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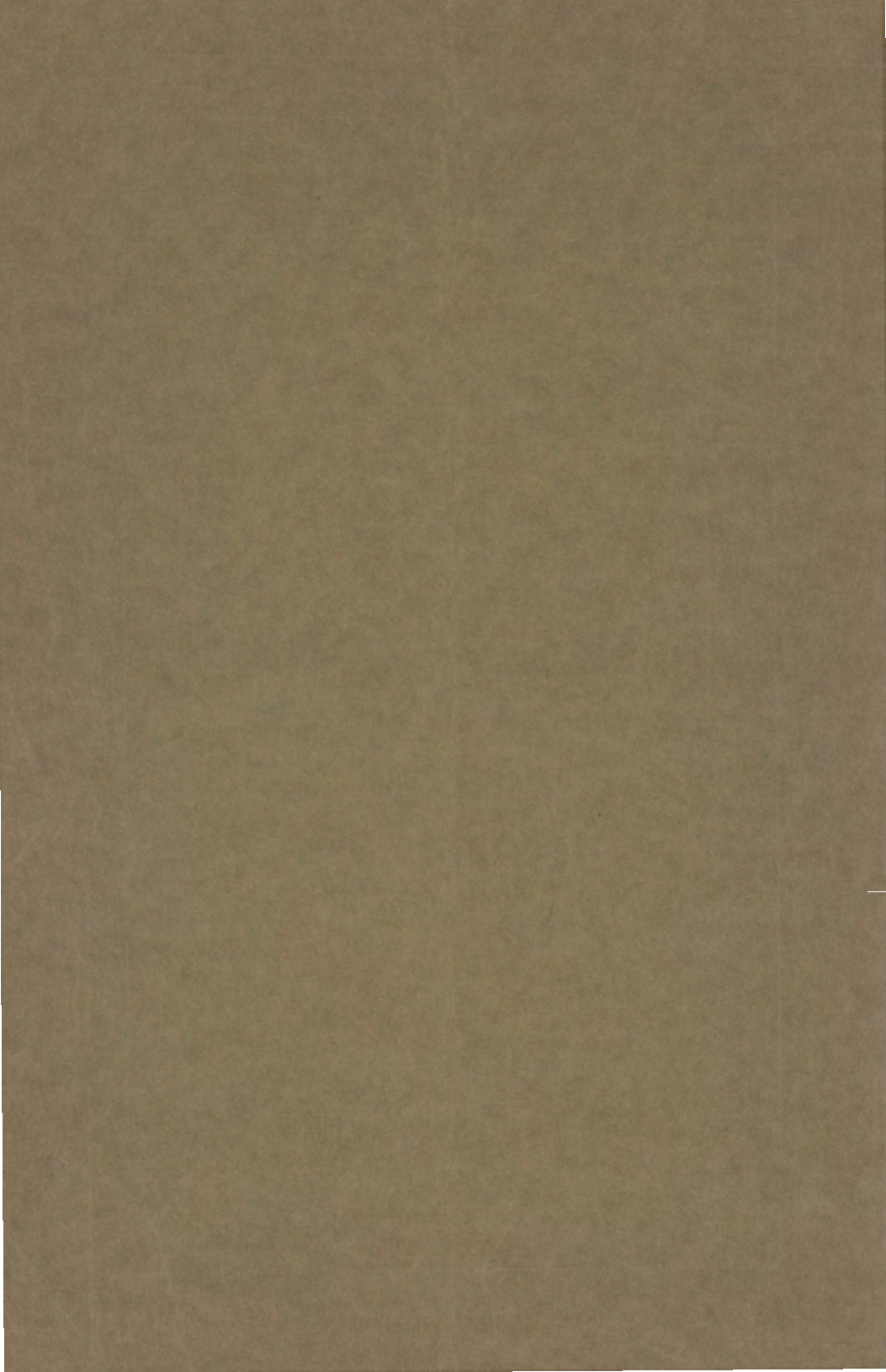
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Gospel Herald Society—President, W. G. Gehman.

Business Rules of the Conference

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

COMMITTEES

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

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

STANDING COMMITTEES

- (a) Appointed by the Chairman
 1. Committee on Camp Meeting Equipage.
 2. Board of Publication and Printing.
- (b) Elected by Ballot.
 1. Committee over the Presiding Elders.
 2. Executive Board.
 3. Board of Foreign Missions.
 4. Board of Trustees of The Home.
 5. Board of Examiners on the Reading Course.
 6. Beneficiary Society Officers.
 7. Laymen's Benevolent Society Officers.

Special Laws and Resolutions

We print here from the Records, for convenient reference, the following Laws and Regulations, together with the time of their enactment.

1.—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, 1966.]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IV. BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The title to Church property where the Church is incorporated shall be conveyed directly to the Corporation. In cases where the Church is not incorporated the conveyance shall be made to a Board of Trustees duly elected according to the Rules of the Annual Conference (setting forth their names) their successors and assigns. Whether the title is

conveyed to a corporation or to a Board of Trustees, said title shall contain a trust clause in the following words:

In trust for the use and benefit of the ministry and membership of theChurch 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 mortgaging of real estate for current expenses.

The title to Parsonages shall be conveyed in like manner as the Churches and shall contain the following clause of trust:

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.

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

*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.

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.

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, 1907.]

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

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

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

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

V.—SPECIAL SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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

F.—**Sunday School Conventions.**—One or more Sunday School Conventions shall be held annually. The officers shall be elected at the Annual Conference. The committee on programme shall meet six weeks

before the convention to arrange a programme. Each Sunday School shall be represented by the Superintendent, and one delegate from the laity. The Superintendents, Delegates and Essayists shall have their fares paid. Each Superintendent shall take up a liberal collection to defray the expenses of the convention. [Enacted October 29, 1904.]

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

VI.—SPECIAL OFFERINGS.

A.—Foreign Missions.

(a) Foreign Missionary Offering—Annual.

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

B.—Home Missions.

(a) Home Missionary Offering—Annual.

(b) Ministers' Retirement Fund—Quarterly.

C.—Offering for the Home—Annual.

D.—Beneficiary Fund—Annual.

E.—Conference Fund—Annual.

VII.—MISCELLANEOUS.

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

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

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

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

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

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 Conference 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

1936

FIRST MEETING

Thursday Forenoon, October 15, 1936.

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

The first meeting was opened by the Chairman, H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder of the Allentown District, according to announcements at 9 A. M., Thursday, October 15, 1936. "My Jesus I Love Thee" 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, R. H. Gehman, A. M. Sprock, W. B. Musselman, E. T. Shick, R. Bergstresser, J. F. Barrall, C. F. Snyder, H. W. Feldges and N. M. Cressman.

Probationers—W. W. Hartman, E. B. Hartman, E. W. Bean, E. George and J. T. Anderson.

Delegates

Allentown District

R. Paul Schaeffer, Allentown (Bethel).

Paul H. Cressman, Bethlehem.
 Fred Geibel, Philadelphia (Salem).
 S. W. Heiser, Reading.
 Paul I. Wentz, Emaus, Macungie and Zionville.
 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.
 M. M. Ziegler, Graterford and Harleysville.
 A. W. Deppe, Nazareth and Northampton.
 C. H. Stickler, Lehighton, Weissport and Walnutport.
 Thomas Campbell, Sr., Wissinoming and West Philadelphia.

Easton District

Herbert V. Smith, Easton.
 Paul H. Miller, Shamokin.
 David Camp, Mt. Carmel.
 George R. Fish, Stroudsburg.
 C. B. Brosius, Sunbury.
 Frank A. Borchers, Scranton.
 George S. Messersmith, York.
 H. N. Dettra, Hatfield and Norristown.
 C. L. Ream, Harrisburg.
 Maurice Hartzell, Chester.

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 and 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 com-

pany of believers whom the Lord has given us and special prayers were offered in their behalf.

Resolved, That the first four pews in front and to the right of the Chair constitute the Conference Bar.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a Reporter and a Timekeeper. He appointed H. K. Kratz as Reporter and E. H. Musselman as Timekeeper.

Resolved, That no members be permitted to leave the Conference Bar without permission by the Chair, except B. Bryan Musselman and R. Paul Schaeffer, the Pastor and Delegate of the Allentown 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 Communication: P. T. Stengele, F. M. Hottel and H. K. Kratz.

Committee on Finance: C. H. Brunner, H. L. Shelly, R. Paul Schaeffer and R. H. Gehman.

Committee on Statistics: E. N. Cassel, J. B. Layne, P. T. Stengele, Paul E. Baer, T. D. Gehret, H. W. Hartman and E. B. 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, J. B. Henry, C. L. Miller, David Camp, A. W. Deppe, Frank A. Borchers, George R. Fish, George S. Messersmith, Thomas Campbell, Sr., Paul H. Miller, W. F. Heffner, Maurice Hartzell, A. M. Sprock, C. L. Ream, M. M. Ziegler and H. N. Dettra.

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

Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists and Missionaries: J. B. Layne, F. M. Hottel, H. K. Kratz and J. B. Henry.

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

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, Paul I. Wentz, Herbert V. Smith, E. H. Musselman, C. B. Brosius, Paul H. Cressman, R. R. Fox, C. H. Stickler, Fred Geibel, S. W. Heiser 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.

Program of Services

The Committee on Worship met on October 9, 1936 and made the following program:

Thursday 7:45 P. M.—The Pastors shall submit their oral reports limited to four minutes each. The Presiding Elders also shall give their oral reports.

Friday 7:45 P. M.—Twenty-minute addresses by Pastors R. H. Gehman, J. B. Layne and Paul E. Baer.

Saturday 7:45 P. M.—Addresses by T. D. Gehret and P. T. Stengele.

Sunday 9:30 A. M.—Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, Chairman of the Annual Conference, shall preach the Conference sermon.

2.00 P. M.—Sermon by Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman of the Easton District.

7.30 P. M.—Address by Pastor C. H. Brunner

The Chairman of the Annual Conference shall have charge of the Sunday services.

H. B. Musselman,	P. T. Stengele,
W. G. Gehman,	C. H. Brunner,
B. Bryan Musselman,	Committee.

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

Adjourned at 11.15 with prayer by E. H. Musselman and benediction by J. C. Roth.

SECOND MEETING

Thursday Afternoon, October 15, 1936.

The Chairman opened the afternoon meeting at 3.25 o'clock with

singing "Follow, Follow, I Will Follow Jesus," and prayer by C. L. Miller.

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

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

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

Report of the Ministerial Convention. (See Reports).

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

Report of the Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Records:

We certify that the minutes of 1935 have been examined and found correct.

J. C. Roth,
W. F. Heffner,

E. E. Kublic,
Committee.

Report of the Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders:

All the Traveling Elders having been examined through their delegates, we, the committee on examination of Traveling Elders, are pleased to report that we find them entirely satisfactory, and highly commendable for their lives of devotion and sacrifice in the work of the Lord.

Herbert V. Smith,
H. H. Bergey,

G. K. Himmelreich,
Committee.

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 errors were found which we instructed the Pastors to correct.

We also found that the Quarterly Conference of Sunbury passed the following resolution: Resolved, That we make an appeal to the Annual Conference to be held in Allentown, Pa., October next to make Sunbury self-supporting, that is, put it on the list as a Station.

F. B. Hertzog,	George S. Messersmith,
J. B. Henry,	Thomas W. Campbell, Sr.,
C. L. Miller,	Paul H. Miller,
David Camp,	W. F. Heffner,
A. W. Deppe,	Maurice Hartzell,
Frank A. Borchers,	C. L. Ream,
George R. Fish,	M. M. Ziegler,
A. M. Sprock,	H. N. Dettra,

Committee.

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

We beg leave to report that we have examined the Presiding Elders, Evangelists and Missionaries and found them all in a satisfactory condition, also the local Preachers and found no charges against them.

J. B. Layne,	J. B. Henry,
F. M. Hottel,	H. K. Kratz,

Committee.

Report of the Committee on Finance. (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).

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, 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, R. H. Gehman, A. M. Sprock and E. T. Shick.

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.

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.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and adjourn to meet tomorrow morning at 10.30 instead of 9 o'clock.

Adjourned with prayer by T. D. Gehret and benediction by J. B. Henry.

THIRD MEETING

Thursday Evening, October 15, 1936.

The evening meeting was opened at 7.45 o'clock with singing "Down at the Cross," and prayer by A. M. Sprock.

The roll was called.

The Pastors submitted their oral reports after which the offering was lifted.

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

A very large audience gathered to hear these reports which showed the interest the laity has in the labors and testimonies of their Pastors and Presiding Elders.

Adjourned at 9.55 o'clock with prayer and benediction by E. N. Cassel.

FOURTH MEETING

Friday Morning, October 16, 1936.

The Meeting was opened at 10.30 o'clock with singing, "Nearer My God To Thee" and prayer by R. H. Gehman.

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

Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman gave us a very illuminating address during the devotional period.

Business was suspended at 11.40, and resumed at 11.55.

Resolved, That we extend the time indefinitely.

The following report was read and adopted:

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

Resolved, That we have a Conference photo taken. Those who desire photos of the Conference group shall order them of B. Bryan Musselman.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules to adjourn to the Call of the Chair not later than 2 o'clock.

Adjourned at 12.15 with prayer by P. T. Stengele and benediction by F. B. Hertzog.

FIFTH MEETING

Friday Afternoon, October 16, 1936.

The meeting was opened at 2 o'clock with singing "Blessed Assurance" and prayer by Paul I. Wentz.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Executive Board. (See Reports).

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

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

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

(1) **Whereas:** The Presiding Elders have submitted their reports of the work on their districts, and have made special mention of the progress along spiritual and financial lines, and,

Whereas: We have heard the interesting report of the President of the Gospel Herald Society, showing the noble work being done by this band of consecrated young men, in the winning of souls, also in colportage and other missionary activities, and

Whereas: Our leaders have rendered whole-hearted, sincere and faithful service, and given much needed counsel and spiritual advice, therefore,

Resolved: That we do hereby express our appreciation of their leadership and that we continue to pray that God will ever guide and sustain them.

(2) **Whereas:** In the divine providence and mercy of God, all of our Pastors have been spared so that without an exception all were present and reported at this Conference, and,

Whereas: There has been noticeable progress and advance made both numerically and spiritually, therefore,

Resolved: That we recognize God's favor upon us and praise Him who has so gloriously led hitherto and enabled us to work for Him in His great harvest field.

(3) **Whereas:** The Lord has given us such a noble company of believers, who in the various charges of the Conference, have stood by the work of the Lord in such a loyal, faithful and consecrated manner, therefore,

Resolved: That we highly appreciate their work and labor of love, their sacrificial spirit, their many prayers offered in our behalf, and further,

Resolved: That we pray God to bless them abundantly and preserve them in Christ Jesus, even unto the day of His glorious appearing.

(4) **Whereas:** C. H. Brunner, our Conference Secretary has devoted much time to corresponding with the various foreign missionaries which our Conference supports, and has thus secured a great amount of valuable information, so that the Year Book, and the Regions Beyond, have been made interesting and informing, therefore,

Resolved: That we appreciate his faithful work and that we donate the sum of fifty dollars to him to be paid out of the Annual Conference Fund, as a token of appreciation for his valuable services.

(5) **Whereas:** Sister Anneda Heffner, wife of Pastor W. F. Heffner of Harrisburg, Pa., fell asleep in Jesus on September 16, 1936 and was laid to rest at Fleetwood, Pa., on September 19, 1936 therefore,

Resolved: That we humbly bow to the will of our Heavenly Father, realizing that He doeth all things well, and though we miss her presence in our midst, yet we know that our loss is her eternal gain, and further,

Resolved: That we hereby express our sincere sympathy to Brother Heffner, our fellow minister in the Gospel, and to the children, and that we assure them of our continued prayers so that they may be comforted by the God of all grace and may continue faithful until Jesus comes.

(6) **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 blessing of God may rest upon them, and further,

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

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

(8) **Resolved:** That as a Conference we 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.

(9) **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 Year and April 1st.

(10) **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 the Home.

(11) **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 the printing of supplies. This amount shall be paid to the Conference Treasurer at the Ministerial Convention.

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

(13) **Whereas:** The Pastor, B. Bryan Musselman, and the members of the Allentown (Bethel) 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.

(14) **Resolved:** That each appointment lift an offering for the next Annual Conference expenses, the amount to be on a basis of ten cents per member computed on the membership list reported at the previous 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.

W. G. Gehman,

F. B. Hertzog,

T. D. Gehret,

Committee.

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:

Vice Presiding Elders: C. H. Brunner and B. Bryan Musselman.

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: P. T. Stengele, J. B. Layne and G. F. Yost.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

General Conference Delegates

Resolved, That the Executive Board act as a nominating committee to nominate candidates for delegates to the next General Conference.

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

Business was suspended at 4.40 o'clock, and resumed at 6.00 o'clock.

The Executive Board announced their nominees as Candidates for Delegates to the General Conference from which the following were elected:

Ministers: E. N. Cassel, C. H. Brunner, B. Bryan Musselman, F. B. Hertzog, P. T. Stengele and T. D. Gehret.

Alternate: J. B. Layne, N. H. Wolf and A. G. Woodring.

Laymen: Jacob Moyer, Paul H. Cressman, C. W. Teel, Paul I. Wentz, E. R. Hartman and C. B. Brosius.

Alternate—C. E. Musselman, Fred Geibel and G. Louis Baumgardner.

Resolved, That we pay the expenses of the delegates to the General Conference out of the Annual Conference Fund.

Resolved, That in the event that the list of Alternate Lay Delegates to the General Conference should be exhausted, that the Executive Board be permitted at their discretion to select others to take their places.

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, 1131 North Eighteenth Street, Allentown, Penna.

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

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

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

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."

Adjourned at 7.00 o'clock with prayer by E. E. Kublic and benediction by E. N. Cassel.

SIXTH MEETING

Saturday Morning, October 17, 1936.

The meeting was opened with singing "Jesus Lover of My Soul," and prayer by H. N. Dettra, followed by a very helpful exhortation by the Chairman.

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 Board of Publication and Printing. (See Reports).

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

Report of the Committee on Communications:

We have received a communication from J. F. Barrall, Local Preacher of the Shamokin Quarterly Conference in which he reports that he has good courage and is in the hands of the Lord. He wishes God's blessing upon the Conference. However, on account of business he could not be present.

P. T. Stengele, H. K. Kratz,
F. M. Hottel, Committee.

Report of the Conference Treasurer. (See Reports).

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, T. D. Gehret, P. T. Stengele and C. H. Brunner.

Resolved, That we hold the next Annual Ministerial Convention in Bethel M. B. in C. Church, 427 Elm Street, Emaus, Penna., on April 15, 1937. 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, C. H. Brunner.

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 1936. 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.

The following report was read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Auditing: We 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 effort to present all of these records in satisfactory form is self-evident and the few minor errors found were easily corrected in the presence of those concerned.

G. F. Yost,	C. H. Stickler,	
Paul I. Wentz,	Fred Geibel,	
Herbert V. Smith,	S. W. Heiser,	
E. H. Musselman,	R. R. Fox,	
C. B. Brosius,	H. H. Bergey,	
Paul H. Cressman,		Committee.

Resolved, That the next Annual Conference convene in Beulah Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, corner 12th and Spruce streets, Easton, Pa., Thursday, October 14, 1937 at 9 o'clock a. m. and continue over Sunday.

Resolved, That we suspend the Rules and adjourn.

Adjourned at 11.05 a. m. with prayer by W. G. Gehman.

SEVENTH MEETING

Saturday Afternoon, October 17, 1936.

The meeting was opened with prayer by H. W. Hartman.

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

Resolved, That the minutes and the reports be typewritten for the General Conference with the exception of the extracts from letters of the Foreign Missionaries in the Annual Report, and the Report of the Committee on Statistics.

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

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

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

Board of Examiners—President, E. N. Cassel; Secretary, T. D. Gehret.

Committee Over the Presiding Elders—Chairman, G. F. Yost; Secretary, J. B. Layne.

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

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

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. Hottel; Treasurer, B. Bryan Musselman.

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved, That we change section D on page 10 under Special Offerings to read Beneficiary Fund-Annual, and eliminate the first article on page 48 under Ministers' Retirement Fund.

Resolved, That in Article E, page 11, under Miscellaneous, the words "sent at once to the Secretary" to be changed to "brought to the Ministerial Convention."

The following resolution was adopted relative to a

Ministers' Retirement Fund.

This shall be 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 itinerate ministers according to the rules hereinafter stated.

These Funds shall be sustained by—First—An offering 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.

Second—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.

Third—This Fund will also welcome gifts, bequests and devises from any sources.

Fourth—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.

TITLES AND DEEDS

The title to Church property where the Church is incorporated shall be conveyed directly to the Corporation. In cases where the Church is not incorporated the conveyance shall be made to a Board of Trustees duly elected according to the Rules of the Annual Conference (setting forth their names) their successors and assigns. Whether the title is conveyed to a Corporation or to a Board of Trustees said title shall contain a trust clause in the following words:

In trust for the use and benefit of the ministry and membership of theChurch 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 provision of the law of the Church relating to abandoned church properties and of that forbidding the mortgaging of real estate for current expenses.

The title to Parsonages shall be conveyed in like manner as the Churches and shall contain the following clause of trust:

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.

Resolved, That we change the name in the Conference Treasurer's report of Board of Publication and Printing Article (d) Page 104 to Annual Conference Fund.

Resolved, That we suspend business.

Business was resumed.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

We have not received any applicants for Annual Conference License.

C. H. Brunner,

B. Bryan Musselman,

F. M. Hottel,

T. D. Gehret,

Committee.

Report of the Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination:

We have examined Probationer E. B. Hartman and have ascertained that he has passed the Reading Course with credit and has had charge of a Gospel Herald Society Mission for a number of years and has showed himself consecrated, devoted and an obedient worker, adhering to the teachings of the Scriptures and believe him sound in faith, we

Therefore recommend that he be ordained on Sunday afternoon.

B. Bryan Musselman,

E. N. Cassel,

P. T. Stengele,

Committee.

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

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

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

The Pastors, Class Leaders, Stewards, Building Fund Collectors and Sunday School Superintendents, shall nominate candidates for the other elected Sunday School officers, also the Trustees, Delegates and Alternate Delegate. Two or more shall be nominated for each office except in the matter of the Trustees, when five shall be nominated.

Resolved, That we suspend business.

Business was resumed.

Resolved, That T. D. Gehret, F. B. Hertzog and P. T. Stengele be a Committee to examine the minutes of this Annual Conference.

Resolved, That we make an appeal to the General Conference to substitute "The Law of Liberty in the Spiritual Life," by Rev. Evan H. Hopkins in the place of the book "Lessons in Holiness" in the Reading Course.

Adjourned at 7.00 o'clock with prayer by H. B. Musselman and benediction by W. G. Gehman.

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,	R. R. Fox,
P. T. Stengele,	Paul H. Cressman,
G. F. Yost,	Fred Geibel,
F. M. Hottel,	S. W. Heiser,
F. B. Hertzog,	Herbert V. Smith,
T. D. Gehret,	G. K. Himmelreich,
J. B. Layne,	George S. Messersmith,
J. C. Roth,	C. H. Stickler,
H. K. Kratz,	A. W. Deppe,
Paul E. Baer,	Paul H. Miller,
H. W. Hartman,	C. B. Brosius,
R. H. Gehman,	H. H. Bergey,
W. F. Heffner,	M. M. Ziegler,
J. B. Henry,	C. L. Ream,
C. L. Miller,	Thomas Campbell, Sr.,
A. M. Sprock,	David Camp,
E. H. Musselman,	Frank A. Borchers,
E. E. Kublic,	H. N. Dettra,
E. B. Hartman,	George R. Fish,
Paul I. Wentz,	Maurice Hartzell.



