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

Business Rules of the Conference

1. Two sessions shall be held daily, as follows: From 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon, and from 1:30 p. m. to 5:00 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 receive 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. Laymen's Benevolent Society Officers.
 7. Beneficiary Society Officers (Elected by the Society).

Special Laws and Resolutions

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

I.—Members of the Annual Conference

A. The following shall be the members of the Annual Conference:

- (a) Ordained Ministers as specified by the discipline.
- (b) Probationers who have a 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, unless 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 Board elected 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 accord with our doctrine, with the itinerant plan, and submission to the Conference. [Enacted February 3, 1890.]

F.—Licenses shall be written and given by the Chairman of the Annual Conference and signed by the Presiding Elder, as Chairman.

III.—Quarterly Conference Rules

A.—Each Pastor shall see that the Summary Financial Reports are correctly compiled and appended to the proceedings of the last Quarterly Conference of the current year.

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

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

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

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

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

G.—The Quarterly Conference accounts of the Stewards shall be from quarter to quarter, and the reports on the schedules from October 1 to September 30. 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 seven ordained members who 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 Conference sessions.

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 outfits.

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 at the various Camp Meetings after all the expenses are paid, it shall be deposited 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 of the ministry and membership of the Church of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church of Pennsylvania at; subject to the doctrines, laws, usages, and ministerial appointments of the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church of Pennsylvania as from time to time established, made, and declared by the lawful authorities of the said church and if the said property shall be sold or encumbered, the proceeds of the sale or encumbrance shall be applied for the use of the aforesaid, subject, however, to the provisions of the law of the church relating to abandoned church properties and of that forbidding 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" semi-annually. In this service the necessity of establishing and supporting Foreign Missions shall be impressed upon the minds of the children, and an offering taken 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 money 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 its 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 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 Elders' Districts and in the Gospel Herald Society shall be mutually agreed upon by the Presiding Elders.

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 itinerant 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 Conference 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. A minister who has given thirty years or more of service in the itinerancy and desires to change his 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. [Enacted October 1935, Revised October 19, 1938.]

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 February 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 sees 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 have 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 program shall meet six weeks before the convention to arrange a program. Each Sunday School shall be represented by the Pastor and the Superintendent. The Superintendents and Essayists shall have their fares paid. Each Superintendent shall lift a liberal offering to defray the expenses of the Convention. [Enacted October 29, 1904. Revised October 15, 1938.]

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

I.—To be paid at the Ministerial Convention.

A—Beneficiary Fund—Annual.

A free-will offering from each class.

B—Conference Fund—Annual.

An offering from each Sunday School on the basis of twenty-five cents for each officer and teacher reported at the last Annual Conference.

C—Ministers' Retirement Fund.

- (a) A quarterly offering taken by each class leader and paid over to the Presiding Elder at the Quarterly Conference.
- (b) Ministers' personal offerings from receipts since the Annual Conference.

II.—To be paid at the Annual Conference.

D—Foreign Missions.

- (a) Offering for Foreign Missions—Annual.
Pledges shall be taken between Conference and New Year.
- (b) Missionary Offerings in the Sunday School—Semi-annual.

E—Home Missions—Annual.

Offering for Home Missionary Work.
Pledges shall be taken between New Year and April 1.

F—The Home—Annual.

Offering for the Home for Orphans and the Aged.
This shall be taken on or before Thanksgiving Day.

G—Conference Fund—Annual.

One offering taken by each Class Leader.

H—Annual Conference Expenses—Annual.

This amount shall be paid by each class on the basis of ten cents per member reported at the last Annual Conference.

I—Ministers' Retirement Fund.

- (a) A quarterly offering taken by each class leader and paid over to the Presiding Elder at the Quarterly Conference.
- (b) Ministers' personal offerings from receipts since the Ministerial Convention. (See Article "Ministers' Retirement Fund").

Note A—Offerings A, B and C shall be paid by the Ministers at the Ministerial Convention. All the others shall be paid at the Annual Conference.

Note B—Offering A shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Society.

Note C—The other offerings, D, E, F, G, and H shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Annual Conference; offering D on one check and all the others on a separate check.

Note D—For the convenience of all concerned, all of these offerings should be paid by check or money order. If paid in cash, it should be enclosed in an envelope stating name of the giver, the amount enclosed and the fund for which it is designated.

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 a donation of two dollars shall be given him 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.

Poor Blind Zaci's Faith

Here at Kulo the first one to renounce paganism was Zaci, a one-eyed lad, who, through an accident, lost the sight of his remaining eye soon after his conversion. The heathens were not slow to tell him that this was a punishment for his having "caught the Jesus road," and that if he did not sacrifice again to the ancestral spirits worse would befall him. His courageous reply that it matter not and that in the resurrection God would give him back his two eyes did much for the cause of Christ in that heathen town, and today here also there is a goodly group of believers.

Sudan Witness.

Annual Conference Proceedings

1939

FIRST MEETING

Thursday Morning, October 19, 1939.

The Fifty-sixth 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 9.00 a. m., Thursday, October 19, 1939. "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood," verses 1 and 2, was sung as the opening hymn. Pastor T. D. Gehret led in prayer.

This was followed by the reading of appropriate portions of Scripture and a very helpful address by the Chairman, after which the Conference engaged in a season of thanksgiving and earnest prayer.

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

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. B. Hertzog, T. D. Gehret, F. M. Hottel, J. B. Layne, A. G. Woodring, H. K. Kratz, Paul E. Baer, J. C. Roth, N. H. Wolf, H. W. Hartman, J. B. Henry, R. H. Gehman, W. W. Hartman, A. M. Sprock, E. E. Kublic, E. B. Hartman, W. F. Heffner, E. W. Bean, R. Bergstresser, E. T. Shick, J. F. Barrall, C. F. Snyder, H. W. Feldges, C. L. Miller, N. M. Cressman and E. H. Musselman.

Probationers—J. T. Anderson, C. E. Kirkwood, T. E. Turnbull, R. C. Reichenbach, G. C. Watson and E. J. Rutman.

Delegates

Allentown District

R. Paul Schaeffer, Allentown (Bethel).

Paul H. Cressman, Bethlehem.

Fred Geibel, Philadelphia (Salem).

Charles T. Knauer, Reading.

W. N. Schlonecker, Emmaus, Macungie and Zionsville.

H. L. Shelly, Coopersburg and Allentown (Salem).
 R. R. Fox, Royersford and Spring City.
 G. K. Himmelreich, Fleetwood, Blandon and Terre Hill.
 H. H. Bergey, Quakertown.
 M. M. Ziegler, Graterford and Harleysville.
 A. W. Deppe, Nazareth and Northampton.
 A. A. Schaffer, Alt., Lehighton, Weissport and Walnutport.
 Thomas W. Campbell, Sr., Wissinoming and West Philadelphia.

Easton District

Herbert V. Smith, Easton.
 George John, Shamokin.
 J. W. Boehmer, Mt. Carmel.
 George R. Fish, Stroudsburg.
 C. B. Brosius, Sunbury.
 H. H. Dietrich, Jr., Scranton.
 George S. Messersmith, York.
 Daniel K. Ziegler, Hatfield.
 David Gardner, Harrisburg.
 Frank W. Hankins, Sr., Chester.
 Harry J. Sheffy, Lebanon.
 Herbert E. Cole, Staten Island, N. Y.

Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman of the Allentown District, all the Pastors, all the Delegates, a number of the Gospel Heralds and others were present at the opening of the first meeting.

W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Easton District, was absent on account of illness.

We are remembering at this time the Gospel Worker Society and the Union Gospel Press, Cleveiland, Ohio, 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; Mrs. Fred Whale, Miss Mary A. Miller, C. L. Miller and Mrs. C. L. Miller, of Africa; H. W. Feldges and Mrs. H. W. Feldges, of Colombia, now on furlough.

We also include the following missionaries although not members of our Church, yet are being supported by our Conference: E. E. Crist, Mrs. E. E. Crist, E. R. Hess, Harry Stam, Mrs. Harry Stam, Joseph Ummel and Paul Ummel, of Africa; William C. Cadman and Mrs. William C. Cadman, of French Indo-China.

Special thanksgiving has been offered in the morning devotions for all our churches and missions in the homeland and the noble company of believers whom the Lord has given us. Special prayers were also made in their behalf.

Resolved, That the first five pews in the center 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 W. F. Heffner 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, T. D. Gehret and C. H. Brunner.

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

Committee on Communications: P. T. Stengele, C. H. Brunner and J. B. Layne.

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, A. M. Sprock 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, E. W. Bean, W. W. Hartman, W. F. Heffner, E. J. Rutman, George John, H. H. Dietrick, Jr., A. D. Deppe, George R. Fish, M. M. Ziegler, David Gardner, George S. Messersmith, Frank W. Hankins Sr., Thomas W. Campbell Sr., J. W. Boehmer, Herbert E. Cole and Harry J. Sheffy.

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

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

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

Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination: B. Bryan Musselman, E. N. Cassel, F. B. Hertzog and J. B. Layne.

Committee on Resolutions: F. B. Hertzog, A. G. Woodring and Paul E. Baer.

Auditing Committee: G. F. Yost, Paul H. Cressman, Charles T. Knauer, Fred Geibel, R. R. Fox, A. A. Schaffer, C. B. Brosius, Daniel K. Ziegler, G. C. Watson and E. E. Kublic.

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 three 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 7, 1939, and arranged the following program:

Thursday, 7:30 P. M.—The Pastors shall submit their oral reports limited to three minutes each. The Presiding Elders shall also give their oral reports.

Friday, 7:45 P. M.—Thirty-minute addresses by Pastors P. T. Stengele and J. B. Layne.

Saturday, 7:45 P. M.—Twenty-minute addresses by Pastors A. G. Woodring and Paul E. Baer.

Sunday, 9:45 A. M.—The Chairman of the Annual Conference, Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman, shall preach the sermon.

2:00 P. M.—Sermon by Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman.

7:00 P. M.—Thirty-minute addresses by Pastors C. H. Brunner and T. D. Gehret.

The Sunday services shall be in charge of Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman.

H. B. Musselman,

W. G. Gehman,

B. Bryan Musselman,

T. D. Gehret,

C. H. Brunner,

Committee

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

Adjourned at 10:30 o'clock with prayer by N. H. Wolf and benediction by G. F. Yost.

Second Meeting

Thursday Afternoon, October 19, 1939

The Chairman opened the afternoon meeting at 3:20 o'clock with singing, "My Jesus I Love Thee" and prayer by J. C. Roth.

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

Report of the Ministerial Convention. (See Reports).

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

Report of the Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists and Missionaries: We beg leave to report that we have examined the Presiding Elders, Evangelists, Missionaries and Local Preachers and found them all satisfactory with no charges against them.

J. B. Layne,	F. M. Hottel,
T. D. Gehret,	J. B. Henry,
H. K. Kratz,	Committee

Report of the Committee on the Examination of Traveling Elders: We, the Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders, having examined all the Traveling Elders through the various delegates, take pleasure in reporting that we find them a self-sacrificing and entirely satisfactory band of workers, living lives of devotion and wholeheartedly engaged in the service of the Lord.

Herbert V. Smith,	W. N. Schlonecker,
H. H. Bergery,	G. K. Himmelreich,
	Committee

W. H. Frank, having satisfactorily passed the examination on the Discipline, was presented for Annual Conference License by Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman.

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

Business was resumed.

The following reports were read and adopted:

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

We, the Committee on Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference License, have examined W. H. Frank, and recommend him to this Conference for Annual Conference License.

T. D. Gehret,	B. Bryan Musselman,
P. T. Stengele,	F. M. Hottel,
	Committee

Report of the Committee on Communications: We have received a letter from W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Easton District, which we recommend to be read to this Conference.

P. T. Stengele,	J. B. Layne,
C. H. Brunner,	Committee

This letter was read and referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Whereas, Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman is unable, on account of illness, to be present on Sunday afternoon to speak as announced by Conference, therefore,

Resolved, That C. H. Brunner shall speak Sunday afternoon at 2:00 P. M. in place of Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman.

The following Reports were read and adopted:

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

Resolved, That we elect two Presiding Elders.

Resolved, That W. G. Gehman be permitted to vote by proxy in the roll call of Conditional and Unconditional Ministers, this proxy to be vested in Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman as instructed by W. G. Gehman.

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

Resolved, That the Secretary call the roll for Conditional and Unconditional Ministers.

The following was the result:

Unconditional—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, B. Bryan Musselman, E. N. Cassel, P. T. Stengele, G. F. Yost, F. B. Hertzog, T. D. Gehret, F. M. Hottel, J. B. Layne, A. G. Woodring, H. K. Kratz, Paul E. Baer, J. C. Roth, N. H. Wolf, H. W. Hartman, J. B. Henry, R. H. Gehman, W. W. Hartman, A. M. Sprock, E. E. Kublic, E. B. Hartman, W. F. Heffner, E. W. Bean, E. J. Rutman, G. C. Watson.

Conditional—None.

Absent—R. Bergstresser, J. F. Barrall, C. F. Snyder, H. W. Feldges, C. L. Miller, N. M. Cressman and E. H. Musselman.

The Chair appointed the tellers as follows: F. B. Hertzog, J. B. Layne and A. G. Woodring.

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

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

The following Reports were read and adopted:

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

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

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

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

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

Adjourned at 5:45 o'clock with prayer by P. T. Stengele and benediction by F. M. Hottel.

Third Meeting

Thursday Evening, October 19, 1939

The evening meeting was opened at 7:30 o'clock with singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and prayer by Paul E. Baer.

The roll was called.

The Pastors submitted their oral reports, followed by the oral report of Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman who, in the absence of Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman, reported for both Districts.

A large and representative audience from both Districts filled the Conference Church, manifesting their interest and loyalty in the work of the Lord as carried on for God through the various Pastors and Presiding Elders.

Adjourned at 9:20 o'clock with prayer and benediction by Paul E. Baer.

Fourth Meeting

Friday Morning, October 20, 1939

The meeting was opened with singing "Nearer My God to Thee" and prayer by Thomas W. Campbell, Sr.

The Chairman read II Corinthians 5:14-21 and made a few appropriate remarks.

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

The following reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records:

We, the Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records, beg leave to report that we have examined the Quarterly Conference Records and have found them in excellent condition. A few slight errors were found which were corrected by the Pastors in our presence.

F. B. Hertzog,
 J. B. Henry,
 E. W. Bean,
 W. W. Hartman,
 W. F. Heffner,
 E. J. Rutman,
 George John,
 H. H. Dietrich Jr.,
 A. W. Deppe,

George R. Fish,
 M. M. Ziegler,
 David Gardner,
 George S. Messersmith,
 Frank W. Hankins, Sr.,
 Thomas W. Campbell Sr.,
 J. W. Boehmer,
 Herbert E. Cole,
 Harry J. Sheffy,
 Committee

Report of the Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Records:

We hereby certify that we have examined the Annual Conference Minutes for the Session of October 13-16, 1938, and found them correct.

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

E. E. Kublic,
 Committee.

Resolved, That we suspend business.

Business was resumed at 12:00 o'clock.

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

The following report was read and adopted:

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

Adjourned at 12:15 P. M., with prayer by G. F. Yost and benediction by F. M. Hottel.

Fifth Meeting

Friday Afternoon, October 20, 1939

The meeting was opened with singing "Nearer My God to Thee" and prayer by W. F. Heffner.

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

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

Business was resumed at 3:30 P. M.

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

Report of the Conference Treasurer. (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 we suspend the rules and extend the time indefinitely.

The following reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

1. **Whereas,** We have again been privileged to listen to the reports of our esteemed Presiding Elders and learn of the blessing of God upon the work, both spiritually and financially,

Whereas, The President of the Gospel Herald Society informed us of the noble work being done by this group of consecrated young men, and

Whereas, Both our Leaders have toiled willingly and untiringly and have given much needed counsel and spiritual advice, therefore

Resolved, That we highly appreciate their work and labor of love and pray God to bless them abundantly unto the day of His glorious appearing.

2. **Whereas,** W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Easton District was not physically able to be present at this Conference and forwarded a communication expressing his regrets as follows:

"Dear Brother Musselman, Chairman, and members of the Annual Conference, in Conference assembled, Greetings:

"It hath pleased the Lord to have me cease from the greater activity for the time being. The Spirit of life in Christ Jesus shall bring me forth again in God's own time and order. In the meanwhile, may that great gain be mine which is the result of Godliness with contentment. I shall not be present bodily but my spirit shall be with you prayerfully that God may direct the Conference deliberations and anything else connected with the Conference according to His highest aim and purpose. I thank you for your prayers in the past and now and hereafter for my speedy recovery, if it be His will that I may resume the race, keep the faith, and finish my course with joy."

Whereas, W. G. Gehman has been such a great blessing by his many counsels and activities with a deep passion for the cause of Christ for more than two score years, and

Whereas, We have missed much of his Godly influence, prayerful example and congenial presence during the Conference sessions, therefore

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to earnestly pray for his speedy recovery to health and full service in leadership as heretofore.

3. Whereas, All our Pastors have been spared during the year and have cited much progress along various lines in their spicy oral reports, therefore

Resolved, That we praise God who hath enabled us to work for Him in His great harvest field and that by the grace of God we strive to prove worthy of our calling and serve to the best of our ability.

4. Whereas, The various charges of our Conference have been blessed with a group of believers who are faithful and self-sacrificing, therefore

Resolved, That we appreciate their many kindnesses and whole-hearted service and pray God to richly reward them and continue to make them a great blessing.

5. Whereas, Our Conference Secretary, C. H. Brunner, has again devoted much time in gathering the most valuable information possible by corresponding with our Missionaries in the Foreign Fields and arranging the reading material and cuts in such a manner as to give us a very interesting and attractive "Year Book" and "Regions Beyond," therefore

Resolved, That we appreciate his faithful work and that we donate the sum of fifty dollars to be paid out of the Annual Conference Fund.

6. Whereas, The Christian Life series of Sunday School literature has been published by the Union Gospel Press of Cleveland, Ohio, being of the highest quality and used in many countries, therefore

Resolved, That we praise the Lord for their noble work and continue to pray in their behalf.

7. 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.

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

9. Resolved, That the church property at Hereford be in charge of the Board of Trustees of Macungie, Pa.

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 the Pastors hold the Home Missionary meetings under the direction of the respective Presiding Elders and that the subscriptions be taken sometime between New Year and April 1.

12. Resolved, That we ask the Sunday Schools to remit twenty-five cents 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.

13. Resolved, That each appointment lift an offering for the next Annual Conference expenses, the amount to be computed on a basis of ten cents per member reported at the previous Annual Conference.

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

Resolved, That we tender them a rising vote of thanks and unitedly pray God's blessing upon them for usefulness in the Lord's work.

F. B. Hertzog,

Paul E. Baer,

A. G. Woodring,

Committee

Report of the Committee on Communications:

We have received a letter from E. H. Musselman and one from N. M. Cressman and recommend that they be read before this Conference.

P. T. Stengele,

J. B. Layne,

C. H. Brunner,

Committee

The letters were read to the Conference and referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Elections

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

The following were elected:

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

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

The following were elected:

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

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

Treasurer of the next Annual Conference: C. H. Brunner.

