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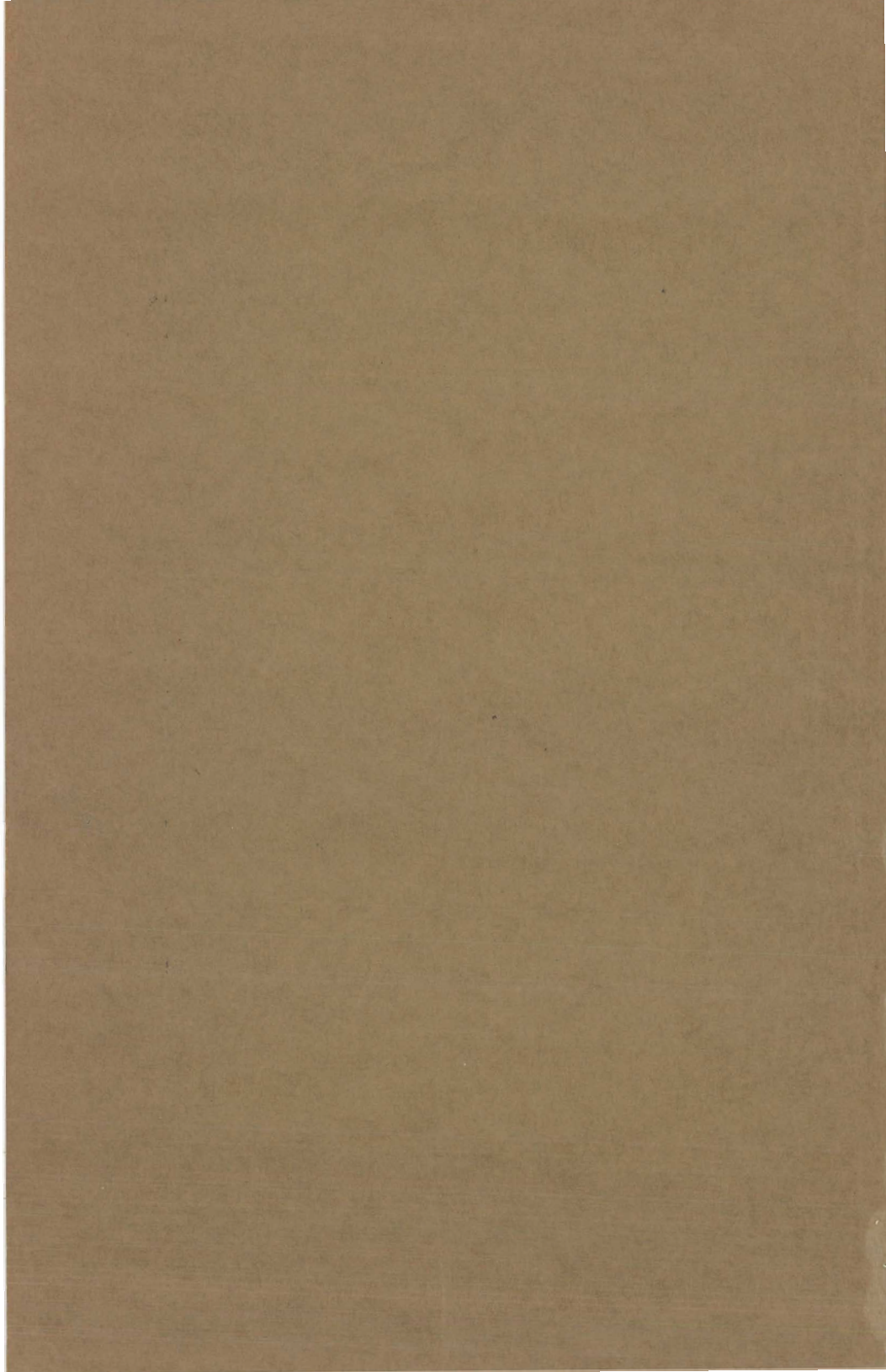
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Gospel Herald Society—President, W. G. Gehman.

Business Rules of the Conference

1. Two sessions shall be held daily, as follows: From 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 October 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 right 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 the 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, 1934.]*

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, 1934.]

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 respectfully 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 investigation, 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.—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 Herald Society.—Gospel Heralds who desire to take the Reading Course may, with the concurrence of the President of the Gospel Herald Society, be permitted to take the Reading Course without entering the Annual Conference. Upon the satisfactory completion of their Course the Board of Examiners shall give them a certificate which may serve as credit whenever they are admitted into the Annual Conference.

We recommend that the Board of Examiners of the Probationers specify the length of time the Probationers shall take to answer the questions according to their best judgment.

Whenever the President of the Gospel Herald Society desires to present a Gospel Herald as an Applicant for Annual Conference License, or turn over a Gospel Herald Mission as a Church appointment, he shall have the endorsement of the Executive Board.

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 see fit. [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.—Superannuation Fund.—A free-will offering shall be lifted in each prayer meeting class once each quarter by their respective Class Leaders for the Superannuation Fund. (Enacted October 20, 1934).

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.—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.]

I.—No offering shall be lifted for the Secretary of the respective Sunday School Convention, 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 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.]

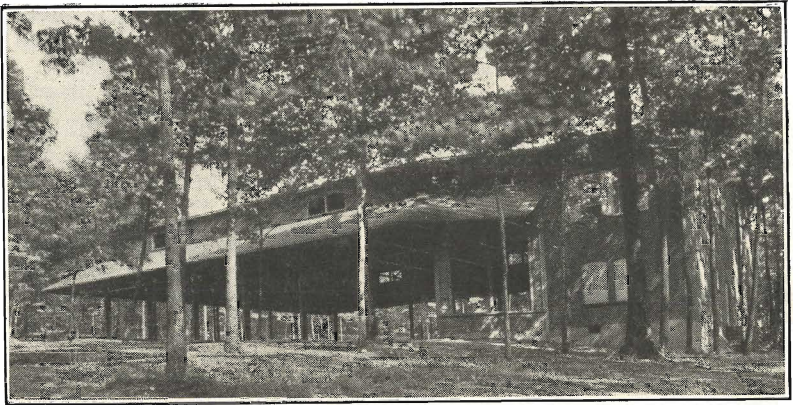
K.—The Pastor, by virtue of his office, shall be counted as an officer of the Sunday School. The number of officers and teachers of the Sunday School shall be determined by the number of offices and not only by the number of persons holding the offices.

L.—Annual Conference Records.—The Committee on Annual Con-

ference Records shall carefully compare the Annual Year Book with the Annual Conference Minutes and note any and all errors, make a copy of any and all corrections, omissions or additions and certify in the following form:

We hereby certify that we have examined the Annual Conference Minutes for the Session of and found them correct except as follows:

Two copies of this certificate shall be made and signed by the Committee and pasted into two copies of the Conference Year Book, one to be held by the Chairman of the Annual Conference and one by the Secretary. These shall serve as the Records of the Annual Conference.



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Annual Conference Proceedings

1934

FIRST MEETING

Wednesday Forenoon, October 18, 1934.

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

The first meeting was opened by the Chairman, H. B. Musselman, at 9 a. m., according to announcement, by singing "When the Love of Jesus Dwelleth in the Heart," and prayer by Pastor J. B. Layne, after which the Chairman gave us a most earnest, helpful and needful address, emphasizing the strenuous conditions of these last days and the great need of devoted, consecrated laborers, full of faith and courage. 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 blessings 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 "Let the Beauty of Jesus be Seen in Me," the Chairman called for the enrollment of members.

The names of the members of the Conference were then enrolled by the Secretary, C. H. Brunner, as follows:

Ministers

Ordained—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, B. Bryan Musselman, F. M. Hottel, E. N. Cassel, G. F. Yost, J. G. Shireman, A. G. Woodring, N. H. Wolf, P. T. Stengele, F. B. Hertzog, J. C. Roth, T. D. Gehret, H. K. Kratz, W. F. Heffner, J. B. Layne, Paul E. Baer, J. B. Henry, E. H. Musselman, C. L. Miller, E. E. Kublic, W. B. Musselman, E. T. Shick, R. Bergstresser, J. F. Barrall, O. S. Hillegass, C. F. Snyder, H. W. Feldges, N. M. Cressman and V. H. Reinhart.

Deceased—R. L. Woodring.

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

Delegates

Allentown District

G. Henry Hildebrand, Allentown (Bethel.)
Paul H. Cressman, Bethlehem.

Fred Geibel, Philadelphia.
 S. W. Heiser, 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. K. Wismer, Graterford and Harleysville.
 A. W. Deppe, Nazareth and Northampton.
 Edward T. Semmel, Lehighton, Weissport and Walnutport.

Easton District

Herbert V. Smith, Easton.
 Paul H. Miller, Shamokin.
 Mason Klinger, Mt. Carmel.
 George R. Fish, Stroudsburg.
 C. B. Brosius, Sunbury.
 Frank A. Borchers, Scranton.
 Thomas Campbell, Sr., Wissinoming and West Philadelphia.
 George S. Messersmith, 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; C. F. Snyder and Mrs. C. F. Snyder, of China; N. M. Cressman and Mrs. N. M. Cressman, of French Indo-China; Mrs. Fred Whale, Miss Mary A. Miller, of Africa; H. W. Feldges and Mrs. H. W. Feldges, of Colombia.

Also the following, although not members of our Conference, yet have been supported by our Conference:

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

French Indo-China—William C. Cadman and Mrs. William C. Cadman.

Palestine—Miss Mary A. Butterfield, on furlough.

Special thanksgiving has also been offered up in the morning devotion for all our churches and missions in the homeland, 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 in front and to the right of the Chair 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 J. C. Roth as Time-keeper.

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

Committees

Committee on Worship: Elected at the last Annual Conference: H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, B. Bryan Musselman, C. H. Brunner, and the Allentown Delegate, G. Henry Hildebrand.

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

Committee on Communications: T. D. Gehret and H. K. Kratz.

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

Committee on Statistics: E. N. Cassel, P. T. Stengele, Paul E. Baer, J. B. Layne, J. G. Shireman and T. D. Gehret.

Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Records: J. C. Roth, E. E. Kublic and W. F. Heffner.

Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records: F. B. Hertzog, H. K. Kratz, E. H. Musselman, C. L. Miller, Mason Klinger, E. E. Kublic, A. W. Deppe, Frank A. Borchers, George R. Fish, George S. Messersmith, C. K. Wismer, Thomas Campbell, Sr., S. W. Heiser, Paul H. Miller and Edward T. Semmel.

Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders: Herbert V. Smith, H. H. Bergey and G. K. Himmelreich.

Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists and Missionaries: P. T. Stengele, H. K. Kratz, J. C. Roth and J. B. Henry.

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 P. T. Stengele.

Committee on Resolutions: W. G. Gehman, J. B. Henry and F. B. Hertzog.

Committee on Auditing: G. F. Yost, W. F. Heffner, Paul I. Wentz, Herbert V. Smith, C. E. Brosius, Paul H. Cressman, R. R. Fox, G. Henry Hildebrand, H. H. Bergey and Fred. Geibel.

Resolved, That the Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Records shall carefully compare the Annual Conference minutes with a copy of the Year Book and note any and all errors, make a copy of any and all corrections, omissions or additions, and certify in the following form,

"We hereby certify that we have examined the Annual Conference minutes for the session ofand found them correct ex-

cept the following corrections"—Two copies of this certificate shall be made and signed and pasted into the Conference Year Books, one held by the Chairman and one by the Secretary, which shall serve as the official records of the Annual Conference.

Resolved. That the above Resolution be made a Standing Rule.

Resolved. That we suspend the rules and have a meeting this evening to hear the oral reports of the Presiding Elders and the Pastors, the Pastors' Reports shall be limited to four minutes each. The minutes of the afternoon meeting shall be read at the opening of the Friday morning meeting.

Resolved. That we adjourn to the call of the Chair.

Adjourned at 11.45 with prayer by J. Harold Sherk and benediction by E. E. Kublic.

SECOND MEETING

Thursday Afternoon, October 18, 1934.

The Chairman opened the afternoon meeting at 3.30 o'clock with singing "Leaning on Jesus" and prayer by J. B. Layne.

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

Resolved. That we ask J. Harold Sherk, Fraternal Delegate from the Ontario Conference, to address the Conference.

Resolved. That A. D. Lehman, a Pastor in the Ontario Conference, be recognized as an advisory member and have a seat in the Conference bar.

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

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

P. T. Stengele,

H. K. Kratz,

J. C. Roth,

J. B. Henry,

Committee.

Report of the Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders:

Having examined all the Traveling Elders through the various Delegates, we, the Committee on examination of Traveling Elders, with pleasure report that we have found them not only satisfactory but highly praiseworthy for their lives of sacrifice and devotion in connection with the **Lord's work**.

Herbert V. Smith,

H. H. Bergey,

G. K. Himmelreich,

Committee.

Report of the Executive Board. (See Reports.)

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

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 Allentown District Sunday School Convention. (See Reports.)

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

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

Report of the Ministerial Convention. (See Reports.)

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

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

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, H. K. Kratz, A. G. Woodring, N. H. Wolf, W. F. Heffner, E. C. Kublic, J. B. Layne, P. T. Stengele, F. B. Hertzog, T. D. Gehret, J. B. Henry, E. H. Musselman, Paul E. Baer and C. L. Miller.

Conditional—None.

Resolved. That we elect two Presiding Elders.

The Chair appointed the tellers as follows: G. F. Yost, J. B. Layne and F. M. Hottel.

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

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

The following report was read and adopted:

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

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

The Lehighton and Walnutport Classes, through their Quarterly

Conference requests this Annual Conference to make them a Circuit instead of remaining missions.

F. B. Hertzog,	George R. Fish,
H. K. Kratz,	G. S. Messersmith,
E. H. Musselman,	C. L. Miller,
Paul H. Miller,	C. K. Wismer,
Mason Klinger,	T. W. Campbell,
E. E. Kublic,	S. W. Heiser,
A. W. Deppe,	Edward T. Semmel,
F. A. Borchers,	

Committee.

Resolved. That the request of the Leighton, Weissport and Walnutport Classes be referred to the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.

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

Report of the Committee on Worship:

The Probationers taking the examination shall give short messages on Wednesday evening prior to the opening of the Conference on Thursday morning.

On Thursday evening the Pastors shall give oral reports of their labors limited to four minutes and the Presiding Elders give reports limited to five minutes.

On Friday night Rev. J. Harold Sherk, Fraternal Delegate from the Ontario, Canada, Conference, and Rev. A. D. Lehman, accompanying him, shall preach.

T. D. Gehret and P. T. Stengele shall preach on Saturday night.

H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder and Chairman of the Annual Conference, shall preach the Conference Sermon on Sunday morning. W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder, shall preach on Sunday afternoon and E. N. Cassel and B. Bryan Musselman shall preach on Sunday night.

H. B. Musselman,
W. G. Gehman,
B. Bryan Musselman,
C. H. Brunner,
G. Henry Hildebrand,
Committee.

Resolved. That we adjourn to meet this evening at 7.45 o'clock.

Adjourned at 5.30 with prayer by J. B. Henry and benediction by E. H. Musselman.

THIRD MEETING

Thursday Evening, October 18, 1934.

The evening meeting was opened at 7.45 o'clock with singing, "How Beautiful to Walk in the Steps of the Saviour," and prayer by P. T. Stengele.

The roll was called.

The Pastors submitted their oral reports.

Presiding Elders H. B. Musselman and W. G. Gehman submitted their oral reports.

This was a most delightful service. The main auditorium and the east balcony and side room were filled with eager listeners delighted with these excellent and encouraging reports.

The Bethel Male Sextette rendered an excellent selection in song entitled, "Singing Glory."

Adjourned at 9.45 o'clock with prayer and benediction by W. G. Gehman.

FOURTH MEETING

Friday Morning, October 19, 1934.

The meeting was opened with singing "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" and prayer by F. M. Hottel.

Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman read 2 Corinthians, Chapter 1 and made some very helpful remarks.

The roll was called after which the minutes of the Thursday afternoon and evening meetings were read and approved.

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

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

Resolved. That we suspend the rules and adjourn to meet at the call of the Chair not later than 3 o'clock.

Adjourned at 10 o'clock with prayer by G. Henry Hildebrand and benediction by T. D. Gehret.

FIFTH MEETING

Friday Afternoon, October 19, 1934.

The meeting was opened at 3.00 o'clock with prayer by C. L. Miller.

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

The Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee reported progress and asks to sit again.

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

Business was suspended at 3.05 o'clock.

Business was resumed at 4.55 o'clock.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

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

Report of the Committee on Communications:

We have received a communication from J. F. Barrall, Local Preacher of the Shamokin Quarterly Conference in which he reports that he has good courage to serve the Lord, however, on account of business he could not be present.

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

Report of the Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Records:

We hereby certify that we have examined the Annual Conference Minutes for the Session of 1933 and found them correct.

J. C. Roth,
E. E. Kublic,
W. F. Heffner,
Committee.

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

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

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

Upon his request, Delegate G. Henry Hildebrand was granted leave of absence from tomorrow's meetings.

H. W. Hartman, having been duly stationed by the Conference to Quakertown, was admitted into the Conference Bar.

Adjourned at 5.45 o'clock with prayer by E. E. Kublic and benediction by F. B. Hertzog.

SIXTH MEETING

Saturday Morning, October 20, 1934.

The meeting was opened with singing "What A Wonderful Saviour" and prayer by F. B. Hertzog.

The Chairman read 2 Timothy 2:1-11, followed by some very instructive remarks.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Beneficiary Society. (See Reports.)

Report of the Committee on Resolutions.

(I) **Whereas,** We have listened with great interest and profit to the reports of our Presiding Elders, also the report of the President of the Gospel Herald Society in which they paid a glowing tribute to the faithfulness and loyalty of the Pastors, as well as the laity on the various charges who have manifested deep interest and concern in the Lord's work and have sacrificed greatly, and,

Whereas, Our Presiding Elders have toiled willingly and untiringly giving their best for the good of the work, therefore,

Resolved, That we herewith express our appreciation for their wise counsel, able leadership and thoughtful consideration of the various problems that have confronted them, and that we pray that they may be Divinely sustained and preserved until He come.

(2) **Whereas,** The Lord has remarkably preserved and strengthened our ministering brethren during the past year, and,

Whereas, The Pastors have reported spiritual progress and victory, so that much definite work has been done for God, souls have been saved, others have been remarkably healed, therefore,

Resolved, That we praise the Lord for His marvelous leadings, for His blessings so abundantly bestowed upon the ministry, and that by the grace of God we strive to prove worthy of the calling wherewith we have been called, and serve to the very best of our power and ability.

(3) **Whereas,** God in His wisdom has removed from our ranks Pastor R. L. Woodring, of Nazareth, Pa., by death, on June 10, 1934, after having faithfully ministered on eight different charges covering a period of 38 years, and,

Whereas, We feel the loss of the labor of love, co-operation and fellowship of our brother, trusting, however, that our loss is his eternal gain, therefore,

Resolved, That we humbly bow to the will of our Heavenly Father and pray God's blessing and the comfort of the Holy Ghost upon Sister Woodring and children, the Pastors of the Conference and others of believers in the body of Christ.

(4) **Whereas,** C. H. Brunner, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, has been constantly in 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 hitherto supplied the needed strength and who has sustained the Missionaries in these trying times, and further,

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

(5) **Whereas** C. H. Brunner, the Editor of the "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 fifty dollars out of the Annual Conference Fund as a token of appreciation for his services thus rendered.

(6) **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 literature are 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.

(7) **Whereas**, We realize the value and importance of good, wholesome, literature in these last days, when false doctrines, are being widely circulated through the pulpit, radio, stage and printed page and thereby many who are unversed in the Word 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 Pastors 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, etc., the same shall not be reported by the Pastor on the schedule.

(8) **Resolved**, That the church property at Hereford be in charge of the Board of Trustees of Macungie, Pa.

(9) **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 other publications.

(10) **Resolved**, That the Pastors hold the Home Missionary meetings under the direction of the respective Presiding Elders and that the subscriptions be taken some time between Conference and New Year. The pledges for Foreign Missions shall be taken some time between New Year and April 1.

(11) **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 special 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 before Thanksgiving Day.

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

(13) **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 shall be paid to the Conference Treasurer before next New Year.

(14) **Resolved,** That the management of the Cafeteria of the Mizpah Grove Camp Meeting continue under the direction of the Executive Board.

(15) **Whereas,** The Pastor, B. Bryan Musselman, and the members of the Allentown Congregation 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.

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

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

Resolved, That we express our appreciation for 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 B. Bryan Musselman.

(17) **Resolved,** That each class lift an offering for the next Annual Conference expenses, the amount to be based on the basis of 10 cents per member. These amounts shall be recorded in the first empty space of both Financial and Statistical Schedules.

(18) **Whereas,** Pastor J. Harold Sherk, who has been sent as Fraternal Delegate from the Ontario, Canada Conference gave an address bringing the greetings of his conference, and,

Whereas, We have listened to his address with interest, therefore,

Resolved, That we appreciate the thoughtfulness of our Sister Conference in sending a Fraternal Delegate, and further,

Resolved, That we pray God's richest blessings upon the Ontario Conference.

W. G. Gehman,
J. B. Henry,
F. B. Hertzog,
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 found to be in an excellent condition. A few minor errors were corrected in the presence of the parties concerned.

G. F. Yost,	Paul H. Cressman,
Paul I. Wentz,	R. R. Fox,
W. F. Heffner,	G. Henry Hildebrand,
Herbert V. Smith,	H. H. Bergey,
C. B. Brosius,	Fred Geibel,
	Committee.

Whereas, Brother H. W. Hartman has served in the Gospel Herald Society for a number of years and has previously passed the Reading Course acceptably, and,

Whereas, he has been assigned to an appointment by the Stationing Committee at this Conference, therefore

Resolved, That he be referred to the Committee on Ordination.

Elections

Resolved, That we continue the election of Officers and Boards.

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

The following were elected:

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

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

Committee Over the Presiding Elders: F. M. Hottel, G. F. Yost and P. T. Stengele.

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

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

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

Board of Examiners: E. N. Cassel, H. K. Kratz, T. D. Gehret and B. Bryan Musselman.

Board of Trustees of the Home (For two years): B. Bryan Musselman, F. M. Hottel, G. F. Yost, F. B. Hertzog, A. A. Wismer and Paul I. Wentz.

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

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, and forwarded to C. E. Musselman, Secretary, No. 1131 North Eighteenth Street, Allentown, Pa.

Fraternal Delegate: Appreciating the courtesy of the Ontario Conference in sending Pastor J. Harold Sherk as Fraternal Delegate to this Conference, therefore

Resolved, That we send a Fraternal Delegate to the next annual session of the Ontario Conference.

Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, Chairman of this Annual Conference, was elected Fraternal Delegate.

Board of Publication and Printing: President, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; and E. N. Cassel (appointed by the chairman).

Committee Over Camp Meeting Equipage and Tabernacle Outfits: Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, F. M. Hottel; F. B. Hertzog and P. T. Stengele (appointed by the chairman).

Committee on Conference Report:

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a Committee of three to compile a report of the Conference and Sunday Services for the "Gospel Banner" and the "Year Book."

He appointed C. H. Brunner, A. G. Woodring and T. D. Gehret.

Appointments

Resolved, That the next Annual Conference convene in Ebenezer Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, Nos. 1121-1125 Main Street, Bethlehem, Pa., October 17, 1935, including the services on the following Sunday.

Resolved, That a Committee of five, including the two Presiding Elders, be appointed by the chairman to arrange and publish a program for all the services of the next Annual Conference.

The following were appointed: H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, B. Bryan Musselman, P. T. Stengele and C. H. Brunner.

Resolved, That we hold the Annual Ministerial Convention at Royersford, Pa., on April 18, 1935. All ordained ministers and probationers having charge of a work shall be members of this Convention.

Officers: The following officers were elected for this Convention: Chairman, W. G. Gehman; Secretary, T. D. Gehret.

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

Sunday School Conventions.

Resolved, That we hold a Sunday School Convention on each District. The Presiding Elders, Pastors and Delegates of their respective Districts shall constitute a committee to organize for these Sunday School Conventions.

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

He appointed the following:

Allentown District: P. T. Stengele.

Easton District: J. G. Shireman.

Camp Meetings.

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

Resolved, That we print 950 copies of the Year Book for 1934. The price of the Year Book shall be twenty-five cents per copy. In case of a deficit, this shall be paid out of the Conference Fund.

Resolved, That we print 1,000 copies of the Annual Report of the President of the Gospel Herald Society for distribution among those not having Year Books.

Resolved, That we ask the Board of Foreign Missions to print 1,000 copies of the Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules to meet at the call of the Chair not later than 2.30 o'clock.

Adjourned at 12 o'clock with prayer by P. T. Stengele and benediction by J. B. Layne.

SEVENTH MEETING

Saturday Afternoon, October 20, 1934.

The meeting was opened at 2.30 o'clock with prayer by R. R. Fox.

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

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

Business was resumed at 4 o'clock.

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

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

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, T. D. Gehret.

Board of Trustees of The Home—President, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, E. N. Cassel; Assistant Secretary, Paul I. Wentz.

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.

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.)

Report of the Committee on Applicants for Annual Conference License:

We beg to report that we have had no applicants referred to us at this Conference.

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

Report of the Committee on Ordination:

We have examined probationer H. W. Hartman and have ascertained that he has passed the reading course with credit, and had charge of a Gospel Herald Mission for a number of years and has showed himself a consecrated, devoted and obedient worker, adhering to the teaching of the Word of God, we therefore recommend that he be ordained on Sunday afternoon.

B. Bryan Musselman,
E. N. Cassel,
P. T. Stengele,
Committee.

Resolved, That the Pastors meet the officers of the Beneficiary Society at the Ministerial Convention and present their checks for the Beneficiary Fund.

Resolved, That the Executive Board be privileged to permit a change in the deeding of church property if and whenever in their judgment the interest of the Conference is better served by doing so.

Whereas, The question relative to the advisability of using musical instruments in connection with our religious services has been brought up occasionally during the past, and,

Whereas, Our Discipline has referred this question to the decision of the respective Annual Conferences, therefore,

Resolved, That we as a Conference declare ourselves as not being antagonistic to the use of musical instruments in connection with our religious worship. This question shall be left to the discretion of the various individual congregations to be decided by a two-thirds vote of Quarterly Conference.

Resolved, That we suspend business to the Call of the Chair.
Business was resumed at 5 o'clock.

Resolved, That we suspend business to the call of the Chair.
Business was resumed at 5.40 o'clock.

Resolved, That we have a Superannuation Fund.

Resolved, That the last Standing rule on Page 9 be substituted by the following:

Resolved, That a free-will offering shall be lifted in each prayer meeting class once each quarter by their respective Class Leaders for the Superannuation Fund.

Resolved, That the Reading Course Committee in conjunction with the Presiding Elders be encouraged to offer recommendations for a revision of the books for the Reading Course to the end of making the Course more of a systematic course of study for the Probationers.

Resolved, That whenever an election is held, except when otherwise provided for by our Disciple, the informal ballot shall be used to nominate the candidates and where one candidate is to be elected the three highest shall be used as candidates; where three candidates are required the five highest shall be considered. A majority in every instance shall be necessary for an election. After the first ballot has been cast if there be no election the candidate receiving the least number of votes shall be eliminated.

Adjourned at 5.50 o'clock with prayer by Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman and benediction by the Chairman, Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman.

Signed,

H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder, Chairman.

W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder.

C. H. Brunner, Secretary-Treasurer, Vice Presiding Elder.

B. Bryan Musselman, Assistant Secretary, Vice Presiding Elder.

N. H. Wolf, Recording Secretary.

A. G. Woodring, Recording Secretary.

H. L. Shelly, Recording Secretary.

E. N. Cassel,

P. T. Stengele,

F. M. Hottel,

G. F. Yost,

F. B. Hertzog,

T. D. Gehret,

J. G. Shireman,

H. K. Kratz,

J. C. Roth,

W. F. Heffner,

J. B. Layne,

Paul E. Baer,

J. B. Henry,

E. E. Kublic,

C. L. Miller,

H. W. Hartman,

E. H. Musselman,

Paul I. Wentz,

G. Henry Hildebrand,

R. R. Fox,

S. W. Heiser,

Paul H. Cressman,

Fred Geibel,

G. K. Himmelreich,

Herbert V. Smith,

Paul H. Miller,

C. B. Brosius,

A. W. Deppe,

Edward T. Semmel,

C. K. Wismer,

George S. Messersmith,

Frank A. Borchers,

Thomas W. Campbell, Sr.