Annual Conference Photo. Taken in front of Bethel Church, Allentown, Pa.

IN MEMORIAM

ANNEDA HEFFNER

Anneda Heffner (nee Schearer), wife of Rev. W. F. Heffner, one of our active pastors in charge of our congregation in Harrisburg, Pa., was born in Fleetwood, Pa., on September 8, 1889, and fell asleep in Jesus on September 16, 1936, aged forty-seven years and eight days. She was united in marriage with Brother Heffner, at Reading, Pa., on July 22, 1913, by Pastor F. M. Hottel. Sister Heffner was a faithful wife and mother, a devout Christian and an active worker in the Church and Sunday School. She is survived by her husband and the following children: Ethel Mae, Donald Elwood, Helen Ruth, and William, Junior, all at home. Also her father, William Schearer, and one brother, LeRoy, both of Reading; another brother, Clarence, and one sister, Mrs. R. Paul Schaeffer, both of Allentown.

An impressive service was held in the church in Harrisburg on the evening of September 18th in charge of Rev. W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the District, assisted by Pastors J. B. Layne, of York, and E. J. Rutman, of Lebanon. The main service was held on the following day in St. Paul's Union Church in Fleetwood, in charge of Brother W. G. Gehman, assisted by Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, B. Bryan Musselman, C. H. Brunner and F. B. Hertzog. A ministers' quartet sang several selections. The church was crowded to the doors. Every minister of the Conference was present. Six of Brother Heffner's co-pastors, E. N. Cassel, G. F. Yost, F. M. Hottel, P. T. Stengele, T. D. Gehret, and A. G. Woodring carried the remains of Sister Heffner to their last earthly resting place in the cemetery near the church, awaiting the glorious resurrection of the just.

I.—Presiding Elders

REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF THE ALLENTOWN
DISTRICT

"Soldiers of Christ be steadfast,
This is an evil day.
Look to your Royal Leader,
Ever His Word obey;
Taking the Heavenly armor,
Wait for your Lord's command,
This is the charge He gives you,
Having done all to stand."

Through the goodness of the Lord upon us, we are once more permitted to submit this report. He has been our enabling, in giving to us the needed strength to meet with all of the appointments throughout another year. Weather conditions were most severe at times, but the Lord brought us through it all in perfect safety, for which we praise Him.

The Lord has again most graciously spared to us all of the pastors with their families. The pastors were faithful in their service for the Master, and God has been blessing their labors. We are also appreciative for their continued prayers, and interests in our behalf.

The various Sunday Schools continue to be large in attendance and utilize all available room in the church buildings. The church services, as well as the prayer gatherings have also been well attended throughout.

The church offerings were also most encouraging, especially in view of the many whose hearts are often saddened in their not being able to contribute to the cause of the Lord, as they had done in previous years.

Mrs. Francina Huzzard, for many years a faithful member of the congregation at Spring City, bequeathed \$1,000.00 to the Home Missionary Work of the Church, which bequest was received during the year with some deductions.

All of the church properties on the district have been kept in a good condition which continues to also bespeak an interest for the work.

Two Camp Meetings were again held on the district, with a fine interest manifested. The first Camp Meeting (Bethlehem Division) had



Church and Parsonage, Quakertown, Pa.
Rev. H. W. Hartman, Pastor.

199 tents. The latter (Allentown Division) had 211 tents. The brethren preached the Word with good liberty, and the attendance at both of these gatherings was large. The Sunday School Convention held on the fourth of July during the first Camp Meeting was interesting and the attendance was indeed encouraging. The Truth was also sent forth by radio in some instances. The morning devotional broadcast over radio station WCBA, as well as those of the Church services at Allentown, have continued regularly throughout the year.

While we rejoice in the leadings of our Blessed Lord, we are realizing more and more that the times in which we are now passing through, are perilous times, and as we go forth in His service, we are looking forth and hopefully praying for the glorious returning of our Blessed Lord. In the meantime we expect to confide in His faithfulness.

“There’s never a day so dark, dear Lord,
 But what You can make it bright;
 There’s never a task that’s given us,
 But what You can make it light;
 Our burdens, too, and our heavy hearts
 Can be lifted, day by day—
 If we will but turn to You, kind Lord,
 And let You show us the way.”

FINANCIAL

(a) Receipts

Received from the Treasurer (including balance)	\$845.99
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(b) Expenditures

(a) Appropriations

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

(b) Miscellaneous

R. H. Gehman, moving expenses	\$ 50.00	
W. F. H., (other District) donations	90.00	
N. H. W., “ “ flood loss	50.00	
Camp Meetings, truck, etc.	71.70	
H. W. Hartman, opening new hall	35.00	
Special donations	145.00	
Conference equipage	72.69	
Miscellaneous, fares, toll, etc.	31.60	545.99
Total		\$845.99

H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.

II.—Presiding Elders—Continued

REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF THE EASTON DISTRICT

Many victories have been won though the conflict in some instances was severe on the various fields of labor. All the pastors were sustained physically as well as spiritually by the grace and power of God. The ranks of the pastors' wives, however, were broken by the death of the companion of W. F. Heffner. The newly organized class in Harrisburg of which he is the Pastor proved themselves to be friends in time of need. Our Lord's comfort has been, and still is, commensurate with the tribulation and distress of the hour. The members of the various classes have stood by their pastors in a creditable manner. As the knowledge of the Lord by pastors and members increases, the fruit of the Spirit which is love also manifests itself toward God and needful humanity. There were quite a number of souls saved, baptized and added to the church. Many have cut loose of the shore line and have launched into

the deep and are being rooted and grounded in the love of God.

The prayer meetings, Sunday Schools and regular services are well attended. The officers, teachers and members are working harmoniously with the pastors.

The Camp Meeting held in Shamokin, Pa., was a most glorious one. The Holy Spirit was manifestly present and proved Himself effectual through the preaching of God's Word by the pastors, foreign mission-



Sunbury, Pa.

Picture taken day after the flood of March 18, 1936. On the extreme right the roof of the church can be seen. The first house to the left is the parsonage. Here the water was within eighteen inches of the ceiling.

aries, and evangelist. There were many seekers whose needs were supplied by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The attendance throughout was very good, perhaps larger than for years. Many were present from the other District. There were 151 tents erected and occupied. The expenses were more easily met by the liberal offerings than for years.

Because of the devastation of Church property by the flood in the Sunbury area, the Sunday School Convention for the District and the Gospel Herald Society was held in Mount Carmel, Pa. The Pastor and the class unitedly proved themselves an excellent host. The attendance was large, filling the church to capacity in the evening. A number of pastors and members from the other District were present. The instructions given all day long were very helpful.

The Sunbury Church and Parsonage were badly damaged through the flood, and the church furniture and much of the Pastor's furniture was entirely ruined. The properties have been repaired and other pews were installed and paid for. The Pastor's furniture has not all been replaced as yet.

A new heating plant was installed in the Mount Carmel Parsonage.

York and Easton have reduced their church debts. The properties are kept well repaired on all the charges.

The Pastors at Sunbury and Mount Carmel are doing considerable Radio work which brings forth some fruit. The members and pastors have shown us much kindness, and given us support through prayer and material substance far above our deserts. "Yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry."

FINANCIAL

(a) Receipts

Received from the Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund\$2,020.00

(b) Expenditures

(a) Appropriations

Sunbury	\$180.00	
Mount Carmel	120.00	
Scranton	120.00	
Stroudsburg	240.00	
York	180.00	
Hatfield	360.00	
Harrisburg	600.00	\$1,800.00



Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa.

(b) Moving

Paul E. Baer	\$ 40.00	
A. M. Sprock	35.00	
W. F. Heffner	75.00	
J. G. Shireman	50.00	\$ 200.00

(c) Miscellaneous

Storage, Allen M. Gehman		\$ 20.00
Total		<u>\$2,020.00</u>

W. G. GEHMAN, Presiding Elder.

III.—Gospel Herald Society

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GOSPEL HERALD SOCIETY

October 1, 1935—September 30, 1936

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 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.



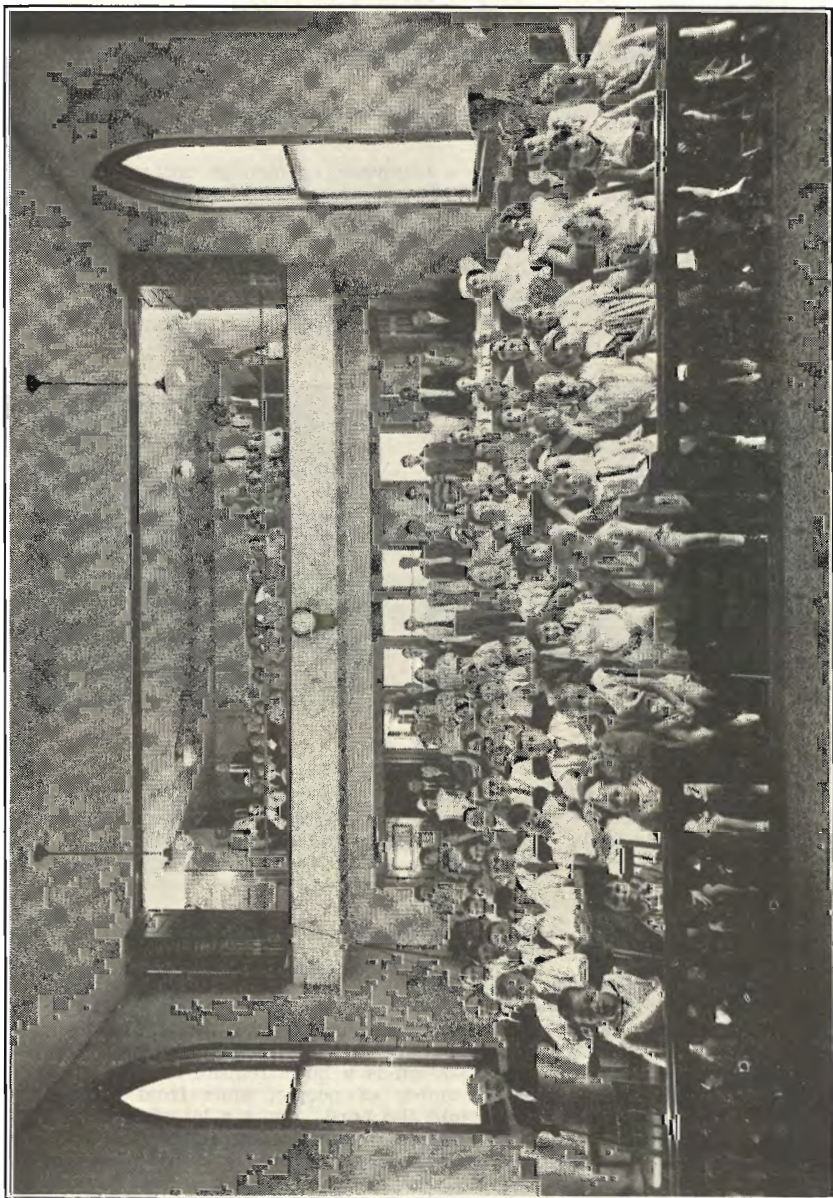
Sunbury, Pa.

Flood of March 18, 1936.

View of the church. Five and a half feet of water in auditorium. What is seen here is not the river but twelve feet of water covering the R. R. tracks and streets. The two-car garage and large chicken house were carried about a square away.

Lebanon, Pa.

There are some who stood by this work faithfully for a number of years. There is a growing interest in Sunday School work. The attendance during the week and Sunday has increased, especially on Sunday evening. The prayer meetings are well attended by the class. The Radio work over the Harrisburg station is a large feature of this work. It brings to the Church quite a number of people, some from quite a distance, some of whom have found the Lord. Quite a lot of donations in money, provisions, and coal comes through Radio friends. Sunset Market several miles outside of Lebanon, through the courtesy of the owner, furnishes a grand opportunity to reach masses of people on Friday nights. Here a public address system is used to reach the large crowds of people. Some of these have found their way to the Sunday



Inside view of the Church at Chester, Pa. Rev. E. B. Hartman, Pastor.

School and the Church, and were saved and stand by faithfully. Many repairs have been made on the parsonage and some on the church. Another furnace was installed in the church basement.

E. J. Rutman has charge of the work.

The work of the Lord is making progress here. Some souls were saved and sick ones were healed. During the summer, open-air meetings were held at the Public Square on Saturday nights where large crowds gather to receive the Bread of Life. Quite a number of young



Gospel Herald Society
Congregation at tent meetings in Jersey City, N. J.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

people take part in these services as well as indoors. Three children were dedicated to the Lord and seven young people were baptized at Harvey's Lake. The Sunday School teachers and officers are faithful in teaching the word of God.

J. T. Anderson has charge of the work and is assisted by John E. Golia.

Chester, Pa.

This class consists of a number of families who are out and out for the Lord. There are also quite a number of young people besides these families. The prayer meetings held on Wednesday are well attended and have a spiritual atmosphere. Cottage prayer meetings were held during the winter months. Open-air meetings were held on Friday nights during the summer months, in a prominent section of the city. Quite a number of the members showed an interest in this work. Many Gospels were distributed and a number were saved and healed. One child was dedicated to the Lord. The Sunday School interest is

lively, a number last year attending every Sunday, and some missing only one or two Sundays. Love prevails among the members who are loyal and are ever alert to make Christ known. The response to pastoral visitation is good. Seats were purchased to replace the former ones. This class has been organized and will be transferred to the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Conference.

E. B. Hartman has charge of the work.

Jersey City, N. J.

There are a large number of people who count themselves in with the work of the Lord at this place. They are ready for labor and sacrifice. They are worshiping in a very commodious tabernacle. There were a number saved during the year. Others were established in the Lord. Open-air meetings were held weekly during the summer months with many people listening and our people standing by in testimony better than ever before. The Sunday School is thriving with an enrollment of 176. An automobile was donated to the mission which assists greatly in the extensive territory of the work. Gospel Tent Meetings were held for more than a month with very large attendance. Five



Gospel Herald Society
Tent meetings in 1936. Officers and teachers of the
Sunday School at Jersey City.

followed the Lord in water baptism. Two children were dedicated to the Lord. Several liberal donations were given during the year. John Knopp, who assisted in the work, felt led to enter Fort Wayne, Indiana Bible School.

W. W. Hartman has charge of the work and is assisted by W. Bruce Musselman and James R. Hean.

Irvington, N. J.

Quite a number are standing nobly by the work of the Lord. There is progress made in an encouraging manner. Souls were saved and

separated unto God and the Gospel during the year. Tent meetings were held in Newark for a number of weeks. The attendance was very good, and an excellent interest taken by those who attended. A work was done among a number of people who previously did not attend the indoor meetings. Open-air meetings were held during the summer on Saturday nights. During these meetings many raised their hands requesting prayer in their behalf. Regular monthly services are held in the Florence Crittendon home, with encouraging results. Children's meetings are held every Friday night before the regular service. Five were baptized. Two children were dedicated to the Lord.

E. W. Bean has charge of the work and is assisted by S. O. Johnson.

Elizabeth, N. J.

A class of people are being assembled here who are looking for our Lord's return. The attendance of the meetings throughout has shown a marked increase. Some were saved and others are under deep conviction. Some well established Christians who moved into this section



Gospel Herald Society
Mission and congregation at Camden, N. J.

are standing by nobly. The seven weeks of Tent Meetings held have been a great blessing to the work. The young people assisted nobly with testimony and singing with musical accompaniment. The Sunday School, though small is in a sound condition growing gradually. There are many open doors for visiting which are taken advantage of. Jail meetings are held monthly in the Union County Jail. A number confessed Christ as their Saviour. One child was dedicated to the Lord.

C. E. Kirkwood has charge of the work and is assisted by E. F. Lakjer and J. Dunn.

Camden, N. J.

There are a number of faithful pilgrims here who take a stand loyally with the Lord's work and workers. The members are showing signs of spiritual growth and being established in the Word and work of the Lord. The Sunday School is lively and the attendance is on the increase. The attendance during the summer months was nearly double that of the previous year. The open-air meetings are a means of blessing to quite a number who stand and hear the Gospel in word and in song. Two children were dedicated to the Lord. The inside of a part of the living quarters was recently decorated.

T. E. Turnbull has charge of the work and is assisted by J. I. Somers.

Richardson Park, Del.

During the past year quite a number have found the Lord and are taking a splendid stand for Him. Tent meetings were held for two months. The attendance was considerably better than the previous



Gospel Herald Society
Tent meetings in Richardson Park, Delaware. Sunday School group.

year and a splendid interest was shown in general. The members and friends of the work are learning more to sacrifice and are becoming more and more of one heart and mind. For about six months, services were held in the Community Hall. These services were blest of the Lord and new people were reached. Regular Radio programs were rendered every Monday night over station WDEL, Wilmington, Del. There are regular audiences which receive a knowledge of our work for the Lord. Four were baptized. Three children were dedicated to the Lord.

E. George has charge of the work and is assisted by T. M. Thompson.

Staten Island, N. Y.

Since the opening of this mission a little more than a year ago, a fine band of people have been gathered together who are separated unto the work of the Lord according to His Word, and are growing in spirituality right along. The Lord provided a fine new tent for use during the summer season. The Tent Meetings were well attended. Open-air meetings were held every Saturday night with large crowds listening. A large number of the class aided the workers in songs and testimony and in distributing tracts. The young people are growing in the Lord and are desirous to do His will. A number were saved and separated



Gospel Herald Society

Outside view of hall and workers in Port Richmond, Staten Island, N. Y.

and definitely healed. Two baptismal services were held with a total of twelve being baptized. Two children were dedicated to the Lord. The hall was redecorated both inside and outside. The Sunday School has become a well established work and is growing. This mission has been practically self-supporting from the beginning.

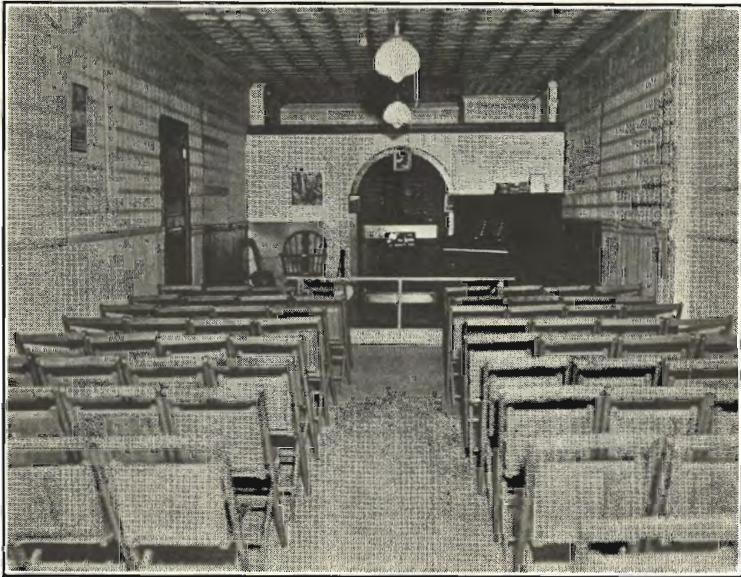
R. C. Reichenbach is in charge and is assisted by G. C. Watson.

These Gospel Heralds are a devoted and self-sacrificing group who will follow the Lord at His behest, till He come again.

Pastor W. F. Hefner was stationed to the Harrisburg, Pa., mission. This mission was organized as a Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church. It will be represented at the Conference by the Pastor, who will give a full report, and a lay delegate.

STATISTICAL

Ordained Ministers of the M. B. C. Conference	2
Probationers of the M. B. C. Conference	5
Full Gospel Heralds	15
Applicants	2
Members Transferred to M. B. C. Conference	24
Died	1
Received by transfer from M. B. C.	2
Received new members into fellowship	28
Total Membership	91
Baptized	33
Children Dedicated	15
Sunday Schools	9
Officers and Teachers Enrolled	110
Scholars Enrolled	675
Total Enrollment	785
Average Attendance	542



Gospel Herald Society
 Inside of hall in Port Richmond, Staten Island, N. Y.

Home Department Scholars Enrolled	78
Cradle Roll	86
Children's Meetings and Sunday Schools Held	557
Open-air Meetings	106
Prayer Meetings	707
Sermons and Addresses	2,923
Pastoral Visits	4,086
Copies of Gospel Heralds Sold @ 10c	39,161
Copies of Gospel Heralds Sold @ 15c	735

Copies of Gospel Heralds Sold @ 6c.....	50	
Copies of Christian Service Calendar	7,026	
Valuation of Mission Properties:		
Lebanon, Pa.	\$ 8,500.00	
Chester, Pa.	18,000.00	
Jersey City, N. J.	25,000.00	
Harrisburg, Pa.	20,000.00	
Camden, N. J.	12,000.00	\$83,500.00



Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa.

FINANCIAL

(a) Receipts

1. Collections		
Rents	\$ 4,251.65	
Sundry Expenses	2,773.07	
Light	416.78	
Donations, Gifts, Etc.	1,976.01	
President	702.46	
Sunday Schools	2,072.96	
Sunday School Convention	106.50	
Conference Fund	187.87	
Foreign Missions	575.49	
At Gospel Herald Society Conferences and Conventions	64.92	
Chapel and Lot Fund	565.98	
Garage Rent, Chester, Pa.	74.00	
Missionary Work	2,058.66	\$15,826.35
2. Literature		
Literature, etc., sold at missions	\$ 7,223.14	
Literature, etc., sold to Laity at M. B. C. Camp Meetings	708.43	
Literature sold wholesale to Ministers, etc.	5,326.53	
Sunday School Supplies to Sunday Schools	5,688.22	18,946.32
3. From M. B. C. Home Mission Fund		
Appropriations	\$ 1,545.00	
Furniture, Fares, Repairs, Freight, Express, Etc. ...	151.80	1,696.80
Total		\$36,469.47

(b) Expenditures

1. Appropriations

Irvington, N. J.	\$ 170.00	
Richardson Park, Del.	300.00	
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	300.00	
Lebanon, Pa.	300.00	
Elizabeth, N. J.	215.00	
Camden, N. J.	260.00	\$ 1,545.00

2. Tabernacle Meetings

Elizabeth, N. J.	\$ 15.82	
Jersey City, N. J. ....	.76	
Irvington, N. J.	3.60	
Staten Island, N. Y.	22.10	
Richardson Park, Del.	8.41	50.69



Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa.
Literature Cottage

3. Miscellaneous

Furniture	\$ 17.83	
Paints and Painting, etc.	12.68	
Heralds	70.60	101.11
Total		\$ 1,696.80
Deficit		\$ 3,391.81

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.
 Lehighton, 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 License 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. Gehret.
 Shamokin—Paul E. Baer.
 Sunbury—N. H. Wolf.

(b) Missions

York—J. B. Layne.
 Mount Carmel—C. L. Miller.
 Scranton—A. M. Sprock.
 Harrisburg—W. F. Heffner.
 Stroudsburg—E. E. Kublic.
 Hatfield—E. H. Musselman.
 Chester—E. B. Hartman.