Committee Over the Presiding Elders: P. T. Stengele, J. B. Layne and F. B. Hertzog.

Executive Board: H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, E. N. Cassel, C. H. Brunner, B. Bryan Musselman, J. B. Layne and T. D. Gehret.

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.

Adjourned at 5:55 P. M. with prayer by W. N. Schlonecker and benediction by E. E. Kublic.

Sixth Meeting

Saturday Morning, October 21, 1939

The meeting was opened with singing "Sweeter As the Years Roll By" and prayer by G. C. Watson.

The roll was called.

The Chairman read II Corinthians 4:8-18 and gave a helpful exhortation.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following report was read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, We have received communications from E. H. Musselman and N. M. Cressman expressing their continued love and fellowship toward the brethren of the Conference, therefore

Resolved, That we earnestly pray God's blessings upon them, their families and the work to which God has called them.

F. B. Hertzog,

Paul E. Baer,

A. G. Woodring,

Committee

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

The following were elected:

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

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

Resolved, That all contributions received 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, Pa.

Board of Publication and Printing (Appointed by the Chairman): President, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, T. D. Gehret; C. H. Brunner.

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

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

He appointed F. B. Hertzog, A. G. Woodring and Paul E. Baer.

Resolved, That the next Annual Conference convene in Beulah Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, Twelfth and Spruce Streets, Easton, Pa., Thursday, October 17, 1940 at 9:00 A. M., and continue over Sunday.

Resolved, That the Chairman of the next Annual Conference preach the Conference Sermon on Sunday morning and Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman shall preach in the afternoon.

Resolved, That the two Presiding Elders and the Pastor of the Easton congregation constitute a Committee to arrange a program of services for the next Annual Conference and send a copy to each of the Pastors.

Resolved, That we suspend the Rules and meet at 1:00 P. M.

Adjourned with prayer by Charles T. Knauer and benediction by J. B. Layne.

Seventh Meeting

Saturday Afternoon, October 21, 1939

The meeting was opened with singing "Follow, Follow, I Will Follow Jesus" and prayer by M. M. Ziegler.

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

The following report was read and adopted:

Report of the Committee on 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, The Executive Board, Foreign and Home Missions, Conference Treasurer, Committee on Finance and Ministers' Retirement Fund.

All accounts were presented in a satisfactory manner and the few minor errors which we found were readily corrected in the presence of those concerned.

G. F. Yost,
Paul H. Cressman,
Fred Geibel,
C. B. Brosius,
A. A. Schaffer,

R. R. Fox,
Charles T. Knauer,
E. E. Kublic,
G. C. Watson,
Daniel K. Ziegler,

Committee.

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: E. N. Cassel.

Easton District: J. B. Layne.

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

Resolved, That Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman represent the Easton District in the absence of Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman and also preside at the meeting of the Beneficiary Society.

Resolved, That we hold the next Annual Ministerial Convention in the M. B. in C. Church, Royersford, Pa., on April 18, 1940. 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, T. D. Gehret; Secretary, F. B. Hertzog.

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

Resolved, That Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) from the Annual Conference Fund be donated to the Royersford Congregation toward the expenses of this Convention.

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

Business was resumed.

Resolved, That the Chairman appoint a Committee of three to compile a statement of our attitude and belief relative to war and military service and present this statement to the Executive Board for printing and distribution among our members.

He appointed the following: T. D. Gehret, C. H. Brunner and E. N. Cassel.

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 Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting of the Allentown District. (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 Easton District Camp Meeting. (See Reports).

Report of the Beneficiary Society. (See Reports).

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

Report of the Committee to Examine Applicants for Ordination:

No candidates have been presented for Ordination; therefore, we have nothing to report.

B. Bryan Musselman,

F. B. Hertzog,

E. N. Cassel,

J. B. Layne,

Committee.

The various Boards and Standing Committees reported to the Secretary the election of their officers. (See Official Record).

Resolved, That we print 875 copies of the Year Book for 1939. The price of the Year Book shall be twenty-five cents per copy. In case of a deficit, this shall be paid out of the Conference Fund.

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

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

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

Resolved, That whenever a congregation has a membership of 300 or more, they shall be permitted to increase the membership of the Board of Trustees from three to five.

Adjourned at 4.30 P. M. with prayer by J. B. Layne and benediction by the Chairman, H. B. Musselman.

Signed:

H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder, Chairman,

W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder,

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

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

N. H. Wolf, Recording Secretary,

H. W. Hartman, Recording Secretary,

A. G. Woodring, Recording Secretary,		
E. N. Cassel,	E. B. Hartman,	A. W. Deppe,
P. T. Stengele,	W. F. Heffner,	George John,
G. F. Yost,	E. W. Bean,	A. A. Schaffer,
F. B. Hertzog,	E. J. Rutman,	C. B. Brosius,
T. D. Gehret,	G. C. Watson,	H. H. Bergey,
F. M. Hottel,	W. N. Schionecker,	T. W. Campbell, Sr.,
J. B. Layne,	R. Paul Schaeffer,	M. M. Ziegler,
H. K. Kratz,	R. R. Fox,	J. W. Boehmer,
Paul E. Baer,	Paul H. Cressman,	H. H. Dietrich, Jr.
J. C. Roth,	Fred Geibel,	George R. Fish,
J. B. Henry,	H. L. Shelly,	Frank W. Hankins, Sr.
R. H. Gehman,	Herbert V. Smith,	David Gardner,
W. W. Hartman,	Chas. T. Knauer,	Daniel K. Ziegler,
A. M. Sprock,	George S. Messersmith,	Harry J. Sheffy,
E. E. Kublic,	G. K. Himmelreich,	Herbert E. Cole.



The Host Church. Rev. B. Bryan Musselman, Pastor.

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I.—PRESIDING ELDERS

Report of the Presiding Elder of the Allentown District

"Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage forever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart. I have inclined mine heart to perform Thy statutes always, even unto the end." (Psalm 119 : 111, 112).

The Lord has again most graciously upheld and spared to us all of the Pastors, together with their families, for which we praise Him. There were such, however, who encountered severe physical tests and to whom the Lord has rendered special help, to the glory of His excellent Name. Love and Christian forbearance have been prevailing among the brethren, which is so much in need in these days of strain and taxation on all sides. We are indeed appreciative for all the many considerations and kindnesses bestowed upon us by the brethren, and above all for their unceasing prayers at all times.

The Sunday Schools continue to be large in attendance. The attendance at the Communion services on the entire District throughout the year was never better. It afforded us much joy in meeting with the dear pilgrims at the various appointments.

The various offerings were also good in view of the lack of employment for a goodly number and the irregularity of steady employment for many others.

All of the Church properties on the District are being kept in good condition, with notable improvements having been made in a number of instances.



M. B. in C. Church, Zionsville, Pa.

First Church in the Penna. Conference. Built in 1858. Beautiful, well kept cemetery in the rear.

Two Camp Meetings were again held on the District. Both of these gatherings were held in Mizpah Camp Grove, in the City of Allentown, Pa., with 264 tents put up for use, respectively. God's messengers spoke the Word with much liberty and the presence of the Lord was

manifested throughout. The Southern Lighthouse Colored Quartet and the Bosworth Evangelistic Party rendered acceptable service at both of the Camp Meetings.



Tent Meetings—Roxboro, Phila.
Allentown District. Pastor J. B. Henry in charge.

A number of the services were again broadcast over Radio Station WCBA and WSAW, thereby affording the many shut-ins and others to also receive goodly portions of these feasts of tabernacles. The Pastor of the Allentown Church has continued to broadcast daily throughout the year to a host of regular listeners with a good response. The Pastor of the Reading Church has also broadcast a number of services throughout the year over another station with encouraging results.

We wish to humbly acknowledge the goodness of the Lord bestowed upon us, in being our enabling at all times. Unto Him belongeth all the praise and all the glory.

Financial

	Receipts	
Balance in reserve	\$100.00	
Received from the Treasurer	760.00	\$860.00
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	Expenditures	
	(a) Appropriations	
Nazareth and Northampton	\$144.00	
Wissinoming and West Philadelphia	216.00	\$360.00
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	(b) Miscellaneous	
Mizpah Camp Grove, improvements	\$182.96	
Evangelistic assistance, Camp Meetings	50.00	
E. T. Shick, donation	5.00	
Asst. Matron of Home, at Camp	10.00	

W. G. Gehman, Ex. Com. bills	68.64	
H. W. Hartman, donation	65.00	
J. B. Henry, tabernacle expenses	13.50	
Printing literature, etc.	12.08	
Special donations	70.00	
Fares, toll, etc.	22.82	500.00
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		\$860.00

H. B. Musselman, Presiding Elder.



View of one of our Camp Meetings about thirty years ago. No auditorium those days.

II.—PRESIDING ELDERS—Continued

Report of the Presiding Elder of the Eastern District

The good hand of the Lord God was upon us during another year. The Pastors with their families were upheld by His loving arms. The laity showed a marked concern about the financial and spiritual support of the shepherds and their families. In these days of misunderstandings and discord, how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. "It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments."

The Holy Spirit operated through the preached Word in the saving, cleansing, and healing of quite a number. A number were baptized and added to the Church.

The presence of the Lord was particularly manifested at the Camp Meeting held in Shamokin, Pa. There were 156 tents erected and occupied. There were large responses to the various altar calls. The prayer meetings in groups were well attended and edifying. Special meetings were held for the young men and young women separately, also a few special men's meetings for particular discussion on different subjects. A large number of young people was present throughout the Camp Meeting. Old and young fitted well together. The Bosworth party had charge of the singing and music. They rendered excellent service. B. B. Bosworth delivered several messages and was especially used in giving various altar calls. Dr. D. L. Cooper, President of the Biblical Research Society, of Los Angeles, Cal., was present for several

days and gave excellent service. The Pastors and various Gospel Heralds gave spiritual messages. The offerings were liberal and the expenses were met perhaps with less pressure than heretofore.

The Sunday School Convention for the District and the Gospel Herald Society was held in Sunbury, Pa. Pastor N. H. Wolf, with his class and friends entertained the Convention members and visitors most liberally and hospitably. The attendance was large and the influence exerted splendid.

The Ministerial Convention was held in Shamokin, Pa. This gave many people the opportunity to see the new church building. The Pastor Paul E. Baer with his members and friends cheerfully and hospitably entertained all who came. The discussions and messages were well executed and the impressions made were lasting.

Pastor W. W. Hartman and his members painted the church and parsonage at Mount Carmel. Hatfield continues the church building renovations. Lebanon, Pa., finally put the improvements into the parsonage. All the Church buildings on the District are in good repair. York and Easton have done well in reducing the church indebtedness. The Pastors of Easton, Sunbury and Lebanon, Pa., are broadcasting regularly. The Pastors and their families and their members have shown us spiritual and financial consideration to such an extent that we feel our unworthiness very much. May God's blessing rest upon them abundantly.

Financial

Receipts

Received from the Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund\$1,880.00

Expenditures

(a) Appropriations

Stroudsburg, Pa.	\$360.00	
Hatfield	240.00	
Harrisburg	480.00	
Chester	300.00	
Lebanon	300.00	
Staten Island, N. Y.	165.00	\$1,845.00

(b) Moving

G. C. Watson		15.00
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(c) Miscellaneous

Storage, Allen M. Gehman		20.00
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Total		\$1,880.00
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W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder.

III—GOSPEL HERALD SOCIETY

Report of the President of the Gospel Herald Society

October 1, 1938, to September 30, 1939

The Gospel Herald Society is a movement composed of men in uniform who are called of God to preach and to sing the Gospel in open-air meetings, tents, halls, and tabernacles, and sell Bibles, Testaments, mottoes, the official paper called the Gospel Herald, the Christian Service Calendar, and other religious publications. While employed in this sort of work, they are in training also for pastoral,

evangelistic and missionary work at home and abroad as the Holy Spirit gives the ability. The Society has missions in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

A group of worshipers is being gathered together. The people of God are built upon the most Holy Faith. The Gospel was preached to groups of interested listeners at Public Square when the weather permitted. Thousands of others have received the message through the literature that was distributed from day to day. Marked improvements have been noticed in the Sunday School during the past few months. J. T. Anderson has charge of the work.

Jersey City, N. J.

The past year has been a most fruitful one for the Lord's work here. Many new people were contacted and are attending the services regularly. Some of them were saved while others are being led into the joy of wholly following the Lord.

The services throughout have been attended remarkably well. The Sunday School is flourishing with an excellent enrollment. The Prayer Meeting has grown from an ordinary service into the highlight of the week. Unusual Young People's Meetings were held weekly with a large attendance.

Many missionary efforts have been put forth during the last year. Weekly meetings were held at the Alms House. Open air services were held throughout the summer months. Large out-door Park Meetings were held every Sunday. Many were saved and helped through these meetings with not a few coming back to fellowship with us at the Mission. Thousands of pieces of Gospel Literature were distributed in these services, the results of which eternity alone will reveal. Eight weeks of Tent Meetings were held in another section of the city where much seed was sown. The interior of the Mission and Home was painted and other improvements made. The offerings have been remarkable with a large sum being applied to the indebtedness. Five were baptized. C. E. Kirkwood has charge and is assisted by W. H. Frank and P. K. Schuler.

Irvington, N. J.

The Lord has indeed been blessing the work at this place. Quite a large number of Christian folk are faithful standbys of the work, and a very fine spirit of unity is shown. A number of young people, especially, are loyal, and during the past year have shown spiritual growth. Fine meetings and wonderful times of refreshing have been experienced. Tent meetings were held for a period of four weeks during the summer, and some new friends were made and a few were saved. Quite a large number of children were brought to Sunday School through the instrumentality of these services. Open-air meetings were also held during the summer on Saturday nights with real success. Earnest listeners stood by during these meetings and a number of these professed to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Thousands of tracts and hundreds of Gospels were distributed, and we feel sure the fruits of this work will be revealed in eternity.

The Sunday School work is perhaps the most encouraging of all. A continued and steady increase in enrollment and attendance was climaxed on Rally Day when an attendance of 96 was reached. We believe that even this is not the end. The work is well supported, with

the people giving liberally, not only to the regular expenses, but to the Chapel and Lot, Missionary, and other special offerings. Surely the Lord is good to His people. J. R. Hean has charge and is assisted by H. D. Yarrington and G. M. Kohr.



Gospel Herald Society—Irrington, N. J.
The Sunday School.

Camden, N. J.

The people of the Lord are becoming more and more established in the Lord's Word and Work. Quite a number of families stand by faithfully. The meetings are well attended with an excellent spirit prevailing.

The Sunday School is progressing with a splendid corps of teachers. The offerings are better than ever before. The attendance and spiritual fervor in the prayer meetings are increasing. The Young People's meetings are well patronized. The Foreign Missionary offering is larger than the previous year. Extensive repairs have been made to the building. T. E. Turnbull has charge of the work.

Elizabeth, N. J.

There is quite a fine group of people here who love the Lord. The Sunday night meetings which are of an evangelistic nature are seasons of confession and a noticeable entering into the deeper life by God's people. Services are held monthly in the Union County Jail. Some of the inmates seemed penitent and several confessed Christ. Special revival meetings were held in the Spring. Three weeks of Tent meetings were held with a good influence upon the work. It was a splendid time of seed-sowing. John Dunn has charge of the work and is assisted by J. E. Hartman.

Trenton, N. J.

The class is becoming more united and established in the Lord. The people are minded to further the work of the Lord. One month of tent meetings was held with God's blessings upon them. The members are making noticeable spiritual progress. The Sunday School is making progress, although somewhat slow; however, it is the means of bringing others into the services of the mission. R. C. Reichenbach has charge of the work, assisted by J. E. Golla.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Lord has gathered together a group of people in this large borough of New York City who love the Lord. They are interested and active in the work that the Gospel may be brought to those who are in sin. Open-air meetings were held during the summer with a large attendance listening to God's Word. Tent meetings were held during the summer about ten blocks from our regular place of worship. The change proved to be a profitable one, as many in that section came to the meetings and followed us back to our Hall. The attendance at these meetings was very good, growing larger as the meetings



Gospel Herald Society — Brooklyn, N. Y.
Part of the Sunday School.

progressed. The Sunday School is steadily growing; new scholars are being added. A faithful band of Sunday School teachers who desire to show and teach them Jesus, is one of the reasons for the increased attendance of the Sunday School. Teachers meetings are held monthly, which also are proving profitable. The Lord is blessing the work in a glorious way. M. K. Ruth who was transferred from Elizabeth, N. J., is assisting in this work with J. I. Somers in charge.

The Gospel Heralds are a devoted band of Workers, who have left all to follow the Lord and are daily taking up their cross to follow Him. The Lord who supplies strength as their day also meets their every need. As good soldiers of Jesus Christ they war a good warfare and rescue some souls from the ranks of the enemy.

The year has been characterized in solidifying the work and seed-sowing rather than in visible soul-saving. They stand by their leader faithfully, supporting us with prayers and finances.

Statistical

Ordained Ministers of the M. B. C. Conference	2
Probationers of the M. B. C. Conference	5
Full Gospel Heralds	13
Probationers	1
Members transferred to the M. B. C. Conference	81
Members dropped	14
Received by transfer from M. B. C. Conference	1
New members received into fellowship	2
Total Membership	49
Baptized	5
Children dedicated	1
Sunday Schools	7
Officers and Teachers enrolled	84
Scholars enrolled	438
Total enrollment	522
Average attendance	355
Home Department scholars enrolled	43
Cradle Roll	40
Children's Meetings and Sunday Schools held	400
Open-air Meetings	55
Prayer Meetings	462
Sermons and Addresses	2,119
Pastoral visits	3,185
Copies of Gospel Heralds sold at 10c	28,520
Copies of Christian Service Calendars sold	9,969

Financial

Value of Mission Properties:		
Jersey City, N. J.	\$21,000.00	
Camden, N. J.	12,000.00	\$33,000.00

Receipts

1. Collections

Rents	\$4,005.00	
Sundry expenses	1,883.38	
Light	301.44	
Donations, gifts, etc.	2,064.46	
President	573.79	
Sunday Schools	1,669.76	
Sunday School Convention	43.95	
Conference Fund	53.25	
Foreign Missions	536.37	
At G. H. S. Conference and Convention	99.83	
Chapel and Lot Fund	422.13	
Beneficiary Fund	43.00	
Missionary work	6.00	\$11,702.36

2. Literature

Literature, etc., sold at Missions	\$6,359.67	
Literature, etc., sold to laity at M. B. C. Camp		
Meetings	826.33	
Literature sold to Ministers, etc.	5,747.02	
S. S. Supplies to Sunday Schools	5,440.10	18,373.12

3. From M. B. C. Home Mission Fund		
Appropriations	\$ 495.00	
Furniture, fares, repairs, freight, express, etc.	1,370.94	1,865.94
Total		\$31,941.42
Expenditures		
1. Appropriations		
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	\$ 300.00	
Camden, N. J.	120.00	
Wilmington, Del.	75.00	\$ 495.00
2. Tabernacle Meetings		
Jersey City, N. J., Greenville Section	\$ 34.50	
Trenton, N. J.	14.09	
Irvington, N. J.	8.45	
Elizabeth, N. J.	16.59	
Brooklyn, N. Y.	6.00	79.63
3. Miscellaneous		
Furniture	\$ 57.15	
Fares, postage, telegrams, etc.,	159.07	
Old Mission repairs, etc.,	36.78	
Cartage	74.08	
Freight and express on literature, etc.,	71.96	
Rent	120.00	
Paints, stationery, etc.,	24.36	
Heralds	195.84	
Literature distributed	54.00	793.24
Total		\$ 1,367.87
Balance applied on deficit		498.97
		\$ 1,865.94

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
 Emmaus, Macungie and Zionsville—C. H. Brunner
 Fleetwood, Blandon, Terre Hill—A. G. Woodring
 Coopersburg and Allentown (Salem)—F. B. Hertzog
 Nazareth, Northampton and Walnutport—H. K. Kratz
- (c) **Missions**
 Wissinoming and West Philadelphia—J. B. Henry
 Lehighton, Weissport and Weatherly—J. C. Roth

- (d) **Local Preachers**
R. Bergstresser, Nazareth Quarterly Conference
E. T. Shick, Allentown (Bethel) Quarterly Conference
- (e) **Quarterly Conference Licensed Workers**
Mrs. C. H. Brunner, E. W. Martin and J. Alton Cressman.
- (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
York—J. B. Layne
Mount Carmel—W. W. Hartman
Scranton—A. M. Sprock
- (b) **Missions**
Harrisburg—W. F. Heffner
Stroudsburg—E. E. Kublic
Hatfield—E. W. Bean
Chester—E. B. Hartman
Lebanon—E. J. Rutman
Staten Island, N. Y.—G. C. Watson
- (c) **Local Preachers**
J. F. Barrall, Shamokin Quarterly Conference
E. H. Musselman, Youngstown, Ohio, Easton Quarterly Conference
- (d) **Annual Conference Licensed Workers**
J. T. Anderson, C. E. Kirkwood, R. C. Reichenbach, T. E. Turnbull,
W. H. Frank.

