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- Home Mission Fund**—Chairman, H. B. Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner.
- Gospel Herald Society**—President, W. G. Gehman.

## Business Rules of the Conference

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1. Two sessions shall be held daily, as follows: From 9 to 12 m., and from 1.30 to 5 p. m.
2. The Chairman shall take his seat precisely at the time to which the Conference adjourned, open and conduct the devotional exercises. The Secretary shall call the roll, and read the minutes of the preceding session, after which business shall proceed as follows:
  - (a) Committee Reports.
  - (b) Petitions.
  - (c) Unfinished Business.
  - (d) Miscellaneous Business.
3. Anyone wishing to speak shall rise and respectfully address the Chair. In case more than one should address the Chair at the same time, the Chairman shall decide who is entitled to the floor.
4. No one shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes on any subject unless he receives permission by the Chair.
5. No one shall speak the second time until all who desire have spoken. He shall then ask permission of the Chairman.
6. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preserve order.

### COMMITTEES

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

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

### STANDING COMMITTEES

(a) Appointed by the Chairman

1. Committee on Camp Meeting Equipment.
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

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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 Pennsylvania .....Treasurer. The various Boards shall draw on the Treasurer for the funds needed, using form of voucher check furnished by the Annual Conference. They shall not draw beyond the amount of their respective funds except by permission of the Executive Board.

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

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

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

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

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

It shall have the 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.

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\*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 Home 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, 1937.]

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 Missions 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) Ministers' Retirement Fund—Quarterly.

C.—Offering for the Home—Annual.

D.—Ministers' Retirement 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.—Ministers' Retirement Fund.—A free-will offering shall be lifted in each prayer meeting class once each quarter by their respective Class Leaders for the Ministers' Retirement 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 Home, Foreign and Home Missionary work, and Conference Fund, until the Annual Conference unless needed sooner. The offering for the Ministers' Retirement Fund 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.

# Annual Conference Proceedings

## 1935

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### FIRST MEETING

Thursday Forenoon, October 17, 1935.

The Fifty-second Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania convened in Ebenezer M. B. in C. Church, 1125-27 North Main Street, Bethlehem, Penna.

The first meeting was opened by the Chairman, H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder of the Allentown District, according to announcement at 9 A. M., Thursday, October 17, 1935. "Where He Leads I'll Follow," was sung as the opening hymn. Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman led in the opening prayer.

This was followed by a very appropriate and helpful address by the Chairman, after which the Conference engaged in a season of earnest prayer for the blessing of God.

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

The Secretary enrolled the names of the members of the Conference as follows:

#### Ministers

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

Deceased—O. S. Hillegass.

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

#### Delegates

##### Allentown District

G. Henry Hildebrand, Allentown (Bethel).  
 Paul H. Cressman, Bethlehem.  
 Fred Geibel, Philadelphia.  
 S. W. Helser, 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.  
 C. K. Wismer, Graterford and Harleysville.  
 A. W. Deppe, Nazareth and Northampton.  
 A. A. Schaeffer, 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.  
 H. N. Dettra, Hatfield and Norristown.

Both Presiding Elders, all the Pastors, all the Delegates and a number of the Gospel Heralds and 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, the Gospel Worker Society and the Union Gospel Press, as well as the Gospel Herald Society, a number of whom are present at this Conference. Also our Foreign Missionaries, 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 missionaries, although not members of our Conference, yet are being 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.

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 five pews in front and to the right of the Chair constitute the Conference Bar.

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

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

**Resolved,** That no members be permitted to leave the Conference Bar without permission by the Chair except P. T. Stengele and Paul H. Cressman, the Pastor and Delegate of the Bethlehem Congregation.

#### Committees

**Committee on Worship:** Appointed at the last Annual Conference: H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, B. Bryan Musselman, P. T. Stengele, and C. H. Brunner.

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

**Committee on Communications:** F. M. Hottel and H. K. Kratz.

**Committee on Finance:** P. T. Stengele, H. L. Shelly, G. Henry Hildebrand, and C. H. Brunner.

**Committee on Statistics:** E. N. Cassel, J. B. Layne, P. T. Stengele, Paul E. Baer, T. D. Gehret, and H. W. Hartman.

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

**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, W. F. Heffner, and H. N. Dettra.

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

**Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists, and Missionaries:** J. G. Shireman, 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, T. D. Gehret, and F. B. Hertzog.

**Committee on Auditing:** G. F. Yost, J. B. Henry, Paul I. Wentz, Herbert V. Smith, C. B. Brosius, Paul H. Cressman, R. R. Fox, G. Henry Hildebrand, A. A. Schaeffer, Fred Geibel, and H. H. Bergey.

**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 11.20 with prayer by Thomas Campbell, Sr., and benediction by E. N. Cassel.

## SECOND MEETING

Thursday Afternoon, October 17, 1935.

The Chairman opened the afternoon meeting at 3.10 o'clock with singing "Follow, Follow, I Will Follow Jesus," and prayer by E. H. Musselman.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

We, the Committee on Quarterly Conference Records, beg leave to report that 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.

F. B. Hertzog,	George R. Fish,
H. K. Kratz,	C. K. Wismer,
E. H. Musselman,	Thomas Campbell, Sr.
C. L. Miller,	S. W. Heiser,
Mason Klinger,	Paul H. Miller,
E. E. Kublic,	W. F. Heffner,
A. W. Deppe,	H. N. Dettra,
F. A. Borchers,	George S. Messersmith,

Committee.

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

We beg leave to report the following: that we have examined the Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists, and Missionaries, and found them all in a satisfactory condition.

J. G. Shireman,	J. B. Henry,
J. C. Roth,	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,	G. K. Himmelreich,
H. H. Bergey,	Committee.

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

**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 Examiners.** (See Reports).

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

#### Program of Services

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

The Committee on Worship appointed at the last Annual Conference met at Easton on October 11, 1935, and arranged the following program:

Thursday, 7.45 P. M.—Oral Reports of the Pastors, limited to four minutes.

Friday, 7.45 P. M.—Two twenty-minute addresses by Pastors T. D. Gehret and E. N. Cassel.

Saturday, 7.45 P. M.—Two twenty-minute addresses by Pastors J. B. Layne and C. H. Brunner.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Sermon by Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, Chairman of the Annual Conference.

At 2.15 P. M.—Sermon by W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Easton District.

At 7.00 P. M.—A twenty-minute address by Pastor Paul E. Baer, followed by the closing address by Pastor B. Bryan Musselman. All the services on Sunday will be in charge of the Chairman of the Annual Conference.

H. B. Musselman,  
W. G. Gehman,  
B. Bryan Musselman,

P. T. Stengle,  
C. H. Brunner,  
Committee.

**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. E. Kublic, J. B. Layne, P. T. Stengele, F. B. Hertzog, T. D. Gehret, J. B. Henry, E. H. Musselman, Paul E. Baer, C. L. Miller, and H. W. Hartman.

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.

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

Adjourned at 5.20 P. M. with prayer by H. W. Hartman and benediction by J. B. Layne.

### THIRD MEETING

Thursday Evening, October 17, 1935.

The evening meeting was opened at 7.45 o'clock with singing, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," and prayer by W. F. Heffner.

The roll was called.

The Pastors submitted their oral reports.

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

The interest shown in the submitting of the oral reports was evidenced by the large and interested audience which filled the main auditorium and balcony of the Church. Members from far and near were present at this service.

Adjourned at 9.45 o'clock with prayer and benediction by E. N. Cassel.

## FOURTH MEETING

Friday Morning, October 18, 1935.

The meeting was opened with singing, "Down at the Cross Where My Saviour Died," and prayer by G. Henry Hildebrand.

Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman read portions of II Corinthians 5 and 6 and made some very appropriate and helpful remarks.

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

**Resolved**, That we suspend business to the call of the Chair. Business was resumed at 10.35 o'clock.

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

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

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

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

**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 1934 and found them correct except the following corrections:

(1) Page 13—Conference opened on Thursday instead of Wednesday; the opening prayer was made by W. G. Gehman instead of J. B. Layne, and the opening hymn was "Take the Name of Jesus with You," instead of "Let the Beauty of Jesus be Seen in Me."

(2) Page 16—Second Meeting after paragraph three the following resolution is omitted: "**Resolved**, That Rev. J. Harold Sherk, Fraternal Delegate from the Ontario Conference be accepted as a member of this conference and shall have a seat in the bar."

(3) Page 24—Under the election of the Board of Foreign Missions, the name of F. M. Hottel is omitted.

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

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

Adjourned at 11 A. M. with prayer by F. B. Hertzog and benediction by G. F. Yost.

## FIFTH MEETING

Friday Afternoon, October 18, 1935.

The meeting was opened at 4.05 o'clock with prayer by J. B. Layne. The roll was called after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

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

R. H. Gehman and A. M. Sprock, who had been assigned to appointments by the Conference were admitted into the Conference Bar.

#### 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.

**Resolved,** That we suspend the rules and extend the time indefinitely. The election was continued.

**Board of Foreign Missions:** H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, W. G. Gehman, B. Bryan Musselman, and P. T. Stengele.

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

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

**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. B. Hertzog and P. T. Stengele (appointed by the chairman).

**Resolved,** That all contributions received for 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, Penna.

**Whereas**, Brother R. H. Gehman and A. M. Sprock have served in the Gospel Herald Society for a number of years and have previously passed the Reading Course acceptably, and,

**Whereas**, They have been assigned to an appointment by the Stationing Committee at this Conference, therefore

**Resolved**, That they be referred to the Committee on Ordination.

**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 F. B. Hertzog, A. G. Woodring and N. H. Wolf.

**Resolved**, That the next Annual Conference convene in Bethel Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, No. 526-530 North Eighth Street, Allentown, Penna.

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

Adjourned at 5.45 P. M. with prayer by F. M. Hottel and benediction by G. F. Yost.

#### SIXTH MEETING

Saturday Morning, October 19, 1935.

The meeting was opened with singing "Nearer My God to Thee," and prayer by R. R. Fox.

The Chairman read Philippians, Chapters 3 and 4, followed by some very helpful and practical remarks.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

**Report of the Committee on Resolutions:**

(1) **Whereas**: We have been privileged to hear the reports of our Presiding Elders, also the report of the President of the Gospel Herald Society, in which tribute was paid to the Pastors for their faithfulness, loyalty and unity, special mention also being made of the laity on the various charges who gave evidence of their interest in the Lord's work by their loyal support, prayers and sacrificial spirit, and,

**Whereas**: Our Presiding Elders have rendered untiring service and given helpful counsel and spiritual guidance, therefore,

**Resolved**: That we manifest our appreciation of their leadership by praying for them and that we strive to make their burdens light by all that lies within our power.

(2) **Whereas:** Through the goodness of God the lives of all the Pastors have been spared so that they were enabled to report at this Conference, and,

**Whereas:** There has been noticeable progress made, souls having been saved and believers established in the faith, therefore,

**Resolved:** That we give special praise to the Lord for thus enabling the ministry to move forward and that we continue to give our best to the Lord and His service.

(3) **Whereas:** Brother O. S. Hillegas, one of our former pastors, who for a number of years was unable to actively care for a charge on account of physical infirmity, fell asleep in Jesus on July 11, 1935, at Allentown, Penna., and was laid to rest at Quakertown, Penna., July 15, 1935, therefore,

**Resolved:** That we bow in humility and submission to the will of our Heavenly Father and pray that the blessings of God and the comfort of the Holy Ghost be upon sister Hillegas in her sorrow and loss.

(4) **Whereas:** C. H. Brunner, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board and also Editor of the Annual Year Book, has given much time to correspondence with the various missionaries supported by our Conference and secured much valuable information and facts of interest, all of which has made the report interesting and informing, therefore,

**Resolved,** That we appreciate his efforts and untiring labor, and further,

**Resolved:** That fifty dollars be donated from the Annual Conference Fund as a token of appreciation for his valuable services.

(5) **Whereas:** The Union Gospel Press, of Cleveland, Ohio, has published the Christian Life series of Sunday School literature, publications which are of high quality and standard, both spiritually and doctrinally, therefore,

**Resolved:** That we praise the Lord for their noble work and continue to pray that the blessings of God may rest upon them, and, further,

**Resolved:** That we do all that we can to spread this literature wherever opportunity is afforded.

(6) **Resolved:** That the church property at Hereford be in charge of the Board of Trustees of Macungie, Penna.

(7) **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.

(8) **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 New Years and April 1st.

(9) **Resolved:** That we ask our Pastors to hold a special service on or before Thanksgiving Day. On this occasion they shall urge a special offering for our Home.

(10) **Resolved:** That we ask the Sunday Schools to remit 25c 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.

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

(12) **Whereas,** The Pastor, P. T. Stengele, and the members of the Bethlehem 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.

(13) **Resolved:** That each appointment lift an offering for the next Annual Conference expenses, the amount to be based on the basis of ten cents per member computed on the membership list reported at last Annual Conference. These amounts shall be recorded in the first empty space following the space for the Benevolent Society on both Financial and Statistical Schedules.

(14) **Whereas:** The daily papers, the "Bethlehem Globe-Times" and the "Allentown Morning Call," 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 a copy of this resolution be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Conference and be forwarded by Pastor P. T. Stengele.

W. G. Gehman, F. B. Hertzog,  
T. D. Gehret, Committee.

**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, and wishes God's blessing upon the Conference, however, on account of business he could not be present.

F. M. Hottel,  
H. K. Kratz,  
Committee.

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

We have not received any applicants for Annual Conference License.

C. H. Brunner, F. M. Hottel,  
B. Bryan Musselman, 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,	R. R. Fox,
Paul I. Wentz,	G. Henry Hildebrand,
Herbert V. Smith,	A. A. Schaffer,
C. B. Brocius,	Fred Geibel,
Paul H. Cressman,	H. H. Bergery,
J. B. Henry,	Committee.

**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 in Beulah M. B. in C. Church, Twelfth and Spruce Streets, Easton, Penna., on April 16, 1936. 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, J. B. Henry.

**Committee on Program:** H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and T. D. Gehret.

**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: T. D. Gehret.

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

**Resolved:** That we print 900 copies of the Year Book for 1935. 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.

Adjourned with prayer by C. H. Brunner and benediction by B. Bryan Musselman.

#### SEVENTH MEETING

Saturday Afternoon, October 19, 1935

The meeting was opened with prayer by H. K. Kratz.

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

Rev. R. O. Musser, of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, was introduced to the Conference.

**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. B. Hertzog.

**Beneficiary Society**—President, W. G. Gehman; Secretary, F. M. Hotel; 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 Ordination:**

We have examined Probationers R. H. Gehman and A. M. Sprock and have ascertained that they have passed the reading course with credit and have had charge of Gospel Herald Society Missions for a number of years, and have showed themselves consecrated, devoted and obedient workers, adhering to the teachings of the Scriptures and being sound in Faith, we therefore recommend that they be ordained on Sunday afternoon.

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

**Resolved,** That the Executive Board be authorized to proceed and incorporate the Annual Conference after further deliberation if they deem advisable after the form presented.

**Resolved,** Wherever it is deemed advantageous, local churches may be incorporated after the general form presented.

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

**Resolved,** That we suspend business to the call of the Chair. Business was resumed at 5.50 o'clock.

The Executive Board presented a proposition for a Ministers' retirement fund. (See Reports).

The following report was read and adopted:

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

**Resolved,** That the Pastor nominate Candidates for Class Leaders, Stewards, and Building Fund Collectors, and the Class elect them.

The Pastor with these elected officers shall nominate candidates for Sunday School Superintendents.

The Pastor, Class Leaders, Stewards, Building Fund Collectors and

Sunday School Superintendent, shall nominate candidates for the other elected Sunday School officers, also for Trustees, Delegate and Alternate Delegate. Two or more shall be nominated for each office except in the matter of Trustees, when five shall be nominated. The elections of this year to be according to this resolution.

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

Adjourned at 7.20 o'clock with prayer and benediction by 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,	G. Henry Hildebrand,
P. T. Stengele,	R. R. Fox,
G. F. Yost,	Paul H. Cressman,
F. M. Hottel,	Fred Geibel,
F. B. Hertzog,	S. W. Heiser,
T. D. Gehret,	G. K. Himmelreich,
J. C. Roth,	Herbert V. Smith,
J. G. Shireman,	A. A. Schaeffer,
H. K. Kratz,	Paul H. Miller,
Paul E. Baer,	C. B. Brosius,
W. F. Heffner,	A. W. Deppe,
J. B. Layne,	Frank A. Borchers,
H. W. Hartman,	C. K. Wismer,
J. B. Henry,	George S. Messersmith,
C. L. Miller,	H. H. Bergey,
E. E. Kublic,	Thomas Campbell, Sr.,
E. H. Musselman,	Mason Klinger,
R. H. Gehman,	George R. Fish,
A. M. Sprock,	H. M. Dettra.
Paul I. Wentz,	

### THE ENGLISH BIBLE

During the month of October, 1935, we are celebrating the 400th anniversary of the printing of the first English Bible. The Bible Societies of America and Europe have appointed strong national and regional Committees to celebrate this event. This includes nationally and internationally renowned men of learning, scientists, physicians, educators, business men, lecturers, clergymen, men who are neither afraid nor ashamed to declare their allegiance to the Sacred Scriptures.

The Codex Sinaiticus is the oldest manuscript of the Bible known to exist, written about A. D. 350. It was discovered by Lobegott Friederich Konstantin von Tischendorf in 1844 in an old convent at the foot of Mt. Sinai, written in Greek, the Old Testament on 199 leaves of fine vellum 13½ by 15 inches, and the New Testament on 148 leaves,

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A portion of the Codex Sinaiticus showing  
 John vi. 14, 15.

Written in Uncials (Capitals) about 350 A. D., the oldest  
 known manuscript of the Bible.

four columns to a page. Tischendorf presented this most valuable book in the world to the Czar of Russia and deposited it in the Imperial Library in St. Petersburg. On December 20, 1933, the British Government secured it from the Russian Government for \$500,000 and placed it in the British Museum. This Codex and the Codex Alexandrinus, also in the British Museum, and the Codex Vaticanus in the Vatican Library in Rome are the oldest and only known ancient copies of the Bible.

For the first complete Bible written in English we are probably indebted to John De Wyclif, born in England in 1320. He was called the "morning star of the Reformation." Only the patronage of John of Gaunt and others in high position and powerful influence protected him from persecution.

Foxe wrote in 1563 that some paid the equivalent of \$200.00 in the fifteenth century for a manuscript Bible. Others gave a load of hay for a few chapters of James or the other epistles. Wyclif died in 1384

and in 1428 by order of the council of Constance his body was disinterred, and burned and his ashes cast into the River Swift.

William Tyndale, in an argument with a leader of the Church, said: "If God spare my life, ere many years I will cause a boy that driveth the plough to know more of the Scriptures than thou doest!"

Then answered Jesus, and sayde: A certain man wente downe from Jerusalem vnto Jericho, and fell amongemurthurers, which stryped him out of his clothes, and wounded him, and wente, their waye, and left him half dead. And by chaunce there came downe a prest the same waye: and whan he sawe him, he passed by. And likewise a Leuite, whā he came nye vnto the same place and sawe him, he passed by. But a Samaritane was goynge his iourney, and came that waye, and whan he sawe him, he had compassion vpon him, wente vnto him, bounde vp his woundes, and poured oyle and wyne therin, and lifte him vp vpon his beast, and brought him into the ynne, and made prouysion for him. Vpon the next daye whan he departed, he toke out two pens, and gaue them to the oost, and sayde vnto him: Take cure of him, and what so euer thou spendest more, I wil paye it the, whan I come agayne. Which of these thre now thinkest thou, was neighbour vnto him, that fell amonge the murthurers? He sayde: He that shewed mercy vpon him. Then sayde Jesus vnto him: Go thy waye then, and do thou likewise.

A facsimile of Luke 10:30-37 from an original copy of the first Bible printed in English by Myles Coverdale.  
October 4, 1535.

After visiting Martin Luther at Wittenberg, Germany, he issued the first printed English New Testament in 1525. After fleeing from place to place he was treacherously betrayed in Antwerp and on October 6, 1536, he was strangled and his body burned. His last words were: "Lord, open Thou the King of England's eyes."

Just one year before the martyrdom of Tyndale, namely October 4, 1535, Myles Coverdale printed the first complete English Bible, probably at Zurich. Coverdale translated his Bible "Out of Douche and Latyn" as the Title Page states. He enriched his predecessor's translation with much of the tenderness and resourcefulness of our present Bible.

Punctuation, first introduced in the fifth century was very imperfect until the eighth century. The present division of the Bible into chapters was made by Stephen Langdon, Arch-Bishop of Canterbury, A. D. 1220, and into verses by Robert Stephens, A. D. 1555.

During the last ten years some part of the Bible has been printed in a new language on an average every five weeks. The total to date of Bibles, Testaments or Portions is not less than 882,000,000 copies in 940 languages! Homer has been translated into twenty languages, Shakespeare into forty, Bunyan's works and Thomas a Kempis, 'Imitation of Christ' into 100, but the Bible out-distances and out-classes them all—until it stands in a class all by itself—over 940 languages. Of these, 300 were made by missionaries.

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#### IN MEMORIAM

REV. OSWIN S. HILLEGASS

Brother Hillegass was born in Marlborough Township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, on September 14, 1859. On September 27, 1879, he was married to Miss Celia H. Sterner. All their children, one son and four daughters preceded him in death. His devoted wife survives him.

He was licensed to preach the Gospel at the Annual Conference held in Terre Hill, Lancaster county, in the first week of February, 1889, the venerable founder of the Church, William Gehman being chairman. He was ordained in February, 1892, at the Annual Conference held in Zionsville by the Chairman, W. B. Musselman.

Brother Hillegass served as pastor at the following appointments:

Reading and Fleetwood—1889.

Reading, Royersford and Blandon—1890.

Reading and Remps—1891.

Allentown (Bethel)—1892-1894.

Bethlehem—1895, 1896.

Lehighton and Weissport—1897, 1898.

Terre Hill and Remps—1899-1902.

Graterford and Harleysville—1903-1905.

Zionsville—1906-1908.

Northampton—1909-1911.

Quakertown and Hatfield—1912-1914.

Zionsville—1915-1920.

Allentown (Salem)—1921-1925.

During his last appointment at Allentown (Salem) Brother Hillegass' health began to fail so that he became incapable of further serving a regular pastorate, but, residing in Allentown, he attended Bethel Church as long as he was able, up to the last few months. He was a member of that Quarterly Conference until he peacefully fell asleep in Jesus on July 11, 1935.

On July 15th the funeral service was held in Bethel M. B. in C. Church at Allentown in charge of the Pastor, B. Bryan Musselman. Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman preached the sermon. Interment was made in the cemetery in Quakertown.

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## 1.—Presiding Elders

### REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF THE ALLENTOWN DISTRICT

"Watchman, what of the night? The watchman said, "The morning cometh" (Isa. 21:11, 12). "The night is far spent the day is at hand" (Rom. 13:12). "The end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober and watch unto prayer, and above all things have fervent charity among yourselves for charity shall cover a multitude of sins" (I Pet. 4:7, 8). "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning" (Ps. 30:5). Be patient therefore unto the coming of the Lord" (Jas. 5:7).

"I can almost hear the footfall  
On the threshold of the door;  
And my heart, my heart is longing  
To be with Him evermore."

God never gives us strength, but He calls for its exercise; if Sampson is strong, a young lion will roar against him; so if you have great strength, you will have great trials, great toils, and heavy burdens to carry. It is the thickest cloud that brings the heaviest shower of blessing. But how sweet and glorious shall our case be when the Fairest among the sons of men will lay His fair face to our now sinful faces, and wipe away all tears from our eyes in that "morning land."

Once again we are permitted to submit a report of the work entrusted to our supervision, while another year of our labors with its trials and triumphs have passed into history. The God of love and compassion has once again spared to us all of our fellow-laborers, with their families. God has been graciously smiling on them, and upon their ardent labor of love for Him, in feeding the flock of God. Brother O. S. Hillegass, who had labored amongst us for many years, but who had retired from active service a number of years ago, on account of ill health, was however removed from our midst during the year by the hand of death. A number of our active pastors were obliged to pass through severe physical tests during this year, but God graciously sustained them, in restoration and deliverance.

We are much indebted to the pastors, together with their flocks, for their continual prayers in our behalf, and for the many considerations and kindnesses bestowed us. The Lord has again been our enabling, in giving us the needed strength to meet with the brethren from time to time, and to fulfill such other duties as to His enabling. We keenly feel our utter insufficiency for dealing with the problems of these trying times, and never felt the need of His abiding more than at present.

The various church services are good in attendance for which we praise our God. As Christ is uplifted He draws. The Sunday-schools on the District are flourishing, and prayer-meetings continue good in attendance and interest. May they ever continue as such. A church without constant prayer cannot survive long in spiritual life.