H. H. Bergey,

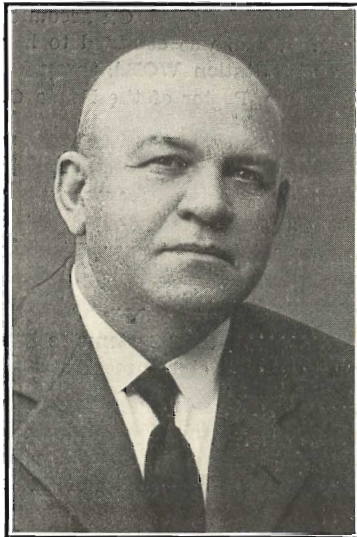
George R. Fish,

Mason Klingler.

IN MEMORIAN

Rev. Richard Lewis Woodring was born in Washington township, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, on December 7, 1873, a son of Lewis and Violetta (nee Kemmerer) Woodring. After about two weeks of illness and intense suffering from a pelvic abscess he passed away peacefully in St. Luke's hospital, Bethlehem, on June 10, 1934, aged 60 years, 6 months and 3 days.

He was married to Miss Clara Ziegenfuss and moved to Weissport, Pa., where he established a business as blacksmith. His beloved wife, a son, Pastor Allen G. Woodring, of Fleetwood, Pa., and a daughter, Mrs. Rev. Rudy H. Gehman, of Chester, Pa., survive him.



R. L. WOODRING

Brother Woodring was converted in a series of revival meetings held in Weissport by Miss Dora B. Rote and her helpers under the auspices of the Gospel Worker Society and was baptized by Pastor C. H. Brunner. Both Brother and Sister Woodring were received into the Menonite Brethren in Christ Church in 1894 by Pastor H. B. Musselman, who was their pastor at Lehighton and Weissport for three years.

In 1896 Brother Woodring received Quarterly Conference License and served as assistant to Pastor H. B. Musselman until March 5, 1898, when the Annual Conference held at Bethlehem, Pa., granted him Annual Conference License. During the years of 1897 and 1898 he held tent and hall meetings at Trout Run, Ralston and Roaring Branch, some twenty miles above Williamsport.

On March 5, 1899, the Annual Conference held at Zionsville, Pa., stationed Brother Woodring to Bethlehem. He was ordained at Reading, Pa., September 16, 1900. He faithfully served in the ministry as Pastor at the following places:

Bethlehem—1899-1901.	Allentown—(Salem) 1911-1913
Mt. Carmel—1902-1904.	Easton—1914-1917.
Graterford and Harleysville— 1905-1907.	Coopersburg—1918-1924.
Quakertown—1908-1910.	Nazareth—1925 to his death.

After brief services at the parsonage at Nazareth on June 13, the main services were held in Bethel M. B. in C. Church, Allentown, Pa., in order to accommodate the large assembly of relatives, Pastor Woodring's congregation, and the many friends who had learned to love him. Here the auditorium and galleries were filled. On account of the broken down health of Sister Woodring, who was confined to her home, the services were broadcast over Radio Station WCBA through the courtesy of the owner, B. Bryan Musselman, Pastor of the Radio Church.

Rev. H. B. Musselman, who had been his Presiding Elder for twenty-eight years, preached the funeral sermon, assisted by Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman and Pastors B. Bryan Musselman, C. H. Brunner and H. K. Kratz.

Pastor Woodring was a talented singer. His congregation will never forget his last service in his church at Nazareth, when he sang that beautiful hymn entitled, "An Evening Prayer."

Three years ago he started the "Systematic Bible Readers' League" which has now grown to almost eighty members.

A large concourse of people followed the remains to Union Hill cemetery, at Weissport, where a number of his associates in the ministry carried our brother to his last resting place, awaiting the glorious resurrection at the appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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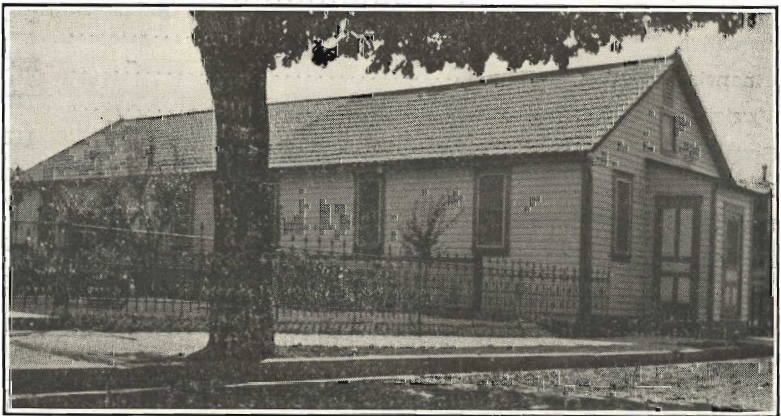
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I.—Presiding Elders

REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF THE ALLENTOWN DISTRICT

“Old Time’s great clock, that never stops,
 Nor runs too fast or slow;
 Hung up amid the world of space,
 Where wheeling planets glow;
 It’s dial plate the orbit vast—
 Where whirls our mundane sphere
 Has pushed its pointer round again
 And struck another year.”—Longfellow.

The honey bee visits the flowers one by one, and bears away a little nectar from each to help to swell the store in the hive. The moments come to us, not in heaps or scores, but one by one, and we should send them away each one laden with sweetness to be stored up for us in the great hive of eternity. Only to be remembered by what we have done. “Let us not abate our courage in doing what is right; for in due time we shall reap a reward, if we do not faint.” (Gal. 6:9, Weymouth).



Fleetwood, Pa.—(Courtesy Rev. A. G. Woodring)
 Mennonite Brethren in Christ Tabernacle on Elm Street, Fleetwood, Pa.,
 lately remodeled. Notice new addition. Now 24 by 60 feet, seating
 comfortably 250. Rev. Woodring now pastor
 here in his fifteenth year.

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

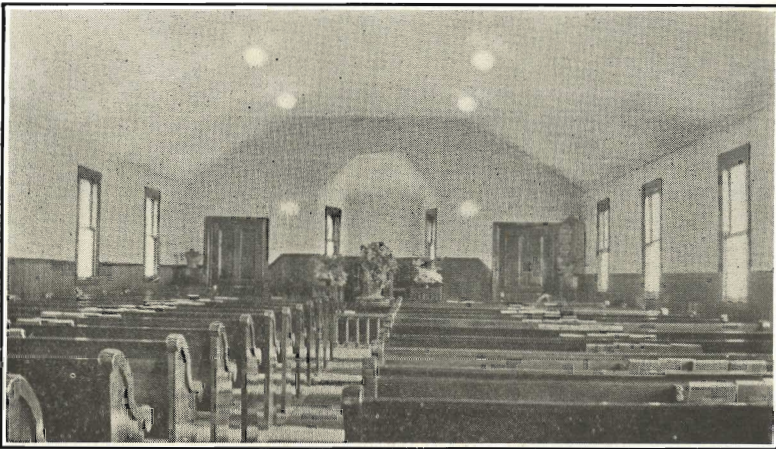
God has been keeping the various pastors well physically, and encouraged spiritually, graciously sparing them with their families, with however one exception: Our much loved comrade, Pastor R. L.

Woodring has been called to lay his armour down and was carried to his temporary resting place, several months ago. He is missed from our ranks; his earthly warfare has ended, and he now rests in peace.

"God sows His fields with precious grain,
That must in cold and darkness lie,
Until the Lord shall come again
In power and glory from on high.
Then shall the seed in weakness sown,
Bear fruit in beauty like His own.

A little while the grave receives
The precious dust of friends we love,
The trumpet of the King of kings
Shall soon among the clouds be heard.
Then sleeping ones and we shall rise,
To be like Jesus in the skies."

The Sunday Schools on the district are flourishing, taxing the seating capacity of the church buildings. The Church services and prayer meetings are also largely attended. Unto Him who doeth all these things, belongs the praise and the glory.



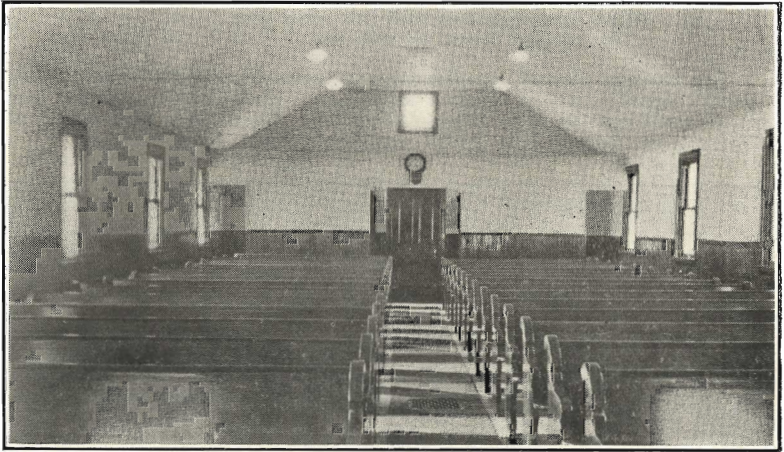
Fleetwood, Pa.—(Courtesy Rev. A. G. Woodring)
Inside view of Fleetwood M. B. in C. Tabernacle, looking
toward the pulpit.

The business depression has continued to be felt more and more, causing sadness in the hearts of many, in their being unable to assist financially as they had been enabled to do in times past.

The Church properties are being kept in good condition, and the various church offerings are a proof of the self-sacrifice of many. The chapel at Fleetwood has been remodelled and enlarged during the year, and thus supplies the much needed room. To say the least, the brethren are to be commended for the fine task rendered in beauty, neatness and economy.

Two Camp Meetings were again held on the District. Both of these convocations were held in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa. The

first Camp Meeting (Bethlehem Division) had 245 tents, and the latter (Allentown Division) had 273 tents erected. These meetings were held in close succession, and a goodly number of the services were again broadcast over radio station WCBA. Thus the many who were not privileged to be in attendance heard the Word preached, as well as the prayers and songs rendered. Eternity alone will reveal the results of these gatherings. Hundreds responded to the appeals made at various times and were taken to the large tabernacle to be dealt with—the altars being not able to accommodate them. We are assured that lasting results will be forthcoming in the lives of many. The brethren had glorious liberty in preaching, and the messages were brought forth, giving no uncertain sound. The attendance was large throughout.



Fleetwood, Pa.—(Courtesy Rev. A. G. Woodring)
Inside view of Fleetwood M. B. in C. Tabernacle, looking
toward front entrance.

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

FINANCIAL

(a) Receipts

Balance, and Money Received from Treasurer	\$1,275.03	\$1,275.03
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(b) Expenditures

(a) Appropriations

H. K. Kratz	\$ 150.00	
J. C. Roth	210.00	
E. H. Musselman	120.00	
R. L. Woodring	204.00	\$ 684.00

(b) Miscellaneous

To aged minister	\$ 50.00	
Camp equipment	200.00	
Special donations	118.00	
Special help at campmeeting	30.00	
Miscellaneous (fares, etc.)	29.00	
Gen'l Conference Ex. Board, etc. (reserved)	164.03	591.03
Total		\$1,275.03
H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.		

II.—Presiding Elders—Continued

REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF THE EASTON DISTRICT

The Lord has marvelously led during the past year. The lives of all of the Pastors and their families were preserved in health and strength. The trials and tests counter-balancing their blessings gave them a better knowledge of the Lord and deepened their spiritual experiences. In spite of financial tests the Lord has led in a remarkable way, for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth. Quite a number of souls were saved and baptized and added to the church. Many lives are fully yielded to the Lord and are sanctifying the Lord God in their hearts and are living for Him spirit, soul, and body. A number realized that the Lord is for the body, and the body for the Lord and are preserved in health.

The prayer meetings, Sunday Schools, and regular church services are well attended. The Church and Sunday School officers and teachers throughout have their heart in the work and cooperate commendably with the Pastors.

The Camp Meeting held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., was very well attended throughout and an excellent spirit was prevalent among God's people. The Pastors preached with the anointing upon them and His word dwelt richly among us. We were glad to see all who were present from the other district. Some were led to Christ as sinners and many others for abundance of life for spirit, soul, and body. There were 136 tents erected, a larger number than for years. The expenses though large were easily met through His sanctified people.

The Sunday School Convention for the district and the Gospel Herald Society was held in Sunbury, Pa. The attendance all day long was very good. The auditorium, ante-room, and balcony were nicely filled all day long. The program was well carried out with excellent results. The Pastor and his class entertained the members and friends very hospitably.

Mount Carmel built an addition to the rear of the church for lavatories and a furnace room. They are installing a new steam heating system. Scranton is enlarging the prayer meeting room for prayer meetings and Sunday School work. Wissinoming, Philadelphia did quite some painting and remodeling. The properties throughout the district are kept well in repairs.

The Pastors and their flocks are interested in each others' well being. They hold together. This is noteworthy in this iron-and-clay-mixture period of Gentile supremacy. The Lord has sustained us spiritually and restored us physically for which we praise Him. We are grateful for the noble way in which the brethren stood by. We trust that the rapture may soon take place.

FINANCIAL**Receipts**

Received from the Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund\$1,140.00

Expenditures

(a) Appropriations

Sunbury	\$ 180.00	
Mount Carmel	180.00	
Scranton	120.00	
Stroudsburg	220.00	
Wissinoming and West Phila.	180.00	
York	240.00	\$1,120.00

(b) Miscellaneous

Storage, Allen M. Gehman	\$ 20.00	20.00
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Total\$1,140.00

W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder.

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

October 1, 1933 to September 30, 1934

The Gospel Herald Society is composed of men in uniform called Gospel Heralds who are called of God to preach and sing the Gospel in open air meetings, tents, 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 engaged in this sort of work they are in training also for pastoral, evangelistic and missionary work at home and abroad, as the Holy Spirit directs. The Society has missions in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.

Harrisburg, Pa.

The Lord's work is progressing nicely. Tent meetings were held with very large attendance. Sometimes the tent was crowded and as many more on the outside listening to the Gospel. Several were saved in these meetings and then others after the tent meetings were closed. The Gospel is preached regularly by Radio. The Radio staff holds meetings occasionally at different places for miles around so that the regions beyond Harrisburg are being well evangelized. The mission meetings are well attended especially on Sunday nights. Quite a number are being well established in the Lord. Sixteen were baptized during the year. E. J. Rutman has charge of the work.

Lebanon, Pa.

The class is well united throughout. The services are well attended. Sunset Market several miles outside of Lebanon where thousands of people gather several evenings during the week to buy produce and other articles was secured from the owner Friday nights to hold services in an auditorium, free of charge. This afforded a grand opportunity to reach thousands of people with the Gospel. A school house

near Cornwall was also used for several months to hold Sunday School. Six were baptized during the year. E. George has charge of the work assisted by C. E. Kirkwood.

Chester, Pa.

The Lord has been blessing the work in Chester during the past year. A spirit of cooperation and unity prevails. Whole families stand by faithfully in all efforts put forth in His name. 485 visits were made. A number were saved and eight were baptized. Cottage prayer meetings were held once a week during the winter months. These have been spiritual and helpful to many. One man was saved through these meetings. Open-air services were held each Friday night during the summer. Two young men professed salvation, getting on their knees on the pavement. More people attended and a greater interest was taken in open air work. Several thousand tracts were distributed.



Gospel Herald Society—(Courtesy Rev. R. H. Gehman)
Sunday School in front of the church of the Gospel Herald Society
in Chester, Pa., during 1934.

Young people's services have been held which are a great profit and help to all who attend. Boys and girls as well as older folks take part. Children's services were held on Saturday afternoons during vacation season. The boys and girls learned many Bible verses with interest. The Sunday School is growing. The average attendance for the year is 114. Teachers and scholars work together to bring visitors. Teachers with the help of their classes have been giving very interesting object lessons for about ten minutes each Sunday. The outlook for the work is very bright. R. H. Gehman has charge of the work.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

The mission grew considerably since opening it one year ago last August. A number of souls were saved right along. During the summer months tent meetings were held in which a number of people turned to the Lord. Some experienced full salvation and others were healed bodily. Open air meetings were held regularly on Saturday nights when the weather was favorable. A few Sundays ago a Sunday School was organized with a noteworthy attendance. Cottage prayer



Gospel Herald Society—(Courtesy Rev. R. H. Gehman)
Teachers and officers of the Sunday School of the Gospel Herald
Society at Chester, Pa.

meetings are held. Seven followed the Lord in baptism, mostly young people. A people are being established for the Lord and prepared for His coming. J. T. Anderson has charge of the work and is assisted by T. E. Turnbull and E. F. Lakjer.

Jersey City, N. J.

This is quite a large mission class, meeting in a very spacious Tabernacle, with beautiful living quarters on the second floor. The Sunday School is large and ever growing. Their entire enrollment is 185. Average attendance is 155. The class is growing in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord through varied experiences in the past. Tent Meetings were held for several months which were very well attended by new people from time to time as well as by the regular standbys. A number were saved and added to the mission. A num-

ber of open air meetings were held with good results. 1049 visits were made and 9100 *Heralds* sold. H. W. Hartman has charge of the work with R. O. Snyder assisting..



Gospel Herald Society—(Courtesy Rev. H. W. Hartman)
Officers and Teachers of the Gospel Herald Society Sunday School in front of their Tabernacle in Jersey City, N. J. Rev. Hartman had been Leader of this Mission for the last six years.

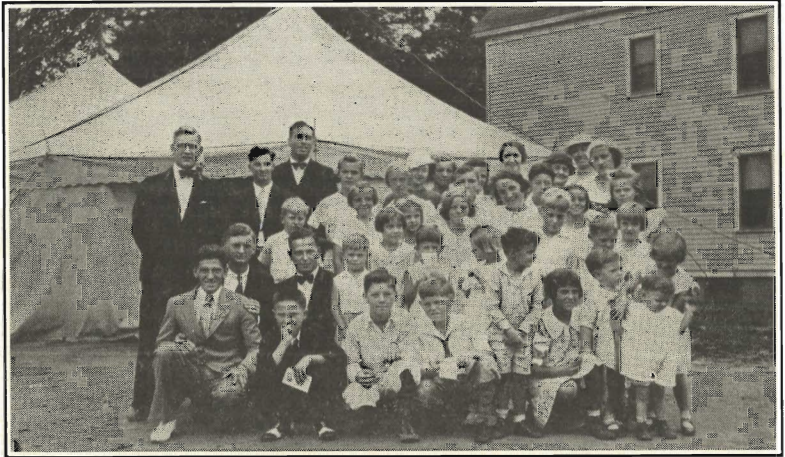
Irvington, N. J.

This mission is actually located in Irvington instead of Newark, N. J., as previously reported. Souls have been saved and separated unto God during the past year. Some have been definitely healed. Unity prevails more and more. The young people are doing well and are anxious to be actively used in the work of the Lord. The tent meetings held were splendid throughout. Many strangers were present during these meetings. People regularly waited for the open air meetings held on Saturday evenings. These meetings were very interesting. The chapel was redecorated inside. The Sunday School attendance has increased since last year. Four were baptized during the year. E. B. Hartman has charge of the work and is assisted by A. M. Sprock and J. I. Somers.

Elizabeth, N. J.

The progress of the work of the Lord in Elizabeth has been very gratifying. There has been a marked increase in the offerings and attendance in all the services. The Lord provided a fine new tent for use during the summer season. Gospel Meetings were held in the tent from June 17th to September 16th. Eight persons were baptized in the Rahway River after these services. Open air meetings were held every Saturday night on the street corner where many

hearts were touched by the preaching and singing of the Gospel. The young folks especially have aided in the open air work with their singing, testimony and musical instruments. Jail services are held every month in the Union County Jail with a number confessing Christ at these services. Meetings were held quite frequently in the



Gospel Herald Society—(Courtesy Rev. W. W. Hartman)
Part of the G. H. S. Sunday School at Elizabeth, N. J.,
during tent meetings in 1934.

Almshouse where a number look forward eagerly to hear the word preached. Of the many who were saved during the year a number of believers have joined in regular fellowship. The Sunday School though comparatively small is in a sound condition. The general condition of the work is very encouraging. W. W. Hartman has charge of the work and is assisted by R. C. Reichenbach and T. M. Thompson.

Camden, N. J.

The work is moving along nicely. A number were reclaimed recently who were out of fellowship for several years. The Sunday School has a nice growing attendance. There are several whole families who stand by the work faithfully. They have a prayer chain two days a week which seems to bring good results. Five were baptized during the year. The mission was painted and remodeled inside and outside. M. M. Myers has charge of the work.

Wilmington, Del.

The meetings were held on the second floor adjoined by living quarters on West Fourth Street. After the summer tent meetings which were held in Richardson Park we changed the location of our mission to this vicinity where we now conduct services on the first floor of a house located on a busy street in this suburb of Wilmington having a population of 4500 people. Tent meetings were held for ten weeks. These meetings were well attended. There are families coming that stand by continually. Several have made a definite decision for Christ

the Lord. During the tent meetings thirty-five children's meetings were held in the afternoons. The open air meetings held in the business section of the city were largely attended this summer. 753 visits were made during the year. 26 cottage prayer meetings were conducted during last winter in various homes. Four were baptized during the year. The Sunday School is moving along nicely. E. W. Bean has charge of the work and is assisted by C. M. Bonnet and W. Bruce Musselman.



Gospel Herald Society—(Courtesy Rev. W. W. Hartman)
Baptismal service in Elizabeth, N. J., September 10, 1934.

All the Heralds purposed in their heart to do the Lord's will. They are consecrated and minded to go through for the Lord, unitedly and faithfully, till He come.

STATISTICAL

Ordained Ministers of the M. B. C. Conference	2
Probationers of the M. B. C. Conference	9
Full Gospel Heralds	18
Probationers	1
Transferred to M. B. C. Conference	1
Total M. B. C. membership	25
Baptized	58
Children Dedicated	15
Sunday Schools	8
Officers and Teachers Enrolled	107
Scholars Enrolled	700
Total Enrollment	807
Average Attendance	580
Home Department Scholars Enrolled	126
Cradle Roll	70
Children's Meetings and Sunday Schools Held	554
Open Air Meetings	137
Prayer Meetings	687
Sermons and Addresses	3,253

Pastoral Visits	4,188
Copies of Gospel Herald Sold @ 10c	43,705



Gospel Herald Society—(Courtesy Rev. E. W. Bean)
Children's Meeting held in tent in Richardson Park, Delaware,
during the summer of 1934.

Copies of Gospel Herald Sold @ 15c	1,425
Copies of Gospel Herald Sold @ 6c	250
Copies of Christian Service Calendar	6,544
Valuation of Mission Properties:	
Lebanon, Pa.	\$ 8,500.00
Chester, Pa.	18,000.00
Jersey City, N. J.	25,000.00
Harrisburg, Pa.	20,000.00
Camden, N. J.	12,000.00
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	\$83,500.00

FINANCIAL

(a) Receipts

1. Collections

Rents	\$ 4,685.00
Sundry Expenses	2,862.66
Light	433.34
Donations, Gifts, Etc.	2,069.69
President	741.60
Gospel Workers	44.34
Sunday Schools	2,188.66
Sunday School Convention	94.04
Conference Fund	190.63
Gospel Herald Society Headquarters Fund	28.32
Foreign Missions	571.62
At Gospel Herald Society Conferences and Con- ventions	58.71
Chapel and Lot Fund	641.46
House rent, Lebanon, Pa.	39.20
Garage rent, Chester, Pa.	40.75
Rents, Harrisburg, Pa.	1,032.00
Missionary Work	1,765.44
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	\$17,487.46

2. Literature

Literature, Etc., sold at missions	8,423.80	
Literature, Etc., Sold to Laity at M. B. C. Camp Meetings	692.77	
Literature sold wholesale to Ministers, etc.	4,572.22	
Sunday School supplies to Sunday Schools	5,758.22	\$19,447.01

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

Appropriations	1,850.00	
Furniture, Fares, Repairs, Freight, Express, etc. ...	699.46	
From a Friend	5.00	2,554.46
Total		\$39,488.93

(b) Expenditures

1. Appropriations

Lebanon, Pa.	\$300.00	
Newark, N. J.	240.00	
Elizabeth, N. J.	280.00	
Camden, N. J.	420.00	
Wilmington, Del.	300.00	
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	310.00	\$1,850.00

2. Miscellaneous

Furniture	71.50	
Fares, Postage, Telegrams	128.68	
Freight, Cartage, Express	99.10	
Tabernacles, meetings	11.23	
Rent	120.00	
Stationery, Printing	7.77	
Heralds	46.21	
Mission Repairs, Furnishings and Supplies	104.97	589.46

Balance 115.00

Total \$2,554.46

Deficit \$2,893.35

W. G. Gehman, President and Treasurer.

IV.—Stationing, Boundary and Appropriations

REPORT OF THE STATIONING, BOUNDARY AND APPROPRIATING COMMITTEE

(A) APPOINTMENTS

1. Allentown District—H. B. Musselman, P. E.

(a) Stations

- Allentown (Bethel)—B. Bryan Musselman.
- Bethlehem—P. T. Stengele.
- Reading—F. M. Hottel.
- Philadelphia—G. F. Yost.
- Quakertown—H. W. Hartman.

(b) Circuits

Royersford and Spring City—E. N. Cassel
 Graterford and Harleysville—W. F. Heffner
 Emaus, Macungie and Zionsville—C. H. Brunner
 Fleetwood, Blandon and Terre Hill—A. G. Woodring
 Coopersburg and Allentown (Salem)—F. B. Hertzog
 Lehighon, Weissport and Walnutport—J. C. Roth

(c) Missions

Wissinoming and West Philadelphia—J. B. Henry
 Nazareth and Northampton—H. K. Kratz

(d) Local Preachers

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

(e) Quarterly Conference Licensed Workers

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—T. D. Gehret.
 Shamokin—J. G. Shireman.

(b) Missions

Sunbury—N. H. Wolf.
 Scranton—Paul E. Baer.
 York—J. B. Layne.
 Mount Carmel—C. L. Miller.
 Stroudsburg—E. E. Kublic.
 Hatfield and Norristown—E. H. Musselman.

(c) Local Preachers

J. F. Barrall—Shamokin Quarterly Conference.

(d) Annual Conference Licensed Workers

W. W. Hartman, M. M. Myers, E. B. Hartman, J. T. Anderson,
 E. George, A. M. Sprock, R. H. Gehman, E. W. Bean.

(e) Tabernacles to be supplied**(B) APPROPRIATIONS****1. Allentown District**

Nazareth and Northampton, per month	\$ 10.00
Wissinoming and West Philadelphia, per month	15.00
To be used at the discretion of the Presiding Elder	500.00

2. Easton District

Mount Carmel, per month	\$ 15.00
Stroudsburg, per month	20.00
Sunbury, per month	15.00
Scranton, per month	10.00
York, per month	20.00
Hatfield and Norristown, per month	50.00

(C) MOVING

H. K. Kratz	\$ 25.00
H. W. Hartman	35.00
E. H. Musselman	50.00

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.

(D) GOSPEL HERALD SOCIETY

- Harrisburg, Pa.—1511 N. 4th St. To be supplied.
 - Lebanon, Pa.—251 S. 5th St. To be supplied.
 - Chester, Pa.—721 W. 7th St. To be supplied.
 - Jersey City, N. J.—45-47 Lincoln St. To be supplied.
 - Camden, N. J.—2006 Federal St. To be supplied.
 - Irvington, N. J.—136 19th Ave. To be supplied.
 - Elizabeth, N. J.—1169 Mary St. To be supplied.
 - Richardson Park—401 Howard St. To be supplied.
 - Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—277 Carey Ave.. To be supplied.
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| H. B. Musselman, Chairman, | Paul H. Cressman, |
| W. G. Gehman, Secretary, | R. R. Fox, |
| H. L. Shelly, | C. K. Wismer, |
| S. W. Heiser, | G. K. Himmelreich, |
| Paul H. Miller, | G. Henry Hildebrand, |
| Paul I. Wentz, | Fred Geibel, |
| Herbert V. Smith, | Edward T. Semmel, |
| | Committee. |

V.—Camp Meetings

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL CAMP MEETING COMMITTEE

Two Camp Meetings were again held in Mizpah Grove, Fourteenth Ward, in the City of Allentown, Pa., and one Camp Meeting was held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa.

Allentown District

- Bethlehem Division, June 30 to July 8, 1934, 245 tents.
- Allentown Division, July 14 to 22, 1934, 273 tents.