(B) Appropriations

1. Allentown District

Lehighton, Weissport and Weatherly, per month	\$ 20.00
Wissinoming and West Philadelphia, per month	20.00
To be used at the discretion of the P. E.	400.00

2. Easton District

Stroudsburg, per month	\$ 30.00
Hatfield, per month	20.00
Harrisburg, per month	40.00
Chester, per month	25.00
Lebanon, per month	25.00
Staten Island, N. Y., per month	25.00

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

(C) Gospel Herald Society

Missions to be supplied by the Society

Elizabeth, N. J.—1169 Mary St.		
Trenton, N. J.—1140 E. State St.		
Brooklyn, N. Y.—508 McDonald Ave.		
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—543 S. Main St.		
Jersey City, N. J.—45-47 Lincoln St.		
Camden, N. J.—2006 Federal St.		
Irvington, N. J.—136 Nineteenth Ave.		
H. B. Musselman, Chairman	Fred Geibel	R. R. Fox
H. L. Shelly, Secretary	Herbert V. Smith	C. B. Brosius
Paul H. Cressman	G. K. Himmelreich	R. Paul Schaeffer
W. N. Schlonecker	M. M. Ziegler	H. H. Dietrich, Jr.
H. H. Bergey	Chas. T. Knauer	A. A. Schaffer
J. W. Boehmer	George S. Messersmith	Committee.
George John		

V.—CAMP MEETINGS

Annual Report of the General Camp Meeting Committee

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

Allentown District

Bethlehem Division, July 1 to 9, 264 tents.
Allentown Division, July 15 to 23, 264 tents.

Easton District

Shamokin, Pa., August 5 to 13, 156 tents.

Receipts

Allentown District:		
Bethlehem Division	\$2,708.54	
Allentown Division	2,937.57	\$5,646.11
Easton District:		
Shamokin, Pa.		1,515.13
Total		\$7,161.24

H. B. Musselman, Chairman.

VI.—CAMP MEETING EQUIPAGE

Report of the Committee on Camp Meeting Equipage

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

The expenses of the committee were met by the Executive Board.

B. Bryan Musselman,	T. D. Gehret,
F. B. Hertzog,	Paul E. Baer,
P. T. Stengele,	Committee.

VII.—PUBLICATION AND PRINTING

Annual Report of the Board of Publication and Printing

Annual Conference Fund

Receipts

October 6, 1938, Balance in Treasury	\$291.82	
Received at the Annual Conference	166.06	
Received from sale of Year Books	205.00	
Received from the Sunday Schools	205.00	
Received from sale of Dedication Certificates	3.00	\$870.88

Expenditures

Printing Year Books	\$255.30
Half tone Cuts	35.84
Fares, Postage, Telephone and Supplies	50.69
Board of Examiners	75.49
Donated to Shamokin Class for Ministerial Convention	100.00
Conference Secretary and Editor of Year Book	50.00
Printing 120 Receipt Books	23.00

Printing 10,000 Missionary Barrel Labels	8.35	
Printing Report Blanks and Forms	23.50	
Printing Quarterly Conference Summary Reports	23.50	
October 7, 1939, Balance in Treasury	225.21	\$870.88

B. Bryan Musselman,	C. H. Brunner,	
T. D. Gehret,		Board.

VIII.—BENEFICIARY SOCIETY

Annual Report of the Beneficiary Society

October 21, 1939

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

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

IX.—BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Twenty-Eighth Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Laymen's Benevolent Society

October 16, 1939

October 10, 1938, Members enrolled	250
Members died during the year	3
Members withdrawn during the year	4
Total decrease	7
Members added during the year	2
Net decrease in membership	5
October 16, 1939, Members enrolled	245

Financial

Report of the Treasurer

Receipts

October 10, 1938, Cash in Bank	\$ 2,038.86	
October 10, 1938, Investment Securities	25,982.50	
Contributions received during the year...	\$458.00	
Interest	866.93	1,324.93 \$29,346.29

Expenditures

Donations	\$ 225.00	
Sundry Expenses	7.29	\$ 232.29
October 16, 1939, Investment Securities		25,982.50
October 16, 1939, Cash in Bank		3,131.50
		<u>\$29,346.29</u>

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

X.—READING COURSE**Report of the Board of Examiners
Examinations for 1939**

A—Applicant on the Discipline—W. H. Frank—100.

H. B. Musselman, Examiner.

B—Probationers on the Reading Course:

	Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation	Church History	Law of Liberty in the Spiritual Life	Knowing the Scriptures	First Timothy	Second Timothy	Romans	Hebrews	All About the Bible	Fletcher's Appeal	Jesus Is Coming	Divine Art of Preaching	Reformed Pastor	Nelson on Infidelity	John, Chapters 13-17	Average
First Year's Course																
J. E. Hartman	93	98	91	92	98				93						99	95
M. K. Ruth	70	86	88	80	96				88						95	86
H. D. Yarrington	70	93	94	75	98				92						91	88
Second Year's Course																
E. J. Rutman	75	82		76	88		76				75	84				80
Third Year's Course																
John E. Golla	92	92		89			94		95	88				91		92
J. R. Hean	88	94		90			96		92	94				95		93
John Dunn	84	91		87			92		86	83				94		88
W. H. Frank	88	95		90			97		94	93				98		94

E. N. Cassel,
T. D. Gehret,H. K. Kratz,
Board.**XI—EXECUTIVE BOARD****The Thirty-Eighth Annual Report of the Executive Board**

Most of the work of the Board was routine. The space above the parking lot at Mizpah Grove has been graded and much additional filling added with the view of making space for recreation. The platform in the auditorium has been materially enlarged. Three catch-basins were connected with the storm sewers.

At Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, two toilets were erected, 300 camp stools were purchased; also lumber for tent floors.

Three hundred Triumphant Service song books were purchased and sold at the Camp Meetings.

The Board again thankfully acknowledges the cooperation of the Camp Meeting Committees, the Cafeteria Manager and the Sunday School Convention for their balances, thus enabling the Board to maintain the Grove in a splendid condition.

Financial

Receipts

Interest	\$ 103.00	
Hymn books sold	66.62	
Donations	31.85	
Telephone toll	6.75	
Allentown District Sunday School Convention	100.00	
Lumber Rent		
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting	237.60	
Allentown Division Camp Meeting	237.60	
Balances:		
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting	182.53	
Allentown Division Camp Meeting	213.24	
Cafeteria, both Camp Meetings	186.46	
Truck Fund:		
Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting	75.00	
Allentown Division Camp Meeting	75.00	
Easton District Camp Meeting	100.00	\$ 1,615.65

Expenditures

Hymn books	\$ 45.00	
Grading	106.75	
Maintenance of trucks	100.05	
Sand for play box	10.46	
Electrical repairs and bulbs	63.44	
Lumber for tent floors	255.08	
Labor and carfare	54.20	
Repairs and replacements	67.38	
Telephone	130.97	
Taxes and insurance	164.05	
Electric current	189.63	
Building repairs	106.51	
Erecting fence	11.65	
Board meetings	13.00	
Incorporation, Staten Island	30.00	
Donations	40.00	\$ 1,388.17
Paid on Loans		3,000.00
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		\$ 4,388.17

Truck Fund

October 1938, Balance due	\$ 163.16	
Maintenance	100.05	\$ 263.21

Receipts

Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting	\$ 75.00	
Allentown Division Camp Meeting	75.00	
Easton District Camp Meeting	100.00	
October 1939, Balance due	13.21	263.21

The Board owes loans to the amount of \$15,700 and holds trust funds to the amount of \$7,000.00. The actual debit on Mizpah Grove is \$7,353.36. The Board owes \$13.21 on the trucks. The Board permitted the Trustees of the Home to draw on their funds so that the actual available balance is \$687.47, of which \$250.00 is in a reserve fund.

MINISTERS' RETIREMENT FUND

October 12, 1938, Balance	\$ 5,314.22	
October 14, 1938, Received from Ministers	173.97	
October 14, 1938, Received from Prayer Meetings	478.06	
October 14, 1938, Special Donation	5.30	
April 20, 1939, Received from Ministers	189.62	
April 20, 1939, Received from Prayer Meetings ..	544.42	
July 1, 1939, Interest	96.43	\$ 6,802.02

H. B. Musselman, President,	B. Bryan Musselman,	
E. N. Cassel, Secretary,	J. B. Layne,	
C. H. Brunner, Treasurer,	T. D. Gehret,	
W. G. Gehman,		Board.

XII--THE HOME

The Thirty-fourth Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Home

Thirty-four years have passed into history since the Annual Conference authorized the purchasing of a property for a Home for orphans and aged Christians. Against various odds this work has gone forward through the years. A Home was provided for a considerable number of Christian aged, who otherwise would have had no one to care for them. From this viewpoint, the work has been a real pleasure and source of Christian satisfaction.

Thanksgiving is hereby rendered to God for grace supplied, for devoted friends who prayed and encouraged the work, for consecrated workers who made it possible to carry on this worthy part of God's work.

The Board met in three regular and one special meeting during the year to transact the business of the Home.

The Manager, I. K. Wismer, and his wife as matron, and Miss Mary Heinley, have ably looked after the interest of the Home and the needs and comforts of the guests. The guests have been in general good health, except several who need constant attention and tray service. Two of the aged sisters have passed to eternity during the year.

Addie I. Staiber died December 24, 1938, aged 89 years and 5 days. Funeral services were held in our church at Reading, Pa., her home church, by her Pastor, F. M. Hottel. Interment was made on her plot in Charles Evans Cemetery, Reading, Pa. She was a guest in the Home since March 31, 1933.

Mary E. Lynn died July 8, 1939, at the age of 75 years and 20 days. Funeral services were held in our church at Coopersburg in charge of her Pastor, F. B. Hertzog. Interment was made in her plot in Arndt's Cemetery near Easton. She was a guest of the Home since October, 1932.

One of the properties in Bethlehem was exchanged during the year for property adjoining our farm. Thus the combined area of the farms now is 228 acres, more or less.

The prolonged dry spell in the summer was felt in the crops in general, yet we need to give many thanks for the good crops.

The herd of cattle consists of 90 head and is fully accredited for tuberculosis and bang disease. They produce well, supplying milk for the Home and Farm families, and are the principle source of income.

The full time help at the Farm are Allen W. Gehman, Albert Moser, Victor Stauffer, Charles Houseknecht, Clarence Bradford, Allen W. Gehman's sons, Elten Wasserman and James Willets were part time workers.

The Board thankfully acknowledges the following donations: From a friend for new building, \$250.00; Mary E. Lynn, deceased, \$512.54; H. L. Shelly, 10 bushels of apples and fruit baskets; a friend, 10 gallons engine oil; Fred Ritter, electric work; labor: housecleaning, Mrs. F. B. Hertzog, Mrs. Annie Rotherham, Mrs. Katie Baumgardner, and Mrs. Flossie Cole.

Financial

Receipts

(a) **Home Account**

Offerings for the Home	\$ 322.42	
Interest	112.06	
Donation	512.54	
Special donation for building	250.00	\$ 1,197.02

(b) **Bethlehem Property**

Rent	420.00
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(c) **Farm Account**

Cattle	\$ 1,544.25	
Corn	201.91	
Milk	13,841.24	
Swine	51.60	
Chevrolet truck	150.00	
Loans	1,207.75	
Refund	24.00	
Wheat	353.80	
Soil Conservation	85.22	17,459.77

Total	\$19,076.79
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Expenditures

(a) **Home Account**

Building Repairs	\$ 193.59	
Coal	117.94	
Electric current	82.44	
Inmates	439.16	
Labor	434.85	
Provisions	531.76	
Repairs	14.00	
Fuel gas	21.94	\$ 1,835.68

(b) **Bethlehem Property**

Taxes and insurance	223.91
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(c) **Farm No. 4**

Exchange of Bethlehem Property for Farm No. 4	1,544.17
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(d) Farm Account

Advertising and periodicals	\$ 51.00	
Auto maintenance	349.23	
New building	196.49	
Building repairs	929 18	
Car fare, toll, telephone	139.96	
Dairy supplies	869.03	
Electric current	351.31	
Feed	2,995.02	
Fertilizer	277.97	
Implements	1,957.69	
Labor	5,392.78	
Livestock	1,378.00	
Gasoline and oils	1,012.37	
Registrations and transfers	39.00	
Repairs	724.86	
Seeds and plants	364.25	
Spraying material	22.06	
Straw	89.91	
Taxes and insurance	574.61	
Veterinary services	33.25	
Interest	325.00	18,072.97
Total		\$ 21,676.73

Stock Account

(a) The Farm

Properties:		
Farms including land at the Home		\$ 30,300.00
Implements and dairy equipment		5,007.42
Live Stock:		
Holstein Friesian cattle	\$12,530.00	
Horses	350.00	
Swine	350.00	13,230.00
Produce:		
Potatoes	\$ 60.00	
Ensilage	1,500.00	
Corn	990.00	
Hay	1,782.00	
Straw	175.00	
Feed	376.50	
Oats	200.00	
Wheat	450.00	
Apples	25.00	
Truck	5.00	5,563.50
Miscellaneous:		
Firewood and coal	\$ 56.00	
Crates, etc.	20.00	
Oil and gasoline	23.00	
Furniture	50.00	
Spraying material	15.50	
Bottles, caps and crates	247.50	
Milk routes	1,000.00	
Accounts receivable	1,488.00	2,900.00
Total for the Farm		\$ 57,000.92

(b) The Home

Property (The Home)		\$ 10,000.00	
Miscellaneous:			
Furniture	\$ 800.00		
Canned goods	143.50		
Provisions	79.40		
Soap	5.00		
Coal	35.15		
Poultry	15.00		
Office equipment	125.00		1,203.05
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Securities:			
Loans	\$ 400.00		
Investments	6,154.68		
Bethlehem properties	2,600.00		9,154.68
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Total for the Home		\$ 20,357.73	
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Grand Total		\$ 77,358.65	

NOTE: The Board has charged off in the Inventory from Bills Receivable and depreciation of property values\$ 5,630.00

Mortgages, Notes and Bills Payable	\$8,606.29	
Loans from Executive Board	9,895.96	
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Total		\$18,502.25

The Board holds a cash reserve of \$250.00.

H. B. Musselman, President,	Timothy H. Gehman,
E. N. Cassel, Secretary,	F. M. Hottel,
C. H. Brunner, Treasurer,	G. F. Yost,
Paul I. Wentz, Asst. Sec.,	F. B. Hertzog,
W. G. Gehman,	Allen M. Gehman,
B. Bryan Musselman,	Herbert E. Gehman,

Board.

The Bible, the Book for the World

The booth of the American Bible Society in the Communications Building is presenting the Bible to visitors at the New York World's Fair as the Book for the World of Tomorrow.

Over 1,000 people gathered Sunday, June 25th, to hear Dr. John H. Finley, editor emeritus of THE NEW YORK TIMES, and Prof. William Lyon Phelps, of Yale University, speak on the occasion of the dedication of the Society's exhibit. Both paid tribute to the Book of all books, emphasizing that if it is to be "the Book of tomorrow" it must first be "the Book of today."

To make it the Book of today is the task to which the Society is dedicated, and because of the conviction of its Board of Managers and because of the number of inquiries that came to us from friends of the Bible, it was decided to take space at the New York World's Fair where it would be kept constantly on display before the thousands who pass through the Fair each day. Incidentally, the Society has presented the Bible to visitors at every world exposition in this country since 1856.

—American Bible Society.

XIII.—FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Two Builders

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth where moth and rust doth corrupt . . . but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." (Matt. 6:19, 20).

He builded for time and he gathered much gold,
In storehouse and barn he had riches untold,
He had toiled through the burden and heat of the years,
He garnered his treasures in blood and in tears.

"Now, Soul, take thine ease," he cried in his glee,
"For many long years I have struggled for thee;
Let pleasure be mine e'er life's fires grow cool!"—
Then—a voice out of heaven said sadly, "Thou fool!"

And the Angel of Death spread his wings in the blast
And breathed on the face of that fool as he passed!
All lifeless and cold in the morning he lay
And the moth and the rust made his treasures decay!

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He builded for God and spent were his years
In sowing for Him, though often in tears,
He toiled and he labored and wealth he had none
When at last came the summons that his life work was done.

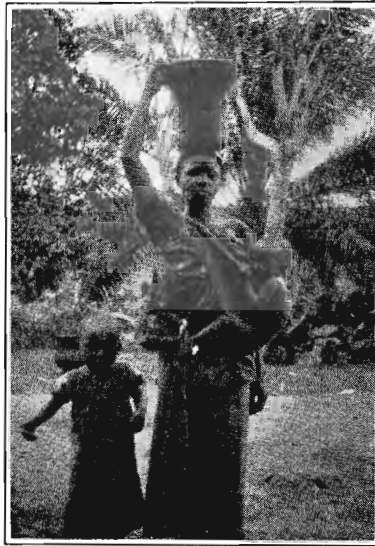
And the treasures he lavishly scattered down here
He found gathered in heaven with all he held dear,
He had worked for the Saviour down under the sun,
And received the reward of the Master's "Well done."