The Church properties on the District are kept in a good condition. Extensive needed repairs, with other improvements have been made on the Church properties at Quakertown, at quite a cost. This shows a good interest, and the brethren are well pleased. A new roof with other improvements were also made at the Harleysville chapel, and all was paid for.

Two camp meetings were again held on the District. Both of these gatherings were held in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa. These meetings were held in close succession. The attendance was good at both of these camps, and the spiritual atmosphere was delightful. A good num-

ber of these services were again broadcast over radio station WCBA, bringing the messages to the many shut-ins, as well as to the many others far and near.

A Sunday-school convention was again held on the Fourth of July, during the first camp, with a fine attendance and interest shown.

The ministerial convention, comprising the pastors of both Divisions of Districts was held in Royersford, Pa., with a fine programme, bringing good profit to all.

Following the close of our camp-meetings a special evangelistic campaign was held in our camp grove, with the veteran Gipsy Smith as the speaker, and Prof. Kenneth Wells and Mrs. Wells, of Philadelphia, as song leaders. These services were conducted under the auspices of a Laymen's Committee, with the pastor of the Allentown church as Chairman, having the meetings largely in charge on the platform. The attendance was large, from far and near, and we trust that the constant response to the appeals made at every service by the many will prove fruitful in results.

Thus "let us not become weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9). See Isa. 55:10, 11.

"So on I go not knowing  
I would not if I might  
I would rather walk in the dark with God  
Then go alone by sight."

"Until the day break, and the shadows flee away" (Cant. 2:17).

**FINANCIAL**

(a) Receipts

Money received from the Treasurer		
(including balance .....		\$1,024.03

(b) Expenditures

(a) Appropriations

Northampton and Nazareth .....	\$120.00	
Wissinoming and West Philadelphia .....	180.00	300.00

(b) Moving Expenses

H. W. Hartman .....	\$ 50.00	
H. K. Kratz .....	32.50	
E. H. Musselman (donation) .....	50.00	132.50

(c) Miscellaneous

General Conference Executive Board (2 meetings) ....	\$108.04	
Quakertown Trustees .....	50.00	
Ministerial Convention (rent of hall) .....	25.00	
Special donations .....	152.00	
Camp Meetings .....	65.00	
Expended for Home, Center Valley, Pa. ....	35.00	
Funeral—assistance to widow .....	50.00	
Truck, (for extra equipment) .....	73.50	
Miscellaneous (printing, fares, etc.) .....	22.00	
Reserved (on hand) .....	10.99	591.53

Total .....		\$1,024.03
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H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.

## II.—Presiding Elders—Continued

### REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF THE EASTON DISTRICT

The past year was one of conflict and victory in the various fields of labor. Satan disputes every inch of progress but the Lord giveth the victory. All the Pastors were enabled to function under God. They and their families were well preserved physically and spiritually. Tests and trials on various lines afforded avenues for deeper experiences and better knowledge of the Lord and His sustaining grace. A number of souls were saved, baptized, and added to the Church. Quite a number of the members, young and old, love the Lord sincerely and seek to do His will. The Lord still proves Himself faithful in sustaining spirit, soul, and body of those who trust Him fully.

The prayer meetings, Sunday Schools, and regular church services have a commendable attendance. The Church and Sunday School officials and teachers and members in general co-operate well with the Pastors.

The Camp Meeting held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., had a larger attendance throughout than before. The Pastors preached the Word faithfully and with the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Quite a number of people were present from the other District. There were quite a number of seekers whose needs were supplied by the faithful God in Christ Jesus the Lord. There were 131 tents erected and occupied. The expenses were met nicely through God's sacrificing people.

The Sunday School Convention for the District and the Gospel Herald Society was held in Easton, Pa. The attendance all day long was large. The spacious auditorium and the annex were well filled, especially in the evening. Quite a number of Pastors and members were present from the other District. The teaching all day long was very wholesome. The Pastor and his class and friends entertained the members and friends most hospitably.

Sunbury did considerable interior decorating of the church. Scranton and York painted the outside of the churches and parsonages. A pipeless heater which was donated by a friend, was installed in the basement of the Hatfield church. These repairs were all paid for. Easton and Mount Carmel reduced their indebtedness noteworthy.

Harmony prevails among the Pastors and flocks throughout. The Sunbury, Mount Carmel, and Scranton Pastors have quite a fruitful ministry by Radio. The ministry and the laity have shown us no little consideration and upheld us with their prayers and support. May we all occupy 'till He comes.

### FINANCIAL RECEIPTS

Received from the Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund .....\$1,630.00

#### Expenditures

##### (a) Appropriations

Sunbury .....	\$180.00	
Mount Carmel .....	180.00	
Scranton .....	120.00	
Stroudsburg .....	240.00	
York .....	240.00	
Hatfield and Norristown .....	600.00	\$ 1,560.00

	(b) Moving	
E. H. Musselman .....		50.00
	(c) Miscellaneous	
Storage, Allen M. Gehman .....		20.00
Total .....		\$ 1,630.00

W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder.

### III.—Gospel Herald Society

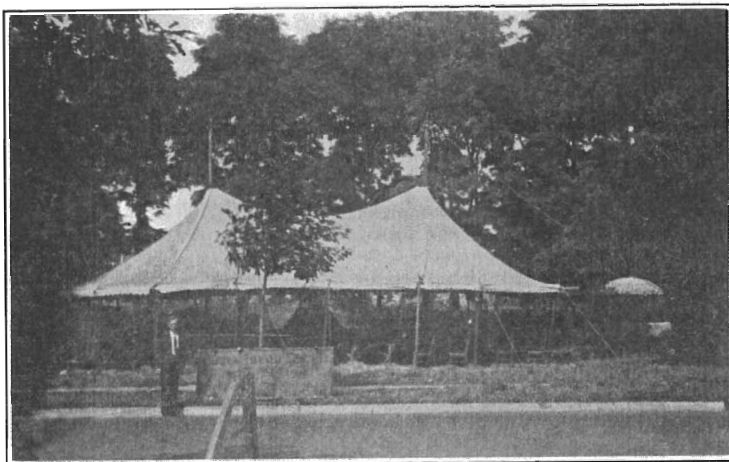
#### REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GOSPEL HERALD SOCIETY

October 1, 1934 to September 30, 1935

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 may direct. The Society has missions in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and New York.

#### (1) Harrisburg, Pa.

There are a number of faithful standbys here, including young men and women. Tent meetings were held for six weeks. The attendance was large on Sunday nights and real good throughout the week. The



Gospel Herald Society

Tent Meeting in Harrisburg. E. J. Rutman, Leader.

Gospel is preached regularly by Radio. A number of people are saved and others edified by this medium. Not all who are saved join the mission, but the attendance on Sunday nights is good. A very fine class

of people attend the services. Hundreds of portions of Scripture are sent to the Radio audience. There were 5 baptized in the Susquehanna River. Extensive repairs were done in the inside of the Mission Hall. E. J. Rutman is in charge of the work.

(2) **Lebanon, Pa.**

There are a number in this class who love the Lord. Quite a number of young people, especially young men, attend the services, some of whom take a good stand for the Lord. A week-day Bible school was held for a number of weeks, which had a wholesome influence upon many children attending. Missionary prayer meetings were held during the Winter months. One of these started 18 new people to attend the services. A number were saved during the year. Some new families are getting interested in the meetings, one of which comes 32 miles.



Gospel Herald Society

Jersey City Tent Meetings. W. W. Hartman, Leader.

The Sunday School is holding its own. Five were baptized. E. George has charge of the work.

(3) **Chester, Pa.**

There is quite a class of men and women and younger folks who are becoming well established in the truth and work of our Lord. Souls were saved and separated unto God during the year. Unity and cooperation prevail more and more. A number were tested severely physically, but the Lord brought them through. During the Winter months they had weekly Bible Study Classes using the "Through the Bible Study" leaflets. This proved helpful and profitable. Interesting and profitable cottage meetings, children's meetings, open-air meetings were held. The offerings were better than last year. The offerings for the Foreign Missionary work have doubled. The Sunday School is progressing. Three sets of twins have helped to swell the Cradle Roll. Young people's meetings are held semi-monthly. Six were baptized. R. H. Gehman has charge of the work.

**(4) Wilkes-Barre, Pa.**

A nice body of people are being gathered together for the Lord. A number were saved and are standing by. A Sunday School was opened during the year and is being blessed of the Lord. A number of open-air meetings were held at the public square, with large attendances. Tent meetings were held for a few weeks until the storm tore the tent in shreds. The attendance was very good. New acquaintances were made. There is quite an opportunity for Colportage work which the brethren are grasping. J. T. Anderson is in charge, with T. E. Turnbull and E. F. Lakjer assisting.

**(5) Jersey City, N. J.**

This is a large and flourishing mission class. The services are well attended throughout. The Sunday School has an enrollment of 193, with a very nice average attendance. A number were saved in the Mission Hall during the year. A number of the members are getting deeper into God and His concern. Tent meetings were held in another section during August, with good results. Street corner meetings were held on Saturday nights with large crowds listening. Every Sunday morning a Chapel service is held at the County Alms house. Eleven



Gospel Herald Society

Sunday School in the tent in Irvington, N. J. E. B. Hartman, Leader.

were baptized. Through the sacrifices of God's people, \$1,000 were given to reduce the property indebtedness. Other offerings also were liberal. This is a great field for Colportage work. W. W. Hartman is in charge, with C. E. Kirkwood, W. Bruce Musselman, and J. H. Knopp assisting.

**(6) Irvington, N. J.**

There is being gathered together a people who are solid for the Lord and His work. A number were saved during the year. Open-air meetings were held with large crowds attending. The young people delight in giving their testimony. The members were united in the Spirit. The Sunday School has grown considerably in numbers. Teachers'

meetings were held monthly. Through the liberality of the class, a new tent top was purchased. Tent meetings were held in a better location in Newark. The services were well attended and new acquaintances were made. Prayer meetings are held twice a week. Children's meetings are held Friday evening before the regular service. Services are held occasionally at the Newark City Almshouse. Two were baptized. E. B. Hartman is in charge of the work with J. I. Somers and S. O. Johnson assisting.

(7) **Elizabeth, N. J.**

This class with their Heralds and their tent held two months' meetings in Staten Island, N. Y., with excellent results. For seven weeks tent meetings were held in Elizabeth. These resulted in new people attending the mission. Some were saved and are standing by the work. Open-air meetings were held, during which some publicly accepted the Lord. Jail services are held monthly with some claiming to accept the Lord. Also Almshouse meetings are held where the poor have the Gospel preached. The class is well united and encouraged to forge ahead. The Sunday School though not so large is a live one.



Gospel Herald Society

Combined baptismal service of the Jersey City and Elizabeth missions held in Elizabeth, N. J., September 8, 1935.

Eight souls were baptized. A. M. Sprock is the leader. T. M. Thompson and J. Dunn are assisting.

(8) **Camden, N. J.**

There are a number of believers who love the word preached and rally to the standard. A number were saved recently and are growing in the Lord. The prayer meetings are inspiring. They have an especial prayer circle on Saturday night to which a select number belong who wrestle in prayer for victory on various lines. There is a marked degree of unity and love prevailing among the members which should imply a still greater ingathering of souls. 25 were baptized during the year which included a number from Pipersville, Pa. M. M. Myers is in charge of the work.

(9) **Richardson Park, Del.**

This class of a faithful people though not so large is encouraged to go forward. Cottage prayer meetings were held during the Winter in 14 different homes. A number of open-air meetings were held, with good results. Tent meetings were held for several months at two different places. Regular monthly services are held in the New Castle County Workhouse. Many here make requests for prayer. The Sunday School has an enrollment of 61. 809 visits were made. 5 were baptized. E. W. Bean is in charge.

(10) Staten Island, N. Y.

This mission was opened with two months' tent meetings which were attended very well. A number of people were led into the light and a number took a noble stand for the Lord. A hall is rented on the first floor with living quarters on the second floor, at 479 Richmond Ave. The meetings are attended very well by a people who know the Lord. A Sunday School is organized with a very nice beginning. This mission is practically self-supporting by the sacrifices our Lord's people



Gospel Herald Society  
Baptismal service at Port Richmond, Long Island, N. Y. G. C. Watson  
speaking to a crowd of about a thousand.

are making. This is an excellent field for colportage work. G. C. Watson and family, who were saved in the Elizabeth mission several years ago, are assisting R. C. Reichenbach in this work.

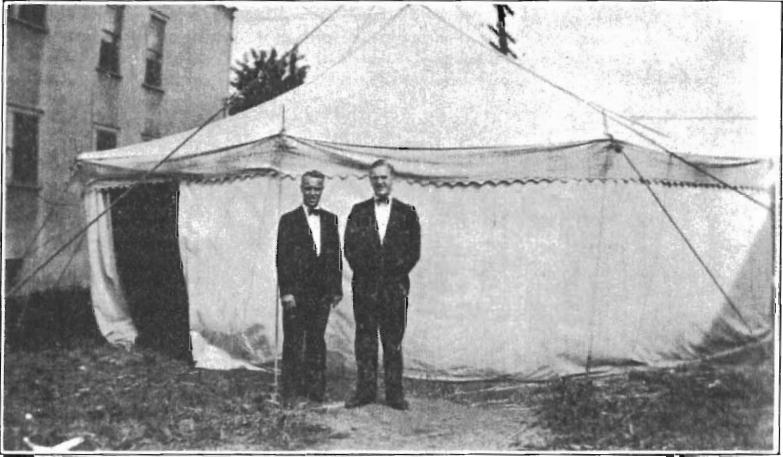
We have a score of devoted men who are willing to follow the Lord wholly in these last and perilous times till Jesus comes.

**STATISTICAL**

Ordained Ministers of the M. B. C. Conference .....	2
Probationers of the M. B. C. Conference .....	8
Full Gospel Heralds .....	17
Applicants .....	3
Transferred to M. B. C. Conference .....	3
Received by transfer from M. B. C. ....	4
Received new members into fellowship .....	60
Total membership .....	86
Baptized .....	69
Children Dedicated ..	11
Sunday Schools .....	10
Officers and Teachers Enrolled .....	122
Scholars Enrolled .....	751
Total Enrollment .....	873
Average Attendance .....	632
Home Department Scholars Enrolled .....	105
Cradle Roll .....	84
Children's Meetings and Sunday Schools held .....	572
Open-air Meetings .....	139



Prayer Meetings .....	778
Sermons and Addresses .....	3,112
Pastoral Visits .....	4,381
Copies of Gospel Herald Sold @ 10c .....	43,551
Copies of Gospel Herald Sold @ 15c .....	1,255
Copies of Gospel Herald Sold @ 6c .....	800
Copies of Christian Service Calendar .....	7,833
Valuation of Mission Properties:	
Lebanon, Pa. ....	\$ 8,500.00
Chester, Pa. ....	18,000.000



Gospel Herald Society  
Tent and Heralds A. M. Sprock and T. M. Thompson, Elizabeth, N. J.  
A. M. Sprock, Leader.

Jersey City, N. J. ....	25,000.00	
Harrisburg, Pa. ....	20,000.00	
Camden, N. J. ....	12,000.00	\$83,500.00

## FINANCIAL

### (a) Receipts

#### 1. Collections

Rents .....	\$4,694.00
Sundry Expenses .....	2,994.74
Light .....	403.57
Donations, Gifts, Etc. ....	2,071.32
President .....	809.62
Gospel Workers .....	1.52
Sunday Schools .....	2,091.69
Sunday School Convention .....	78.98
Conference Fund .....	178.94
Foreign Missions .....	738.32
At Gospel Herald Society Conferences and Conventions .....	84.73
Chapel and Lot Fund .....	1,189.30

House rent, Lebanon, Pa. ....	21.10	
Garage rent, Chester, Pa. ....	72.00	
Rents, Harrisburg, Pa. ....	974.50	
Missionary Work .....	1,397.16	\$17,801.49

2. Literature

Literature, Etc., sold at missions .....	\$8,421.10	
Literature, Etc., sold to Laity at M. B. C. Camp Meetings .....	533.74	
Literature sold wholesale to Ministers, etc. ....	4,810.95	
Sunday School Supplies to Sunday Schools .....	5,787.90	\$19,553.69

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

Appropriations .....	\$1,720.00	
Furniture, Fares, Repairs, Freight, Express, Etc....	537.02	
Freight Refund .....	10.26	
Donation from friends, first month's rent, Staten Island .....	45.00	
Stove sold .....	5.00	\$ 2,317.28
Total .....		<u>\$39,672.46</u>

(b) Expenditures

1. Appropriations

Richardson Park, Del. ....	\$ 300.00	
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. ....	300.00	
Lebanon, Pa. ....	300.00	
Elizabeth, N. J. ....	230.00	
Irvington, N. J. ....	230.00	
Camden, N. J. ....	360.00	\$ 1,720.00

2. Tabernacle Meetings

Wilkes-Barre, Pa. ....	\$ 18.91	
Elizabeth, N. J. ....	11.61	
Richardson Park, Del. ....	1.49	
Staten Island, N. Y. ....	24.72	
Jersey City, N. J. ....	—	
Harrisburg, Pa. ....	—	\$ 56.73

3. Miscellaneous

Furniture .....	\$ 54.23	
Fares, Postage, Telegrams .....	143.21	
Freight, Cartage, Express .....	89.59	
Rent .....	120.00	
Stationery, Printing .....	24.05	
Mission Repairs, Furnishings and Supplies .....	109.47	\$ 540.55
Total .....		<u>\$ 2,317.28</u>
Deficit .....		\$ 2,945.83

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—R. H. Gehman.  
Emaus, Macungie, and Zionsville—C. H. Brunner.  
Fleetwood, Blandon, and Terre Hill—A. G. Woodring.  
Coopersburg and Allentown (Salem)—F. B. Hertzog.  
Lehigh, Weissport, and Walnutport—J. C. Roth.

###### (c) Missions

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

###### (d) Local Preachers

R. Bergstresser, Nazareth Quarterly Conference.  
E. T. Shick, Allentown (Bethel) Quarterly Conference.

###### (e) Quarterly Conference Licensed Workers

Mrs. C. H. Brunner, W. J. Fretz, E. W. Martin, and Walter H. Frank.

###### (f) Tabernacles—to be supplied

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

###### (a) Stations

Easton—T. D. Genret.  
Shamokin—Paul E. Baer.

###### (b) Missions

Sunbury—N. H. Wolf.  
York—J. B. Layne.  
Mount Carmel—C. L. Miller.  
Scranton—A. M. Sprock.  
Harrisburg—W. F. Heffner.  
Stroudsburg—E. E. Kublic.  
Hatfield and Norristown—E. H. Musselman.

###### (c) Local Preachers

J. G. Shireman—Easton Quarterly Conference.  
J. F. Barrall—Shamokin Quarterly Conference.

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

W. W. Hartman, J. T. Anderson, E. B. Hartman, M. M. Myers,  
E. George, 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 P. E. ....	500.00
	500.00

2. Easton District

Mount Carmel, per month .....	\$ 10.00
Stroudsburg, per month .....	20.00
Sunbury, per month .....	15.00
Scranton, per month .....	10.00
York, per month .....	15.00
Hatfield and Norristown, per month .....	30.00
Harrisburg, per month .....	35.00
	145.00

(C) MOVING

W. F. Heffner .....	\$ 50.00
Paul E. Baer .....	40.00
R. H. Gehman .....	35.00
A. M. Sprock .....	35.00
	160.00

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

- Lebanon, Pa.—251 S. Fifth St. To be supplied.
  - Chester, Pa.—721 W. Seventh St. To be supplied.
  - Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—277 Carey Ave. To be supplied.
  - Jersey City, N. J.—45-47 Lincoln St. To be supplied.
  - Camden, N. J.—2006 Federal St. To be supplied.
  - Irington, N. J.—136 Nineteenth Ave. To be supplied.
  - Elizabeth, N. J.—1169 Mary St. To be supplied.
  - Richardson Park, Del.—401 Howard St. To be supplied.
  - Staten Island, N. Y.—479 Richmond Ave., Port Richmond. To be supplied.
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|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| H. B. Musselman, Chairman, | S. W. Heiser,       | C. K. Wismer,      |
| W. G. Gehman, Secretary,   | Paul H. Miller,     | H. H. Bergey,      |
| H. L. Shelly,              | R. R. Fox,          | A. A. Schaffer,    |
| Paul H. Cressman,          | Herbert V. Smith    | G. K. Himmelreich, |
| Paul I. Wentz,             | G. Henry Hildebrand | Fred Geibel,       |
|                            |                     | 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 29 to July 7, 1935, 237 tents.  
 Allentown Division, July 13 to 21, 1935, 237 tents.

**Easton District**

Shamokin, August 3-11, 1935, 131 tents.

**Receipts****Allentown District:**

Bethlehem Division .....	\$2,130.52	
Allentown Division .....	2,218.09	\$4,348.61

**Easton District:**

Shamokin .....		1,419.93
Grand Total .....		\$5,768.54

H. B. Musselman, Chairman.

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

We worked under the 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, 1934, Received at the Annual Conference ....	\$159.69	
Received from sale of Year Books ....	222.50	
Received from the Sunday Schools ....	186.00	
Sundries .....	3.51	\$571.70

**Expenditures**

Printing 950 Year Books .....	\$223.00
Half-tone cuts not in Missionary Report .....	51.12
Postage, supplies, fares, meals, check tax .....	38.66
Conference Secretary and Editor of Year Book .....	50.00

200,000 Collection envelopes for Stewards and Building Fund Collectors .....	481.15	
Expenses Board of Examiners .....	45.83	\$889.76

B. Bryan Musselman,  
C. H. Brunner,  
E. N. Cassel,  
Board.

### VIII.—Beneficiary Society

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BENEFICIARY SOCIETY

We have received the sum of \$232.38 at the last Annual Conference.  
W. G. GEHMAN, President,  
F. M. Hottel, Secretary,  
B. Bryan Musselman, Treasurer.

### IX.—Laymen's Benevolent Society

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

October 16, 1934—Members enrolled .....	280	
Members died during year .....	5	
Members withdrawn during year .....	4	9
		<u>271</u>
Members added during year .....	1	
		<u>272</u>

#### Financial Receipts

Contributions .....	\$ 529.00	
Interest .....	234.35	\$ 763.35

#### Expenditures

Donations .....	\$ 390.00	
Sundry Expenses .....	7.11	\$ 397.11

#### Report of the Treasurer

October 16, 1934—Balance in treasury .....	\$ 719.92	
Received during year .....	763.35	\$1,483.27

#### Expenditures

Expended during year .....	\$ 397.11	\$ 397.11
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October 15, 1935—Balance in treasury .....	\$1,086.16
The Society also holds Securities to the amount of .....	\$24,000.00

Allen M. Gehman, President,  
C. E. Musselman, Secretary,  
H. G. Brunner, Treasurer,  
Board.

## X.—Reading Course

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS ON THE  
READING COURSE

Examinations for 1935

	Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation	All About the Bible	Church History	Knowing the Scriptures	Lessons in Holiness	Bible, I Timothy, John, Chapters 13-17	Romans	Hebrews	Second Timothy	Fletcher's Appeal	Divine Art of Preaching	'reformed Pastor	Nelson on Infidelity	Jesus Is Coming	Average
<b>1st Year's Course</b>															
T. M. Thompson	72	98	87		74	87									84
W. Bruce Musselman	74	99	89	84	80	98									87
<b>2nd Year's Course</b>															
J. I. Somers	84		97	88				94	97		91	90			92
E. F. Lakjer	81		88	88				82	96		96	85			88
George C. Watson	86		89	86				86	95		89	88			88
<b>3rd Year's Course</b>															
C. E. Kirkwood	80		86	83			91			80			95	89	86
R. C. Reichenbach	84		93	89			92			78			92	92	89
T. E. Turnbull	82		85	80			96			83			90	88	86

None of these students have been licensed by the Annual Conference.

C. E. Kirkwood, R. C. Reichenbach and T. E. Turnbull have completed the Reading Course examinations in a creditable manner.

E. N. Cassel,  
T. D. Gehret,

H. K. Kratz,  
B. Bryan Musselman,  
Board.

## XI.—Executive Board

THE THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Board met at a number of places at the call of pastors to consider problems and to transact routine business.

At Mizpah Grove 40.75 ton of Beth-Rock paving was put down to improve hard worn roads and improve the space outside of the pavilion and making it possible to place additional seats on the outside of the pavilion. Some repairs were made on the buildings, water system and plumbing. A large number of dead trees were removed by brethren of Allentown and Bethlehem under the supervision of the Board. Iron stakes were purchased and additions made to the cafeteria equipment.

The Camp Meetings were largely attended and a number of services

broadcast over the radio station located in the pavilion annex.

Five hundred copies of Triumphant Service Song Books were purchased and sold at the camp meeting.