Easton District

- Shamokin, August 4-12, 1934, 136 tents.

Receipts

Allentown District		
Bethlehem Division	\$1,988.12	
Allentown Division	2,452.21	\$4,440.33
Easton District		
Shamokin		1,437.83
Grand Total		\$5,878.16

H. B. Musselman, Chairman.

VI.—Camp Meeting Equipage

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CAMP MEETING EQUIPAGE

We worked under directions of the Presiding Elders and the Executive Board.

The expenses of the committee were met by the Executive Board
 B. Bryan Musselman, Chairman,
 F. M. Hottel, Secretary,
 F. B. Hertzog,
 P. T. Stengele, Committee.

VII.—Publication and Printing

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND PRINTING

Receipts

October 18, 1933, Received at the Annual Conference	....	\$158 55	
Received from sale of Year Books	.....	230 00	
Received from the Sunday Schools	....	184.75	573 30

Expenditures

Printing 1000 Year Books	.....	\$193.98	
Expense Board of Examiners	.....	22.27	
Half tone cuts (not in Missionary Report)	.....	27.00	
Postage, telephone, check tax, fares, meals, etc.	.....	31.38	
Annual Conference Secretary, Editor of Year Book	.....	50.00	324.63

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 \$230.70 at the last Annual Conference.

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

IX.—Laymen's Benevolent Society

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LAYMEN'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

October 16, 1933, Members Enrolled	.....	303
Members Died During Year	.....	4
Members Withdrawn During Year	.....	19
October 15, 1934, Members Enrolled	.....	280

**Financial
Receipts**

Contributions	\$578.00	
Interest	235.00	813.00

Expenditures

Donations	\$300.00	
Sundry Expenses	5.58	305.58

Report of the Treasurer

October 16, 1933, Balance in Treasury	\$2,212.50	
Received During Year	813.00	3,025.50

Expenditures

Expended During Year	\$2,305.58	
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October 15, 1934, Balance in Treasury	719.92	3,025.50
The Society also holds Securities to the amount of	\$24,000.00	

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 1934
Reading Course (as follows):

	Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation	All About the Bible	Church History	Knowing the Scriptures	Lesson's in Holiness	Bible—John, Chapter 13-17. I Timothy	Divine Art of Preaching	Reformed Pastor	Bible—Hebrews	Bible—II Timothy	Average
1st Year Course											
*I. Somers.....	94	97	93	96	96	98					96
*Geo. C. Watson...	89	89	88	86	95	92					90
*E. F. Lakjer.....	83	87	87	85	91	94					90
2nd Year Course											
*C. E. Kirwood.....	92		93	88			91	98	89	96	92
*R. C. Reichenbach	86		93	81			88	89	93	96	89
*T. E. Turnbull....	90		88	80			76	94	89	96	88

*Not licensed by Annual Conference.

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

XI.—Executive Board

THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Board met a number of times during the year and considered routine and other matters presented from time to time.

At Mizpah Grove the pavilion roof was repaired and recoated. Due to the larger number of tents and the aged condition of the floor boards it became necessary to purchase 714 1x12x12 boards which was the principal item of expense during the year. A new cesspool became necessary, and considerable new wire had to be purchased. The Board proposes to have the tarvia roads oiled and repaired before next camp meeting season.

1220 copies of Triumphant Service Song Books were purchased and sold at the camp meetings.

The Board expresses its thanks to the camp meeting committees and Cafeteria manager for the splendid balances turned over thus enabling the Board to carry on.

FINANCIAL

Income

Interest	\$ 75.00	
Song Books	309.50	
Easton District Sunday School Convention	35.00	
Allentown District Sunday School Convention	120.00	
Donations	19.00	
Telephone toll	5.94	
Lumber Rents		
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting	207.52	
Allentown Division Camp Meeting	232.05	
Balances:		
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting	137.75	
Allentown Division Camp Meeting	450.81	
Cafeteria, Both Camp Meetings	376.17	1,968.74

Expenditures

Building repairs	\$ 156.56	
Equipment repairs and replacements	198.20	
Song Books	216.33	
Sink hole	36.14	
Lumber	515.48	
Shamokin Camp Meeting	35.00	
Roofing for lumber piles	19.80	
Electric current	138.95	
Telephone	144.09	
Insurance	68.49	
Board meetings	31.60	
Equipage Committee bills	88.87	1,649.51

The Board owes loans to the amount of \$20,700.00 and holds trust funds to the amount of \$5,000.00. The actual debt on Mizpah Grove is \$11,442.27. The Board permitted the trustees of the Home to draw on the funds so that the actual available balance is \$2,021.20.

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

Board.

XII.—The Home

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

With a deep sense of gratitude to God for His sustaining power and for providing means to carry on the work the Board of Trustees submits this twenty-ninth annual report:

The Board held four regular meetings to transact the business of the Home. The work at the Home and Farm has been under the management of I. K. Wismer who labored faithfully and perseveringly for the best interests of the Home.

The health of Mrs. Kate Fairheller who has been Matron of the Home since it was opened, about July 1, 1909, failed seriously about two months ago and because of her advanced years she felt to relinquish her position as Matron, and become a guest in the Home. We pray God's special blessing on her, and feel assured that the Lord will abundantly reward her for the many years of faithful service in His work.

Mrs. I. K. Wismer is now filling the place of Matron. The Board is praying that manager and matron may be sustained by the hand of the Lord.

Marie Widmeyer of German birth and formerly of Philadelphia who had been a guest in the Home for about thirteen years fell asleep in Jesus on April 22, 1934. Funeral services were held in the Funeral Parlor of Willard L. Gruver in Coopersburg, Pa., in charge of F. B. Hertzog. Interment in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church Cemetery at Coopersburg, Pa.

With the exception of complaints incidental to old age the guests in the Home are generally in good health. The boys are doing well and are assisting with the work on the farm when not in school.

We are badly in need of room at the Home and the Board is looking to the Lord for means so that additional room may be provided. May the Lord raise up friends of the Home so that the sphere of its usefulness may be enlarged.

Albert Moser, George MacNutt and James Willets are regularly engaged to carry forward the work of the Farm and additional help is provided as it is needed from time to time.

The Farm has been quite productive. The herd of Holstein Friesian cattle is increasing, numbering all told at the present time seventy-one head. The herd is producing more than 1050 pounds of milk per day at the present time. The milk is sold retail in Coopersburg, Center Valley and Bethlehem and wholesale in Easton. This is the chief source of revenue for the Home.

A new implement shed was erected. The horses are now quartered in what was formerly the implement house. The horse stable in the old barn was changed into box stalls for cattle.

At the Home a new Spencer Heater with thermostatic control and a water heater were installed and a new chimney was erected, incurring considerable expense.

With much appreciation and thankfulness the Board acknowledges the receipt of the following donations:

C. O. Wentz and son George—labor, plumbing, 10 hours; Charles Teel—labor, 20 hours; S. W. Heiser—lavatory with spigots; Mrs. E. N. Cassel—12 towels; Paul Fisher—1 9x15 Gold Seal Congoleum Rug; A Friend—an Overland truck; C. B. Brocius and Bert Brocius, each—37 hours carpenter work; Quakertown Body Works—labor to amount of \$5.00; Mrs. Thoman—one suit clothing; labor was donated as follows:

A Friend, 100 hours; Wilbert Gehman, 25 hours; Clarence Gehman, 10 hours; H. W. Hartman and two helpers, each, 18 hours; Leon Sheets, 30 hours; Vernon Sheets, 10 hours; Adam Sheets, 10 hours; Harold Mann, 10 hours; Mrs. Fred Schule, Mrs. Earl King, Mrs. F. B. Hertzog, Mrs. Frank Musselman, and Miss Edith Bright, each 8 hours. Labor donated by various friends—156 hours.

FINANCIAL

Receipts

(a) Home Account

Offerings for the Home	\$ 346.49	
Interest	112.73	
Other sources	195.29	\$654.51

(b) Bethlehem Property

Rent		423.00
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(c) Allentown Property

Rent		67.00
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(d) Farm Account

Milk	\$11,514.75	
Cattle	953.05	
Wheat	353.04	
Swine	194.48	
Provisions	101.70	
Dogs	47.50	
Refund	26.80	
Gasoline	12.00	13,203.32

Total		\$14,347.83
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Expenditures

(a) Home Account

Building repairs	\$ 69.26	
New heater and repairs	348.34	
Coal	157.12	
Electric current	67.56	
Furnishings	10.00	
Inmates	232.02	
Labor	353.00	
Provisions	465.80	
Taxes	5.37	
Fuel gas	18.26	\$1,726.73

(b) Bethlehem Property

Taxes and repairs		240.73
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(c) Allentown Property

Taxes and repairs		462.81
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(d) Farm Account

Advertising, Periodicals and Postage	\$ 45.08	
Auto maintenance	276.02	
New building	513.00	
Building repairs	214.85	
Car, telephone	169.66	

Dairy supplies	629.36	
Electric current	219.04	
Freight and express	21.84	
Feed and veterinary services	3,560.57	
Fertilizer	143.48	
Horseshoeing	46.25	
Implements	311.35	
Lime	4.30	
Labor	2,125.00	
Livestock	2,003.75	
Gasoline and oil	716.48	
Poultry	23.75	
Registrations and transfers	15.50	
Repairs and replacements	468.15	
Seeds and plants	145.71	
Spraying materials	26.67	
Straw	168.26	
Taxes	415.40	12,263.47
Total		\$14,693.74

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) The Farm

Properties:

Farm, including land at the home	\$18,000.00	
Tenant's Home	4,000.00	22,000.00
Implements and dairy equipment		2,640.00
Live Stock:		
Holstein Friesian Cattle	\$ 6,890.00	
Horses	500.00	
Swine	439.50	7,829.50

Produce:

Potatoes	\$ 100.00	
Ensilage	1,500.00	
Corn	252.00	
Hay	1,121.00	
Straw	160.00	
Feed	240.56	
Wheat	47.50	
Apples	40.00	
Truck	15.00	3,476.06

Miscellaneous:

Firewood and coal	\$ 55.00	
Crates, etc.	30.00	
Oil and gasoline	72.80	
Paint	5.00	
Furniture	135.00	
Spraying materials	73.00	
Bottles, caps and crates	256.50	
Milk Routes	750.00	
Bills Outstanding	742.20	2,119.50

Total for the Farm\$38,065.06

(b) The Home

Property (The Home)		\$12,000.00	
Miscellaneous:			
Furniture	\$	450.00	
Canned goods		170.10	
Provisions		56.35	
Smoked meats		28.75	
Soap		10.00	
Coal		5.25	
Poultry		37.00	
Office equipment		150.00	907.45
Securities:			
Loans	\$	400.00	
Investments		4,643.97	
Bethlehem Properties		5,300.00	
Equity in Allentown Property		2,000.00	12,343.97
 Total for Home			<u>\$25,251.42</u>
 Grand Total			<u>\$63,316.48</u>
Treasury Deficit and Loan	\$	9,386.53	
Actual Value		53,929.95	<u>63,316.48</u>

FORMS OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE

BEQUEST

I give and bequeath unto H. B. Musselman, E. N. Cassel, W. G. Gehman, B. Bryan Musselman, C. H. Brunner, F. M. Hottel, G. F. Yost, F. B. Hertzog, Allen M. Gehman, A. A. Wismer, Paul I. Wentz 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.

DEVISE

I give and devise unto H. B. Musselman, E. N. Cassel, W. G. Gehman, B. Bryan Musselman, C. H. Brunner, F. M. Hottel, G. F. Yost, F. B. Hertzog, Allen M. Gehman, A. A. Wismer, Paul I. Wentz 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.

H. B. Musselman, President,
E. N. Cassel, Secretary,
Paul I. Wentz, Assistant Secretary,
C. H. Brunner, Treasurer,

W. G. Gehman, F. B. Hertzog,
B. Bryan Musselman, Allen M. Gehman,
F. M. Hottel, A. A. Wismer,
G. F. Yost, H. N. Rishel,
Board.

XIII.—Foreign Missions

THE FIFTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE OF THE MENNONITE BRETHREN IN CHRIST

Half a century of Foreign Mission Work! What the harvest will bring forth we are not able to tell or estimate—God alone knows. However, we know that wonderful things have been done during these fifty years. Great changes are noticeable all around us in the homeland and also in other countries, some no doubt for the better, but many, alas, for the worse, we fear.

The foundation and basis of the work in foreign lands is the work at home. If the home work is being strengthened and increased, then we can expect the foreign work to prosper. Jerusalem and Antioch were the bases of operation of the early church from which the work branched out among Jews and Gentiles respectively.

The Lord has blessed our home work again during the year, sending us "showers of blessings" and "fruitful seasons." Many were saved and added to the Church. Many also were healed in answer to prayer, while the churches were being established in the Truth.

Th Lord has spared our devoted leaders and wonderfully sustained them in guiding the affairs of the Conference. We praise the Lord for His grace, and power keeping our ministry and laity from the inroads of modernism and all the strange doctrines and "damnable heresies" that are afloat, thus keeping the rank and file sound in doctrine, united in faith and in the love of God.

Our Camp Meetings have been seasons of great spiritual benefit and blessing. The attendance and interest seemed to be larger than for years. The preaching of the Word was clear-cut, scriptural and fruitful. Large numbers responded to the calls for conversion, consecration and loyal, faithful service.

The Allentown District held two Camp Meetings in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., under the leadership of Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman. The Bethlehem Division had 245 tents and the Allentown Division had 273 tents. Many of the services were broadcast over Radio Station WCBA, located in the grove, through the courtesy of the owner and operator, Rev. B. Bryan Musselman, Pastor of the Bethel Radio Church, Allentown, Pa. The Easton District held their Camp Meeting again in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., in charge of Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman, occupying 137 tents.

We are sorry to report the loss of one of our faithful pastors during the year—Rev. R. L. Woodring, of Nazareth, Pa., who, after a brief illness, fell asleep in Jesus on June 10, 1934, at the age of 60 years, 6 months and 3 days. He had been a faithful, hard-working minister in the Pennsylvania Conference since 1898. His only son, Rev. A. G. Woodring, is a pastor of our Conference, and his only daughter is a minister's wife in the Gospel Herald Society.

The Board desires to thank all the pastors and their people for standing by the Foreign Missionary work so loyally and for their in-

terest and the interest they stimulated in the hearts of their congregations and friends relative to this great and important work.

We are also grateful to the Superintendents of the various Sunday Schools of the Conference, their officers and teachers, for their efforts in keeping up their interest in this great work. These noble offerings in these strenuous times speak well for the work.

Financial RECEIPTS

The contributions received by the Board for the year ending October 1, 1934, are as follows:

From the various congregations	\$4,045.65
From the Sunday Schools	4,371.20
Interest	146.54
	\$ 8,563.39

EXPENDITURES

Allowances

We have been supporting a number of missionaries including members of our conference under several boards, as recorded below, during the year. Full allowances have been forwarded by the treasurer for each missionary to the various societies up to January 1, 1934 as follows:

Christian and Missionary Alliance

12 missionaries	\$6,420.00
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United Missionary Society

2 missionaries	750.00
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Africa Inland Mission

2 missionaries	900.00
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Sudan Interior Mission

1 missionary	500.00
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United Tribes Mission

1 missionary	500.00
	\$ 9,070.00

Sundries

Literature etc. to Missionaries	\$ 70.21
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Engraving, printing, board meetings, postage, etc.	361.86	\$ 432.07
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Total	\$ 9,502.07
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FAMOUS SAYINGS OF GREAT MISSIONARIES

“Here I am; send me.”—Isaiah.

“Let us advance upon our knees.”—Joseph Hardy Neesima.

“Now let me burn out for God.”—Henry Martin.

“The prospects of Burma are as bright as the promises of God.”—Adoniram Judson.

“The spirit of Missions is the Spirit of the Master.

“I never made a sacrifice. Of this we ought not to talk when we remember the great sacrifice which He had who left His Father's throne on high to give Himself for us.

“I am a missionary, heart and soul. God had an only Son, and He was a missionary, and a physician. A poor, poor imitation I am or wish to be. In this service I hope to live, in it I wish to die.

"My great object was to be like Him, to imitate Him as far as He could be imitated."—David Livingstone.

"If I had a thousand lives to live, I would give them all to Africa."—Charles Frederick Mackenzie.

"Let me fail in trying to do something rather than sit still and do nothing."—Cyrus Hamlin.

"Prayer and Missions are as inseparable as faith and works."—John R. Mott, L. L. D.

"Every church should support two pastors, one at home and the other abroad."—Jacob Chamberlain.

"O Lord, silver and gold have I none. What I have I give; I offer Thee myself."—Alexander Duff.

"If you want to serve your race, go where no one else will go, and do what no one else will do."—Mary Lyon.

"China has no sorrow that Christ's message can not heal; India has no problem it can not solve; Japan has no question it can not answer; Africa has no darkness it can not dispel."—Judson Smith.

The Mission Board said, "I saw there was a gold mine in India, but it seemed almost as deep as the center of the earth. Who will venture to explore it?" "I will go down," responded William Carey, "but remember that you must hold the ropes."

"I want the wings of an angel and the voice of a trumpet, that I may speak the Gospel in the East and in the West, in the North and in the South."—Thomas Coke.

"If it please God that my bones shall sleep in an African grave, I will establish such a bond between Africa and the Church at home as shall not be broken until Africa be redeemed."—Melville Cox. Dying of Africa fever he said, "Though a thousand fall, let not Africa be given up."

"If we can awaken within our young people a passion for the souls of men, we will have accomplished a great work for God. As they stand upon the threshold of life, ready to make their life-choice; shall we not urge them to let God choose for them? The night is dark and we are far from home. God alone can guide them and save their lives from shipwreck."—Sue R. Staley.

"In 1793 the East India Company embodied the following in a resolution passed in the British Parliament:

"The sending of Missionaries into our Eastern possessions is the maddest, most extravagant, most expensive, most unwarrantable project that was ever proposed by a lunatic enthusiast. Such a plan is pernicious, impolitic, unprofitable, unsalutary, dangerous, unfruitful, fantastic. It is opposed to all reason and sound policy; it endangers the peace and security of our possessions!

"Less than a hundred years later, at a public meeting in London, Lord John Lawrence, the greatest of all English Viceroy's of India, said:

"Notwithstanding all that the English people have done to benefit India, the Missionaries have done more than all other agencies combined."

If the Sunday School army of the United States, numbering twenty-two millions or more would give an average of two cents a week it would add more than twenty-two million dollars into the Foreign Missionary treasury.

It has been compiled from reliable sources that "the cost to our country for tobacco alone amounts to nearly \$3,600,000,000 annually! This would mean nearly \$10,000,000 per day! What does God say? "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your earnings for that which satisfieth not (Isa. 55:2)?

PALESTINE

(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

Missionary—Miss Mary A. Butterfield

Owing to the fact that I have been in America this year, it is necessary that I give gleanings from what others have written me. I am grateful to the Mennonite Brethren in Christ for their prayers and continued support while I have been busy with missionary deputational work in various parts of the Eastern States and also in Canada. In addition to several long tours under the Christian and Missionary Alliance, I have had blessed fellowship with the Mennonites and Gospel Heralds—fifteen Mennonite centers and seven Gospel Herald—and, as I have stated in a number of public services, it is a pleasure to feel that I am a Mennonite—Alliance—Gospel Herald missionary! God bless the dear faithful ones in each who are keeping up the missionary vision in the face of every difficulty!

You will be interested to know that, very recently, I was with the Mennonite Brethren in Christ in Didsbury, Alberta, Canada. Brother Vincett took me out to two other Mennonite meetings, also. They are located out on the prairies and it was good to see the pioneer work that is being done by these Brethren as well as that we had seen under the Alliance. The little rough pine church at Cremona—the only church building in the little town—will stand out in my mind for a long time. The pastor, Brother Habermehl, felt there must be a church there. So he went “logging” alone, away off in the woods. (This particular section of prairie land is nearer the mountains and one sees the first bit of woodland that has been in sight for miles and miles.) Others, seeing his zeal, joined him in his efforts. It’s a story too long to tell here—the hard, hard work, sawing and getting the lumber ready. Then, the building of the church by their own hands. It stands there now a blessed monument to missionary vision and answer to prayer. The room was full the night I was there. I think it seats at least three hundred. Folks were standing, too. In Didsbury, the church was crowded to its limit and people had to be turned away. I know that you will be glad to hear from these Brethren in the west. We will here include some activities of the Jews concerning the building of their National Home.

Gleanings from Palestine Newspapers

“Palestine wants more laborers.” This is the title of an article written by Mr. Lewis Foner, a Jew, who formerly resided in Great Britain. He starts out by saying: “If religion cooled down with the Jews the same as with other churches, then it could not keep us together much longer. Therefore, the only salvation is national. By ‘national’ I mean the possession of the soil and living on the soil. And to do that we need hands, hands and more hands. But when we are trying to prove to the government that we are actually short of 22,000 laborers for this half year, and we have the men knocking at the door begging for entrance, the government only allows us this half year 5,600.”

The paragraph sheds light on the ambitions of the Jews as they return to their homeland. It reveals also their discontent over the limitation of immigration. The figure, 5,600, gives about the average number of Jews entering Palestine each half year. This limitation is a thorn in the flesh to Jews, but, if they only realized it, it is the ointment that can heal the wound the thorn makes, owing to Arab opposition and other conditions.

Another paragraph in the same article, headed "Sacrifices," is worthy to notice! He says, "Now a new life has entered. The slogan is 'Build and Plant.' And how wonderful it is to see how the Jew who comes from the four corners of the earth, not only with a Babel of languages but also with a Babel of mentalities, is trying to bring into his homeland the best according to his ideas from the lands of wandering. And so the building goes on under great pressure. The children from school, the woman in her home, the Rabbi from his Bible, the physician from his microscope, are recruited to do physical work—not under punishment of the law, but involuntarily. One cannot help being reminded of the time when in our ancient kingdom each one brought his sacrifices to Jerusalem once a year in the shape of a lamb or a goat. Now sacrifices of manual work have to be given daily by one's self." Thus, we see that it is still in unbelief the Jew is returning to his land.

Palestine papers tell of the big "Levant Fair" which was held in Tel Aviv this last Summer. In less than six months, a large area of sand was converted into a fine Exhibition Ground, with large pavilions and buildings showing exhibits from all parts of the world, including America. The Palestine Pavilion revealed some of the marvelous progress being made in industries, despite the fact that much of the ma-



Palestine—(Courtesy Miss Mary A. Butterfield)
Jews planting a garden.

terials used had to be imported from other lands. Many kinds of machinery, electrical equipment, plumbing supplies, textiles, and other one-time impossible articles are being manufactured there. Space will not permit detail. A writer on May 30th of this year, states: "It is not perhaps too much of an exaggeration to prophecy for Palestine a great future as the main industrial center of the Middle East."

Another item of interest reads: "Palestine holds the record for telephone users. There are more calls per hour and per day for each

subscriber than in any other part of the world. The average number of daily calls per telephone in Jerusalem is 37.8 (says Reuter)." Perhaps one reason for this is that Palestine telephone users are neighborly. One telephone often serves, not only the man who pays for its rental, but all of his friends and neighbors as well as passing strangers who may desire to use it!

The population of Tel Aviv has increased since the Jews are going in from Germany. Latest reports as to its population vary from 60,000 through 80,000 and even up to 100,000! There is no doubt some exaggeration, but there is no doubt either as to the city's being flooded with German Jews. One of the problems of the Jewish Committees is to provide proper housing facilities at a reasonable amount of rental. Property owners are taking advantage of the situation and are raising rents to enormous amounts. Likewise land is being sold at ten times its original price.

The Potash Company at the Dead Sea has increased its output of potash to 60,000 tons per year. Their goal is 100,000 tons per year and they are hoping to attain it soon. The production of salt and bromine is also increasing. Quite an extensive Summer resort has been established at the Dead Sea, also.

The Rutenberg Plant at the Jordan has now three turbines of 8,000 horse-power each and are contemplating another. Electricity is flowing over high tension wires supported on high tension derricks across the Plain of Esdraelon (also called Armageddon) and south over the Plain of Sharon to the most southern Jewish Colonies.

The Haifa Harbor, opened only last Fall, at a cost of £1,500,000 sterling, has proved to be inadequate to the need. "Congestion has prevailed to an unparalleled extent, and now there is a loud call for one at Jaffa."

Missionary News

This has been a year of pruning for the Palestine and Arabian Border of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. When the Lord prunes He does it in order that "more fruit" may be produced. The pruning itself is very trying, of course; yet, as with vines, there is a wholeness about it all that keeps the husbandman from feeling worried about it. God sees the future of our vineyard over there. He knows it needs to be bearing more fruit. We can trust Him to apply the pruning-hook in whatever way He sees is best.

The work among the Jews is being blessed. One report from an outsider stated that it ranks among the highest in the evangelization of the Jews. This last Summer, a party consisting of the evangelist and his wife and several missionaries, took an auto tour through thirty-two Jewish Colonies. In nearly everyone of them they were enabled to preach the gospel and leave literature. In quite a number of them they were urged to leave as much of their literature as they could on the Library tables. It was indeed a joy to them to lay portions of God's Word and tracts where the Jews could read them at their leisure. The weekly evangelistic services continue to attract Jews to our little center on the Street of the Prophets. Here they listen to the gospel as it is preached in Hebrew and even join in the hymns which are sung in Hebrew. Evening Classes are held for the study of English and also the study of the Bible. Miss Chalmers now has the work I used to have in that department. I know she would be glad for your prayers, and so would Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel who are loyally witnessing to all the Jews they can, ever seeking to lead some of them to a saving knowledge of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Smalley found it necessary to move into Jerusalem this Summer. He is Chairman of the Mission and is giving part of

his time to the building up of the Jerusalem church. Their great desire is to see it become a living witness for Christ, a source of strength and power throughout the whole city as well as the country round about. It was in Jerusalem that a group of Spirit-filled men and women started the flames burning that are now surrounding the world. Why cannot this take place today? Perhaps when the Husbandman has finished His pruning process in that Church, we may see the answer to these prayers. Pray for those who are pouring out their hearts continually for a gracious revival in that church. Pray that their faith may be strengthened and that a blessed soul-saving center may be established there soon.

Transjordania

Meetings were held in Kerak, and the Lord gave assurance of victory there, too. Until this last Spring, a foreign couple were in charge. But they had to have furlough. A young man being supported by a



Palestine—Syria (Courtesy Miss Mary A. Butterfield)
A typical family in Ghasm in the Hauran.

former native worker who is now in Africa is preaching there. A young girl who has been a Christian for a number of years, has charge of the Sunday School with an attendance of over one hundred in Kerak, now. She has won, by personal work, twenty-five of her scholars to Christ and is praying the Lord to help her win all the rest for Him. I know you will join her in this prayer. There is a group of Greek Christians in the town who attend the services. Pray that they may have the courage to witness for the Lord.

The Hauran

(An area east of Lake Galilee and south of Damascus.)

Some of the word from The Hauran is most encouraging, though not unmixed with trials. Mr. Breaden and his family and Mr. and Mrs. Brooks are there this year. When funds permit, (and sometimes when they do not!), the missionaries go from village to village preaching the

gospel. Sometimes they stay for a few weeks in a village, setting up their camp equipment in a small mud-walled room, calling on people and receiving calls, holding meetings and witnessing in every way possible. Mr. Brooks wrote of one of these meetings especially. The meetings were held in Khisfeen. At first two souls were saved. In another prayer-service while the native evangelist was praying earnestly and in a loud voice, a cry louder than his interrupted him. It came from a young man who had been healed of a serious illness in answer to prayer. "I want to pray and be converted!" screamed the young man. Needless to say, he was given the opportunity and was soon rejoicing in His Saviour. "It was a time of great joy after a hard battle," said the missionary. There are now seven believers in this village. Pray for them that they may be established in the Lord and used by Him.

In Ghasm, where we have a small church with forty-five in attendance, there is a family with father, mother and seven children saved. He has a sister, also, whose sole desire in life is to preach the Word. The oldest girl and boy have both dedicated their lives to the Lord for His service. They are very, very poor, yet they bring their tithes and offerings to the Lord.



Palestine—Transjordan (Courtesy Miss Mary A. Butterfield)
Part of the Sunday School at Madaba. Houses built of variegated sandstone.
Children dressed in bright colors.