You may choose what you will but labor you must,
For the riches that perish with the moth and the rust,
Or the things of the Spirit that fade not away—
What is your choice? So, "Choose ye this day."

—J. H. Hunter.

Another year has passed and the Lord of the harvest has graciously blessed the Church with opportunities and privileges, open doors and an open Book. Souls are being saved in the homeland while we read continually of "showers of blessing" upon the fields in the "Regions Beyond." The reapers report that the fields are white to harvest—dead ripe—and the faithful laborers are so few. They are calling to the Church for recruits, more reapers for the field and more prayer-warriors, more rope-holders, more real intercessors at home. What is the Church doing? This is not the time for relaxing, for loitering, for folding of the hands. When we see that the ship of civilization has sprung a leak and is rapidly sinking this is not the time to argue about the color and the make of the lifeboats, but to call to the world to "Leave the poor old stranded wreck and pull for the shore."

The Board appreciates so much the support of this noble work by the faithful, devoted, sacrificing members of our various churches and missions, our devoted young people as well as the fathers and mothers who for these many years have supported this work so faithfully. This responsibility has been nobly borne by the pastors and the superintendents of our Sunday Schools who are continually emphasizing the blessings of prayer and sacrifice along this line.



Africa—Belgian Congo (Courtesy Rev. E. E. Crist).
Off to the field for her day's work.

Financial Receipts

Contributions received by the Board during the year ending September 30, 1939, were as follows:

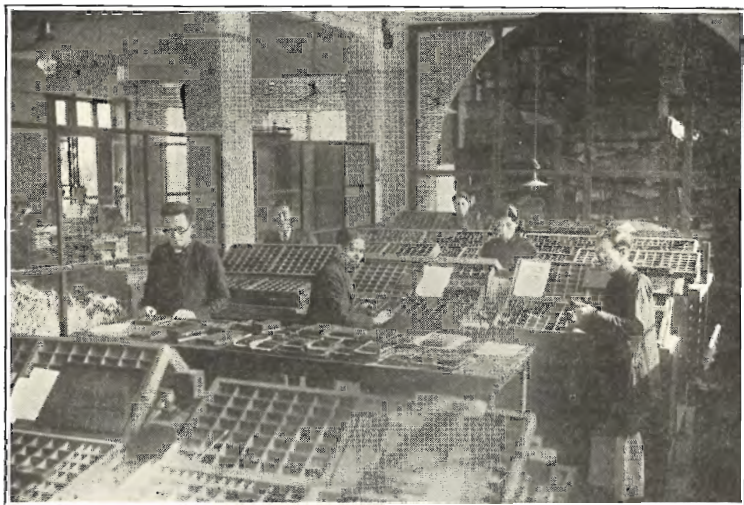
From the Churches and Missions	\$5,153.24	
From the Sunday Schools	6,044.84	
Interest, etc.	135.82	\$11,333.90

Expenditures

Allowances paid to the treasurers of the various Societies in full up to December 31, 1939:

Christian and Missionary Alliance		
9 Missionaries		\$5,030.00
United Missionary Society		
3 Missionaries		925.00
Africa Inland Mission		
2 Missionaries		900.00
Sudan Interior Mission		
1 Missionary		500.00
Unevangelized Tribes Mission		
3 Missionaries and one child		1,600.00
Transportation, Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Snyder, New York to Peking		514.50
Half-tone cuts, printing and mailing "Regions Beyond," postage, fares, etc.		445.97
		<u>\$ 9,915.47</u>

Here are a few incidents reported recently which might be helpful in missionary meetings:



French Indo-China (Courtesy Rev. Wm. C. Cadman)
Printing Bibles in French Indo-China! Type-setting Department of
the Hanoi Press.

Missionaries in Asia

The noted Dr. Samuel W. Zwemer is authority for the following item in "The Witness:"

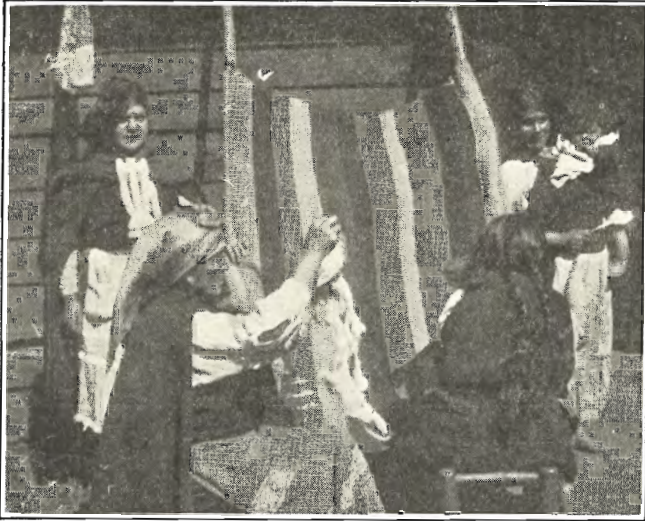
In Asia there are today 15,177 missionaries, or 13 per million people. This proportion is highest in Palestine, where there are 172 per million, and lowest in French Indo-China, where there are only two. This estimate given in the recent statistical survey also shows that 45 per cent. of the Chinese Empire is unoccupied. To be exact, out of 1,608 counties in the eighteen provinces, 293 are quite occupied, and 206 fairly so. India, with fourteen missionaries to the million, is relatively poorly occupied. There are a number of areas with from two to five million people without a single missionary . . . The total picture of the unreached areas is "a grave challenge for the Christian Church of today if the pioneer spirit has not died out."

From the "Sudan Witness" we clipped the following items:

Gbari's First Church Bell

Seven years ago the South Gbari country stretching from Karu to the banks of the Niger was quite untouched. The condition of these people was deplorable. Today there are about five or six hundred people of the great Gbari tribe living in thirty-eight towns clothed and in their right minds. Judging from our experience with these people elsewhere it would have meant years of labor before they would respond to the Gospel. We found their villages filled with blood-splashed shrines and all the cruel evidences of heathenism. To-day, at Kulo,

after four strenuous years of hard labor, trekking through rough country, living in native huts, we find a nice little church with a long piece of metal hanging nearby, the "bell" to call the village people to a daily service of praise.



Colombia, S. A. (Courtesy Rev. H. W. Feldges)
 Typical scene at a Mapuche Indian's home. Mother spinning wool.
 Daughter weaving a blanket. Members of our Church at Manizales.

The Secret of Success

The main factor that entered into that first trek down into the South Gbari country was PRAYER. Away off in Canada, in the year 1922, a little group of friends formed themselves into a prayer fellowship. They promised to meet together once a month and spend an hour on their knees before the Throne of Grace on our behalf and on behalf of the people to whom God sent us. For nearly seventeen years, summer and winter, they have kept their promise, and the results are seen today in many a Gbari village hidden away in the depths of the Nigerian bush. They set about praying for the South Gbari country even before the missionaries reached it, and God heard and answered. Hearts were prepared for the reception of the Message of Light, and we were witnesses of the power of God in cases of conversion, even amongst women, when the Gospel had only been heard once.

—Gathered from the report of Richard B. Oliver.

From the same magazine we condensed a few interesting items from the report of Dr. A. P. Stirrett, Field Secretary of the S. I. M.:

Among the Head-Hunters

Our first call was at Kagoro, and there we saw much of the grand work the Lord has privileged our workers to do. Not many years ago these Kagoros were the terrors of the highway—so much so that they earned for themselves the unenviable name of "The tailed head-hunters

of Nigeria." "Friend, we don't want your money or your load; we simply require your head," was said to be their apology to their victims! After decapitation, the head was taken to a running stream so that the contents might be extracted, then the skull was used for drinking beer in their hellish feasts. No young man was eligible for marriage until a skull could be produced. Terrible? Yes, that is putting it mildly.

But now see these very same folk, after a few years of patiently teaching and preaching Christ. There at Kagoro is a large church edifice capable of holding over a thousand people. Seventy-two were baptized in recent weeks to swell the crowd already baptized. Scores and scores of children are in the Mission School, and hundreds are in attendance at the out-stations round about. A big branch church has been started at Kafanchan, a point on the railway about six miles from Kagoro, and already it bids fair to out-rival the parent church in numbers. The Christians bring the produce of their farms to advance the good work into regions beyond. Perhaps best of all is a splendid school for the training of evangelists, where scores are being taught in the Hausa Bible, which when well mastered will be carried by these young men into many tribes beyond their own present tribal limits.

The Jaba Tribe

At Kwoi there is a splendid church building with galvanized iron roof, built and roofed by the dear Christians of the Jaba tribe adjacent to the Gbari. This church has a capacity of a thousand and is often packed.

Mrs. H. Homer-Dixon gives some encouraging news of the work in Tonkin, French Indo-China: "Right in the room where I am writing thirty-three people have accepted Christ within the last week. Our church is far too small, though only three years ago it was enlarged adding space for about 150 more. Now everyone is saving up to get it enlarged again. It is too crowded to be pleasant for the whole two-hour-long service."



Africa—Belgian Congo (Courtesy Rev. E. E. Crist)
Part of the Fort and Soldiers' Barracks at Boma. Boma is the Headquarters for Belgian Congo Missionaries.

The Dyaks

Rev. J. F. Willfinger writes from Borneo where a few years ago the wildest, most cruel heathendom reigned: "When the Dyaks receive the Gospel they are a lovable people, most enthusiastic over the Gospel. During the Easter week we had four days of services here when about 700 Dyaks gathered in from all over our district to worship the risen Lord. Some of them had to walk for six to eight days, but all arrived happy in Christ. It was truly a time of refreshing from God. During a testimony meeting the head chief of the district said he would rather be a deacon in the church of God than the chief of the village. Hallelujah! On the closing day of the feast Mr. Presswood and I baptized 108 converts—new soldiers of the cross for Borneo's Christian army."



Africa—Belgian Congo (Courtesy Rev. E. E. Crist)
A bush school. These children are very proud of their first
Sunday School lesson cards.

The Missionary Outlook

By a Missionary Secretary.

"We are having unusual opportunities at the present time for soul-winning in many of our mission fields. This seems to be God's hour for the pressing forward in real missionary work. God is giving revival among the churches in many fields also and we are greatly in need of reinforcements to our missionary staff in several fields. Hence, we are trusting that the Lord will enable us to send out a number of new missionaries and also will provide supporters for some of the other missionaries now on the field."

One Mission Board has some one hundred and twenty on the waiting list detained by financial or other causes. Another Board submits a list of fifty-eight names, including one ordained minister, one physician and two registered nurses. When will the Church rise up to her obligations to send such who are ready, accepted candidates, and are anxious to go? Who is holding them back? If such are ready to accept the call to GO, where are those who are called to SEND?

Africa—Belgian Congo

(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

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

Brother and Sister Crist have just finished their furlough and much needed rest. Their voyage home was rather rough and the boat crowded and uncomfortable. During their stay in the homeland since August 4, 1938, they lived in Lancaster, Pa., but in order to escape the cold, damp weather of our northern climate, they spent the winter at Winter Park, Florida. Writing from Florida they say:

“We were both pretty well tired out when we left the field after a very strenuous term of service. We do praise the Lord that He enabled us to not only complete our term but to remain an additional year. We are both much improved in health and trust the Lord to restore completely.

“We met with a great loss on our Congo Field when Mr. Macaw was called home. He had been given the work of the Bible School, the work which we had had for four years and which we so much enjoyed. He died of appendicitis.

“We praise the Lord that he is blessing throughout the mission. Although there is much opposition and persecution on the part of the Roman Catholics and an increased stringency of Government laws, making the work more difficult, yet souls are being saved.”

Writing June 2, 1939, Mr. Crist says:

“Mrs. Crist has improved so much since we returned to America that we are planning on returning again to Congo.

We spent two months in Florida in the winter and have done no deputational work as we wanted to rest when we first reached home. I have, however, been working at translating ‘Torrey’s Topical Text Book’ and have been kept busy with that for some months. Knowing conditions and the needs on the field, especially for teaching, translating and instruction of the native workers, we feel that the Lord has still some work for us to do there and we trust that we shall be permitted to return.

“When we left the field we disposed of all our outfits as we did not expect to return; so it is like beginning all over again. However, we praise the Lord for all He has done for us and for giving us the privilege of again serving Him in the Congo.”

In a letter dated January 22, 1939, Brother Hess writes:

“You have of course heard of Mr. Macaw’s death. We were short-handed already and now it is still worse. Mr. and Mrs. Birkey are going on furlough late in June and we expect to sail on July 14. Then later in July three of our single ladies are also going on furlough. Three ladies now on furlough are expected to return in July. That will mean that two couples will be gone who will not be replaced by returning couples. It looks as though something would have to be shut down somewhere for a while anyway.

“With about three hundred school people here at Maduda we are all kept quite busy. Mrs. Hess is in school most of the time and I am busy with building. So our little Pauline has to look out for herself

most of the time. Being with the natives so much, she is getting habits from them; we don't like, but this cannot be helped. We shall be glad to get her home to school.

"I am making preparations for the ninth main building which I expect to finish before going on furlough. It is the only one left to build of a group of four school buildings 24x60 feet, two rooms, brick. Then there is only one building left to build to complete the plan of the new station. If I had had the funds I could have finished the whole station. If nothing happens I shall be able to finish the school building easily before going home."

Brother and Sister Hess arrived in the homeland on furlough late in August and are located at 304 Fairmount Avenue, New Castle, Pa. Brother Hess writes September 8, 1939:

"We did not know where we would be living during our furlough. But it seems the Lord had a place all ready for us when we came. In just a few days after our arrival here we had arranged for a furnished home of five rooms. The owner goes to Florida for the winter. So now we are already settled in our new home and the girls are in school."



Africa—Belgian Congo (Courtesy Rev. E. E. Crist)
Part of the Bible School.

Africa—Belgian Congo

(Africa Inland Mission)

Missionaries—Rev. Harry Stam and Mrs. Harry Stam.

Mrs. Harry Stam writes under date of June 7, 1939:

"Just a note to say you have been on our hearts these last days. Miss Wambolt (a school teacher from Emmaus, Pa.) has been here for assignment. She is to go to Reñhi to the White School for the present.

"You will all be in Camp Meeting soon. Our prayers are for a blessed summer. The months have been extremely full and we have

written very little, but I must say that for the past six months your good fellowship with us has come and on time.

"Our rainy season is here and we feel like working. School is in full swing and the men continue to be a joy to teach. This week Harry has an important Bangala Committee Meeting. He is chairman and many important items are to be cared for, including plans for Old Testament studies. Each week seems to bring such important extras.

"The children are all keeping well. I have Paul and Tana for school each day. Ruth enjoys Rethi School and may be having Miss Wamboit for a teacher.

Africa—Belgian Congo

(Unevangelized Tribes Mission)

Missionaries—Rev. C. L. Miller, Mrs. C. L. Miller, Miss Mary A. Miller. Miss Mary A. Miller reports for the work at Kamayala:

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable (Ps. 145:3). From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised (Ps. 113:3)."

"Will you not join with us in praise in that we are again able to report victory through Him whose greatness is unsearchable? One special outstanding feature of God's blessing upon us is the very large baptismal class, which is very attentive to the Scripture as it is expounded to them. About forty of this class are saved natives from the district villages where our evangelists are working. They have come to the Mission for special Bible training before baptism. We feel that they should be sure that they know what baptism really means before they receive it. Among them is the first woman from the district that asked for baptism. She has been beaten a number of times by her husband for attending the services held in her village by the evangelist. Her husband told her that if she was baptized, he would kill her. But she came. She said, 'If he kills me, I will go to Jesus; I want to be baptized.' Her daughter who stood true to God for some time amidst much persecution has gone back into sin, which grieves her mother's heart. Please especially pray for these. Another woman who started to attend the class was greatly opposed by her husband, but finally God spoke to his heart and he too is now attending the class. We have just received a letter from two more of our evangelists stating that they have some Christians asking for baptism.

"Recently our native Pastor went to visit some of the evangelists and came back with a glowing report of a small revival breaking out among the older folks in that district. God is getting hold of the men and women in the district. Praise His Name! How great is the Lord! We know that you who have been joining with us in prayer for the district work will rejoice in these answered prayers.

"In one of the villages where an evangelist had been working, a number have been saved and four have been baptized. Now several more are attending the baptismal class. These Christians have agreed to build, finance and care for their own church in their village. We are expecting several other villages to take the same step of faith in the near future.

"The medical department is kept very busy. There are new patients coming in daily. Our hospital beds (made of bamboo) are constantly



Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Miller
and daughter.

Miss Mary A. Miller
(below)



Left — Elia Ka-
honga, native
Pastor with ac-
cordion, a gift
sent for him.



Right — Misses
Mary and Bertha
Miller.



Africa—Belgian Congo (Courtesy Miss Mary A. Miller and Rev. C. L. Miller)
Five Christian young couples working for the Lord.

full. In fact, we do not have room enough for all who come. We have so many patients with very large tropical ulcers. Some from their knee to their ankle is just one huge sore. The baby clinic has now reached an enrollment of 368. Many of the mothers from villages over one and a half hours' walk from here have started to bring their babies to the clinic and, best of all, some of the mothers are interested as the Gospel is presented to them. No mother leaves the clinic without hearing a Gospel message. Several of our medical patients recently have given their hearts to the Lord. One morning after our daily service two women patients told how the Lord had been speaking to their hearts and that they were tired of the life they were living and wanted to give their hearts to the Lord. We had prayer with them and they were so happy. They sent to the village for their heathen gods and gave them to us. This will mean much persecution as they return to their villages, but we know the Lord is able to keep them.

"One afternoon word came that a woman in a village about an hour's walk from the mission was dying and asking us to come and help her. When we arrived, the woman had died and we found a large crowd of people had gathered and the husband of the dead woman was trying to commit suicide. We talked to him and had prayer with him and he promised not to take his life. Then we spoke with all those who were gathered there. Just as we were leaving the village to return home a woman came to us and said, 'Mama, I am a great sinner, heard the Word of God but I would not accept the Lord. Now I want you to pray for me. I want to give my heart to the Lord.' Can you imagine our joy? This was another soul redeemed by the precious blood of Christ. Surely nothing is too hard for the Lord. No man can work like Him.

"July 4, 1938, we received the first lepers at our colony. Some of them are pitiful looking beings. Some are without toes, others with only stumps for hands. One was a living skeleton, just the skin covering the bones. When the lepers arrived several of our native Christians volunteered to hold services each day with them. The colony is about three miles from the Mission. Each day one of the medical helpers goes out and binds up their sores and also gives them the Word of God. Each Sunday morning one of us white Missionaries holds services at the colony. We do enjoy giving them God's Word and we trust that each one of them will find Christ as their personal Saviour. Every Saturday they receive food enough to last for the week. This department of our work brings great joy to our hearts. There is a great interest shown by them as the Word of Life is given to them. It is remarkable how well they remember. Many times when asked what we spoke on the last time we were there, they will repeat the messages you gave for three Sundays back. Please pray for these poor souls. They need Jesus so much.