The Board permitted the committee of the Gipsy Smith Campaign to use the pavilion and grove for meetings from September 1-15 inclusive. These meetings were largely attended and resulted in much blessing to all that attended.

The Board purchased a C35-160 inch wheelbase six-cylinder 1½-2 ton International Truck with stake body to replace the Reo Truck which burned during the year. An agreement was made with the Camp Meeting Committees to contribute yearly towards this fund until the truck is paid for. This truck has given splendid service during the Summer.

The Board again expresses its appreciation to the Camp Meeting Committees and the brethren for their co-operation and help and for the splendid balances turned over from the camp meetings and cafeterias.

**FINANCIAL**

**Income**

Interest .....	\$ 150.00	
Song Books .....	103.25	
Easton District Sunday School Convention .....	45.00	
Allentown District Sunday School Convention .....	140.00	
Donations .....	35.00	
Telephone toll .....	6.90	
Lumber Rents		
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting .....	213.30	
Allentown Division Camp Meeting .....	189.00	
Balances:		
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting .....	169.31	
Allentown Division Camp Meeting .....	262.71	
Cafeteria, Both Camp Meetings .....	147.20	
Truck Fund		
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting .....	150.00	
Allentown Division Camp Meeting .....	150.00	
Easton District Camp Meeting .....	175.00	
Salvage of Reo Truck .....	105.00	\$ 2,041.67

**Expenditures**

Table Ware .....	\$ 38.12
General Repairs .....	38.37
Truck .....	1,200.65
Paving Repairs .....	294.08
Electrical Supplies .....	19.72
Nails .....	4.50
Plumbing Repairs .....	11.98
Cesspool Repairs .....	40.83
Duck .....	32.10
Cesspool Cleaning .....	33.80
Song Books .....	75.00
Building Repairs .....	56.87
Shamokin Camp Meeting .....	45.00
Iron Stakes (and freight) .....	79.90
Carfares .....	48.25
Insurance .....	75.29
Roofing Paper .....	24.90
Telephone .....	138.90
Blocking .....	3.50
Draining water system .....	8.72



Pump Repairs .....	44.97	
Erecting fence .....	14.85	
Gasoline, oil .....	9.28	
Electric Current .....	145.69	\$ 2,485.27

#### Truck Account

Salvage of Reo truck .....	\$ 105.00	
Easton District Camp Meeting .....	175.00	
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting .....	150.00	
Allentown Division Camp Meeting .....	150.00	
Truck with equipment .....		\$ 1,200.65
Balance due .....	620.65	
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	\$ 1,200.65	\$ 1,200.65

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 \$11,265.22. The International Truck Fund is still short \$620.65. The Board permitted the trustees of the Home to draw on the funds so that the actual available balance is \$1,578.61.

#### Ministers' Retirement Fund

This fund was created at the last annual Conference as a separate fund under the management of the Executive Board.

##### Financial

April 18, 1935, Received .....	\$ 655.55	
H. B. Musselman, President,	W. G. Gehman,	
E. N. Cassel, Secretary,	B. Bryan Musselman,	
C. H. Brunner, Treasurer,		Board.

#### PART TWO

The Executive Board presented the following proposition which was adopted:

##### MINISTERS' RETIREMENT FUND

This is a permanent Fund for the benefit of retired ministers of the Pennsylvania Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ.

The object of this Fund shall be to provide and pay annuities to itinerant ministers of the Pennsylvania Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, who, by reason of age are no longer qualified to continue in active service. Also to provide and pay annuities to the widows of such itinerant ministers according to the rules hereinafter stated.

These Funds shall be sustained by:

First—An offering taken by the Pastors at each appointment prior to the Annual Ministerial Convention at which time this said offering shall be paid into this Fund.

Second—An offering shall be taken by each Class Leader in his prayer meeting once a quarter and paid to the Presiding Elder of the District at the quarterly conference. The Presiding Elders shall pay to the Treasurer of the Executive Board the amounts received for this purpose, at the Annual Ministerial Convention and at the Annual Conference.

Third—Each Pastor shall pay into this Fund from his Steward's

receipts and from his Home Missionary Appropriations and each Presiding Elder from his offerings at the Quarterly Conferences as follows: one per cent of the first thousand dollars or fraction thereof, 1½ per cent. of the second thousand dollars and above. Three Hundred Dollars shall be deducted from the Presiding Elder's income to offset the Parsonage rent. Payments shall be made at the Annual Ministerial Convention and at the Annual Conference.

Fourth—This Fund will also welcome gifts, bequests and devices from any sources.

Fifth—This Retirement Fund shall be deposited with the Treasurer of the Annual Conference as a separate account and be under the management and control of the Executive Board of the Annual Conference.

### ANNUITIES

First—If a minister of the Pennsylvania Conference has arrived at the age of sixty-five years and is in the judgment of the Executive Board incapacitated from further serving a charge he shall be placed on the Retirement List and from that day shall receive an Annuity in monthly installments of ten dollars for each year of active service in the itinerancy of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania.

Second—A minister having arrived at the age of seventy years may at his own request be placed on the Retirement List and receive an Annuity of ten dollars for each year of active service in the itinerancy of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania.

Third—Services rendered after the age of seventy years shall in no case increase the Annuity. Annuities shall in no case exceed five hundred dollars per year. If, however, the money in the Retirement Fund at any time should not warrant the payment of the Annuities in full the Executive Board shall determine the amount of the monthly installments pro rata.

Fourth—No minister shall be entitled to the full amount of the Annuities unless he and the congregations that he served shall have paid in full as stipulated in paragraphs one, two and three for the period of five years. No exceptions to this rule may be made except by the decision of the Executive Board.

Fifth—In case a minister is located by the Annual Conference he ceases to be a member of the Retirement Fund. In this case one half of the dues he had paid into the Fund shall be refunded to him and he thereby forfeits all further claims upon the Fund. Ministers who have given thirty years or more of service in the itinerancy and desire to change their occupation and be placed on the Local Preachers List shall become an annuitant at the age of seventy years, and receive an annuity for the years in actual service.

Sixth—Widows of deceased ministers who had complied with the provisions of the fund shall receive annuities beginning at the time of the death of the husband provided that the said widow shall have attained the age of sixty-five years or at the time that she shall attain the age of sixty-five years, and continue until the time of her death, or remarriage or her severance from church membership of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ church. Widows of ministers who were retired and receiving annuities at the time of marriage shall in no case receive any annuity. Widows' annuities shall be compiled at the rate of five dollars for each year that she was the wife of a minister who was in active service, giving his whole time to ministry in the church.

## PART THREE

The following article relative to the conveyancing of Church property was presented by the Executive Board and adopted by the Conference:

All conveyances of church properties shall contain the following clause; in trust for the use and benefit of the ministry and membership of the .....Church of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church of Pennsylvania at .....; subject to the doctrines, laws, usages, and ministerial appointments of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church of Pennsylvania as from time to time established, made, and declared by the lawful authorities of the said church and if the said property shall be sold or encumbered the proceeds of the sale or encumbrance shall be applied for the use of the aforesaid, subject, however, to the provisions of the law of the church relating to abandoned church properties and of that forbidding the mortgaging of real estate for current expenses.

To A. B. and C. trustees and their successors in office in trust, that said premises shall be kept, maintained, and disposed of as a place of residence for the use and occupancy of the preachers of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church of Pennsylvania who may from time to time be duly appointed in said place according to the rules and usages of the said church, and if sold the proceeds to be used according to the rules of said church. If the congregation controlling this property shall be disbanded the property shall be controlled and disposed of according to the rules of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church of Pennsylvania.

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

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## XII.—The Home

### THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HOME

We again acknowledge our debt of gratitude to God for his blessing on the work during the thirty years of existence. It has been through the sustaining power and presence of the Lord that the Board has been enabled to provide a home for the aged and fatherless. May the blessing of the Lord rest on all who have in the past contributed to the establishment and maintenance of the Home.

Four regular meetings were held during the year to transact the business of the Home.

I. K. Wismer, Manager, and his wife as Matron have untiringly looked after the interests of the Home in a most commendable manner. Mary Heinley, of Spring City, has assisted very acceptably in the Home for the last six months.

The health of Mrs. Kate Fairheller, past matron, and the rest of the inmates has been fairly good during the year. The orphan boys are assisting on the farm when out of school.

The Board has applicants on the waiting list who are debarred from being admitted on account of lack of room. May the Lord provide means for additions to the buildings.

Albert Moser, George MacNutt and James Willets with the orphan

boys are regularly engaged on the farm with additional help from time to time.

The farm has been exceptionally productive during the year. The principal product sold from the farm is milk, which, from the financial report, averaged more than one thousand dollars per month. The milk is sold retail in Coopersburg, Center Valley and Bethlehem, and wholesale to Easton. The herd comprises seventy-two head of cattle.

Important renovations and improvements have been made at the Home and farm during the year. Others are still needed. While the indebtedness has not been increased the total assets have been increased by more than thirty-three hundred dollars. This is an encouraging feature.

Donations were received as follows:

Ralph Knopp—Four tons of buckwheat coal; A. B. Knerr, three loads of corn fodder. Forty-four hours labor by two brethren; Plants by a friend; H. L. Shelly, 4 bushels of apples; a Friend, one gallon paint; Mrs. Haines, one duck and ten ducklings.

**FINANCIAL**

**Receipts**

**(a) Home Account**

Offerings for the Home .....	\$ 329.16	
Interest .....	128.95	\$ 458.11

**(b) Bethlehem Property**

Rent .....		427.00
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**(c) Allentown Property**

Rent .....		24.00
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**(d) Farm Account**

Cattle .....	\$ 890.45	
Milk .....	12,155.37	
Swine .....	358.05	
Wheat .....	25.90	
Manure .....	22.87	
Refund .....	50.81	
Dogs .....	37.50	
Provisions .....	31.04	
Potatoes .....	20.00	13,591.99
Total .....		<u>\$14,501.10</u>

**Expenditures**

**(a) Home Account**

Buildings (repairs) .....	\$ 169.51	
Coal .....	232.10	
Electric current .....	68.60	
Furnishings .....	137.99	
Inmates .....	150.55	
Labor .....	482.64	
Provisions .....	509.77	
Repairs .....	20.36	
Fuel, gas .....	16.68	\$ 1,788.20

**(b) Bethlehem Property**

Taxes and repairs .....	382.24
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**(c) Allentown Property**

<b>Taxes</b> .....	19.95
Interest .....	40.00

**(d) Farm Account**

Advertising, postage .....	\$ 33.12	
Auto maintenance .....	400.20	
Building (new) .....	12.75	
Building (repairs) .....	169.72	
Carfare, telephone .....	142.50	
Dairy supplies .....	638.97	
Electric current .....	170.37	
Express, freight .....	30.01	
Feed .....	4,757.66	
Fertilizers .....	127.22	
Horseshoeing .....	21.50	
Implements .....	253.95	
Lime, sand, cement .....	5.40	
Labor .....	2,290.45	
Livestock .....	1,315.00	
Gasoline and oil .....	554.94	
Poultry .....	20.00	
Registrations, transfers .....	11.00	
Repairs .....	353.32	
Seeds, plants .....	105.73	
Spraying material .....	15.60	
Straw .....	298.59	
Taxes .....	362.05	
Veterinary services .....	89.65	
Milk .....	90.00	12,269.70
<b>Total</b> .....		<b>\$14,500.09</b>

## Report of the Appraisal Committee

**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 home .....	4,000.00	\$22,000.00

Implements and dairy equipment .....	2,540.00
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## Live Stock:

Holstein Friesian Cattle .....	\$ 9,625.00	
Horses .....	500.00	
Swine .....	300.00	10,425.00

## Produce:

Potatoes .....	\$ 25.00
Ensilage .....	1,500.00

Corn .....	1,050.00	
Hay .....	668.00	
Straw .....	144.00	
Feed .....	141.04	
Wheat .....	315.00	
Apples .....	15.00	
Truck .....	10.00	3,868.04
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Miscellaneous:

Firewood and coal .....	\$ 24.50	
Crates, etc. ....	30.00	
Oil and gasoline .....	33.00	
Furniture .....	125.00	
Spraying materials .....	47.75	
Bottles, caps and crates .....	248.00	
Milk Routes .....	750.00	
Bills outstanding .....	771.00	2,029.25
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Total for the Farm .....		\$40,862.29

(b) The Home

Property (The Home) .....	\$12,000.00
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Miscellaneous:

Furniture .....	\$ 831.00	
Canned Goods .....	209.00	
Provisions .....	43.40	
Smoked meats .....	105.50	
Soap .....	24.25	
Coal .....	26.25	
Poultry .....	25.00	
Office equipment .....	150.00	1,414.40
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Securities:

Loans .....	\$ 400.00	
Investments .....	4,701.97	
Bethlehem Properties .....	5,300.00	
Equity Allentown Property .....	2,000.00	12,401.97
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Total for Home .....		\$25,816.37

Grand total .....	\$66,678.66
Treasury Deficit and Loan .....	\$ 9,386.53
Actual Value .....	57,292.13
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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.

## 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. M. Hottel, Board of Trustees of "The Home" of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, Pennsylvania Conference, located at Centre Valley, Pa., and their successors in office the sum of ..... payable one year after my decease.

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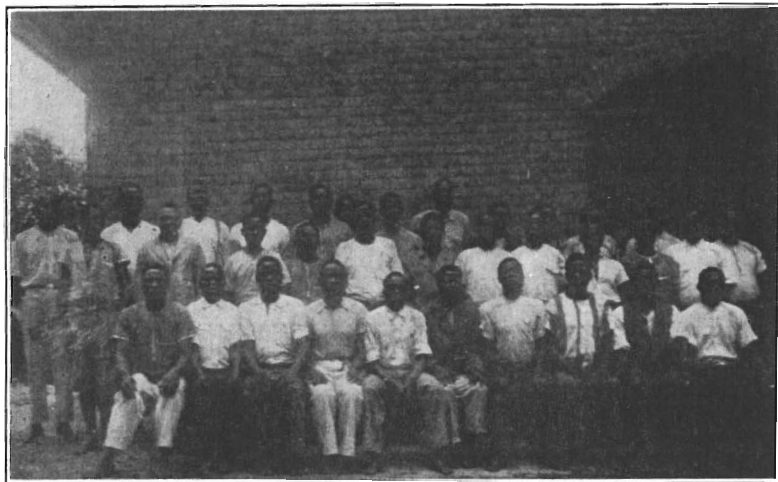
**DEVISE**

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

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H. B. Musselman, President,  
E. N. Cassel, Secretary,  
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. M. Hottel,  
Board.



Africa—Belgian Congo (Courtesy Rev. E. E. Crist)  
Bible School men at Kinkonzi.

### XIII.—Foreign Missions

#### THE FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE OF THE MENNONITE BROTHERS IN CHRIST

##### Press On, O Pioneers

Dora Read Goodale

Once more the vision shapes men's destinies!  
Here where the bold frontiersman's stalwart band  
Pushed through the Gap, first in the virgin land—  
Gloried in danger, laughed in sacrifice:  
Even here, with pounding hearts and straining eyes  
At mountain pass, Time's late adventurers stand  
To claim far off a mightier empire, planned  
For health and peace, and fruitful enterprise,  
An empire still to build!—a vast domain  
Whose joyful harvests, meet reward for toil,  
Shall spring deep-rooted from the untainted soil  
Of social justice, severing now and then  
What pathless wastes, what ravenous beasts!  
The years their challenge sound; Press On, O Pioneers!

When Paul preached at Athens he said that God "made the world and all things therein," and that He "made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth," and "that they should seek God . . . feel after Him, and find Him." (Acts 17:24-27).

This is the fifty-first Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of the Pennsylvania Conference. During the first part of this period, for quite a number of years, there was not very much accomplished as very few had any interest in Foreign Missionary work and even very little knowledge of the conditions in non-Christian lands and because of this there was strong opposition to any attempt at a forward movement in this direction.

So, therefore, our Church came in contact with influences that aroused a consciousness of the need of a deeper spiritual experience and life at home, we also came in contact with influences that presented the conditions and needs of unevangelized countries and peoples.

This started a new impetus for an advance movement in Home Mission work leading on to a great interest in Foreign work. The Church has however not forgotten the great needs of

##### THE HOME WORK.

The work of Foreign Missions depends upon the work at home. Both of these are real, active, hard work; no play. If the interest in the Foreign work wanes and lags it is because the interest in the Home work is not what it should be. The basis of the work of the church is, beginning at Jerusalem—at home, then Judea—the neighborhood, then Samaria—non-heathen localities without the true life-giving Gospel,



then the uttermost parts of the world. This is not human suggestion but the Divine plan given to the Church by the Holy Spirit.

The Lord has again blessed our Home work. He has spared our beloved leaders and has sustained them in their hard and strenuous work for the Church. Likewise all our pastors have been following in their footsteps, preaching the unadulterated Gospel in the demonstration of the Holy Spirit, unitedly lifting up the standard of genuine conversion, justification by faith, a holy, sanctified, Godly, Spirit-filled, separated life.

Our Camp Meetings have been very largely attended. They were seasons of great spiritual refreshing and much blessing for body and soul. Many testified to having been saved, others made definite decisions for faithful, consecrated service.

Two of these great gatherings were again held in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., in charge of Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman. The first one comprising the Bethlehem Division was held from June 29 to July 7. The second one, the Allentown Division, was held from July 13 to 21. 237 tents were erected, a few of which were not occupied at the last one. The attendance was excellent, the large auditorium seating about two thousand being more than filled sometimes. Through the courtesy of Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, operator of Radio Station WCBA, of Allentown, a number of the services were broadcast.

Here in Mizpah Grove also was held a great Interdenominational Evangelistic Campaign September 1-15. Rev. Gipsy Smith, of Cambridge, England, was the speaker. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wells, of Philadelphia, had charge of the singing and music. Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, of Allentown, was Chairman of the Interdenominational Committee on Arrangements. The congregations frequently were estimated at about four thousand.

The third Camp Meeting for the season, comprising the Easton District, was held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., in charge of Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman, from August 3 to 11, consisting of 000 tents. This also was reported as one of the best ever held on that district.

#### THE FOREIGN WORK

The Board again desires to thank the pastors of the Conference and their congregations for the interest they have been showing in the support of the Foreign Missionary work of the Church.

The Superintendents, officers, teachers and scholars of the Sunday Schools likewise have co-operated nobly, pushing hard to stimulate the Foreign Missionary interests among the young people in these strenuous days.

All these offerings speak of loyalty, faithfulness and sacrifice.

#### Financial

#### RECEIPTS

The contributions received by the Board for the year ending October 1, 1935, are as follows:

From the various congregations .....	\$4,463.53	
From the Sunday Schools .....	4,750.42	
Interest .....	116.04	\$9,329.99

#### 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, 1935, as follows:

<b>Christian and Missionary Alliance</b>		
11 missionaries .....	\$5,820.00	
<b>United Missionary Society</b>		
2 missionaries .....	700.00	
<b>Africa Inland Mission</b>		
2 missionaries .....	900.00	
<b>Sudan Interior Mission</b>		
1 missionary .....	500.00	
<b>United Tribes Mission</b>		
1 missionary .....	500.00	\$8,420.00
<b>Sundries</b>		
Literature, etc., to Missionaries .....	\$ 85.32	
Engraving, printing, board meetings, postage, etc. ....	350.05	\$ 435.37
<b>Total .....</b>		<b>\$8,855.37</b>

All these seventeen Missionaries are faithful and loyal servants of our Lord Jesus working under the above-mentioned Societies. We are simply supporting them and are praying for them and in this sense call them our missionaries. During the year, through the gifts and sacrifices of our devoted people, we have been able again to send full allowances every quarter.

As most of our Missionaries are laboring under the Christian and Missionary Alliance we have compiled the following very interesting and encouraging items from their Annual Report for 1934, showing the special blessing of God upon their work.

**Christian and Missionary Alliance**

Countries occupied .....	20
Missionaries receiving allowances .....	489
Ordained native pastors .....	106
Other native workers .....	1,321
Baptisms during 1934 .....	8,103
Highest number baptized any previous year .....	5,712
Organized churches .....	479
Self-supporting churches .....	268
Churches under native government .....	287
Church membership .....	40,293
Sunday Schools .....	870
Sunday School scholars .....	43,244
Bible Training Schools .....	10
Bible Training School students .....	354
Out-stations .....	1,337

Of the 8,103 baptisms there were reported from Netherland East Indies, 4,347; Congo, 1,043; French Indo-China, 881.

Among the 268 self-supporting churches there are in French Indo-China, 69; in Congo, 50; in Netherlands East Indies, 37.

The 354 students in the Bible Training Schools represent more than sixty languages and dialects. The missionaries and native workers preach the Gospel in eighty-five languages and dialects.

Of the 1,427 native pastors and workers the native churches support in Congo, 795; in French Indo-Chino, 55; in South China, 32.

Another encouraging item:—The present missionary force includes twenty-one children of Alliance missionaries, fifteen of Alliance pastors and twelve of pastors and missionaries of other churches, forty-eight in all. Thus more than ten per cent. of the Alliance missionaries are sons and daughters of ministers.

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## PALESTINE

Miss Mary A. Butterfield

Miss Mary A. Butterfield, for many years a devoted missionary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Palestine, while home on an extended furlough fell asleep in Jesus on June 12, 1935. She had been supported by our Board since 1919 and was always in demand for addresses at our churches and camp meetings. She was sincere, energetic, evangelistic, an indefatigable messenger of the Cross much beloved by all and known all over the country. During last Winter and the early Spring she had been giving missionary addresses and Bible studies in a number of our churches. She literally wore herself out in the service of her Master.

The funeral services were in charge of Rev. A. C. Snead, of New York City, Foreign Secretary of the Christian Missionary Alliance. We clip the following from the "Alliance Weekly:" "Miss Butterfield had planned to attend Annual Council, but feeling the need for complete rest, went instead to "Christ's Home," Warminster, Bucks county, Pa. Here she was given a room in the missionary bungalow, and kind friends ministered to her needs. For two days prior to Miss Butterfield's homegoing, Mrs. A. C. Snead, a close friend since their school days together in the Missionary Training Institute at Nyack, was with her much of the time. Miss Butterfield's two sisters also came on from Utica, Pa., to be with her.

"The funeral service was held at "Christ's Home" Thursday, June 13, and the body taken to Utica, Pa., to be laid in a grave beside her father and mother. Among those taking part in the funeral service were Rev. R. F. C. Schwedler and Rev. John R. Turnbull, of Philadelphia; Rev. Fred Schwab, of Christ's Home; Rev. C. H. Brunner, Foreign Secretary of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, and Rev. A. C. Snead."

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## AFRICA—Belgian Congo

(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

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

During the absence of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hess on furlough, Mr. and Mrs. Crist have been having charge of the Station and Bible School at Kinkonzi. Mr. Crist reports as follows:

For some time I have tried to find opportunity to write to you and the other dear friends of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, but now on the eve of an itineration trip I am endeavoring to write some things I am sure will interest you.

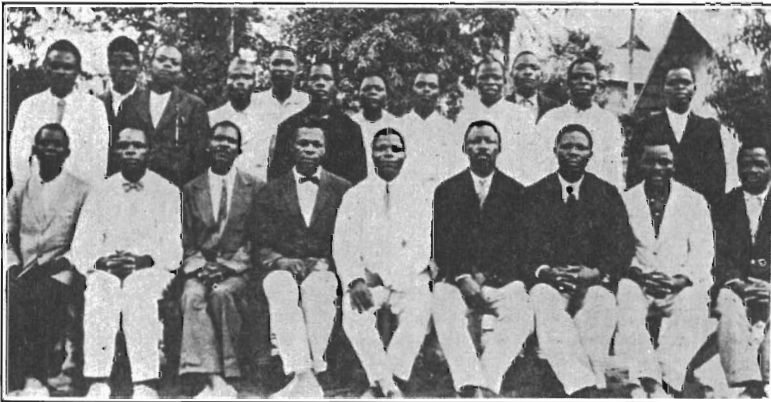
Mrs. Crist and I have spent our most strenuous year in the Congo. Heretofore there have been from eight to ten missionaries on this station, but during the past year we have been but four and now only three until October when we hope to have another lady with us. We have been very happy in our work, especially that of the Bible School, for we believe we are where the Lord wants us.

The last term of the Bible School closed May 27, when 15 men

graduated and have gone out into the Lord's work. We trust you will pray for them that the Lord will pour upon them the fulness of His Spirit that their lives may count for Him. I wish you could have heard them on commencement day, when four of them spoke on "A Great Gift," "A Great Helper," "A Great Work," and "A Great Hope."

The one who spoke of "A Great Work" has been a missionary for several years. He was a teacher in his own country when the Lord spoke to him about the people in a new section. He prayed, asking for guidance and the Lord showed him where he was to labor. He applied and was sent by the church. He finished three years in the Bible School and has now gone back to the work he had left to attend the School here.