In Jebaib, the village where five believers prayed for a revival for a year and then saw one which increased their number to twenty-five, the Lord still manifests His presence and power. They are so poor that the only way to make one harvest last until the next one is to eat sparingly, so they never fill their stomachs! Yet, they built a little church building by sacrificial giving. On one occasion, when scarcity of rain caused whole fields of wheat to dry up and die, they went into the little church and spent two days fasting and praying. They wanted God to save their grain so they could bring Him the tithes, as well as to save their families. Mr. Brooks wrote that the only rain that came that

season was sent to this vicinity just in time to save the grain and the little group brought their tithes to the Lord! Many other villages were deserted because of the awful drought that year. Pray for the small groups of Christians in this barren desert. The whole plain seems to be nothing but miles and miles of stone and when you come to a village it is just another pile of black stone! Most of the towns in the Hauran are built among heaps of old ruins without even attempting to clear up any of the ancient debris. Thousands of souls live there whose lives are as desolate as the country around them. Pray for the missionaries as they labor here. They are continually meeting with intense opposition and some souls who would drink at the Fountain of Life feel they dare not do so. This, too, lies on the border of the Arabian desert. Many Arabs pass that way with long caravans of camels.

And now, for the final word, let us look away from the field and all of its difficulties to our Saviour. Let us see His Face of love and compassion as He took our place on Calvary. Do we think the task is too great? Had we better drop it? Shall we be satisfied with what we have done and say we have done our bit? If we really mean it when we sing "I'll Follow Him," then we dare not do this; for He did not give up—not even when the last drop of blood was shed! He went right on finishing His work—the work His Father gave Him to do—and because He did so, we can do so. Because He did so, we MUST do so! He is still going on with the unfinished task He gave us to do and thank God, WE ARE GOING ON, TOO! By His grace we are! Dear ones, let us look up and trust Him to help us do more for Him this year than we did last year. He is coming soon. The victory is His—and ours through Him. Let us pray and give and go as long as there is a soul in need of the gospel!

AFRICA—Belgian Congo

(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

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

Rev. Crist writes from Kinkonzi, dated March 5, 1934:

It was over four months since we reached our station. We praise God for his goodness to us in restoring our health, supplying our needs and permitting us to again return to this work and especially to this station where we first began our work in Congo. But the station is different in appearance from what it was when we first came to this land, only one small building of the original ones remain.

Now instead of a little old brick church, there is a large brick building which seats about 1,200 people. Another valuable addition is the Bible School. In the early days we would have a few teachers in for a week at one time giving them Bible teaching, now we have forty-two students taking a three-year course in Bible training. Their wives and children are also here receiving instruction.

Then, the care of the church was entirely upon the missionaries, now, the responsibility rests upon the church alone. They conduct all their business meetings and carry the responsibility of the work. They are very glad, however, to have the missionaries as advisors, especially in the many questions and problems that arise in the work.

Mrs. Crist and I have each an average of two hours a day teaching in the Bible School, and enjoy it very much, besides the various other duties that arise. I have been appointed to the spiritual ministry in the Lolo district, which is two days walk from here and have made two trips there since our arrival, attending quartely meetings at three dif-

ferent places and having a few days Bible study with the teachers following the meetings.

At one of the meetings a blind man was baptized who had walked all alone from his village, about four hours away, crossing a stream of considerable size on the way. How he kept from getting lost in the jungle is a wonder.



Africa—Belgian Congo. (Courtesy Rev. E. E. Crist). A District Chief in the center with two of his head men. They are doing all they can to help the work, have helped build a chapel and teacher's house, forbidden witch doctors and dancing.

Not so many people are being added to the church as formerly. Persecution is more prevalent than it has been for many years. However, at every quarterly gathering some are baptized and taken into the church.

There has been a scourge of dysentery going through this part of

the country. A number of people died from it and but for the energetic action of the Government many would have been taken by it. The Government sent all the doctors at its command through the country calling the people together in centers and giving them injections to prevent their taking the disease. A quarantine was on for several weeks. We praise God it was kept from all our stations. With a colony of nearly 100 native adults and about the same number of children here it would have been serious had the disease gotten a foothold in our midst. "No plague shall come nigh thy dwelling" has been blessedly realized.

While at Lolo I learned some interesting facts about several of the Christians. One woman who was the terror of her village, always having trouble with someone and was constantly scolding, began coming to the church services. Although married, she was a very unfaithful wife. One day she stood up in the little church and in a very mild tone, something unusual for her, confessed that she was a sinner and



Africa—Belgian Congo (Courtesy Rev. E. F. Crist)
Two crippled boys who walked two hours through the tall grass
to attend the quarterly meeting at Boma.

wanted to be saved. Some laughed and said "Now what is she up to?" However she was in earnest and the Lord met her and from that time on she has been a changed woman, and continues faithful in serving the Master.

Another case was that of any old woman, the last one of twenty wives of a chief who died long ago. She too was wicked, following all their native customs. The Lord spoke to her heart and she turned to Him and is faithfully following Him. Recently when the church was taking the regular offering she said she had nothing to give. Then they noticed she took a short string from her hair which had several knots in it and tied another knot. Someone asked her what that meant. She

replied; "Those knots mean that for so many times I have not been able to give anything to the Lord but I hope I shall soon be able to do so. Pray for these people, many of whom give out of abject poverty.

In a certain village a teacher had been living and working for nearly three years, but the people continued hard and wicked. They did not want the gospel or that any of their people should be saved. Finally the Christians in that section agreed to take the names of the most wicked in that village to the Lord every day in prayer, asking for their salvation. The Lord heard and the very ones for whom they so earnestly interceded have been saved and today a church of ten members has been organized in that town.

We praise God that the gospel is still able to draw men unto the Saviour and that God continues to answer prayer.

Pray with us for a refreshing revival in the church here that those who have not yet been reached may soon be convicted of sin and prepared for the Lord's return.

Rev. E. R. Hess, being exceedingly busy and pressed with his many great and heavy responsibilities as seen in this letter, Mrs. Hess writes the following report, dated April 27, 1934:

Greetings from Congo, and many thanks for your prayers and support, and also for the new report book which was received some time ago, and the Gospel Heralds and Christian Life literature which comes every month.

We both praise God for the Mennonite Brethren in Christ. But Mr. Hess is a very busy man. If you could visit Kinkonzi Station you could see for yourself, all that falls to his lot to be done.

Our furlough was due last July, but because of shortage of workers and money we volunteered to stay over another year. As the return of Mr. and Mrs. Crist was so uncertain for such a long time, Mr. Hess threw himself into the breach and worked nearly night and day for several months. I say night and day, as he began in the early morning and stopped at 11 p. m. and midnight. Then many, many nights he couldn't sleep for the burden of all that needed to be done.

As you know we were appointed to the Bible School which is work enough in itself even if one has the lessons all prepared. But when we came here in 1929, there were a few subjects that were in typewritten form, but Doctrine, Pastoral Theology, Christian Ethics, Church History all had to be prepared. So this term he has had much translation work to do and many days he had to translate as they went along for lack of time to prepare before class.

Then, too, he was appointed along with a native committee to draw up a Constitution and By-Laws for the native church. This took months of careful and prayerful thought and now they have it ready for the final adoption at this coming conference, which will be June 29 to July 5 or 6th.

The Bible School has had a two-year course up until this past year when Conference decided that it should be three years. That meant an extra class room and no one here to build it nor money to pay for the building. The man in charge of the Station went home on furlough, the Crists were detained at home, and as Mr. Hess was the only man on this station it fell to his lot again to pitch in if the work was to be done. He got the bricks together and burnt, then it was time for school to open and the students came in. When they saw what was needed, they said they would all work the month of September in order to get the new room built before the rains began in October.

We praised God for their willingness and the good spirit there was among them, as some got into the mud hole and tramped mud which is used instead of plaster or mortar; others went away for grass to cover the roof; others for poles for the roof, while others carried bricks and mud, and Mr. Hess laid them as fast as they could bring them to him.



Africa—Belgian Congo (Courtesy Rev. E. E. Crist)

Three girls from the Banana District, sold when babies to married men to be their wives when old enough. Through the aid of the Government we secured their release. One of these is now the wife of one of our teachers.

One rain fell before the roof was on and our hearts began to sink as we realized if such rains kept up a few days the mud between the bricks would soften and the walls cave in. Well, the Lord helped, and the rains were withheld a few weeks longer and it was a glad day when the

last thatch was tied on the roof. There was much rejoicing by both blacks and whites that it was all nicely covered.

The children's school opened at the same time as the Bible School, and this again fell on Mr. Hess's shoulder. Heretofore, the man in charge of the Station has been the principal of the children's school, and as Mr. Crist had been appointed to the Station and didn't arrive till December, Mr. Hess had to take it on top of all his other work. So we have been carrying it on. But when 200 children are on the Station from 7.45 a. m. to 12.30 noon, it means lots of oversight and care, as all kinds of problems arise.

Hardly a week goes by but what people come from all over the district with matters that have to be taken up with the government officials, and this takes time and patience.

We praise God very much for the health we have had these past five years. I thought perhaps it would give you a little insight into the many duties that fall to our lot, and encourage you to pray for us.

Last July we sent our daughter, Ruth, home to America, as we felt four years was long enough for her and she needed to get into school. She entered the 6th grade and we have received very encouraging letters from home about her. In November, 1933, another little daughter was born and we praise God very much for this little sunbeam.

The Lord willing, we expect to go on furlough this coming July, right after Conference is over.

Again let me say "Thank you for your kind support and the papers which we enjoy very much."

AFRICA—Belgian Congo

(Africa Inland Mission)

Missionaries—Rev. Harry Stam, Mrs. Harry Stam

In a letter dated June 4, 1934, Brother Stam writes:

Dear Brother Brunner:

Thanks to you and the many faithful friends for the remittance just received. Like His mercies, which are constant, and yet "fresh every morning," so is this ministry wherewith you and your people minister to us, and through us to these needy souls out here. Thank you, and thanks to Him. This remittance seemed more than ever an answer to prayer, hallowed by His love, and that of you, His servants.

These, as you probably experience, are great days for testing and finding true, His promises. "No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly," seems truer than ever. Day by day He proves His faithfulness in meeting every need, even in a material way. Of course, should He decree tribulation, and lack of needed supplies, "should the crops fail, and the cattle die off, and every material supply end" yet we glory in God. For beggary with him is more glorious than the wealth of the world. However, He seems to remember that we need food for our bodies, and clothes to wear, and these material supplies for ourselves and the work, and we praise Him for His constant faithful provision.

I am down here 175 miles south of Aba for a few days. We have been making first preparations for the General Native Conference, which will be held this year, D. V. at Todro, 45 miles south of Aba. That is like our big Camp Meeting for our native Christians, especially the leaders, and we want you to pray with us, prevailing, for a real out-pouring of the Spirit of God. We praise God for what He is doing and has done, but we want oh so much more. Two years ago at Aru the Lord

did wonderful things in some lives. We desire, and expect, that in answer to prayer He will do an even greater and deeper work this time. May God do for us a "new thing." The dates are set for September 9-16. "Pray ye therefore."

It's great to be alive and in the thick of the fight. And out here there is no question of it's being a fight. Out here the Devil is not as polite as at home, which is lots better, of course, for the issues are clearer. The old heathenism and the somewhat newer Romanism, both have their claws out against any straight preaching of the Gospel of salvation through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the good news that His sacrifice is sufficient unto salvation. And oh how the Devil hates to give up his victims. He considers this his territory. Before coming down here I was out on another trip in the bush, north of Aba.



Africa—Belgian Congo (Courtesy Rev. Harry Stam)

Boys from the Evangelists' School starting out on an Evangelistic trip.
They are carrying Mr. Stam's loads.

The priests had been through the country, industriously proclaiming their slogan of "Bisu azi l'Etat" (We are the government), and intimidating the children quite successfully. And the medals, you know, with Mother Mary or Saint Therese, make good bait, for they are as good a charm against sickness and ill-luck and cross-eyes, as any rat-tail or chicken feather charm which the witch-doctor gives out. And if you can get an extra charm for going to the Roman Catholic chapel, why not take it? So the newer heathenism is simply piled on top of the older. However, it was so good to see the joyous heart-faith of some of the older men and women. Parents they were, whose children would not come to hear the gospel with them, and by the strange anomaly of a "form of godliness" which teaches disobedience to parents and government save as in subjection to the priest, were worse for unruliness and impoliteness, and dishonesty too, than when they were still rated as "heathen." But in the last meeting of the little Bible Conference we had out in Mokoto Muke (Little Chief) Djoga's village, one after the other of these older folks, some of them gray-haired, raised their hands to heaven, declaring that Jesus and Jesus only would con-

tinue to be their Lord and Saviour. Their testimonies were "thrilling" to me. Thank God the old people in many places are waking up, the shackles of heathenism are being broken, and they are finding the glorious joy of knowing Jesus Christ in salvation.

The work with the older folks is sometimes slower, but sure. As to the children who have been drawn away by threats and medals, "Will they not come back? Children turn, like the wind. Many of them will get tired of it." Some of them are already tired of the steady round of bullying and beating and want to come back, but are still afraid of the Father, and of the curse which the catechist says that holy gentleman puts on you if you leave. Hallelujah for the love of God in Christ Jesus, and for a gospel of salvation, which does not have to be bolstered up by the charms and curses.

The work in the School of Evangelists continues to be a blessing and a joy, with the new class, of course, we have had to begin with some of the ground-work, introducing them to the more thorough and systematic study of God's Word. Biblical Introduction, Synthetic study the gospel of Matthew, Old Testament (mostly history, for we do not yet have the Old Testament complete). Rules of teaching and preaching and Bible Doctrine have taken up most of the time so far. Just now we



Africa—Belgian Congo (Courtesy Rev. Harry Stam)
Saturday A. M. Bicycle repairing.

are studying the Deity of Christ, and it is again proving itself a glorious and inexhaustible subject. We wish we could put all our time into the teaching and practical work, with at least one other full time instructor beside. Pray with us for full victory. As yet we have no native available to take even the simpler subjects. That will come later D. V., when a third year ought to be added.

The mass of routine work of book-keeping and letter-writing involved in the matter of Literature for the Mission, and the running of the Press, cut into the work of teaching Evangelists very seriously. But we are following as He leads, and trusting Him for full provision. These days of testing our endurance are good for us, I am sure.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Greetings to all the saints, especially to your dear family, and the ministering brethren. Ps. 37:4. 2 Cor. 9:8.

Under date of October 24, 1933 Mrs. Stam writes:

Last mail brought us the notice of the support, you have again so kindly sent to us. We do indeed want to thank all the kind friends. May the Lord bless them all abundantly in things spiritual and temporal.

I watch the last pages of the "Banner" for any and every bit of news about you all. I shall be looking forward to this year's "Regions Beyond."

Have you not profited with Congo Mission News? We've met both the retiring and incoming secretaries and they are fine men of God.

It seems as though Congo is destined to be the future stronghold of Romanism in Africa—what a situation—so it behooves us to gather out the "ones and ones" while there is yet time. How we can rest in the Blessed Hope—feeling that our work is not to build for a hundred years from now—but just our best today, and the rest is for Him to work out. Truly in these trying days for you all there, too, this has been your joy and rejoicing, too.

For ourselves would you pray that we may have added strength for added tasks. The staff is much smaller than in many years, both here at Aba and over the Congo field. We have also been asked to supervise the Aba Press, just when one was already far behind in the current work. Each job has so many possibilities if done right, that one marvels at the resulting blessing even with our poor efforts.

We are fairly well though dreading the oncoming dry season in our tiredness. The children grow—the baby had his first malaria this week for which we are sorry.

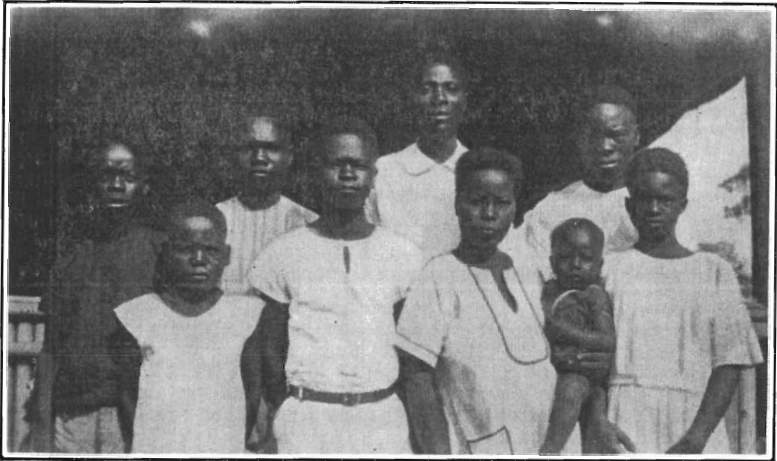
Our best greetings and love to your all, 2 Cor. 9:8.

AFRICA—Belgian Congo

(United Tribes Mission)

Missionary—Miss Mary A. Miller

Miss Mary A. Miller, who in company of her sister Bertha came home on account of ill health about two years ago, has returned to the field. During their stay in the homeland they have travelled a great deal and have held many very interesting meetings throughout the country in the interest of their work in Africa. God blessed them, restored their health. Together with Miss Vera Rumberger, a registered nurse, both of the Miller sisters sailed from New York on June 6, 1934, to Antwerp, where they received their necessary papers and on June 29 they sailed for Matadi, Congo. From friends at home we learned of their safe arrival on the field. Let us pray the Lord to protect them and use them much to His glory.



Africa—Belgian Congo (Courtesy Miss Mary Miller)
Their first native Evangelists with two of their wives.

AFRICA—Nigeria

(United Missionary Society)

Missionaries—Rev. Joseph Ummel, Rev. Paul Ummel)

Extracts from letters from Rev. Joseph Ummel:

Here are some very interesting excerpts from the reports of Rev. Joseph Ummel, of Salka, Nigeria:

The Lord has been very good to us. I am now well along in my fourth year on the field, and in many ways feel as well and as strong as I did when I came to the field. Mrs. Ummel and the baby have been keeping well. The little one was feverish several times while cutting teeth, but has been growing nicely and has been getting along fine all the time. Even though the climate here is usually quite trying on children, we think she has done as well, or better, than many children do at home. We are fortunate in being able to get good fresh milk here daily. She greatly enjoys it and drinks much of it.

I have been bothered some with chronic appendicitis since last August. It is not nearly as bad as it was for the first while, and I am hoping that it will soon pass off entirely. I am able to work right along in spite of it. It seems as though we are all troubled with something or other part of the time. Possibly it is good we are for it helps us to rely more upon the Lord.

We built a new church here during January and February of this year. The old building was not suitable and was in a bad state of repair, the roof being so poor that it leaked like a sieve during heavy rains. Last wet season we had a heavy rain one Sunday forenoon. The attendants all crowded to the center of the room, where they were able

to keep fairly dry, while I wore my raincoat while speaking to them. As it would have been quite a task to repair it, we thought it would be better to utilize what we could of the old church in the construction of a new one.

We thought the people of the village should be willing to help with the work of building, but knew that there would not be very many that would wish to do much work for nothing and we would have to hire a good portion of the labor. The people are poor and have all been hard up for some time, so those who would do their work for nothing would feel as though they were not being used fairly if others would receive wages, so we told them that we thought they should be willing to help us but that we would be willing to pay them three-fourths of the usual wage. More came for work than we could use. As none of them were able to do the actual building properly, it was necessary for me to do that myself. So I laid every one of the big sun-dried mud bricks.



Africa—Nigeria
Rev. Joseph Ummel and family.

The building was completed so we were able to have the opening and dedication February 18th. We named it "Salima," the Hausa form of "Salem," and trust that it will prove to be the place where many of these needy people will find peace to their troubled souls. The attendance was better after we began to use it, 210 being present at Sunday school the first day. Once we had 268 present. Of late, owing to the farming season coming on and for other reasons, it has not been as large, we are sorry to say. I hope to have some snaps of the building to send to you before long.

Our hearts are made to rejoice because of the awakening that has taken place and for the way the converts have been willing to stand persecution without turning back. One cannot help but see the contrast in the two tribes, while those will not readily be turned, the people here are more reserved and have little "backbone" to stand against the crowd. While the time of seed sowing has been long and little results have yet been seen, yet we are not discouraged, but believe the time will come when there will be a turning to God.

We have seven boys with us here in the school at the present time. They seem to be doing fairly well with their studies and are making progress spiritually. With their bicycle they take turns in accompanying me on my trips to the villages. We were surprised when they came with all their savings and gave them for the new church building. They had been saving their pennies to buy a bicycle for themselves, but then gave it to be used in that way. It amounted to about \$2.40. The bicycle they have been using is one that I got second-handed for them to use.



Africa—Nigeria (Courtesy Rev. Joseph Ummel)
Starting on an Evangelistic trip.

We surely are all glad that the Sherks have returned to the field. Since they have come, Miss Finlay and Miss Lantz have left on furlough, so our number is no larger than it was before they came. The work is badly needing more help which has not been coming to the field very rapidly. How sad that so many are doomed to die without the Gospel and that workers are so slow in coming! May the Lord help us and keep us at our best to publish the Glad Tidings.

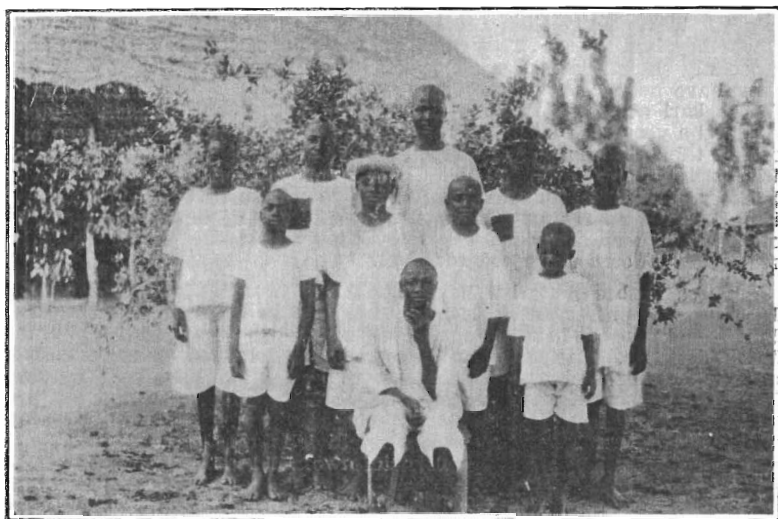
Several new out-stations have been opened with good interest, the village people doing the necessary building without cost to the Mission.

We again urge that you specially pray for the missionaries, some of whom have been going through testing times. Also please pray for their health. While there has been no serious illness among them of late, yet some are worn while others have not been well for some time. It seems as though the enemy knows his time is short and is putting forth special effort to overcome just when we are short of workers and the need is so great, but "Prayer changes things."

Dated August 21, 1934, Rev. Ummel reports:

Circumstances sometimes make things appear rather dark and unpromising, but we remember victory is often just at hand when things look darkest. A change is bound to come, but when it does come it will be Mohammedanism, unless we are on hand with the Gospel. It is our opinion if a few will dare to step out, either to become Christians or Mohammedans, many more will follow. It always takes a time of seed sowing before the harvest, now is the time for the sowing, the harvest is bound to follow, for God has said His Word shall not return void.

We are planning to go on furlough early in the new year. I fear it will be necessary to close the station when we go for it seems there is no one to take our place. Our boys are not old enough to keep up the services. The Durkees who have been here in the past are detained in the home land because of the ill health of Mrs. Durkee. Under these conditions one does not like to think of leaving, but we need the rest and change. We hope to be able to see you while home.



Africa—Nigeria (Courtesy Rev. Joseph Ummel)
School boys at Salka, four are absent.

Rev. Paul Ummel writes from Zuru in a letter dated March 15, 1934:

We left Goshen, Indiana, on the 4th of April last and on the 7th sailed across the Atlantic. It was a little rough, but not bad. After a three days' stay in Liverpool during which we did some shopping for the tropics we sailed from there on the 19th and arrived at Lagos, our sea-port, on the 4th of May. The next day we came inland on the train and arrived on our Mission's territory on the 6th. We had an exceptionally nice voyage out from England.

We spent five days in repacking some of our heavy baggage so that it could be carried up here to Zuru and in getting the motorcycle ready for the trip to our station. We took three days to the trip to Zuru. With the 45 miles, one way, extra driving which we did in order to

spend the Sunday with my brother, Joseph, and family at Salka we had a 390 mile trip to our station, Zuru. We were very glad to get here on the 15th of May and it was good that we were not much later for the rains had already begun. That week we had a rain which took out several crossings at small streams near here.

Many of the natives at this place were very glad to see us back again for the mission station and the little church in town had been closed for over five months.

When we went on furlough, we could not say that there was a single convert here at Zuru as the result of nearly seven years of seed-sowing. While we were on furlough, our three small boys, who were then with my brother and wife, were converted. We saw a change in them when we returned. We were here less than a month when two young men, twins, reported to us one Sunday evening at the regular prayer meeting that they wanted to be saved. They were ready for what they were seeking and it did not take long until they had the light heart and the beaming faces which come as a result of a penitent seeker being washed in the cleansing blood of our Redeemer. Were they happy? Their desire then and ever since has been that others will find what they had found. They were so anxious to witness to others and especially their relatives and friends. They were very well known for they have been champion wrestlers and are known over most of this Dakarkari country. Their witnessing and consistent Christian living has had a very good effect. Two months after their conversion the first one of their friends came to repent. That day was seven months ago. It was the beginning but praise God we can say by faith that the end is not yet here. During this time many have been saved. At this writing there are nearly fifty Christians here at Zuru. Besides these some others have been saved but they have become like the "seed which fell among the thorns and upon rock soil."

These "Babes in Christ" have been going through a lot of persecution. In answer to prayer, in the homeland as well as out here, the majority have stood true to their Saviour. Persecution has never killed a church. It builds it up. The first Christians here were scoffed, cursed, mocked and ostracized. Yet right in the face of this others have been repenting. A number of the first ones are men who were leaders of the "golmo" men in their day. "Golmo" men are men who are working for their wives. These Daks like Jacob of old have to work from six to eight years for their wives—usually seven years. They are in clubs which often number more than fifty and then they work together on the farms of their fathers-in-law to be. One of the first ones is in "golmo" now. He stood true and is not afraid to talk in front of all others even though he was alone. Some have been threatened by the old fetish men and others. One father went outside and began whetting his knife when his son answered him that he would not stop singing Gospel songs. What would you have done then? The son who is a born preacher and leader told us that he went to bed that night not knowing whether he would wake up here or in eternity. He is still singing. Another man whose girl wife-to-be was one of the first converts was told by his uncle with whom he had been staying since the death of his parents that if he would repent he would have to leave home. In spite of it he is now one of the Christians. He has more of a home now than he had for one of the Christians took him into his home and this Christian has inherited a farm of a brother who died several months ago. Thus this one who was driven from his uncle's home will take this Christian's farm as his own. Rom. 8:28.

Another thing for which we are very thankful is that there have been women among the converts. There are two homes now where the

husband and wife are Christians. Another man and his girl wife-to-be and her mother are among the faithful ones. Still another girl is growing in grace in spite of persecution by relatives, though not by her parents. Her mother is a Christian now and her father is much interested. Pray for him.

Several have been delivered from the tobacco habit. One is an old woman about 70 years of age. God heard her simple prayer and knew her child-like faith and instantaneously delivered her from the appetite even though she had been using tobacco regularly since a girl. Another man who had used the dirty weed for 17 years came here to repent with some in his mouth. The twins asked him whether he is coming to repent with tobacco in his mouth and told him that God is not pleased with tobacco. He took the cud out of his mouth and threw it and what he had with him out into our peanut patch and said, "Since tobacco is not a thing that can jump into a person's mouth of its own accord, that is the last of it that will ever go into my mouth." It has been the last. Praise be to Him who is able to do all things!



Africa—Nigeria (Courtesy Rev. Joseph Ummel)

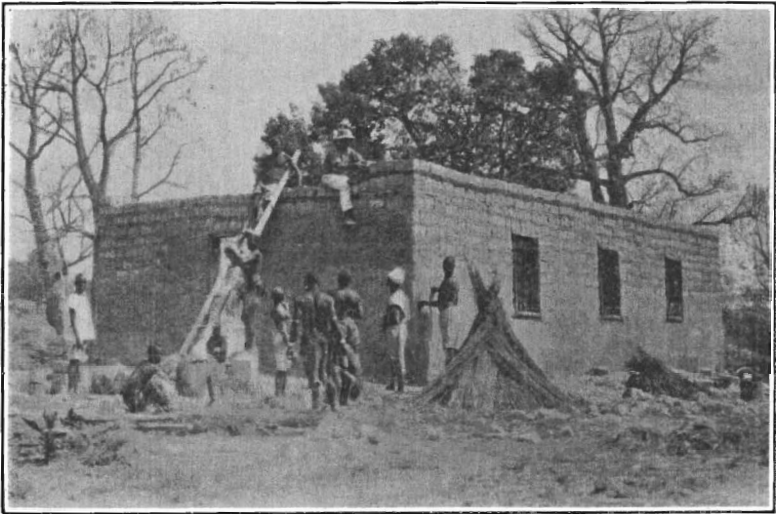
Buying grass for the roof of the new church at Salka. The amount being measured costs ten cents. This grass grows sixteen feet high at some places.