"The daily school is pressing forward. The natives take a great interest in their class work. The memorization of Scripture verses in the classes is very encouraging. Even the girls take an interest in this. Many times we hear the pupils walking along the path repeating the verses of Scriptures they memorized in school.

"On New Year Misses Doering and Dunkelberger came to visit us. They were here for our New Year service in which Miss Doering spoke to the natives. They enjoyed it very much. They also attended our baptismal service on New Year's day. They stayed two days, then returned to Shambungu. In January we had three visits from them. Then they went on to South Africa."

"Again I wish to send you my sincere thanks for so kindly sending my allowances so regularly. It is wonderful how the Lord supplies all our needs. He is so very good to me. I do find real delight in His service and enjoy telling of His love to those who are in sin. We thank God for those who have been saved and we are trusting the Lord to save many others. We thank you for so faithfully upholding us before the Throne of Grace. Pray for these dear ones as they are taught to read and write that they may be brought low at the feet of the great Master and Teacher and may receive His spirit of service, not for themselves but for 'Others.'

'Others Lord, yes Others,
Let this my motto be;
Help me to live for Others,
That I may live like THEE.'

Report of the Kamayala Mission for 1939

Mission Post Primary Schools: White teachers—2; Native teachers—3; Students—126.

Village Primary Schools—64; Teachers—64; Students—1,500.

Mission Evangelistic Statistics: Native Pastors—2; Christians—169; Under instruction—65; Christian families—40; Baptisms—48; Marriages—13.

Medical Department

Dispensary: New patients—4,415; Consultations—18,849.

Hospital: New patients—792; Consultations—8,661; Pre-natal consultations—3,850.

Baby Clinic: Number enrolled—338; Consultations—11,002.

Leper Village: Leper patients—18; Consultations—1,611.

Africa—Nigeria

(United Missionary Society)

Missionaries—Rev. Joseph Ummel, Rev. Paul Ummel and Miss Luella Reinhart.

This Society, comprising the Mennonite Conferences of Middle and Western States and Canada, operates in Nigeria, Africa, and also in India. For a number of years two of their missionaries, Joseph and Paul Ummel, brothers, both members of the Indiana Conference, have been supported by the Pennsylvania Board.

Brother Joseph Ummel and Mrs. Ummel are at home on furlough at present. The following report was sent by Brother Ummel in the early part of 1939:

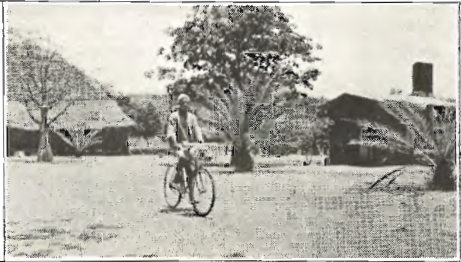
"Nearly a year has passed since we came to open the new station at Yelwa. The year, though busy and full of new experiences, has been one of blessing to our souls. Much of the time was spent in the erecting of necessary buildings. By the help of the Lord, a living-house, kitchen, chapel and school building, boys' house, etc., were ready for use before the rains set in. Since then, finishing touches have been added so that now for some time we have been comfortably settled in our partially screened house. The screens are a great satisfaction as we are living in a locality which is badly infested with mosquitoes and other annoying insects.

"Owing to pressure of building and other duties, we have been unable to do as much calling and visiting as we would have liked. This now being done, we shall have more time, and with the passing of the



Left—A splendid group of missionaries of the United Missionary Society. Four photos from Nigeria, Africa, taken by Paul Ummel.

Right—Native Dakkakari evangelist at Zuru, starting out on trip. Date palm and Kapock trees.



Left—Dakkakari funeral near Zuru led by two drummers. Fourth and fifth are carrying the corpse wrapped in the bed of palm poles and corn stalks.

Right — Rev. and Mrs. Paul Ummel standing in front of their grass-thatched house at Zuru.



rains, we hope to be able to do considerable during the few months remaining before we go for furlough. Some show a good interest and a few attend services fairly regularly, but it is necessary to visit them frequently if we are to expect them to keep up their interest. Then, too, there are many who do not attend and have never had Gospel privileges. They never will unless we go to them with the Gospel message.

"At present the Mohammedans, of whom there are many in Yelwa, are keeping their annual fast. They are expected to refrain from eating or drinking during daylight hours, but may feast and revel by night. Their zealousness in performing their rites and ceremonies often puts Christians to shame. If all Christians were as faithful as they are in witnessing to others and in standing for their faith, what might we not expect to see accomplished? May the Lord help us one and all to faithfully fill the places He has for us, and thus bring the Gospel light to the many now living in the darkness of heathenism and Mohammedanism.

"On January 8, we dedicated our new church at Igbeti. The superintendent of the work in Nigeria, Rev. Sherk, had charge. About two hundred and fifty Igbeti people, together with a goodly representation of the town elders, found their places inside the spacious building. The dedication form was read in English and in Yoruba and the prayer was offered in Yoruba.

"In the evening we began a week of evangelistic meetings The Holy Spirit was present, wrought conviction, worked miracles, brought sinners and backsliders unto confession and restitution. Definite testimonies made the services times of rejoicing in the Lord."

Last January Brother Paul Ummel wrote:

"We have been very busy this past year and we still are. As the work grows there is more to look after. We now have two out-stations, in addition to the church here in Zuru, where we hold regular services. Mrs. Ummel and I have been taking turns most of the time in going out to the older out-station on Sundays. Part of the time I have also gone out to the one thirteen miles to the West. It is a poor path to travel to get to that one. There is a rocky hill to cross too. It takes nearly three hours to cycle the thirteen miles. That should show that it is not a good path.

"Our hearts are grieved to see the hardness of the hearts of many of the people of this town of Zuru. Of course, there is a strong Mohammedan element here which causes a lot of the indifference to the preaching of Christ, but just the same we long for a time of awakening to come for these too. Do unite in prayer with us for them. There have been some children saved, who are scholars in the day-school, and we would not discount them. But one is afraid that unless there are older ones who become saved, as these grow older they may be drawn away."

Mrs. Paul Ummel writes:

"I spent ten days in November out in a little round house by the church which they built two years ago. I was indeed gladdened to see the friendliness of the pagan people around the church. To my surprise, they flocked to me for medical help. Each morning we would gather 25 to 30 together in the church and have a short service before giving them medicine. We were glad for the privilege of manifesting to them the spirit of Christ."

Miss Luella Reinhart, a member of the M. B. in C. Church in Stroudsburg, Pa., has been accepted by the United Missionary Society as a missionary for Nigeria, Africa, and expects to sail shortly. Miss Reinhart was reared in a minister's home and graduated from the Nyack Missionary Training Institute, Nyack, N. Y. Our Board pledged her support financially and asks all who have an interest in Foreign Missions to follow her with their prayers.

Africa—Nigeria

(Sudan Interior Mission)

Missionary—Mrs. Fred Whale.

The S. I. M., organized by Rev. R. V. Bingham, of Toronto, Ont., started work in the heart of the Sudan in 1893. In 1901 the first station was opened in Nigeria. In 1923 work was started in French West Africa and in 1927 a foothold was obtained in Ethiopia. Following the Italian conquest of Ethiopia, all the missionaries had to withdraw; but in 1937 they opened work in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan. They now have some 300 missionaries at work in more than fifty stations.

From the report of Rev. and Mrs. Fred Whale located at Jos, Nigeria, since the latter part of 1938, we clip a few of the many interesting items:

"A new and promising work has opened up here in Jos among the boys of teen age. This is our special interest and we covet your earnest prayers that all the boys under our charge may be definitely led to



Colombia, S. A. (Courtesy Rev. H. W. Feldges)
 "Diamonds, black and white." Photo by Mrs. Feidges. Women and girls of the Sunday School at Manizales. "Sorry that Mrs. Feldges could not be on this photo" writes Brother Feldges, "for after God she is the one who helped most to quarry out of the depths of sin these women and girls, the hardest to reach."

Christ. They meet for Bible Class on Sunday, as well as two or three times during the week. We try to help these boys spiritually, through Bible Class work, also mentally and physically, through engaging in interests which appeal to a normal, healthy boy, bringing them under Christian influence. The boys are responding well, and showing much interest and enthusiasm. Our hope is that many of them will develop into the leaders which the African church in these parts so much needs.

"Strong opposing forces are doing all they can to get the young and we are eager to be a step ahead of them. With the rising tide of "isms" sweeping throughout the world, reaching even to far off Nigeria, it behoves us to do our utmost to capture the youth for Christ. These opposing forces have strong financial and ecclesiastical backing from powerful home influences, giving them prestige here on the field.

"The Niger Press is a very important branch of our Mission work here at Headquarters, and we have been given a part in it. There is a staff of about twenty African Christians and four Missionaries. Scriptures and material for our Mission Schools are printed in many African languages. Who can say what the printed page can accomplish as it leaves our hands and is sent on its way to large centers and remote villages, if backed by your prayers? Very often the silent messenger conveys God's Word to hearts that do not easily respond to the spoken word. Cases are known of staunch Moslems being won to Christ through reading the Bible in their own language.

"A wider ministry is opened up to us here than ever before. We long for more time and physical energy to devote ourselves more to the task that is ours of winning the African to our Saviour. What is lacking on our part may be made up on yours as you pray prevailingly for the work out here. Expenditure of physical energy and talents is of little avail if unaccompanied by the spiritual activity of believing prayer.

"We are rejoicing in the gift of a little daughter, Marjorie Linda, who came to live with us on October 24, 1938.

"In our last letter we mentioned having started services in Bukuru, a nearby town. We praise God now, that there are signs of growth and encouragement. The average attendance is around twenty-five and there is a good interest shown in the preaching of the Word. Pray that there may soon be definite results in the salvation of souls. They are now collecting for a small building to worship in regularly. One hundred dollars would build a suitable place.

"You will remember the Boys' work we asked you to pray about. We can now praise the Lord that there is every possible cause for encouragement in this endeavor—encouragement in the salvation of a number of the Boys, encouragement by the support and cooperation of the Government and Mission Societies, and encouragement in the prospect of starting some twenty to thirty more such companies of Boys' work. This will mean considerable traveling for us in supervising these companies. This week the Boys here in Jos are taking their Bible examination and we think they will all pass well. One Boy, Marshall Dan Karo, we commend especially to your prayers. He has the makings of a good leader, is keen, and already a big help. May he be kept humble, and kept from the subtle temptations which are bound to present themselves to anyone who is outstanding."

Diary notes: "Left Zinder at 4 p. m. After Danli, the road was very sandy and it took two hours to cover twenty-seven miles. Arrived

then at a village but no rest house. Was given a small round house with grass roof which was not sunproof. The men hurriedly erected grass matting in front of the doorway to give a little privacy, but people kept looking over the top. The roof was low and there was only room inside for my bed if I left my feet sticking outside, and my baggage had to lie outside. The 'hotel' was right in the center of the village and my neighbors coughed and grunted all night. About fifty sheep and goats were parked right at the door, so they did not add to the comforts of the night. Before going to bed most of the villagers gathered around in response to my invitation and listened to the good news of the Gospel. They told me that was the first time the Gospel had been preached to their village. As I tried to make the message clear to them I wondered when they would again hear it. What a privilege to bring the message of salvation to those who sit in darkness! But what a responsibility!"



French Indo-China (Courtesy Rev. Wm. C. Cadman)
 Rev. and Mrs. Cadman selling Scriptures in South Annam some years ago.
 Here they were arrested one day and the next day they
 were given police protection.

Next day: "My lantern went out last night just a few moments after lighting it. This proved my suspicion that the boy had stolen the oil. Thieving and lying seem to be the two most common sins in Africa. I was given six eggs and the boy said there were only four. This morning there were none. Ate breakfast surrounded by the entire population of the village, then prepared to move on to the next place. Before leaving I took the opportunity once again to proclaim the Gospel. So little can be done during such a brief visit, but we pray that the message would come to some whose hearts the Lord had prepared.

"On the road once more. The road began to get more sandy, but fortunately, the worst parts were covered with grass matting, sometimes for a stretch of a mile or more. Once the car stuck in deep

sand, but the Lord arranged this to happen near a village so that men were available to push it out. The country becomes more barren and desert-like as we proceed north, fewer villages and less people. Arrived at Bakambirji. The rest house was in a very bad condition. The two men who came to greet me said they were short of water, and advised me to go on to the next place, so pushed on twelve miles more and got a great welcome from the people. They are Bugajes but understand the Hausa language. The drummers offered to bring their instruments to give me a performance, but I put them off by saying I would come to town after I had eaten and rested, when I would be better able to enjoy (?) their drumming. Went to town at 3 p. m. and had a good meeting as well as many personal talks. I find a good line of approach to the Moslems is to ask how many are seeking for forgiveness of sins. Chorus: 'We all are.' Then I ask if they have found it. 'No.' 'When will you find it?' 'Don't know.' 'If I tell you how you can find it now, will you believe me?' 'Yes.' Then I tell them



Colombia, S. A. (Courtesy Rev. H. W. Feldges)
Part of the Manizales Congregation. Some fine Christians.

about all the prophets who are dead, making most of the fact that Mohammed, their prophet, is dead and therefore is powerless to help. Only Jesus can save, for He not only died but rose again and is a living Saviour. After the meeting I had to be polite, so sat on a mat listening to the drumming which was given for my special benefit."

China

(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

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

Brother and Sister Snyder, after laboring for more than forty years in China, returned to the homeland and have been spending about a year in deputational work throughout the States and in quite a number of the Churches of the Pennsylvania Conference. They gave interest-

ing illustrated addresses concerning the work on the China-Tibetan border where Brother Snyder had been laboring since 1897, and Sister Snyder almost as long.

In frequent communications from them we note first that from September 25 to November 23, 1938, while Sister Snyder was engaged in deputational work in the Michigan Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, Brother Snyder was accompanying a Christian and Missionary Alliance party touring Northeastern Pennsylvania. He reports that in spite of the economic pressure, the missionary pledges on this tour went "over the top."

Early in December, after speaking in several Pennsylvania Conference Churches, he was met by Sister Snyder and they both went down to Florida for the winter. There in Winter Park the C. & M. A. has a nice home where missionaries may stay awhile for a rest—in the land of sunshine, flowers and oranges. Here they met many opportunities to minister the Word of God and bring missionary messages which, apparently, were very much appreciated.



French Indo-China (Courtesy Rev. Wm. C. Cadman)
Preachers' Conference, Cantho, August 1938. Pastor Tuoi in front center. To his left are Rev. Cadman and Rev. J. D. Olsen, associates in translation of the Annamese Bible. Pastor Tuoi has been elected President of the Conference for the second term of three years each.

On April 14, they started North again and during May held about forty services throughout the Pennsylvania Conference. Here Brother Snyder writes, "The kindnesses showered upon us by both pastors and people of the various congregations, not forgetting the Foreign Mission Board, will always stand out exceedingly prominent in our memories and lives. When I was asked to give an address on Thanksgiving Day

last year in Bethlehem, the floodgates of my soul broke loose at the thought of these dear people having backed me up by their prayers, finances and real sympathies for a period of forty-two years! Praise God."

In the early part of June they went West and, after holding a number of meetings in various churches, arrived in Goshen in time to attend the funeral, June 30, of Mr. Moody Brenneman, of near Berne, Ind., the youngest brother of Sister Snyder. During their stay in Goshen they spoke in a number of churches of various denominations and also attended the Ludlow Falls Camp Meeting.

On August 28, they left Goshen and made a number of stops for services, were delayed forty hours by floods and washouts, arrived in Los Angeles September 9, and sailed for China on the S. S. President Cleveland on September 19.

"As to our prospective service in China," Brother Snyder writes, "it is our plan to preach the Gospel to sinners, teach the Bible to Christian students as well as to others, and especially to reach the Moslems of whom there are approximately 70,000 in Peking among its population of a million souls. Our service for the Lord will no doubt take more definite shape when we reach our field. Again we desire to thank the Foreign Mission Board and the whole Pennsylvania Conference for their support, their many favors and kindnesses shown unto us. Our address will be A 5 Tung Mei Chang, Ho Men Wai, Peking, China."

Sister Snyder writes, "To our Fellow-workers of the Pennsylvania Conference and also to the many friends we met on our tour of the churches:

"It is with gratefulness to God that we send you these few lines to tell you that we have come thus far on our journey. God has been with us all the way and we do thank Him for his care and wondrous love. The year has been filled with varied experiences. We have sought to know the will of God in the matter of returning to China and have asked God to hinder our going if we are not in His will, but here we are on the verge of sailing. Our hearts are restful and we do commit our way unto Him. 'He goeth before!'

"We are grateful indeed for the many friends who, we are sure, are standing behind us in prayer, love and sympathy. We have never gone out feeling we needed prayer as we do this time. So remember, we are depending on you!

"Someone has said that when God is going to do something wonderful, He begins with an impossibility. Going to war torn China seems an impossibility, but with God 'all things are possible.'"

French Indo-China

(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

Missionaries—Rev. William C. Cadman and Mrs. William C. Cadman.

Rev. and Mrs. Cadman have for many years been in charge of the printing establishment in Hanoi, French Indo-China. They have been kept extremely busy translating the Scriptures into several languages and dialects; also tracts, hymn books and other helpful Christian literature. Furthermore, they have been doing a lot of pastoral and evangelistic work.

Brother Cadman has had quite severe physical tests, necessitating a well-deserved furlough. On August 22 he writes: "During the voyage from Hanoi I have not only been restored to health and strength, but I am feeling as fit and am looking as well as ever. The Lord really has performed a miracle."

They have been doing rather hurried deputational work through a number of States, including a few of the Churches of the Pennsylvania Conference. Read their interesting reports.

Brother Cadman's Report:

"How present world events point to 'the fulness of the times of the Gentiles!' Truly they are a challenge to every Christian believer to be ready for 'The Lord is at hand' and 'In such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh.' Thus, as never before, have I felt the urgency in fulfilling our Lord's command to 'preach the Gospel to every creature' as I do today. May God, by His Holy Spirit, stir us up to do 'all that in us is' to witness for Jesus 'in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.'



French Indo-China (Courtesy Rev. Wm. C. Cadman)
Gold Blocking, cylinder and plate presses of the Hanoi Gospel Press.
A larger cylinder press has since been added.

"So it is with thankful heart I gladly report that during the 1938-1939 Conference year, two more provinces in Tonkin were opened to the preaching of the Gospel: Phu-Tho and Yen-Bay with a combined population of 400,000 souls. Praise God for the opening services in the new Gospel lighthouses, for the thousands of Scripture portions and salvation tracts distributed. Already the Lord has granted some fruit and there are half a score of souls earnestly enquiring into the 'Way of Life.' Pray that these precious souls may be truly converted and saved.

"There are five other provincial chapels in the Hanoi District. In some we see the miracle-working power of the Gospel, by God's Holy Spirit, transforming hearts and lives. Alas, in two they seem to be in a deadly spiritual rut from which only the 'dynamite' of the Gospel can deliver. Oh, pray for these two provinces, Bacuinh and Hung-yen, where the enemy of souls has gotten in and several have backslidden and are living lives of sin. Then pray for the opening of Laokay, Thainguyen, Hagiang, Laichow, Backan and other provinces of military districts in Tonkin still without a witness of the Gospel.