The Lord kept the students and their families from serious sickness during the entire year with a few exceptions. Several children were quite sick; one we believed was dying when they brought it to us to pray with them. The Lord heard and the child is living today.



Africa—Belgian Congo (Courtesy Rev. E. E. Crist)  
Ordained Pastors in the Congo. A noble group. Much used of God.

One family, however, brought their child of two years old to us one morning about 5.30 to ask us to pray for it. When they retired in the evening it was quite well. About two o'clock they awoke and found it was sick. They then called some of the brethren together to pray and later came to us. We prayed for it, but God knew best and in half an hour it was gone. It didn't seem to be suffering but could not breathe.

There has been a serious scourge of dysentery in our district and a number of people died of it, but there was only one mild case in the students' village; so we praise God for His care and protection. When one considers that there were about 35 families with over 100 children in the village we are sure it was only the Lord who protected them from the scourge.

I wish I could introduce to you some of these men who have spent three years in the School. Three of them had been Catholics but after hearing the gospel they were saved. One of these was taken by the priests when he was a small boy and kept by them and taught their doctrine. Some years later while visiting his home he went to one of our village churches and heard someone preach from

the text "There is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." He immediately believed and was saved and has been one of our faithful teachers for several years.

Another of the graduating class had been a teacher in the Banana District. He is the one who was given poisoned food and almost died. He is now on his way back to that district to again take up his work. A number have been saved in that village among whom is a young man who has been teaching for three or four years and will be a candidate for the Bible School the next opportunity for entering.

We have had a very blessed and profitable year in the Bible School. God was with us and that means everything. He supplied the needs of the students, and many were the notes of praise to God for His care during the three years of school.

For the first time in the history of the school all students entering this Fall are volunteers. Heretofore the church had chosen those who should go, but the selection for this year's class was made from those who felt God would have them go and volunteered to go. We are expecting still greater blessing from the Lord the coming year.



Africa—Belgian Congo (Courtesy Rev. E. E. Crist)  
Children under school age not including babies of men in the Bible School  
at Kinkonzi.

During the past year there was considerable more blessing in the mission than the previous year. Over 1,000 were baptized and there were fewer needing discipline.

Persecution has been quite severe at times. One of our teachers was almost killed by some Catholic followers, at the instigation of a priest. Only because the Lord gave the teacher supernatural strength is he alive today. After having been beaten severely he saw one of the men reach for his knife to kill him outright and it was then he received strength to jump up and run, entirely naked, to a village where he sought aid.

We are glad the Lord has a people in th's land of Congo whom He is getting ready for His Kingdom. We praise God, too, that He has permitted you as well as ourselves to have a share in this work.

Mrs. Crist had dengue fever in February, and has been suffering ever since with rheumatism. Pray for her.

We thank you all for your gifts, the splendid literature you are sending us, but above all for your prayers. How much we need to pray for one another as we see the day fast approaching when we shall see our Lord face to face.

Rev. E. R. Hess and family spent a few days at the Allentown Division Camp Meeting in Mizpah Grove and showed a number of lantern slides illustrating their work in Belgian Congo. On their way back to the field they sent the following report:

Again we are on our way returning to the Congo, due to arrive there on October 16. I have never felt so burdened about this work as now. The situation seems deplorable and the task before us insuperable. Our responsibilities as a mission have increased in the past few years while our funds and workers have decreased. Thousands of children are looking to us to help them with schooling. Our Congo Christians' children have no other schools to go to except Catholic schools. In the past school work has been much neglected and for that reason most of our native teachers are not qualified to teach as they ought to be. I just received a letter from Tomasi Paku, the pastor who is the president (or presiding elder) of the whole church body in our Congo Field. He deplores the sad lack of schools and of missionaries and pleads pathetically that more help be given them.

For twelve years the Catholics have been quietly and steadily preparing to control schools in Congo. This right has been granted them by the Belgian Government. Their determined purpose is to defeat Protestant mission work. Latest reports state that the Catholics are forcing some of the children of our mission to go to their schools. There is nothing for us to do except to provide good schools for our people and pray that God will protect His work. In the same territory where our mission has 16 missionaries the Catholics have 40. At the same time they have many qualified native teachers whom they have been preparing in normal schools which are recognized and subsidized by the Government. All this has been done in agreement with the Government and was well under way before we knew anything about it. Protestants have just recently been informed by the Government that they will not officially recognize any native teachers or schools except those receiving a subsidy from the Government and so far as we know only Catholic schools receive the subsidy. It is therefore easy to see that there is

#### **A Real Crisis**

in our work in Congo and we would urge our Christian friends at home to pray earnestly: that God may give us wisdom in the direction of the work; that He may provide the needed workers and funds; and that until the needed workers and funds arrive the work may be miraculously kept by His power. It is necessary for new missionaries to study French before going to the field. It is therefore, difficult to get new recruits to the field quickly as they will need to spend about six months at least in Belgium studying French.

We would have our friends at home remember also that the Congo Christians are continually being persecuted for Jesus' sake. And then when they see a shortage of missionaries and a lack of proper provision for the needs of the work they are inclined to be discouraged. Under these circumstances the pressure from the Catholics is usually all the harder. Pray therefore that, the faith of God's little ones in Congo "fail not."

Just recently we received word that one of the native pastors has died. This is a great loss to the work as he was one of the most faithful and most promising young men in the work. We thank God for faithful native leaders but there is need for more native pastors. There are 52 organized native churches and only about half that many pastors. The one who died was a dear friend and brother in the Lord. When he was a boy he used to work for me on the station. He looked after my room and when I went on itinerations he carried my bed.

We have heard that we have been appointed to Maduda Station. This station was for a number of years closed because it was so close to Kinkonzi station. Now it has been chosen for central schools; one a 3 years children's school, the other a 3 years teacher's training school. The station is to be built on a new site—land received from the government for the purpose. This is our work for this next term. It looks as though we had a very hard term of service ahead of us. However that does not worry us. What troubles us is that we shall not possibly be able to do all the work assigned to us which means that the work has to suffer. That fact has greatly disturbed us and continues to do so. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest."

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#### AFRICA—Belgian Congo

(Africa Inland Mission)

Missionaries—Rev. Harry Stam, Mrs. Harry Stam.

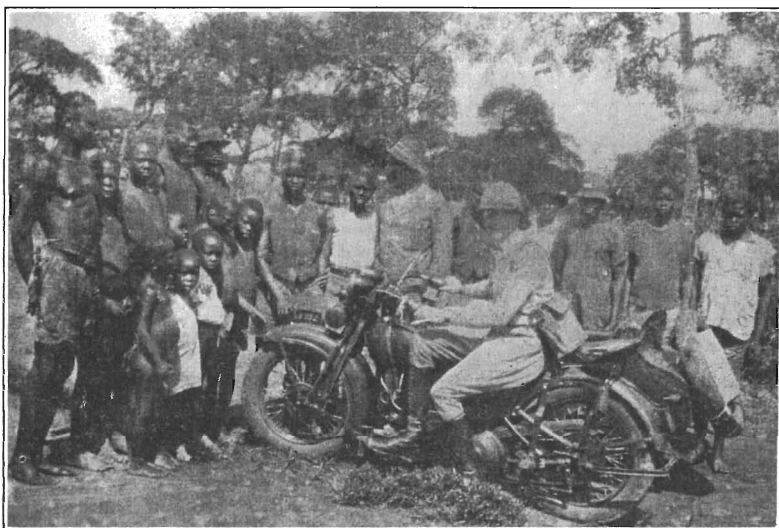
Our thoughts have often been with you during these Summer months. And while it did not seem to be the Lord's will for us to be among you in person, yet in spirit we have often been with you all, "joying and rejoicing in you all," as we hear of God's blessing among you, and the faith and love in Christ Jesus which is your portion by the Holy Spirit's working. And of course we cannot forget to give thanks and rejoice that "your care of us hath flourished." "Not that we speak in respect of want," for God is always able to supply every need, but He is pleased, as a rule, to use human agents. Above all, the love and the prayers that we know are back of the gifts of your people do warm our hearts, and strengthen us for the battle.

The Lord continues, as He cannot but do, to be a wonderful, faithful, all-sufficient Saviour and Master. We do not go to war at our own charges, Hallelujah! He goes ahead. These last months have been times of experiencing a little of what Paul probably meant when he spoke of giving the word in "much weakness, and in fear," a fear lest we fail of any of God's purposes of fruit-bearing for us. Yet in some of the times of greatest weakness and pain, He was there, and we can look back and realize that He taught us unspoken and unspeakable lessons of His great love, such as we never knew before.

As we look back at the ministry of this past year, entrusted to us by the Chief Shepherd, we can give Him abundant thanks. Beside the blessed work with the Evangelists in the School, there has been not a little traveling. Little sectional Bush Bible Conferences, serving groups of ten or more villages at a time, have been blessed of God. Souls have been saved and the Christians strengthened. Then the conference with the evangelists in the Aru District at which we were privileged to help, was a great time of blessing. He "will build His church," and He is doing it under our eyes, according to promise. Then over in Uganda we were allowed to minister at their first Bush Conference. It has been all so blessed. "In journeyings oft" is a privilege, when done for our beloved Lord Jesus.

In another communication Mr. Stam says:

What a privilege it has been, this work with the Evangelists. In Doctrine we are rounding out our study of the Holy Spirit with a study of the Names of the Holy Spirit. It was such a distinct and fresh blessing to my own heart this morning as I thought of and taught the fact that these names simply denote facts which are true about the Holy Spirit, and we can and should trust Him to make those facts experimentally true in our own experience. These days we naturally think much in terms of what should happen if we ("whites") should be taken away for longer or shorter periods. How will the church get on? And it is such a joy to know that He will keep His church. There is no question that "grievous wolves" and false teachers will surely come into the midst. At such a time it is good to know that "He, the Spirit of Truth," will be there to guide the believer into all truth, and enable him to discern between true and false.



Africa—Belgian Congo (Courtesy Rev. Harry Stam)  
Saying goodbye after a village meeting.

My Tuesday night Bible class at Aba Poste continues to be a great joy. I hope the Lord will put it on someone's heart to continue after I go. Last Tuesday, by their suggestion, we went over to the Coffee Farm a few miles away and had a good audience of 101 sitting down around the fire. It is so good, in that hard place, to meet those who there for the first time heard the gospel and accepted. The old building is too small on Sunday mornings.

In a letter dated December, 1934, Brother Stam makes an apology for not writing more to friends in the homeland, first, because "Congo postage is almost prohibitive, twelve and a half cents a letter. We would love to write to you individually and ask you all sorts of questions about all sorts of things."

Mrs. Stam reports that Harry is troubled with constant headaches and tired eyes. Then, besides the work in the Evangelists' School at Aba, he has also been in charge of the press at Aba and also the work



of the Literature Committee of the Africa Inland Mission and the British and Foreign Bible Society, which entails much correspondence. He frequently must do this committee work in the evening, but after writing two or three letters his eyes trouble him so much that he must stop.

The children are well. I am doing some teaching every day in the Evangelists' School, Ruth's school work, besides my house and garden work. I am feeling fine but dread the coming dry season as I feel the sun very much as it cuts down my strength about 75 per cent. All these things make the days too full but "He giveth more strength."

Pray for Petero Wongo, our head printer. He is of the Kakwa Tribe, a graduate of the Evangelists' School, a bright, happy man. It is a joy to work with him. Pray that he may be kept on fire for God, that he may be a real leader for the other men in the shop and a soul winner outside.

On December 17, Mrs. Stam writes: As this letter is ready to go comes the cable telling of the murder by bandits of Harry's dear brother, John, and his wife in China! How this reminds us that we are soldiers "on duty" in a very real warfare. But we can follow our Saviour—Captain in constant victory. We trust for their death to bring forth much fruit. Often our God takes the enemy's strongest weapon and by it defeats "him that had the power of death." He knoweth the way that we take.

During last March Mr. Stam made quite an evangelistic tour on his bicycle: One morning I started with a nose bleed, he says, which lasted about two hours which left me rather shaky all that day's journey. Yet there was a joy in remembering the hymn, "Channels only" and noticing for the first time the words

"But with all Thy wondrous power,

Flowing through us Thou canst use us."

So you do not have to be powerful yourself to have power flowing through you, simply earthen vessels.

Over the hills to Malaga where we had a good little meeting under a tree. I was so dry that my lips literally stuck to the mouthpiece of my cornet and refused to work. My, what wouldn't one give for a nice cup or pot of tea. The people were so friendly. How I pray that the boys from here will get a real vision of that village of Malaga.

Going over the rough bumpy roads the fork of my bicycle broke.

Well, we went on through the heat and one and a half miles from here my fork finally collapsed. However, Paulo and Mose Wuli cut a stick to put in just to help it run along as they trundled it, and lo when I mounted, it held up for riding until we arrived safely at home.

The meetings here have been good, though mostly our own group. There are six now coming.

As is often the case, the whole of this little trip was marked by a series of delightful answers to prayer, anyone of which might by a skeptic be called a coincidence, but which are so constant and follow each other in such rapid succession that we who believe feel assured that they are due to our Father's hand of love. For He delights to show us that He also cares for the little details of our lives—and so lovingly. His name is Love.

One of the porters, Samaki (which means simply "Fish"), had trouble with his neck and chest for a week or so before our trip, and by the time we had gone half of the first day's trip, his neck was so stiff and sore that he could not turn his head. It may be you know the painful situation. Try carrying a box on your head besides!

I spoke to him, and that evening gave him a little unguentine mixed with still less of mentholatum, a mixture which could hardly be called a

"potent liniment," and told him to try and keep his neck warm. I had prayed, after seeing his pain, rather specially for him, that the Lord would do us the favor of letting his neck get real well. I asked it as a special favor for my friend, for that is what these porters are to me. I must confess to surprise, however, when three nights later, Samaki got up at a fireside testimony meeting, and after confessing how he hated to come on this trip (quite naturally!) this medicine that Bwana gave him had proved to be so wonderfully strong that his neck immediately began to improve, and was now in better shape than for some time back. A small item, you say, and due to natural causes. Perhaps.—But oh, how precious when we know the Creator who presides over all causes, natural and otherwise.

That the Lord knows how to gather an unexpected audience is seen from the following incident related by Brother Stam:

We have our district around Aba divided into seven sectors or "territories" and try to have one week-end Bible Conference each month in a difference sector. The arrangements are entirely in native hands and due to lack of staff there have been not a few times when no white missionary could attend.

Just this past week-end we had the conference for another section of villages down at the chapel at Aba Poste. The Poste, a young town, is naturally a hard place for food as well as spiritually. It was great to see them trust the Lord and to see Him answer in the matter of food for the body. More than that, God wonderfully answered our prayers spiritually. Souls were definitely saved, we are sure, and Christians strengthened in their God.

The seven odd village groups represented came from places along the Aru Road within about fourteen miles and the Faradge Road to a distance of about twelve or thirteen. The conference theme was "Fellowship with God;" How Obtained? by the shed of blood of our Lord, accepted by faith; How maintained and increased? and the Glorious Consummation at the Rapture. A wonderful subject with a wonderful Textbook—the Bible, and a wonderful Teacher—the Spirit.

Sunday we could again see how truly our God and Father does make all things to work together for good to them that love Him. It began with a steady rain and since we were expecting to have an open-air baptismal service it looked to some as if the devil were answering the prayers of certain adversaries. That rain kept right on until ten a. m., away beyond our scheduled time for the Bible service. Altogether too large a crowd had gathered (on the porches of the various huts and more than filling the chapel), for us to do anything else than wait for the present rain to stop.

When it did stop, however, the main service in the large Romanist church a mile outside of town had ended and our own huge crowd was swelled by many more who stood on the outskirts of the courtyard and gave wonderfully intelligent and sympathetic attention. The chapel was crowded out and the not yet dry courtyard was full. I wish you could have seen the crowd, and this at Aba Poste where once they said not one would come! Hallelujah!

It meant looking to God for guidance and blessing in adapting the message to this new and greater crowd than we had expected at our Bible service.

God blessed the Word and at the end of the service nine or ten signified their decision to accept by faith this Saviour who makes it possible for us to have fellowship with God. To this day they tell me many are still talking around their fires of the things they heard that Sunday.

By this time it was past midday but as we went on down to the river more and more added themselves to the crowd until the road was just white with people in their Sunday togs and to that huge crowd

again a testimony was given. They were asked to listen to the Word of God, not man.

They were shown the one way of salvation through a living faith in that same Lord Jesus who died and rose again and then the twelve believers were baptized, one a government medical boy, several workmen from the town and several from other places. And once again we could remark how wonderfully God that day had given us a hearing among the people. It was a wonderful opportunity.

In the afternoon there was a blessed communion service for the Christians. What a blessing it is to "remember His death," "until He come."

In their last report Brother Stam states that he will speak at meetings in Loka, September 5-8, wind up his work at Aba thereafter and the Lord willing, sail from Juba near Aba on the Nile boat of September 29 connecting with the S. S. President Johnson, of the Dollar Line, at Alexandria, Egypt, on October 15, arriving at New York November 5.

It may be of interest to the readers of this report that Rev. Harry Stam is the son of Rev. Peter Stam, superintendent of the Star of Hope Mission, Paterson, N. J., and brother of Jacob Stam, Counsellor-at-law, also of Paterson, also a brother of the late Rev. John C. Stam, of the China Inland Mission, at Tsingteh, China, who, with his wife, Betty, and their daughter, Helen Priscilla, not yet three months old, were on December 6, 1934, captured by Communist bandits, who, after Mrs. Stam had kindly served them tea and cake, bound and cruelly marched barefooted to Miaosheo, twelve miles across the mountains. Here, the next day, John and Betty Stam were most brutally murdered, their mutilated bodies being left lying by the roadside! Two witnesses who asked these cruel murderers for the lives of these missionaries had to pay for it by their lives. Thirty hours later the baby was found unharmed and well and at a great risk and a long, tiresome and dangerous journey brought to safety at Suancheng.

The days of the martyrs are not yet ended. The sufferings of the Body of Christ are not yet fulfilled. May the Lord comfort the families of John and Betty Stam and out of this tragedy bring forth a glorious triumph in China and all over the world. Mrs. Howard Taylor, of the China Inland Mission, has written a most wonderful book entitled "The Triumphs of John and Betty Stam," which every Christian should read.

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### AFRICA—Belgian Congo

(United Tribes Mission)

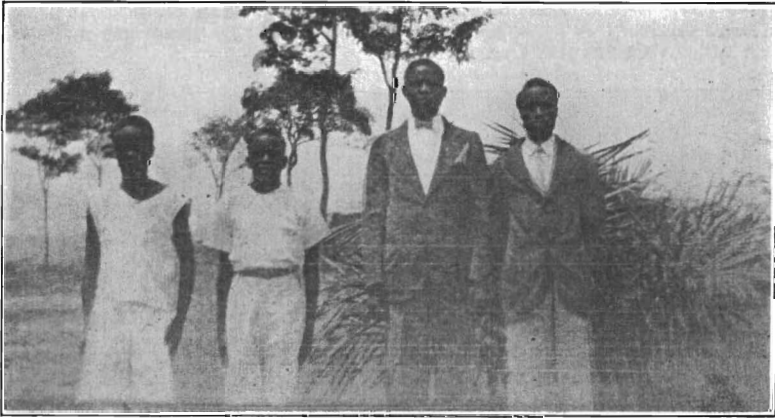
Missionary—Miss Mary A. Miller

Clippings from the correspondence of Miss Miller:

We started school on September 1st, with an attendance of over a hundred. Here the boys and girls, men and women learn to read and write, so that they will be able to read their Bibles. It is very interesting to watch their progress. A number can now read their Bibles in their own language, for which we do praise the Lord.

Christmas morning was a beautiful day (sunshine, not ice and snow). We killed a little goat for our Christmas dinner. After dinner we all opened our little gifts that we had given to each other. We got some palm branches for decorations so that it really looked like Christmas. Early in the morning we were awakened by the boys singing carols at Mr. Buck's house, then to our surprise after dinner, over 100 natives lined up in front of our house and began to sing. How we rejoiced as we looked into the faces of many of them who now really know the meaning of Christmas.

At 2.00 P. M. we had our native service. We had a program and how the natives did enjoy it. The following is the program: Played a few Christmas hymns on the phonograph; congregation sang, "Joy to the World;" prayer offered by Mr. Kroeker; Scripture reading, Luke 2, by Elia-Kahonga (native pastor); teachers sang "Silent Night;" dialogue by four little boys, "We Are Little Children;" Lo's and Nioma, two native women, sang "O Lord Jesus How Long;" fifteen boys, "Story of the Birth of Jesus;" five men sang, "O Come All Ye Faithful;" dialogue by six boys, "Why Is He in Yonder Stall?"; the rest of the small boys sang a chorus answering, "It Is Jesus;" Mary and Bertha sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," and "Tell Me the Old, Old Story." The following day we had some games with them. It was a blessed Christmas together.



Africa—Belgian Congo (Courtesy Miss Mary A. Miller)  
Four Christian boys—Thomas Mwafima, Lukas Mwakafunga, Joseph Ranbembo and Paul Mwajikela.

We have been crying out to God for an awakening here among these people. Knowing that you have joined with us in this, we are sure that you will rejoice with us to know that two months ago, God began to work, souls began to hunger after God. The Christians saw their coldness and indifference, and cried out to God as David did of old, "Restore unto me the joy of thy Salvation." Soon sinners began to see their need.

The women are so hard to reach with the Gospel, but God has also answered prayer in their behalf, for they too heard God speak and answered His call. The increased interest in our Bible classes was inspiring. Many came asking to follow the Lord in baptism. We then started a baptismal class. Then the day for baptism arrived and on February 17th, our hearts overflowed with joy as twelve women and twenty-nine men and boys followed their Lord in baptism. This makes a total of sixty-five baptized believers.

After returning to the Church we had communion together. What a joy it was to look into the beaming faces of those redeemed souls. Again we were made to look up to our Father and thank God for those who made it possible for us to be here.

Between February 7th and 12th, five evangelists went to different villages to start their work. Their reports are very encouraging. The

natives seem to be very hungry for the Word of God. The Chiefs are constantly coming, or sending, "Don't you care that we are sitting in darkness?" Twenty more evangelists have gone out this week; this causes us to exclaim, "O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together," but many more are needed, the "Field is white." Please pray that others may soon be prepared to fill these vacant places, and that we may have wisdom from on high to teach and break to them the Bread of Life.

Our new Chapel looks like a tabernacle and we do enjoy it, especially at this time when the sun is so hot. We thank you for your interests and prayers. We need prayer that we may be kept bodily strong. There is much to do and just we four to do it all. We thank God over and over for giving us Vera to help with the work here. She does all the medical work and is kept very busy. She treats around 100 cases a day. Sometimes more are treated. You know what a very large territory we have here at Kamayala and only one nurse to handle it all. We do praise God for her.



Africa—Belgian Congo (Courtesy Miss Mary A. Miller)  
"Our girls."

The last week in March, nineteen of us missionaries met together in conference. We had a wonderful time and were brought low before Him as we waited to hear Him speak to our hearts. We thank Him for this fellowship together and we are sure each one returned to their stations stronger to do His will.

In her last communication received September 18th, Miss Miller writes:

Two weeks ago while out for a day, we passed through a village where we saw a large crowd and heard a great deal of chanting. Stopping our kopoyos we went to see what was going on. In the center of the crowd we saw a little girl about five years old sitting all crouched on a heap, looking very much scared. She was covered with red and white clay from head to foot. They had taken all her ornaments off her. The little girl's mother and relatives also were painted with clay. The medicine woman was dressed in her costume of feathers, animals'

teeth, clay, grease, etc. She was waving many charms over the child's head and chanting as she did so. Upon inquiry, they told us that each day, at a certain time of the day, the child becomes very sick, and that it had this sickness for a long time, so they were chasing the evil spirit away, for if they did not, surely the spirit would kill the child. After trying to show them the right way to find life, we requested that they carry the child to the Mission for physical aid, but they have never brought the child.

May 19th, a wild cat paid us a visit. It took a walk all around our veranda, then went back to steal some chickens, but in a short time was scared away, so again God protected.

We have closed our school for the three months' dry season, and



Africa—Belgian Congo (Courtesy Miss Mary A. Miller)  
A study in black and white. The little African baby is Miss Miller's namesake. The other is Missionary Whitaker's baby. Every time they looked at each other they cried.

are now in the process of making sun-dried bricks for our Chapel and new Medical Dispensary. We are also putting new veranda poles and a grass roof on one of our Missionary homes.

#### AFRICA—Nigeria

(United Missionary Society)

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

Zuru. This station is in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ummel. Brother Ummel in one of the reports from the field speaking of a business trip to the northwest of Zuru says: At noon on the fifth of June in the wake of a storm we started on our trip. At one place a bridge had been washed away and it was all that the two natives and I could do to get across.