(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. 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

2. Easton District

Mount Carmel, per month	\$ 10.00
Stroudsburg, per month	25.00
Scranton, per month	10.00
York, per month	10.00
Hatfield, per month	30.00
Harrisburg, per month	50.00
Chester, per month	25.00

The balance of the Home Mission money shall be used at the discretion of the Presiding Elder of the District and the President of the Gospel Herald Society.

(C) GOSPEL HERALD SOCIETY

Lebanon, Pa.—251 S. Fifth 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.
 Irvington, 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.

H. B. Musselman, Chairman,	S. W. Heiser,	C. H. Stickler,
W. G. Gehman, Secretary,	Paul H. Miller,	H. H. Bergey,
H. L. Shelly,	R. R. Fox,	G. K. Himmelreich,
Paul H. Cressman,	M. M. Ziegler,	Fred Geibel,
Paul I. Wentz,	Herbert V. Smith,	Committee.
R. Paul Schaeffer,	C. B. Brosius,	

V.—Camp Meetings

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL CAMP MEETING COMMITTEE

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

Allentown District

Bethlehem Division, June 27 to July 5, 199 tents.
 Allentown Division, July 11 to 19, 211 tents.

Easton District

Shamokin, August 1 to 9, 151 tents.

Receipts

Allentown District:		
Bethlehem Division	\$ 2,107.11	
Allentown Division	2,273.48	\$ 4,380.59
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Easton District:		
Shamokin		1,716.54
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Grand Total		\$ 6,097.13

H. B. Musselman, Chairman.

VI.—Camp Meeting Equipage

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, P. T. Stengele,
F. B. Hertzog, Committee.

VII.—Publication and Printing

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION
AND PRINTING**

Receipts

October 15, 1935, Received at the Annual Conference ...	\$167.42	
Received from sale of Year Books.....	213.25	
Received from the Sunday Schools ...	188.25	\$568.92

Expenditures

Printing 937 Year Books	\$218.73	
Half-tone cuts not in Missionary Report	22.00	
Postage, fares, supplies	22.78	
Board of Examiners, Committee on Program	37.40	
Quarterly Conference Record Books, Order Book, etc. . .	24.80	
Printing cards	40.75	
Conference Secretary and Editor of Year Book	50.00	\$416.46

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

VIII.—Beneficiary Society

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BENEFICIARY SOCIETY

The Society met during the Conference session, transacted the routine business and re-elected its officers.

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

IX.—Laymen's Benevolent Society

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

October 15, 1935—Members Enrolled	272
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Members died during the Year	4	
Members Withdrawn during the Year	7	11
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Members Added during the Year		261
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October 10, 1936—Members enrolled		2
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October 10, 1936—Members enrolled		263

FINANCIAL

Report of the Treasurer

October 10, 1936

Receipts

October 16, 1935—Cash in Bank	\$ 1,086.16		
October 16, 1935—Investment Securities	24,000.00		
Received during the year:			
Contributions	\$ 461.50		
Interest	2,221.37	2,682.87	\$27,769.03
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Expenditures

Donations	\$ 300.00		
Taxes, etc.	640.16		
Sundry Expenses	3.87		\$ 944.03
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Investment Securities—October 10, 1936			25,982.50
Cash in Bank, October 10, 1936			842.50
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			\$27,769.03

Respectfully submitted:

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



Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa.
 Rear view of auditorium.

X.—Reading Course

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS ON THE
READING COURSE**

Examinations for 1936

	Reformed Pastor	Hebrews	Romans	Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation	Church History	Knowing the Scriptures	Divine Art of Preaching	Second Timothy	Jesus Is Coming	Fletcher's Appeal	Nelson on Infidelity	Average
2nd Year's Course												
T. M. Thompson		74		83	84	75	78	99			82	82
W. Bruce Musselman		78		89	85	69	85	99			82	84
3rd Year's Course												
J. I. Somers	98		93	87	91	80			96	67		87
E. F. Lakjer	93		79	89	87	85			79	73		84
George C. Watson	96		86	90	88	82			95	71		87

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

J. I. Somers, E. F. Lakjer and George C. Watson have completed the Reading Course in a creditable manner.

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

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

XI.—Executive Board

**THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The Board entered into an agreement with the City of Allentown permitting the City to lay a 12-inch water main and an 18-inch storm sewer through the road way in Mizpah Grove. This driveway has again been put into splendid shape by the Departments of Streets. The City of Allentown has also, through a Public Works Project, taken a portion of the undeveloped ground belonging to the Church lying East of the part used for Camp Meeting purposes. A large reservoir is in course of construction on this ground. No settlement for damages has been made at the time of this report.

500 Triumphant Service Song Books have been purchased and sold at the Camp Meetings.

The Equipage Committee has purchased stakes and made other repairs and replacements which were paid for by the Board.

The International Truck purchased last year has given splendid service at the Camp Meetings and at the Home and as will be seen by the financial report is now almost paid. Thanks to the Camp Meetings for their contributions.

The Board again expresses its appreciation for the cooperation of the Brethren and the Camp Meeting Committees for their splendid balances making funds available for the use of the Board.

Financial

Income

Interest	\$	75.00	
Easton District Sunday School Convention		35.00	
Allentown District Sunday School Convention		100.00	
Donations		51.30	
Telephone toll		12.26	
Hymn books sold		117.25	
Lumber rent:			
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting		179.10	
Allentown Division Camp Meeting		189.90	
Balances:			
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting		153.58	
Allentown Division Camp Meeting		166.12	
Cafeteria Balance Both Camp Meetings		217.49	
Truck fund:			
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting		150.00	
Allentown Division Camp Meeting		150.00	
Shamokin Camp Meeting		175.00	
Salvage of Reo Truck		5.00	\$ 1,777.00

Expenditures

Shamokin Camp Meeting	\$	35.00	
Song Books		75.00	
Electric light bulbs		25.50	
Stakes and repairs and replacements		148.16	
New water heating system, etc.		135.93	
Machine service		30.00	
Painting pavilion steel work		208.00	
Fire and Compensation Insurance		87.90	
Phone		134.33	
Board meetings and carfares		42.95	
Erecting fence		6.80	
Roofing for lumber piles		20.50	
Electric current		160.00	\$ 1,090.07

Truck Fund

Salvage of Reo Truck	\$	5.00	
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting		150.00	
Allentown Division Camp Meeting		150.00	
Easton District Camp Meeting		175.00	\$ 480.00
Balance due October, 1935			\$ 620.65
Balance due October, 1936			140.65

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

\$11,058.29. The International Truck Fund is still short \$140.65. The Board permitted the Trustees of the Home to draw on their funds so that the actual available balance is \$4,318.27.

MINISTERS' RETIREMENT FUND

Balance, October 8, 1935	\$ 655.55	
October 19, 1935, Received from Ministers	185.29	
October 19, 1935, Received from Prayer meetings	460.80	
April 19, 1936, Received from Ministers	170.27	
April 19, 1936, Received from Prayer meeting	512.63	
April 19, 1936, Received from Churches	258.31	
October 8, 1936, Interest	21.74	\$ 2,264.59

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

XII.—The Home

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HOME

In bringing to you this thirty-first annual report of your Home, we thankfully acknowledge the power and presence of the Lord in sustaining the work and the workers so that the work has made forward strides in spite of adverse circumstances. Your Board is looking to the Lord for His favor and will in directing the affairs of the Home.

The Board of Trustees has met the manager four times during the year to receive his report and to direct the affairs of the Home and Farm.

The Manager, I. K. Wismer, his wife as matron, and Mary Heinly as assistant, have been loyal to the Board, and are looking after the trust interest of the Home.

On April 6, 1936, Mrs. Kate Fairheller, matron of the Home for nearly twenty-five years, fell asleep in Jesus after a few weeks of illness. Funeral services were held in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church at Coopersburg, with H. B. Musselman and W. G. Gehman preaching the Word and commending on the many years of faithful service. Her body is resting in the Home Plot in the cemetery adjoining the church awaiting to be resurrected at the return of the Lord.

The Board received into the Home during the year, Miss Carrie V. Wolf, a member and for many years an officer of the Stroudsburg congregation and Mrs. Martha T. Neidig, a member of the Shamokin congregation. Due to infirmities incidental to old age, some of the guests require considerable care, however generally speaking, their general health has been real good.

Larger quarters could be used, and the Board is praying that the Lord may raise up friends of the Home who will pray with them for the welfare of this part of the Lord's work.

George MacNutt, James Willitts, Victor Stauffer, Spencer Richwine, and Frank Glass, when he is out of school, are assisting with the farm and dairy work.

Considering the exceptionally dry weather during the entire Summer, the crops have been very good, actually above what could have been expected. The dairy herd has produced very well. Milk has been sold during the year to the amount of \$14,041.23 at retail and wholesale prices. The herd consists of seventy-seven head of all ages. The inventory shows an increase of nearly six thousand dollars over last year, and the treasury deficit has been reduced, in spite of the fact that nearly one thousand dollars has been spent in replacing of worn-out machinery with new. All these are encouraging features for which your Board is most thankful.

We thankfully acknowledge the following donations:—

Labor at the Home—Mrs. F. B. Hertzog, fourteen hours; Mrs. Earl King, seven hours; Miss Katie Bradford, ten hours; Mrs. Harry Wenner, seven hours; Mrs. G. Louis Baumgartner, seven hours; Mrs. Flossie Kohl, seven hours; Lydia Meyers, one table scarf; H. L. Shelly, two bushels of apples.

Financial

Income

(a) Home Account

Offering for the Home	\$ 329.13	
Interest	149.61	
Cash donations	2,036.25	
Transferred from savings account	150.00	\$ 2,634.99

(b) Bethlehem Properties

Rent		512.00
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(c) Allentown Property

Rent		15.00
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(d) Farm Account

Cattle	\$ 1,191.00	
Milk	14,041.23	
Swine	20.00	
Dogs	30.00	
Wheat	271.05	
Refund	20.90	15,574.18
Total		\$18,736.17

Expenditures

(a) Home Account

Building repairs	\$ 21.80	
Coal	158.32	
Electric current	79.88	
Furnishings	65.50	
Inmates	431.14	
Labor	507.00	
Provisions	464.69	
Repairs	22.75	
Fuel gas	13.64	
Fire insurance	10.26	\$ 1,774.98

(b) Bethlehem Properties

Taxes	\$ 178.90	
Repairs	238.82	417.72

(c) Allentown Property

Taxes	\$ 70.60	
Interest	20.00	90.60

(d) Farm Account

Advertising, periodicals, postage	\$ 44.28	
Auto maintenance	316.21	
Building repairs	393.48	
Carfare and telephone	130.85	
Dairy supplies	795.05	
Dairy equipment	437.33	
Electric current	182.36	
Freight and express	3.75	
Feed	5,181.55	
Fertilizer	135.82	
Hardware	12.25	
Hogs	75.00	
Horseshoeing	33.00	
Implements	630.90	
Lime	12.50	
Labor	2,962.74	
Livestock	894.00	
Milk	88.00	
Gasoline and oil	826.52	
Poultry	18.75	
Registrations and transfers	8.00	
Repairs	354.31	
Seeds and plants	195.73	
Spraying materials	50.18	
Straw and bedding	241.22	
Taxes	284.36	
Veterinary services	92.00	14,400.14
Total		\$16,683.44

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 home	\$18,000.00	
Tenant's home	4,000.00	\$22,000.00
Implements and dairy equipment		3,257.00
Live Stock:		
Holstein Friesian cattle	\$11,120.00	
Horses	500.00	
Swine	320.00	11,940.00

Produce:		
Potatoes	\$ 100.00	
Ensilage	1,500.00	
Corn	780.00	
Hay	916.00	
Straw	159.50	
Feed	551.45	
Wheat	472.50	
Apples	15.00	
Truck	10.00	4,504.45
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Miscellaneous:		
Firewood and coal	\$ 30.00	
Crates, etc.	20.00	
Oil and gasoline	54.50	
Furniture	100.00	
Spraying materials	18.60	
Bottles, caps and crates	381.20	
Milk routes	750.00	
Bills outstanding	1,069.40	2,423.70
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Total for the Farm		\$44,125.15

(b) The Home

Property (The Home)		\$12,000.00
Miscellaneous:		
Furniture	\$ 831.00	
Canned goods	144.60	
Provisions	41.65	
Smoked meats	30.75	
Soap	15.00	
Coal	16.50	
Poultry	25.00	
Office equipment	150.00	1,254.50
Securities:		
Loans	\$ 400.00	
Investments	5,450.36	
Bethlehem Properties	5,300.00	
Equity Allentown Property	2,000.00	13,150.36
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Total		\$26,404.86
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Grand Total		\$70,530.01
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Treasury Deficit and Loan	\$ 7,332.19	
Actual Equity	63,197.82	\$70,530.01
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Gain over the previous year		\$ 5,905.69

H. B. Musselman, President,	G. F. Yost,
E. N. Cassel, Secretary,	F. B. Hertzog,
C. H. Brunner, Treasurer,	Allen M. Gehman,
Paul I. Wentz, Assistant Secretary,	A. A. Wismer,
W. G. Gehman,	H. M. Hottel,
B. Bryan Musselman,	Board.
F. M. Hottel,	

XIII.—Foreign Missions

THE FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD
OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE
OF THE MENNONITE BRETHREN IN CHRIST,
OCTOBER 1, 1935, to OCTOBER 1, 1936.

What Is That in Thy Hand

C. A. Lufburrow

What in your hand are you holding?
Lord, it is only a rod;
Cast down, it may be a serpent,
A crawling, loathsome clod,
But lifted up, an instrument
That may be used for God.

What in your hand are you holding?
Lord, just a day, or an hour;
Time may be lost, or be wasted
As a torn and crumpled flower,
Or it may shine with a glory
That reflects an infinite power.

What in your hand are you holding?
One talent, or five, or ten,
A fisherman's line, or a needle,
A hammer, a hoe or a pen,
If our small tools be cast down, Lord
Help us to lift them again.

What in your hand are you holding?
Lord, it is only a rod
Used in a most humble calling,
Walking where many have trod,
Cast it not down for the devil,
Lift it up—use it for God.

—The Watchman-Examiner.

Another year has passed. Great changes are seen all around. The hands of many faithful toilers have been folded in quietness, resting from their labors. Their weary feet have reached the end of their journey. After crossing many dark streams and high mountains they have reached the end of their journeyings and have laid down their "travel-stained garments" and entered into rest. However,

"God is still on the throne,
And He remembers His own."

The laborers are His and the work is His, East, West, North or South. When He recalls an ambassador He has another one ready for the place. The work must go on.

The economic conditions are anything but satisfactory or assuring and the outlook uncertain. Nevertheless the Church of the Living God must never lag or settle down, but must rise to seize every opportunity as it presents itself. "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed" (Josh. 13:1), fertile land, good land, land of promise to the courageous, faithful, self-denying toiler both at home, at our doors, within easy reach, as well as in the foreign field. Then comes the censure to the indifferent Church of our day, "How long are ye slack to go in and possess the land" (Josh. 18:3). At a certain crisis the Lord commanded Moses to "speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward" (Ex. 14:15). Why should not the Church in these days of rapid transit and comfortable travel "go forward" as never before and so much the more as we see the day approaching. Our coming day of reaping and reward will be as we live and labor in this present day of sowing and labor.

"Sowing the seed by the daylight fair,
Sowing the seed by the noonday glare,
Sowing the seed by the fading light,
Sowing the seed in the solemn night;
Oh, What shall the harvest be?"

The Lord has again blessed the work of our faithful pastors and missionaries at home. Although every year the work seems to become harder and more strenuous, yet the outlook never was better and brighter to those who are looking for the imminent coming of the Lord of the harvest, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls. While the economic pressure is being felt all over the Lord has helped us marvellously.

The Lord also has spared the beloved leaders of our Conference and has sustained them physically and spiritually, although not without hard problems, severe tests and strenuous work, men who are not afraid to stand forth courageously against the onslaughts of the enemy, the floods of ungodliness of our day and the lukewarmness all around us. May the Lord keep them for many years to come should He tarry.

Likewise our pastors have been faithfully following on in the ranks, feeding the sheep, leading the lambs, keeping the hedge around the fold intact, lifting up the standard of holy living, calling the unsaved to repentance before that great and terrible day of the Lord shall come.

Our Camp Meetings have been seasons of great spiritual blessing and uplift. Eternity will reveal what has been done, the harvest will determine the nature of the sowing.

The Allentown District held two Camp Meetings in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., in charge of Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman. Mizpah Grove, a beautiful natural grove of oak, tulip, poplar, maple, Carolina poplar and other trees, comprising a little more than thirty acres, is located in the Fourteenth Ward of the city. A large steel and brick auditorium seats about two thousand. Other buildings on the ground are a large cafeteria, storage house, literature cottage, and other buildings.

The first Camp Meeting, that of the Bethlehem Division, was held from June 27 to July 5, comprising 199 tents, while the second one, the Allentown Division was held from July 11 to 19, comprising 211 tents.

The attendance was large throughout; the auditorium usually well filled and on various occasions overflowing. Through the courtesy of Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, pastor of the "Radio Church," the M. B. in C. Church, of Allentown, quite a number of the services were broadcast over Radio Station WCBA, located in the grove.

The third Camp Meeting for the season, comprising the Easton District, in charge of Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman, was again held in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., from August 1 to 9, occupying 151 tents, the largest and probably the best one ever held on the district.

THE FOREIGN WORK

The Board desires to thank all the various pastors for their continued interest in the work of Foreign Missions, encouraging, stimulating and urging the offerings for this noble and worthy cause. We also wish to thank all our members and the many friends of missions for interest shown by their liberal contributions to this work.

We likewise appreciate the deep interest shown by the superintendents, officers, teachers and members of our Sunday Schools in stimulating the interest of Foreign Missions among the children, young folks and adults. All this shows well for a healthy, normal, spiritual life and testimony.

Financial

Receipts

The contributions received by the Board for the year ending October 1, 1936, were as follows:

From the various congregations	\$4,728.48	
From the Sunday Schools	4,872.93	\$9,601.41
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Interest		90.76
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Total		\$9,692.17

Expenditures

The Lord has again privileged us to send the regular quarterly allowances for the following missionaries, some of them members of our denomination, others not. These represent different missionary societies as stated below. All the allowances have been sent to the treasurers of these societies in full up to December 31, 1936.

Christian and Missionary Alliance

11 Missionaries\$5,820.00

United Missionary Society

2 Missionaries 700.00

Africa Inland Mission

2 Missionaries 900.00

Sudan Interior Mission

1 Missionary 500.00

Unevangelized Tribes Mission

1 Missionary 500.00 \$8,420.00

Half-tone cuts, printing and mailing Regions
Beyond, literature, postage, fares, etc. 539.79

Total

 \$8,959.79

AFRICA—Belgian Congo

(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

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

Mr. Crist reports:

We are still praising God for your most timely and generous gift to those who are in the work of the Lord.

Only yesterday, one of our pastors left to hold the quarterly communion services in his district and would have been obliged to go without any gift to the teachers of one section. The churches in his district are in the newer sections of the work and not as yet strong enough to support themselves; so the churches up country have taken that responsibility and some are doing very well. However, the Kinkonzi church failed to receive enough to send anything to the teachers for whom they are responsible. We did praise God that we had some left of your gift, so were able to send each teacher ten francs for the three months, or about thirty-five cents.

Last month I sent help to the Banana teachers. Because of lack of rains, their fields have dried up and they have little to eat. The country about Banana is all sand and, unless there are good rains every year, food is scarce. All the able bodied men of that section work on the ocean steamers going to Matadi and returning. They receive rice and biscuits for their rations and always bring much of it home; so their families usually have food. But the teachers have only their fields to produce food and when they fail, they go hungry. The church there too is small and cannot begin to support its twenty-eight teachers. Also the Mayumbe churches need a revival, as they have lost their vision and do not support their missionaries as well as formerly.

I am very glad for this money to help them out, because without it, they simply could not live on there. The pastor wrote me he had never seen such hunger since he went to Banana about ten years ago.

I am glad to say the work is still growing in that section and there are constant calls for more teachers to bring them the Bread of Life.

The Pastor there, Davidi Mbambi, has been very sick and was not fully recovered the latest word we had. He has been a sufferer for seven years, and at times could not get about without suffering severe pain. However, he has been very faithful in travelling all over his territory even when it caused him much suffering. The Lord has greatly used him and we trust will give him many more years of service. Pray for his healing. Satan does not like his work.

The pastor of the Boma district died, following our last conference. Another one is unbalanced mentally and needs your prayers. Still another had to be set aside. So the church has great need now for able men to shepherd the flocks. There are many calls for pastors but so few are capable of filling that office.

The work of the Bible School is progressing nicely. Then we have a preparatory school with twenty-four men in training for teachers. We have also a children's school with 160 children, nearly half of whom belong to the Bible School students.

Mrs. Crist is not at all well. She suffers constantly with pain in her head. She keeps on with the work but it is a constant strain. We expect Miss Fulton on Saturday who will help take some of the burden of this work; but another married couple is needed on this station.

We thank you for your prayers and trust you will continue to hold us up at the throne of grace that the Lord will give the needed health

and strength. Also that the Lord will use his Word to bring mighty conviction for sin upon the many cold church members.

Mrs. E. E. Crist writes:

Mr. Crist and I have recently returned from a trip in districts which missionaries have seldom visited. In fact, many sections had never seen a missionary; others had seen none for a period of 8, 10 and 12 years. The attendance at the services was very gratifying and the attention given to the Word was most inspiring to the speakers. We are sure the seed has fallen on some prepared ground and we are expecting fruit as a result of this hard and trying trip.

We praise God for His strength as we climbed the hills, one of which had not been climbed by missionary or state officials since the town had been built on its summit. Whenever the government officials have any business to transact with the people, the latter are required to come to the foot of the hill. But the missionaries made the top, after several halts, and all had a blessed time singing and praising God.

The last day of the trip I had an accident and, though it is serious enough, I praise God that He kept me from what might have been much worse. The men who carried my hammock chair were running and failed to see a stump in time to avoid it and I was thrown to the ground. On the way down, the end of the pole resting on the head of the man in front of me struck me squarely in the mouth. I heard my teeth crack and as a result I have four loose teeth, two especially so. I am thankful I was not sitting in an American automobile when I met with a crash.

We praise God for the privilege of being out in the midst of the people. It is always a help and blessing to ourselves and we trust to the people as well. God does answer prayer and we expect to see fruit as a result of the seed sown. "My Word shall not return unto Me void."

We praise Him for a prayer answered after having prayed for ten years.

Mrs. E. R. Hess writes from Maduda Station on November 6, 1935, as follows:

Both Mr. Hess and I want to send a few lines of Greetings to you and let you know that we have arrived safe in Congo once more.

The Lord was good all the way in, giving us a calm sea with no seasickness. It is the first time I've ever been on the sea without being seasick.

We arrived in Boma on October 16th and three days later here at Maduda where we have been appointed this term.

Mr. Hess came here to this station twenty-four years ago last month; and later was pastor of the Maduda Church for six years. So he is well known in this section and the natives come from far and near to tell us how thankful to God they are that he has come back into their midst.

Maduda was closed for several years, but was opened up again when the Mission decided on a Central Children's School for the Christians' children.

So our appointment this time is to rebuild Maduda and keep the Central School for training native teachers, as well as the Children's School. Two young ladies have been appointed to help, Misses Schindler and Palmquist.