"Mrs. Cadman, I believe, is writing about how the Lord has sent special offerings, through His stewards in widely scattered parts of the world, to enlarge the press buildings in Hanoi, purchase another large printing press and other equipment, and also to carry on the running expenses of this, the only Gospel Press among those 25,000,000 souls of French Indo-China. How we would love to write further of the wonderful ministry of this Gospel Press! Praise God!



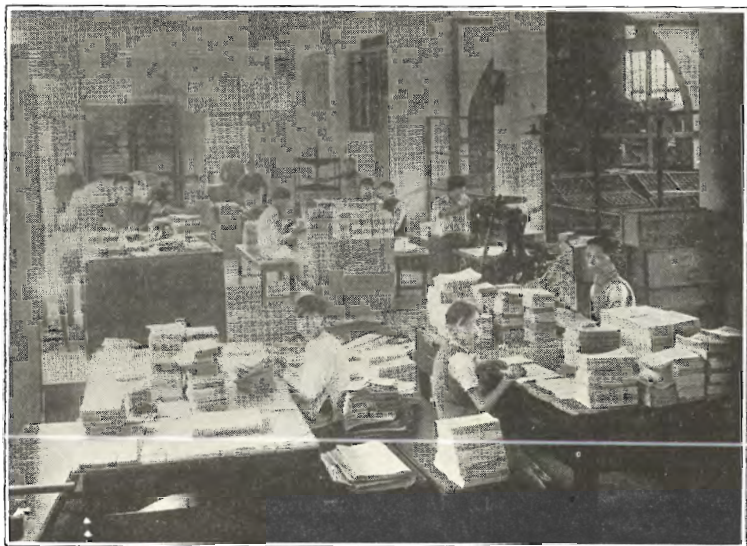
French Indo-China (Courtesy Rev. Wm. C. Cadman)
 New concrete addition to Hanoi Gospel Press, partly paid by legacy from daughter of Rev. Andrew Murray, intimate friend of Mrs. Cadman. From the left, numbers 8, 9, 10, are Mrs. Homera Homer-Dixon, serving ten years without furlough; Mrs. Cadman and Mr. Cadman.

These are about two-thirds of the printing staff.

"At the end of 1938, in the midst of much blessings in the work, I was physically tested. First I had a slight stroke: a gracious warning from our Heavenly Father that we do not grow younger. The Lord heard the many prayers in our behalf and after a very few days I was healed, the doctors saying now there is practically no after effect re-

maining. Truly, the Lord is our Healer! Then it was discovered I had a cancerous sore near my right eye. Again I was anointed and much prayer was made. But it was only after an operation and radium treatment that I was made well again. But, even here, the testimony of the doctors is that I have made a remarkable recovery, there now being almost no trace of the cancerous sore or even the operation discernible. All glory be to God!

"So, dear friends and faithful supporters all down the years spent in real pioneering in French Indo-China, will you not join with Mrs. Cadman and me in making God's praise all glorious? Hallelujah! We are both passed as physically fit to return to the field. So, God willing, we are leaving San Francisco November 17, to return once again to the land of our adoption. Will you not continue to nobly stand with us in prayer for the supply of all our need? God bless and keep you unto the coming of our dear Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ."



French Indo-China (Courtesy Rev. Wm. C. Cadman)
Hanoi Gospel Press—Book-binding Department.

Sister Cadman's Report:

"Who in the eyes of God is greater than the man of vision—the man who sees the land that is very far off, where the people are groping in heathen darkness, searching if haply they may find out God. This favored American nation is languishing in spiritual decadence, largely because of the lack of more such men of vision. 'Where there is no vision the people perish.' Such men of vision are the men who see the things of time in the light of eternity, men whose eyes are not blinded by the gleam of gold or by the lust of power. They have caught the missionary vision, their hearts have been stirred by our Lord's great commission to 'go into all the world and preach the gospel.'

"God's clarion call has sounded out to them, as it came to the first great missionary, Paul, and as it came to us some twenty-five years ago, saying, 'I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it—and there are many adversaries.'

"We praise God that down through the years He has given us the victory over some of these adversaries. We now have a large measure of religious liberty throughout French Indo-China and East Siam. Therefore, how appropriate to us at this time are the words of the prophetess Deborah to Barak, 'Up, for this is the day.'



French Indo-China (Courtesy Rev. Wm. C. Cadman)
Executive Committee of the Hanoi Church.

Top row, center—Mrs. Van Hine, Betty Van Hine, Mrs. Homera Homer-Dixon.
Front row, center—Mrs. and Mr. Cadman. Celebrating
Mrs. Cadman's birthday.

"Truly, the day of opportunity for rapid evangelism in Indo-China is yet with us. But we do know that the giant forces of evil are swiftly gaining momentum and they are attempting to close the far Eastern lands to the ambassadors of Christ. We would therefore sound an urgent note of appeal to the churches of Christ in this favored land, where peace still reigns, that they may speed the gospel message to the lands that are lying in darkness and the shadow of death.

"We expect to leave America by the S. S. President Cleveland (sailing November 17), and will thus soon be back in active service in French Indo-China. A heavy program of work for the Hanoi Gospel Press is awaiting us—the fourth edition of the Annamese Bible—5,000 copies, 2,000 Annamese New Testaments, 100,000 Annamese Gospels and Acts, the Cambodian Bible, and various Gospel literature in some more tribal languages. Will you not pray that God may use this 'silent Evangelism' to lead many souls to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ?

"How we praise God for the marvellous way in which He has supplied the needs of this Gospel Press during the more than twenty years since its beginning. Just recently there was a great need for an enlarged building so that the work could be done more quickly and efficiently. Just when the need was greatest, a legacy for \$250.00 was received from dear Miss Murray, the daughter of the sainted Andrew Murray, of South Africa, a friend of my girlhood.

"Again came insistent demand for more and yet more Gospel tracts and booklets for use by the many evangelistic bands throughout French Indo-China. Owing to pressure of work in the printing of the third edition of the Annamese Bible, these orders for tracts, etc., could not be filled. This emphasized the need of a third and larger press. Just then came notice from New York, that a dear old friend in Portland, Maine, had left a legacy of \$1,000.00 for the Press. Immediately steps were taken for the purchase of a large second-hand cylinder press from France. Just before we left Hanoi, six months ago, the press arrived and is now in use. Thus on our return all three presses will be working full time to fill the orders on hand, and all the routine output of monthly Bible magazine, Sunday School Weeklies, etc.



Colombia, S. A. (Courtesy Rev.
H. W. Feldges)
Baptism at Manizales.

"Will you, our faithful supporters, not share with us in praying for God's richest blessing on the only Protestant Gospel Press in that land with its 25,000,000 souls committed to our charge as a mission? On our return there will doubtless be many further needs, such as the replacing of worn-out type, a new cutting and folding machine, etc. We know that God will care and provide in the future as in the past, if His children faithfully do their part.

"We will be glad to be back in the land of our adoption after our short furlough, praising God for answered prayer and renewed health and strength for a further term of service."

Rev. and Mrs. N. M. Cressman for a number of years missionaries to Cambodia, had to come home before their term had expired on account of the serious ill health of Mrs. Cressman. After speaking in a number of the churches of our Conference and also in other churches,

Brother Cressman accepted a pastorate under the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Colombia

(Christian and Missionary Alliance)

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

In one of his latest reports Brother Feldges writes:

"A family by the name of Perry is with us. You will remember that it will be forty years next January first when you opened the mission in Belvidere N. J., by singing 'Higher Ground' on the front porch of the hall, then owned by a Mr. Perry—starting with the Perrys in New Jersey and ending with the Perrys (though not related) in Colombia.

"The Lord has blessed our services especially in attendance. Even in our prayer meetings we seldom have less than fifty and at times over eighty. Our Sunday School attendance runs up to ninety.



Colombia, S. A. (Courtesy H. W. Feldges)
Part of their Sunday School in Manizales.

"The other Sunday we took a walk to the home of some of our members for a short visit, only a few squares away from the Mission. Things were about normal when we noticed some clods of earth dropping around us. Some boys had gotten our range and were bent on mischief. We went up another street but then large stones fell around us. God protected us and not one stone hit us. You see there is yet much land to be possessed still to get this people to understand that they must respect us even though their priests tell them we are of the devil. How we long for more real, deep spiritual life among our converts. Too often there is a turning away from idols, but not completely from the power of Satan unto God."

DIRECTORY

The Annual Conference held at Bethlehem, Pa., October 13-16, 1938, 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, Emmaus, Pa.
 W. G. Gehman, 1136 Northampton Street, Easton, Pa.
 B. Bryan Musselman, 529 N. 8th Street, Allentown, Pa.
 P. T. Stengele, 1124 N. Main Street, Bethlehem, Pa.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MISSIONARIES

I. Christian and Missionary Alliance

(a) Africa

Crist, Rev. E. E. Crist, Mrs. E. E. Hess, Rev. E. R.	}	Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa.
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(b) China

Snyder, Rev. C. F. Snyder, Mrs. C. F.	}	A 5 Tung Mei Chang, Ho Men Wai, Peking, China.
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(c) French Indo-China

Cadman, Rev. Wm. C. Cadman, Mrs. Wm. C.	}	No. 1, Rue Nguyen—Trai, Hanoi, French Indo-China.
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(d) Colombia, South America

Feldges, Rev. H. W. Feldges, Mrs. H. W.	}	260 W. 44th Street, New York, N. Y. (On furlough).
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II. Africa Inland Mission

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

III. United Missionary Society

Ummel, Joseph, Yelwa, via Kontagora, Nigeria, West Africa.
 Ummel, Paul, Zuru, via Kontagora, Nigeria, West Africa.
 Reinhart, Miss Luella, Under appointment.

IV. Sudan Interior Mission

Whale, Mrs. Fred }
 } Sudan Interior Mission,
 } Jos, Nigeria, West Africa.

V. Unevangelized Tribes Mission

Miller, Miss Mary A. }
 Miller, Rev. C. L. } Kamayala Kahemba, (Kikwit) Dist. du
 Miller, Mrs. C. L. } 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-Ninth Annual Ministerial Convention of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church of the Pennsylvania Conference, convened in the M. B. in C. Church, Second and Penn Streets, Shamokin, Pa., on Thursday, April 20, 1939.

The Convention was opened at 10:00 a. m. by the Chairman, Pastor P. T. Stengele of Bethlehem, Pa. Pastor W. F. Heffner of Harrisburg, Pa., led the Convention in singing, "Come Thou Blessed Saviour," after which he read as a Scripture lesson I Timothy 4, making also appropriate remarks. Pastor J. C. Roth of Lehighton, Pa., led in prayer. The secretary, Pastor A. M. Sprock of Scranton, Pa., called the roll. The two Presiding Elders, and all the Pastors of the two districts were present, also a number of the Gospel Herald brethren.

The Chairman appointed the following committees:

Committee on Publication:—H. B. Musselman, C. H. Brunner, N. H. Wolf.

Committee on Resolutions:—J. B. Layne, H. W. Hartman, R. H. Gehman.

Committee to Read the Minutes:—W. W. Hartman, J. B. Henry.

Timekeeper:—E. W. Bean.

Reporter:—H. K. Kratz.

The Presiding Elder of the Easton District, W. G. Gehman, addressed the Convention basing his remarks on the third verse of the General Epistle of Jude.

Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman gave a forceful and inspiring address.

Afternoon Meeting

The afternoon meeting was opened at 2:00 o'clock with Pastor F. M. Hottel of Reading, Pa., in charge of the devotional period. After leading the congregation in singing, "I Will Praise Him", he read Hebrews 12 as a Scripture lesson. Pastor F. B. Hertzog of Allentown, Pa., led in prayer.

Following the roll call and the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, the following essays were read and discussed:

2 Peter 1:11, by Pastor R. H. Gehman of Graterford, Pa.

2 Timothy 2:20-26, by Pastor J. B. Layne of York, Pa.

These essays gave evidence of thoughtful preparation as they were read, ministering grace unto the hearers.

Evening Service

During the evening service, in charge of Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman, the Convention listened to the following helpful twenty-minute addresses:

"The Royal Word of Grace," by Pastor T. D. Gehret of Easton, Pa.
 "Filled with All the Fullness of God," by Pastor P. T. Stengele of Bethlehem, Pa.

"Watchfulness," by Pastor B. Bryan Musselman of Allentown, Pa.

The services were interspersed by special singing. Pastor Paul E. Baer and the members and friends of the Congregation at Shamokin entertained the Convention in a very cordial manner.

The Committee on Program consisted of H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and Paul E. Baer.

P. T. Stengele, Chairman,

A. M. Sprock, Secretary.

XV.—SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION (ALLENTOWN DISTRICT)

The Fiftieth Annual or Golden Jubilee Sunday School Convention of the Allentown District of the Pennsylvania Conference of the Menonite Brethren in Christ Church convened in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., on July 4, 1939, during the Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting.

Pastor B. Bryan Musselman, of Allentown (Bethel), was Chairman and Pastor H. W. Hartman, of Quakertown, 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 and superintendents 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 were present.

The convention was opened by the Chairman at 9.45 A. M. Pastor T. D. Gehret, of Easton, led in prayer. The Chairman appointed 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:—J. B. Henry and R. H. Gehman.

The guest speaker for the day was Dr. Herbert W. Bieber, Pastor of the Church of The Covenant, Bala-Cynwyd, Pa. His subjects were as follows:

10.00 A. M.—"El."

2.00 P. M.—"Jah."

7.30 P. M.—"El-Shaddai."

The evening service was a continuation of the regular Camp Meeting program.

The congregational singing was led by Evangelist B. B. Bosworth. A number of special selections were sung by the Southern Lighthouse Colored Quartet. Several other groups also sang. The morning service was broadcast over radio station WSAW, with studios in the City of Allentown.

The weather was most delightful. The spacious auditorium was full to overflowing, showing the interest of the listeners in this very excellent program of the day.

Sunday Schools and Superintendents

Place	Superintendent
Allentown (Bethel)	C. E. Musselman
Bethlehem	Paul H. Cressman
Reading	S. W. Heiser
Philadelphia (Salem)	Myles A. Rickert
Emmaus	A. L. Wentz
Macungie	Timothy H. Gehman
Zionsville	Russell L. Shelly
Graterford	I. T. Copenhafer
Harleysville	Homer G. Ziegler
Coopersburg	H. L. Shelly
Allentown (Salem)	C. J. E. King
Quakertown	Era R. Keiper
Spring City	Mrs. Cora R. Fox
Royersford	E. R. Hartman
Fleetwood	W. O. Miller
Blandon	John I. Mengel
Terre Hill	F. E. Hauser
Wissinoming	T. W. Campbell, Jr.
W. Philadelphia	E. J. Dietzman
Nazareth	Ralph Hendershot
Northampton	A. W. Deppe
Lehighton	Paul Flickinger
Weissport	Miss Bessie Heberling
Walnutport	Luther N. Kern

Statistics

Sunday Schools	24
Officers	177
Teachers	384
Scholars	3,865
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Total enrollment	4,426
Home Department	351
Cradle Roll	401

Finances

Report of the Treasurer

Receipts

Balance in Treasury from last year	\$ 1.76	
Received at this Convention	190.21	\$192.47

Expenditures

Fares	\$ 29.45	
Printing	10.85	
Secretary	2.00	
Speaker	50.00	
Donated to Executive Board	100.00	
Balance in Treasury .....	.17	\$192.47

B. Bryan Musselman, Chairman.

H. W. Hartman, Secretary.

F. M. Hottel, Treasurer.

XVI.—SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION (EASTON DISTRICT)

The Fifty-first Annual Sunday School Convention of the Easton District of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, Pennsylvania Conference, convened in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church on Race Street, near Sixth, Sunbury, Pa., on Wednesday, May 17, 1939.

Pastor W. F. Heffner, of Harrisburg, Pa., was Chairman; Pastor W. W. Hartman, of Mount Carmel, Pa., recorded the minutes, and Pastor E. E. Kublic, of Stroudsburg, Pa., was Treasurer.

The Committee on Program consisted of W. G. Gehman, N. H. Wolf and W. F. Heffner.

The Presiding Elder, all the Pastors, Gospel Herald Leaders, Essayist, Discussionist, Evening Speakers and all the Superintendents, except two who were represented by their Vice Superintendents, were present. Rev and Mrs. C. F. Snyder, returned missionaries from China, were present; also the following Gospel Heralds: W. H. Frank, J. E. Golla, M. K. Ruth, J. E. Hartman, E. G. Anderson and P. K. Schuler.

The Convention opened at 9.45 A. M. with the reading of Philippians 2 by the Chairman, W. F. Heffner, and prayer by Presiding Elder, W. G. Gehman. The Chairman appointed the following committees:

Committee on Publication:—W. G. Gehman, T. D. Gehret, E. W. Bean.

Committee on Finance:—Paul E. Baer, C. E. Kirkwood, E. E. Kublic.

Committee on Resolutions:—A. M. Sprock, E. B. Hartman, N. H. Wolf.

Committee on Statistics:—J. B. Layne, R. C. Reichenbach, T. E. Turnbull.

Committee on Auditing:—E. J. Rutman, G. C. Watson.

Committee to Read the Minutes:—J. T. Anderson, J. R. Hean.

Timekeeper:—J. I. Somers.

Reporter:—E. J. Rutman.

The balance of the morning meeting was devoted to the oral and statistical reports of the Superintendents of the nineteen Sunday Schools represented. These reports were inspiring and instructive as they revealed the Lord's blessing upon the work.

Afternoon Meeting

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2.00 P. M. by singing, "He Keeps Me Singing." Rev. C. F. Snyder led in prayer.

An instructive essay on the theme, "The Teacher's Devotions and Responsibility," was read by Pastor E. B. Hartman, of Chester, Pa.

A discussion of "The Missionary Cause in the Sunday School" was opened by Pastor T. D. Gehret, of Easton, Pa.

Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman was in charge of an open forum which proved to be a very helpful feature of the Convention.

Evening Service

The evening service was opened at 7.00 P. M. with Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman in charge.

There were three fifteen minute addresses as follows:

"Youth and Christian Stewardship" by Pastor J. R. Hean, of Irvington, N. J.

"Self Mastery and Spiritual Success" (I Cor. 9:25-27) by Pastor J. B. Layne, of York, Pa.

"The Word and Ministry of Reconciliation" (II Cor. 5:19, 20) by Pastor A. M. Sprock, of Scranton, Pa.

Special selections in song were rendered during the Convention by the Gospel Herald Brethren and a Ladies' Quartet from Scranton.

The weather was ideal. The Church was crowded during the day with eager listeners. The Congregation and friends of the Sunbury Class entertained the Convention in a most cordial and hospitable manner, under the competent leadership of Pastor N. H. Wolf.