Services were held at every town along the way. At one of the towns, farther away than I had ever been before, we found a man who can read and is very anxious for some Scriptural literature. I promised to send him several copies of "Way of Salvation" in Hausa. At another town the old chief listened very attentively.

The third day we returned home after having travelled 158 miles. We held fourteen services in nine towns with a total of over a thousand listeners. May the Gospel seed which has been sown bring forth much fruit.

The work at Zuru, we gathered from another report, has been making good progress. Much foundation work has been done during the year. A fine group of Christians are worshipping here, some of whom have borne persecution nobly, floggings in some instances, for Jesus' sake. They know what real sacrifice means though all of them are very poor. Brother and Sister Ummel are kept very busy and are encouraged in their work. Mrs. Ummel had a rather severe physical test but the Lord has restored her to health again.

Salka. From the annual report from the field we are told that Salka Mission presents the greatest appeal, having been closed since Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ummel, who had charge of this mission, have left



Africa—Nigeria (Courtesy Rev. Joseph Ummel)

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ummel, Josephine, age 6; Ruth Evangeline, age 4, and Grace Eleanor, age 2.

on furlough. This church is the only one in the Kamberi tribe of 87,000 people.

One of the greatest inventions of these last days is the radio, whereby many people may hear the Gospel proclaimed in sermon, song and testimony who otherwise would not and in many cases could not hear it. The message of the Cross thus reaches beyond the confines of civilization.

Rev. Ira W. Sherk, superintendent of the missions of the United Missionary Society of the Western Conferences of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, reports that in one of his tours of the stations and

out-stations south of the Niger River in Nigeria he held services in Jebba on a Sunday, last Spring. After the evening service some of the Europeans working in Jebba invited them to their home to listen to a radio service from London, England. To their great surprise they listened to a sermon by Gipsy Smith, preaching in Wesley's Church, Cith Road, London. Rev. Sherk writes, "It was a real Gospel message, such as Gipsy Smith can give. We have attended that church in London and it seemed to make the service the more real." Thus the radio helps to bring the Gospel to places where the missionary is not allowed, preparing the world for the "end" to come.

In his latest report, dated September 16, 1935, brother Joseph Ummel states that upon the request of the United Missionary Society they left Indiana August 24th, attended the Nebraska Camp Meeting after which they engaged in deputational work which they expect to finish about the end of October. The rest of the time until their return to Africa they expect to spend at Elkhart, Indiana. We left our station at Salka early in the month of December of last year and sailed for home on the 22nd of that month, reaching Elkhart the evening of January 23rd.



Africa—Nigeria (Courtesy Rev. Joseph Ummel)

Group of men gathered together for a fetish connected with blacksmith work.

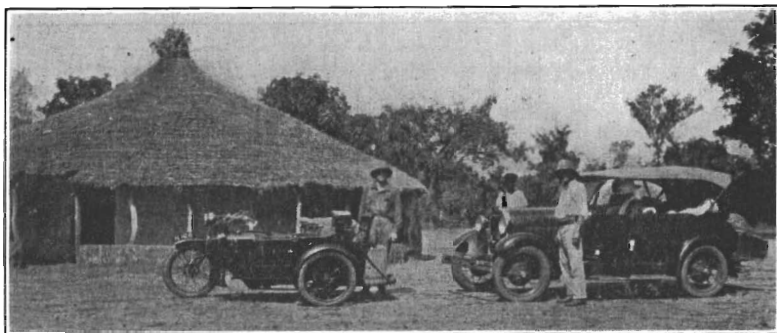
It seemed hard for us to leave Salka when our furlough time had arrived. Owing to shortage of workers on the field, it was necessary for us to pack up our belongings, stack them on tins to keep the white ants from destroying them, lock up the house, turn the keys over to the watch-man, send our school boys to their homes, and leave the place. Some of the village people came out to give us goodbye and seemed genuinely sorry we were going. One of them told us to go, but to be back in a month. Poor person! Little did he realize how long it would take for us to reach home. Our school boys have been going to the church each Sunday and have been having Sunday School. They have written to us and reported that a good number of the children have been attending. We are glad they are able to at least sing, pray, and read the Word of God and that there are some who have been coming to hear it.

The outlook was good, we thought, not only at Salka, but over the entire field. Years of effort have been put forth on many of the stations. Not always have we seen the results we have desired, but the efforts put forth have not been in vain. During recent years we have seen fruit borne of the seed that has been sown. God is faithful and will not permit his Word to return unto Him void.



Our hearts were especially gladdened about a year ago, just a few months before we left, for one young man that came to our evening prayer service, held with the boys just before bedtime. After we had finished I was told that he wished to be saved, so we had prayer with him. He opened his heart to the Lord and was brightly saved. I told him he should return to his people and witness the fact to them. A day or so later I asked him if he had told any about it. He said he had not. For a bit I was disappointed, but that passed away when one of our boys told me it was not necessary as people knew it. While those people do not have newspapers or telephones, news does travel, nevertheless. He was happy in the Lord and had quit the use of liquor, but, up to the time we left, he had not been able to persuade his wife to attend services. He was won largely, if not altogether, through the efforts of our school boys.

There are others in the town that are interested and know they should become Christians. Many are ready to leave their old paganism, but so far have held back because of fear of the old witch doctors and medicine men.



Africa—Nigeria (Courtesy Rev. Joseph Ummel)

Ready to leave Safo on our way to Salka.

Brother Paul Ummel writes under date of August 17, 1935:

It is with a thankful heart that I write this letter to you. The Lord has been very good to us during the past year and we thank Him for his protection and help that He has given us continually. There were times when things looked dark but we are thankful that we can always look up to One who cares.

We are glad to report that there are a number of the converts of last year who are growing in grace and who have a mind to go all the way with the Lord even though they are ostracized and cursed for having left the worship which their fathers have followed for generations. We are thankful that there are some who are leaving their sinful lives and turning to the Saviour. Several months ago a father of a family of eleven young children repented. His wife and his six oldest children were saved last year. He was much interested in the Gospel but the fear of men held him back. He even quit the tobacco habit last year for he realized that a Christian should not do it. He told me that he saw that a person could not stop sinning in his own strength and that he wanted to repent and be saved. He did and was

saved that day out in the bush and his farm compound. Several weeks ago a young boy was also saved. May the Lord put into the hearts of many more to prepare for eternity.

Though satan has been and is trying in many ways to hinder and stop the work of the Lord at this place, we are glad that He on Whose side we are is always the Victor.

In March we were privileged to attend the Conference of Missions of the Northern Provinces of Nigeria and a Convention which is held every three years. We very much enjoyed meeting and fellowshiping with more than four score missionaries of the different Protestant societies working in the Northern Provinces.

We are encouraged to press on with the work of the Master and Lord at this place. Our prayer and desire is that we may be used for His glory in winning many more from heathen darkness. We will be glad for an interest in your prayers. We thank you for all that you are doing for us in prayer and in supporting us.



Africa—Nigeria (Courtesy Rev. Joseph Ummel)  
Buying Guinea Corn for Boys' School at Salka.

**AFRICA—Sudan**  
(Sudan Interior Mission)  
Missionary—Mrs. Fred Whale.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Whale have been on furlough in Scotland among Mr. Whale's relatives. Mrs. Whale, formerly Miss Grace E. Feldges, is a member of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ and is supported by the Pennsylvania Conference.

Before their furlough they had been stationed at Fada N'Gourma, French Sudan. Owing to many Government restrictions, progress has been slow there. Opposition from Roman Catholics, the stolid indifference of the people, the lack of transportation facilities, all combine to intensify the problems of pioneer work. In spite of all the difficulties there are today a few at Fada who have confessed the Saviour op-

only before their fellow-men. There are 3,000 villages in the F'ada District, accessible only by native paths.

The following is an extract from a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Whale dated May 15, 1935:

Greetings in His Precious Name. The verse that we chose for the year is Hosea 6:3—"Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord." The more we know Him the more anxious we are to serve Him better.

Once again we thank you for your continued prayers for us, the Lord's servants, and for your faithfulness in sending support. We also thank you for the extra copies of "Regions Beyond," which have been greatly appreciated by all who have read them.

We have been notified by the London Secretary to make preparations to return to Africa in "the early Summer."

In another letter from Glasgow, Scotland, dated July 22, 1935, they write as follows:

"I will go before thee and make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut asunder the bars of iron; and I will give thee the treasure of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the Lord, which called thee by thy name, am the God of Israel." (Isa. 45:2, 3).



Africa—Sudan (Courtesy Mrs. Fred Whale)

First baptism at Fada N'Gourma. Four baptized by Mr. Whale among the Gourma Tribe.

Our faith and patience are being tested these days, as we are waiting for the sum needed for our return to Africa to come in. We are convinced that it is the Lord's will that we return at the earliest possible date.

Meanwhile we have received letters from the Field welcoming us back and informing us that we are assigned to open a new work in a tribe hitherto unreached by the Gospel.

As we see these perishing multitudes getting deeper into sin and degradation and fast going to their graves, and as we see the Roman Catholics and Mohammedans making rapid advances, do you wonder that we are "straining at the leash" to get there quickly with the blessed Message of Redemption?

Our outfit is practically ready and we feel physically quite fit to return. We trust that we may be also spiritually ready by His enabling strength and wisdom to battle the powers of darkness and wrest souls from the evil one's clutches.

A letter dated August 25, 1935, states: "We are on the eve of our departure for Africa. We expect to sail for Nigeria on September 18th. The Lord has graciously supplied our passage funds through one of His

stewards here in Scotland, and your gift has been the Lord's provision for our personal needs at this time.

We count on the continuance of your prayers as we go forth once again entrusted with the precious message of salvation. Our field address will be—Sudan Interior Mission, Box 14, Kano, Nigeria, West Africa.

The pioneers of the Sudan Interior Mission sailed for the Sudan in 1893, led by Rev. R. V. Bingham, who is still the General Director of the North American Council. The first station was opened at Patigi in 1901. The first African church was formed at Egbe in 1909. Today the Sudan Interior Mission is faithfully working among seventy different tribes in Nigeria, French Sudan and Ethiopia. They have more than seventy organized churches of which more than fifty support their own African pastors. More than 200 African Evangelists are voluntary workers supplying 187 out-stations.

During the first thirty years the work was most difficult as the people are strongly Mohammedan. During the last three years, however, there has been a decided change and many, once so unreachable, gather



Africa—Sudan (Courtesy Mrs. Fred Whale)

Mr. Whale baptizing converts of the Gourma Tribe.

### ETHIOPIA

around the missionaries whose joy it is to feed them with the Bread of Life.

The Sudan Interior Mission had been organized about forty years ago with the object in view to bring the Gospel to this ancient nation. It now maintains more than a dozen Mission Stations in Ethiopia including one in the Capital, Addis Ababa. In 1932 a mission building was secured at Furi, outside of the Capital. Here the Mission built a Leprosarium for the treatment of the many thousands of lepers in the country. The corner-stone of the Institution was laid on November 15, 1932, by His Majesty, the Emperor, Heila Selassie, in the presence of his ministers and the British and American Diplomatic representatives. On the corner-stone was engraved, "Jesus Christ Himself being the chief Corner-Stone." What a wonderful witness in a city visited by thousands of Mohammedans!

Dr. E. Ralph Hooper is the missionary in charge of the Leprosarium. A chapel has been added. Dr. Hooper reports some remarkable leadings of the Lord in answer to prayer among the lepers and other people, some of high standing, some even having applied for baptism.

During 1933 a book shop has been opened in the Capital for the sale of Bibles and Christian Literature, the demand of which steadily increases. A printing press is greatly needed here.

Ethiopia is in the headlines of the news of today. Things are moving rapidly. No one knows what a day may bring forth. A few words concerning this great country may be of importance at this moment in connection with the Sudan Interior Mission. It has an area of 350,000 square miles and a population of about ten or twelve millions, a great country with great possibilities, a great challenge to the Christian Church. The door for her salvation is opening and Satan is actively preparing to hinder and oppose most strenuously. But God sees what is going on and is ready for every move of the enemy.

Do we know what important place Ethiopia holds in God's eternal plan? Let us see what God put on record concerning it in the earliest dawn of history (Gen. 2:13), called in Hebrew, Cush. It adjoins what had been the kingdom of that mighty monarch Ahasuerus (Esther 1:1).

Do the nations of the world seek after its precious stones (Job. 28:19)? and the treasures of the ancient Candace (Acts 8:27)?

Is the "cloudy day" arriving when "great pain shall be in Ethiopia," when ships shall "make the careless Ethiopians afraid" (Ez. 30:3-5, 9)?

Will God forget the land which furnished a companion to the greatest statesman of all history (Num. 12:1)? Will He forget the country which furnished that noble Ethiopian who rescued one of His noted Ambassadors from an awful death (Jer. 38:6-13)? and sent a representative to Jerusalem to bring back the knowledge of salvation (Acts 8:27)?

Will God hide His face when "Ethiopia shall haste to stretch out her hands unto God" (Ps. 68:31) for help? Will the nations destroy or assimilate it, or will it still be Ethiopia in the time of the end (Dan. 11:43)? Man proposes but God disposes.

We clip the following from a recent letter by the General Director, Rev. R. V. Bingham, of Toronto, Ont.:

In a peculiar way God put our hand to the task of evangelizing first the Sudan and then Ethiopia. We have sought as much as in us lies to press on to that end. God has given us a wonderful band of workers in Nigeria, French Sudan and still later in Ethiopia, all intent with us in accomplishing that work. We shall not all live to see the goal.

What is our attitude to that great land in this hour of trial? Its king, Heila Selassie, has welcomed our missionaries and given us every encouragement to aid him in seeking the enlightenment and uplifting of his people. He stands pledged to the abolition of slavery within twenty years. He is a God-fearing man. In the official language of the country, he, himself, printed for the Bible Society the first Bible, and yet he stands seeing a nation with tremendous resources of men, money and munitions deliberately preparing to rob him and his people of their rights. With their limited resources they are preparing for defense.

What should we do? First—we seek to keep first things first. Our missionaries have gone in, primarily, to give the people the Gospel. To that we have added the further commission of our Lord, when the Gospel was first sent forth, of healing the sick and cleansing the leper. Should war break out they have hardly any one other than the missionary to bind up their wounded and to minister in the sphere where the modern army places a red cross and medical corps. We are quite sure that our missionaries will feel that to preach and do nothing else

when the people to whom they have gone to carry salvation and blessing are being slaughtered and wounded, would be taking an attitude of indifference to their call and mission. We shall certainly, while continuing every opportunity of witness bearing, seek to help the people otherwise. We have nothing to do with handling the sword and gun, but we do have to do with the ministry of love to a sorely harrassed and tried people.

It has been proposed that while continuing to send out the preachers of the Gospel, as we are expecting, we in a special way should seek to send out what perhaps we may call our "White Cross Brigade"—having as its insignia a white cross with a red background—in which we shall include only Christian doctors and nurses and those who go because they love souls and have sympathy with the physical suffering of the people.

We cannot, we dare not send one cent less—yea, we should double that which we are sending for the carrying on of the spiritual work of our Mission, but we shall be open for special gifts to aid in our medical ministry. We ask our friends to pray especially that we may be able to do something unique in this sphere. We have at present four doctors in Ethiopia. Our friends of the United Presbyterian Mission have several, but outside of these and one or two in other missions, there are scarcely any doctors in the whole nation. Pray that we may be able to come to the help of these people in such a way that our every action on the field shall speak of Christ, and let us earnestly pray that if possible war may yet be averted. Any steps we may take, war or no war, will be for the preaching of the Gospel.

### 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

According to reports from the field the work in general has been greatly blessed of the Lord. They have at present 98 organized churches, 69 of which are self-supporting, besides 59 unorganized groups. The total active membership is 8,000. During the year 881 have been baptized. There are 115 native pastors, evangelists and colporteurs, and 54 Foreign Missionaries.

Rev. and Mrs. William C. Cadman have charge of the Hanoi Press and the work of translation, revision, editing and publishing.

Over sixteen million pages of Gospel literature were printed during the year. This included a Summary of the Gospel in the Rade dialect, the first Laotian Catechism, the Annamese Bible Magazine (1,250 copies per month), and thousands of Gospels and Tracts in Annamese, Cambodian, and Laotian. This was made possible by the gifts of faithful stewards in the homeland, and by some orders for the printing of the Bible from the British and Foreign Bible Society. Much prayer is requested for the continuation of this great work.

Another Short Term Bible School meets at Hanoi, Tonkin, where during the past year four classes were held, two of them covering a period of three months and the other two, six weeks. In connection with this school five chapels have been operated in the city and its suburbs, with an average of thirty-two meetings per week.

Rev. N. M. Cressman, stationed at Pnom-Penh, Cambodia, writes: As we look back our hearts are made to rejoice and praise the Saviour for His gentle leading; for His healing touch, especially when

Ethella had diphtheria; for keeping us in this trying climate; and for meeting our needs. We would love to tell you of the many wonderful ways in which He has provided for us. Truly His name is Wonderful! His ways past finding out!

Recently we held a three day special conference for the Annamese church. Two of our missionary colleagues who speak Annamese came to help in these services. God blessed their efforts. At the close of the conference the crowds continued coming to the chapel so that we felt we must not stop the services. We continued for a week preaching in Cambodian. God gave us two Cambodians—a young man, who seems very promising, and an elderly man. Pray with us that these may grow in grace and the knowledge of the Lord.

Under date of March 1, 1935, Brother Cressman writes: We are encouraged, for while hope would sometimes almost wane before the closed doors of Cambodia, we rejoice to know that Christ is victor and He is leading on.



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

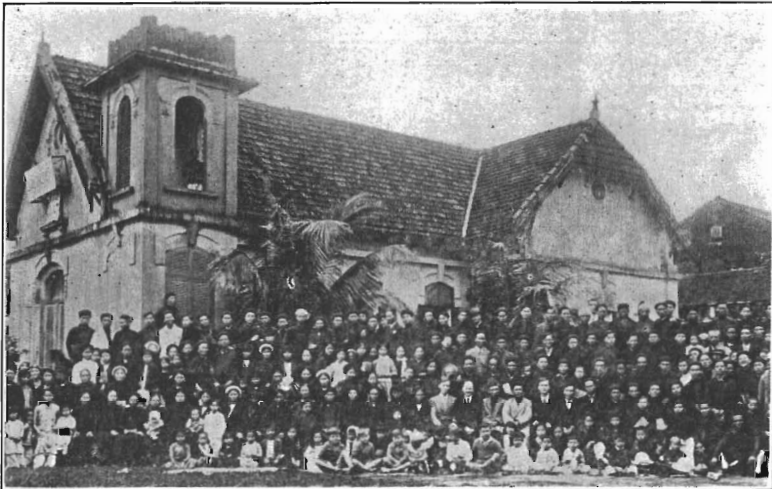
Taken outside of the Gospel Hall in Sontay, Tonkin. Front center from left to right are Mrs. Evans, of the Methodist Mission, Yunnan, China; Mrs. Cadman, Rev. Cadman and Rev. H. M. Shuman, President of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

We are being continually reminded of the restrictions placed on us forbidding us to evangelize this land. Just this past week the French police reprimanded me for giving out Gospel portions in Cambodian and for speaking to Cambodians about Christ. He warned that if I continued I would be liable to be imprisoned. Courteously accepting his warning I made clear to him that imprisonment meant little to me in comparison to the shackles of sin and heathenism on the souls of men all around us. We seem to be living "where Satan's seat is" but even here there is His promise to those who overcome. (Rev. 2:13, 17).

However, in spite of these dark shadows, God gives us many opportunities to witness. The Cambodian Buddhist priests continue to visit us and several of them have led us to villages where we have been privileged to witness. Other priests have brought some of their friends from the country to our home in order that they might hear more about the Gospel.

During the past month a sister of the present King entered the chapel and listened to the Gospel. She seemed favorably impressed and our hearts are encouraged to continue praying that His witness may yet penetrate within the palace walls.

We are greatly encouraged in our French services which follow the Cambodian morning services every Sunday. Our Annamese and Chinese work thus far has had no restrictions placed upon it. This leaves us with a large open door and God has blessed us with a spirit-filled Chinese-Annamese colporteur who travels the length and breadth of this land giving out the witness and the Word of God. Our



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

The Hanoi Church and congregation. Rev. Cadman was pastor till the installation of their native pastor.

work is greatly varied, among many peoples of different tongues, although we are able only to speak Cambodian and French. With the poet we often long for "a thousand tongues to tell our Redeemer's grace." The thousand tongues cannot be ours, but our one desire is to be entirely yielded and empty so that He may fill us and use us for His glory.

At present we are all well, for which we praise Him. We had a very busy but happy Christmas and all of us have enjoyed more than we can tell your many cards of greetings and personal letters. We have wanted to answer them, each personally, but since conference our home has been a bee-hive with missionaries passing through enroute to their various stations. We trust that you will forgive us.



Pray for Brother and Sister Cressman whose hearts have been made sorrowful, yet not as those who are without hope, by the sudden departure of Brother Cressman's mother, Mrs. Hannah Cressman, of Bethlehem, Pa., while visiting the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mann, at Plainfield, N. J., on June 6, 1935. The funeral services were in charge of her pastor, P. T. Stengele, in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, Bethlehem, Pa., assisted by Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman. She is survived by her husband, Jacob Cressman, and nine children. Since her youth, Sister Cressman had been a faithful Christian. Her husband, all her children and grandchildren except the quite small ones are faithful members of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church.

Mrs. N. M. Cressman's mother, Mrs. Hicks, also passed away shortly before in Newark, N. J.

Here are a few of the many very interesting reports from the French Indo-China field, good material for Foreign Missionary programs:



French Indo-China (Courtesy Rev. H. A. Jackson)

Pastor Xol and his wife Chon once semi-savages, now Pastor Xol holds Evangelistic services daily and one on Sunday for Christians.

"The past year witnessed more conversions in Tonkin than in any previous year since the beginning of our work. We concentrated our efforts in getting the Gospel out into the country districts in the Hanoi, Namdinh, and Langson areas. God greatly honoured the simple, sincere preaching of His Word, so that the people came by the scores and hundreds to accept Christ. Well over one thousand prayed for forgiveness in Jesus' Name. Groups of evangelical Christians were formed in almost a score of new villages. These new Christians have manifested the sincerity of their faith by not only abolishing their ancestral altars and heathen gods, but also by building three chapels where they meet to worship the only Living and True God. The Enemy will try his best to frustrate this glorious work, but we must hold on in faith and prayer that God will continue to do great and mighty things for His Church in Tonkin. We have had the joy of seeing His work established in four new places:

### At Prey Nop—A Farmer Starts a Church

The opening of a work out at Prey Nop, the center of a large district about sixty miles from our station (Kompong Trach), had been on our hearts for a long time. We could not obtain permission to open a chapel, so just how to go about this task was quite a problem. One day we drove out there in company with some of our Cambodian workers. As we travelled along, we felt led to stop the car in the shade of the forest for a season of prayer. While we prayed, one of our workers broke down in tears, and in prayer offered himself to God as 'a living sacrifice' for the opening of the work in Prey Nop. Although a Bible school man and well versed in the Word, he was willing to go there as an ordinary farmer, since the Government would not allow us to send him as a Christian worker. He found a native hut in a splendid location near the market, where he has been witnessing for Christ ever since. As a result of his devotion there is a small group of believers in Prey Nop to-day, which we pray will grow 'strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.'

### At Kampot—A Barber Starts a Revival

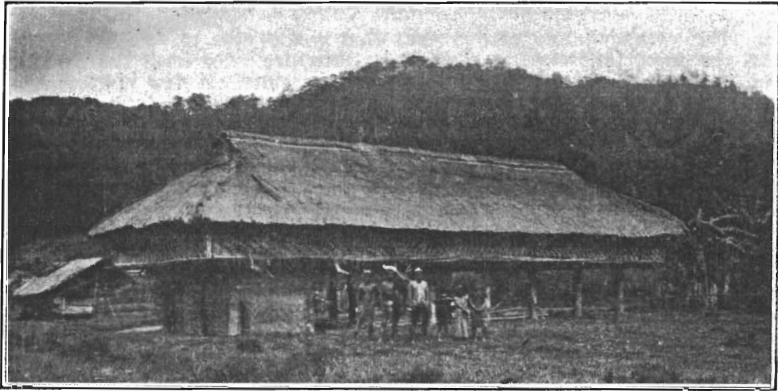
"For years we had prayed that God would give us fruit in Kampot, the important Capital city of our Province. Up until the first of the past year we met with practically no results. A few months ago the Lord brought a well-established Annamese Christian from Cochinchina, who opened up a barber shop right in the center of the market. He immediately gave his home to the Lord for a meeting place and witnessed to everyone who came around for a hair cut. Then the fire started, a multitude of souls have been saved, and a strong evangelistic center has been established in this seemingly impossible city. To-day there are about eighty believers, mostly Annamese and Chinese, in and around Kampot and the work is going right on. Satan is mightily opposing, and we need much prayer that he may be defeated. This Christian barber, who was such a blessing in getting the work started, has been the object of a terrific attack from the enemy. For the last couple of months his wife has been lying stricken in a Pnom-Penh hospital. What a price must sometimes be paid by those who dare to break into a Satanic stronghold with the glorious message of Salvation.