March is our best month for evangelistic work in this tribe for at that time the majority of the people are in the towns for lamentation ceremonies for the dead. The majority of the, or rather, most of the Dakkarkari people live on their farms for most of the year. We held a number of night services with a magic lantern which were very well attended.

The first days of April we went down country for the first time since our return to the field the previous May. We were glad to see our co-workers again after eleven months up here in the bush. We had seen my brother and family at Christmas time when we went down to their

station for several days. They are 118 miles from here. Since some of the motor roads were not opened this past year, we had to drive 375 miles with the motorcycle to get to our main station at Jebba, 375 miles would not seem far in the homeland where you have good roads everywhere but it is different out here on some of our bush tracks. Our Superintendent, Rev. I. W. Sherk, and Mrs. Sherk had returned to the field several days before our annual meeting. It seemed good to see them again and to have them in our midst.

"The "golmo," a club of young men working on farms to earn their wives, palaver has not been settled but it is looking much more encouraging than it did some months ago. We are looking to the Lord for a satisfactory adjustment such as He sees will be best for the Work. There are a lot of young men who would repent and be Christians if they knew that they would be allowed to work in the "golmo" club if they would become Christians. Because of this we are especially praying that it may be satisfactorily adjusted. This is a new work and our wish is to have the foundation laid according to His will.



Africa—Nigeria (Courtesy Rev. J. Ummel)

Rev. Joseph Ummel himself is laying the sun-dried bricks for their church at Salka.

Satan is on the warpath in this vicinity. To us it is a sure proof that the Work of Grace in the hearts of these believers is genuine. He surely does have a lot of followers in this dark land. It appears that the old fetish men are of his best helpers. They are the ones who are instigating the opposition to the Christians and are also of the leaders in the persecutions. Different ones have been threatened with death and we are sorry to say that some have turned back into their lives of sin and darkness. We are praying that they may see the error of their way and return to Father's house. Not only Christians have been threatened for recently we heard of a youth who had been quite friendly to the Christians that was accused of telling a fetish secret to a Christian boy. They told him that they would kill him for it. He was

scared to say the least. One of the young Christians who is in "golmo" has been beaten several times recently and also tied up. One time—day before yesterday—a leather cord was wrapped around his neck twice and drawn so tight and tied so that he could not talk. This was done by another "golmo" man. He told us that he did not know but that he would rest from the trouble of this old world. We thank God that He is helping the Christians to stand in spite of persecution. I often wonder how many in the homeland would stand under like persecution and trial, or how I would have done. Remember, nearly all of the Christians are less than a year old. Yes, Satan is on the warpath but He on Whose side we are has never lost a battle. Praise His Name! We are pressing forward with Him, and are expecting to keep on till He comes. Pray for us and the Work at this place!

AFRICA—Sudan

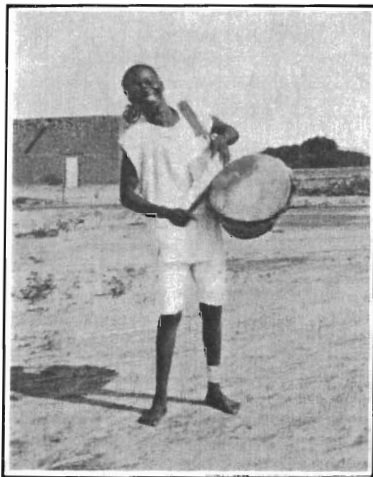
(Sudan Interior Mission)

Missionary—Mrs. Fred Whale, formerly Miss Grace E. Feldges.

Mrs. Whale had a most severe test in her body. On November 9, 1933, Mr. Whale writes as follows:

Dear Praying Friends:

"Cast thy burden upon Jehovah, and He will sustain thee: He will never suffer the righteous to be moved." (Psalm 55:22) These words



Africa—Sudan (Courtesy Mrs. Fred Whale)
Our "kitchen help" calling people together
to the church—drumming.

have come to us with a new meaning and bringing greater comfort, for we have had the burden of sickness for the past month and a half, and truly the Lord is sustaining us through it. Mrs. Whale took ill at the

end of September and it was found necessary to remove her to the nearest hospital, 150 miles away. An operation should have been performed immediately on arrival, but not having the necessary instruments, the doctor had to wait until they arrived from the coast. That meant a delay of a month, and the operation took place eight days ago. At first, Mrs. Whale made a good recovery from the operation, but after a few days it seems evident that things are not going as they should. Our hope is in the Lord and we look to Him for complete healing. At the time of writing, Mrs. Whale is lying in a French hospital, but we trust that ere long the Great Physician will lay His healing hand upon her. Our reading this morning was in the 55th Psalm and there is described the reaction of the Godly and the ungodly to trouble. In v. 6. the cry from the troubled heart is wrung—"Oh that I had wings like a dove. Then would I fly away and be at rest." But it is not usually so easy to get away from trouble. A better way is described in v. 16. which says—"As for me, I will call upon God; and Jehovah will save me." Then the text at the head of this letter leads us to think of I Peter 5:7—"Throw the whole of your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you." (Waymouth)

On January 16, 1934, Mr. Whale writes:

Dear Friends and Prayerhelpers:

Our last letter to you was written from the "hospital" and was not very cheery. We are so glad now to be able to tell you that the Lord has answered prayer, Mrs. Whale has experienced the wonderful touch of Divine healing on her body and now we are back at work again. After



Africa—Sudan (Courtesy Mrs. Fred Whale)

The mission house at Fada.

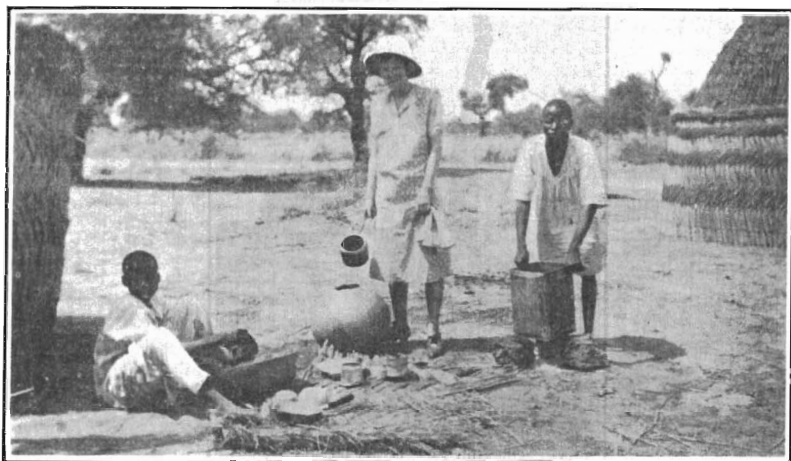
lying practically motionless for 2½ months in bed and undergoing an operation, Mrs. Whale was carried out of the "hospital" on a mattress in a worse condition than when she went in. Even after leaving, her condition became worse, and we were cast wholly on the Lord realizing as never before, that if He did not help, the case was hopeless. The doctor suggested our leaving the country, but the necessary week's trip to the Coast was then impossible.

So the Lord led us to some missionaries of another Society who opened their home and their hearts to us. In conversation with those who had gone through similar experiences, our faith was quickened and we trusted the Lord wholly for complete healing. And—what the doctors, operation, treatments, medicines and over 10 weeks in bed could not do, our wonderful God did in a single night. "O magnify Jehovah with

us and let us exalt His name together. He hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." We shall never cease praising Him for the speedy restoration to complete health and strength after such a time of testing.

We rejoice at being permitted to return to our work in Fada for a few more months, for in less than four weeks after the healing touch, we were able to go out on our bicycles together to visit a native compound and tell what wondrous things the Master had done for us.

We expect to sail soon after March and as far as we know will only get as far as Britain. Won't you join us in earnest prayer that we may also get to America—so that we may be able to see both sides of our prayer-circle. We are looking forward to seeing you all again and to the opportunity of giving you some first-hand information of the work you are so interested in and have so faithfully supported in prayer since we came out. Pray that we may be abundantly used for His glory in the consecration of lives, time and funds for the salvation of many African souls for His crown.



Africa—Sudan (Courtesy Mrs. Fred Whale)

The kitchen as it is on a journey in the Sudan.

On September 18, 1934, Mrs. Whale wrote from Liverpool, England:

I had the privilege of attending the great Keswick Convention, as guests of their Council, along with other missionaries. It was a great inspiration to meet with so many of the Lord's own from the far corners of the earth,—it gave one a foretaste of what it will be when we all congregate around Him to sing His praises and join in the great Supper of the Lamb. May His coming be soon!

On our return to the field shortly, we are appointed to go to an entirely new place—140 miles further in from Fada where we were before. The Lord has blessed there, and a nice little work is going on. Mr. and Mrs. Hume are there now carrying on. Diapaga is the name of the new area we are to go to, it is also in the Gourma tribe. Fada itself is 615 miles from our nearest sister station, and so you will see we are isolated, and sometimes it did get quite lonely while we were there before.

But there was always plenty to do, and then that great stretch of country for hundreds of miles north, south and east of us was not a single witness, not a single Christian of any missionary society—and the Catholics just pouring in! I wonder sometimes how the Lord can come, when these hundreds of whole tribes have never heard one word of Jesus and His love!

Our First Baptism

(Mrs. Fred Whale. (Gourma).)

It is with hearts full of praise to God that we give the following account of the baptism of the first five Gourma Christians. About 8.30 on a bright Sunday morning in September, we made our way to a nearby pond. The beating of the drum for half an hour before, on the roof of the Church, and the playing of the cornet by the water's edge, by Mr. Hall, gathered the regular church attenders together to witness the great event.



Africa—Sudan (Courtesy Mrs. Fred Whale)

Young Africa practising with Rev. Whale
on his bicycle.

The four young men who were to be baptized, wearing clean white clothes, stood in front of the crowd, and the look on their faces reflected the joy in their hearts. For long they had been looking forward to, and preparing for this day, and had attended the Baptismal Class daily. Being the first baptism in the Gourma tribe, as we took great pains to instruct these babes in Christ as to its meaning. We thoroughly examined them as to the reality of the Christian experience; they examined each other, and in the Church service the public endorsed the sincerity of their profession. For nearly three years they have been under

our daily observation, and we have rejoiced to see their increasing knowledge of the Scriptures and their consequent growth in Grace.

Now the great day had come. As we stood there at the water's edge and heard their voices clearly above the crowd singing; "What can wash away our sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus," we could hardly decide whether their joy was greater than ours, for we felt something of the joy a gardener feels when he sees the plant which he has tended with care through many storms and difficulties, blooming forth. Mr. Brilinger led the song service at the pond, and when Mr. Whale entered the water with the candidates for baptism he offered a prayer of thanksgiving. Each candidate, before being buried in baptism, gave a clear ringing testimony.

With what joy we listened to Mamadou, a man of thirty-five years, who with a heavenborn, peaceful, radiant expression on his face, told how Christ had saved him from a life of degraded sin. When he came to live in this town a few years ago, his reputation was so bad, that even his own tribespeople would not receive him, and we were warned to have nothing to do with him. Christ has wrought a mighty change in his heart, and his life is so different that others have said they want to be saved in order to be like him. Surely this is the acid test of a true Christian life. Each of the others gave an equally clear testimony, and on rising from the waters sang, "Follow, follow, I will follow Jesus."

After the Baptism, Mr. Whale, still standing in the water, took the opportunity to present the claims of Christ to the onlookers. Then the company marched to the Church, singing, where they listened to a straight Gospel message.

A very impressive Communion Service followed, when the baptized ones were joyfully received into the Church of Jesus in Fada. The meaning of the Lord's Supper was explained and a special word given to the Christians, on "Let a man examine himself." Then the bread and the cup was passed around. What an unforgettable privilege it was, to meet with these redeemed ones for the first time around the Lord's table! We who have lived among the Gourmas, know from what depths of sin these four souls have been saved.

But now, praise God! they are new creatures in Christ Jesus, and all these things have passed away. We can never describe our feelings as we saw the hands that had been defiled by sin, taking the bread; as we saw the cup put to cleansed lips that had once framed lies and heathen curses, and as we saw the feet that had once run to evil now eagerly running on the Gospel errand, for that afternoon, these four young Christians went out as usual to preach the Gospel at a distant village.

Our cup of joy was filled when, at the close of the service five young men stood up and accepted Christ as their Saviour. We feel that the prayers of God's people are being answered, and a movement is commencing among these hard, indifferent people which will awaken many from their sins. The blessing has started to come. Keep on praying it down.

NIGERIA

(Guy W. Playfair, Field Director of the Sudan Interior Mission)

The Nigerian census of 1931 recently published is very interesting, especially for those who labour in this country, and more particularly for those who care for figures. Our special interest is in Northern Nigeria but a few facts may be given from the Southern Provinces.

The total population of Nigeria is 19,928,000, that of Northern Nigeria being 11,434,924. The largest cities are in the south. Ibadan having 387,000; Lagos, West Africa's chief seaport, has 126,000 people. Throughout the country there are twenty-five cities of over 20,000 each.

The largest city of the North is Kano, with 96,805 people, including the township area, outside the city wall, of 7,643, in which township we have recently been given a mission site. Including Kano City and within a radius of thirty miles, there are 1,000,000, averaging 350 people per square mile, while in some sections it reaches 400 per square mile. Here it is of interest to note that Garko, thirty-six miles from Kano, where we have been given another site, has a population of 5,121 and in that district in a seventeen mile square, there are 98,000 people.

The next largest cities in the north are Ilorin, 47,412; Okele in Kabba Province, 27,592; Bida 25,231; Katsina 22,347; Zaria 21,953, with a township of 6,088. Sokoto with a population of 20,084, is the home of the Moslem leader for West Africa.

Of tribes, the largest in the South is the Ibo of 3,176,000 and Yoruba 3,170,000.

In the North the Hausa easily leads with 3,604,016. There are other tribes whose only language is Hausa: and again, a large number who, while they have a language of their own, have learned Hausa; 44% or 5,031,367 can speak that language.

The next ten tribes are Filani 2,025,189; Kanuri or Beriberi 930,917; Munshi 573,605; the Yoruba in the North, 498,200; Nupe 326,017, which tribe is decreasing in number; Igala 160,110; Gwari 154,910; Margi 151,223; Igbira 147,325; Idomo 117,773.

Radio in the Sudan

(We clip the following from the "Sudan Witness")

"From you hath sounded forth the Word of the Lord." (I Thess. 1:8). It is a wonderful thing to sit in a bush house in Nigeria, as we did the other evening, and hear a radio talk from London and singing from Italy and America. The people before the microphone would have been interested to have seen a gold mining couple and a missionary couple in that little house in a clearing in the long grass as we enjoyed the program, and possibly would have been amused to listen to our comments on the marvel of such a thing being now possible. Long ago the Apostle Paul acclaimed the church of Thessalonica as a broad-casting station, and surely no better commendation could be given to a company of God's children. What a privilege to sound forth the Word of the Lord! You may never have the opportunity of travelling to foreign lands, but you may sound forth the Message of Life, and have the peoples in far off places, even in the dark corners of the earth, where there is no preacher or missionary, marvel and rejoice to hear the message clear and plain."

FRENCH INDO-CHINA

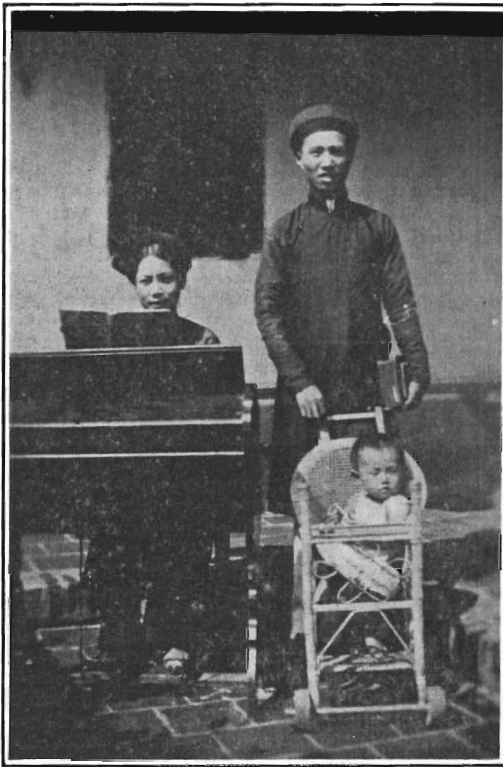
(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

Missionaries—Rev. William C. Cadman, Mrs. William C. Cadman,
Rev. N. M. Cressman and Mrs. N. M. Cressman

From the report of the work in the "Call of French Indo-China" we clip the following interesting account of the work of Rev. and Mrs. Cadman who have charge of the Hanoi Press. Hanoi is a large city, the capital of Tonkin:

This station includes one independent church at Hanoi city, with five outstations or street chapels, and six Mission Churches with three more outstations. One of these Mission Churches, at Phulangthuong, the center of a large Province adjoining Hanoi, was opened this year. Forty-seven new converts were baptized on this station during 1933, and there are fifty more earnest inquirers for whom we are praying that God will bring them into the full light of His Gospel.

Since Rev. and Mrs. Vanhine left for furlough in the Spring of 1933, Mr. and Mrs. Cadman have had charge of their work at Lang-son.



French Indo-China (Courtesy Rev. Wm. C. Cadman)

Thay Hoa and wife of Sontay, a province of 400,000 people.
Here is a mass movement toward the Gospel.

No small part of the time of Mr. and Mrs. Cadman has been given to the Hanoi Gospel Press. This department of the work has been graciously used by our Lord to the strengthening and upbuilding of the Church, and to getting the Good News of the Gospel out to many who might never have had an opportunity to hear the preached Word. Mr. Cadman reports: The Hanoi Gospel Press had its banner year in 1933, the record total of over 25,000,000 pages being printed. This out-

put was composed of 2,000 copies of the Cambodian New Testament, 3,000 copies of the Cambodian Psalms, and 177,000 Gospel Portions in Annamese Romanized and Colloquial Characters. We have also printed and published over 200,000 books, booklets, and tracts in Annamese, Cambodian and Laosian, as well as 3,000 Annamese Gospel Picture Block Calendars, the "Call of French Indo-China," the quarterly "Bulletin for the French Protestant Church in Tonkin," and reports and other miscellaneous literature. The Press and our Alliance Mission owe a deep debt of gratitude to the British and Foreign Bible Society, to the Scripture Gift Mission of London, England, and the Toronto Alliance Gospel Tabernacle and others who have sent special offerings, for their loyal co-operation in this great task of giving the printed Word of God to these 22,000,000 of benighted souls.

There was a most encouraging increase in the number of subscriptions for the Annamese Bible Magazine during 1933, a total of 1,500 or more being sent out month by month throughout Indo-China. This Bible Magazine contains Sermons and Sermon Outlines, Bible teaching, Sunday School Lessons, Editorials on Current Events, Illustrated Sections for the Home and for the Children, and so forth. Each issue consists of well over 30,000 words, or forty printed pages, with coloured pictures, etc. This is the only Magazine in Indo-China witnessing to perishing souls of the true Gospel of Salvation, and it is of untold value in the building up of the Annamese Church. It brings also a consciousness to the individual Christian that the Church of God is not simply something merely local in the village, city or nation, but is world-wide and universal. This Magazine is published at a loss, therefore all offerings are gratefully received that its ministry may be continued during these needy days preceding our Lord's Return.

The Lord is blessing its soul-winning ministry among the Annamese and Cambodians. But what of the many millions of Annamese and Cambodians still without the Gospel? What of the Laosians and the scores of tribes numbering several millions still without the Good News of Salvation? Our pioneer missionaries to the Laosians and to several of these neglected tribes are now busy learning the various languages, and in some cases reducing them to writing, with a view to printing the needed Gospel and other literature.

Dear Friends, the "Lord is at hand!" We dare not hold back. The ministry of this Press must continue.

Rev. W. C. Cadman reports that he and Mrs. Cadman left Hanoi March 5th on furlough after twenty-four years of service in French Indo-China, arriving in New York May 14, 1934. They had stopped off at London for twelve days, visiting Mr. Cadman's brothers and sisters. He further states:

Our hope is to be back to Hanoi again by the end of this year. God has wondrously blessed the work in Indo-China during all these years. But "there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." We were privileged to take the Sunday morning services on the steamers five times on our voyage.

In one of Mr. Cadman's late reports he says: Since arriving in the United States last May we have been in almost constant pilgrimage in our "used auto." After twenty-four years of service on the field our hearts are full of praises to God for all that He has wrought since we first came to French Indo-China as pioneer missionaries.

The second edition of the Annamese Bible is now almost all sold—6,000 copies in all—and the third edition is called for. It is simply marvellous how the Lord has used His Word in the building up and establishing the Body of Christ in French Indo-China. How inspiring as

we travel through the land and meet the many groups of redeemed ones—conquests of the Bible.

The Hanoi Gospel Press has been a most important factor in the establishment of the virile Annamese Church. Its future ministry is compelling us to pray much and trust God for needed funds to print new copies of the Scripture, Gospels, and Salvation literature in the many tribal languages so far without any witness through the printed page whatever. Translations have been made into some like the Moi, Tho, Lao and Muing languages and we are trusting the Lord for the necessary funds to start printing them.

Although the country districts in Tonkin proper have only been opened officially to us since 1930, yet God is mightily working. During the Annamese New Year in February last, Mrs. Cadman and I visited at least one hundred village homes around Hanoi where all traces of idolatry had been done away and several hundred souls turned to the Lord God. Recently in letters from the field we read that there must now be over a thousand souls in the Hanoi district alone who want to follow the Gospel. Please pray that our net shall not break and souls escape, but that missionaries and native Christians shall be filled with the Holy Spirit and thus endued with power to bring into God's kingdom all these precious souls who desire to follow Jesus.

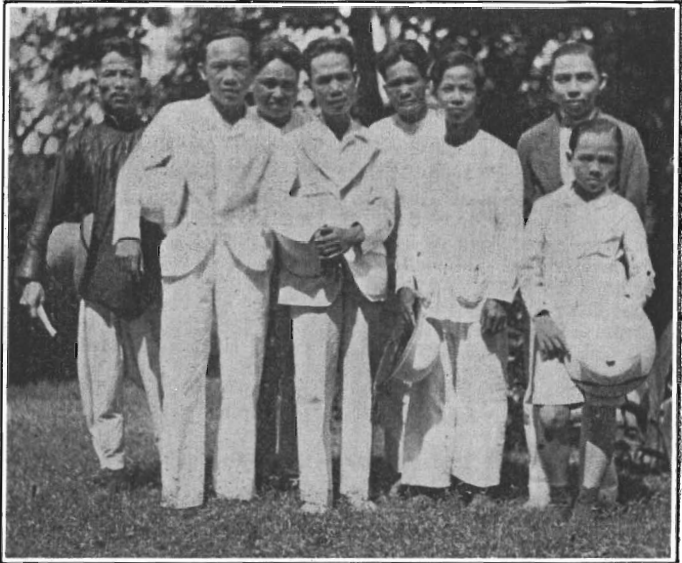
The Tscham Race—Still Waiting!

The following interesting article is from the report of one of the French Indo-China Missionaries:

“A stone goddess having ten arms and ten hands!” If you will come with us just across the river from Nhatrang, about two miles from our home, we can show you a sight, that even though most interesting, is truly sad to the earnest Christian. There, on a hill about fifty feet high, stands an old Tscham tower or temple overlooking the villages of Nhatrang and Culao, the mouth of the river, and the bay. This tower, builded almost twelve hundred years ago, is a most interesting piece of architecture. It is about sixty-five feet long, forty-six feet wide, and fifty-nine feet high. It is made of brick laid so closely together that there seems to be no mortar between. The special object of worship is in a small dark room inside. It is a stone goddess having ten arms and ten hands!

The temple which was builded by the Tscham people so many hundreds of years ago is now in the hands of the Annamese. As we stand and look at these stones and brick we try to imagine what secret they hold. If they could speak they would tell of the hundreds of thousands of poor souls that have passed that way: how they entered between the high stone pillars at the outside, passed through two heavy doors to the inner room, there offered their gifts to a goddess of stone, then filed out still sick, body and soul, and their poor hearts as dark as the chamber they came from. They would tell of young and old, mothers with sick babies, men and women of all classes, discouraged, diseased, broken hearted, all groping in the dark trying to get help from a cold stone. Some people of the West may laugh at these poor people of the East, but is their folly even as ridiculous as the Westerner who rejects the Gospel light and puts his trust in the arm of flesh.

But the truth remains, that down through the ages, while the Church slept, this race, all but a few thousand, have passed away,—and as yet without a missionary! There stands the Tscham tower like a monument to our crime! (What crime?) someone asks. It is the crime of withholding the message that was their very life.



French Indo-China (Courtesy Rev. N. M. Cressman)
Anamese Evangelistic Band.

Rev. and Mrs. N. M. Cressman report from their station at Pnom Penh:

We are praising God for several young men who have prayed during the past few months, accepting Jesus as their Saviour. One of them especially, a well-educated young man, is growing in grace and witnessing for His Lord. At Loenk Dek an old man who has been a believer for some time was taken very ill and his children despaired of his life. They gathered together to make an offering to the devil. The old man objected to these ceremonies but the children had their own way, since he was living in the home of a son who is not a Christian. They called in priests to recite prayers, chew beetle nut, and spit on him. While they offered food to the spirits, burned incense to their ancestors, and called on Buddha, the old man lay quietly praying to God the Father and to our Lord Jesus Christ who had already saved him from his sins. Our Cambodian worker visited and prayed with him in accordance with God's Word. The little group of believers stood with him in prayer and God wrought a great miracle. The evidences of his illness had marked him for death, but the resurrection-life of Christ became his portion. On my last visit he was at the service, well and rejoicing in the Lord.

Later on Mr. Cressman reports a happy Christmas day:

Christmas Sunday was filled with meetings from morning till night. The afternoon was taken up with the usual Christmas visit by the Anamese believers who came in a body and well filled the house. They had brought a little Christmas present as a token of their love and appreciation to us for having left our home to bring them the Word of Life.

But this was just the beginning of a happy day for us. Breakfast was hardly over when the Cambodian Christians came filing in for a Christmas and communion service. After the service we gave the Christians' children their little Christmas bags which contained candy, an orange and a small toy for each child. Before lunch we had a baptismal service in the nearby river. The afternoon was occupied with a Christmas service for our French friends, followed by an afternoon tea. The service in the evening in the Annamese chapel was a big event. We were invited to supply the music on the little folding organ for the special songs by the young people. All the Cambodian Christians had also been invited so it was a happy gathering of all native Christians of Pnom Penh, Annamese, Chinese and Cambodians. I am sure you would have loved to have heard their singing together, each in his own language. The joy in their hearts made it sound like heavenly music to us even though a bit queer. After the service the Annamese served tea in real Oriental fashion. Thus closed a day well spent in the Master's service. To us it was one of the happiest days ever spent for Him.

Since last June we have had the care of the Pnom Penh station and outstations. The district is large and there are many villages that have never had a witness of the Gospel, and to which, because of restrictions, we are not allowed to go. At present we have no native workers in our district excepting the man with me at Pnom Penh. The little groups are going on alone under God and are doing real well. We earnestly request you to pray for these little groups.

While we are not allowed to go to new places we are still allowed to visit our existing groups and so we have tried to keep in touch with them using our limited personal funds for travel. However, many times there have been no funds available and in keeping with our efforts to make our church self-propagating we have had the joy of seeing some of our young men make the trip on bicycle, sometimes travelling two days. Thus they have helped fill the gap and the Christians in the country have been visited and encouraged.