We are living in a house of native materials raised off the ground about three or four feet until a new brick building can be made. When this will be we don't know as there is no money to go ahead.

The man who was here last year got several thousand bricks ready, but that is all he was able to do. So our hands are tied too. The natives are clamoring for work, but they want pay for their labor.

Our eyes are unto the Lord and if He wants us to go on with this work, He is able to supply the need. Praise His name.

Unite with us in prayer. The present outlook is dark, indeed, but the Up-Look is bright.

AFRICA—Belgian Congo

(Africa Inland Mission)

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

Brother and sister Stam came home on furlough in the early part of the year, making their headquarters with Mr. Stam's parents. His father, Rev. Peter Stam, has for many years been the superintendent of the Star of Hope Mission in Paterson, N. J.

During the winter and early spring Brother Stam has given very splendid addresses in a number of the churches and missions of the Conference. The family has also spent several weeks with us at our Camp Meetings at Mizpah Grove and Shamokin, Brother and Sister Stam speaking a number of times to large and attentive audiences. They expect to return to the Congo again shortly.

AFRICA—Belgian Congo

(United Tribes Mission)

Missionary—Miss Mary A. Miller.

Some of these extracts were written by Mary and some by her sister, Bertha, who works with her.

From a letter dated September 17, 1935, we clip this sad news: Today our nurse said, "Goodbye," to us here at Kamayala for a period of about two months. She is taking a month's course in the Tropical Laboratory at Leopoldville. After this course, she will have Government permission to practice here in the Congo. We do praise the Lord that He has made this possible. We miss her and are anxiously looking forward to her return.

September 29th brought a great sadness to our hearts, as one of our dear workers, Rev. Marcus Fritzell, who just so recently came to the field, in fact was only three weeks on our Shambungu station, passed on to be with the Lord whom he loved so dearly. Among his last words were these, "I have finished my course; I have kept the Faith." Yes, his course was but short here in Congo, but we believe God is going to lead others out to fill the gap. The Lord has sustained his dear wife in a most remarkable way. He has been underneath with His everlasting arms. Both she and their dear baby, Fairie Ann, have been with us here at Kamayala since the passing away of our beloved brother. She expects to return to Shambungu soon to take up her work. Please pray for her and the baby.

When we heard of his illness, we quickly started our refrigerator. Mary rushed over to help—as Vera, the nurse, had left for Leopoldville—taking the ice in thermos bottles to him. How he did eat that ice. He craved for more. This is the third time the ice from our refrigerator was used in time of sickness. May God abundantly bless the giver of this refrigerator, for little does she realize what a great blessing

her gift has proven to be out here where it is impossible to get ice or even a cold drink when a high fever is raging. Likewise do we thank God for all the lovely gifts which you dear ones gave and which have proven such a blessing to us and the work here. May God reward each one of you.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank all those who have been sending us gifts in money for the work here. We wish it were possible to show our appreciation and gratitude as we feel we should, but we know that our Heavenly Father is "Not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love." (Heb. 6:10).

September 25th upon Mary's arrival at Shambungu, she at once went to help care for our dear brother Fritzell. In the morning she returned to the home where she was to stay, to change her clothing, but to her dismay, she found that during the night, someone had cut the wire screening in the window (we have no glass window panes, only wire screening) and went off with her trunk containing her good Scofield



Africa—Belgian Congo (Courtesy Miss Mary A. Miller)
A Conference group of the Unevangelized Tribes Mission.

Bible, the five-year Diary and beautiful kimono that some dear Elyria folks gave, her good fountain pen, flashlight, shoes, and clothing. Our State Official has been trying to find the trunk, but so far we have heard nothing. This gives another opportunity to take "Joyfully the spoiling of your goods." (Heb. 10:34).

Please continue to pray for us. We are counting on you. May God bless you, is our prayer.

On January 6th, 1936, she wrote:

It is again with joy that we voice our praise through letter, to our Heavenly Father who ever cares for His own.

First of all, in our last letter because of lack of space, we failed to tell you that more than one thousand natives attended our Christmas

program. Our spacious chapel was packed, while others stood on the outside. Picture, if you possibly can, a thousand native voices singing with all their hearts as an opening hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and all in unison. Then as the service proceeded, a male chorus of twenty-three natives singing "O Come All Ye Faithful." We felt as though we were lifted as it were to the very gates of heaven.

On December 30th, we dedicated our new Dispensary. Our nurse, Miss Rumberger, gave the message, showing the real purpose of the dispensary is not only the healing of the body, but also the soul. Each of her native helpers took part in the service. God is certainly blessing this department of the work.

On New Year's day we were all invited over to spend the afternoon with our State Officials at the Government Poste. Each New Year, they have games and sports for the natives which is enjoyed very much by all.



Africa—Belgian Congo (Courtesy Miss Mary A. Miller)
Making sun-dried bricks for Church and dispensary.

After spending the Christmas and New Year season with us here, on January 6th, all our Evangelists returned to their respective posts of duty, encouraged to press forward, seeking these diamonds that are still in the rough.

January 23rd, Bertha, with the Assistant Pastor and a few Christian boys, took a trip into the District to visit some of our Evangelists. Sometimes we wonder just what, and how they are working in the villages. But our hearts were made to rejoice to see how God is blessing their efforts and as we went from one Evangelist to another and saw the boys and girls leading the singing and in fact taking complete charge of the service, others teaching in the school, remembering that just one year ago, these dear ones knew nothing but their heathen songs, ceremonies, and witchcraft, it caused tears of joy to flow. How we praise God for this blessed privilege of "Spending and being spent" for souls. After two weeks in the district, passing through eighty vil-

lages, holding services in many, others just passing through on account of not having time to stop in at all, we returned to the station. All along the way Chiefs with their people just begged us to send them an Evangelist. Promising to do so as soon as possible, they said, "Well, don't wait long." Dear ones, please pray that soon many others will be trained to go to these places or villages.

January 29th, our Nurse started a Baby Clinic. The Lord is blessing this department too. This affords a wonderful privilege to reach the mothers too, as each week when they bring their babies, they hear the Gospel. There are now over 125 attending weekly. Oh, the suffering the African babies have to endure! Our Bible classes and School work is very encouraging. They are very anxious to advance in their classes so that they can get a Testament of their own to read. Some have bought one even before they can read it. These Testaments cost them about thirty to thirty-five cents.

The Lord has again proven to be "camping around them that fear Him." On February 5th, a leopard came to the neighborhood. The natives set a trap with a loaded gun out, the trap not being properly set, the discharge of the gun only wounded the beast. The next day the men found it lying on our native Mission cemetery. Stealthily the leopard came through the tall grass and seized one of the natives, clawed both his arms and face and firmly planted its teeth into his head, bit his thumb off, hanging only to a little bit of skin. When the other men arrived they drove it away a few feet and when it was ready to spring upon them one of them shot it.



Africa--Belgian Congo. (Courtesy Miss Mary A. Miller)
Three young men, evangelists, and their wives, newly married.

The man found out that his heathen medicine could not protect him. We treated him at the mission so that he is recovering, all but his thumb. Both he and his wife have since accepted Christ. Pray for his family. God is proving to many that their witchcraft can not give them life nor help them.

Our Girls' Department is growing faster than we can care for it. Their home is much too small. Many other Chiefs are begging us to take their daughters in but as there is not room enough, we are compelled to tell them to wait. This dry season we will have to build a much larger home for them. Please pray for these thirty-four girls. Marie and Kathryn, our two little mulatto girls, are a real sunshine in

our home. We are sure you would dearly love them. Will you join with us in prayer that we may have God's wisdom and strength to go forward in His Name. We pray God to bless you as you hold the ropes while we go down.

April 18-25, we had the blessed privilege of entertaining our Field Conference. For months before we have been praying and planning for this time of fellowship together. Every Missionary from our Southern field was present and we did have a blessed time together with each other and with Jesus our Lord. We feel it was the best conference ever held on the field. A sweet spirit of unity prevailed and we can say, "It was good for us to have been here." Each one of us received a blessing and we feel better fitted to bring the Word of Life to those to whom we have been sent. The native Christians too received strength from the messages given to them and we believe they will be more fruitful Christians than ever before. The last Sunday afternoon of the conference six native Christians followed their Lord in baptism in the Kamayala river. Then in the evening we white folks partook of the Lord's supper together. These times of refreshing we look forward to from year to year as we do not have the privilege of fellowship very often with other white folks out here as you have at home. We thank God for what He has done for us the past year and we are trusting Him to do still greater things for us this coming conference year, should He tarry.

Statistics

Thinking you may be interested to hear our Government Report at the end of 1935, I am enclosing the same. These reports are required yearly by the Government.

Number of outposts	22	Registered Nurses,	
Pastors	1	Belgian Diploma	1
Assistant Pastors	1	Native Infirmaries (nurses)	
Station Teachers	10	without Diplomas	2
Evangelist Teachers	22	Present White Staff	4
Supported by the In-		White Residences.	
digenous Church	22	Two of brick	3
Church Members	60	Girls' houses. Brick	1
Enquirers	80	School houses. Use	
Total Christian Community.	140	the Church	0
Increase during past year..	119	Churches. Brick,	
Amount of Church		Seating 1,000	1
gifts	Frcs. 1,048.15	Store houses. Brick	1
Station Schools	2	Marriages in 1935	3
Number of Scholars	120	Births in 1934 & 1935	13
Village Schools	22	Deaths in 1934 & 1935.	
Scholars in Village Schools..	461	Five were babies	7
Dispensaries. Brick	1	Girls in the Girls' Home	32
Dispensary Patients, 1935	23,475	(All our bricks are sun-dried).	

In her latest report, dated July 15, 1936, Miss Miller writes:

Greetings to all the "Faithful in Christ Jesus."

Grace be to you, and peace, from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ. (Gal. 1:3).

Right now should you pay a visit to Kamayala which is situated on a hill, a little piece of land cut right out of the forest and still surrounded by this forest on all three sides, you would walk right into a bee hive as it were, especially so, if you came in the morning, for it is the dry season and building time. First you would hear the bell

ring, then worship, after worship, roll call, then you would see boys carrying water and red dirt to make mortar; women carrying bricks, others red dirt; men busy laying the bricks for our two new girls' homes, others up on top of our home remodeling the ceiling, roof and veranda. Other men are building homes for the medical patients. Still others are building a sambola, (a large roof with part slides) for to store the remaining bricks to preserve them from the heavy tropical rains, as they are not burned brick, but sun-dried brick; boys cutting cody, (string) to tie on the grass roofs. While other men are bringing in bamboo, grass, poles, string, sticks, etc., from the forest. Thus even though you cannot pay us a visit, you can have a little idea of our busy bee-hive here.

But this is not all that is being done here on this little spot, for the Lord is working wonders for us. Out from here those who were once steeped in witchcraft go with the Word of Life to their brethren. After pointing them to the Lamb of God, finally the Light of the Gospel shines into some of their hearts. After receiving some training by the Evangelists and learning to read and write, they come into the Mission for further training. At present, we have thirty-eight here which are some of the fruits of those who have gone forth from here. There are many more who are ready and waiting to come in, but we are not able to take them in at present. After the day's work is finished and the sun has set, the bell again rings and fifty-five natives gather into our chapel for their Baptismal Class. These have asked to follow their Lord in Baptism. Many of this class are those who were sent in by their Evangelist. We are expecting some of these to go out to search "Other lost sheep" and show them the path to heaven as the natives say.

In Memory of Rev. Marcus Fritzell

Our First Missionary Grave

Miss A. E. Doering, Field Secretary

The first missionary grave has been dug in the Unevangelized Tribes Mission, notwithstanding that over thirty missionaries have penetrated into the eight tribes surveyed and occupied under the U. T. M. Our splendid Rev. Marcus Fritzell was pioneer in life and in death The empty place must be filled. His young wife, with little Fairie Ann must have help. Who will go, and who will send?

The Rev. Fritzell's grave carries its own message to the natives. Congoland is honeycombed with the graves of those who left home for the conquest of souls, gold, ivory or other treasure. Yet the U. T. M. had been spared. Almost, the natives wondered how we could be human or understand their frantic fear of death that takes its high toll. But now we are on common ground. That one grave will mean Life to thousands, as already the air was full of revival and expectancy as per letters from our Southern field.

Why this sacrifice! Since our brother hastened to the field to meet a dire need? Shambungu is one of our most fruitful fields. Mr. Bort, its founder, had served the term of five years. Alone for over a year, he struggled with a growing work. Then Mrs. Bort's need demanded a furlough. Rev. and Mrs. Zook answered the call for help, but alone, no couple could cope with that work, and Mr. Zook went down to death's door. Our brother Fritzell answered the call. He was the huskiest of our missionaries, and the station is among the healthiest in the Belgian Congo—with an altitude of 2,000 feet; and no mosquitoes! It was not the climate that brought these missionary heroes to death's door, one to return, the other to go. Read what St. Paul says:

"Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life to supply your lack of service toward me." (Phil. 2:30). Whose lack of service, and what service? Let us settle this question between ourselves and God. That is the result of undermanned stations of which we have several.

AFRICA—Nigeria

(United Missionary Society)

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

Brother Joseph Ummel writes from Salka, dated March 17, 1936:

I am glad to be able to report to you this finds us well and happy here at Salka. We have been here since the 28th of last month. I have never had a sweeter assurance of being in the will of the Lord than I have had since being back in this dark land.

The Lord blessed us with a good voyage to the field. We had some rough weather and seas while crossing to England and the first part of our journey down from there, but it was not bad for winter weather. One can expect storms during the winter season. When we reached Belfast, Ireland it was so bad the tender was unable to come out for the passengers. After a delay of over four hours, we came on to Liverpool and they were sent back that night in another vessel.

Mr. Traub and Miss Plant from Alberta had arrived there the day before. I might say here that we landed in Liverpool the night of January 20th and left there on the 22nd. Needless to say, we greatly enjoyed having these new workers with us. They had their hearts set on going to the field the Lord called them to, and we believe they will both make good workers. Miss Plant has gone to Zuru to labor with my brother and his wife with the Dakkarkari people. How glad we are for the additional help there.

The natives here at Salka were glad to have us return to them. The exact time of our arrival was not known, so they were not out at the compound as we rode up, but it was not long till some of them were here. It was an encouragement to us to have them extend their welcomes to us, but our hearts were saddened when we thought of how slow they have been to welcome the Lord into their hearts and lives.

The loose marriage life among the Kamberris is a great hindrance to the acceptance of the Gospel. So many are living in adultery, women leaving their husbands and families and living with other men. Sometimes they will return if they do not like the new "husband", but often they do not. Instead of being ashamed of such things, they rejoice in them and the bringing of a woman to a home in such a way is cause for a time of celebration.

Some are showing quite a little interest and are fairly faithful in their attendance at the house of God. We believe the time will soon be at hand when there will be a turning on the part of many. One thing is certain, the preaching of the Word will in time bring forth a harvest.

There is new interest shown on various parts of the field. Several new outstations have been opened during the past few years. Villages that at one time showed little or no interest are now asking for churches and schools. As we have been able to supply the teachers for these places, we have opened up there. At each of the towns we have opened up the village people have built the church and school buildings, as well as the living houses for the Native Workers.



Africa—Nigeria (Courtesy Rev. Paul Ummel)

Half of Sunday morning congregation in front of Jebba Church, Nigeria. Church seats 300. Cement for blocks imported from England.

Africa—Nigeria (Courtesy Rev. Paul Ummel)

Burning pottery on Jebba Island in Niger River, near Railroad Station and bridge across the river half mile long. Population of Island about 1,000. (Below).



Africa—Nigeria (Courtesy Rev. Paul Ummel)
Railroad Station at Jebba.
(Above)



Africa—Nigeria (Courtesy Rev. Paul Ummel)

Mrs. Paul Ummel standing under papaya tree, "The melon that grows on a tree," at Zuru, Nigeria. A very wholesome fruit much like a cantaloupe. Bears second year, six months to ripen from blossoms.



The gift of \$50.00 given by you for this field is highly appreciated. After discussing the matter with the Field Superintendent, it was decided to use it as you first suggested, for Scripture Distribution. So I turned the entire amount, £10.0.10 in West African money, over to the Field Treasurer for division to all of our stations. It seems there has been some call for a fund for this purpose. Many of the natives have not been able to purchase the Scriptures, even at the low prices they have been offered. It is considered best policy in most cases not to give the Scriptures outright, but let them pay what they can. Usually they are more appreciated if something is paid for them. So we again thank you kindly for this gift and pray the Lord's blessing upon it and upon you.

The weather has been very hot ever since we have been here. There have been but two days since we have been in Salka the temperature did not go to 100 or more in the shade. The sun is very hot during the day. I suppose you could easily have used some of the extra heat during the cold days of the past winter.

We thank you for your interest, prayers and support.

AFRICA—Sudan

(Sudan Interior Mission)

Missionary—Mrs. Fred Whale.

On November 18, 1935, Mrs. Whale wrote as follows:

You will rejoice with us to know that we have arrived safely, and that God has abundantly answered prayer for travelling mercies. Although the journey was hard, hot, dirty and tiresome, still the end is glorious. A hearty welcome was extended to us by our fellow-workers and the natives; but their joy could not be greater than ours, for we are so glad to be back under the yoke of service again.

We want you also to rejoice with us that we, as missionaries, are now exempt from paying the entry fee, which up to the present has been demanded by the Government from us upon entering French Territory. This will make it so much easier for workers to come to this needy field, and is a definite answer to prayer. Some of you will remember this matter from our previous letters. But we had to pay the head tax for this year although it is almost ended.

Of course, Gordon has been the centre of attraction, being the first white baby they've seen. Sometimes the crowd gathers around him so thickly that we have to make breathing space for him. The native women are astounded at his development and intelligence, for their children are so backward and often undernourished. But most of all, they are surprised that we, his parents, are not ashamed of him. Custom here decrees that the firstborn is an object of shame. Parents must not speak his name or even acknowledge his presence. When the child is weaned, he must be given to some other family to rear. This is one of Satan's methods to undermine the sacredness of home life.

So, already, Gordon is a little missionary. Many women have come to see him these days who have not stepped near our compound for months, and he proves a lively point of contact and means of opening up a conversation. His pink cheeks fairly glow with health, and he waves his hands, laughs and "talks" to the natives. He took to the black faces right away; perhaps it is because when they smile, it is all over their faces and so obvious.

It has been decided that we stay here in Tsbiri to get a good grip of the language while waiting until we can proceed to Tahoua—the new station. Our going depends upon the permission being granted by the Government, and the necessary funds in hands to build. Buildings must be completed before the heavy rains start in May, and therefore should be begun in January. So we ask you to join us in earnest prayer that the opening of this Gospel centre may not be delayed.

Tahoua is about 100 miles north of here and in the great Sahara desert. It is a large and populous district, presenting tremendous possibilities and opportunities.

On February 29, 1936, Rev. and Mrs. Whale sent the following:

Since writing the above, we have received the notification from the Governor of the Colony of the refusal of the three sites we applied for. The reason they give is that, owing to the unsettled conditions in Europe, the Colonies are not to be developed for the present, and he adds that this refusal is only temporary. Of course, we are deeply disappointed, and cry to God that He may speedily open a way so that those thousands who have no chance whatever of hearing the Gospel may have the Good News preached unto them ere He comes.

We do not know yet what we shall be doing or where we will be stationed, but at present are kept busy in language study, and also have the Sunday School, the Day School and the Medical work to care for here in Tsbiri. Pray much for us here. It is a hard and difficult work and in many ways extremely discouraging. Islam, with its lie of the false prophet, seems to break down the very character of its slaves. But God is able to make them strong Christians.

Report dated April 30, 1936:

From our last letter you will assume that by now we are engaged in the opening of the new station at Tahoua. Unfortunately, the plans for immediate advance in French territory have received a set-back. The Government has refused to grant any new sites for the present. They give as their reason the unsettled state of political affairs due to the war in Ethiopia and the European situation, and ask the missionaries not to do anything which might disturb the native mind in the colonies.

We had fully expected to occupy Tahoua by now and had been led to believe by certain of the officials that the site would be granted to us. Our headquarters will continue negotiations. Meanwhile, let us join in fervent intercession for these waiting multitudes, that the doors now closed may be opened so that the message of Salvation can be preached unto them.

Tribal life in Africa centers around the Chief. When the old chief here died recently, the people thought the news would even reach Paris. A new chief had to be elected. Great excitement reigned in the town as several candidates to the chieftanship gathered their devotees around them. Some aspirants spent much time in "juju" sacrifices such as holding a white rooster by the leg for several days before it was killed.

Duje is a Christian who forgets himself when working for the Lord. He was getting so thin and run down that we have sent him home for a rest with a bottle of Cod Liver Oil.

Another bright young Christian is being forced by his family into marriage to a pagan girl. He has only seen her twice in his life. Although he is doing his best to abide by Christian principles, the weight of tribal customs is overwhelming. In this transition period the Chris-

tians have to wage a hard battle and we hope that the next generation of Christians will be able to break away completely from those things which are evil in tribal life.

This is the hottest season of the year, a time when food does not seem to nourish nor sleep give the desired rest. So we long for the rains which cool the air and refresh the parched ground for at least a few hours at a time.

On May 18th, Mr. Whale writes from their new address—Zinder, Niger Colony, French West Africa, as follows:

You will see by the above that we have again changed our address, which has meant another general removal of our household goods. Since the French Government has refused to allow the opening of new stations for the present, it was decided that we come here to help out, owing to a reduced staff due to furloughs and illnesses.

For about two weeks before we left Tsibiri we were engaged in the unpleasant task of packing and arranging for a truck to take us, bag and baggage, to Zinder. One man wanted \$75, but I finally got him to agree for \$35. On the day fixed he did not turn up. After more palavers we got in touch with an English trader who wanted to send some stuff to Zinder also. He agreed to share a truck with us and our share came to \$30. So we praised the Lord for help in these details.

On the day fixed for our departure we rose at 3.30 a. m. to load the truck and were ready to leave at about 6 a. m. The last thing to pack was Gordon's cot, and so the minute he awoke we grabbed him and lifted his cot onto the truck. We always try to travel in the cool of the day, hence the early rising.

This famous truck did not make much speed. We tried to hurry the driver, a black man, as we had 150 miles to do over a "washboard" road and we wanted to get there before dark. But it was an ancient motor, the radiator leaking and the sun broiling as usual, which necessitated a stop every half hour or so to fill up with water. We sat on boards beside the driver, no springs. In some places the roads were merely sand beds. The driver had five labourers along to help him, and whenever we came to a difficult part they would jump out and run alongside with logs of wood to place under the wheels in the event of sticking in the sand or running down hill backwards. One hour was spent mending a punctured tire and another valuable hour was spent in fixing a faulty gear.

In the middle of the afternoon we reached a town about half way and called on the only Frenchman living there. He gave us a cool drink and filled our water bottles with filtered water. At eight in the evening we stuck about twenty miles from our destination. The men went off into the bush to hunt for water as no village could be seen in the vicinity. While they were away, and we were standing in the middle of the road looking rather dejected, a little half ton truck came along with three strange Frenchmen in it. They stopped and asked if they could help, then offered to take Grace and the baby to Zinder. This was a welcome offer and gladly accepted. So Grace reached the mission house in Zinder at 9 p. m.—twelve hours from the starting time, which means they did the 150 mile journey at the rate of 12½ miles per hour.