### At Pnom-Penh—A Young Man Brings Salvation to His Home Brother Cressman Writes:

"A young Cambodian who was passing our chapel in Pnom-Penh one day, bought a Gospel and took it along to his village. His aged father read it and sent his son back to ask us to please come and tell him more about this wonderful book. We went, and with joy he told us that he had had a dream several years ago, in which he was told that some day he would hear about the true God, the Creator of all things. From this he was led to believe that Buddha, whom he had been worshipping, was not the Supreme Being. Said he, 'I've waited many years, but when I read your book I knew that this was what I had been looking for.' He was a lay teacher in Buddhism but gladly gave it up, and he and his family, seven in all, accepted Christ. His testimony was clear and inspiring, and although he met with opposition from the other villagers, he continually rejoiced in his new-found Saviour. After only a month of witnessing he suddenly passed away from an attack of cholera. On Sunday morning he attended the service; the same afternoon he was taken ill; and the next day went to be with the Lord. He was seventy-five years of age—a brand snatched from the burning.

**At Bo-Trach—God Makes the Governor Build a Church and Parsonage**

"A year's rent in advance for the chapel at Bo-Trach, Annam, was due in a few days. Since there was no other suitable place in the town, the missionary told the owner that he would rent again for another year and would send the money just as soon as possible. The missionaries had no available funds for this purpose, but laid the matter definitely before the Lord and had the assurance that He would provide. A few days later the Annamese evangelist came in with his face shining, and told the good news of how the Government urgently needed a house at Bo-Trach for a dispensary, and that since the chapel just met their need the Governor of the Province had bought it from the owner. Nevertheless, on hearing that we had already spoken for the building for another year, he went to the Annamese mandarin of the district and told him to have a certain piece of land filled in, on which he was to erect a bamboo chapel and house for the preacher. Then turning to our Annamese worker he said, 'I will give you the deed when it is finished.' The missionaries had been praying



French Indo-China (Courtesy Rev. H. A. Jackson)

A Moi house built about six feet from the ground to protect them from wild beasts. Only one door, no chimney. Here they store their rice and rice wine.

for the rent money for another, but the Lord provided the Chapel instead. 'He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.'

**At Siem Reap—God Reverses a Governor's Edict**

"On a recent trip through Siem Reap Province, where the famous Ruins of Ankor are situated, the Cambodian Governor of the county sent a policeman to tell us that we were not to speak of Jesus Christ. We went immediately to this official, whom we had visited on previous trips, and he positively forbade our going to a large village where four or five Cambodians had accepted Christ as their Saviour. He said he had questioned the man to whose house we were going, and that he had denied having become a Christian. We told the Governor that we must go this once to ascertain whether the man had really gone back into Buddhism or not, and that after our visit we would return

and inform him as to the result. Still the Governor refused to allow us to go, saying that if we went he would report us immediately. We went, and spent the night at the Christian's home, and questioned him regarding his faith. He told us that the Governor had threatened him with imprisonment, but that he still loved the Lord and hoped we would continue to visit him. I returned to the Governor and told him of the man's reply. A few days later, on returning to Siem Reap, I called on the French Resident who informed me that he had received the Cambodian Governor's report three days previously, and had already replied to the effect that he was not to hinder our work, unless he found that we were carrying on political propaganda against the Government. Thus the Lord opened wide that door that previously was not even ajar. 'He causeth the wrath of man to praise Him, and restraineth the remainder of wrath.'

#### **The Gospel by Boat**

"In August we built a bamboo raft and together with several helpers started floating down the river from Khon Kaen to Oubon. We held meetings in thirty-four villages and sold nearly three thousand Scripture portions. In one village about forty people expressed their desire to follow Christ. We travelled through a district on this trip that no missionary had ever visited. We were deeply impressed with the great population on the banks of this river and the tremendous need they represent.

#### **A Pastor's Testimony of Healing**

"One of our older Annamese workers, who has been signally blessed of God from the beginning of his ministry, was suddenly stricken with a malignant form of malaria. He grew rapidly weaker and it was soon evident that his life was in danger. Some of the deacons decided to take the pastor by sampan to the hospital in Tourane. But when our brother knew what they were planning to do, he was given strength to indicate that he wished to stay and trust God. He asked that all the elders and deacons gather around him and together with the whole church hold on to God for deliverance. Those dear Christians cried to God all that day and on through the night, and then once again God marvellously manifested His mighty healing power in their midst. Many of those who interceded so earnestly for their pastor at this time had themselves been raised up in answer to prayer."

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#### **CHINA—Kansu-Tibetan Border**

(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

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

(Arrived in China in 1897.)

To the members of the Board of Foreign Missions and of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania, greetings.

In this report, dated, Hochow, Kansu Province, China, July 25, 1935, Brother Snyder states:

After this report goes off to the homeland I shall have to balance my station's accounts, make out the financial report; a written report of the work done during the little over a year in this district, and a Chinese message—all preparatory for the coming Annual Conference

of the Kansu Tibetan Border Mission which convened August 31 to September 8.

Our Conference was to have been held in Minchow on the above dates; however, due to the threatened invasion of the Reds into Kansu, it will in all likelihood be held in Titao. This will mean less of travel for us—2½ days in contrast to 8 days.

In John 14:6 we read "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life."

We are still preaching unswervingly the doctrine that Christ is all this—the only way, etc., no second or just as good way.

Experience proves this method of non-compromise to be effectual in the salvation of souls, regardless of time and place.

#### I. Outstanding Missionary Items During Conference Year 1934-1935.

##### 1. Evangelistic trip to, and Pastoral Visit in Hsuin-hua.

As remarked in our last year's report, "this is Mr. and Mrs. Holton's station which has been entrusted to us to look after during their absence."



China—Kansu Province (Courtesy Rev. C. F. Snyder)

Rev. Snyder, left, and a Moslem of Wang-Chia-Chi of the Tong-hsiang country.

The journey to Hsuin-hua was commenced on July 19 of last Summer and August 3rd saw us back in Hochow again.

En route to and from our destination, the time was utilized to promulgate the gospel and dispose of literature in the market towns and villages.

The time spent in Hsuin-hua by Sister Snyder and myself, was profitably employed in conducting daily morning worship, two services each Lord's Day and doing visitation work and meeting guests; also distributing tracts and preaching on the street.

Hsuin-hua's population for the greater part consists of Moham-medans—whose forebears emigrated from Samarcand to these parts. These Turkish moslems go by the name of Salar.

One computation has it there are 30,000, another 50,000 Salars in Hsuin-hua and adjoining districts, which, of course, shows them not to be a numerous folk.

In the effort to reach these people, the results are barren, numerically speaking, not one soul from among them has been gathered out on the Lord's side up to this time. However, five Chinese were baptized prior to the Holtons going on furlough. Two of these moved away, leaving three on the spot as a nucleus of the work. All are Chinese.

There are two brothers of the Koh family resident in that city who are cognizant of the first principles of the gospel and its claims, and who have evinced a very friendly spirit for years towards the missionary.

Another party, an elderly gentleman belonging to the literati of the place, surnamed Chan, I would introduce to you and solicit an interest in your prayers on his behalf.

We are proposing to take another trip into that region this coming Fall in the interest of our Lord.

#### 2. Lien-Hua Evangelist Effort, September 26 to October 16, 1934.

It proved a privilege as a family to proceed to the above-named small city perched on the south bank of the Yellow River, about 17 miles removed from Hochow, in order to publicly proclaim Christ, both by word of mouth and by living example during the brief space of time we lived amongst the populace.

The best exegesis of the Holy Scriptures is an exemplary and Spirit-filled life.

Our abode was an upstairs room in an inn which harbored guests who smoked opium and drank wine. The motivating business that impelled them in the majority of cases to come there was litigation, for the natives of that section, as also those of Hochow, have great proclivities in that direction.

A Muslim priest who was in charge of another inn on the street rented us a front room, where we heralded forth the Word, practically every day, and granted opportunity to the people to purchase gospel publications. In this way many contacts were made.

I want to mention some individuals who served as connecting links between the local residents and ourselves.

Messrs. Hu and Wu as boys were students in the middle school in Hochow City at the time I filled the role as English teacher in that institution. Studying this branch, they, of course, came under my instruction and, therefore, were my pupils.

Mr. Hu was promoted to be principal of the schools in Lienhua. He showed his kindly disposition towards the gospel and us by allowing his pupils to come to our daily boys' meetings after school hours. The boys manifested a keen interest in these same meetings which consisted of singing and giving gospel talks. The finale each day was the presentation of cards and tracts, and in the windup at the last day, Sunday School Lesson scrolls were put into the hands of 41 boys. The average attendance daily was about 30.

Mr. Wu holds a job in a department of the district magistrate's court.

Then there were made some side trips to several villages, and a longer one to a market town, fifty li distant, where we sold 270 Scripture portions and some posters.

The Hochow church committee decided upon Mr. Wang, the preacher, to make evangelistic trips to Lienhua of one week's duration, twice annually. Already this has been done once this year.

While no converts can be reported from that quarter, as yet, never-

theless the objective remains the same in our minds, to open an indigenous outstation there.

There are two other cities, Tai-tsu-su and Mingho, 110 li and 60 li distant respectively where I should like to put in a preaching and selling gospel literature campaign of twenty days or a month each.

### 3. Tibetan Prayer Conference—November 30 to December 2, 1934.

This gathering took place in the Lelacheur Memorial Mission, and I was enrolled to be present in person and participate in the program.

The thought lingering with one was the report that there was a numerical declension in the priest body of the monasteries Labrang and Hehtso.

Laxness and coolness in things Buddhistic is the explanation.

### 4. New Year Preaching Drive.

The outcome of our special efforts during Chinese New Year showed only two decisions made for Christ and those two were women.

Among the men, daily meetings were held for eight days and among the women, three days.

### 5. Leland Wang Meetings, May 29, 30, 1935.

Mr. Wang, a Fukinese, who in his pre-conversion days served in the Chinese Government navy, favored us with a brief visit, but in that limited time a work undoubtedly was performed for time and eternity.

He gave us four services—two evangelistic in the evenings and two devotional throughout the day.

The preaching at night attracted record crowds of over 400.

Wang's messages were simple, readily understood and interlarded with timely illustrations. Following notables were present in the audience:—Principals of middle and primary school, Chief Judge, Chief of Police, Postmaster, and some of the literati.

One teacher in the government school was prayed for and another party lifted up his hand as a token that he wished to believe on the Lord.

### 6. Chinese Conference.

The Chinese annual conference with us extended over four days this year. The Christians turned out well and the evening audiences filled the chapel.

Paul Keo, Chairman of the Provincial Committee of the Independent Churches, and Mr. Moseley were the principal speakers at the Conference.

Ten individuals received baptism and were admitted into church fellowship the self same day.

### 7. Local Evangelistic Band.

This band connected with the local church is a small body which go forth into the countryside frequently to witness for the Master. Their service is voluntary.

### 8. Personal.

By the grace of the Lord I can testify that I enjoy victory in my soul and believe it is better farther on. It is a pleasure to serve the Lord. Physically, I have had tests, but at present writing am well for which praise rebounds to Him.

This year's itineraries were not so numerous as the year before, but in their stead I was enabled to visit five religious fairs with the gospel message.

Then, too, I am thankful that God answered our prayers and the prayers of others in sending forth Brother and Sister Notson at this time with the purpose of them taking up the work among the moslems. They are graduates of Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky.

Pray for us at this time when the Reds are seemingly bent, if pos-

sible, to pass through Kansu en route to the new Province to join up with those of the same political faith.

Your support of us throughout another conference year with gifts, monetary, and the sending of the Gospel Banner, Gospel Herald and Sunday school papers, is appreciated. Thank you all very much and may God bless and reward you.

Mrs. C. F. Snyder reports:

May His grace abound unto you all as you "strengthen the stakes" in the homeland.

On the first day of this year I wrote Deut. 31:8—"The Lord He is that doth go before thee; He will be with thee, He will not fail thee."

The year has been one of much uncertainty with rumors of the Reds' entrance into our Province. Quite a few of the China Inland missionaries southeast of the Province, evacuated their stations. It did not then become necessary for any of our C. and M. A. to evacuate, but now it seems to have come our turn. The Tibetan stations are having to be evacuated. It remains to be seen what progress the Reds will make traveling over Tibetan country. But we have the promise, "He will not fail thee."

Last Summer we spent two weeks in Huen-Hua (about seventy English miles away) and also a week enroute stopping at market places. In the Fall we spent a few weeks in Hsuin-hua—about seventeen English miles from here. Here I did enjoy the work with the school boys. About fifteen children's services were held in all there. We also had a few gatherings of women where we spoke the Gospel.

The work here goes on as usual. I hold weekly women's meetings. The Sunday service I have with girls in age from 4 to 14 years, and has been a real joy. The attendance averages not far from eighty girls. Some of the older girls have remained for prayer. Most of these children are from heathen homes. Some visiting as doors open has been done. During the large religious Fair held outside the city in May, ten of the Christian women assisted in tract distribution to the hundreds of women who were in attendance.

During the Chinese New Year we put forth special effort to reach the women. The teacher of the Titao Girls' School, a former Mission school girl, was with us and God blessed her ministry to the women.

It will be four years in August since we left America. We know the Lord sent us back and we do want to be faithful to the trust he has given us.

The home-going of my brother, Timothy Brenneman, in March, has been a great personal loss. We realize that "we have here no abiding city,"—"Weeping may come in to lodge at even, but joy cometh in the morning." (Psa. 30:5—A. R. V. Margin)

Many thanks for your continued support on the field. May God bless those who pay and those who pray and more than repay them in full measure.

You will need to "hold the ropes," as our enemies and God's enemies are nearing our territory. Yours in the faith of the Gospel.

Later—In a special air-mail letter from Brother Snyder dated September 3, he writes from Titao, where they just closed a blessed conference: The Reds, about 110,000 in number, now in Sichuan, the Province south of us, are pressing hard to come into Kansu and on to Sinkiang Province to join up with the Russians. Sister Snyder and myself came away from Hochow to our Annual Conference with trunks and boxes packed with clothes, books and stoves prepared to evacuate if necessary, and ship them to Lanchow there to await further developments.

We earnestly request a deep interest in your prayers at this time of suspense with the enemy only about nine days away from here, that we may soon be able to return in safety to our stations.



## COLOMBIA

(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

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

Brother and Sister Feldges have started a work in Manizales, a city of 80,000 inhabitants, the only Protestant workers in the city.

March 26, 1935, Brother Feldges writes: This is about as hard a task as any that we ever encountered. We have a few that come but no one seems to be crying out for salvation. Our largest attendance has been twenty-seven. Strangers are coming, many only once, but we thank God for a chance to speak to them.

In a straight line from us only about ten miles distant the mountains are covered with everlasting snow and ice. This cools the hot air currents coming up from the valleys making the atmosphere damp and chilly. We had a touch of the grippe, some rheumatism and neuralgia.



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

A group of people who are interested in the work in Manizales. The lady with the hat on in the center and the young man back of her were baptized August 25.

In Brother Feldges' latest report, dated August 29, he writes:

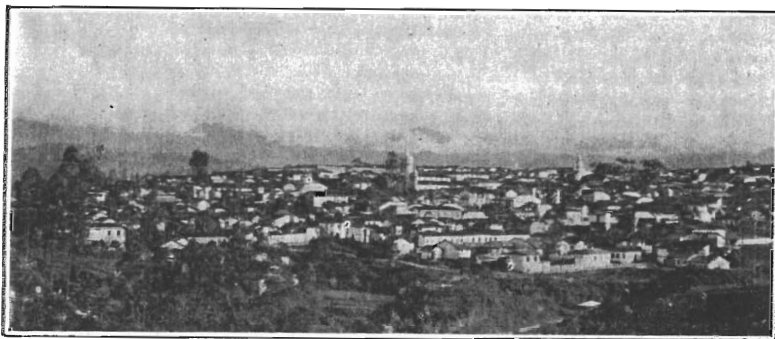
Dear Brother Brunner: You will rejoice with us to know that two precious souls, a brother and a sister, followed the Lord in baptism last Sunday. We ask special prayer for them that they may be the first fruits of a real harvest of many that will turn from their idols to serve the living and true God. It was an impressive sight to see them being baptized in the river. Just one besides ourselves had ever seen such a baptism before, but all were agreed that it was the Bible way and exactly as the Lord Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan. It is our prayer that many others may take courage and obey God not only in this commandment but in all the rest of His blessed and holy will. Living the life of Jesus costs something but it pays any-

where, be it at home or in these out-of-the-way places. Praise the Lord!

The attendance is on the increase but so is the noise of battle. This was so evident Sunday night when so many young men came in to have a good time at our expense. With the help of the Lord and the police we are trying to get them to respect us. You see we are at the entrance of the red light district. Both coming and going they may be reminded that their holy-idol-wickedness is leading them on to certain destruction. May God make this home of ours a real lighthouse and everyone of those who attend the services an individual light to shine in this double darkness of paganism and Romanism. Lord grant it!

We again thank the Board and people of the M. B. C. for their continued support for another year. Also for the sending of the Gospel Banner, the Gospel Herald and the Christian Life Papers, all of which are enjoyed as they come along so regularly to cheer us on our way. Yes, and also the Year Book which shows us how the battles are being fought and won in the home-land as well.

We missionaries also appreciate the correspondence. Letters that do our heart good; to feel that fellow-spirit that goes so far in help-



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

City of Manizales, 80,000 population, very wicked, bigoted, superstitious, Catholic city. Brother and Sister Feldges are the only witnesses of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ing us to accomplish the little we are trying to do in bringing into the fold of our great Shepherd the last lost sheep before that great and terrible day of the Lord's wrath come. May the blessings of God continue to rest on the Pennsylvania Conference!

Sister Feldges writes, dated July 8, 1935:

Dear Prayer-Helpers:

"It can never grow old, it can never grow old,  
Tho' a million times over the story is told,  
While sin lives unvanquished, and death rules the world:  
The story of Jesus, it never grows old."

How glad we are that we have this wonderful story to tell to sin-sick souls, who have waited long for the Light of Life. You will rejoice

with us for answered prayer and to know there are those here now, who say they would die before they would give up their faith in Christ. Since we wrote the last "Prayer-Letter," many things have happened. God is transforming lives here in Manizales, so you can praise God with us, for truly at times our hearts run over with joy and we want you to help us praise Him. **HE IS WORTHY!**

In our last letter we told you of Ramon, and some of you have prayed for him, he left for a warmer climate, and the last we heard of him he was still very ill, but before he left he told us he would be true, and he told his mother that if he should ever be helpless, she should by no means bring a Priest to him, that he had confessed all to Christ, and that He (Christ) was his Priest.

You also remember the woman who said: "Oh, I have been so happy this past week." Well she has gone right on with the Lord, and her family also come now. She also has brought a number of



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

Aerial Cable Road over which Brother Feldges travels, fifteen miles across hills and valleys, 7,000 feet above sea level.

others. Her husband is not at all well, has long lived in sin, but now is seeking the Lord, said to her the other day: "Oh, that the Lord would change me as He has you." He always comes to the services and wants to serve the Lord. He cannot read but she reads to him. He is learning some Scripture verses. They bring their children and some of the neighbors with them every Sunday. Praise God for these! They had a bon-fire the other day and burned their saints. The Priest has visited this home twice since Mrs. Franco is saved. The first time he said: "I find things changed here, where are your saints?" She said: "Yes, things are changed, I have taken down the saints, I have a Bible and read that and pray to God." He said: "Pray now." She got down on her knees and prayed. He stood up and when she had finished, he asked her to pray again. He copied the prayer and said it was very good. He wanted to see her Bible. She was afraid to give

it to him, and he said: "I am no thief, so don't be afraid to let me see it." He told her not to tell others about the Gospel, but she said I cannot help telling others, the Lord said we must tell the Gospel to every creature. He is quite angry with her now but has left her alone, only is working through her people against her. She is standing very firm for the Lord. For a time she was the only one who came to the Bible class on Friday afternoon, but now a goodly number come, both men and women. How your heart would rejoice if you could see how they enjoy studying the blessed Word of God!

Miguel Alzate is a young man who saw us giving out tracts one day and asked some one where we lived. A neighbor told him and said: "They sing so nice." But she still was afraid to come in. She is coming now, however. Praise God. Miguel came, and is coming ever since. We praise God for him. God has saved him and he is a real worker, talking the Gospel, praying, giving out tracts and brings people to the services. He will at times leave his work on a Friday afternoon to come to the Bible study. He is very happy in the Lord, humble and yielded. Please pray for him. He has epileptic attacks, and we are all praying that the Lord might graciously heal him; his prayer this morning was: "Oh Lord, make me a fisher of men."

You may have heard that we had the Eucharistic Congress here in this bigoted city the last days of June, and what idolatry, processions, etc., etc. The last and largest procession was on Sunday at the exact hour that our service began, and the procession passed quite near our place. We wondered? But before the hour people began to come in, and thank God. We had more people in that day than any day before, and when the procession passed we were singing: "Am I a Soldier of the Cross, a Follower of the Lamb?" And how they sang! Praise God with us dear ones for these precious souls! I see I must close this letter. More later if the Lord tarries.

Please pray for the healing of Ramon and Miguel, for the Franco family, for those who come to the meetings, for two Jewish families and for us.



Mizpah Grove Auditorium, Allentown, Pa.

## DIRECTORY

The Annual Conference held at Bethlehem, Pa., October 17-20, 1935, 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.

P. T. Stengele, 1121-1125 N. Main street, Bethlehem.

### NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MISSIONARIES

#### I. Christian and Missionary Alliance

##### (a) Africa

Crist, Rev. E. E.	}	Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa.
Crist, Mrs. E. E.	}	Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa.
Hess, Rev. E. R.	}	Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa.

##### (b) China

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

##### (c) 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,
Cressman, Mrs. N. M.	}	French Indo-China.

##### (d) Colombia, South America

Feldges, Rev. H. W.	}	Apartado 87, Manizales, Colombia,
Feldges, Mrs. H. W.	}	South America.

**II. Africa Inland Mission**

Stam, Rev. Harry }  
 Stam, Mrs. Harry } Aba, Congo Belge, via Kartoum and  
 Rejaf, Sudan. On furlough.  
 Address: 146 N. 7th St., Paterson, N. J.

**III. United Missionary Society**

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

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**FORMS OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE**

**BEQUEST**

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

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**DEVISE**

I give and devise unto H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, W. G. Gehman, B. Bryan Musselman and P. T. Stengele, Board of Foreign Missions of the Pennsylvania Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, and their successors in office, the following described real property, together with the appurtenances, in fee simple, viz: (Describe nature, situation and contents of property), possession to be given one year after my decease.

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H. B. Musselman, President,  
 C. H. Brunner, Sec'y.-Treasurer,  
 B. Bryan Musselman,  
 W. G. Gehman,  
 F. M. Hottel,

**Board.**

#### XIV.—Ministerial Convention

The Forty-fifth Annual Ministerial Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, Pennsylvania Conference, convened in the M. B. in C. Church, Royersford, Pa., on Thursday, April 18, 1935.

The convention was opened at 9.30 a. m. by Pastor C. H. Brunner, of Emaus, Pa., who was in charge of the devotional period. After singing, "Faith of our Fathers," and the reading of a portion of Scripture, pastor H. K. Kratz, of Nazareth, Pa., led in prayer. The Chairman, Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman, then took charge. The secretary, pastor T. D. Gehret, of Easton, Pa., called the roll. Both our presiding elders and all the pastors were present, also sixteen of the Gospel Herald.

The Chairman appointed the following committees.

**Committee on Publication:** H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, G. F. Yost.

**Committee on Resolutions:** F. B. Hertzog, A. G. Woodring and J. B. Henry.

**Committee to read the minutes of last year's convention:** E. E. Kublic and W. F. Heffner.

**Timekeeper:** C. L. Miller.

**Reporter:** H. K. Kratz.

The balance of the forenoon meeting was devoted to "Heart Throbs," or personal testimonies by each of the pastors, limited to three minutes each. The presiding elders also gave short talks. These testimonies were sincere, touching and sympathetic. They spoke for the consecration, loyalty and devotion of the ministry.

Pastor J. G. Shireman, of Shamokin, Pa., led in a closing prayer and benediction by the chairman.