Most of you know about the restrictions here, but think of the last restriction which forbids us to circulate tracts or sell Gospel portions in Cambodian. How burdened it makes us for the many, many people that have asked for the Word of Life as we travel through the land. The Bible has been classed as anti-Buddhist literature! What a testimony to the power of the written Word! What a challenge to our prayers! Shall this continue? Shall people perish with the Bread of Life within reach of them? Our only hope is in God through your prayers. "Not by might, (not by our feeble efforts), nor by power, (Not by government or political intervention), but by My Spirit saith the Lord." When will we believe it?

We have been ill each one in turn and unfortunately at one time both were in bed for a time. God answered prayer and at present we are all in good health once more.

There will be a native conference here at Pnom Penh February 27 to March 1, when the church constitution will be presented to them in an effort to get them organized on New Testament lines. Pray that they may see their responsibility and be willing to sacrifice in order that native workers may be installed where needed.

Rev. N. M. Cressman gives us the following interesting facts in his report of August 18, 1934:

"Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say on the Lord." Ps. 27:14.

Greetings to all the beloved in the Lord in the Pennsylvania Conference. Another year has gone by with its blessings and trials, but also with the comfort of His blessed presence.

Our little girl was very sick and is just getting back on her feet again. We nearly lost her with diptheria, but the Lord in His tender mercy has spared us that great sorrow and given her back to us. She is now convalescing and gaining quite nicely once more.

We feel assured that each one of you have, nevertheless, remembered us in prayer as well as this needy, dark, closed land. We praise God for the faithfulness of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ conference in their loyal support. We are living in dark times but praise God His storehouse is always full.

The Government restrictions remain the same for the work in Cambodia. Here in Pnom Penh we have had many difficulties. Our Annamese colporteur who formerly was forbidden to sell Cambodian Scriptures, has now also been forbidden to sell any Scriptures in any language here in the city. It is now over two months since we made an application to the authorities asking that they grant a permission to sell Chinese and Annamese Scriptures, but to date we have had no answer. This is a prayer request we would like each of you to place before the Lord daily.

We are holding services as usual in our Cambodian chapel here in the city for a visit from the various provinces. We do not see as many results as we long to, but take courage in the knowledge that His Word will not return void. Due to lack of work our little group of Christians here in Pnom Penh has dwindled down until we have but a handful. The work in the outstations connected with this station continues under the blessing of the Lord. We praise God for the courage and faithfulness of some of these dear babes in Christ who are isolated in the rice fields, without a native worker, without a church building, without much that outwardly seems appealing or encouraging, and who nevertheless gather each week in their various homes for a day of worship and praise to the Lord. They are worthy of our prayers. They are remaining true in spite of discouragements, ridicule and jeers from friends and family on every side. May the Lord bless and enable them to grow in grace is our prayer.

I am enclosing a picture of the little group of believers at Loek Dek. This little group has had a great deal of trial and persecution during the past year, and some who were weak in the faith have forsaken us, even as Demas of old. The native official in this vicinity confiscated all the Bibles and song books of the believers and forbid them to continue worship, threatening them with imprisonment if they disobeyed. It was necessary for me to go and visit with this official, and to make plain to him that while there had been an edict against us forbidding the opening of new work, we were nevertheless granted the privilege of retaining what work we had previously opened. It cleared up the matter for him, but many of the Christians are still very timid and afraid to come to services as they previously did. Nevertheless, some of the older folk have stood firm for the Lord.

And now a closing word about the Annamese work. The Lord has been blessing this phase of the work in a marvelous manner. They, too, are without a native preacher, but the colporteur, a true child of God, has taken charge of the work, thus filling in the gap for the time being. Souls have been saved and recently as you will see according to the picture I am sending, I had the joy of baptizing twelve new believers. The group of young men are an "evangelistic band" who go out every Sunday visiting from house to house and witnessing for the Lord.

The colporteur can be seen in the center of the front row. At Kampot this colporteur has been the means of winning about thirty to the Lord, most of whom are Chinese. The colporteur's name is Phiphi and he is a man after God's own heart. He is part Chinese, knows two Chinese dialects, Annamese and a good smattering of Cambodian. By trade he is a portrait artist and able to earn good money, but he has left all to sell Gospels and witness for the Lord. We love him dearly and enjoy from time to time sweet fellowship in the Lord.

Every evangelistic effort meets with opposition and every mission endeavor has portions of work there seems to be no outward results and which might be labelled "only wait" fields. This is true of Cambodia. The gospel has been preached here during ten years. God has given us in certain portions of this field blessed results, but here is the Pnom Penh district and in this city, the results have not been in proportion to the labor spent. Before we came here our colleague, Mr. Hammond, labored faithfully in this district for a number of years. The sowing time is not over. The field is hard and the plowing difficult and most trying of all is that the doors are not open to plow the entire field. Cambodia presents a challenge to your faith. By prayer we can and shall prevail. Will you pray daily for this difficult field? If you fail perhaps souls may be lost. Here are some requests: Pray for the opening of the doors to Cambodia. Pray for authorization to sell Gospel portions not only in Annamese and Chinese, but also in Cambodian. Pray for our group of believers at Louek Dek, Kompong Ompil, and Skoun that in all things they may be faithful. Pray for the Annamese work in this field. Pray that missionaries and Christians may be baptized afresh with the power of the Holy Spirit and that holy unction and boldness may be given to each one of us to witness. Pray for us that He may keep us well in body in spite of the trying climate. Pray for our children that they, too, may be kept well and may grow in grace and knowledge in the Lord.

Let us not fail Him in intercession. The night is dark but the Day-Star will soon appear.

CHINA—Kansu-Tibetan Border

(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

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

Annual Report of Rev. C. F. Snyder:

To the members of the Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren:—May grace and peace be granted to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And remember, I am with you always, day by day until the close of the age. (Weymouth).

Itineraries

In last year's report I began with conferences held on this field, West China, so with your kind permission I shall now stress the itineraries taken in the Hochow district during the past conference year, even reaching, in one instance, into Tibetan territory; for you are probably cognizant of the fact that since the Chinese churches have taken up self-support, the missionaries in those regions are liberated to do Gospel work in the rural sections.

The trip to the North country, including seven villages and the small city of Lien Hua, is the first on the list to be referred to here.

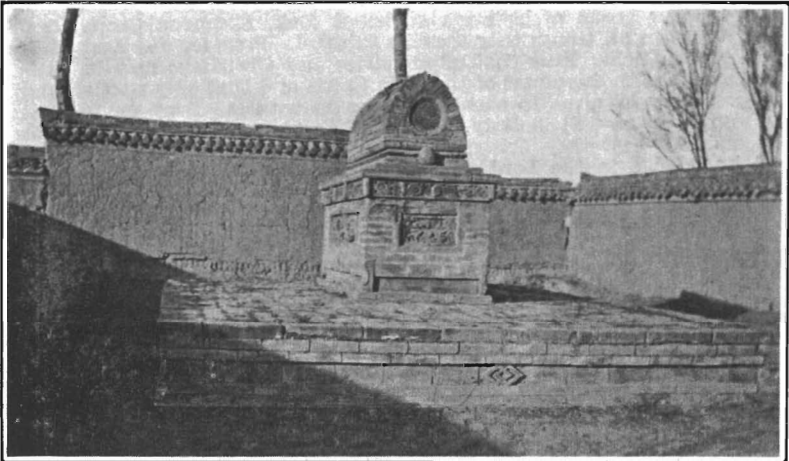
In so doing there was an encroachment upon Lamaism as well as a challenge to this cult when the word of the Lord was sounded forth and literature distributed.

By way of explanation, it may be said that Lamaism is firmly entrenched to the north of us, in these places adjacent to the Yellow River. Its notaries, priests and people, or laity, I might say, believe in the Buddhist classics written in Tibetan characters.

Among the most zealous ones are to be found the women who come out in droves in a yearly religious fair on the 8th of the fourth Chinese moon in a town removed about twenty-three miles from our city.

To the North of the Yellow River there are a number of what were in early days, at least, ordinary sized monasteries, but have now fallen into decadence—the adherents of this idolatrous cult are still virile and exceedingly numerous.

Kong-chia Si, the monastery of the Kong family, a village which at present contains a temple instead of a monastery and only a few of the Kong family, descendants of Confucius, the famous sage of China, was visited.

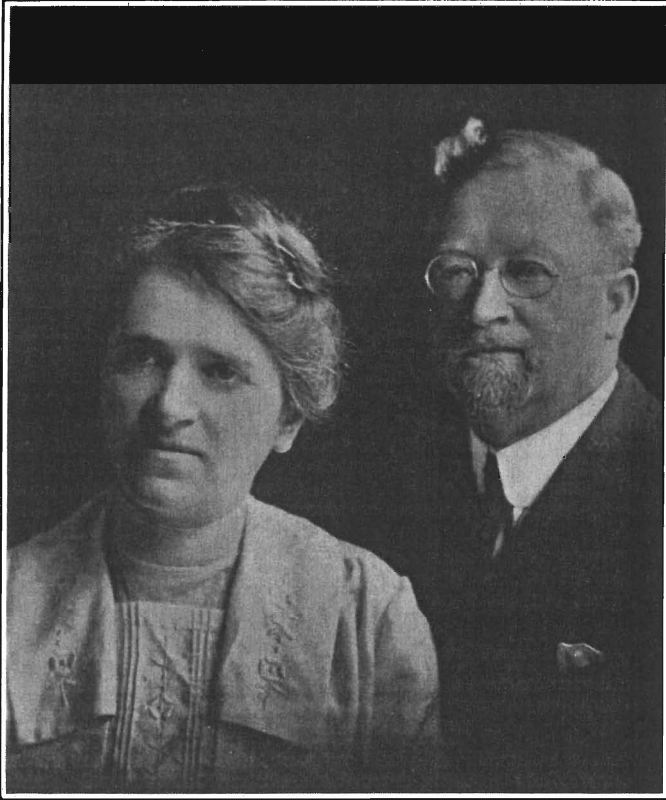


China—Tibetan Border Mission (Courtesy Rev. C. F. Snyder)
A mausoleum or tomb of a Moslem saint in the Tong-hsiang.

Here we came across a middle-aged man who averred that years ago he purchased a Scripture portion in Lanchow—truly seed sown. I am not aware that any white missionary of our alliance had ever touched here to propagate the Gospel.

A second itinerary took place in October of last year, when the gospel message was extended to two villages—one a very diminutive place hidden away in the hills. An audience of about sixty greeted us the first evening, comprising Chinese and Moslems who gave rapt attention to the preached word and purchased thirty-two Chinese and six Arabic gospels, besides some posters.

The second night, in the diminutive village the Lord Jesus was again lifted up and gospel portions sold, and now we are glad to announce that as a consequence of this one visit and effort, one woman who received baptism and was received into the church in June, hails from this identical spot, as does, also, a younger sister—the latter is an inquirer upon the profession of her faith in the Saviour. The older sister is used considerably in the prayer ministry, although she is just a beginner in the faith. "It pays to serve Jesus."



China—Tibetan Border Mission.

Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Snyder, Hochow, Kansu Province.
Arrived on the field in 1897.

A third advance made took me to a Moslem village of 300 families where in my youth a fellow missionary and myself sojourned for a night en route to another place; this occasion proved to be the first one on my part to attend the market and reason about salvation. The Moslems gave listening ears to what was preached.

A very important itinerary was that made by Brother Holton and the writer into the region called the "East Country," notorious in pro-

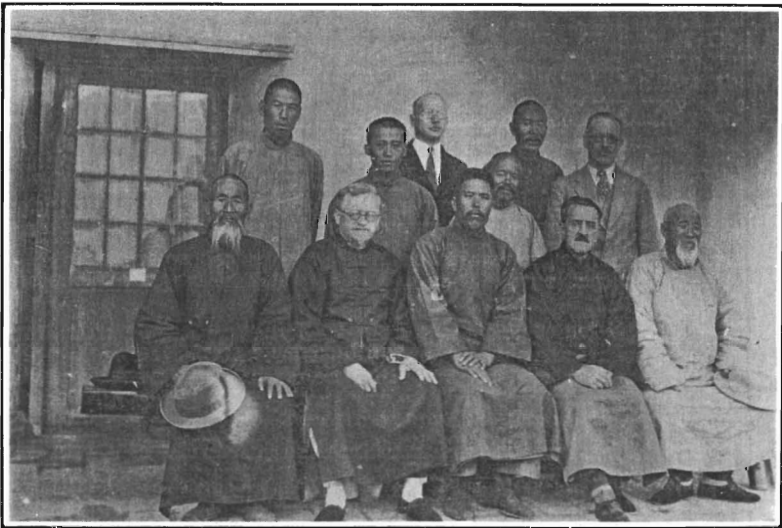
ducing robbers and thieves, but the Chinese saw is correct when he makes the assertion, "the rabbit does not eat the grass at the mouth of its burrow"—that is, these bad characters do not carry out their nefarious deeds at home, rather at a distance.

Traversed the Tong-hsiang (East county) and attended every one of the markets in the various towns where held, seven in number, and were successful in the preaching and selling of the Word.

Some outstanding items which struck one's notice in moving about among these Mongolian proselytes to Islam were:

1. One town can boast of a minaretless mosque, the structure is supposed to belong to modern Moslem architecture.

2. The "plain of the Wangs and Tangs" village indicates the coercive influence of Mohammedanism upon Chinese. The majority of the individuals there springing from these ancestors cleave to Islamism; the minority, also, from the same stock, are as their forbears were, Chinese. Formerly a Moslem innkeeper residing there made a profession of faith in Christ: if still alive, having survived 1928 and 1929 rebellion then he is not revealing himself in that light now, probably as better part of wisdom because his compatriots are in power in this region.



China—Tibetan Border Mission (Courtesy Rev. C. F. Snyder)

Four Alliance Missionaries with a few 'Chinese officials, friends of the missionaries. Rev. Snyder seated second from the left.

3. Happened on an interesting and wide-awake young Moslem who in the days of Kueh Minchuin supremacy joined Marshall Feng Yu Hsiang's army along with others of his fellow provincials; thus he had heard of Christ, the Messiah and Saviour, while in that once Christian camp. This same party purchased an Arabic Gospel from me just the day before in the Tang Wang town, ten miles away. Again, a case of Gospel seed sowing, and God alone knows the future of this heart.

4. Farther along the line of our journey, a Moslem ex-soldier claimed we had crossed each other's paths years ago in Taochow, Old City—once again a responsibility on the part of the speaker for heavenly light received.

5. Undoubtedly the people's kindness and friendliness in what was to us, in a number of places in the East Country real new territory, stood out as a salient factor.

This statement is applicable to our travels and rubbing up with Chinese and Moslems here and there.

In response to a previous invitation from the missionary, February 20th of this year found us on the road bound for Labrang to go to the Tibetan Flower Festival, in Tibetan termed Smon-lam or Prayer. Many years ago the privilege was granted me to see the Flower Festival in Kumbum, but never the one in Labrang.

Truly I did enjoy myself to conduct short services with the servants and fair guests on the mission compound for several nights on subjects like the following:

The second birth; Spirit's witness; Jesus the all-powerful One, and Jesus is coming again. Then also preached in chapel on street. It was not deemed wise to occupy a certain place at this fair among the crowd to preach and offer Christian literature, as was wont to be done previously, because some 1,500 wild Tibetans from the Nura tribe were present; in fact, they footed the expenses of the festival; the colporteur method was used, move among crowd, offer books for sale and witness to ones and twos.

These gentry from the plains of Tibet had such "taking" propensities relative to goods belonging to Chinese and Moslem traders that small riots broke out; the very day of our departure from Labrang a clash came on between the Tibetan soldiery and these fierce visitors, the outcome being one Nura killed, one wounded, and a Chinese woman also wounded, later on succumbing to her wounds.

Mr. Griebenow, our C. & M. A. representative here, enjoys the friendship of many Tibetans in this part of the border.

It looks as if the time had come to expect a break among the Tibetans for in one station one Tibetan man accepted Christ, and just the other day, Mr. Carlson gave the refreshing word of how a headman in his district confessed faith in Christ with tears flowing down his face.

II.—Foreign Annual Conference

By this is meant the Annual Conference of the Kansu-Tibetan Border Mission which met in Minchow, May 26th-June 3rd.

Out of twenty-five members of this mission only twenty attended conference. One couple was on furlough in the States; Mr. and Mrs. Koenigswald, (then in Lanchow hospital, now in Shanghai hospital on account of the latter suffering from empyema in his right lung); Miss Lindstrom assisted with the Koenigswald children.

Pray for our Brother Koenigswald in his affliction of being bedfast for over six months, he who heretofore never had been ill—and who was one of our best workers in the Tibetan field. Also remember his wife and three children.

Also E. J. Mann with his wife graced the conference with their presence. Brother Mann, who is superintendent of the China Inland Mission of Kansu, Chinghai and Ninghsia Provinces gave some helpful devotional messages for three evenings.

III.—Personal Testimony and Data

I feel like keeping on in this good old way of promulgating the Gospel to the peoples to whom the Lord hath sent us. We find it a big, but pleasant job.

Personally, I enjoy victory in my soul and health in body for which thanks are due to our Lord. What with taking meeting appointments assigned me in the Chinese Church when at home, itinerating hither and thither, attending conference and committee meetings, private devotions, pulling teeth, sometimes studying Arabic, meeting guests, I am kept engaged, enough to be free from ennui.

Last year, from last report July 25th until now, 1,033 English miles were covered on horseback in the interests of the Gospel, so you will readily observe there is no *laissez faire* (take its natural course) about it.

Preached 136 times, 8,952 Scripture portions were sold, by volunteers and myself, and 3,433 tracts given away.

On the last day of Chinese Conference, i. e., June 24th, thirteen individuals received baptism in the flowing stream—all the glory reverts to the Lord. Truly God is with us day by day.

What is on our agenda is the opening of two out-stations. Pray this shall be a speedy fruition.

P. S.—Under the leadership of Dr. Samuel M. Zwemer, assisted by Mr. C. L. Pickens, a Conference of Moslem workers was held at Sining, Hochow and Lanchow during July, 1934. Among the resolutions passed by this conference was:

1. Relative to the Christian Message: That in all our tracts for Moslems in Chinese, the basic truths of our Christian faith, such as the Inspiration of the Bible, the Deity of Christ, and the Virgin Birth, Crucifixion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord, while presented to the Moslems in a spirit of love, should never be toned down to avoid giving offence to them.

2. That, however, these tracts, while correcting where necessary Moslem misconception of Christian truth, should, as far as possible, avoid giving needless offence by disparaging statements regarding their Prophet or Book.

Trust this will arrive in time for insertion in the year book.

Our foreign letter post is higher than the American; reckoning at the present exchange of \$3.1666 for \$1 gold or American currency, a home letter costs nigh unto eight cents U. S. (.0789).

Sister Snyder and I are planning to leave for Hsui-hua, preaching en route. This is Mr. and Mrs. Holton's station which has been entrusted to us to look after during their absence.

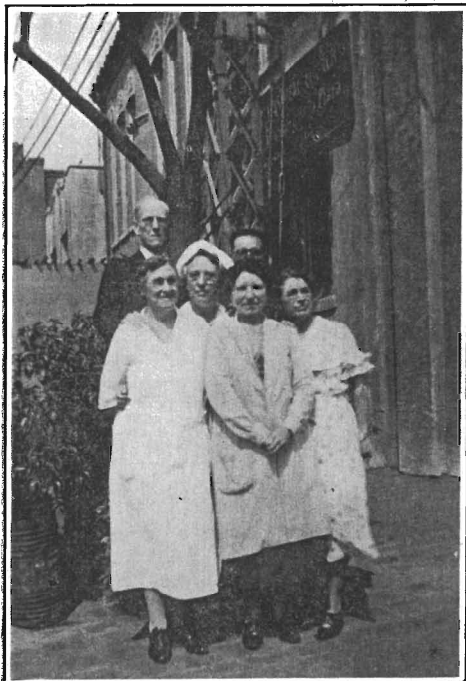
Mrs. C. F. Snyder sends the following report:

To the members of the Penna. M. B. C. Conference:

Dear Fellow-Laborers:—

Another year has quickly slipped away. God has given us strength as our day and we have had a good year in the Lord. Our district has been kept in peace and though at one time unknown to us there was serious trouble, it was nipped in the bud and we believe that God restrained the hands of wicked men so that Gospel preaching has gone on without hindrance.

I have been out on several country trips with Brother Snyder and as the Gospel is given out, tracts distributed and Gospels sold, I feel sometimes that we are to be envied in the joy there comes to one in obedience to His command, "go." At Lien Hua Hsien, about eighteen miles north of this city, the inn where we stayed was outside the city wall and there seemed to be no place to meet the women. Brother Snyder preached on the street. The next morning a woman came to invite us to her home saying, she would go to invite the women. This she did and her place was filled to overflowing. It was a joy to speak



(Courtesy Rev. H. W. Feldges)

Mrs. Feldges to the left and a trained nurse and a few of her associates in her work among the Mexicans in Los Angeles, Calif, while home on furlough.
Rev. Feldges on the left in the rear,

to these women of the hope that we have within us. A Gospel poster was left in this home and we were invited to come there again the next time we come to that place. As a result of a visit to another village, a woman in whose home we were entertained for the night, was saved. She gave a good testimony and was among those baptized at the Conference a few weeks ago. In her child-like faith she just brings everything to God in prayer, kneels right down without fear of those about her. We do thank God for this fruit and pray God to keep his hand upon her and use her to bring others to Him. We plan another visit to that village before so long.



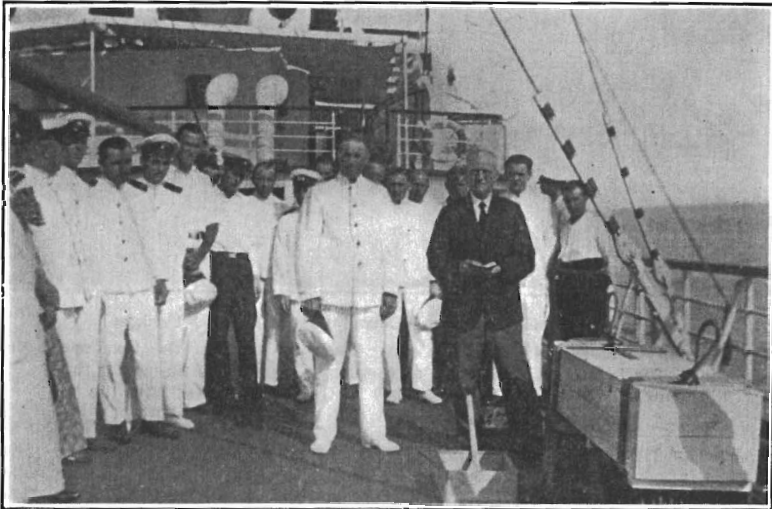
We have been enabled to have a preaching service in thirty or so different homes. Several women as a rule, go along and all have some part. We leave Gospel Posters in these homes and women that would not come to the chapel to hear, thus hear the Story.

Our hearts have been encouraged also in the good attendance at our Sunday class of girls. Our attendance has varied from forty to nearly a hundred. Some of these girls have expressed a desire to follow the Lord and we are sure that some of the seed has fallen upon good ground. When at home we have led a weekly woman's meeting in the chapel.

Last Fall we were invited to a Moslem home for preaching. This is very unusual. We found the young woman of this home with a real heart, we believe, for the Gospel and when we sang the song, "The Lord Gives Me Peace," she said, "It makes the tears come." She then added that the Moslems say, "Give up your life but do not give up your doctrine." A poster that we gave to her was immediately put up on the wall of the room. At another time when Brother Snyder and I were in Heh Tso, one of our Tibetan Stations, for a few meetings, two young Moslem women came in the back way. One of these women listened very earnestly and said she would place in her heart what she had heard. When the two women left they ran to the front gate, fearing that they would be seen by some Moslem guests on the place. So we go on not knowing which will prosper this or that, "in season or out of season" sowing the seed, knowing it will not return unto Him void.

During the year we have traveled some over 800 English miles on horseback, so you know God has given the strength and we do thank and praise Him!

With kindly greetings to all and thanking you for your support and prayers.



Colombia, South America (Courtesy Rev. H. W. Feldges)

Funeral on board a steamship on the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Central America, September 17, 1934, of a lady passenger. Sister Feldges standing at extreme left, had the privilege of pointing her to the Saviour before she died. Brother Feldges officiating.

COLOMBIA

(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

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

Brother Feldges had been in the homeland on furlough. Sister Feldges had spent several years in California as her health did not permit her return to the field. During this time they lived in Glendale, California, where she was busily engaged in Spanish missionary and hospital work.



Colombia, South America (Courtesy Rev. H. W. Feldges)

The casket being lowered into the sea. There is sand in the bottom of the casket for ballast. The Captain also sprinkled sand on the casket three times. Estimated depth—14,000 feet. Rev. 20:13—"And the sea gave up the dead which were in it."

After Brother Feldges had visited some of our churches in the Pennsylvania Conference they sailed from the Pacific for Colombia on September 13, 1934. For the present at least their address will be Apartado 79, Popayan, Colombia, S. A. As Sister Feldges' physical condition is not too strong they need our prayers. Their desire is to spend as much of their life and strength on the foreign field as possible. Thirty years ago Brother Feldges started out as a foreign missionary in city.

DIRECTORY

The Annual Conference held at Allentown, Pa., October 18-21, 1934, 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, 25 N. 5th street, Emaus, Pa.

W. G. Gehman, 1136 Northampton street, Easton, Pa.

B. Bryan Musselman, 529 N. 8th street, Allentown, Pa.

F. M. Hottel, 936 Oley street, Reading, Pa.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MISSIONARIES

1. Christian and Missionary Alliance

(a) Palestine

Butterfield, Miss Mary A. On furlough, 260 West 44th street, New York, N. Y.

(b) Africa

Crist, Rev. E. E. }	Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa.
Crist, Mrs. E. E. }	Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa.
Hess, Rev. E. R. }	On furlough—R. R. 1, Box 82, Verona, Pa.

(c) China

Snyder, Rev. C. F. }	Hochow, Kansu Province, China.
Snyder, Mrs. C. F. }	

(d) French Indo-China

Cadman, Rev. Wm. C. }	No. 1, Rue Nguyen—Trai, Hanoi, French Indo-China.
Cadman, Mrs. Wm. C. }	
Cressman, Rev. N. M. }	Mission Evangelique, Pnom Penh, Cambodia, French Indo-China.
Cressman, Mrs. N. M. }	

(e) Colombia, South America

Feldges, Rev. H. W.	Apartado 79, Popayon, Colombia, South America.
Feldges, Mrs. H. W.	

II. Africa Inland Mission

Stam, Rev. Harry Aba, Congo Belge, via Kartoum and
 Stam, Mrs. Harry Rejaf, Sudan.

III. United Missionary Society

Ummel, Joseph Salka, via Kontagora, Nigeria, West Africa.
 Ummel, Paul Yelwa, via Kontagora, Nigeria, West Africa.

IV. Sudan Interior Mission

Whale, Mrs. Fred } Sudan Interior Mission, Fada'n Gourma,
 } Colonie du Niger, French West Africa, via
 } Dakar. On furlough.

V. Unevangelized Tribes Mission

Miller, Miss Mary A. } Kamayala Kahemba, (Kikwit) Dist. du
 } Kwango, Congo Belge, West Africa,
 } via Antwerp.

FORMS OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE

BEQUEST

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

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DEVISE

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

Board.

XIV.—Ministerial Convention

The Forty-fourth Annual Ministerial Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, Pennsylvania Conference, convened in the Ezeneyer M. B. in C. Church, 1125-27 Main street, Bethlehem, Pa., Thursday, April 19, 1934.

The chairman, Pastor C. H. Brunner, of Emaus, Pa., opened the Convention at 9:30 a. m. Pastor J. B. Layne, of York, Pa., recorded the minutes. Pastor R. L. Woodring, of Nazareth, Pa., led the Convention in singing "Love Divine," and Pastor W. F. Heffner, of Graterford, Pa. led in prayer.

Both of our Presiding Elders, all the active pastors with a number of their families were present, also a large number of Gospel Heralds.

The Chairman appointed the following committees:

Committee on Publication: H. B. Musselman, A. G. Woodring and E. N. Cassel.

Committee on Resolutions: W. G. Gehman, F. B. Hertzog and G. F. Yost.

Committee to Read the Minutes: J. C. Roth and J. B. Henry.

Timekeeper: C. L. Miller.

Reporter: Paul E. Baer.

The balance of the forenoon meeting was devoted to personal three-minute testimonies or "Heart Throbs" by each of the pastors, opened by the Presiding Elders, H. B. Musselman and W. G. Gehman.