Zinder is much hotter than Tsibiri and the rainy season much shorter. The trans-Sahara-ian bus stops exactly at our door. The mud building they call a "hotel" is a few yards from our house. It is thrilling at least to think that we could board this bus at our door and reach

Algiers in about two weeks, where formerly the crossing of the desert was a matter of months.

Missionary work here is most difficult as it is a strong Mohammedan center. Work was begun about nine years ago and the results have not been encouraging so far. This religion of the false prophet has not one speck of good in it. Many of the most "devout" are the biggest sinners. All the men have four wives, many of whom are only little girls. The wives are locked up and it is hard to visit them. We feel that there are many secret believers who are afraid to come out because of the persecution that would result.

There is cause to praise God for a class among the wives of the French officials, who have shown an extraordinary hunger for spiritual things and are willing to meet each week for Bible study. We covet your prayers for this work especially.

FRENCH INDO-CHINA

(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

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

Rev. and Mrs. Cadman, residing in Hanoi are busily engaged in the work of translation, revision, editing and publishing. They have charge of the Hanoi publishing interests. Here is part of Rev. Cadman's report:

HANOI GOSPEL PRESS: We enter upon the New Year of 1936 with a deep sense of gratitude to God for His abundant mercies during the past year. It has been a time of real stress and strain, but amid it all the Faithfulness of God has ever been manifest.

The Press is also printing 2,000 copies of the "Pilgrims' Progress" in Cambodian. Gifts have already been received, but much more is needed before these can be sold at a price within the reach of the converts and others.

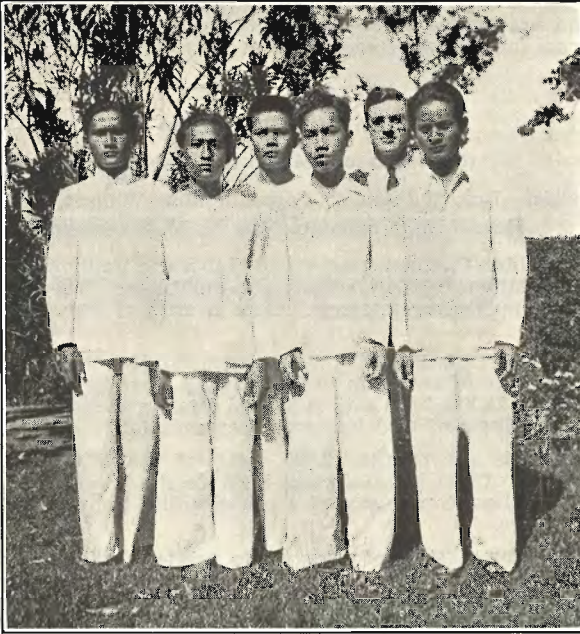
There is now a staff of twenty-five printers connected with the Press and being kept busy. But owing to shortness of finances I have been obliged to take over the position of foreman for the time being. This is the only Gospel Press (Protestant) in French Indo-China. Is it worth keeping going and busy? It has averaged around ten million printed pages for over sixteen years. Its continuing ministry will depend on YOU.

In all there have been 8,786,280 pages printed, or a total of 142,882 books and tracts, etc. Of these 60,000 were Annamese Gospel Portions, printed for the English and Foreign Bible Society. We express to this Society our sincere appreciation of their vital aid in this great task of giving the Gospel in printed form to these almost 25,000,000 of perishing souls in French Indo-China. The remainder consisted of sound Gospel Literature such as the Morning portion of the well used "Daily Light," the "History of Israel," the "Teaching about the Holy Spirit," the "Comparing the Firsts and Seconds of the Bible," the new Lao Hymnal, the "God and the Bible," a series of Salvation Tracts, as well as such miscellaneous material as six colored Maps of the Geography of the Bible, Jerusalem, Tabernacle, etc., two issues of "The Call," the Quarterly Bulletin of the French Protestant Church in Tonkin, Reports, Programs for Conferences, and so on. Thus although the output of actual pages

printed is much less than last year, yet there is a larger quantity of fresh material and more variation.

CALENDARS: An extra 1,000 Gospel Picture Calendars, making 3,500 in all for 1936, were printed and sold at a little less than cost price in order that they should gain an entrance into that many homes, and, with the Daily Bible Text, make a strong witness for the Lord.

BIBLE MAGAZINE: The Annamese Bible Magazine, averaging over 32 type pages with covers and over 25,000 words, was published monthly. This Magazine occupies a very important place in the spiritual life of the Annamese Church. Judging by the many verbal and



French Indo—China (Courtesy Rev. N. M. Cressman)

Rev. Cressman and five High School boys who have accepted Christ.

written testimonies it is much blessed in its ministry of building up the Church in its God-given faith and feeding the souls of the converts with its splendid Bible Teaching, Sunday School Lessons, Sermons, Articles and so forth. For 1936 four central colored pages have been added which can be torn out and passed on to the unconverted.

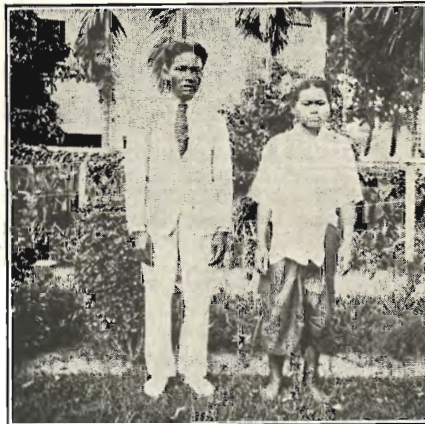
Economy has been enforced in the running of the Press more rigidly than ever before. Owing to conditions and the varied ministry of the Press it is impossible to further reduce labor costs, apart from closing down this great and urgently needed Gospel ministry. There are eight specialized departments or trades: Type setting in six languages, printing on the presses, roller making, stereotyping, gold blocking, book binding, publishing, and preparing and editing literature. Thus if increased paying work and offerings are not received during 1936 this GOSPEL PRESS MUST CLOSE DOWN.

For years very few offerings have been received, the running capital for purchasing paper, inks, and other materials is almost exhausted, and the stocks of paper now insufficient. A visitor from America, a stranger to us, was so impressed by the vital importance and need of the ministry of this Press, that an order for 15,000 copies of a 100-page prophetic Gospel book in French for delivery in five parts of the world for distribution on land and sea to French speaking people was given, and two-thirds of the costs advanced. Thus in answer to prayer the Press has been able to continue its ministry and not close down at the end of 1935.

Statistics

Believers, about	10,000
Active church members	8,764
Baptized during 1935	1,169
Self-supporting churches	74
Churches not self-supporting	32
Sunday Schools	80
Sunday School enrollment	2,800
Native offerings	\$11,390
Missionaries	56
Pastors, ordained	30
Evangelists and workers	85

We ask you to pray the Lord to provide funds for another second-hand Cylinder Press (\$2,000 U. S.), a Folding Machine (\$1,500 U. S.),



French Indo-China (Courtesy Rev. N. M. Cressman)
Mr. and Mrs. Eck, Cambodian Workers.

and enlargement of Press Buildings (\$500 U. S.). Also that an appeal be made for a consecrated and Spirit-filled young missionary printer to assist and in time manage this Press.

The Lord is at hand. Oh! may we daily "feed upon His faithfulness" by trusting Him more and more, and be found faithful when He shall come.

From several of the circular reports from Brother and Sister Cressman we clip the following interesting items:

In that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon His name, declare His doings among the people, make mention that His name is exalted.—(Isaiah 12:4).

This seems to be our joyful task every day. We have had many opportunities to tell the old story since we last wrote you and in addition to many other Cambodians, three more Buddhist priests have knelt to pray acknowledging the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. We were having so many callers for awhile that there was hardly time for the evening meal.

Many of you know of the need for a chapel in Phnom Penh. We believe you have been praying with us about it and we want you to know the latest developments so that you shall be able to praise the Lord with us. We have just received word to call at the Mayor's office to sign the contract for the land we have requested to rent from the city. This



French Indo-China (Courtesy Rev. N. M. Cressman)
Missionaries' Children's Home at Dalat

contract is now signed and we feel as though we are really going to get somewhere. Some will think we have not yet escaped the rent burden by building on rented land, but the purpose for this procedure is that the rent of this land is very little, only about \$1.20 per month which will be paid annually. Thus without spending what little funds we have for ground we are able to begin the building and move out of our rented chapel. With rented land we are not allowed to build with brick and though this might sound like a hindrance it will really be a help. We cannot afford to build in brick and if we had bought land we might have been asked to build a more expensive building than we wish to do. Our plan is to build a very substantial wooden building using the best Cambodian hard wood which will last a long time. When this is paid we can ask for the privilege to buy the land and as the Lord leads and provides add a brick front to our wooden chapel.

Would to God that a few of the unused churches of America could be transplanted out here. What an investment they would be in souls won to God. The same problem confronts the good congregation of Annamese in Saigon. That great city with its thousands of visitors from all parts of the country could be doing wonderful things for God if they had a church centrally located. At present there is not even a rented

chapel in Saigon but they are obliged to meet in the Chinese church on the outside of the city limits just at the entrance of the large Chinese city of Cholon. We suggest that you pray for them for their problem is a great one and the need very urgent. The congregation there is alive and there is hardly a Sunday but some new people pray and accept the Lord through the personal efforts and testimony of the members.

We have sent a worker to the little Chinese group in the province of Prevang where they have stood true and witnessed for many years. The first believer, a Chinese from China, led four of his friends to Christ. He has since returned to China and died. But these four, with the young man who is the worker, meet every Sunday morning and have led many Cambodians to the Lord. This worker has had no subsidy from the Mission. It seemed for a while that he would be unable to stay and get the work established. Praise God! he stuck it out, even though he had but \$1 a month and his rice from the Christians. The four Chinese Christians I call Matthew, Mark, Luke and John... Recently the chapel was almost ruined by some enemy setting fire to it during the night. This is the fourth chapel they built! One brother



French Indo—China (Courtesy Rev. N. M. Cressman)
Workers' Conference at Pnom Penh.

said this one should be really holy for they had been 'tried by fire' these three times, and he thinks it should soon be 'pure gold!' These Chinese brethren take turns and go out with the preacher into many distant villages and witness for the Lord. They have many friends and are influential. Their combined witness should soon bring forth fruit.

On my return from Dalat I was also able to attend another conference in Annam and there had the joy of telling a little of His glory and His plans for the near future.

These conferences were a great blessing to me even though the loud drum to rise at 5 a. m. was a bit troublesome for I felt greatly fatigued due to the heat. We were refreshed in spirit to see the eager Christians

fill the church at 5.30 a. m. for prayer meeting. It does make one wonder how many churches in America could be filled at such an hour for prayer meeting! God is blessing the Annamese church and while there are still a great many problems to be solved nevertheless as we watched the native brethren conduct the business sessions with such order and blessed harmony we could only say "What hath God wrought." Invitations for other conferences have come and as He opens the door we desire but one thing—to be used of Him for His glory in this great ministry of building up the native church in the precious faith and hope He has given to us.

Early in December we were able to praise the Lord for healing the painful Hong Kong foot from which Mrs. Cressman has suffered for about two years. Two weeks afterward she was taken ill with what has proven to be sprue. After a month of treatment here in Pnom Penh without any success it became imperative that she go to Dalat where the climate is cooler. She has been in bed for three months and on a very strict diet. It seems that only rest, change of climate and special diet can correct this condition. Most think it cannot be cured in this country—but God! These past few weeks she has improved greatly and we covet your prayers for complete recovery. The work is opening up in the district and there are many opportunities. This new advance is being contested by the enemy of souls. What is your answer to the challenge.

After taking Mrs. Cressman and the children to Dalat I returned to Pnom Penh alone and for the past month and one half have toured all through the district. I have travelled on bicycle, native bus and Chinese boats until I am tired out and quite ready to return to Dalat where we shall soon meet in annual conference with all the missionaries. The children are going to school at Dalat and are making good progress in their studies. Their health has greatly improved since leaving the heat of the plains.

The Lord has been good to us, helping us to meet the many expenses incurred by this illness. The traveling in the district is partly borne by us as well but the Lord is laying this need on the hearts of some of the native groups. Our hearts overflow with praise and thanksgiving to Him for all His care and manifold blessings.

CHINA—Kansu-Tibetan Border

(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

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

Arrived in China in 1897.

The following interesting items are taken from Rev. Snyder's Annual Report to the Pennsylvania Conference, dated July 9, 1936:

Grace be to you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

I. **Evacuation.**—After some time of uncertainty and after considerable thought and discussion plus prayer, it was decided by our Mission last fall to evacuate on account of the Red menace as a result of their entrance into Kansu Province.

This decision was put into operation when on the morning of October 9, 1935, eleven C. and M. A. missionaries and three children; six foreign missionaries and one Chinese missionary of the Assemblies of God besides two missionaries and two children of the C. I. M., embarked on two skin rafts from Lanchow bound for Paeteo, Suiyuan Province on Yellow River—final destination being Peiping, North China.

Enroute, at Ninghsia, another C. I. M. couple with two children joined our company and so the number of refugees aggregated twenty-two adults and seven children; this Ninghsia number, or contingent, travelled together with the main body as far as Paeteo.

The water journey on the Yellow River might be characterized as rather uneventful outside of the raft, on which the writer rode, bumping into a rock wall of the gorge, in the first day's trip, and later a very serious and alarming accident which occurred to the raft-craft, now joined into a large float, at a small town called San Shen Kuen, farther down the line (This large float was composed of nigh on to 600 goat and sheep skins).

A brief description is in order. On the night of October 19th just as we had retired in our booths for the night, we were startled by a sudden on-rush of water, the snapping of two tie ropes and the consequent pulling up of the third stake, and next saw the raft whirl around with all on board, headed down stream.

Four raftsmen, including the captain, remained the only ones of the crew on deck to steer us down stream—three men preferred to pass the night on one of two fishing smacks lying along side, and so when the accident befell us, they became separated from the rest.

Imagine the sensation when in this circumstance we were brought into collision with the river bank which caused two oars to be smashed and some of the raft skins to burst; and then to be carried on in the darkness of night, not sure of the outcome.

Well, we missionary passengers fell to praying in a very audible fashion for God to spare us—so did also some of the crew. Found out some individuals in the homeland were remembering us specially at that time, so little wonder, the raft landed on a mud flat, after a speedy trip covering about fifteen li.

The separated crew of three caught up with us in the fishermen's boat and, of course, right glad were we that all turned out well and every one was safe.

Eventually on October 25th, along eleven o'clock on that day, effected the landing in Paeteo, after a sixteen and one-half days' river voyage.

Then on October 29th came to end the railroad trip to Peiping, on the Peiping-Suiyuan Railroad. There appeared one thing on this rail journey to mar it somewhat, when a short distance from Nankow Pass, in sight of the Great Wall and as the train was proceeding down grade at about break of day, the axle on the mail car snapped in two and, of course, a stop was made.

A terrible accident was averted by so doing, otherwise with a steep grade in front and an embankment on the side another story would need to be told. Two large American mogul engines used for mountain service, one in front and the other in the rear held the train steady while the disabled car was shunted to the side track and a freight car substituted.

By way of interlarding, I might add that in early days prior to the Boxer trouble the Christian and Missionary Alliance had a line of

mission stations, including Paoteo and Sah-lah-chi, etc., which is now traversed by the Peiping and Suiyuan Railroad. These stations have now passed under the control of the China Inland Mission.

Sixty (60) Swedish missionaries in pre-Boxer days came to this territory of North China, then known as Shansi Province, now divided into Sui-yuan and Shansi Provinces. Alas! the martyrdom of thirty-five adults and children by the infamous Governor Yu Hsien and his henchmen in 1900, brought to a close all the C. and M. A. mission activities in those regions.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruhl and son Fred remained up here in Kansu while we were in Peiping because our Brother Ruhl was detained by the then head of the Province, Governor Chu, for the express purpose of doing dental work for him and his household. The Governor promised to escort them in a military truck to Sian, Shensi later on.

It evidently was God's will, this arrangement, for it worked out O. K., for our brother was used in getting soldiers removed from the mission premises in Taochow, New City, Minchow and Choni, where they ensconced themselves.

II. Residence in Peiping—For the greater part of a little over four months' residence in Peiping, we with some other of our C. and M. A. missionaries were housed in House No. 2, Methodist Episcopal (North) Compound, in quite a comfortable fashion.

The Methodist friends decidedly made us feel at home while we tarried in their midst. While in Peiping the Lord opened the door for me to give an address to the students of the Peking Theological Seminary, Dr. Samuel Li being the President. I enjoyed this experience very much indeed.

In a private conversation with Dr. Li, the following was brought out:

The genial doctor mentioned that when he was a student in Drew Theological Seminary he met Rev. B. F. Armstrong, of the C. and M. A., then the Alliance pastor in Dcver, N. J. This was brought about by the Methodist family in which Mr. Li boarded, attending the Alliance meetings.

Said Dr. Li, "Once I was sick and they (the Alliance) prayed for me a whole day, and I was healed."

Doors of gospel opportunities are ajar in Peiping, a city of over a million population and the former metropolis of China, among the common people and students. It is a seasonable time.

The Methodist folks had convened a large company in our honor in the evening of March 3rd, the time for their regular weekly prayer meeting, which occasion was to serve as a farewell service for four of us leaving next morning for Kansu and one for the time being to Kikung Shan to recuperate physically.

A number of Chinese and foreign friends saw us off at the railway station in Peiping and we were off on our long journey to the Northwest.

Arrived in Chengchow, Konan Province the following morning; spent a pleasant day with the Free Methodist missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Silva, and Miss Edith Jones—the latter with her adopted Chinese daughter, had come from Kaifeng about fifty English miles away, especially to visit with us.

Next boarded the midnight express on the Long-hai Railroad (Kansu to the Sea Railway) which landed us in Sian, capital city of Shensi Province, in ancient times a capital of China.

It proved engaging to our attention, I can assure you, to gaze out from the car window and notice the landscape of the country through which we had wiggled at a comparative snail's pace in former days in the old crude way per mule litter, cart and mule back, traversing at the most about thirty English miles in a day.

God certainly cared for us. In crossing over a very lonely region termed Hua Chia Ling, a section where bandits operate frequently, our convoy of motor trucks under military escort passed safely, not a sign of any banditti.

On March 21st we hove into Hochow, where a number of the church members and the whole primary school with their teacher were out to bid us welcome, outside the East gate.

This was followed up by a nice Chinese meal, and so we were back again in our missionary home.

III. Foreign and Chinese Conferences.—The annual Conference of the Kansu-Tibetan Border Mission convened on June 12 in Titao. An invitation given me by the Titao Chinese Church to assist in their annual Convention was accepted. This meant a stay-over in that city until the 29th ult. when I wended my way back to Hochow. Ten individuals received immersion at the close of the Convention there.

On July 2nd, we were ushered into the Chinese annual Conference of Hochow in which I was one of the active preachers. Messrs. Paul Keo and Thomas Moseley were the visiting preachers.

I am thankful to be able to report the acceptance of twelve people—five women, six men and one boy—who were baptized and received into the church by the right hand of fellowship on July 5th, the closing day of Conference.

Then, too, two women and one girl at the same time, i. e., during Conference days, publicly accepted Christ.

We are of the conviction that the Lord of hosts has sent us back to this field of possibilities, once again, to continue our task in the salvage of souls' program, and that undoubtedly we may expect a revival in our midst.

To do His will in the midst of those who are ignorant of His Son, Jesus Christ, is my meat and drink.

Thank you all very much for contributing to our support throughout another year and for the Christian literature which we are glad to receive.

Thank you, too, for intercessory prayers offered on our behalf.

Mrs. Snyder writes on the same date:

Christian greetings: May the Lord graciously meet with you these days as you gather together for Conference—and may a spirit of prayer rest upon you for His servants "scattered abroad," for these are days when they need a "double portion" of His spirit so as to be able to stand against the wiles of the enemy. A few are coming to the Lord but how we would like to see them coming by the hundreds!

The past year has been a year of unrest and uncertainty but God has been with us. Much prayer went up to God that He would give protection from the Reds, both from the Chinese Christians as well as from the missionaries. God heard prayer. Some of the Christians of the Miu Chow district even having opportunity of preaching to some of the "Reds" who were in a pitiful condition from cold and hunger. Some

gave away their guns for food and molested no one, glad to get away with their lives.

We were away from our own station here for about seven months, but are back now and things go on as if we had not been away. As a rule the Lord gives a definite Scripture promise for dangerous traveling, and it just holds me—I cannot tell how. So He tempers the wind.

We had the opportunity of hearing Dr. Song—the Billy Sunday of China. He is cut over a pattern of his own and no one else could ever use the same patterns, but they say, his work remains. He generally leaves behind many, many prayer bands who continue the work. His method in his service we attended was the use of and repetition of a chorus suitable to his message. This the large audience sang and sang and sang again all through his message (no chance to go to sleep). He used the ninth chapter of Matthew and the different characters of that chapter were quickly drawn on a blackboard and one can never forget his message. He puts all of his strength into his preaching and when someone spoke to him of sparing himself, he said he was willing to die in the pulpit if only souls would be saved.

One missionary told me that when he held services at their station, they had the people register and pay ten cents for registration, as they could not take care of the crowds otherwise—one thousand people registered.

The missionary who entertained Dr. Song said she could hear him at night agonize in prayer. So God, in answer to prayer, is raising up workers from among the Chinese. How we praise the Lord for this.

And these from "the land of Sinners" will come singing Redemption's song.

COLOMBIA

(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

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

Tomorrow it will be two weeks that, with a few others, I visited the small town of Villa Maria to have a meeting. The Sunday before, Mrs. Feldges was also along and we had a nice quiet time and meeting. This time, however, the village priest and his helpers, had promised trouble for all concerned.

The service over, giving out tracts, an elderly man began using smutty language. A policeman tried to bring him to order. The gang pounced on the policeman who called, whistled, for help. The other policeman was also overpowered and there we were at the mercy of the crowd. The policeman's one shot from his revolver by no means put fear into these fanatics.

The man who had offended me with words was now free to finish me with two very large stones, one in each hand, which he threatened to throw, but strange to say, he did or could not because there is One above the wrath of man and He can hinder anyone, even the greatest enemy, from touching one of His own. Praise Him!!!

By the time we arrived at the Mayor's office, the crowd challenged the authorities saying they also had weapons, etc.

Five were arrested and were to pay a fine next day. Although we were invited to go again last Sunday, we thought it best not to go. The

native Brother, however, had a meeting. A few listened and he was not molested. I did not want to open the work there at this time and only did go because the Columbian Brother was so insistant. He admits now that the fury was especially directed against me and if I had gone last Sunday the town rowdies would have been divided into two groups, one to see that I could have freedom of speech and the other that I was not to be tolerated in this town of holy-ground.

This is one of the things that it is so hard for these friends to learn, that our weapons and warfare are not carnal and we must trust only in God. We are counting on our people at home to hold us up before the Lord in Prayer that not only may we be kept from the violence of wicked men but also that these open doors may not be closed to the preaching of the Gospel.