Sunday Schools and Superintendents

Place	Superintendent
Easton, Pa.	Herbert V. Smith
Shamokin, Pa.	George John (Vice S.)
Sunbury, Pa.	Truman Bastian
York, Pa.	C. K. McCanester
Mount Carmel, Pa.	Paul V. Frye
Scranton, Pa.	Robert Garrison
Hatfield, Pa.	H. N. Dettra
Stroudsburg, Pa.	George R. Fish
Harrisburg, Pa.	Edward L. Albright
Chester, Pa.	R. Spedden
Staten Island, N. Y.	Ralph D. Cole (Vice S.)
Jersey City, N. J.	C. E. Kirkwood
Irvington, N. J.	J. R. Hean
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	J. T. Anderson
Elizabeth, N. J.	John Dunn
Lebanon, Pa.	Harry J. Sheffy
Camden, N. J.	T. E. Turnbull
Brooklyn, N. Y.	J. I. Somers
Trenton, N. J.	R. C. Reichenbach

Statistics

Sunday Schools represented	19
Officers enrolled	124
Teachers enrolled	211
Scholars enrolled	2,237
Total enrollment	2,572

Home Department members enrolled	210
Cradle Roll members enrolled	291

A new Sunday school was organized in Trenton, N. J., since the last Convention.

Finances

Report of the Treasurer

Receipts

Balance in Treasury from last year	\$ 9.37
Received at this Convention	171.39 \$180.76

Expenditures

Fares, printing programs, etc.	\$136.63	
Donated to Easton District C. M. Committee	44.00	
Balance in Treasury .....	.13	\$180.76

W. F. Heffner, Chairman.
 W. W. Hartman, 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-Sixth Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, Pennsylvania Conference, convened in Bethel M. B. in C. Church, 526-530 North Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa., October 19 to 22, 1939.

All the Ministers in the active work except Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman, who was confined to his home through illness, and all the Delegates responded to the Roll Call at the opening of the Conference.

Special seasons of supplication and intercession were made for Presiding Elder W. G. Gehman, beseeching God to fully recuperate this servant of Christ for future leadership and fellowship.

Numerous manifestations of the presence, power and love of Christ were evident during the Conference deliberations. Three-minute oral reports by all the Pastors were given in the Thursday evening meeting. Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman reported orally for both districts and the Gospel Herald Society.

Home Mission Work

Three Camp Meetings were held during the past summer; two in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., with 264 tents each, and one in Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa., with 156 tents. The attendance throughout the summer was larger than for some years. A number of the services were broadcast direct from Mizpah Grove over radio station WSAN and WCBA through the courtesy of B. Bryan Musselman.

The Gospel Herald Society is composed of fourteen young men who are in training for pastoral, evangelistic and missionary work. This Society has seven missions located in various cities of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York.

The Conference has contributed \$4,941.99 during the year for Home Missionary work to be used in the Conference and the Gospel Herald Society. Radio facilities have been used by a number of the ministering brethren for broadcasting the Word of God.

Foreign Mission Work

The support of eighteen missionaries on various mission fields was again assumed by the Conference. Members and friends of the Church have shown their keen interest in this part of the Lord's work and have contributed the sum of \$11,693.66 for Foreign Missions. The total offerings throughout the Conference during the past year for all purposes amounted to \$138,432.01.

Officers for 1939-1940

H. B. Musselman and W. G. Gehman were re-elected to serve as Presiding Elders. Pastors C. H. Brunner and B. Bryan Musselman were re-elected Vice Presiding Elders. W. G. Gehman was also re-elected President of the Gospel Herald Society. H. B. Musselman was elected Chairman of the 1940 Annual Conference and C. H. Brunner, Secretary and Treasurer.

Appointments

All the Pastors were re-appointed to their former fields of labor. The only changes that occurred were: Walnutport was added to the Nazareth and Northampton charges, and Weatherly was added to Lehighton and Weissport. W. H. Frank, of Jersey City, N. J., was granted an Annual Conference license.

Sunday Services

A capacity audience, representing the entire Pennsylvania Conference, assembled at the host church on Sunday for a day of worship. The weather was ideal.

Pastor B. Bryan Musselman of the Allentown (Bethel) congregation opened the morning service with congregational singing. Pastor E. N. Cassel of Spring City led in prayer. The Annual Conference sermon was preached by Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman of Allentown, Chairman of the Annual Conference. He spoke on "The Coming Kingdom," basing his remarks on Ezekial 47:1-12; Daniel 7:27 and Zechariah 14:9.

The afternoon service started at 2.00 o'clock with the assembled congregation singing, "Jesus is All the World to Me," led by Pastor F. M. Hottel of Reading, and prayer by Pastor P. T. Stengele of Bethlehem. Pastor C. H. Brunner of Emmaus, Secretary and Treasurer of the Annual Conference, preached on "This is The Hour," from I John 2:15-18.

At 7.15 o'clock an inspiring song service led by Pastor B. Bryan Musselman opened the evening meeting. Rev. H. F. Meltzer, Field Evangelist of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, led in prayer. Pastor T. D. Gehret of Easton preached the concluding sermon of the day. He spoke on the text, Psalm 42:3 and the theme, "Where is Thy God?" The services throughout the day were interspersed with special selections by the Easton Male Quartet and the Allentown Mixed and Male Choruses.

Pastor B. Bryan Musselman and his Allentown (Bethel) congregation entertained the Conference in a most excellent and affable manner. All the meals were served in the basement of the church.

F. B. Hertzog, Paul E. Baer,
A. G. Woodring, Committee.

XVIII.—ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 1940

(A) MINISTERIAL CONVENTION

Annual Ministerial Convention

This Convention is announced to convene in the M. B. in C. Church, Walnut Street, Royersford, Pa., on April 18, 1940.

Chairman, T. D. Gehret; Secretary, F. B. Hertzog.

Committee on Program: H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman and Paul E. Baer.

(B) SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS**(a) Allentown District****Report of the Committee to Organize for the Allentown District
Sunday School Convention for 1940**

This Convention shall convene in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., on Thursday, July 4, 1940.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, J. B. Henry; 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, the Pastors of the Easton District and the members of the Gospel Herald Society.

E. N. Cassel, Chairman,
A. G. Woodring, Secretary.

(b) Easton District**Report of the Committee to Organize for the Easton District
Sunday School Convention for 1940**

This Convention shall convene in Shamokin, Pa., Wednesday, May 15, 1940.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, J. B. Layne; Secretary, N. H. Wolf; Treasurer, W. F. Hefner.

Committee on Program: W. G. Gehman, Paul E. Baer and J. B. Layne.

We invite and heartily desire the Gospel Herald Society and its Sunday Schools to be represented at this Convention.

Two meetings shall be held, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

The advisability of having an evening service shall be left to the discretion of the Committee on Program.

A hearty welcome shall be extended to Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman and the Pastors of the Allentown District to be present at this Convention.

J. B. Layne, Chairman,
W. W. Hartman, Secretary.

(C) CAMP MEETINGS**(a) Allentown District**

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

Bethlehem Division

Report of the Committee to Organize for the Bethlehem Division Camp Meeting for 1940

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

Place—Mizpah Grove. Date—June 29 to July 7, 1940.

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 1940

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

Place—Mizpah Grove. Date—July 13 to 21, 1940.

Chairman, B. Bryan Musselman; Secretary, C. H. Brunner; Treasurer, G. F. Yost.

The Committee resolved that the Presiding Elder, together with the officers of the Committee, make all the arrangements. The Presiding Elder shall secure the preachers and also extra help if he and the Committee deem it desirable.

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

(b)—Easton District

Report of the Committee to Organize for the Easton District Camp Meeting for 1940

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

Place—Edgewood Grove, Shamokin, Pa. Date—August 3 to 11, 1940.

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

The Presiding Elder, together with the Officers of the Committee and the Manager of the Dining Hall shall make all the arrangements. The Presiding Elder shall secure the preachers and extra help if he deem it desirable.

H. B. Musselman, Chairman,
Paul E. Baer, Secretary.

(D) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Fifty-seventh Annual Conference shall convene, should the Lord tarry, in Beulah M. B. in C. Church, Twelfth and Spruce Streets, Easton, Pa., at 9.00 a. m., October 17, 1940, services to continue over Sunday.

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

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

(E) READING COURSE**Announcement of the Board of Examiners****Studies for 1940****First Semi-Annual Studies****First Year's Course**

Law of Liberty in the Spiritual Life. Chapters 1-5.

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 on Infidelity.

Church History.

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

Law of Liberty in the Spiritual Life. Chapter 6-10.

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 16, 1940, 2.00 p. m., at Royersford, Pa.

The second examination shall commence on Tuesday, October 15, 1940, 2.00 p. m., at Easton, Pa.

E. N. Cassel, President,

H. K. Kratz,

T. D. Gehret, Secretary,

Board.

XIX.—REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE TREASURER**(a) Executive Board**

Receipts

October 6, 1938, Balance in Treasury	\$11,105.95	
Received during the year	3,615.65	\$14,721.60

Expenditures

Expended during the year	\$ 4,388.17	
October 12, 1939, Balance in Treasury	10,333.43	14,721.60

Ministers' Retirement Fund

October 6, 1938, Amount in this Fund	\$ 5,314.22	
October 12, 1939, Received during the year	1,487.80	\$ 6,802.02

(b) Board of Foreign Missions

Receipts

October 6, 1938, Balance in Treasury	\$ 5,738.61	
Received during the year	14,658.90	\$20,397.51

Expenditures

Expended during the year	\$11,806.22	
October 12, 1939, Balance in Treasury	8,591.29	20,397.51

(c) The Home

Expenditures

September 28, 1938, Deficit in Treasury	\$ 7,046.02	
Expended during the year	21,676.73	\$28,722.75

Receipts

Received during the year	\$19,076.79	
September 28, 1939, Deficit	9,645.96	28,722.75

(d) Annual Conference Fund

Receipts

October 6, 1938, Balance in Treasury	\$ 291.82	
Received during the year	579.06	\$ 870.88

Expenditures

Expended during the year	\$ 645.67	
October 12, 1939, Balance in Treasury	225.21	870.88

(e) Home Missions

Receipts

October 6, 1938, Received for Home Mission Work ..	\$ 4,505.94	
Received for Annual Conference Expenses	378.05	\$ 4,883.99

Expenditures

October 12, 1939, Expended during the year:		
Allentown District	\$ 760.00	
Easton District and Gospel Herald Society	3,745.94	
Bethlehem Congregat'n—Annual Conf. Expenses	378.05	4,883.99

C. H. Brunner, Treasurer.

XX.—FINANCIAL REPORT

Report of the Committee on Finance

Appointments	Foreign Missions	Foreign Missions in S. S.	Home Missions	Annual Conference Fund	For the Home	Conference Expenses	Total
(A) ALLENTOWN DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.							
Allentown (Bethel)	\$ 505.00	\$ 471.27	\$ 640.00	\$ 18.50	\$ 24.00	\$ 40.10	\$ 1,698.87
Bethlehem	768.00	1,037.53	541.00	12.00	16.00	32.80	2,407.33
Phila. (Salem)	485.75	163.19	305.00	13.30	22.00	26.80	1,016.04
Reading	250.75	357.68	210.00	10.00	15.00	29.70	873.13
Emmaus	243.25	144.00	201.00	5.65	14.50	15.00	623.40
Macungie	83.00	47.35	42.50	3.35	5.50	5.50	187.40
Zionsville	215.00	177.00	191.00	2.00	6.00	3.70	594.70
Allentown (Salem)	150.00	210.29	155.85	1.55	10.00	9.10	539.79
Coopersburg	286.25	270.00	298.50	6.23	14.50	12.00	888.47
Spring City	88.50	116.34	100.00	3.55	10.65	7.00	326.04
Royersford	106.50	182.88	144.00	5.50	14.25	7.80	460.93
Fleetwood	222.00	163.88	174.10	6.20	15.25	11.20	592.63
Blandon	56.90	111.72	54.00	3.90	8.00	5.80	240.32
Terre Hill	143.15	106.31	120.90	5.05	12.00	6.80	394.21
Lehighton	89.00	37.25	83.50	6.00	8.00	7.40	231.15
Weissport		8.00					8.00
Walnutport	60.50	26.25	55.50	4.00	7.00	4.80	158.05
Nazareth	76.50	113.44	80.50	3.19	6.50	9.10	289.29
Northampton	109.70	62.30	108.20	3.39	5.61	4.20	293.40
Graterford	98.50	108.35	74.50	5.70	8.10	6.00	301.15
Harleysville	161.30	173.10	80.10	4.25	11.50	6.20	376.45
Phila. (Wiss'ing)	32.00	72.35	53.50	3.50	8.00	7.70	177.05
Phila. (West)	46.50	51.47	51.50	1.50	5.00	5.80	161.77
Quakertown	117.00	180.00	106.25	5.00	10.00	12.50	430.75
Total	\$1,335.05	\$4,392.04	\$3,871.40	\$136.51	\$257.42	\$278.50	\$13,270.92
(B) EASTON DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.							
Easton	\$ 262.00	\$ 232.92	\$ 255.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 15.70	\$ 779.62
Shamokin	182.00	120.48	137.50	4.25	10.25	19.00	473.48
Sunbury	120.00	128.43	136.00	4.02	11.38	14.90	415.33
York	143.50	138.59	142.50	5.00	5.00	13.40	447.99
Mt. Carmel	113.00	57.30	57.00	4.50	4.00	11.60	247.46
Syracuse	112.75	107.90	85.00	3.50	9.11	7.80	326.18
Hatfield	124.00	59.10	60.15	3.60	5.75	4.90	257.50
Stroudsburg	10.25	31.02	14.25	1.55	2.25	6.00	65.32
Harrisburg	27.00	165.10	32.50	3.30	4.50	4.30	236.70
Chester	14.77	123.67	76.19	2.15	5.75	6.40	228.93
Lebanon	21.40	28.24	19.50	2.36	3.28	4.60	79.38
Staten Island	36.75	69.31	55.00	2.50	5.41	3.70	172.67
Gospel Herald Soc.		536.37					536.37
Total	\$1,704.29	\$1,262.18	\$1,070.59	\$ 41.79	\$ 75.68	\$112.30	\$ 4,266.93
Grand Total	\$5,503.07	\$6,190.59	\$4,941.99	\$178.30	\$333.10	\$390.80	\$17,537.85

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

R. Paul Schaeffer,
R. H. Gehman,

Committee.

**XXI.—REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON
STATISTICS—PART I—A.**

Pastors	ALLENTOWN DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.										EASTON DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.																	
	Appointments	Ordained Ministers	Probationers	Class Leaders	Stewards	Baptized	Members not Baptized	Children Dedicated	Received into Church Fellowship	Rec'd by Transfer	Total Increase	Died	Withdrawn	Dropped	Moved to other Conf.	Transferred	Total Decrease	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Total Membership	Appointments	Sermons Preached	Pastoral Visits	Prayer Meetings Visited	Sunday Schools Visited	Prayer Meeting Class	New Classes	
B. B. Musselman	1	3	1	4	4	19	12	13	4	19	4	5	2	3	3	12	7	408	107	390	1	390	405	107	46	4	4	4
B. T. Stengele	1	1	1	4	4	15	18	8	5	13	3	4	3	4	3	12	4	240	152	300	1	300	405	152	48	4	4	4
G. T. Yost	1	1	1	3	3	7	11	11	11	13	3	4	3	4	3	11	4	240	152	300	1	300	405	152	48	4	4	4
F. M. Hottel	1	1	1	3	3	20	14	15	11	15	1	4	3	4	3	11	3	282	155	338	1	338	405	155	48	3	3	3
C. H. Brunner	1	1	1	2	2	8	3	3	1	15	1	1	1	1	1	9	3	237	102	210	1	210	470	102	50	3	3	3
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XXI.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—PART I—C.

OFFERINGS—Continued

Appointments	Pastors	For the Home		Church Property	Indebtedness	Repairs Church Properties	Texton and Sundry Expenses	Parsonage and Hall Rent	Sunday Schools	Presiding Elders	Ministers in Cash	Ministers in Other Contributions	Ministers' Retirement Fund	Secretary Fund
		\$	%											
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.														
Alletown (Bethel)	B. B. Musselman	\$ 24.00	100.00	.....	\$ 2,835.21	.....	\$ 882.98	1,136.57	366.00	1,798.68	640.00	82.04	20.00
Bethlehem	F. T. Stengle	16.00	1,000.00	.....	1,539.78	.....	807.00	1,869.83	256.00	2,515.35	425.00	113.45	15.00
Phila. (Salem)	G. F. Yost	22.00	.....	1,536.60	886.84	.....	.....	1,118.48	252.00	1,670.85	309.80	103.33	13.50
Reading	F. M. Hottel	15.00	.....	506.57	1,008.74	333.63	.....	1,039.52	233.00	1,519.55	480.00	80.00	15.00
Emmans	C. H. Runner	14.56	656.00	.....	833.42	.....	831.36	1,411.60	141.00	936.90	107.30	20.35	8.50
Macungie	"	5.50	.....	23.71	96.12	.....	123.70	65.00	65.00	223.71	40.10	12.35	2.75
Zionsville	"	6.00	.....	44.61	181.98	.....	85.84	67.00	67.00	293.76	61.50	8.30	3.75
Alletown (Salem)	F. B. Hertzog	10.00	.....	.....	383.86	.....	154.35	343.83	118.00	749.51	32.90	27.55	6.00
Coopersburg	"	14.50	.....	.....	613.02	.....	169.35	347.05	121.00	1,088.70	45.65	47.26	11.80
Spring City	E. N. Cassel	10.65	.....	916.00	290.77	.....	62.70	333.37	102.25	451.85	89.66	13.67	7.70
Roversford	"	14.25	500.00	.....	340.81	.....	92.75	294.18	101.57	700.65	74.46	22.57	10.55
Fleetwood	A. G. Woodring	15.25	.....	115.00	269.14	.....	165.35	350.35	163.00	895.55	267.00	25.25	8.50
Blandon	"	8.00	.....	.....	171.56	.....	53.35	232.05	86.07	361.75	48.00	21.75	7.30
Terre Hill	"	12.00	.....	.....	372.50	.....	75.45	476.23	77.00	583.06	87.00	25.00	7.00
Lehighton	J. C. Roth	8.00	.....	.....	365.39	.....	231.10	298.44	78.00	773.82	245.25	18.20	8.75
Weissport	"	7.00	.....	.....	159.01	.....	77.00	141.91	74.85	393.45	43.50	15.89	6.00
Nazareth	H. K. Kratz	6.56	.....	.....	267.16	.....	166.50	203.05	60.00	425.65	59.00	21.09	4.81
Northampton	"	5.61	.....	.....	151.57	.....	80.25	133.65	60.00	348.81	54.95	15.31	4.67
Graterford	R. H. Gehman	8.10	.....	.....	352.01	.....	64.85	138.97	82.85	571.75	52.20	18.50	5.00
Harleysville	"	11.50	.....	.....	256.06	.....	56.25	149.42	79.00	563.25	189.40	27.30	11.00
Phila. (Wissling)	J. B. Henry	8.00	60.00	.....	454.53	.....	189.17	524.74	52.00	743.65	169.60	24.00	5.00
Phila. (West)	"	5.00	.....	.....	287.82	.....	135.70	249.50	52.50	251.00	167.82	18.28	4.00
Quakertown	H. W. Hartman	10.00	206.00	.....	428.46	.....	188.45	342.10	130.00	731.80	210.00	18.74	5.00
Mt. Airy Grove	Camp Meeting
TOTAL		\$257.42	\$24,410.00	\$3,596.69	\$312,595.90	\$ 3,970.58	\$10,870.55	\$ 2,811.85	\$18,561.06	\$3,839.20	\$ 780.21	\$190.98
EASTON DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.														
Easton	F. D. Gebret	\$ 9.00	\$1,409.79	.....	732.63	.....	441.08	784.24	267.25	1,291.79	201.00	70.27	\$ 10.00
Shamokin	Paul E. Baer	10.25	.....	342.59	542.23	.....	140.35	729.45	183.00	1,143.35	254.00	49.75	8.00
Shenbury	N. H. Wolf	11.38	.....	.....	900.20	.....	368.60	468.01	198.10	1,239.05	135.00	25.00	8.00
York	J. B. Layne	5.00	178.85	.....	500.34	.....	273.00	419.59	310.00	1,288.51	135.00	23.69	7.00
Mt. Carmel	W. W. Hartman	4.00	50.00	.....	396.51	.....	117.20	244.44	92.00	639.70	288.45	14.25	5.00
Stranton	A. M. Spruck	9.11	.....	56.00	423.16	.....	140.75	272.83	166.00	884.65	869.80	19.21	9.00
Harfield	E. W. Benn	3.75	.....	74.05	477.22	.....	288.00	344.37	86.45	544.88	87.37	19.50	5.30
Stroudsburg	E. E. Kublic	2.25	.....	.....	154.32	.....	42.20	117.36	41.70	250.09	75.85	8.57	2.10
Harrisburg	W. F. Hefner	4.50	.....	306.31	390.51	.....	256.60	374.30	57.00	393.00	26.75	10.30	4.00
Chester	E. B. Hartman	3.75	.....	125.00	949.76	.....	416.50	383.88	66.05	434.10	99.52	16.77	10.20
Lebanon	E. J. Rutman	3.28	.....	.....	403.08	.....	102.25	180.18	90.16	223.34	215.98	6.11	3.00
Staten Island, N. Y.	G. C. Watson	.....	.....	.....	562.96	.....	460.23	173.47	50.57	500.52	172.17	12.07	3.98
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, Pres.	5.41	422.13	.....	2,184.82	.....	4,005.00	1,669.76	573.79	.....	2,064.46	.....	.....
Edgewood Grove	Camp Meeting
TOTAL		\$ 75.68	\$2,069.77	\$1,006.35	\$ 8,517.14	\$ 7,039.14	\$ 6,161.80	\$ 2,172.07	\$ 8,873.98	\$ 4,645.41	\$ 362.46	\$ 75.58
GRAND TOTAL		\$333.10	\$4,470.77	\$4,603.04	\$21,113.04	\$11,029.72	\$17,632.11	\$ 4,984.02	\$27,435.04	\$8,484.61	\$1,042.67	\$266.56