These personal testimonies were very touching and inspiring. They portrayed a spirit of unity among the brethren as never before. They were an expression of loyalty in the ministry, and bespeak a year of much blessing and success. The meeting was closed with prayer and benediction by pastor J. G. Shireman, of Shamokin, Pa.

Afternoon Meeting

The afternoon meeting was opened at 2:00 o'clock with singing "We're Looking for Jesus," led by Pastor R. L. Woodring, of Nazareth, Pa. Pastor T. D. Gehret, of Easton, Pa., led in prayer.

The following essays were read and discussed:

"An Exposition of I Pet. 5:3, 5"—Pastor E. H. Musselman, Quakertown, Pa.

"Sanctification according to the Word of God"—Pastor F. M. Hottel, Reading, Pa.

These essays were fraught with many important truths and the discussions were free and inspiring.

We were favored with a special selection in song by the Gospel Herald Brethren, led by their President, W. G. Gehman. Also a solo by E. F. Lakjer, of the Gospel Herald Society, entitled "What You Are."

The meeting was closed with prayer and benediction by pastor N. H. Wolf, of Sunbury, Pa.

Evening Meeting

The evening meeting was in charge of Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, of Allentown, Pa. The service was opened at 7:30 o'clock. Pastor R. L. Woodring led the singing and prayer was offered by Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman, of Easton, Pa.

The Bethlehem Male Quartette sang "Quit You Like Men" and "Let Christ Thy Pilot Be."

Two addresses were delivered as follows:

Pastor C. H. Brunner, of Emaus, Pa., spoke on I Corinthians 16:13.

Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, of Allentown, Pa., spoke on I Corinthians 16:14.

Both of these addresses were timely, interesting and helpful and enjoyed by the hundreds of people present.

The pastor, P. T. Stengele, and the members of the Bethlehem Congregation entertained the Convention in a most cordial and generous way.

The Committee to arrange for the program consisted of H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and P. T. Stengele.

Pastor C. H. Brunner, of Emaus, Pa., offered the closing prayer and benediction.

C. H. Brunner, Chairman,
J. B. Layne, Secretary,

XV.—Sunday School Convention (Allentown District)

The Forty-fifth Annual Sunday School Convention of the Allentown District of the Pennsylvania Conference convened in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., on July 4, 1934, during the Bethlehem Division camp meeting.

Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, of Allentown, (Bethel) was chairman and pastor F. B. Hertzog, of Allentown (Salem) recorded the minutes. Pastor F. M. Hottel, of Reading, was treasurer.

The committee on program consisted of H. B. Musselman, B. Bryan Musselman, P. T. Stengele, C. H. Brunner and F. M. Hottel.

The presiding elder, all the pastors of the district, all the superintendents, delegates and essayists were present and registered on the platform at 9:15 a. m. W. G. Gehman, presiding elder of the Easton District, nearly all of his pastor and many of the Gospel Heralds also were present.

The chairman opened the Convention at 9:30 a. m. Pastor C. H. Brunner, of Emaus, led in the opening prayer, after which the chairman announced the appointment of the following committees:

Committee on Publication—H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner and E. N. Cassel.

Committee on Statistics—G. F. Yost, H. L. Shelly and A. L. Wentz.

Committee on Finance—F. M. Hottel, S. W. Heiser and Paul H. Cressman.

Committee to Read Last Year's Minutes—H. K. Kratz and J. C. Roth.

Three essays relating to Sunday School work were read in the forenoon meeting as follows:

"A nation without a Sunday School"—C. E. Musselman, superintendent of Allentown (Bethel) Sunday School.

"The Aim and Purpose of the Sunday School"—Paul C. Cressman, superintendent of the Bethlehem Sunday School.

"How to Increase and Maintain Attendance at the Sunday School"—H. L. Shelly, superintendent of the Coopersburg Sunday School.

Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman also gave a short, appropriate address.

The forenoon meeting closed with prayer and benediction by pastor J. G. Shireman, of Shamokin, Pa.

Afternoon Meeting

At 2:15 p. m. the chairman opened the meeting with singing, after which prayer was offered by Presiding Elder, W. G. Gehman.

The following essays having special reference to young people's problems were then read:

"The Foundation and Development of Christian Character"—Miss Ruth M. Hottel, Reading, Pa.

"The Joy of Winning Souls"—Miss Ethel Mae Heffner, Graterford, Pa.

"Wholesome Literature"—Miss Alma K. Gehman, Easton, Pa.

"Reality or Fancy"—Miss Olivia P. Musselman, Allentown, Pa.

These four young ladies, still in their teen age, are ministers' daughters. After the last essay was read, four of our aged mothers came to the platform from a side room and presented each of these four essayists with a basket of beautiful flowers, while the vast audience, melted to tears, rose to their feet singing.

"Bless them Lord and make them a blessing,
They gladly Thy message convey."

The whole audience was moved by the Holy Spirit as the chairman made a plea, asking them to do all in their power to encourage our many young people. Several hundred responded to this plea while many others raised their hands for prayer.

A number of very inspiring selections were sung by a large group of men made up by the combined male choruses, of Allentown, Bethlehem, Emaus, Reading and Philadelphia.

The speakers of both the morning and afternoon meeting were young people of our church. The essays were thoughtfully prepared and well read. By the aid of the improved Public Address System every one in the audience inside and outside of the large auditorium could understand the speakers.

The Lord favored us with most delightful weather. It was a beautiful sight to see the large auditorium, seating about 2,000 people, crowded inside and around the outside with a most attentive audience, largely composed of young people, Sunday School and Church workers, together with fathers and mothers—a great gathering indeed of such who are intensely interested in the advancement of the work of the Lord among young and old, earnestly looking for the coming of the Lord.

The whole of the morning and afternoon services were broadcast over Radio Station WCEA, located in the grove, through the courtesy of the owner, pastor B. Bryan Musselman. The Convention was pronounced one of the best we ever held. The regular camp meeting services continued in the evening.

The Committee on Publication recommended that the original of all the essays be handed to pastor C. H. Brunner, Associate Editor, to be published, as also this report, in the Gospel Banner.

Statistics

Condensed from the Report of the Committee on Statistics, H. L.

Shelly, secretary:

Sunday Schools represented	22
Officers enrolled	170
Teachers enrolled	364
Scholars enrolled	4136

Total Enrollment	4,670
Cradle Roll	568
Home Department	481

Finances

Condensed from the Report of the Committee on Finance, S. W. Heiser, Secretary.

Receipts

Balance on hand	\$ 1.83	
Received from the S. S.	210.88	\$212.71

Expenditures

Fares, Printing, etc.	\$ 88.99	
Donated to the Ex. Bd.	120.00	
Balance in Treasury	3.72	\$212.71

B. Bryan Musselman, Chairman,
F. B. Hertzog, Secretary,
F. M. Hottel, Treasurer.

XVI.—Sunday School Convention (Easton District)

The Forty-Sixth Annual Sunday School Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, of the Pennsylvania Conference, Easton District, convened in the M. B. C. Church, Race street near Sixth, Sunbury, Pa., on Wednesday, May 23, 1934.

The Presiding Elder, W. G. Gehman, all the pastors of the district, leaders of the Gospel Herald Society Missions, where there are Sunday Schools, Superintendents, Delegates and Discussionist were present.

The following Gospel Heralds were present: R. C. Reichenbach, J. I. Somers, C. E. Kirkwood and T. M. Thompson.

The Committee on Program consisted of W. G. Gehman, N. H. Wolf and J. B. Layne.

Pastor T. D. Gehret, of Easton, Pa., was Chairman of the Convention. Pastor C. L. Miller, of Mount Carmel, Pa., recorded the minutes, and Pastor E. E. Kublic, of Stroudsburg, Pa., was Treasurer.

The Presiding Elder, all the Pastors, Superintendents and Delegates were present in the morning service and registered at 9:30 o'clock, Eastern Standard Time.

The convention opened at 9:45 a. m. by singing "Come Thou Blessed Savior." The Chairman, Pastor T. D. Gehret, read 2 Corinthians 4, after which Presiding Elder, W. G. Gehman, invoked God's blessing on the Convention. The Devotional period ended with the hymn, "He Lifted Me Up."

The Chairman appointed the following:

Committee on Publication: J. G. Shireman, Paul E. Baer, H. W. Hartman.

Committee on Resolutions: J. B. Henry, R. H. Gehman, C. L. Miller.

Committee on Statistics: J. B. Layne, E. J. Rutman, E. B. Hartman.

Committee on Finance: E. E. Kublic, E. George, J. F. Barrall.

Committee on Auditing: E. W. Bean, W. W. Hartman.

Committee to Read the Minutes: H. W. Hartman, M. M. Myers.

Timekeeper: E. George.

Reporter: Paul E. Baer.

The Superintendents of the various Sunday Schools represented on the Easton District, and the Gospel Herald Society, submitted their oral, statistical and financial reports. Their reports were interesting and inspiring, praising God in the Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation of souls and increases in both attendance and offerings.

The morning meeting was adjourned with prayer and benediction by pastor J. G. Shireman, of Shamokin, Pa.

Afternoon Meeting

The afternoon meeting was opened at 2 o'clock by Chairman T. D. Gehret with the Convention hymn entitled, "Yielded to God." Pastor J. B. Henry led in prayer.

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

Following the reports of the various committees, we listened to two essays, which were well prepared and freely discussed. They were as follows:

"Qualifications of a Sunday School Teacher," by E. W. Bean, of Wilmington, Delaware.

"The General Influence of the Sunday School," by Pastor J. B. Henry, of Philadelphia, Pa.

We recommend that the essays be given to pastor C. H. Brunner, associate editor of the Gospel Banner, for publication in part or as a whole as he deems advisable.

Pastor J. B. Layne, of York, Pa., entered into an interesting discussion on "Whole-some Literature." His message was limited to fifteen minutes in which he stressed the need and use of good, Godly reading.

Evening Service

The evening service was in charge of N. H. Wolf, pastor of the Sunbury congregation. The meeting started at 7:15 o'clock.

After an inspiring song service a most perspicuous and encouraging address was given by Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman, of Easton, Pa., on the subject, "The Seven Sealed Book of Redemption," explaining in detail the Revelation of Jesus Christ, chapters five and six. The message was most helpful, instructive and backed by the power of the Holy Spirit and prayer, and most hopeful for the believers in these last days.

Special singing during the day was rendered by the members of the Gospel Herald Society, the Junior Garrison Quartet, of Scranton, a male and mixed quartet, of Easton.

The class and friends of the Sunbury M. B. C. church entertained the Convention most cordially under the able and competent leadership of their pastor, N. H. Wolf. Meals were served in the basement of the church during the day, ample refreshments having been served by members and friends of the work.

The weather was ideal. The church was well filled the entire day. The spiritual fervor continued as the meetings proceeded.

Statistics

Number of Sunday Schools represented	17
Officers enrolled	107
Teachers enrolled	201
Scholars enrolled	2,030
Total enrollment	2,338
Home Department members enrolled	364
Cradle Roll members enrolled	367

Finance

Report of the Treasurer

Receipts

Bal. in Treas. from last year	\$ 14.13
Rec'd at this Convention	237.24
	<u>\$251.37</u>

Expenditures

Expended at this Convention	\$236.02	
Balance in Treasury	15.35	251.37

T. D. Gehret, Chairman.
C. L. Miller, Secretary.
E. E. Kublic, Treasurer.

XVII.—Conference Report

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO COMPILE A REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE AND THE SUNDAY SERVICES FOR THE "GOSPEL BANNER."

The Fifty-first Session of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of the Pennsylvania Conference convened in the Bethel Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, 526-30 N. Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa., October 18-21, 1934.

All the meetings of this Conference were characterized by unity and brotherly love. The Thursday evening meeting was devoted to the oral reports of the Pastors and the Presiding Elders. These twenty-two reports, though brief, reflected the progress of the Lord's doings in our midst during the past Conference year.

The work on the various charges is in a thriving condition. The Lord has graciously led and blessings have been multiplied. A number have been saved and baptized and added to the churches. There has been continued interest in the financial support of the work to the extent that there has been a noteworthy increase in the total offerings above that of the previous year.

The Ontario Conference sent a fraternal delegate to this Annual Conference in the person of Rev. J. Harold Sherk from Sunnidale, Ontario. He brought fraternal greetings and also preached in the Friday evening meeting. His message was based on the words of John 1:1-5. We were also pleased to meet with Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Lehman from Shrigley, Ontario, who accompanied him. Brother Lehman also gave us a short message.

On Saturday evening there were two messages by Pastors T. D. Gehret of Easton, Pa., and P. T. Stengele of Bethlehem, Pa.

The Allentown congregation under the leadership of their Pastor, B. Bryan Musselman, entertained the Conference in a most hospitable and cordial manner. All meals were served in the basement of the church. The Conference members united in expressing their appreciation and thanks for the consideration of the Class manifested during the time of the Conference.

HOME MISSION WORK

During the past summer three Camp Meetings were held. Two in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., with 245 and 273 tents respectively; and one in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., with 136 tents. The attendance at these annual Camp Meetings was very large, many attending for the first time. A number of the meetings were broadcast direct from Mizpah Grove Camp Ground, over Radio Station WCBA through the courtesy of Pastor B. Bryan Musselman.

The Gospel Herald Society at present is made up of eighteen young men who are stationed in the following cities: Harrisburg, Lebanon, Chester and Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jersey City, Camden, Irvington and

Elizabeth, New Jersey; and Richardson Park, Delaware. These brethren, under the direction of their President, are engaged in practical home missionary and colporteur work which the Lord has signally blessed. Regular meetings are held in the missions, and open air meetings are held whenever possible. Many souls have been saved and others have definitely grown in the Lord. During the year fifty-eight were baptized.

The total amount received during the year for Home Missionary purposes was \$4,747.02.

Continued interest and blessing has been the result of the regular broadcasts from station WCBA which is owned and operated by Pastor E. Bryan Musselman. The station is located in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., and operates on a frequency of 1440 kilocycles and 208.1 meters. This has proven to be an excellent medium for the dissemination of the Gospel and the results have been most encouraging.

Foreign Mission Work

The members and friends of the Church have continued to maintain their interest in this part of the Lord's work and have given generously. The Conference has again assumed the support of a number of missionaries on various fields. The sum of \$9,213.95 has been contributed to this cause during the year by pledges and through the Sunday School. The total offerings throughout the Conference for the past year and for all purposes amounted to \$116,808.66.

Officers for 1934-1935

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 was elected secretary and treasurer.

Appointments and Announcements

A few changes were made by the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee. H. W. Hartman was assigned to Quakertown station, and E. H. Musselman to Hatfield and Norristown, Pa. Wisconsin and West Philadelphia circuit was transferred from the Easton District to the Allentown District.

Sunday Services

This was the crowning day of the Conference and a most glorious occasion. The spacious church was crowded at every meeting with hundreds of members and friends from various fields of the Conference. The morning service was opened at 9:45 o'clock with congregational singing led by the Pastor B. Bryan Musselman. Pastor C. H. Brunner led in prayer. The male sextet of Allentown rendered an appropriate selection in song, entitled "Home, Sweet Home." Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, who also was Chairman of the Conference preached the sermon. His theme was "Paul as a Pattern to all Believers," and his remarks were based on the passage of Scripture found in I Timothy 1:16.

The afternoon meeting was opened at 2:15 o'clock with singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." Pastor P. T. Stengele led in prayer. The male sextet rendered a special selection entitled, "I Am With You." The sermon was preached by Presiding Elder, W. G. Gehman. His theme was, "The Ministry of Reconciliation and the Word of Reconciliation," from the Scripture recorded in 2 Corinthians chap-

ter 5. Following this there was an impressive and touching ordination service when H. W. Hartman, newly appointed Pastor to Quakertown was ordained into the ministry. The congregation was visibly moved as all the Pastors gathered about the altar to welcome our young brother into the ranks of the ministry and to invoke God's richest blessing upon him in his future labors.

The evening meeting began at 7 o'clock with a stirring song service. Pastor F. B. Hertzog led in prayer. The male sextet sang "I've Been Redeemed." The first speaker of the evening was Pastor E. N. Cassel who spoke on "Sailing in the Wrong Direction." He was followed by Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, speaking on "Joseph's Admonition to His Brethren."

All the meetings of the day were broadcast direct from the church over radio station WCBA which is owned and operated by Pastor B. Bryan Musselman.

C. H. Brunner,
A. G. Woodring,
T. D. Gehret, Committee.

XVIII.—Announcements for 1935

(A) MINISTERIAL CONVENTION

Annual Ministerial Convention

This Convention is announced to convene in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, Royersford, Pa., on April 18, 1935.

Chairman, W. G. Gehman; Secretary, T. D. Gehret.

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

(B) SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

(a) Allentown District

Report of the Committee to Organize for the Allentown District Sunday School Convention for 1935

This Convention shall convene in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., on Wednesday, July 4, 1935.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, F. B. Hertzog; Treasurer, F. M. Hottel.

Committee on Program: H. B. Musselman, B. Bryan Musselman, P. T. Stengele, C. H. Brunner, A. G. Woodring, E. N. Cassel and G. F. Yost.

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.

P. T. Stengele, Chairman,
H. W. Hartman, Secretary.

(b) Easton District

Report of the Committee to Organize for the Easton District Sunday School Convention for 1935

This Convention shall convene in Easton, Pa., Wednesday, May 22, 1935.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Paul E. Baer; Secretary, E. H. Musselman; Treasurer, E. E. Kublic.

Committee on Program: W. G. Gehman, T. D. Gehret and Paul E. Baer.

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,
E. H. Musselman, Secretary.

(C) CAMP MEETINGS

(a) Allentown District

The Presiding Elder and the Chairmen of the two Camp Meetings shall constitute a Committee on General Arrangements for both Camp Meetings.

Bethlehem Division

Report of the Committee to Organize for the Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting for 1935

This Division comprises Bethlehem, Reading, Fleetwood, Blandon, Terre Hill, Royersford, Spring City, Nazareth, Walnutport, Northampton, Quakertown, Lehigh, Weissport, Wissinoming and West Philadelphia.

Place—Mizpah Grove. Date—June 29 to July 7, 1935.

Chairman, P. T. Stengele; 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 1935

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

Place—Mizpah Grove. Date—July 13 to 21, 1935.

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 desirable.

H. B. Musselman, Chairman,
C. H. Brunner, Secretary.

(b) Easton District**Report of the Committee to Organize for the Easton District
Camp Meeting for 1935**

This District comprises Easton, Stroudsburg, Scranton, Shamokin, Sunbury, Mt. Carmel, Hatfield, Norristown and York, Pa.

Place—Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa. Date—August 3 to 11, 1935.

Chairman, J. G. Shireman; Secretary, J. B. Layne; Treasurer, N. H. Wolf.

W. G. Gehman, Chairman, J. B. Layne, Secretary.

(D) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Fifty-second Annual Conference shall convene, should the Lord tarry, in Ebenezer M. B. in C. Church, 1121-25 Main Street, Bethlehem, Pa., at 9 a. m., October 17, 1935, services to continue over Sunday.

Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary and Treasurer, C. H. Brunner.

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

(E) READING COURSE**Announcement of the Board of Examiners
Studies for 1935**

First Semi-Annual Studies

First Year's Course

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, Walker. Chapter 1-5.

All About the Bible, Collett.

Church History.

Second Year's Course

Reformed Pastor.

Bible, Hebrews.

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, Walker. Chapter 6-12.

Church History.

Third Year's Course

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, Walker. Chapter 13-end.

Knowing the Scriptures, Pierson. Chapter 34 to end.

Nelson on Infidelity.

Church History.

Second Semi-Annual Studies

First Year's Course

Lessons in Holiness.

Church History.

Bible, John, Chapters 13-17; I Timothy.

Knowing the Scriptures. Chapter 1-16.

Second Year's Course

Knowing the Scriptures, Pierson. Chapter 17-33.

Divine Art of Preaching, Pierson.

Bible, Second Timothy.

Church History.

Third Year's Course

Romans.

Jesus is Coming, Blackstone.

Fletcher's Appeal.

Church History.

The first examination shall commence on Tuesday, April 16, 1935, 7 p. m., at Royersford, Pa.

The second examination shall commence on Tuesday, October 15, 1935, 2 p. m., at Bethlehem, Pa.

E. N. Cassel, President, H. K. Kratz,

T. D. Gehret, Secretary, B. Bryan Musselman, Board.

XIX.—Report of the Conference Treasurer

(a) Executive Board

Receipts

October 2, 1933, Balance in Treasury	\$10,938.50	
Received During the Year	1,968.74	12,907.24

Expenditures

Expended During Year	\$ 1,649.51	
October 8, 1934, Balance in Treasury	11,257.73	12,907.24

(b) Board of Foreign Missions

Receipts

October 2, 1933, Balance in Treasury	\$ 1,867.97	
Received During Year	8,563.39	10,431.36

Expenditures

Expended During Year	\$ 9,502.07	
October 8, 1934, Balance in Treasury	929.29	10,431.36

(c) The Home

Expenditures

September 19, 1933, Deficit in Treasury	\$ 9,040.62	
Expended During Year	14,693.74	23,734.36

Receipts

Received During Year	\$14,497.83	
October 8, 1934, Deficit	9,236.53	23,734.36

(d) Board of Publication and Printing

Receipts

October 2, 1933, Balance in Treasury	\$ 1,023.66	
Received During Year	573.30	1,596.96

Expenditures

Expended During Year	\$ 325.57	
October 8, 1934, Balance in Treasury	1,271.39	1,596.96

(e) Home Missions

Receipts

October 19, 1933, Received for Home Mission Work ..	\$ 4,889.46	
Received for Annual Conference Expenses	337.80	5,227.26

Expenditures

October 8, 1934, Expended During the Year:		
Allentown District	\$ 1,200.00	
Easton District and Gospel Herald Society	3,689.46	
Easton Congregation—Annual Conf. Expense	337.80	5,227.26

C. H. Brunner, Treasurer.

XX.—Financial Report

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Offerings from October 18, 1933, to October 18, 1934.

Appointments	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Foreign Mission in S. S.	For the Poor	Annual Conference Fund	Conference Expense	Total
(A) ALLENTOWN DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.							
Allentown (Bethel)	\$ 540.00	\$ 405.00	\$ 494.43	\$ 24.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 42.50	\$ 1,520.93
Bethlehem	474.65	578.66	585.74	25.00	14.43	33.80	1,712.28
Philadelphia	382.25	343.70	220.05	20.50	9.00	25.70	1,001.20
Reading	160.50	148.50	207.35	30.00	10.00	25.60	581.95
Emaus	190.00	203.00	136.00	15.00	4.40	14.30	562.70
Macungie	65.00	77.00	64.00	6.00	2.20	5.40	219.60
Zionsville	213.00	216.00	175.00	7.50	2.50	3.70	617.70
Fleetwood	98.60	103.85	95.50	8.70	6.10	10.50	323.25
Blandon	50.05	44.30	51.30	8.45	2.90	6.30	163.30
Terre Hill	134.25	107.25	56.80	10.00	4.60	7.20	320.10
Spring City	100.50	104.00	129.33	7.80	2.35	7.30	351.28
Royersford	161.80	107.50	144.92	8.20	4.50	7.00	433.92
Gratersford	61.75	55.25	92.15	7.00	4.65	6.40	227.20
Harleysville	84.00	85.25	73.50	7.10	5.00	5.30	260.15
Nazareth	28.00	16.00	20.20	7.53	3.86	7.90	83.49
Northampton	74.75	79.25	37.31	4.19	3.45	3.90	202.85
Coopersburg	335.95	350.10	202.07	19.60	6.50	12.00	926.22
Allentown (Salem)	138.00	150.00	150.35	12.75	4.50	8.70	464.30
Quakertown	113.45	116.20	145.90	14.00	4.00	13.40	406.95
Hatfield	.....	27.50	12.77	.....	.....	.....	40.27
Lehighton	83.75	86.25	45.79	4.00	5.00	6.80	231.59
Weissport	.....	.....	22.14	.....	.....	.....	22.14
Walnutport	76.00	71.70	27.41	8.96	3.00	6.20	193.27
Total	\$3,566.25	\$3,476.26	\$3,190.01	\$256.28	\$117.94	\$259.90	\$10,866.64
(B) EASTON DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.							
Easton	\$ 250.60	\$ 246.75	\$ 212.25	\$ 10.00	\$ 4.10	\$ 14.10	\$ 737.80
Shamokin	105.75	158.60	163.16	12.00	8.25	16.60	464.36
Sunbury	210.00	120.65	114.78	8.78	4.50	10.80	469.51
Stroudsburg	40.30	30.75	36.40	4.60	3.00	5.50	120.55
Scranton	211.05	158.75	108.44	10.75	6.25	6.60	501.84
Mt. Carmel	175.05	110.00	72.83	8.25	5.00	10.30	381.43
Wissinoming, Phila.	56.27	57.27	59.14	8.00	4.00	7.00	191.68
West Philadelphia	36.75	34.50	96.50	5.50	3.00	5.30	181.55
York	95.00	70.00	125.29	5.00	3.65	11.00	309.94
Gospel Herald Soc.	.....	.....	571.62	.....	.....	2.50	574.12
Total	\$1,180.77	\$ 987.27	\$1,560.41	\$ 72.88	\$ 41.75	\$ 89.70	\$ 3,932.78
Grand Total	\$4,747.02	\$4,463.53	\$4,750.42	\$329.16	\$159.69	\$349.60	\$14,799.42

F. M. Hottel,
H. L. Shelly,G. Henry Hildebrand,
C. H. Brunner,
Committee.

XXI.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—A.

Appointments	Pastor	Officers										Membership										Pastoral Visits	Sermons Preached	Prayer Meetings Visited	Sunday Schools Visited			
		Presiding Elders	Ordained Ministers	Probationers	Q. C. Lic'd Preach.	Deacons	Class Leaders	Stewards	Rent Collectors	Baptized	Members not Baptized	Children Dedicated	Received Into Church Fellowship	Read by Transfer	Dead	Withdrawn	Dropped	Transferred	Total Increase	Total Decrease	Net Increase					Net Decrease	Total Membership	Appointments	New Appointments
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.																												
Allentown (Bethel)	B. Musselman	1	4	1	1	4	4	4	4	17	17	11	5	16	3	4	2	1	21	9	7	425	1	584	415	97	45	
Rathlebam	P. T. Stengele	1	1	1	1	2	4	4	4	25	25	22	11	23	4	16	1	2	21	2	185	1	340	185	372	120	50	
Philadelphia	G. F. Yost	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	7	7	9	11	23	2	7	9	18	5	10	252	1	330	330	142	51		
Reading	F. M. Hottel	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	12	12	24	5	23	2	16	3	3	6	10	252	1	321	321	106	51		
Lehigh	C. H. Brunner	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	6	6	7	2	9	2	3	3	3	6	10	89	1	149	154	51	8		
Macungie	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	3	4	58	1	54	56	10	4		
Zionsville	A. G. Woodring	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	11	33	1	34	2	4	1	1	2	2	59	1	103	102	12	16		
Fleetwood	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	11	3	7	7	3	5	2	1	2	2	102	1	103	210	15	14		
Blandon	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	7	7	7	3	5	2	1	2	2	44	1	63	72	12	14		
Terre Hill	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	48	1	72	48	10	13		
Spring City	E. N. Cassel	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	8	8	9	1	10	3	4	5	12	2	9	80	1	82	130	52	47		
Royersford	W. F. Hefner	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	5	5	15	15	15	4	1	1	6	2	9	82	1	79	142	53	47		
Graterford	"	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	6	64	1	64	90	40	45		
Harleysville	"	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	6	6	75	1	75	90	40	45		
Northampton	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	60	1	60	75	28	44		
Nazareth	H. K. Kratz	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	1	8	3	1	1	2	7	4	97	1	97	204	35	25		
Lehighon	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	4	3	1	1	5	2	2	98	1	98	390	68	40		
Weissport	J. C. Roth	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	23	23	23	3	3	1	5	18	4	106	1	106	180	45	41		
Walnutport	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	11	7	7	7	1	1	2	3	4	4	62	1	62	303	42	23		
Allentown (Salem)	F. B. Hertzog	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	7	7	5	5	5	2	1	1	3	2	2	89	1	89	179	184	45	25	
Coopersburg	"	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	8	8	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	120	1	120	84	263	54	24	
Quakertown	E. H. Musselman	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	2	8	3	13	9	14	110	1	110	389	58	49		
Hatfield	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	13	11	3	14	4	3	3	13	14	14	239	1	239	97	70	47		
TOTAL		116	31	42	42	41	212	9	112	201	36	237	28	10	70	37	145	116	24	2	621	22	12,734	4,531	1,161	761		
EASTON DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																												
Easton	T. D. Gehret	1	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	5	5	5	6	1	3	5	8	1	154	1	138	402	73	50		
Shamokin	J. G. Shireman	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	6	6	20	20	20	1	3	1	5	15	12	186	1	186	452	127	50		
Sunbury	N. H. Wolf	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	6	6	12	12	12	1	1	1	1	12	12	180	1	180	609	75	50		
Stroudsburg	E. E. Kubie	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	57	1	57	310	81	50		
Stranton	Paul E. Baer	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	6	6	6	1	3	4	4	2	2	68	1	68	303	70	78		
Mr. Carmel	C. L. Miller	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	5	5	17	17	17	1	1	1	1	17	17	169	1	169	396	84	51		
Wissaming, Phila.	J. B. Henry	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	10	10	10	1	2	5	8	4	4	68	1	68	91	114	68		
West Philadelphia	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	1	4	4	4	2	2	53	1	53	120	124	47		
York	J. B. Layne	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	13	13	13	1	5	1	6	7	7	117	1	117	229	102	40		
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	58	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	1	25	3,253	4,188	687		
TOTAL		11	11	9	9	1	17	17	17	132	1	57	86	4	90	3	8	17	9	37	59	6	915	9	4,596	7,120	1,403	971
Presiding Elders		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	25	25	25	459	
Missionaries, etc.		230	931	59	59	344	109	287	40	327	311	112	146	207	175	65	3,561	31	17,789	11,651	2,564	1,732	
GRAND TOTAL		230	931	59	59	344	109	287	40	327	311	112	146	207	175	65	3,561	31	17,789	11,651	2,564	1,732	

XXI.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—B.