##### Afternoon Meeting

The afternoon meeting was opened at 2 o'clock with pastor Paul E. Baer, of Scranton, Pa., in charge of the devotional period. After singing, "Draw Me Nearer" and reading a portion of Scripture, pastor H. W. Hartman, of Quakertown, Pa., led in prayer.

After the roll was called and the minutes of the previous meeting were read, the following essays were read and discussed: — "Divine Unction—or the Manifestation of the Spirit-filled Life in the Pastor's Message, versus the Self-life, or the Life of the Flesh," by pastor P. T. Stengele, of Bethlehem, Pa. "The Teaching of God's Word in Relation to the Love of God Amongst Brethren," by pastor J. B. Layne, of York, Pa.

Both of these essays were studiously prepared and contained many suggestive thoughts relating to the pastor's consecration; his devotion to his Lord; his fellowship with his brethren; his love for his people; and his faithfulness to his divine call.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman and the benediction by pastor N. H. Wolf.

##### Evening Service

The evening service was held in the commodious Spring City high school auditorium. Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, of the Allentown District, was in charge.

The service was opened at 7.30 with an inspiring song service led by pastor F. M. Hottel, of Reading, Pa. Pastor N. H. Wolf, of Sunbury, Pa., led in prayer.

Two addresses were delivered as follows: "The Inspired Scriptures as the Authoritative Note in Preaching," by pastor T. D. Gehret, of Easton, Pa.

"Divinely Acquired Christian Virtues as the Sympathetic Note in Preaching," by pastor B. Bryan Musselman, of Allentown, Pa.

These messages were splendid and timely and brought courage and inspiration to the listeners.

The weather during the day was delightful and the audiences large. The church at Royersford was crowded to the doors. The meetings during the day were interspersed with excellent selections in song by the Gospel Herald brethren, the Rotherham sisters of the Bethel Radio church and the Allentown male sextette.

Pastor E. N. Cassel and the members and friends of the Royersford and Spring City classes, 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 E. N. Cassel.

Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman offered the closing prayer and benediction.

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

## XV.—Sunday School Convention (Allentown District)

The forty-sixth annual Sunday School Convention of the Allentown District of the Pennsylvania Conference convened in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., on July 4, 1935, 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 Program Committee consisted of H. B. Musselman, B. Bryan Musselman, P. T. Stengele, C. H. Brunner, A. G. Woodring, E. N. Cassel and G. F. Yost.

The Presiding Elder and all the pastors, superintendents, delegates and essayists of the district were present and registered at 9.15 a. m. W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Easton District, and a number of his pastors and Gospel Heralds also were present.

The Convention was opened by the chairman at 9.45 a. m. W. G. Gehman led in prayer. The Chairman announced the appointment of the following committees:

**Committee on Publication**—H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner and P. T. Stengele.

**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**—W. F. Heffner and H. W. Hartman.

The following essays were then read: "The Objective of the Sunday School," by pastor H. K. Kratz, of Nazareth, Pa.

"What Constitutes Successful Teaching?" by pastor E. N. Cassel, of Spring City, Pa.

The forenoon meeting closed with the benediction by Pastor G. F. Yost,



### Afternoon Meeting

The afternoon meeting was opened at 2.15 by singing and prayer by pastor T. D. Gehret, of Easton, Pa. During the opening services the chairman introduced the oldest Sunday School scholar present, Mr. E. K. Keiper, of Quakertown, in his ninety-first year, who gave a few words of encouragement to the many young people present.

At three o'clock the chairman, pastor B. Bryan Musselman, as per program, preached the sermon for the occasion, using for a basis of his excellent address, the story of Queen Esther. This was an address on the problems of our young people of today. The speaker pleaded with great earnestness and sincerity for the spirit of compassion, the spirit of tolerance, and the spirit of fervent devotion to faithful service. A great company of young people and many grey haired veterans in the Lord's service stood for prayer, tears streaming down their cheeks pledging their life, their time, their strength, and influence to the service of the Lord Jesus.

The congregational singing during the day was in charge of pastor F. M. Hottel, of Reading, Pa. There were also a number of special selections sung by ladies and male quartettes and by large male and mixed choruses, and the WCBA Radio duet.

The weather was quite favorable. It was a wonderful sight to see the large auditorium seating about 2,000 people more than filled with most earnest listeners, Sunday School officers and teachers, church workers, fathers, mothers and children; a group of people from far and near, intensely interested in the work of the Lord among young and old, inside and outside of the church.

The services of the forenoon and afternoon were broadcast over radio station WCBA, located in the grove, through the courtesy of the owner and operator.

The regular camp meeting services continued in the evening.

The Committee on Publication recommended that the essays and this report be handed to pastor C. H. Brunner, associate editor, to be published in the Gospel Banner.

### Statistics

Sunday Schools represented .....	24
Officers enrolled .....	178
Teachers enrolled .....	403
Scholars enrolled .....	4406
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Total Enrollment .....	4,987
Home Department members enrolled .....	490
Cradle Roll members enrolled .....	533

### Finances

Report of the Treasurer:

#### Receipts

Balance in Treasury from last year .....	\$ 3.72
Contributed by the Sunday Schools .....	225.24
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	\$228.96

#### Expenditures

Fares, printing, etc. ....	\$ 87.10
Donated to Executive Board .....	140.00
Balance in Treasury .....	1.86
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	\$228.96

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

## XVI.—Sunday School Convention (Easton District)

The Forty-Seventh Annual Sunday School Convention of the Menonite Brethren in Christ of the Pennsylvania Conference, Easton District, convened in the Beulah M. B. C. Church, Twelfth and Spruce streets, Easton, Pa., May 22, 1935.

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. Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman and a number of pastors of the Allentown District were present. The following Gospel Heralds: C. E. Kirkwood, J. I. Somers, R. O. Snyder, R. C. Reichenbach, T. M. Thompson, W. Bruce Musselman and J. H. Knopp were present.

The Committee on Program consisted of W. G. Gehman, T. D. Gehret and Paul E. Baer.

Pastor Paul E. Baer, of Scranton, Pa., was Chairman of the Convention. Pastor E. H. Musselman, of Hatfield, 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 at 9.30 o'clock, Eastern Daylight Saving Time, with the exception of two Superintendents who sent their excuses and reports.

The Convention opened at 9.45 a. m. with singing "Jesus is all the World to Me," and "One Day." The Chairman read the thirteenth Chapter of I Corinthians after which Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman, invoked God's blessing on the Convention.

The Chairman appointed the following Committees:

**Committee on Publication:** J. G. Shireman, N. H. Wolf, E. B. Hartman.

**Committee on Resolutions:** W. G. Gehman, C. L. Miller, R. H. Gehman.

**Committee on Statistics:** J. B. Layne, E. George, A. M. Sprock.

**Committee on Finance:** E. E. Kublic, E. J. Rutman, M. M. Meyers.

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

**Committee to read the Minutes:** E. George, E. W. Bean.

**Timekeeper:** J. T. Anderson.

**Reporter:** C. L. Miller.

The Superintendents of the various Sunday Schools represented on the Easton District and the Gospel Herald Society, submitted their oral, statistical and financial reports. Their reports were interesting and inspiring, praising God for the salvation of souls, and increase 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 the Chairman with singing "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" and reading Eph. 2:1-10. Pastor P. T. Stengele led in prayer after which the Convention hymn was sung, entitled "I'm Longing to Go."

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:

"Responsibilities and Duties of Sunday School Workers," by W. W. Hartman, of Jersey City, N. J.

"Ways and Means of Promoting Spirituality in the Sunday School," by Pastor C. L. Miller, of Mt. Carmel, Pa.

The Committee on Publication recommended that the essays be given to Pastor C. H. Brunner for publication in part or as a whole as he deems advisable.

R. H. Gehman, of Chester, Pa., opened an interesting fifteen-minute discussion on "Sunday School Efficiency."

Adjourned with prayer and benediction by Pastor C. H. Brunner.

#### Evening Service

The evening service opened at 7.30 o'clock in charge of Presiding Elder, W. G. Gehman, of Easton, Pa.

H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder of the Allentown District, led in prayer.

Two twenty-minute addresses were delivered as follows: Pastor N. H. Wolf, of Sunbury, Pa., spoke on "Sunday School Evangelism." Pastor J. B. Layne, of York, Pa., spoke on "Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth."

Both of these addresses were timely, interesting and helpful and enjoyed by hundreds of people present. Special singing during the day was rendered by members of the Gospel Herald Society, the Easton male quartette, the former Gehman Ladies' Quartette, the Easton mixed quartette and the Rotherham sisters.

The class and friends of the Easton M. B. C. Church entertained the Convention most cordially under the able and competent leadership of their pastor, T. D. Gehret. Meals were served in the basement of the church during the day, by members and friends of the work.

The weather was ideal. The church was well filled the entire day.

The closing prayer and benediction by Pastor B. Bryan Musselman.

#### Statistics

Number of Sunday Schools represented .....	17
Officers enrolled .....	104
Teachers enrolled .....	199
Scholars enrolled .....	2,017
Total enrollment .....	2,320
Home Department members enrolled .....	257
Cradle Roll members enrolled .....	448

#### Finance

##### Report of the Treasurer

##### Receipts

Balance in Treasury from last year .....	\$ 15.35	
Received at this Convention .....	182.87	\$ 198.22

##### Expenditures

Expended at this Convention .....	\$ 188.24	
Balance in Treasury .....	9.98	\$ 198.22

Paul E. Baer, Chairman,  
E. H. Musselman, 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-Second Session of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of the Pennsylvania Conference convened in the Ebenezer Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, 1121-1125 Main street, Bethlehem, Pa., October 17-20, 1935.

The Lord graciously bestowed His blessings upon this Conference in every way. The opening service was characterized by a spirit of tenderness, unity, brotherly love and loyalty. Thursday evening we were privileged to listen to twenty-three Oral Reports by the Pastors and Presiding Elders. Many important and interesting facts were cited thus showing the Lord's doings in our midst.

The various charges have realized the gracious leadings and abundant blessings of God. A large company have been saved and baptized and added to the churches. The interest and faithfulness of the Lord's people have continued in the financial support of the work so that there has been a commendable increase in the total offerings above that of last year.

On Friday evening there were two twenty-minute addresses by Pastors T. D. Gehret, of Easton, Pa., and E. N. Cassel, of Spring City, Pa. On Saturday evening the speakers were Pastor J. B. Layne, of York, Pa., and Pastor C. H. Brunner, of Emaus, Pa.

The Bethlehem congregation under the able leadership of their pastor, P. T. Stengele, entertained the Conference in a most excellent satisfactory manner. All meals were served in the basement of the church. The conference members united in expressing their appreciation and thanks for the hospitality of the Pastor and Class manifested during the Conference.

#### Home Mission Work

Three Camp Meetings were held during the past Summer. Two in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., with 237 tents each; and one in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., with 131 tents. The attendance at all of these Camp Meetings was very large. Quite a number of the meetings in Mizpah Grove were broadcast direct from the Camp Ground over Radio Station WCBA, through the courtesy of the operator, Pastor B. Bryan Musselman.

The Gospel Herald Society at present is made up of eighteen young men who are stationed in the following cities: Lebanon, Chester and Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jersey City, Camden, Irvington and Elizabeth, New Jersey; Richardson Park, Delaware, and Staten Island, New York. These Brethren, under the instruction and direction of their president are busily engaged in practical home missionary and colportage work which the Lord has marvellously blessed. Regular meetings are held in the missions and open-air meetings whenever possible. The salvation of souls and the steady growth of the true believers is evident. During the year sixty-nine were baptized in these missions.

The total amount received during the year for Home Missionary purposes was \$4,551.80.

During the year many blessings and much profit have come to thousands of listeners of the regular Sunday broadcasts and weekday Morning Devotions from Station WCBA. These broadcasts have continued over a period of more than 11 years and have been an excellent medium for spreading the Gospel and bringing good cheer to the sick and is highly appreciated by the many listeners.

### Foreign Mission Work

The generous contributions of the members and friends of the Church show their keen interest in this part of the Lord's work. The sum of \$9,601.41 has been contributed to this cause by pledges and through the Sunday School. The Conference is supporting a large number of missionaries on various fields. The total offerings throughout the Conference for the past year and for all purposes amounted to \$124,-729.93.

### Officers for 1935-1936

H. B. Musselman and W. G. Gehman were again elected to serve as Presiding Elders; B. Bryan Musselman and C. H. Brunner, Vice Presiding Elders; W. G. Gehman, President of the Gospel Herald Society; H. B. Musselman, Chairman of the next Annual Conference, and C. H. Brunner, Secretary and Treasurer.

### Appointments

Only a few pastoral changes were made, as follows:—

Paul E. Baer—Shamokin, Pa.

W. F. Heffner—Harrisburg, Pa.

R. H. Gehman—Graterford and Harleysville, Pa.

A. M. Sprock—Scranton, Pa.

J. G. Shireman, who had been pastor at Shamokin for a number of years, being unable physically to continue in the active ministry, was transferred to the Easton Quarterly Conference.

The Gospel Herald Society Mission at Harrisburg was made a church appointment of the Easton District.

### Sunday Services

This was the crowning day of the Conference. Hundreds of members and friends from the various congregations assembled in the spacious church and eagerly listened to the Word as the Brethren preached. The service was opened at 9.45 o'clock with congregational singing led by Pastor P. T. Stengele. Pastor C. H. Brunner led in prayer. The Bethlehem Male Quartette sang the hymn entitled "Steal Away, Alone with Jesus." H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder of the Allentown District and Chairman of the Annual Conference preached the Conference sermon. His theme was "The Need of Christian Unity for these Times," based on Psa. 133 and the latter part of Jude.

The afternoon meeting was opened at 2.15. Pastor F. B. Hertzog led in prayer. W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Easton District, and President of the Gospel Herald Society preached the Ordination sermon. His theme was "The Apostle Paul's Model of the Ministry" as set forth in 2 Cor. Chapters 4, 5 and 6; and the text was taken from I Cor. 4:5.

Following this there was an impressive and touching Ordination Service. R. H. Gehman and A. M. Sprock, who had labored for a number of years in the Gospel Herald Society and who were at this Conference stationed as pastors of Graterford and Harleysville circuit and Scranton Mission respectively, were ordained. The large congregation was visibly moved as all the Pastors gathered about the Altar to welcome our young Brethren into the ranks of the Ministry and to invoke God's richest blessing upon them in their future labors.

The evening meeting began at 7 o'clock with a stirring song service. Pastor N. H. Wolf led in prayer. The first speaker, Pastor Paul E. Baer, spoke on "The Life of Job." The closing message was delivered

by Pastor B. Bryan Musselman. His subject was "Witnessing." Several excellent selections in song were rendered by the Male Quartette and the Ladies' Quartette of Bethlehem.

The weather was ideal. The morning and evening meetings were broadcast from the church over Radio Station WCBA.

F. B. Hertzog,  
A. G. Woodring,  
N. H. Wolf, Committee.

## XVIII.—Announcements for 1936

### (A) MINISTERIAL CONVENTION

#### Annual Ministerial Convention

This Convention is announced to convene in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, Easton, Pa., on April 16, 1936.

Chairman, W. G. Gehman; Secretary, J. B. Henry.

Committee on Program: H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and T. D. Gehret.

### (B) SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

#### (a) Allentown District

#### Report of the Committee to Organize for the Allentown District Sunday School Convention for 1936

This Convention shall convene in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., on Saturday, July 4, 1936.

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,  
F. B. Hertzog, Secretary.

#### (b) Easton District

#### Report of the Committee to Organize for the Easton District Sunday School Convention for 1936

This Convention shall convene in Sunbury, Pa., Wednesday, May 20, 1936.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, W. F. Heffner; Secretary, A. M. Sprock; Treasurer, E. E. Kublic.

Committee on Program: W. G. Gehman, T. D. Gehret and N. H. Wolf.

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.

T. D. Gehret, Chairman,  
C. L. Miller, 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 1936**

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

Place—Mizpah Grove. Date—June 27 to July 5, 1936.

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 1936**

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

Place—Mizpah Grove. Date—July 11 to 19, 1936.

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 1936**

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

Place—Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa. Date—August 1 to 9, 1936.

Chairman, J. B. Layne; Secretary, Paul E. Baer; Treasurer, N. H. Wolf.

W. G. Gehman, Chairman,  
Paul E. Baer, Secretary.

**(D) ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The Fifty-third Annual Conference shall convene, should the Lord tarry, in Bethel M. B. in C. Church, 526-530 N. Eighth street, Allentown, Pa., at 9 a. m., October 15, 1936, 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 1936****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 in Infidelity.  
Church History

**Second Semi-Annual Studies****First Year's Course**

Lessons in Holiness.  
Church History.  
Bible, John, Chapter 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 14, 1936, 2 p. m., at Easton, Pa.

The second examination shall commence on Tuesday, October 13, 1936, 2 p. m., at Allentown, Pa.

E. N. Cassel, President,  
T. D. Gehret, Secretary,

H. K. Kratz,  
B. Bryan Musselman,  
Board,



**XIX.—Report of the Conference Treasurer****(a) Executive Board**

## Receipts

October 8, 1934, Balance in Treasury .....	\$11,257.73	
Received During the Year .....	2,041.67	\$13,299.40

## Expenditures

Expended During Year .....	\$ 2,485.27	
October 10, 1935, Balance in Treasury .....	10,814.13	13,299.40

## Ministers' Retirement Fund

April 18, 1935. Received for this Fund .....	\$ 655.55	
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**(b) Board of Foreign Missions**

## Receipts

October 8, 1934, Balance in Treasury .....	\$ 928.91	
Received During Year .....	9,329.99	\$10,258.90

## Expenditures

Expended During Year .....	\$ 8,855.37	
October 10, 1935, Balance in Treasury .....	1,403.53	10,258.90

**(c) The Home**

## Expenditures

September 27, 1934, Deficit in Treasury .....	\$ 9,236.53	
Expended During Year .....	14,500.09	\$23,736.62

## Receipts

Received During Year .....	\$14,501.10	
September 26, 1935, Deficit .....	9,235.52	\$23,736.62

**(d) Board of Publication and Printing**

## Receipts

October 8, 1934, Balance in Treasury .....	\$ 1,271.39	
Received During Year .....	571.70	\$ 1,843.09

## Expenditures

Expended During Year .....	\$ 889.76	
October 10, 1935, Balance in Treasury .....	953.33	1,843.09

**(e) Home Missions**

## Receipts

October 18, 1934, Received for Home Mission Work ..	\$ 4,747.02	
Received for Annual Conference Expenses .....	349.60	\$ 5,096.62

## Expenditures

October 8, 1935, Expended During the Year:		
Allentown District .....	\$ 860.00	
Easton District and Gospel Herald Society .....	3,887.02	
Allentown Congregation—Annual Conf. Expense .....	349.60	5,096.62

C. H. Brunner, Treasurer.

XX.—Financial Report

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Offerings from October 18, 1934, to October 17, 1935.

Appointments	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Foreign Mission in S. S.	For the Home	Annual Conference Fund	Conference Expense	Total
(A) ALLENTOWN DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.							
Allentown (Bethel)	\$ 395.00	\$ 470.00	\$ 330.35	\$ 24.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 42.16	\$ 1,276.45
Bethlehem	428.00	540.00	695.35	20.00	12.00	34.00	1,729.35
Philadelphia	350.50	355.00	236.40	23.15	12.12	26.20	1,003.37
Reading	213.25	201.50	255.11	32.00	10.00	25.80	737.66
Emaus	207.75	205.60	125.60	12.00	5.20	14.90	571.05
Macungie	71.75	75.75	64.00	9.50	3.00	5.40	229.40
Zionsville	208.50	231.50	192.25	8.55	2.50	4.00	647.30
Fleetwood	90.70	100.10	109.36	12.80	7.58	10.10	330.64
Blandon	55.25	63.59	52.71	4.60	2.95	5.70	184.20
Terre Hill	112.75	101.35	54.00	10.15	3.88	6.40	288.53
Spring City	103.00	114.00	110.45	12.10	2.00	7.10	348.65
Royersford	139.00	85.00	121.53	18.00	4.20	7.90	375.63
Graterford	52.10	55.85	101.00	5.60	3.25	6.40	224.20
Harleysville	63.00	75.50	70.25	6.75	4.20	5.30	225.00
Nazareth	84.50	67.50	48.25	4.08	5.39	7.90	217.62
Northampton	86.75	71.25	31.50	5.57	3.05	3.90	202.02
Coopersburg	280.00	277.50	219.51	15.15	4.20	12.00	808.36
Allentown (Salem)	141.25	152.34	136.21	8.20	6.00	8.90	452.90
Quakertown	120.75	94.40	124.83	11.00	5.00	11.80	367.78
Wissnoming, Phila.	72.25	82.00	71.30	8.00	6.51	7.00	247.06
West Philadelphia	34.00	42.00	96.89	5.00	3.31	5.10	186.30
Lehighton	100.50	110.75	64.32	8.75	5.00	6.80	296.12
Weissport	.....	.....	21.86	.....	.....	.....	21.86
Walnutport	81.70	115.55	27.63	7.40	3.15	6.20	241.63
Total	\$3,492.25	\$3,688.03	\$3,360.66	\$272.35	\$128.89	\$270.90	\$11,213.08

(B) EASTON DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.

Easton	\$ 232.55	\$ 220.75	\$ 201.63	\$ 8.50	\$ 4.52	\$ 13.80	\$ 681.75
Shamokin	83.40	114.60	123.17	15.00	5.29	16.50	357.96
Sunbury	203.60	142.35	126.03	9.03	4.72	12.00	497.73
Stroudsburg	28.00	20.50	37.25	4.75	3.10	5.70	99.30
Scranton	176.00	237.25	112.48	7.00	7.00	6.80	546.53
Mt. Carmel	225.50	205.00	60.73	7.50	5.10	10.90	514.73
Hatfield	.....	.....	3.20	.....	3.80	5.00	12.00
York	110.50	100.00	109.46	5.00	5.00	11.70	341.66
Gospel Herald Soc.	.....	.....	738.32	.....	.....	.....	738.32
Total	\$1,059.55	\$1,040.45	\$1,512.27	\$ 56.78	\$ 38.53	\$ 82.46	\$ 3,789.98
Grand Total	\$4,551.80	\$4,728.48	\$4,872.93	\$329.13	\$167.42	\$353.30	\$15,003.06

P. T. Stengele,  
H. L. Shelly,

G. Henry Hildebrand,  
C. H. Brunner,

Committee.

XXI.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—A.

Appointments	Pastor	Officers										Membership										Pastoral Visits	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	Rec'd by Transfer	Total Increase	Died	Withdrawn	Dropped	Moved to other Congt	Transferred	Total Decrease				Net Increase	Net Decrease	Total Membership	Appointments	Sermons Preached			
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.																																
Allentown (Bethel)	B. B. Musselman	1	3	1	1	4	4	4	5	16	4	4	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	421	1	520	372	95	48		
Bethlehem	P. T. Stengele	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	19	20	7	13	14	6	2	1	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	330	1	195	384	130	48		
Philadelphia	G. F. Yost	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	10	7	5	5	10	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	269	1	133	492	137	47		
Reading	F. M. Hottel	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	10	10	5	5	10	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	258	1	246	224	120	49		
Emans	C. H. Brunner	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	10	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	150	1	90	152	62	8		
Macungie	"	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	56	1	68	12	5		
Zionsville	"	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	58	1	58	11	11		
Fleerwood	A. G. Woodring	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	10	1	6	1	7	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	101	1	75	292	25	15	
Blondoy	"	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	10	1	3	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	57	1	49	104	30	13	
Terre Hill	"	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	10	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	64	1	41	118	14	15	
Spring City	E. N. Cassel	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	69	1	78	126	47	45	
Royersford	"	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	81	1	82	147	45	45	
Gratersford	W. F. Heffner	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	81	1	81	211	48	46	
Harlersville	"	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	10	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	60	1	80	160	37	45	
Norhampton	H. K. Kratz	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	10	1	6	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	60	1	45	135	28	23	
Nazareth	"	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	37	1	45	105	28	23	
Lehighton	J. C. Roth	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	10	1	2	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	80	1	61	246	47	20	
Weissport	"	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	10	1	2	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	81	1	108	51	28	28	
Weissport	"	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	10	1	2	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	81	1	108	51	28	28	
Allentown (Salem)	F. B. Hertzog	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	10	1	11	2	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	66	1	67	191	36	28	
Coopersburg	"	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	10	1	7	2	19	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	93	1	77	144	36	26	
Coopersburg	"	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	10	1	7	2	19	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	93	1	77	144	36	26	
Wakarusa	H. W. Hartman	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	10	1	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	118	1	119	192	45	21	
Wasserman, Phila.	J. B. Henry	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	10	1	3	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	109	1	135	525	90	45	
West Philadelphia	"	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	10	1	3	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	70	1	78	129	50	23	
TOTAL		116	41	43	43	125	2	98	81	32	113	26	22	35	10	35	128	40	55	2	713	23	2,623	4,761	1,274	706						
EASTON DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																																
Easton	T. D. Gebret.	1	2	1	1	3	3	3	11	3	12	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	143	1	153	405	67	48	
Shamokin	J. G. Shireman	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	11	3	5	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	163	1	167	415	128	48	
Sunbury	N. H. Wolf	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	11	3	6	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	127	1	165	740	75	48	
Stroudsburg	E. E. Kubic	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	11	3	9	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	123	1	123	360	67	48	
Scranton	Paul E. Baer	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	11	3	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	123	1	123	360	67	48	
Scranton	C. L. Miller	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	11	3	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	123	1	123	360	67	48	
York	M. Carmel	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	11	3	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	123	1	123	360	67	48	
York	J. B. Layne	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	11	3	12	12	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	109	1	194	398	90	42	
Hatfield	E. H. Musselman	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	11	13	12	12	12	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	173	1	173	234	100	48
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	11	17	13	26	10	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	260	1	260	483	102	48
TOTAL		110	8	17	16	154	49	137	16	153	7	13	21	4	26	61	3	935	84	493	7,768	1,483	950									
Presiding Elders		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Missionaries, etc.		229	8	41	60	59	279	214	71	248	51	269	133	22	48	12	89	154	173	58	3,676	31	7,528	12,530	2,757	1,656						

XXI.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—B.