Three days later Brother Feldges wrote as follows:

We experienced a time of trouble, Sunday, to be sure—but the Lord preserved us. Praise Him! It seems that the Election was won by those who, for the present at least, will give us certain liberties that we are pleased to call open doors. Pray much for us that these may stay open



Colombia, South America (Courtesy Rev. H. W. Feldges)
Six were baptized here on this occasion.

and many others opened so that we can go in and find the rest of that "little flock" the Lord speaks about. The time left is so short—! Here in Manizales one was killed outright; another will die. The others that were injured, it is said, will recover. Bombs were thrown together with shots from guns and of course many stones. A newspaper office was wrecked. Lots of broken glass, broken doors and holes in the walls. Surely you were all praying for us, you see your time of the day is ours as well so on Sunday, at least, we are worshipping at the same time before the same throne.

"Pray on, we're gaining ground" we used to sing. Soon Jesus will be here and things will change for the better, hardly before. But in

the meantime we are trying to get as many as possible into the Ark of safety. Pray that our people may find and retain work or else they must go to other places and we have so few as it is.

The following was written February 18, 1936:

"Certainly I will be with thee"

We thank you for the "Regions Beyond." How glad to know that there are those at home who are faithfully holding us up in prayer before the throne of grace.

The Lord has been good to us and we are kept reasonably well in the midst of our endeavors to save "some." More come to listen to the Word of their salvation. So that there is a sowing going on that should the Lord tarry, will bring in a harvest of souls for God. But persecution is also on the increase, not only for us personally but our people are tested and tried on every line and everywhere.

Most every service brings in new people, mainly men, but we are so thankful to God that there are a few "honorable women," who are see-



Colombia, South America (Courtesy Rev. H. W. Feldges)
Group of Christians, including the policeman.

ing the light and are taking a stand against these rulers of darkness.

The secret police drop into most every service and now and then some boys are surprised at mischief and are promptly arrested.

January 5th was a great day for our little flock. Six were buried with Christ in baptism. It was an ideal day and there was very much rejoicing to know that these souls were turning their backs on the world the flesh and the enemy.

We had such a good spiritual prayer meeting last night. It would have done your heart good to hear these new-born souls cry out to God and testify to what has already been wrought in their lives.

We have been having a long warm spell, which has often brought back those flushes or sweating spells to Sister Feldges. But the Lord

helps her over them and on she goes again at her accustomed tasks. Praise the Lord!

It has rained so little that the cattle and vegetation have suffered very much, especially in the Valleys of the Canca and Magdalena rivers.

Earthquakes struck the southern part of our field, but none of our brethren were hurt. At one place I am instructed to add some money to the monthly rent allowance, for houses have become quite scarce and, of course, expensive, on account of the many refugees that have come in from the stricken cities.

Brother Feldges' latest report was dated September 1, 1936, in which he writes:

Today, twenty-three years ago, we visited in Sister Brunner's parents' home at Zionsville. On the preceding day our daughter, Grace, now a missionary in Sudan, had been baptized by Brother R. Bergstresser. Yesterday it was seven years since I last saw Grace, and we celebrated (if one wants to call it that) by baptizing seven in the stream that comes down from the so-called "eternal snows," from the highest peak in Colombia, 17,000 feet above sea level, within fifteen miles in a straight line from our house. We live about 7,000 feet above sea level.

There is a great deal of political, social and economic unrest and rioting. There is hardly a day where not some one is hurt by stones, knives and guns. The police try to protect us but sometimes things are so serious that they ask us to keep the mission closed temporarily.

Give our love to all the brethren. Hoping to soon meet you all with some sheaves from this part of the field. Thanks again for your prayers and support. We are having real tests in our bodies some time. Continue to pray for us.



Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa.

DIRECTORY

The Annual Conference held at Allentown, Pa., October 15-18, 1936, 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
Cadman, Mrs. Wm. C.		Indo-China.

Cressman, Rev. N. M.	}	Mission Evangelique, Phnom 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.

III. United Missionary Society

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

IV. Sudan Interior Mission

Whale, Mrs. Fred }
 } Sudan Interior Mission, Zinder,
 Colonie du Niger, French West Africa.

V. Unevangelized Tribes Mission

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

FORMS OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE

BEQUEST

I give and bequeath unto H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, W. G. Gehman, B. Bryan Musselman and 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,
 W. G. Gehman,
 B. Bryan Musselman,
 P. T. Stengele,

Board.

XIV.—Ministerial Convention

The Forty-sixth Annual Ministerial Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, Pennsylvania Conference, convened in Beulah M. B. in C. Church, 12th and Spruce streets, Easton, Pa., on Thursday, April 16, 1936.

The Convention was opened at 9:30 a. m., by Pastor N. H. Wolf, of Sunbury, Pa., who was in charge of the devotional period. After singing "Jesus Oh! How Sweet The Name," and the reading of Psalm 62:1-8, Pastor J. C. Roth, of Lehighton, Pa., led in prayer. The Chairman, Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman, then took charge. The secretary, Pastor J. B. Henry, of Wissinoming, Philadelphia, Pa., called the roll. Both our Presiding Elders and all the active ministers were present, also J. G. Shireman, R. Bergstresser and a number of the Gospel Herald Brethren.

The Chairman appointed the following Committees:—

Committee on Publication:—H. B. Musselman, N. H. Wolf, E. N. Cassel.

Committee on Resolutions:—C. H. Brunner, Paul E. Baer, H. W. Hartman.

Committee to Read the Minutes:—F. B. Hertzog, A. G. Woodring.

Timekeeper:—R. H. Gehman.

Reporter:—H. K. Kratz.

The balance of the forenoon meeting was devoted to personal testimonies by the Pastors, limited to three minutes each. The Presiding Elders gave short, helpful addresses. Pastor C. H. Brunner, of Emaus, Pa., led in the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Afternoon Meeting

The afternoon meeting was opened at 2 o'clock with Pastor Paul E. Baer, of Shamokin, Pa., in charge of the devotional period. After singing "Trust and Obey" and the reading of a portion of Scripture, Pastor G. F. Yost, of Salem Church, Philadelphia, Pa., led in prayer.

After the calling of the roll and the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, the following essays were read and discussed:—

"Christian Perfection" by Pastor T. D. Gehret, of Easton, Pa.

"Bible Warnings and Danger Signals for These Times" by Pastor C. H. Brunner, of Emaus, Pa.

These essays were well prepared and gave to the listeners many thoughts for meditation in these last days. The meeting was closed with prayer and benediction by J. G. Shireman.

Evening Service

The evening service was in charge of Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, of the Allentown District.

The service was opened at 7:30 o'clock with an inspiring song service directed by Pastor F. M. Hottel, of Reading, Pa. Pastor E. N. Cassel, of Spring City, Pa., led in the opening prayer.

Three Evangelistic Addresses were delivered by Pastors J. B. Layne, of York, Pa.; P. T. Stengele, of Bethlehem, Pa., and B. Bryan Mussel-

man, of Allentown, Pa. All these messages were heart-searching and spiritual.

The weather was very delightful and the attendance throughout the day was very good. The services were interspersed with singing by the Preachers' Quartet, a number of the Gospel Herald Brethren and the Allentown Male Sextet.

Pastor T. D. Gehret and the members and friends of the Easton congregation, entertained the Convention in a most cordial way.

The Committee to arrange the program consisted of H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and T. D. Gehret. Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman offered the closing prayer and benediction.

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

XV.—Sunday School Convention (Allentown District)

The Forty-seventh Annual Sunday School Convention of the Allentown District of the Pennsylvania Conference convened in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., on July 4, 1936, during the Bethlehem Division camp meeting.

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

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

The Presiding Elder and all the pastors, superintendents and delegates 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. Also Rev. Harry Stam, of the Africa Inland Mission, and Rev. J. Harold Sherk, of Stayner, Ontario.

The Convention was opened by the Chairman at 9:45 a. m. Pastor C. H. Brunner 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—H. W. Hartman and R. H. Gehman.

At 10 a. m., Rev. Dr. George McNeely, of Newark, New Jersey, who had been engaged as the speaker of the day, spoke on the subject, "Born to be Killed," illustrated in the birth and childhood of Moses.

Afternoon Meeting

The afternoon meeting was opened by the Chairman at 2:00 p. m. W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Easton District, led in prayer. After a few special selections in song, Rev. McNeely spoke on the subject, "So is Your Old Man," from Ezekiel 18:1.

The congregational singing was led by Pastor F. M. Hottel, of Reading. A number of special selections were sung by the Bethlehem male and mixed choruses, male quartet and the Allentown male sextet. The forenoon service was broadcast over radio station WCBA, located in the grove.

The evening meeting was a continuation of the regular Camp Meeting service. Rev. George McNeely spoke on, "Time to get a move on."

The weather was most delightful. The spacious auditorium seating about two thousand people, was more than filled by Sunday School officers, teachers and scholars, fathers and mothers, old and young folks from far and near, showing their interest in Sunday School work.

The following facts are compiled from the reports of the Committees on Statistics and Finance:

List of Sunday Schools and their Superintendents

Sunday Schools	Superintendents
Allentown (Bethel)	C. E. Musselman
Bethlehem	Paul H. Cressman
Philadelphia	W. D. Evert
Reading	S. W. Heiser
Emaus	A. L. Wentz
Macungie	Timothy H. Gehman
Zionsville	Russel L. Shelly
Fleetwood	W. O. Miller
Blandon	John Mengel
Terre Hill	F. E. Hauser
Spring City	George W. Fox
Royersford	R. R. Fox
Graterford	A. W. Bean
Harleysville	Noah H. Tyson
Northampton	A. W. Deppe
Nazareth	John R. Petty
Lehighton	Paul Flickinger
Weissport	Bessie Heberling
Walnutport	Burton Deppe
Allentown (Salem)	C. J. E. King
Coopersburg	H. L. Shelly
Quakertown	E. R. Keiper
Wissinoming, Phila.	T. W. Campbell, Jr.
West Philadelphia	Edwin J. Dietzman

Statistics

Sunday Schools represented	24
Officers enrolled	177
Teachers enrolled	396
Scholars enrolled	4,088
Total enrollment	4,661
Home Department members enrolled	421
Cradle Roll members enrolled	568

Finances**Report of the Treasurer:****Receipts**

Balance in Treasury from last year	\$ 1.86	
Contributed by the Sunday Schools	214.31	\$216.17

Expenditures

Fares, printing, speakers, etc.	\$115.44	
Donated to Executive Board	100.00	
Balance in Treasury .....	.73	\$216.17

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

XVI.—Sunday School Convention (Easton District)

The Forty-eighth Annual Sunday School Convention of the Easton District of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of Pennsylvania, which had been announced by the last Annual Conference to be held in Sunbury, convened in the M. B. in C. church, Fourth and Grape streets, Mount Carmel, Pa., on Wednesday, May 20, 1936. This change was made because of the damage to the Sunbury church by the flood.

Pastor W. F. Heffner, of Harrisburg, Pa., was Chairman; Pastor A. M. Sprock, of Scranton, Secretary and Pastor E. E. Kublic, of Stroudsburg, Treasurer.

The Committee on Program consisted of W. G. Gehman, T. D. Gehret, N. H. Wolf and C. L. Miller.

The Presiding Elder, Pastors, Superintendents, Delegates and Speakers were present for registration at 9:30 a. m. The Convention opened at 9:45 a. m. by the Chairman reading a portion of Scripture and prayer by Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman.

The Chairman announced the appointment of the following Committees:

Committee on Publication—W. G. Gehman, N. H. Wolf and A. M. Sprock.

Committee on Resolutions—T. D. Gehret, Paul E. Baer and W. Bruce Musselman.

Committee on Statistics—J. B. Layne, E. W. Bean and E. H. Musselman.

Committee on Finance—T. D. Gehret, J. T. Anderson and E. E. Kublic.

Committee on Auditing—R. C. Reichenbach and E. J. Rutman.

Committee to Read the Minutes—T. E. Turnbull and E. B. Hartman.

Timekeeper—C. E. Kirkwood.

Reporter—Paul E. Baer.

The Superintendents of the Sunday Schools represented on the District and the Gospel Herald Society submitted their oral, statistical and financial reports. These were interesting, inspiring and instructive. The morning meeting adjourned by prayer and the benediction by Pastor F. B. Hertzog, of Allentown.

Afternoon Meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting at 2 o'clock. Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman led in prayer. After the reports of the various Committees were read and adopted, ten-minute addresses were given by three of our ministers' sons as follows:

"The Origin and Development of the Sunday School" by Wilbert Gehman, of Easton, Pa.

"The Organization of the Sunday School" by Donald Heffner, of Harrisburg, Pa.

"The Ministry of the Sunday School" by Horace Kauffman, of Sunbury, Pa.

These were followed by a thirty-minute address on "The Sunday School and the Home" by Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman. All these addresses were timely and helpful to the making of an efficient Sunday School.

Adjourned with prayer and the benediction by Pastor C. H. Brunner, of Emaus, Pa.

Evening Service

The evening service opened at 7:15 o'clock in charge of Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman. Two very interesting twenty-minute addresses were delivered as follows:

"Christ and the Problems of Youth" by T. D. Gehret, of Easton, Pa.

"Looking for our Saviour" by C. E. Kirkwood, of Elizabeth, N. J.

Special selections in song were rendered during the day by a number of the Gospel Heralds, the Garrison family, of Scranton, and the "Radio Singers" from Sunbury.

The congregation and friends of the Mount Carmel church entertained the Convention most cordially under the efficient leadership of their Pastor, C. L. Miller.

The weather was delightful. The church was filled throughout the day. Through the medium of the amplifying system the overflowing crowd heard the proceedings in the basement.

Sunday Schools	Superintendents
Easton, Pa.	Herbert V. Smith
Shamokin, Pa.	R. M. Anderson
Mt. Carmel, Pa.	Frank L. Harner
York, Pa.	C. K. MacCanester
Sunbury, Pa.	Truman E. Bastian
Scranton, Pa.	Robert Garrison
Stroudsburg, Pa.	George R. Fish
Hatfield, Pa.	H. N. Dettra
Chester, Pa.	R. Spedden
Harrisburg, Pa.	Edward Albright
Lebanon, Pa.	E. J. Rutman
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	J. T. Anderson
Jersey City, N. J.	W. W. Hartman

Irvington, N. J.	E. W. Bean
Elizabeth, N. J.	C. E. Kirkwood
Camden, N. J.	T. E. Turnbull
Richardson, Park, Del.	E. George
Staten Island, N. Y.	R. C. Reichenbach

Statistics

Sunday Schools Represented	18
Officers Enrolled	112
Teachers Enrolled	197
Scholars Enrolled	2086
Total Enrollment	2395
Home Department Members Enrolled	404

Finance

Report of the Treasurer

Receipts

Balance in Treasury from last year.....	\$ 9.98	
Received at this Convention	224.07	\$234.05

Expenditures

Expended at this convention	\$221.47	
Balance in Treasury	12.58	234.05

W. F. Heffner, Chairman,
A. M. Sprock, 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-Third session of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of the Pennsylvania Conference convened in the Bethel Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, 526-530 North Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa., October 15-18, 1936.

All the Ministers in the active work and all the Delegates were present when the Roll was called at the opening of the first meeting.

An excellent spirit of love and unity prevailed throughout all the meetings of the Conference. A very interesting and inspiring meeting was held on Thursday evening when the Presiding Elders and Pastors gave their oral reports. These reports were word pictures of the Lord's doings, emphasizing the mercy and goodness of the Lord upon the work in the saving and establishing of many in the Truth. The noble company of believers of the various classes have in many ways manifested

their love for God's servants. The spirit of sacrifice is evidenced throughout the Conference by the splendid financial report given along various lines.

The work on the different charges has been progressing, giving many reasons for rejoicing and thanksgiving. The prayer meetings are largely attended and the Sunday schools are thriving.

On Friday evening there were three twenty-minute addresses by Pastors R. H. Gehman, of Graterford; J. B. Layne, of York, and Paul E. Baer, of Shamokin. On Saturday evening there were two addresses by Pastors T. D. Gehret, of Easton, and P. T. Stengele, of Bethlehem.

The Allentown congregation under the able leadership of their Pastor, B. Bryan Musselman, entertained the Conference in a most commendable and hospitable manner. All meals were served in the basement of the church. The Conference expressed its appreciation and thanks for the consideration and kindness of the class manifested during the time of the Conference session.

Home Mission Work

Three Camp Meetings were again held during the past Summer. Two in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., with 199 and 211 tents respectively; and one in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., with 151 tents. The attendance at all of these gatherings was very large, indicating that our people still love and appreciate the spiritual value of such convocations. Through the courtesy of Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, a number of meetings were broadcast direct from the camp ground over station WCBA. This proved a great blessing to many that were unable to attend.

The Gospel Herald Society is composed of seventeen young men called Gospel Heralds who are in training for pastoral, evangelistic and missionary work. This Society has eight missions located in various cities of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and New York. The Lord has richly blessed these missions. Many souls have been saved through the preaching of the Word.

The Conference has contributed during the year \$5,366.29 for Home Missionary work to be used in the Conference and the Gospel Herald Society.

The morning Devotions and Sunday services which are regularly broadcast over Radio Station WCBA, which is owned and operated by B. Bryan Musselman, have been enjoyed by a large number of listeners.

Foreign Mission Work

The support of a number of Missionaries on various fields has again been assumed by the Conference. Members and friends of the church have been much interested in this part of the Lord's work and have given liberally towards its support. The sum of \$10,153.00 has been contributed to this cause during the year through the Churches and Sunday schools.

The total offerings throughout the Conference for the past year for all purposes amounted to \$125,587.08.

Officers for 1936-1937

H. B. Musselman and W. G. Gehman were again elected to serve as Presiding Elders, and B. Bryan Musselman and C. H. Brunner, Vice-

Presiding Elders. W. G. Gehman was also elected President of the Gospel Herald Society; H. B. Musselman, Chairman of the next Annual Conference, and C. H. Brunner, Secretary and Treasurer.

Appointments

No change of Pastors was made by the Stationing Committee. The Sunbury class is now a Station and self-supporting. The Gospel Herald Society Mission at Chester, Pa., 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 B. Bryan Musselman. Presiding Elder, W. G. Gehman, led in prayer. The Conference sermon was preached by Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, Chairman of the Annual Conference. His theme was "Spiritual Warfare in the Heavens" using as a text for his message Eph. 6:10-14. His message was timely and inspiring to both ministry and laity.

The afternoon service was opened at 2.15 with Pastor T. D. Gehret in charge of the singing. Pastor P. T. Stengele, 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 Full Portrait of a Gospel Minister," as set forth in 1st and 2nd Timothy; 2 Cor. 6:1-16; 1 Cor. 4, and Jer. 10:23, 24. This was a stirring appeal to the Ministry to abide in their high calling and live blameless lives.

Following this there was an impressive and touching Ordination service. Pastor E. B. Hartman, who had labored for a number of years in the Gospel Herald Society and who was at this Conference stationed as Pastor of Chester, Pa., was ordained. The large congregation was visibly moved as the Pastors gathered about the altar to welcome our young brother into the ranks of the Ministry and to invoke God's richest blessings upon him in his future labors. Also a large number of the members of the Chester mission were present and upon request came forward and greeted their dear Pastor immediately after he was ordained.

The evening service was opened at 7 o'clock with a stirring song service led by Pastor B. Bryan Musselman. Pastor T. D. Gehret led in prayer. Pastor C. H. Brunner, Secretary-Treasurer of our Annual Conference, was the speaker of the evening. His theme was, "The Outlook of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ." This message was fraught with such truths that caused our hearts to yearn for the soon return of our Lord.

The services throughout the day were interspersed with special singing by the Allentown Male Quintette and the Fleetwood Female and Mixed Quartettes.

The weather was ideal. The morning and evening services were broadcast over Radio Station WCBA.

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

Committee.

XVIII.—Announcements for 1937

(A) MINISTERIAL CONVENTION

Annual Ministerial Convention

This Convention is announced to convene in Bethel Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, 427 Elm Street, Emaus, Pa., on April 15, 1937.

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

Committee on Program: H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and C. H. Brunner.

(B) SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

(a) Allentown District

Report of the Committee to Organize for the Allentown District Sunday School Convention for 1937

This Convention shall convene in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., on Monday, July 5, 1937.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, R. H. Gehman; 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 1937

This Convention shall convene in York, Pa., Wednesday, May 19, 1937.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, T. D. Gehret; Secretary, C. L. Miller; Treasurer, E. E. Kublic.

Committee on Program: W. G. Gehman, T. D. Gehret and J. B. Layne.

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 Chairman 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 1937**

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

Place—Mizpah Grove. Date—July 3 to 11, 1937.

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 1937**

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

Place—Mizpah Grove. Date—July 17 to 25, 1937.

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,
F. B. Hertzog, Secretary.

(b)—Easton District**Report of the Committee to Organize for the Easton District
Camp Meeting for 1937**

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

Place—Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa. Date—August 7 to 15, 1937.

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-fourth Annual Conference shall convene, should the Lord tarry, in Beulah M. B. in C. Church, 12th and Ferry Streets, East-

ton, Pa., at 9 a. m., October 14, 1937, services to continue over Sunday.

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

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

(E) READING COURSE

Announcement of the Board of Examiners Studies for 1937

First Semi-Annual Studies

First Year's Course

Bible, First Timothy.

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

All About the Bible, Collett. Chapters 1-7.

Church History.

Second Year's Course

Reformed Pastor.

Bible, Hebrews.

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

Church History.

Third Year's Course

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, Walker. Chapters 13 to end.

Knowing the Scriptures, Pierson. Chapters 34 to end.

Nelson in Infidelity.

Church History.

Second Semi-Annual Studies

First Year's Course

Lessons in Holiness.

Church History.

Bible, John, Chapters 13-17.

Knowing the Scriptures, Pierson. Chapters 1-16.

All About the Bible, Collett. Chapters 8-10.

Second Year's Course

Knowing the Scriptures, Pierson. Chapters 17-33.

Divine Art of Preaching, Pierson.

Bible, Second Timothy.

Church History.

Third Year's Course

Bible, Romans.

Fletcher's Appeal.

Jesus is Coming, Blackstone.

Church History.

The first examination shall commence on Tuesday, April 13, 1937,
2 p. m. at Emaus, Pa.

The second examination shall commence on Tuesday, October 12,
1937, 2 p. m., at Easton, Pa.

