Terre Hill	64
1901	"		Neffsville	Mohnsville	
1902	"	56	Northampton		
1903	"	52		Reading (East)	
1904	Wescoesville	104	Hellertown	73 Spring City	
1905	"	113	"	Bonnie Bray	
1906	"	136	"	82 Spring City	
1907	"	122	"	Bonnie Bray	
1908	"	148	"	Reading	
1909	Waldhelm	153	"	(Heiner's Spgs.)	
1910	Mizpah Grove	167	Mizpah G'Ve.	145 Reading	90 Shamokin
1911	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Spg. Valley)	(Bunker Hill)
1912	Mizpah Grove	156	Mizpah G'Ve.	164 Easton (Mt.	75 Shamokin
1913	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	Carmel Dist.)	(Bunker Hill)
1914	Mizpah Grove	163	Mizpah G'Ve.	139 Easton (Mt.	
1915	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	Carmel Dist.)	
1916	Mizpah Grove	165	Mizpah G'Ve.	154 Easton (Mt.	
1917	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	Carmel Dist.)	
1918	Mizpah Grove	143	Mizpah G'Ve.	160 Mizpah G'Ve.	100 Shamokin
1919	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	
1920	Mizpah Grove	145	Mizpah G'Ve.	Mizpah G'Ve.	75 Shamokin
1921	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	
1922	Mizpah Grove	165	Mizpah G'Ve.	169 Mizpah G'Ve.	76 Shamokin
1923	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	
1924	Mizpah Grove	143	Mizpah G'Ve.	170 Mizpah G'Ve.	68 Shamokin
1925	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	
1926	Mizpah Grove	145	Mizpah G'Ve.	174 Mizpah G'Ve.	66 Shamokin
1927	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	
1928	Mizpah Grove	155	Mizpah G'Ve.	194 Shamokin	106
1929	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	
1930	Mizpah Grove	162	Mizpah G'Ve.	203 Shamokin	120 Harrisburg
1931	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	
1932	Mizpah Grove	199	Mizpah G'Ve.	183 Shamokin	105
1933	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	
1934	Mizpah Grove	189	Mizpah G'Ve.	219 Shamokin	126
1935	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	
1936	Mizpah Grove	189	Mizpah G'Ve.	219 Shamokin	126
1937	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	
1938	Mizpah Grove	195	Mizpah G'Ve.	238 Shamokin	128
1939	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	
1940	Mizpah Grove	224	Mizpah G'Ve.	221 Shamokin	136
1941	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	
1942	Mizpah Grove	240	Mizpah G'Ve.	217 Shamokin	126
1943	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	
1944	Mizpah Grove	259	Mizpah G'Ve.	212 Shamokin	174
1945	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	
1946	Mizpah Grove	278	Mizpah G'Ve.	232 Shamokin	155
1947	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	
1948	Mizpah Grove	282	Mizpah G'Ve.	233 Shamokin	158
1949	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Mt. Car. Dist.)	
1950	Mizpah Grove	289	Mizpah G'Ve.	265 Shamokin (Shamokin Dist.)	170
1951	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		
1952	Mizpah Grove	284	Mizpah G'Ve.	263 Shamokin	161
1953	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Sham. Dist.)	
1954	Mizpah Grove	294	Mizpah G'Ve.	241 Shamokin	161
1955	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Sham. Dist.)	
1956	Mizpah Grove	260	Mizpah G'Ve.	235 Shamokin	146
1957	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Easton Dist.)	
1958	Mizpah Grove	229	Mizpah G'Ve.	222 Shamokin	147
1959	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Easton Dist.)	
1960	Mizpah Grove	239	Mizpah G'Ve.	217 Shamokin	131
1961	(Allen. Div.)		(Beth. Div.)	(Easton Dist.)	

† 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. ALLENTOWN, PA. November 7-12, 1928.
 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.
 Laymen—G. O. Billig, H. H. Bergey, M. L. Musselman, Allen M. Geh-
 man and C. D. Bean.
16. Announced for Wakarusa, Indiana, on the last Wednesday in
 October, 1932, at 9 A.M., Central Standard Time.