Appointments	Pastor	Sunday Schools				Church Property				Offerings									
		M. B. in C. S. S.	Officers & Teachers Enrolled	Scholars Enrolled	Total Enrollment	Subscribers to Gospel Banner	Churches	Parsonages	Church Property	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Foreign Missions in Sunday Schools	For the Home						
Prayer Meeting Classes	New Classes Organized	Total Average Attendance	Home Department Members	ALLENTOWN DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.				EASTON DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.											
Allentown (Bethel)	B. Musselman	4	47	634	581	438	48	20	1	1	2	395.00	470.00	\$	330.35	\$	24.00		
Bethlehem	L. T. Stengele	4	67	826	593	512	86	17	1	1	1	428.00	540.00	\$	685.35	\$	20.00		
Philadelphia	F. F. Yost	3	45	382	427	294	25	17	1	1	1	350.00	335.00	\$	293.40	\$	23.15		
Reading	E. M. Hotel	3	38	287	435	306	1	15	1	1	1	131.25	201.50	\$	255.11	\$	32.00		
Emanus	C. H. Brunner	3	31	269	240	186	32	16	1	1	1	207.75	205.60	\$	12.00	\$			
Macungie	"	1	15	88	103	69	1	8	1	1	1	71.75	75.75	\$	64.00	\$	9.50		
Zionsville	"	1	10	89	99	64	14	8	1	1	1	208.50	231.50	\$	192.25	\$	8.55		
Fleetwood	A. G. Woodring	1	23	202	225	165	25	9	1	1	1	93.00	100.10	\$	106.36	\$	12.80		
Blandon	"	1	18	131	149	123	10	2	1	1	1	3,000.00	55.25	\$	63.59	\$	4.60		
Terre Hill	"	1	1	18	162	180	133	8	1	1	1	6,000.00	112.75	\$	101.35	\$	54.00		
Spring City	E. N. Cassel	1	1	18	82	100	79	1	1	1	1	7,500.00	103.00	\$	114.00	\$	12.10		
Roversford	"	1	1	20	80	100	83	2	1	1	1	139.00	85.00	\$	121.53	\$	18.00		
Gratersford	W. F. Hefner	2	17	79	96	84	1	11	1	1	1	52.10	55.85	\$	101.00	\$	5.60		
Harleysville	"	1	12	67	79	62	1	5	1	1	1	63.00	75.50	\$	70.25	\$	6.75		
Northampton	H. K. Kratz	1	1	16	84	100	75	1	1	1	1	86.75	71.25	\$	31.50	\$	5.57		
Nazareth	"	1	1	17	126	143	116	1	1	1	1	11,500.00	67.50	\$	48.25	\$	4.08		
Lehighton	J. C. Roth	1	1	17	127	144	103	1	1	1	1	7,900.00	100.50	\$	110.75	\$	8.75		
Walshport	"	1	1	15	146	161	122	7	1	1	1	1,500.00	1.86	\$	27.63	\$	4.40		
Allentown (Salem)	F. B. Hertzog	2	28	214	242	156	25	11	1	1	1	6,500.00	81.70	\$	115.55	\$	7.40		
Coopersburg	"	3	20	193	213	174	4	17	1	1	1	10,000.00	141.25	\$	152.34	\$	8.20		
Quakertown	H. W. Hartman	3	23	112	135	104	20	18	1	1	1	5,000.00	280.00	\$	277.50	\$	15.15		
Wissinoming, Phila.	J. B. Henry	1	1	20	119	139	111	18	3	1	1	120.75	94.40	\$	124.83	\$	11.00		
West Philadelphia	"	1	1	18	84	102	82	14	1	1	1	30,000.00	72.25	\$	82.00	\$	71.80		
TOTAL		41	1	574	4283	4857	3701	445	264	124	17	4	\$3,492.25	\$83,688.03	\$	\$3,360.66	\$	\$272.35	
Easton	D. Gehret	1	30	257	287	191	86	10	1	1	1	55,000.00	232.55	\$	220.75	\$	201.63		
Shamokin	J. G. Shreman	3	36	355	391	336	21	61	1	1	1	30,000.00	83.40	\$	114.60	\$	15.00		
Sunbury	N. H. Wolf	2	24	204	228	158	15	21	1	1	1	12,700.00	203.60	\$	142.35	\$	9.03		
Stroudsburg	E. E. Kubie	2	1	15	71	86	69	7	1	1	1	28,000.00	28.00	\$	20.50	\$	37.25		
Scranton	Paul E. Baer	2	1	19	88	107	84	20	13	1	1	17,000.00	176.00	\$	237.25	\$	4.75		
Mt. Carmel	C. L. Miller	2	1	18	165	183	129	16	4	1	1	20,000.00	225.50	\$	205.00	\$	7.00		
York	J. B. Layne	2	1	24	228	252	204	13	5	1	1	25,000.00	110.50	\$	106.00	\$	6.73		
Harfield	E. H. Musselman	2	1	18	71	89	65	1	3	1	1	1,500.00	3.20	\$	3.20	\$	5.00		
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	1	1	122	751	873	652	105	10	1	1	1,500.00	738.32	\$	738.32	\$	3.20		
TOTAL		17	1	306	1990	2296	1668	276	79	8	7	2	\$1,039.55	\$1,040.45	\$	\$1,512.27	\$	50.78	
The Home																			
Mizpah Grove																			
Missionaries, Etc.																			
GRAND TOTAL		58	1	32	880	6273	7153	5369	721	349	32	6	\$3,362.18	\$81,178.06	\$	\$4,551.80	\$4,728.48	\$4,872.93	\$29.13

XXI.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—C.

Appointments	Pastor	OFFERINGS—Continued										
		Church Properties	Repairing Church Properties	Parsonage Fund and Hall Rent	Sundry Expenses	Sunday Schools	Presiding Elders	Ministers in Cash	Other Contributions	Benevolent Fund	Ministers' Retirement Fund	Tabernacle, Mission or Evang. Work
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.												
Allentown (Bethel)	B. B. Musselman	\$1,169.82	\$	\$3,465.66	\$1,124.08	\$350.00	\$1,837.11	\$640.00	\$	\$20.60	\$110.00	\$3,200.00
Bethlehem	P. T. Stengele	1,294.25	585.97	1,080.82	2,027.10	342.00	1,811.12	325.00	15.00	95.81	850.00	
Philadelphia	G. F. Yost	1,205.40	260.45	1,230.63	1,299.11	286.00	1,431.50	208.40	19.50	64.26	160.00	
Rending	F. M. Hottel	179.00		814.60	1,348.54	240.00	1,559.85	303.00	15.00	55.40	410.00	
Emaus	C. H. Brunner			1,105.27	519.25	178.00	956.10	106.50	8.50	22.05	160.00	
Macungie	"			148.15	177.94	77.00	235.85	31.50	3.90	12.55	120.00	
Zionsville	"			244.35	106.63	72.00	264.95	52.50	3.80	8.50	110.00	
Fleetwood	A. G. Woodring			400.45	328.15	117.50	587.65	71.35	9.27	26.50	150.00	
Blandon	"			163.98	176.19	49.00	295.45	41.50	4.32	16.76		
Terre Hill	"			38.90	131.25	72.00	206.45	77.83	5.25	21.95	30.00	
Roversford	E. N. Cassel			48.30	327.51	300.65	672.00	67.30	7.80	12.50	45.00	
Graterford	W. F. Heffner			80.40	470.31	387.49	855.40	110.79	7.20	25.45	55.00	
Harleysville	"			50.95	176.55	138.16	314.61	88.30	5.00	23.38	20.50	
Northampton	H. K. Kratz			76.20	161.32	98.10	259.95	125.20	5.00	22.25	15.30	
Nazareth	"			219.52	273.08	186.59	491.95	68.50	4.55	20.40	65.00	
Lehighport	J. C. Roth			187.75	392.86	283.73	676.50	300.00	6.55	27.46	139.00	
Weissport	"				253.78							
Walnutport	"			51.85	184.89	83.10	234.84	55.00	6.20	18.15		
Allentown (Salem)	F. B. Hertzog			167.10	424.12	324.72	791.84	38.11	7.25	25.02		
Coopersburg	"			93.47	482.98	343.90	826.37	74.36	11.00	36.60	289.51	
Quakertown	H. W. Hartman			346.00	376.86	334.44	717.30	294.88	5.00	21.50	35.00	
Wissinoming, Phila	J. B. Henry			305.05	497.47	378.67	776.74	97.29	6.00	37.00		
West Philadelphia	"			161.70	223.41	315.00	538.50	62.65	5.30	29.60		
TOTAL		\$5,832.99	\$246.00	\$2,813.61	\$13,150.45	\$10,755.61	\$2,972.36	\$17,170.07	\$3,224.32	\$184.67	\$756.19	\$5,854.31
EASTON DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.												
Easton	T. D. Gehret	\$1,442.32		\$336.50	\$79.30	\$763.32	\$230.10	\$	\$	\$8.50	\$	\$198.50
Shamokin	J. G. Shireman		44.00	190.70	361.79	442.10	1,040.23	95.00	8.00	42.29	42.63	
Sunbury	N. H. Wolf			298.40	500.40	400.35	1,354.22	235.17	7.51	24.99	39.23	
Siroudsburg	E. E. Kubic			104.00	176.00	133.32	313.32	126.50	3.20	12.88	51.00	
Seranton	Paul E. Baer			392.49	541.62	266.15	1,199.26	462.12	9.00	23.45	41.00	
Mt. Carmel	C. L. Miller			147.43	649.31	411.87	1,300.54	249.75	6.50	25.42	436.25	
York	J. E. Layne			380.00	603.11	459.06	1,050.80	200.00	5.00	19.75	200.00	
Hatfield	W. H. Musselman			100.00	30.10	150.00	499.26	97.24	6.00	4.00	80.50	
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, Pres.			1,189.30	3,398.31	2,091.69	809.62	2,071.32			1,397.16	
TOTAL		\$3,280.11	\$24.00	\$7,349.88	\$7,062.84	\$5,220.61	\$2,032.65	\$6,654.89	\$4,549.72	\$47.71	\$201.48	\$2,486.33
GRAND TOTAL		\$9,113.10	\$70.00	\$10,169.49	\$20,222.29	\$15,976.22	\$8,005.01	\$23,830.96	\$7,774.04	\$232.38	\$957.67	\$8,340.64

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	Evangelist Society	Annual Conference Expenses	Total Offerings	Subscriptions and Literature Sold
<b>ALLENTOWN DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.</b>									
Allentown (Bethel)	B. B. Musselman	\$ 20.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 14.85	\$ 79.50	\$ 42.10	\$ 12,138.05	\$ 625.00	
Berlehem	P. T. Stengele	20.00	20.25	12.00	39.00	34.00	10,130.37	174.00	
Philadelphia	G. F. Yost	22.75	12.12	19.60	59.00	29.20	7,048.37	121.00	
Reading	F. M. Hottel	20.00	10.00	15.10	22.50	25.80	6,807.50	106.25	
Emans	C. H. Brunner	9.45	3.20	8.60	53.50	14.30	3,877.27	72.00	
Macungie	"	4.00	3.00	3.25	3.50	3.40	1,533.25	13.00	
Zionsville	"	3.22	3.25	3.25	10.00	4.00	1,528.20	16.30	
Footwood	A. G. Woodring	8.00	7.55	7.50	26.50	10.10	2,163.81	42.30	
Blanton	"	6.00	2.35	5.25	10.50	5.70	892.05	33.70	
Terre Hill	"	8.50	3.88	3.50	1.50	6.40	1,931.97	23.00	
Spring City	D. N. Cassel	10.00	2.00	6.39	7.50	7.10	3,863.89	53.00	
Coyersford	"	10.40	4.50	10.15	25.00	7.90	2,346.90	65.00	
Craterford	W. F. Hefner	4.80	3.25	6.25	7.50	6.40	1,519.57	27.30	
Harleysville	"	6.82	3.70	7.20	17.00	3.30	1,217.51	16.10	
Northampton	H. K. Kraz	6.24	3.65	6.19	17.00	3.90	1,641.68	19.30	
Lehigh	"	2.10	2.33	4.51	11.50	7.30	2,617.96	87.35	
Lehighton	J. C. Roth	6.00	3.00	11.00	6.50	6.80	2,661.51	40.00	
Weissport	"	5.00	3.15	4.60	.....	.....	965.64	13.00	
Wainutport	"	6.00	6.00	6.60	.....	6.20	1,453.10	15.00	
Alfentown (Salem)	F. B. Hertzog	7.16	6.00	6.60	23.00	8.90	2,330.64	38.78	
Coopersburg	"	16.66	4.20	14.10	11.50	12.90	3,363.92	71.50	
Quakertown	H. W. Hartman	7.25	5.00	8.00	25.00	11.80	2,868.32	100.85	
Wissinoming, Phila.	J. B. Henry	10.00	6.51	8.50	.....	7.00	2,500.54	78.77	
West Philadelphia	"	6.00	3.31	7.00	.....	5.10	1,400.46	27.03	
Mizpah Grove	Camp Meeting	\$ 4,348.61	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,348.61	.....	
Total	.....	\$ 4,348.61	\$ 225.42	\$ 128.89	\$ 204.57	\$ 452.00	\$ 270.90	\$ 79,519.26	\$ 1,935.43
<b>EASTON DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.</b>									
Easton	T. D. Gehret	.....	\$ 15.00	\$ 4.52	\$ 14.40	\$ 30.50	\$ 13.80	\$ 5,793.09	\$ 165.00
Shamokin	J. G. Shireman	.....	6.49	5.29	17.00	9.50	16.50	2,783.72	125.00
Sunbury	N. H. Wolf	.....	14.00	4.72	13.00	7.50	12.00	3,033.68	257.23
Stroudsburg	E. E. Kubic	.....	7.89	3.10	7.75	9.00	5.70	1,412.04	130.25
S-rantown	Paul E. Baer	.....	15.00	7.00	13.00	4.50	6.80	3,423.26	191.41
C. L. Miller	"	.....	19.00	5.10	14.00	3.00	10.90	3,688.15	323.36
York	J. B. Layne	.....	13.00	7.36	.....	.....	11.70	3,707.44	181.75
Hatfield	E. H. Musselman	.....	342.65	3.80	7.00	.....	5.00	2,143.39	75.00
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17,793.97	19,553.69
Edgewood Grove	Camp Meeting	\$ 1,419.93	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,419.93	.....
Total	.....	\$ 1,419.93	\$ 433.03	\$ 38.53	\$ 93.51	\$ 64.00	\$ 82.40	\$ 45,210.67	\$ 20,992.69
Grand Total	.....	\$ 5,768.54	\$ 668.45	\$ 167.42	\$ 298.08	\$ 516.00	\$ 353.30	\$ 124,729.93	\$ 22,928.12

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## XXII.—Summary Statistics

Presiding Elders .....	2	Total decrease .....	154
Ordained Ministers .....	29	Net increase .....	115
Probationers .....	8	Total membership .....	3,676
Quarterly Conference		Appointments .....	31
Licensed Preachers ....	4	Sermons preached .....	7,528
Deacons .....	1	Pastoral visits .....	12,529
Class Leaders .....	60	Prayer meeting classes ....	58
Stewards .....	59	New classes organized ....	1
Parsonage Fund Collectors	59	Prayer meetings visited ..	2,757
Baptized .....	279		
Members not baptized ....	2	<b>Sunday Schools</b>	
Children dedicated .....	147	Sunday Schools visited ..	1,656
<b>Membership</b>		M. B. C. Sunday Schools	32
Rec'd into Church Fel-		Officers and Teachers	
lowship .....	218	Enrolled .....	880
Rec'd by transfer .....	51	Scholars enrolled .....	6,273
Total increase .....	269	Total enrollment .....	7,153
Died .....	33	Total average attendance	5,369
Withdrawn .....	22	Home Dept. members ....	721
Dropped .....	48	Sub. to Gospel Banner ...	349
Moved to other Con-		Churches .....	32
ferences .....	12	Parsonages .....	24
Transferred .....	39	Janitor's homes .....	6

**FINANCIAL****(a) Valuation**

Increase of church property .....	\$ 3,362.18
Present valuation of church property .....	816,178.66

**(b) Offerings**

Home Missions .....	\$ 4,551.80
Foreign Missions .....	4,728.48
Foreign Missions in Sunday Schools .....	4,872.93
For the Home .....	329.13
Church Properties .....	9,113.10
Repairing Church Properties .....	870.00
Parsonage Fund and hall rent .....	10,163.49
Sexton and Sundry expenses .....	20,222.29
Sunday Schools .....	15,976.22
Presiding Elders .....	5,005.01
Ministers in cash .....	23,830.96
Ministers in other contributions .....	7,774.04
Beneficiary fund .....	232.38
Ministers' Retirement Fund .....	957.67
Tabernacle and evangelistic work .....	8,340.64
Camp Meetings .....	5,768.54
Sunday School Conventions .....	658.45
Annual Conference Fund .....	167.42
Annual Conference Delegates .....	298.08
Benevolent Society .....	516.00
Annual Conference Expenses .....	353.30
<b>Total offerings .....</b>	<b>\$124,729.93</b>

Literature and subscriptions .....

E. N. Cassel, J. B. Layne, P. T. Stengele, Paul E. Baer, T. D. Gehret, H. W. Hartman—Committee.	\$ 22,928.12
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ROLL AND DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS

I. Itinerants

NAME	License	Ordained	Received Present Charge	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Baer, Paul E. ....	1924	1928	1935	35 S. Second St., Shamokin, 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.
Gehman, R. H. ....	1898	1895	1935	Graterford, 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	1935	1511 N. 4th St., Harrisburg, Pa.
Henry, J. B. ....	1924	1928	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.
Kubic, 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.
Sprock, A. M. ....	1928	1935	1935	1023 Taylor Ave., Scranton, 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.
Shick, E. T. ....	1899	1901	.....	515 Green Street, Allentown, Pa.
Shireman, J. G. ...	1898	1900	.....	Easton, Pa.

III. Annual Conference Licensed Preachers

Anderson, J. T. ...	1909	....	.....	Gospel Herald Society.
Bean, E. W. ....	1928	....	.....	" " "
George, E. ....	1927	....	.....	" " "
Hartman, E. B. ...	1927	....	.....	" " "
Hartman, W. W. ...	1930	....	.....	" " "
Meyers, M. M. ....	1919	....	.....	" " "

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 BRETHERN IN CHRIST (Annual)

1884	Feb.	4.....	Terre Hill .....	William Gehman	W. H. Gehman
1885	Feb.	2.....	Quakertown .....	"	M. A. Zyner
1886	Feb.	1.....	Upper Milford ...	"	"
1887	Feb.	7.....	Reading .....	"	A. Kauffman
1888	Feb.	6.....	Coopersburg .....	"	"
1889	Feb.	4.....	Terre Hill .....	"	"
1890	Feb.	3.....	Bethlehem .....	"	M. A. Zyner
1891	Feb.	2.....	Quakertown .....	"	C. H. Brunner
1892	Feb.	1.....	Upper Milford ...	W. B. Musselman	"
1893	Feb.	6.....	Coopersburg .....	"	"
1894	Feb.	2.....	Terre Hill .....	"	"
1895	Feb.	1.....	Reading .....	"	"
1896	Feb.	7-10.....	Allentown .....	"	"
1897	Feb.	19-22.....	Royersford .....	"	"
1898	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 .....	"	"
1935	Oct.	17-20.....	Bethlehem .....	"	"

\*Special Session concerning the sale of certain church property to the "Church of God."

\*\*Special Conference whereby a union was effected between the Evangelical Mennonites of Pennsylvania and the United Mennonites of the Western States and Canada. 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	"	.....	"	.....	.....	64	"	.....
1900	Macungie	.....	Northampton	.....	Terre Hill	.....	.....	.....
1901	"	.....	Neffsville	.....	Mohnsville	.....	.....	.....
1902	"	56	Northampton	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
1903	"	52	"	.....	Reading (East)	.....	.....	.....
1904	Wescovesville	104	Hellertown	.....	73 Spring City (Bonnie Bray)	.....	.....	.....
1905	"	113	"	.....	82 Spring City (Bonnie Bray)	.....	.....	.....
1906	"	136	"	.....	125 Reading (Heiner's Spgs.)	.....	.....	.....
1907	"	122	"	.....	145 Reading (Spg. Valley)	90	Shamokin (Bunker Hill)	85
1908	"	148	"	.....	164 Easton (Mt. Carmel Dist.)	75	Shamokin (Bunker Hill)	75
1909	Waldheim	153	"	.....	139 Easton (Mt. Carmel Dist.)	75	.....	.....
1910	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	167	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	.....	154 Easton (Mt. Carmel Dist.)	89	.....	.....
1911	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	156	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	.....	160 Mizpah Grove (Mt. Car. Dist.)	100	Shamokin	43
1912	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	163	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	.....	..... Mizpah Grove (Mt. Car. Dist.)	75	Shamokin	58
1913	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	165	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	.....	169 Mizpah Grove (Mt. Car. Dist.)	76	Shamokin	71
1914	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	143	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	.....	170 Mizpah Grove (Mt. Car. Dist.)	68	Shamokin	78
1915	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	145	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	.....	174 Mizpah Grove (Mt. Car. Dist.)	66	Shamokin	86
1916	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	155	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	.....	194 Shamokin (Mt. Car. Dist.)	106	.....	.....
1917	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	162	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	.....	203 Shamokin (Mt. Car. Dist.)	120	Harrisburg	65
1918	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	199	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	.....	183 Shamokin (Mt. Car. Dist.)	105	.....	.....
1919	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	189	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	.....	219 Shamokin (Mt. Car. Dist.)	126	.....	.....

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 (Shamokin 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	.....	.....
1935	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	237	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	237	Shamokin (Easton Dist.)	131	.....	.....

†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

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The following is a list of the General Conferences held with the names of the Delegates from the Pennsylvania Conference.

1.                   ZIONSVILLE, PA. November 8-12, 1879.  
A Union Conference, including sixteen members of the Pennsylvania Conference. Name changed to Evangelical United Mennonites.
2.                   ELKHART, IND. 1882  
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 October, 1916, at 9 a. m., but changed to New Carlisle, O., on account of the war.

H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. G. Gehman, P. E., C. H. Brunner, W. S. Hottel, E. N. Cassel and W. B. Musselman, M. P. E., Publisher of the Gospel Banner.

Laymen—G. O. Billig, H. S. Jones and Allen M. Gehman.

## 13. KITCHENER, ONTARIO. October 13-19, 1920.

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

Laymen—Allen M. Gehman, G. O. Billig and H. L. Moyer.

## 14. BROWN CITY, MICHIGAN, October 15-22, 1924.

H. B. Musselman, P. E., Chairman, W. G. Gehman, P. E., B. Bryan Musselman, C. H. Brunner, F. M. Hottel and E. N. Cassel.

Laymen—G. O. Billig, Allen M. Gehman, H. H. Bergey and P. Ward Musselman (Alternate).

## 15. ALLENTOWN, PA. November 7-12, 1928.

H. B. Musselman, P. E., W. G. Gehman, P. E., B. Bryan Musselman, C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel, G. F. Yost and F. M. Hottel.

Laymen—G. O. Billig, H. H. Bergey, M. L. Musselman, Allen M. Gehman and C. D. Bean.

## 16. Announced for Wakarusa, Indiana, on the last Wednesday in October, 1936, at 9 a. m. Central Standard Time.