Appointments	Pastor	Sunday Schools								Church Property					Offerings					
		ALLENTOWN DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.				EASTON DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.				Church Property	Increase of Church Property	Church Valuation	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Foreign Missions in Sunday Schools	For the Poor				
		Prayer Meetings Classes	New Classes Organized	M. B. in C. S. S.	New M. B. C. S. S.	Officers & Teachers Enrolled	Scholars Enrolled	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance								Home Department Members	Subscribers to Gospel Banner	Churches	Pastors	Homes	Present Property
Alletown (Bethel)	B. B. Musselman	4	1	32	526	578	447	74	22	1	1	2	\$125,000.00	\$	540,000	\$	494.43	\$	24.00	
Rhinehen	P. J. Stengela	4	1	70	571	641	514	97	33	1	1	1	70,000.00		474.65		578.66		25.00	
Philadelphia	G. F. Yost	3	1	45	295	340	258	43	37	1	1	1	35,000.00		382.25		343.70		20.50	
Reading	E. M. Hotel	3	1	46	391	437	302	40	15	1	1	1	45,000.00		160.50		148.50		30.00	
Emans	C. H. Brunner	2	1	27	211	238	186	40	19	1	1	1	54,000.00		190.00		203.00		15.00	
Macungie	"	1	1	13	107	120	71	15	9	1	1	1	2,050.00		65.00		77.00		6.00	
Zionsville	A. G. Woodring	1	1	10	97	107	75	15	9	1	1	1	4,050.00		213.00		216.00		7.50	
Fleetwood	"	1	1	20	217	237	184	40	3	1	1	1	9,300.00		98.60		103.85		8.70	
Blandon	"	1	1	17	143	160	129	10	3	1	1	1	3,000.00		50.05		44.30		8.45	
Terre Hill	E. N. Cassel	1	1	21	149	170	128	10	3	1	1	1	6,000.00		134.25		107.25		10.00	
Spring City	W. F. Hefner	1	1	18	87	105	86	40	18	1	1	1	7,500.00		161.80		107.50		7.80	
Gratersford	"	2	1	19	87	109	86	...	9	1	1	1	8,000.00		61.75		55.25		7.00	
Harleysville	H. K. Kratz	1	1	12	57	69	58	...	6	1	1	1	2,500.00		84.00		85.25		7.10	
Northampton	"	1	1	11	61	72	54	14	9	1	1	1	9,000.00		74.75		79.25		4.10	
Nazareth	J. C. Roth	1	1	17	142	157	115	8	13	1	1	1	11,500.00		28.00		19.00		7.53	
Walnutport	"	1	1	15	142	157	115	8	13	1	1	1	6,500.00		76.00		71.70		8.95	
Lehighton	"	1	1	15	106	121	97	6	11	1	1	1	7,900.00		88.75		86.25		4.00	
Weissport	"	1	1	17	119	136	107	...	11	1	1	1	1,500.00		...		22.14		...	
Coopersburg (Salem)	F. B. Hertzog	3	1	26	221	247	177	30	21	1	1	1	10,000.00		138.00		150.00		12.75	
Quakertown	E. H. Musselman	3	1	21	209	230	173	53	21	1	1	1	5,000.00		349.35		350.10		19.60	
Hatfield	"	3	1	22	113	135	112	34	24	1	1	1	13,000.00		113.45		116.20		14.00	
TOTAL		39	1	221	1,546	1,610	1,406	359	536	261	123	15	\$4,200.00	\$446,800.00	\$3,568.25	\$3,476.26	\$3,190.01	\$256.28		
Easton	T. D. Gehret	2	1	29	236	265	197	110	10	1	1	1	55,000.00		246.75		212.25		10.00	
Shamokin	J. G. Shireman	2	1	34	181	215	172	21	10	1	1	1	30,000.00		165.75		158.00		12.00	
Sunbury	N. E. Wolf	2	1	23	203	226	171	24	20	1	1	1	17,000.00		210.00		120.65		8.78	
Stroudsburg	E. E. Kubic	2	1	15	71	86	73	10	7	1	1	1	12,000.00		40.30		30.75		4.60	
Seranton	Paul E. Baer	2	1	19	98	117	85	20	14	1	1	1	21,000.00		211.05		158.75		108.44	
Mt. Carmel	C. L. Miller	2	1	15	186	181	141	16	5	1	1	1	20,000.00		175.05		110.00		72.83	
Wissinoming, Phila.	C. J. B. Henry	1	1	20	105	125	109	20	2	1	1	1	30,000.00		56.27		57.27		8.00	
West Philadelphia	J. E. Henry	1	1	20	93	113	85	7	...	1	1	1	12,000.00		36.75		34.50		3.50	
York	W. G. Layne	2	1	23	199	222	180	11	11	1	1	1	25,000.00		95.00		70.00		3.00	
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	..	1	107	700	807	580	126	4	1	1	1	1,500.00		21.50		12.77		...	
TOTAL		17	9	305	2,052	2,357	1,733	865	82	9	9	9	\$222,700.00	\$1,180.77	\$987.27	\$1,560.41	\$72.88			
The Home	
Mizpah Grove	
Missionaries, Etc.	
GRAND TOTAL.		56	1	321	1,851	2,121	1,663	5,552	901	379	32	24	7,891	\$131,816.48	\$7,417.69	\$5,463.50	\$5,149.90	\$761.40	70	

XXI.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—C.

OFFERINGS—Continued

Appointments	Pastor	Church Properties	Repairs	Church Properties	Parsonage Fund and Hall Rent	Sexton and Sundry Expenses	Sunday Schools	Presiding Elders	Ministers in Cash	Ministers in Other Contributions	Beneficiary Fund	Gospel Worker Society	Tabernacle, Mission or Evang. Work
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.													
Allentown (Bethel)	B. Musselman	\$ 631.25	\$ 577.92	\$ 2,584.62	\$ 1,186.31	\$ 370.00	\$ 1,960.05	\$ 570.00	\$ 310.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 83,200.00
Bethlehem	P. T. Stengele	1,907.81	985.24	1,904.28	353.50	1,775.90	1,775.90	310.00	101.71	101.71	12.00	101.71	955.00
Philadelphia	G. F. Yost	670.00	208.15	1,210.53	1,310.39	313.00	1,339.60	215.00	21.00	44.88	21.00	44.88	75.00
Reading	F. M. Hotel	191.00	117.57	103.41	153.83	172.00	985.70	59.65	5.30	77.86	5.30	77.86	328.00
Emmaus	C. H. Brunner			103.41	153.83	172.00	985.70	59.65	5.30	77.86	5.30	77.86	55.00
Macungie	"			103.41	153.83	172.00	985.70	59.65	5.30	77.86	5.30	77.86	
Zionsville	"			103.41	153.83	172.00	985.70	59.65	5.30	77.86	5.30	77.86	
Fleetwood	A. G. Woodring	381.75	68.15	252.87	140.97	85.00	272.15	47.70	4.80	10.15	4.80	10.15	
Blandon	"			252.87	140.97	85.00	272.15	47.70	4.80	10.15	4.80	10.15	
Terre Hill	"			252.87	140.97	85.00	272.15	47.70	4.80	10.15	4.80	10.15	
Spring City	E. N. Cassel	77.00	44.75	208.00	192.33	58.00	312.50	43.15	4.50	38.65	4.50	38.65	
Royersford	"			208.00	192.33	58.00	312.50	43.15	4.50	38.65	4.50	38.65	
Graterford	W. F. Hefner	86.45	103.40	213.59	204.40	103.00	442.75	125.73	6.10	16.25	6.10	16.25	35.00
Harleysville	"			213.59	204.40	103.00	442.75	125.73	6.10	16.25	6.10	16.25	
Northampton	H. K. Kratz	62.25	54.20	119.89	107.30	69.00	450.40	60.60	3.00	26.95	3.00	26.95	45.00
Nazareth	"			119.89	107.30	69.00	450.40	60.60	3.00	26.95	3.00	26.95	17.00
Lehighton	J. C. Roth	93.15	161.10	250.23	113.11	23.00	280.35	18.35	3.02	13.45	3.02	13.45	10.00
Weissport	"			250.23	113.11	23.00	280.35	18.35	3.02	13.45	3.02	13.45	2.00
Walnutport	"			250.23	113.11	23.00	280.35	18.35	3.02	13.45	3.02	13.45	100.00
Allentown (Salem)	F. B. Hertzog	55.30	35.30	215.64	191.27	54.00	495.00	51.25	4.88	12.61	4.88	12.61	28.00
Coopersburg	"			215.64	191.27	54.00	495.00	51.25	4.88	12.61	4.88	12.61	
Quakertown	E. H. Musselman	116.78	200.30	547.98	354.18	140.00	1,083.50	120.07	10.00	19.51	10.00	19.51	
Hatfield	"			547.98	354.18	140.00	1,083.50	120.07	10.00	19.51	10.00	19.51	
TOTAL		\$3,781.81	\$1,117.57	\$2,111.00	\$1,997.13	\$ 9,995.82	\$2,931.60	\$3,315.47	\$171.40	\$ 809.62	\$ 8,565.19	\$ 150.00	\$ 102.50
EASTON DISTRICT—W. G. GHEMAN, P. E.													
Easton	T. D. Gehret	\$1,085.15	\$ 320.85	\$ 745.15	\$ 883.04	\$ 229.25	\$ 1,244.45	\$ 144.65	\$ 8.00	\$ 40.31	\$ 8.00	\$ 40.31	\$ 216.38
Shamokin	J. G. Shireman	238.42	163.00	414.44	493.48	130.00	1,043.98	409.63	10.00	22.90	10.00	22.90	47.20
Sunbury	N. H. Wolf	102.00	308.95	501.02	408.45	190.05	773.20	182.91	8.00	12.67	8.00	12.67	36.75
Stroudsburg	D. E. Koble			216.74	177.67	65.05	342.40	144.03	3.00	20.67	3.00	20.67	
Scranton	Paul E. Baer			216.74	177.67	65.05	342.40	144.03	3.00	20.67	3.00	20.67	
McConnellsburg	C. L. Miller			547.62	288.12	166.00	670.50	442.26	8.25	21.35	8.25	21.35	246.50
Washington, Pa.	J. E. Henry			726.22	438.17	116.68	686.75	239.40	6.00	30.00	6.00	30.00	
West Philadelphia	"			683.65	415.20	85.00	562.95	153.60	6.00	18.85	6.00	18.85	
York	J. B. Layne	641.46	198.61	489.46	290.25	81.00	800.80	117.78	5.30	17.84	5.30	17.84	
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, Pres.			5,796.95	2,296.00	2,188.66	741.60	2,098.01	44.34	1,765.41	44.34	1,765.41	
TOTAL		\$1,828.61	\$ 238.42	\$ 7,893.73	\$ 6,026.90	\$ 2,062.78	\$ 6,646.28	\$ 4,112.27	\$ 59.30	\$ 802.87	\$ 8,079.46	\$ 150.00	\$ 82,514.21
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 5,610.42	\$ 355.99	\$ 18,830.86	\$ 16,022.72	\$ 4,994.38	\$ 22,450.11	\$ 7,427.74	\$ 230.70	\$ 8,025.87	\$ 8,079.46	\$ 1,765.41	\$ 88,079.46

XXI.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—D.

OFFERINGS—Concluded

Appointments	Pastor	Camp Meetings	Sunday School and Other Conventions	Annual Conference Fund	Annual Conference Delegate	Benevolent Society	Annual Conference Expenses	Total Offerings	Subscriptions and Literature
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.									
Alentown (Bethel)	B. B. Musselman	\$ 20.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.56	\$ 118.50	\$ 42.50	\$ 11,593.97	\$ 575.00	
Bethlehem	P. T. Stengsele	20.00	14.43	21.50	49.50	33.80	9,410.08	40.00	
Philadelphia	G. F. Yost	22.00	9.00	16.00	42.00	25.70	7,551.41	142.00	
Reading	F. M. Hoitel	18.48	10.00	13.00	27.50	25.60	4,830.36	61.00	
Emaus	C. H. Brunner	10.00	4.40	8.50	27.50	14.30	3,696.98	9.00	
Macungie	"	4.50	2.20	5.40	14.00	5.10	998.86	12.00	
Zionsville	"	6.20	2.50	5.00	14.00	3.70	1,456.82	9.00	
Fleetwood	A. G. Woodring	8.50	6.10	6.35	10.50	10.50	2,982.68	12.00	
Plandon	"	5.56	2.90	4.50	26.50	6.30	1,082.74	56.40	
Terre Hill	"	9.20	4.50	6.25	12.00	7.30	2,024.57	25.50	
Spring City	E. N. Cassel	11.29	2.35	6.96	15.00	7.00	2,024.57	18.60	
Royersford	"	7.70	4.65	9.53	25.00	7.00	1,581.65	50.00	
Gatertown	W. F. Heffner	8.62	5.00	6.50	6.00	6.40	1,332.31	31.00	
Harleysville	H. K. Kratz	5.50	3.45	7.25	17.00	3.90	1,184.05	20.50	
Norhampton	"	5.50	3.86	4.00	18.00	7.90	881.54	14.50	
Nazareth	J. C. Roth	5.15	5.00	6.10	5.00	6.80	2,019.48	65.76	
Lehighon	"	5.15	3.00	7.65	21.00	0.20	2,071.75	83.00	
Weissport	F. B. Hertzog	5.50	4.50	7.00	8.00	8.70	1,371.27	43.30	
Walnutport	"	7.43	5.40	14.50	13.50	12.60	2,137.07	48.30	
Alentown (Salem)	E. H. Musselman	5.40	4.00	5.50	21.00	13.40	3,569.63	118.00	
Coopersburg	"	5.50	4.00	5.50	21.00	13.40	3,104.68	125.00	
Quakertown	"	5.50	4.00	5.50	21.00	13.40	3,104.68	125.00	
Hatfield	"	5.50	4.00	5.50	21.00	13.40	3,104.68	125.00	
Mizpah Grove	"	5.50	4.00	5.50	21.00	13.40	3,104.68	125.00	
Camp Meeting	"	\$4,440.33					729.75	25.00	
Total		\$ 4,440.33	\$ 218.70	\$ 117.94	\$ 179.05	\$ 508.50	\$256.90	\$ 71,729.06	\$ 1,630.76
EASTON DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.									
Easton	N. D. Gehret	\$ 15.00	\$ 4.10	\$ 15.00	\$ 34.50	\$ 14.10	\$ 5,729.82	\$ 142.25	
Shamokin	J. G. Shireman	8.25	16.60	15.21	4.00	10.80	2,427.22	91.25	
Shunbury	N. H. Wolf	12.00	4.50	13.00	7.50	10.80	2,942.56	190.25	
Stroudsburg	E. E. Kublic	11.85	3.00	9.10	5.00	6.50	1,342.61	180.75	
Stratton	Paul E. Baer	14.00	6.25	14.00	4.50	6.80	2,888.04	150.75	
Mr. Carmel	C. I. Miller	15.00	5.00	13.50	3.00	7.00	2,006.75	125.75	
Wissinoming, Phila	J. B. Henry	4.00	4.00	15.08	3.00	7.00	2,422.31	77.75	
West Philadelphia	"	14.35	3.00	7.03	4.42	5.30	1,660.10	15.20	
York	J. B. Layne	14.35	3.00	7.03	4.42	5.30	2,728.88	107.20	
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, Pres	343.38					2,728.88	107.20	
Edgewood Grove	Camp Meeting	\$1,437.83					17,489.94	19,447.01	
Total		\$ 1,437.83	\$ 439.58	\$ 41.75	\$ 111.34	\$ 58.50	\$ 89.70	\$ 45,079.00	\$ 20,541.81
Grand Total		\$ 5,878.16	\$ 653.28	\$ 159.69	\$ 290.39	\$ 567.00	\$ 349.60	\$116,808.06	\$ 22,179.57

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XXII.—Summary Statistics

Presiding Elders	2	Total membership	3,561
Ordained Ministers	30	Appointments	31
Probationers	9	New appointments	1
Quarterly Conference		Sermons preached	7,789
Licensed Preachers	3	Pastoral visits	11,651
Deacons	1	Prayer meetings visited ..	2,564
Class Leaders	59		
Stewards	59	Sunday Schools	
Parsonage Fund Collectors	58	Sunday Schools visited ...	1,732
Baptized	344	Prayer Meeting classes ...	56
Members not baptized ...	9	New classes organized ...	1
Children dedicated	169	M. B. C. Sunday Schools .	31
		New M. B. C. Sunday	
		Schools	1
		Officers and Teachers	
		enrolled	851
		Scholars enrolled	6,212
		Total enrollment	7,063
		Total average attendance	5,352
		Home Dept. Members	901
		Sub. to Gospel Banner ..	379
		Churches	32
		Parsonages	24
		Janitor's homes	7

Membership

Rec'd into Church Fel-	
lowship	287
Rec'd by transfer	40
Total increase	327
Died	31
Withdrawn	18
Dropped	112
Transferred	46
Total decrease	207
Net increase	120

Financial

Increase of church property	\$ 9,131.93
Present valuation of Church Property	812,816.48
Home Missions	4,747.02
Foreign Missions	4,463.53
Foreign Missions in Sunday Schools	4,750.42
For the Home	329.16
Church properties	5,610.42
Repairing church properties	355.99
Parsonage Fund and hall rent	9,755.16
Sexton and Sundry Expenses	18,830.86
Sunday Schools	16,022.72
Presiding Elders	4,994.38
Ministers in Cash	22,450.11
Ministers in other contributions	7,427.74
Beneficiary Fund	230.70
Gospel Workers	862.87
Tabernacle and Evangelistic work	8,079.46
Camp Meetings	5,878.16
Sunday School Conventions	653.28
Annual Conference Fund	159.69
Annual Conference Delegates	290.39
Benevolent Society	567.00
Annual Conference Expenses	349.60
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Total offerings	\$116,808.66
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Literature and subscriptions	\$ 22,179.57

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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	1933	25 N. Fifth St., Emaus, Pa.
Cassel, E. N.	1901	1904	1932	311 Yost Ave., Spring City, Pa.
Gehman, W. G.	1896	1899	P. E.	1136 Northampton St., Easton, Pa.
Gehret, T. D.	1921	1925	1932	1231 Ferry St., Easton, Pa.
Hartman, H. W.	1927	1934	1934	25 S. Third St., Quakertown, Pa.
Heffner, W. F.	1917	1920	1925	Graterford, Pa.
Henry, J. B.	1924	1923	1927	4418 Van Kirk St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Hertzog, F. B.	1922	1925	1925	723 Filmore St. Allentown, Pa.
Hottel, F. M.	1905	1909	1932	936 Oley St., Reading, Pa.
Kratz, H. K.	1906	1909	1923	16 S. Broad St., Nazareth, Pa.
Kublic, E. E.	1901	1907	1932	21 S. 6th St., Stroudsburg, Pa.
Layne, J. B.	1916	1919	1930	246 E. Princess St., York, Pa.
Miller, C. L.	1928	1933	1932	132 W. 4th St., Mt. Carmel, 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	1934	Hatfield, Pa.
Roth, J. C.	1900	1903	1925	438 Cypress St., Lehighton, Pa.
Shireman, J. G.	1898	1900	1922	35 S. Second St., Shamokin, Pa.
Stengele, P. T.	1918	1923	1932	1124 N. Main St., Bethlehem, Pa.
Wolf, N. H.	1916	1920	1932	144 N. Sixth St., Sunbury, Pa.
Woodring, A. G.	1917	1920	1923	119 N. Richmond St., Fleetwood, Pa.
Yost, G. F.	1908	1913	1933	3848 N. Park Ave., Philadelphia, 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, E. B.	1927	....	.....	" " "
Hartman, W. W.	1930	....	.....	" " "
Meyers, M. M.	1919	....	.....	" " "
Sprock, A. M.	1928	....	.....	" " "

IV. Quarterly Conference Licensed Missionaries

Brunner, Mrs. C. H.	1893	....	.....	Emaus, 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	....	.....	French Indo-China.
Feldges, H. W. ....	....	....	.....	Colombia, S. A.
Feldges, Mrs. H. W. ....	....	....	.....	Colombia, S. A.
Miller, Mary A. ....	....	....	.....	Belgian Congo, Africa.
Snyder, C. F. ....	....	....	.....	Hochow, China.
Snyder, Mrs. C. F. ....	....	....	.....	Hochow, China.
Whale, Mrs. Fred.	1932	....	.....	Sudan, Africa

RECORD OF CONFERENCES

I. EVANGELICAL MENNONITES (Semi-Annual)

Yr.	Time.	Place.	Chairman.	Secretary.
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	Mar.	4-7.....	Bethlehem	"	"
1899	Mar.	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	Oct.	11-15.....	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	"	"
1932	Oct.	12-14.....	Allentown	"	"
1933	Oct.	18-20.....	Easton	"	"
1934	Oct.	18-21.....	Allentown	"	"

*Special Session concerning the sale of certain church property to the "Church of God."

**Special Conference whereby a union was effected between the Evangelical Mennonites of Pennsylvania and the United Mennonites of the Western States and Canada. Name changed to "Evangelical United Mennonites."

†A special conference was held December 27, 1883, at Harrisburg, Ohio, whereby a union was effected with the Brethren in Christ of Ohio and the name changed to "Mennonite Brethren in Christ."

CAMP MEETINGS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

Year		TENTS		TENTS		TENTS		TENTS
†1879	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1880	Chestnut Hill	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1881	" "	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1882	" "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1883	" "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1884	" "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1885	" "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1886	" "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1887	" "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1888	" "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1889	" "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1890	" "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1891	" "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1892	" "	.....	Royersford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1893	" "	.....	Spring City	.....	Catasauqua	.....	.....	.....
1894	" "	.....	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*1895	" "	.....	"	.....	Weissport	.....	Annandale	.....
*1896	" "	.....	"	.....	Walnutport	.....	"	.....
1897	" "	.....	"	.....	Rittersville	.....	.....	.....
1898	Quakertown	.....	"	.....	"	.....	Sunbury	.....
1899	"	.....	"	.....	.....	.....	"	.....
1900	Macungie	.....	Northampton	.....	Terre Hill	64	.....	.....
1901	"	.....	Neffsville	.....	Mohnsville	.....	.....	.....
1902	"	56	Northampton	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
1903	"	52	"	.....	Reading (East)	.....	.....	.....
1904	Wescoesville	104	Hellertown	73	Spring City	.....	.....	.....
					(Bonnie Bray)	.....	.....	.....
1905	"	113	"	82	Spring City	.....	.....	.....
					(Bonnie Bray)	.....	.....	.....
1906	"	136	"	125	Reading	.....	.....	.....
					(Heiner's Spgs.)	.....	.....	.....
1907	"	122	"	145	Reading	90	Shamokin	85
					(Spq. Valley)	.....	(Bunker Hill)	.....
1908	"	148	"	164	Easton (Mt.	75	Shamokin	75
					Carmel Dist.)	.....	(Bunker Hill)	.....
1909	Waldheim	153	"	139	Easton (Mt.	75	.....	.....
					Carmel Dist.)	.....	.....	.....
1910	Mizpah Grove	167	Mizpah Grove	154	Easton (Mt.	89	.....	.....
	(Allen, Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		Carmel Dist.)	.....	.....	.....
1911	Mizpah Grove	156	Mizpah Grove	160	Mizpah Grove	100	Shamokin	43
	(Allen, Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)	.....	.....	.....
1912	Mizpah Grove	163	Mizpah Grove	.....	Mizpah Grove	75	Shamokin	58
	(Allen, Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)	.....	.....	.....
1913	Mizpah Grove	165	Mizpah Grove	169	Mizpah Grove	76	Shamokin	71
	(Allen, Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)	.....	.....	.....
1914	Mizpah Grove	143	Mizpah Grove	170	Mizpah Grove	68	Shamokin	78
	(Allen, Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)	.....	.....	.....
1915	Mizpah Grove	145	Mizpah Grove	174	Mizpah Grove	66	Shamokin	86
	(Allen, Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)	.....	.....	.....
1916	Mizpah Grove	155	Mizpah Grove	194	Shamokin	106	.....	.....
	(Allen, Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)	.....	.....	.....
1917	Mizpah Grove	162	Mizpah Grove	203	Shamokin	120	Harrisburg	65
	(Allen, Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)	.....	.....	.....
1918	Mizpah Grove	199	Mizpah Grove	183	Shamokin	105	.....	.....
	(Allen, Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)	.....	.....	.....
1919	Mizpah Grove	189	Mizpah Grove	219	Shamokin	126	.....	.....
	(Allen, Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)	.....	.....	.....

CAMP MEETINGS OF THE PENNA. CONFERENCE—(Continued)

YEAR		TENTS		TENTS		TENTS		TENTS
1920	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	195	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	238	Shamokin (Mt. Car. Dist.)	128	.....	.....
1921	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	224	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	221	Shamokin (Mt. Car. Dist.)	136	.....	.....
1922	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	240	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	217	Shamokin (Mt. Car. Dist.)	126	.....	.....
1923	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	259	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	212	Shamokin (Mt. Car. Dist.)	174	.....	.....
1924	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	278	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	232	Shamokin (Mt. Car. Dist.)	155	.....	.....
1925	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	282	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	233	Shamokin (Mt. Car. Dist.)	158	.....	.....
1926	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	289	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	265	Shamokin (Sha- mokin Dist.)	170	.....	.....
1927	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	284	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	263	Shamokin (Sham. Dist.)	161	.....	.....
1928	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	294	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	241	Shamokin (Sham. Dist.)	161	.....	.....
1929	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	260	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	235	Shamokin (Easton Dist.)	146	.....	.....
1930	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	229	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	222	Shamokin (Easton Dist.)	147	.....	.....
1931	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	239	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	217	Shamokin (Easton Dist.)	131	.....	.....
1932	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	226	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	225	Shamokin (Easton Dist.)	115	.....	.....
1933	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	227	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	200	Shamokin (Easton Dist.)	124	.....	.....
1934	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	273	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	245	Shamokin (Easton Dist.)	136	.....	.....

†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 Workers Society.

The Gospel Workers 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
William Gehman and John Traub.
3. HARRISBURG, O. December 27-29, 1883.
William Gehman and A. Strawn.
A Union Conference with the Brethren in Christ. Name changed to Mennonite Brethren in Christ.
4. ZIONSVILLE, PA. 1885.
William Gehman, P. E., and A. Strawn.
5. BERLIN, ONTARIO. 1888.
William Gehman, P. E., A. Strawn and W. B. Musselman.
6. HARRISBURG, O. 1892.
W. B. Musselman, P. E., William Gehman, Noah Detweiler and M. A. Zyner.
7. COOPERSBURG, PA. 1896.
W. B. Musselman, P. E., William 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 Oc-
 tober, 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.
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 Gehman and C. D. Bean.
16. Announced for Wakarusa, Indiana, on the last Wednes-
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