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

H. K. Kratz,
Board.

XIX.—Report of the Conference Treasurer

(a) Executive Board

Receipts

October 10, 1935, Balance in Treasury	\$10,814.13	
Received During the Year	1,777.00	\$12,591.13

Expenditures

Expended During Year	\$ 3,090.07	
October 8, 1936, Balance in Treasury	9,501.06	12,591.13

Ministers' Retirement Fund

October 10, 1935, Amount in this Fund	\$ 655.55	
October 8, 1936, Received during the year	1,609.04	\$ 2,264.59

(b) Board of Foreign Missions

Receipts

October 10, 1935, Balance in Treasury	\$ 1,403.51	
Received During Year	11,692.17	\$13,095.68

Expenditures

Expended During Year	\$ 8,959.79	
October 8, 1936, Balance in Treasury	4,135.89	13,095.68

(c) The Home

Expenditures

September 26, 1935, Deficit in Treasury	\$ 9,235.52	
Expended During Year	16,683.44	\$25,918.96

Receipts

Received During Year	\$18,736.17	
October 8, 1936, Deficit	7,182.79	25,918.96

(d) Annual Conference Fund

Receipts

October 10, 1935, Balance in Treasury	\$ 953.33	
Received During Year	568.92	\$ 1,522.25

Expenditures

Expended During Year	\$ 416.46	
October 8, 1936, Balance in Treasury	1,105.79	1,522.25

(e) Home Missions

Receipts

October 17, 1935, Received for Home Mission Work ..	\$ 4,551.80	
Received for Annual Conference Expenses	353.30	\$ 4,905.10

Expenditures

October 8, 1936, Expended During the Year:		
Allentown District	\$ 835.00	
Easton District and Gospel Herald Society	3,716.80	
Bethlehem Congregation—Annual Conf. Expense	353.30	4,905.10

C. H. Brunner, Treasurer.

XX.—Financial Report

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Appointments	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Foreign Mission in S. S.	For the Home	Annual Conference Fund	Conference Expenses	Total
(A) ALLENTOWN DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.							
Allentown (Bethel)	\$ 475.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 452.94	\$ 20.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 41.90	\$ 1,429.84
Bethlehem	450.00	660.50	760.82	20.00	12.00	32.50	1,935.82
Phila. (Salem)	325.00	306.00	190.00	16.25	15.30	26.90	879.45
Reading	250.00	237.50	347.46	21.00	10.00	27.10	893.06
Emaus	170.00	169.00	125.50	12.00	5.45	15.00	496.95
Macungie	77.00	98.00	64.00	3.25	2.50	5.20	249.95
Zionsville	211.00	226.00	198.00	7.00	2.50	3.80	648.30
Allentown (Saicm)	137.50	159.05	174.10	8.55	5.55	9.30	494.05
Coopersburg	268.59	294.78	199.26	14.25	6.21	11.80	794.89
Spring City	*833.00	116.00	93.00	9.20	2.60	6.90	1,060.70
Royersford	101.60	75.50	115.57	12.70	5.40	8.10	318.87
Fleetwood	105.10	116.70	125.75	14.15	7.00	10.10	378.80
Blandon	66.70	73.05	55.00	6.95	5.35	5.70	212.75
Terre Hill	126.35	120.75	67.50	10.40	4.30	6.40	335.70
Lehighton	104.50	108.50	60.57	9.40	5.50	7.80	296.27
Weissport	.....	.....	19.96	.....	.....	.....	19.96
Walnutport	90.80	77.55	25.70	6.20	3.75	6.60	210.60
Nazareth	90.85	37.25	90.31	4.81	2.46	8.00	233.68
Northampton	95.50	71.90	37.62	5.27	3.30	3.70	217.29
Graterford	82.00	97.50	122.49	6.11	5.10	6.86	320.66
Harleysville	65.25	86.50	78.41	5.86	3.75	6.34	246.11
Phila. (Wissling)	92.30	75.45	62.21	8.00	3.55	7.50	249.01
Phila. (West)	30.50	32.00	79.38	5.00	3.15	5.16	155.13
Quakertown	90.00	141.00	131.50	12.50	5.00	10.80	390.80
Total	\$4,538.54	\$3,805.48	\$3,677.05	\$238.85	\$134.72	\$273.40	\$12,468.04

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

Easton	\$ 217.50	\$ 210.00	\$ 234.24	\$ 8.10	\$ 4.64	\$ 14.30	\$ 688.78
Shamokin	153.30	190.85	155.96	12.50	7.05	16.30	535.96
Sunbury	152.75	90.65	118.64	8.54	6.07	12.70	389.35
York	130.00	135.00	131.21	6.06	5.00	12.40	419.61
Mt. Carmel	135.62	148.00	65.28	7.00	4.50	11.30	371.70
Scranton	167.57	242.47	106.62	7.50	8.47	7.40	540.03
Hatfield	21.06	102.25	56.07	3.80	3.64	5.00	191.82
Stroudsburg	18.70	11.50	30.44	2.25	1.70	6.20	70.79
Harrisburg	31.25	25.00	40.80	3.45	2.00	3.10	105.60
Chester	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gospel Herald Soc.	.....	.....	575.49	.....	.....	.....	575.49
Total	\$1,027.75	\$1,155.72	\$1,514.75	\$ 59.14	\$ 43.07	\$ 88.70	\$ 3,889.13
Grand Total	\$5,366.29	\$4,961.20	\$5,191.80	\$297.99	\$177.79	\$362.10	\$16,357.17

* This includes a legacy of \$744.00 net from Mrs. Francina Huzzard.

C. H. Brunner,
H. L. Shelly,

R. Paul Schaeffer,
R. H. Gehman,

Committee.

XXI.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—A.

Pastor	Officers										Membership																					
	Presiding Elders	Missionary P. E.	Ordained Ministers	Probationers	O. C. Licensed Preach.	Deacons	Class Leaders	Stewards	Rent Collectors	Baptized	Members not Baptized	Children Dedicated	Received into Church Fellowship	Rec'd by Transfer	Total Increase	Withdrawn	Trooped	Moved to other Conf.	Transferred	Total Decrease	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Total Membership	Appointments	New Appointments	Sermons Preached	Pastoral Visits	Prayer Meetings Visited	Sunday Schools Visited			
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.																																
Allentown (Bethel)	1		8	1	1	4	4	4	10	10	7	7	7	14	3	6	5	5	2	16	2	4	419	1	1	408	415	107	44			
Bethlehem			1	1	1	4	4	4	11	11	26	10	11	11	1	1	1	5	1	10	4	326	1	1	210	405	135	48				
Phila., (Salem)			1	1	1	3	3	3	12	12	6	9	13	16	1	1	3	3	1	13	2	271	1	1	145	467	148	49				
Reading			1	1	1	2	2	2	21	21	12	13	16	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	13	271	1	1	283	352	131	49				
Lunenburg			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	54	1	1	91	131	39	8				
Macungie			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	54	1	1	49	40	11	6				
Zionsville			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	38	1	1	51	33	19	6				
Allentown (Salem)			1	1	1	2	2	2	8	8	3	11	11	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	92	1	1	176	153	40	25				
Coopersburg			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	116	1	1	122	272	58	22				
Spring City			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	71	1	1	79	120	42	46				
Royersford			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	107	1	1	87	137	42	46				
Fleetwood			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	80	1	1	83	345	16	14				
Blandon			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	54	1	1	39	126	17	14				
Terre Hill			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	54	1	1	38	232	13	15				
Leighton			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	80	1	1	49	132	46	27				
Weissport			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	80	1	1	49	132	46	27				
Walnutport			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	56	1	1	56	233	37	20				
Nazareth			1	1	1	2	2	2	13	13	3	12	12	12	4	2	5	4	10	4	4	84	1	1	75	196	33	24				
Northampton			1	1	1	2	2	2	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	84	1	1	63	134	32	23				
Graterford			1	1	1	2	2	2	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	61	1	1	84	194	53	13				
Harleysville			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	58	1	1	58	170	30	24				
Phila. (Wissling)			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	58	1	1	107	163	56	26				
Phila. (West)			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	51	1	1	147	115	62	23				
Quakertown			1	1	1	3	3	3	5	5	10	11	11	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	119	1	1	137	541	80	46				
TOTAL	1	15	51	41	43	43	43	43	108	108	3	89	93	25	118	34	11	29	5	28	107	41	390	2,724	23	2,620	5,076	1,247	646			
EASTON DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																																
Easton	1		5	1	1	2	2	2	8	8	4	4	4	11	1	1	5	1	6	5	148	1	1	170	403	70	48					
Shamokin			2	1	1	3	3	3	17	17	6	9	4	13	2	11	3	16	1	4	3	127	1	1	200	532	98	48				
Sunbury			1	1	1	2	2	2	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	127	1	1	176	242	95	44				
York			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	129	1	1	207	402	88	47				
Mc. Carmel			1	1	1	2	2	2	7	7	11	8	8	2	2	1	3	1	3	1	3	114	1	1	178	242	95	48				
Scranton			1	1	1	2	2	2	7	7	4	5	1	6	1	4	4	4	1	1	1	62	1	1	118	424	81	46				
Stroudsburg			1	1	1	2	2	2	8	8	1	7	7	1	1	5	1	6	1	6	12	62	1	1	178	569	119	47				
Harrisburg			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	64	1	1	136	320	59	48				
G. H. Society			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	31	1	1	140	190	32	44				
TOTAL	1	12	51	18	18	17	17	17	43	43	1	77	103	40	143	9	4	27	3	36	79	67	3	999	814	366	7,685	1,420	977			
Presiding Elders	1	3																														
Missionaries, etc.	2	130	515	59	61	60	235	4	166	196	65	261	43	15	56	8	64	186	108	33	3,751	131	17	4,061	12,761	2,667	1,623					

XXI.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—B.

Appointments	Pastor	Sunday Schools										Church Property					Offerings				
		Prayer Meet. Classes	M. B. in C. S.	New S. S.	Officers & Teachers Enrolled	Scholars Enrolled	Total Enrollment	Aver. Attendance	Home Depts.	Members	Subscribers to Gospel Banner	Churches	Parsonages	Janitors' Homes	Increase of Church Property	Present Valuation	Church Property	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Foreign Missions in Sunday Schools	For the Home
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.																					
Allen town (Bethel)	B. B. Musselman	41	1	1	50	500	550	376	86	20	1	1	2	\$125,000.00	\$425,000.00	\$452,94	\$20.00				
Bethlehem	P. T. Stuegele	3	1	1	64	459	523	443	86	19	1	1	1	70,000.00	680.50	760.82	20.00				
Phila. (Salem)	G. F. Yost	3	1	1	46	327	373	283	95	17	1	1	1	35,000.00	325.00	190.00	16.25				
Reading	V. M. Hottel	3	1	1	49	408	452	339	191	1	1	1	1	45,000.00	297.50	347.48	21.00				
Emanus	C. H. Brunner	2	1	1	30	190	200	172	31	13	1	1	1	150,000.00	170.00	125.50	12.00				
Macanzie	"	1	1	1	14	82	106	72	31	4	1	1	1	2,050.00	77.00	98.00	3.25				
Zionsville	"	1	1	1	9	67	76	51	14	8	1	1	1	4,050.00	211.00	258.00	7.40				
Allen town (Salem)	F. B. Hertzog	2	1	1	27	256	283	182	97	6	1	1	1	10,000.00	137.50	159.05	174.10				
Coopersburg	"	2	1	1	21	192	213	170	37	15	1	1	1	5,000.00	238.59	294.78	14.35				
Spring City	E. N. Cassel	1	1	1	18	171	193	68	37	12	1	1	1	7,500.00	101.60	113.57	93.00				
Riversford	"	1	1	1	20	101	121	90	29	9	1	1	1	3,000.00	105.10	116.70	12.70				
Fleetwood	A. G. Woodring	1	1	1	18	127	145	119	6	2	1	1	1	3,000.00	66.79	73.09	6.95				
Standor	"	1	1	1	18	132	150	94	5	13	1	1	1	6,000.00	126.35	120.75	10.40				
Terre Hill	J. C. Roth	1	1	1	17	127	144	110	5	1	1	1	1	7,000.00	104.50	108.50	9.40				
Lehighton	"	1	1	1	14	79	93	91	7	1	1	1	1	1,500.00	90.80	77.55	19.96				
Wellsport	"	1	1	1	15	110	125	97	7	1	1	1	1	6,500.00	90.85	37.25	25.70				
Walmuport	"	1	1	1	15	97	112	74	20	12	1	1	1	11,500.00	90.85	90.31	4.81				
Nazareth	H. K. Kratz	2	1	1	11	59	70	52	1	9	1	1	1	9,000.00	95.50	37.62	5.27				
Norhampton	"	1	1	1	11	54	99	78	1	9	1	1	1	8,000.00	82.00	122.49	6.11				
Graterford	R. H. Gehman	2	1	1	15	84	99	78	1	9	1	1	1	2,500.00	65.25	86.50	5.86				
Harleysville	"	1	1	1	12	66	78	65	1	5	1	1	1	30,000.00	92.30	75.45	8.00				
Phila. (Wiss'ing)	J. B. Henry	1	1	1	20	104	124	111	16	4	1	1	1	12,000.00	90.50	92.00	79.38				
Phila. (West)	"	1	1	1	16	86	102	75	13	1	1	1	1	15,000.00	90.00	141.00	12.50				
Quakertown	H. W. Hartman	3	1	1	24	119	143	104	19	16	1	1	1	15,000.00	90.00	141.00	12.50				
TOTAL		41	24	24	566	4056	4622	3461	352	213	24	17	4	\$483,300.00	\$4,338.54	\$3,805.48	\$3,677.05	\$238.85			
EASTON DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																					
Easton	T. D. Gehret	2	1	1	30	258	288	197	82	10	1	1	1	\$55,000.00	\$217.50	\$210.00	\$24.24	\$8.10			
Shanokin	Paul E. Esler	3	1	1	33	168	201	196	17	5	1	1	1	30,000.00	133.30	190.85	135.96	12.50			
Sunbury	N. H. Wolf	2	1	1	24	233	257	176	15	19	1	1	1	12,700.00	132.75	90.65	118.64	8.54			
York	J. C. Layne	2	1	1	26	244	270	226	12	4	1	1	1	25,000.00	130.00	148.00	131.21	6.00			
Mt. Carmel	C. L. Miller	2	1	1	20	166	186	129	14	4	1	1	1	20,000.00	135.62	145.00	65.28	7.00			
Scranton	A. M. Sprock	2	1	1	19	111	130	90	19	12	1	1	1	21,000.00	167.57	242.47	106.62	7.50			
Halford	E. H. Musselman	2	1	1	18	78	96	66	30	3	1	1	1	1,800.00	21.06	102.25	56.07	3.80			
Stroudsburg	E. E. Kublic	2	1	1	14	77	91	61	61	3	1	1	1	17,000.00	18.70	11.50	30.44	2.25			
Harrisburg	W. F. Hefner	1	1	1	1	15	17	92	61	1	1	1	1	1,000.00	31.25	25.00	40.80	3.45			
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	1	1	1	110	675	785	542	78	9	1	1	1	17,000.00	18.70	11.50	30.44	2.25			
TOTAL		17	1	8	1309	2087	2396	1744	247	70	8	7	2	\$182,500.00	\$1,027.75	\$81,155.72	\$1,514.75	\$59.14			
The Home														\$3,851.35	70,530.01						
Mizapan Grove														80,000.00							
Missionaries, Etc.																					
GRAND TOTAL		58	1	32	1875	6143	7018	5205	619	290	32	24	6	\$4,151.35	\$85,163.30	\$1,961.20	\$5,191.80	\$297.90			

* Note—This includes legacy from Francina Huzzard, amount \$744.00.

† Decrease of \$4,000.00 from 1935.

XXI.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—C.

Appointments		Pastor		OFFERINGS—Continued									
Church Properties	Repairing Church Properties	Parsonage and Hall Rent	Texton and Sunday Expenses	Sunday Schools	Presiding Elders	Ministers in Cash	Ministers in Other Contributions	Benevolent Fund	Ministers' Fund	Tabernacle, Mission or Evangelistic Work			
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.													
Allentown (Bethel)	B. B. Musselman	\$ 750.95	\$ 2,254.51	\$ 1,082.49	\$ 340.00	\$ 1,691.50	\$ 570.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 75.25	\$ 3,750.00			
Bethlehem	E. T. Stengele	601.25	1,717.40	292.25	276.00	1,971.11	310.00	14.50	99.93	735.00			
Phila. (Salem)	G. F. Yost	1,428.09	1,620.98	1,178.09	276.00	1,494.35	231.75	14.50	71.33	108.00			
Reading	F. M. Hotel	247.31	764.48	1,076.91	240.00	1,655.63	320.75	12.00	90.10	824.50			
Emaus	C. H. Brunner		860.73	584.63	161.00	952.80	87.00	12.50	18.73	161.00			
Macungie	"		168.10	143.31	82.00	206.45	30.00	3.25	18.99	95.00			
Zionsville	"		185.52	90.59	80.00	273.10	50.00	7.20	15.17	95.00			
Allentown (Salem)	F. B. Hertzog	129.85	316.15	297.98	559.55	559.55	35.54	10.50	23.25	313.00			
Coopersburg	"	84.25	444.53	396.45	132.00	1,005.31	74.32	12.00	48.13	51.80			
Spring City	E. N. Cassel	43.80	263.80	306.51	104.50	451.25	67.42	7.89	33.23	57.50			
Royersford	"	73.80	306.13	306.05	101.50	690.53	67.25	10.69	27.00	153.59			
Fleetwood	A. G. Woodring	108.10	496.24	319.35	132.10	613.66	169.00	10.33	37.50	27.50			
Blandon	"	43.70	147.62	195.90	38.00	360.42	53.00	4.60	20.80	20.80			
Terre Hill	"	83.15	387.09	315.65	66.50	629.00	68.00	5.10	21.80	21.80			
Lehighton	J. C. Roth	206.00	262.61	379.27	98.25	881.15	312.50	7.00	23.50	239.50			
Weissport	"		210.46	208.93	88.50	511.35	48.25	5.00	26.20	238.15			
Walnutport	"	90.80	210.46	139.05	88.50	511.35	48.25	5.00	26.20	238.15			
Nazareth	H. K. Kratz	94.35	218.65	298.27	53.00	442.30	46.00	3.75	24.31	39.76			
Northampton	"	69.80	371.08	107.37	52.00	359.10	41.18	3.25	21.48	21.48			
Graterford	R. H. Gehman	83.15	152.94	131.28	86.38	475.00	127.80	7.50	21.27	21.27			
Harleysville	"	54.85	201.48	150.52	82.84	209.25	13.41	18.91	18.91	18.91			
Phila. (Wissling)	J. B. Henry	236.83	363.65	650.25	407.60	643.05	105.57	9.45	32.65	32.65			
Phila. (West)	"	154.70	181.72	251.28	61.00	321.94	77.36	3.45	25.25	25.25			
Quakertown	H. W. Hartman		143.40	388.22	120.70	749.75	207.40	6.35	19.50	215.00			
TOTAL		\$3,265.04	\$ 405.00	\$ 3,458.86	\$11,945.76	\$10,740.14	\$2,808.52	\$17,378.90	\$3,314.14	\$206.41	\$786.19	\$ 7,140.25	
EASTON DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.													
Easton	T. D. Gehret	\$1,483.50	\$ 737.90	\$ 821.21	\$ 240.65	\$ 1,304.11	\$ 170.25	\$ 7.50	\$ 60.11	\$ 262.30			
Shamokin	Paul E. Baer	488.17	188.60	437.93	197.00	1,219.01	325.04	7.00	36.65	88.62			
Shubuta	N. H. Wolf		384.35	501.08	478.36	208.41	205.10	8.00	26.11	62.00			
York	J. B. Larne	256.50	119.70	684.81	311.30	1,041.27	175.00	7.00	26.77	205.00			
Mt. Carmel	C. L. Miller	300.00	309.72	401.34	129.14	939.22	165.75	6.50	26.51	425.96			
Scranton	A. M. Spruck	20.00	226.16	661.36	300.37	186.65	783.10	11.90	21.94	35.45			
Hartford	E. H. Musselman	62.71	240.95	381.29	56.71	492.85	199.61	1.50	24.41	83.55			
Stroudsburg	E. E. Kublic		49.25	179.62	132.73	48.65	94.40	3.00	11.65	18.15			
Harrisburg	W. F. Heffner		280.00	346.87	180.86	55.50	33.05	2.00	12.17	2,058.66			
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	565.98	4,325.65	3,189.85	2,072.96	702.46	1,976.01						
TOTAL		\$2,920.36	\$ 508.50	\$ 6,464.68	\$ 7,525.16	\$ 5,086.71	\$2,136.47	\$ 7,643.06	\$3,694.21	\$ 54.40	\$ 248.22	\$ 3,249.69	
GRAND TOTAL		\$6,185.40	\$ 913.50	\$ 9,923.54	\$19,470.92	\$16,426.85	\$5,084.99	\$25,021.96	\$8,697.83	\$200.81	\$1,034.41	\$10,389.04	

**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	Renewal Society	Annual Conference Expenses	Total Offerings	Subscriptions and Literature
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.									
Alentown (Bethel)	B. B. Musselman	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 41.90	\$ 12,085.87	\$ 575.00	
Bethlehem	P. T. Stengle	20.00	12.00	16.50	67.50	32.50	10,323.85	115.00	
Phila., (Salem)	G. F. Yost	18.00	15.30	18.00	22.50	26.30	7,361.08	170.00	
Reading	F. M. Hottel	18.00	10.00	15.00	22.50	27.10	6,189.26	120.25	
Emaus	C. H. Brunner	10.66	5.45	3.00	53.50	15.00	3,862.49	41.00	
Macungie	"	4.60	2.50	3.50	7.50	3.20	1,012.98	12.00	
Zionsville	"	4.36	2.50	7.51	8.00	3.80	1,470.85	14.00	
Alentown (Salem)	F. B. Hertzog	8.11	5.55	6.90	20.00	9.30	2,070.74	48.15	
Coopersburg	"	7.04	6.21	14.30	10.50	11.80	3,337.60	86.03	
Spring City	E. N. Cassel	8.40	2.60	5.88	5.50	6.90	2,245.69	50.00	
Royersford	"	11.70	5.40	10.98	25.00	8.10	2,177.06	60.50	
Fleetwood	A. G. Woodring	9.40	7.00	10.72	24.50	10.10	2,448.31	50.05	
Blandon	"	6.60	5.35	6.38	10.50	5.70	1,128.27	19.60	
Terre Hill	"	9.36	4.30	5.50	6.40	6.40	1,926.85	28.15	
Leighton	J. C. Roth	5.00	5.50	12.00	6.50	7.80	2,729.55	80.00	
Weissport	"	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.60	233.91	18.00	
Walnutport	"	3.55	3.75	6.00	6.00	6.60	1,577.91	28.00	
Nazareth	H. K. Kratz	5.16	2.46	7.36	11.00	8.00	1,887.59	64.37	
Northampton	"	5.21	3.30	12.26	17.00	3.70	1,277.02	16.25	
Graterford	R. H. Gehman	6.42	5.10	6.30	7.50	6.86	1,425.60	31.25	
Harleysville	"	9.20	3.75	9.37	6.00	6.34	1,626.74	40.30	
Phila. (Wissiting)	J. B. Henry	8.20	3.55	10.00	6.00	7.50	2,782.15	97.81	
Phila. (West)	"	8.00	2.15	7.05	5.10	5.10	1,246.84	28.46	
Quakertown	H. W. Hartman	7.25	5.00	12.50	18.00	10.80	2,920.15	75.00	
Mizpah Grove	Camp Meeting	\$ 4,380.59					4,380.59		
Total		\$ 4,380.59	\$ 214.31	\$ 134.72	\$ 231.01	\$ 415.50	\$ 273.40	\$ 70,238.66	\$ 1,874.37
EASTON DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.									
Easton	T. D. Gehret	\$ 15.25	\$ 4.64	\$ 13.26	\$ 24.50	\$ 14.30	\$ 6,172.62	\$ 142.12	
Shamokin	Paul E. Baer	12.00	7.05	17.00	6.50	16.30	4,014.18	4,014.18	
Sunbury	N. H. Wolf	14.75	6.97	10.55	3.50	12.70	3,586.51	178.59	
York	J. B. Layne	13.25	14.75	14.43	3.50	12.40	3,985.53	103.10	
York	C. L. Miller	20.00	5.00	14.00	3.00	11.30	3,337.27	236.75	
Scranton	M. Sprock	13.50	4.50	8.47	4.50	7.40	3,147.69	148.21	
Harfield	E. H. Musselman	9.52	3.64	13.12	4.50	5.00	2,047.59	2,047.59	
Stroudsburg	E. E. Kublic	8.00	1.70	7.00	9.00	6.20	1,116.94	74.32	
Harrisburg	W. F. Heffner	11.30	2.00	15.00	3.10	3.10	1,377.20	410.00	
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	359.29					15,826.35	18,946.32	
Edgewood Grove	Camp Meeting	\$ 1,716.54					1,716.54		
Total		\$ 1,716.54	\$ 476.86	\$ 43.07	\$ 113.43	\$ 51.00	\$ 88.70	\$ 46,348.42	\$ 26,301.48
Grand Total		\$ 6,097.13	\$ 691.17	\$ 177.79	\$ 334.44	\$ 466.50	\$ 362.10	\$ 125,587.08	\$ 28,175.85

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XXII.—Summary Statistics

Presiding Elders	2	Net increase	75
Missionary Presiding Elders	1	Total Membership	3,751
Ordained Ministers	30	Appointments	31
Probationers	5	New Appointments	1
Quarterly Licensed Preachers	5	Sermons preached	7,406
Deacons	1	Pastoral visits	12,761
Class Leaders	59	Prayer Meeting Classes ..	58
Stewards	61	New Classes organized ..	1
Parsonage Fund Collectors	60	Prayer meetings visited ..	2,667
Baptized	235	Sunday Schools	
Members not baptized	4	Sunday schools visited ..	1,623
Children dedicated	166	M. B. C. Sunday schools ..	32
Membership		New M. B. C. Sunday Schools	1
Rec'd into church fellowship	196	Officers and Teachers enrolled	875
Rec'd by transfer	65	Scholars enrolled	6,143
Total increase	261	Total enrollment	7,018
Died	43	Total Average attendance ..	5,205
Withdrawn	15	Home Department members	619
Dropped	56	Subscriptions to Gospel Banner	290
Moved to other Conferences	8	Churches	32
Transferred	64	Parsonages	24
Total decrease	186	Janitors' homes	6

Financial

A. Valuations

Increase of church property	\$ 151.35
Present Valuation of church property	816,330.01

B. Offerings

Home Missions	\$ 5,366.29
Foreign Missions	4,961.20
Foreign Missions in Sunday Schools	5,191.80
For the Home	297.99
Repairing church properties	913.50
Church properties	6,185.40
Parsonage and hall rent	9,923.54
Sexton and sundry expenses	19,470.92
Sunday Schools	16,426.85
Presiding Elders	5,034.99
Ministers in cash	25,021.96
Ministers in other contributions	6,978.35
Beneficiary Fund	260.81
Ministers' Retirement Fund	1,034.41
Tabernacle, Evangelistic Work	10,389.94
Camp Meetings	6,097.13
Sunday School Conventions	691.17
Annual Conference Fund	177.79
Annual Conference Delegates	334.44
Benevolent Society	466.50
Annual Conference Expense	362.10
Total Offerings	\$125,587.08

Literature and subscriptions

\$ 28,175.85
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XXIII.—SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE—C.