XXI.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—PART I—D.

Appointments	Pastors	OFFERINGS—Concluded									
		Camp Meetings	Sunday School and Other Conventions	Annual Conference Fund	Annual Conference Delegate	Annual Conference Fund	Beneficial Society	Total Offerings	Subscriptions and Literature Sold		
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT—H. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E.											
Alentown (Bethel)	E. B. Musselman	\$ 4,540.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 18.50	\$ 40.10	\$ 54.50	\$ 14,139.31	500.00			
Bethlehem	P. T. Stengle	896.20	15.00	12.00	17.00	56.50	11,872.44	210.20			
Phila. (Salem)	G. F. Yost	691.75	18.61	13.30	32.80	66.80	7,535.80	147.50			
Reading	F. M. Hottel	612.50	15.00	10.00	29.70	30.50	6,791.44	350.00			
Emmans	C. H. Brunner	450.04	10.10	5.65	15.00	50.00	4,880.53	36.50			
Macungie	"	212.00	4.50	3.35	3.30	6.50	1,661.13	6.10			
Zionsville	"	242.00	4.05	2.00	3.70	6.50	1,596.98	4.00			
Alentown (Salem)	F. B. Hertzog	21.08	6.70	4.55	9.10	16.00	2,405.23	33.60			
Coopersburg	"	109.77	0.28	0.28	12.00	12.00	8,475.54	59.25			
Spring City	E. N. Cassel	50.00	8.73	3.55	7.60	3.00	2,628.44	140.30			
Royersford	"	60.00	9.80	9.00	7.80	23.50	2,932.74	142.10			
Fleetwood	A. G. Woodring	314.88	7.00	6.20	11.20	37.50	3,216.63	190.65			
Blandon	"	94.00	5.50	3.90	5.80	10.50	1,340.23	72.55			
Terre Hill	"	82.00	9.00	5.65	6.80	6.80	2,195.53	31.50			
Leighton	J. C. Roth	55.00	3.00	6.00	7.40	6.50	2,264.12	65.50			
Weissport	"	27.50	3.00	4.00	4.80	4.80	1,074.47	53.70			
Wainutport	"	64.35	7.00	3.19	9.10	11.00	1,659.41	24.25			
Nazareth	H. K. Kratz	8.00	3.00	3.39	4.20	11.00	1,358.85	20.50			
Northampton	"	8.00	3.12	5.70	6.00	7.90	1,263.21	13.35			
Graterford	R. H. Gehman	8.84	7.00	4.25	6.20	7.50	1,613.39	34.00			
Harleysville	"	8.82	7.00	4.25	6.20	7.50	1,737.35	74.45			
Phila. (Wiss'ing)	J. B. Henry	23.63	7.25	3.50	7.70	7.70	2,380.75	47.47			
Phila. (West)	"	50.00	5.00	1.50	6.09	3.80	1,329.57	12.30			
Quakertown	H. W. Hartman	50.00	5.00	5.00	11.50	13.00	2,762.50	100.00			
Mizpah Grove	Camp Meeting	5,646.11					5,646.11				
TOTAL		\$8,532.57	\$5,616.11	\$1,970.71	\$138.51	\$209.95	\$278.50	\$412.56	\$7,889.88	\$ 2,343.72	
EASTON DISTRICT—W. G. GEHMAN, P. E.											
Easton	T. D. Gehrel	\$ 620.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 14.65	\$ 15.70	\$ 15.70	\$ 30.50	\$ 6,663.26	\$ 130.00	
Shamokin	Paul E. Baer	140.00	15.00	4.25	13.00	4.00	19.00	4.00	4,040.18	200.88	
Sunbury	N. H. Wolf	78.92	15.00	4.02	13.20	14.90	14.90	3.50	3,807.91	186.88	
York	J. B. Layne	100.00	16.00	5.00	8.00	13.40	13.40	3.50	3,706.94	150.00	
Mt. Carmel	W. M. Hartman	95.03	6.72	4.50	11.00	11.60	11.60	3.00	2,235.73	63.00	
Sranton	A. M. Sprock	225.00	16.00	3.50	9.75	7.80	7.80	4.50	3,422.83	120.00	
Harfield	E. W. Bean	9.44	9.44	3.60	9.00	4.50	2,203.21	102.14			
Stroudsburg	E. E. Kubic	70.00	5.00	1.55	10.04	6.00	1,084.82	200.04			
Harrisburg	W. F. Heffner	171.00	6.00	3.30	25.00	4.30	1,953.96	15.50			
Chester	E. B. Hartman	1,821.49	10.00	2.15	10.10	6.40	2,904.81	278.00			
Lebanon	E. J. Rutman	42.34	6.28	2.36	12.50	4.60	3,143.75	481.78			
Stralen Island, N. Y.	G. C. Watson	6.00	11.00	2.56	8.70	8.70	2,167.30	114.67			
G. H. Society	W. G. Gehman, Pres	6.00	240.03				11,702.36	18,873.12			
Edgewood Grove	Camp Meeting	1,515.12					1,515.12				
TOTAL		\$ 3,394.75	\$1,515.12	\$367.47	\$ 41.79	\$41.56	\$112.90	\$ 51.50	\$ 50,542.13	\$ 20,335.31	
GRAND TOTAL		\$11,897.32	\$7,131.24	\$558.18	\$178.30	\$351.51	\$390.50	\$464.00	\$138,432.01	\$ 25,679.03	

XXII.—SUMMARY STATISTICS

Report of the Committee on Statistics—Part II.

Presiding Elders	2	New Appointments	2
Ordained Ministers	33	Sermons preached	6,891
Probationers	7	Pastoral Visits	12,355
Q. C. Licensed Preachers..	3	Prayer Meetings visited ..	2,620
Class Leaders	60	Prayer Meeting Classes ..	58
Stewards	62	New Classes organized	2
Parsonage Fund Collectors	62	Sunday Schools	
Baptized	205	Sunday Schools visited ..	1,638
Members not baptized	6	M. B. C. Sunday Schools ..	34
Children dedicated	127	New M. B. C. Sunday	
Church Membership		Schools	2
Received into Church		Officers and Teachers	
fellowship	156	enrolled	905
Received by transfer	120	Scholars enrolled	6,217
Total increase	276	Total enrollment	7,122
Died	34	Total average attendance	5,346
Withdrawn	19	Home Department	
Dropped	89	Members	532
Moved to other Conferences	1	Cradle Roll Members	740
Transferred	122	Gospel Banner	
Total decrease	268	subscriptions	243
Net increase	8	Churches	37
Total Membership	4,008	Parsonages	27
Record		Janitor's homes	6
Appointments	33		

Financial

A. Valuations

Increased Valuation of Church property	\$ 24,176.40
Present Valuation of Church property	901,858.65

B. Offerings

Home Missions	\$ 4,941.99
Foreign Missions	5,503.07
Foreign Missions in Sunday Schools	6,190.59
For the Home	333.10
Church property indebtedness	4,470.77
Repairing Church properties	4,603.04
Sexton and Sundry expenses	21,113.04
Parsonage and Hall rent	11,029.72
Sunday Schools	17,032.41
Presiding Elders	4,984.02
Ministers in cash	27,435.04
Ministers in other contributions	8,484.64
Ministers' Retirement Fund	1,042.67
Beneficiary Fund	266.56
Tabernacle, Evangelistic work	11,897.32
Camp Meetings	7,161.24
Sunday School Conventions	558.18
Annual Conference Fund	178.30
Annual Conference Delegates	351.51
Annual Conference Entertainment Fund	390.80
Benevolent Society	464.00
Total Offerings	\$138,432.01
Literature and Subscriptions	\$ 22,679.03

E. N. Cassel,
J. B. Layne,
P. T. Stengele,

Paul E. Baer,
T. D. Gehret,
H. W. Hartman,

A. M. Sprock,
E. B. Hartman,
Committee.

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.
Bean, E. W.	1928	1938	1938	24 N. Maple Ave., Hatfield, Pa.
Brunner, C. H.	1893	1896	1933	25 N. Fifth St., Emmaus, 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.
Hartman, W. W.	1930	1937	1937	132 W. 4th St., Mt. Carmel, Pa.
Heffner, W. F.	1917	1920	1935	234 Muench St., Harrisburg, Pa.
Henry, J. B.	1924	1928	1927	4420 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.
Musselman, H. B.	1890	1893	P. E.	1129 N. 18th St., Allentown, Pa.
Musselman, B. B.	1913	1916	1920	529 N. Eighth St., Allentown, Pa.
Roth, J. C.	1900	1903	1925	433 Cypress St., Lehighon, Pa.
Rutman, E. J.	1937	.....	1938	251 S. Fifth St., Lebanon, Pa.
Sprock, A. M.	1928	1935	1935	1023 Taylor Ave., Scranton, Pa.
Stengele, P. T.	1918	1923	1932	1124 N. Main St., Bethlehem, Pa.
Watson, G. C.	1937	.....	1938	243 Taylor St., W. Brighton, Staten Is.
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.
Bartall, J. F.	1901	1904	.....	Shamokin, Pa.
Musselman, E. H.	1921	1928	.....	100 W. Woodland Ave., Youngstown, O.
Shick, E. T.	1899	1901	.....	515 Green Street, Allentown, Pa.

III. Annual Conference Licensed Preachers

Anderson, J. T.	1909	.....	.....	Gospel Herald Society.
Frank, W. H.	1939	.....	.....	" " "
Kirkwood, C. E.	1937	.....	.....	" " "
Reichenbach, R. C.	1937	.....	.....	" " "
Turnbull, T. E.	1937	.....	.....	" " "

IV. Quarterly Conference Licensed Missionaries

Brunner, Mrs. C. H.	1892	.....	.....	Emmaus, Pa.
Martin, E. W.	1901	.....	.....	Terre Hill, Pa.
Cressman, J. Alton	1939	.....	.....	Bethlehem, Pa.

V. Foreign Missionaries

Cressman, N. M.	1917	.....	.....	C. & M. A.
Cressman, Mrs. N. M.	1926	.....	.....	C. & M. A.
Feldges, H. W. ....	.....	.....	.....	Colombia, S. A.
Feldges, Mrs. H. W. ....	.....	.....	.....	Colombia, S. A.
Miller, Mary A. ....	.....	.....	.....	Belgian Congo, Africa.
Miller, C. L.	1928	1933	.....	Belgian Congo, Africa.
Miller, Mrs. C. L. ....	.....	.....	.....	Belgian Congo, Africa.
Snyder, C. F. ....	.....	.....	.....	Peking, China.
Snyder, Mrs. C. F. ....	.....	.....	.....	Peking, 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

† III. MENNONITE BRETHREN IN CHRIST (Annual)

1884	Feb. 4.....	Terre Hill	William Gehman	W. H. Gehman
1885	Feb. 2.....	Quakertown	"	M. A. Zyrer
1886	Feb. 1.....	Upper Milford	"	"

RECORD OF CONFERENCES (Continued)

1887	Feb.	7.....	Reading	William Gehman	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.	4-8.....	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	"	"
1937	Oct.	14-17.....	Easton	"	"
1938	Oct.	13-16.....	Bethlehem	"	"
1939	Oct.	19-22.....	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
1877								
1880	Chestnut Hill	4						
1881	" "	6						
1882	" "							
1883	" "							
1884	" "							
1885	" "							
1886	" "							
1887	" "							
1888	" "							
1889	" "							
1890	" "							
1891	" "							
1892	" "							
1893	" "		Royersford					
1894	" "		Spring City		Catasauqua			
1895	" "		"					
*1895	" "		"		Weissport		Annandale	
*1896	" "		"		Walnutport		"	
1897	" "		"		Rittersville			
1898	Quakertown				"		Sunbury	
1899	"						"	
1900	Macungie		Northampton		Terre Hill	64		
1901	"		Neffsville		Mohnsville			
1902	"	56	Northampton		"			
1903	"	52	"		Reading (East)			
1904	Wescoesville	104	Hellertown	73	Spring City			
					(Bonnie Bray)			
1905	"	113	"	82	Spring City			
					(Bonnie Bray)			
1906	"	136	"	125	Reading			
					(Heiner's Spgs.)			
1907	"	122	"	145	Reading	90	Shamokin	85
					(Spg. Valley)		(Bunker Hill)	
1908	"	148	"	164	Easton (Mt.)	75	Shamokin	75
					Carmel Dist.)		(Bunker Hill)	
1909	Waldheim	153	"	139	Easton (Mt.)	75		
					Carmel Dist.)			
1910	Mizpah Grove	167	Mizpah Grove	154	Easton (Mt.)	89		
	(Allen, Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		Carmel Dist.)			
1911	Mizpah Grove	156	Mizpah Grove	160	Mizpah Grove	100	Shamokin	43
	(Allen, Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1912	Mizpah Grove	163	Mizpah Grove		Mizpah Grove	75	Shamokin	58
	(Allen, Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1913	Mizpah Grove	165	Mizpah Grove	169	Mizpah Grove	76	Shamokin	71
	(Allen, Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1914	Mizpah Grove	143	Mizpah Grove	170	Mizpah Grove	68	Shamokin	78
	(Allen, Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1915	Mizpah Grove	145	Mizpah Grove	174	Mizpah Grove	66	Shamokin	86
	(Allen, Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1916	Mizpah Grove	155	Mizpah Grove	194	Shamokin	106		
	(Allen, Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1917	Mizpah Grove	162	Mizpah Grove	203	Shamokin	120	Harrisburg	65
	(Allen, Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1918	Mizpah Grove	199	Mizpah Grove	183	Shamokin	105		
	(Allen, Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			
1919	Mizpah Grove	189	Mizpah Grove	219	Shamokin	126		
	(Allen, Div.)		(Beth. Div.)		(Mt. Car. Dist.)			

CAMP MEETINGS OF THE PENNA. CONFERENCE—(Continued)

YEAR		TENTS		TENTS		TENTS		TENTS
1920	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	195	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	238	Shamokin (Mt. Car. Dist.)	128	.....	.....
1921	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	224	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	221	Shamokin (Mt. Car. Dist.)	136	.....	.....
1922	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	240	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	217	Shamokin (Mt. Car. Dist.)	126	.....	.....
1923	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	259	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	212	Shamokin (Mt. Car. Dist.)	174	.....	.....
1924	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	278	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	232	Shamokin (Mt. Car. Dist.)	155	.....	.....
1925	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	282	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	233	Shamokin (Mt. Car. Dist.)	158	.....	.....
1926	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	289	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	265	Shamokin (Sha- mokin Dist.)	170	.....	.....
1927	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	284	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	263	Shamokin (Sham. Dist.)	161	.....	.....
1928	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	294	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	241	Shamokin (Sham. Dist.)	161	.....	.....
1929	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	260	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	235	Shamokin (Easton Dist.)	146	.....	.....
1930	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	229	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	222	Shamokin (Easton Dist.)	147	.....	.....
1931	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	239	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	217	Shamokin (Easton Dist.)	131	.....	.....
1932	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	226	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	225	Shamokin (Easton Dist.)	115	.....	.....
1933	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	227	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	200	Shamokin (Easton Dist.)	124	.....	.....
1934	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	273	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	245	Shamokin (Easton Dist.)	136	.....	.....
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	.....	.....
1937	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	248	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	252	Shamokin (Easton Dist.)	151	.....	.....
1938	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	260	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	248	Shamokin (Easton Dist.)	151	.....	.....
1939	Mizpah Grove (Allen, Div.)	264	Mizpah Grove (Beth. Div.)	264	Shamokin (Easton Dist.)	156	.....	.....

†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 Smail.

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. Peffly.

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. Huffman.

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. E. 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. Gehrät.

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. Pipner, 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. Dafoe.

Nebraska Conference—E. D. Young, N. E. Durkee.

Layman—Joel Stahley.

Pacific Conference—E. H. Metcalf.

Canadian Northwest Conference—C. J. Hallman.

19. KITCHENER, ONT. Last Wednesday of October, 1940—

Should the Lord tarry.

Pennsylvania members of the General Conference Executive Committee elected at General Conference of 1936—H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, B. Bryan Musselman, E. N. Cassel.

The Executive Committee of the General Conference met at Elkhart, Ind., in October, 1939, and by resolution ordered the General Conference postponed until 1942 on account of war conditions.

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