OFFERINGS—Continued

	Church Properties	Church Properties Repairing	Parsonage and Hall Rent	Sexton and Sundry Expenses	Sunday Schools	Presiding Elders	Ministers in Cash	Ministers in Other Contributions	Beneficiary or Superannation Fund	Ministers' Retirement Fund	Gospel Worker	Tabernacle, Missionary or Evangelistic Work
1929...	\$23,280.19	\$ 2,745.39	\$11,406.92	\$ 18,987.13	\$ 18,710.98	\$ 7,598.42	\$ 31,427.83	7,377.11	\$ 351.00	\$.....	\$1,638.29	\$ 7,100.20
1930...	14,635.38	5,490.73	10,443.96	20,922.59	20,083.63	7,158.37	30,671.32	\$11,087.84	359.99	.....	1,518.62	\$ 7,572.85
1931...	8,930.45	1,692.60	11,119.55	20,089.17	18,548.20	6,653.97	27,825.40	11,560.73	317.03	.....	1,343.10	4,294.63
1932...	7,828.64	1,819.92	10,608.37	18,010.71	16,459.46	5,633.59	24,294.09	11,890.47	243.40	.....	1,047.19	3,787.83
1933...	7,026.54	1,567.52	9,185.40	15,564.88	15,313.99	4,963.15	21,243.72	8,138.66	292.67	.....	888.57	7,161.40
1934...	5,610.42	355.99	9,753.16	18,830.86	16,022.73	4,903.38	23,450.11	7,427.74	230.70	.....	957.67	8,079.46
1935...	9,113.10	870.00	10,163.49	20,223.29	15,976.22	5,005.01	23,830.96	7,774.04	232.81	.....	862.87	8,240.64
1936...	6,185.40	913.50	9,923.54	19,470.92	16,428.85	5,034.99	25,021.96	6,978.35	260.81	.....	.....	10,389.94
Total...	\$82,410.12	\$14,425.65	\$82,693.39	\$152,098.55	\$137,542.05	\$46,973.88	\$206,765.59	\$72,240.94	\$2,227.98	\$1,992.08	\$7,296.64	\$96,726.97

SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE—D.

OFFERINGS—Concluded

	Camp Meetings	Sunday School and Other Conventions	Annual Conf. Fund	Annual Conference Delegate	General Conf. Fund	Benevolent Society	Annual Conf. Expenses	Total Offerings	Subscriptions and Literature Sold
1929...	\$ 8,993.05	\$ 926.70	\$ 342.31	\$ 482.96	\$ 317.24	\$ 953.50	\$.....	\$ 173,960.46	\$ 26,262.39
1930...	8,198.30	813.62	311.51	432.39	.....	873.00	.....	166,429.94	24,716.08
1931...	7,386.76	802.20	245.38	384.25	.....	743.50	.....	143,222.52	25,429.05
1932...	5,531.03	716.53	188.73	206.13	.....	617.00	.....	119,859.12	25,496.67
1933...	4,857.71	683.37	155.55	307.30	.....	623.00	.....	111,145.48	19,851.86
1934...	5,878.16	653.28	159.69	290.39	.....	567.00	.....	116,808.66	23,179.57
1935...	5,768.54	658.45	167.42	208.08	.....	517.00	.....	124,729.93	22,928.12
1936...	6,097.13	691.17	177.79	334.44	.....	466.50	.....	125,587.08	28,175.85
Total...	\$52,710.08	\$5,945.32	\$1,748.38	\$2,825.94	\$ 317.24	\$5,359.50	\$1,492.80	\$1,081,773.19	\$195,039.59

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ROLL AND DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS

I. Itinerants

NAME	Licensed	Ordained	Received Present Charge	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Baer, Paul E.	1924	1928	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.	1928	1935	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.
Hartman, E. B.	1927	1936	1936	721 W. 7th St., Chester, Pa.
Heffner, W. F.	1917	1920	1935	234 Muensch 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, E. 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., Lehighon, 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, W. W. ...	1930	....	.....	" " "

IV. Quarterly Conference Licensed Missionaries

Brunner, Mrs. C. H.	1892	....	.....	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	"	"
1936	Oct.	15-19.....	Allentown	"	"

*Special Session concerning the sale of certain church property to the "Church of God."

**Special Conference whereby a union was effected between the Evangelical Mennonites of Pennsylvania and the United Mennonites of the Western States and Canada. Name changed to "Evangelical United Mennonites."

†A special conference was held December 27, 1883, at Harrisburg, Ohio, whereby a union was effected with the Brethren in Christ of Ohio and the name changed to "Mennonite Brethren in Christ."

CAMP MEETINGS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

Year		TENTS		TENTS		TENTS		TENTS
†1879								
1880	Chestnut Hill	4						
1881	" "	6						
1882	" "							
1883	" "							
1884	" "							
1885	" "							
1886	" "							
1887	" "							
1888	" "							
1889	" "							
1890	" "							
1891	" "							
1892	" "		Royersford					
1893	" "		Spring City		Catasauqua			
1894	" "		"					
*1895	" "		"		Weissport	Annandale		
*1896	" "		"		Walnutport	"		
1897	" "		"		Rittersville			
1898	Quakertown		"		"	Sunbury		
1899	"		"			"		
1900	Macungie		Northampton		Terre Hill	64		
1901	"		Neffsville		Mohnsville			
1902	"	56	Northampton		"			
1903	"	52	"		Reading (East)			
1904	Wescocsville	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 (Sha- mokin Dist.)	170	.....	.....
1927	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	284	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	263	Shamokin (Sham. Dist.)	161	.....	.....
1928	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	294	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	241	Shamokin (Sham. Dist.)	161	.....	.....
1929	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	260	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	235	Shamokin (Easton Dist.)	146	.....	.....
1930	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	229	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	222	Shamokin (Easton Dist.)	147	.....	.....
1931	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	239	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	217	Shamokin (Easton Dist.)	131	.....	.....
1932	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	226	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	225	Shamokin (Easton Dist.)	115	.....	.....
1933	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	227	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	200	Shamokin (Easton Dist.)	124	.....	.....
1934	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	273	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	245	Shamokin (Easton Dist.)	136	.....	.....
1935	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	237	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	237	Shamokin (Easton Dist.)	131	.....	.....
1936	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	211	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	199	Shamokin (Easton Dist.)	151	.....	.....

†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.

RECORD OF SPECIAL AND GENERAL CONFERENCES

Evangelical Mennonites

1. UPPER MILFORD, PA. September 24, 1858.

The Evangelical Mennonites organized themselves into a body at their first Conference held in Upper Milford, now known as Zionsville, September 24, 1858, with William Gehman, Chairman, and David Gehman, Secretary. This body held semi-annual conferences regularly until November 6, 1879, when they united with the United Mennonites of Canada and adopted the name, Evangelical United Mennonites. Since that date they elected Presiding Elders and held conferences annually.

United Mennonites

2. BLAIR, ONT. March 23, 1875.

Chairman, S. Eby.
Secretary, John Krupp.

Reformed Mennonites—John Baer, Sr., Solomon Eby, Daniel Wismer, Noah Detwiler.

New Mennonites—J. H. Steckley, Samuel Sherk, John McNally, Peter Geiger, John Krupp, Henry C. Wismer.

Name changed to United Mennonites.

These United Mennonites held their first General Conference at Blair, Ontario, on June 4, 1879, with S. Eby, Chairman, and John Krupp, Secretary.

Evangelical United Mennonites

3. ZIONSVILLE, PA. November 6, 1879.

Special Union Conference of the Evangelical Mennonites of Pennsylvania and the United Mennonites of Canada, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. Name changed to Evangelical United Mennonites.

Chairman, William Gehman.
Secretary—D. Brenneman.

Pennsylvania Conference—William Gehman, David Henning, Abraham Kauffman, Joel Rosenberger, Abel Strawn, Jonas Musselman, Samuel Musselman, George Lambert, Samuel Frey.

Laymen—David Gehman, William Yeakel, Jacob Ruch, Daniel Koch.

Ontario Conference—Solomon Eby.

Layman—Joseph Schneider.

Indiana and Ohio Conference—Daniel Brenneman, Sydenham Lambert.

4. ELKHART (BETHEL), IND. October 4, 1882.

First General Conference of the Evangelical United Mennonites.

Chairman, Solomon Eby.
Secretary, J. Krupp.

Pennsylvania Conference—William Gehman.

Layman—J. Traub.

Ontario Conference—S. Eby, M. Bowman, J. H. Steckley.
 Laymen—J. Y. Schantz, Peter Pike.
Indiana and Michigan Conferences—D. U. Lambert, S. Sherk.
 Layman—J. Krupp.

Mennonite Brethren in Christ

5. HARRISBURG, O. December 27, 1883.

Special Conference of the "Evangelical United Mennonites" and the "Brethren in Christ." Name changed to "Mennonite Brethren in Christ."

Chairman, Samuel McDonald.
 Secretary, D. Brenneman.

Pennsylvania Conference—William Gehman, Abel Strawn.

Ontario Conference—S. Eby, M. Bowman.
 Layman—Peter Pike.

Indiana and Ohio Conference—S. Lambert, D. Brenneman.

Brethren in Christ—George W. Wright, Moses Blackburn, George B. Waitman, Daniel Walter, John Rasor, Samuel McDonald, Peter Walter, Isaiah Small.

6. UPPER MILFORD (ZIONSVILLE), PA. October 7, 1885.

First General Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ.

Chairman, S. Eby.
 Secretaries, A. Good, A. Kauffman.

Pennsylvania Conference—William Gehman, A. Strawn.

Ontario Conference—S. Eby, M. Bowman, J. McNally, J. H. Steckley.
 Laymen—J. Y. Schantz, P. Pike.

Indiana and Ohio—S. Sherk, D. Brenneman, J. W. Buzzard, S. Lambert, A. Peffy.

7. BERLIN (KITCHENER), ONT. October 3, 1888.

Chairman, M. Bowman.
 Secretary, H. S. Hallman.

Pennsylvania Conference—William Gehman, A. Strawn, W. B. Muselman.

Ontario Conference—M. Bowman, S. Eby, M. Weber, J. B. Detweiler, P. Cober, H. S. Hallman.

Laymen—P. Pike, Elias Schantz.

Indiana and Ohio Conference—A. Good, D. Brenneman, G. W. Wright, George Lambert.

8. HARRISBURG (ENGLEWOOD), OHIO. October 1, 1892.
 Chairman, M. Bowman.
 Secretary, H. S. Hallman.
Pennsylvania Conference—W. Gehman, W. B. Musselman, M. A. Zyner, N. Detweiler.
Ontario Conference—S. Eby, M. Bowman, P. Cober, J. B. Detweiler, J. H. Steckley, D. S. Schantz, E. Battye, H. Goudie, H. S. Hallman.
 Laymen—P. Pike, S. B. Schneider.
Indiana and Ohio Conference—S. Lambert, D. Brenneman, A. Good, C. K. Curtis, J. Krupp, D. Waterman.
9. COOPERSBURG, PA. October 7, 1896.
 Chairman, P. Cober.
 Secretary, H. S. Hallman.
Pennsylvania Conference—W. B. Musselman, William Gehman, C. H. Brunner.
Ontario Conference—M. Bowman, P. Cober, E. Anthony, S. Eby, H. Goudie, J. S. Guy, O. B. Snyder, A. F. Stoltz, W. Graybiel.
Indiana and Ohio—C. K. Curtis, D. Brenneman, A. Good, J. Krupp, S. Lambert, D. Waterman.
10. BERLIN (NOW KITCHENER), ONT. October 3, 1900.
 Chairman, C. H. Brunner.
 Secretary, H. S. Hallman.
Pennsylvania Conference—C. H. Brunner, H. B. Musselman, W. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, J. G. Shireman.
 Layman—A. A. Wismer.
Ontario Conference—P. E. Cober, H. Goudie, M. Bowman, S. Eby, H. S. Wismer.
 Laymen— I. Pike, S. B. Schneider.
Indiana and Ohio Conference—D. Brenneman, A. Good, S. Lambert, C. K. Curtis.
 Laymen—A. Wright, J. Buzzard.
Michigan Conference—O. B. Snyder, E. Anthony.
 Layman—J. C. Hallman.
Iowa and Nebraska Conference—H. Pontius, O. B. Henderson.
11. NAPPANEE, INDIANA. October 5, 1904.
 Chairman, S. Lambert.
 Secretary, H. S. Hallman.
Pennsylvania Conference—H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, W. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman.
 Laymen—J. D. Moyer, A. M. Gehman.
Ontario Conference—P. Cober, H. Goudie, S. Eby, S. Cressman, S. Goudie.
 Laymen—I. Pike, S. B. Schneider.
Indiana and Ohio Conference—A. B. Yoder, S. Lambert, D. Brenneman, C. K. Curtis.
 Laymen—Robert Wright, B. F. Beery.

Michigan Conference—O. B. Snyder, E. Anthony.

Layman—F. Auslander.

Nebraska Conference—J. W. Morgan, A. A. Miller, O. B. Henderson.

Layman—George Skiles (absent).

12. BROWN CITY, MICH. October 28, 1908.

Chairman, E. Anthony.

Secretary, A. B. Yoder.

Pennsylvania Conference—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, W. B.

Musselman, C. H. Brunner, W. S. Hottel, J. C. Roth.

Laymen—O. B. Bartholomew, Allen M. Gehman.

Ontario Conference—S. Goudie, E. Sievenpiper, J. N. Kitching, P. Cober, C. N. Good, S. Cressman, C. Raymer.

Laymen—J. B. Schantz, I. Pike, E. Dunnington.

Indiana and Ohio Conference—A. B. Yoder, I. P. Moore, D. Brenne-

man, S. Lambert, B. F. Beery.

Layman—A. D. Hoke.

Michigan Conference—E. Anthony, O. B. Snyder.

Layman—A. Detweiler.

Nebraska Conference—N. W. Rich, J. Hygema, H. J. Pontius.

13. BETHLEHEM, PA. October 23-31, 1912.

Chairman, S. Goudie.

Secretary, A. B. Yoder.

Pennsylvania Conference—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel, W. S. Hottel.

Laymen—Allen M. Gehman, H. H. Bergey.

Ontario Conference—S. Goudie, S. Cressman, C. N. Good, E. Sieven-

piper, J. N. Kitching.

Laymen—J. B. Shantz, I. Pike.

Indiana and Ohio Conference—A. B. Yoder, C. K. Curtis, C. I. Huff-

man, J. A. Huffman, B. F. Beery.

Layman—A. D. Hoke.

Nebraska Conference—C. I. Scott, N. W. Rich.

Pacific Conference—M. J. Carmichael,

Canadian Northwest Conference—H. Goudie.

14. NEW CARLISLE, O. October 11-14, 1916.

Chairman, C. I. Scott.

Secretary, A. B. Yoder.

Pennsylvania Conference—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel, W. S. Hottel.

Laymen—Allen M. Gehman, G. O. Billig, H. S. Jones.

Ontario Conference—S. Goudie, S. Cressman, C. N. Good, E. Sieven-

piper, J. N. Kitching.

Laymen—J. B. Schantz, I. Pike, A. S. Stouffer.

Indiana and Ohio Conference—C. K. Curtis, C. I. Huffman, A. B. Yoder, I. P. Moore, E. D. Mast.

Laymen—Anthony B. Yoder, A. D. Hoke.

- Michigan Conference**—O. B. Snyder, R. M. Dodd, J. N. Pannabecker, B. A. Sherk.
Laymen—A. Detweiler, M. Jansi.
Nebraska Conference—C. I. Scott, N. W. Rich.
Layman—Joel Stahley.
Pacific Conference—M. J. Carmichael, A. W. Barbezat.
Canadian Northwest Conference—H. Goudie.

15. **KITCHENER, ONTARIO** October 13-19, 1920.

Chairman, A. B. Yoder.
Secretary, J. A. Huifman.

Pennsylvania Conference—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel. B. Bryan Musselman, W. B. Musselman.
Laymen—Allen M. Gehman, G. O. Billig, H. L. Moyer.

Ontario Conference—S. Goudie, P. Cober, C. N. Good, J. N. Kitching.
Laymen—I. Pike, J. B. Schantz, J. H. Sherk.

Indiana and Ohio Conference—W. H. Moore, A. B. Yoder, C. I. Huffman, E. D. Mast.

Laymen—A. D. Hoke, John Ummel, Anthony B. Yoder, A. Taylor.

Michigan Conference—R. M. Dodd, B. A. Sherk, O. B. Snyder, B. Bowman.

Laymen—A. Detweiler, J. A. Kitchin.

Nebraska Conference—C. I. Scott, N. W. Rich.

Layman—H. A. McConnel (absent).

Pacific Conference—N. H. Payne, M. J. Carmichael (absent represented by J. G. Grout).

Canadian Northwest Conference—A. Traub.

16. **BROWN CITY, MICH.** October 15, 1924.

Chairman, H. B. Musselman.
Secretary, A. B. Yoder.

Pennsylvania Conference—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, B. Bryan Musselman, E. N. Cassel, F. M. Hottel.

Laymen—Allen M. Gehman, G. O. Billig, H. H. Bergey, P. Ward Musselman.

Ontario Conference—S. Goudie, M. Bricker, S. Cressman, C. N. Good, W. Brown, A. G. Warder.

Laymen—J. H. Sherk, I. Pike, J. Thompson.

Indiana and Ohio Conference—A. B. Yoder, H. M. Metzger, S. Bartlett, W. H. Moore, C. I. Huffman.

Laymen—J. P. Michael, J. A. Freed, A. Neff, Anthony B. Yoder.

Michigan Conference—J. S. Wood, F. A. Jones, O. B. Snyder, J. A. Avery.

Laymen—A. Kitchin, A. Detweiler.

Nebraska Conference—C. I. Scott, N. W. Rich.

Layman—T. Young.

Canadian Northwest Conference—A. Traub.

17. ALLENTOWN, PA. November 7, 1928.
 Chairman, A. B. Yoder.
 Secretary, J. S. Wood.
- Pennsylvania Conference**—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, B. Bryan Musselman, C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel, G. F. Yost, F. M. Hottel.
 Laymen—G. O. Billig, H. H. Bergey, M. L. Musselman, C. D. Bean, Allen M. Gehman.
- Ontario Conference**—S. Goudie, M. Bricker, C. N. Good, E. Sievenpiper, E. Moyer, A. G. Warder.
 Laymen—I. Pike, J. Thompson, J. H. Sherk.
- Indiana and Ohio Conference**—A. B. Yoder, H. M. Metzger, W. H. Moore, R. P. Ditmer, A. Taylor, E. D. Mast.
 Laymen—Melvin Wright, M. L. Moyer, Anthony B. Yoder.
- Michigan Conference**—J. A. Avery, J. S. Wood, J. N. Kitching, R. W. Herber.
 Laymen—Jason Kitchin, D. D. Banks.
- Nebraska Conference**—C. I. Scott, N. W. Rich, E. D. Young.
 Layman—T. R. Young.
- Pacific Conference**—A. W. Barbezat.
- Canadian Northwest Conference**—A. Traub.
 Layman—H. Edwardson.
18. WAKARUSA, IND. October 28, 1936.
- Thirteenth General Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ.
 (Because of the financial depression no General Conference Session was held between 1928 and 1936).
- Chairman, C. N. Good.
 Secretary, J. S. Wood.
- Pennsylvania Conference**—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, E. N. Cassel, C. H. Brunner, B. Bryan Musselman, F. B. Hertzog, P. T. Stengele, T. D. Gehret.
 Laymen—Jacob Moyer, Paul H. Cressman, C. W. Teel, E. R. Hartman, C. B. Brosius, C. E. Musselman.
- Ontario Conference**—C. N. Good, M. Bricker, S. Goudie, J. Harold Sherk, L. R. Pipher, W. B. Moyer.
 Laymen—I. Pike, V. W. Cressman, D. Greer.
- Indiana and Ohio Conference**—R. P. Ditmer, H. E. Miller, C. I. Huffman, A. Taylor, J. A. Berry, W. E. Manges, William Hygema.
 Laymen—Anthony B. Yoder, J. W. Moyer, M. Wright, Charles Miller.
- Michigan Conference**—E. M. Gibson, J. A. Bradley, J. A. Avery, J. S. Wood, R. W. Herber.
 Laymen—C. Shupe, J. Dafeo.
- Nebraska Conference**—E. D. Young, N. E. Durkee.
 Layman—Joel Stahley.
- Pacific Conference**—E. H. Metclif.
- Canadian Northwest Conference**—C. J. Hallman.
19. KITCHENER, ONT. Last Wednesday of October, 1940—
 Should the Lord tarry.