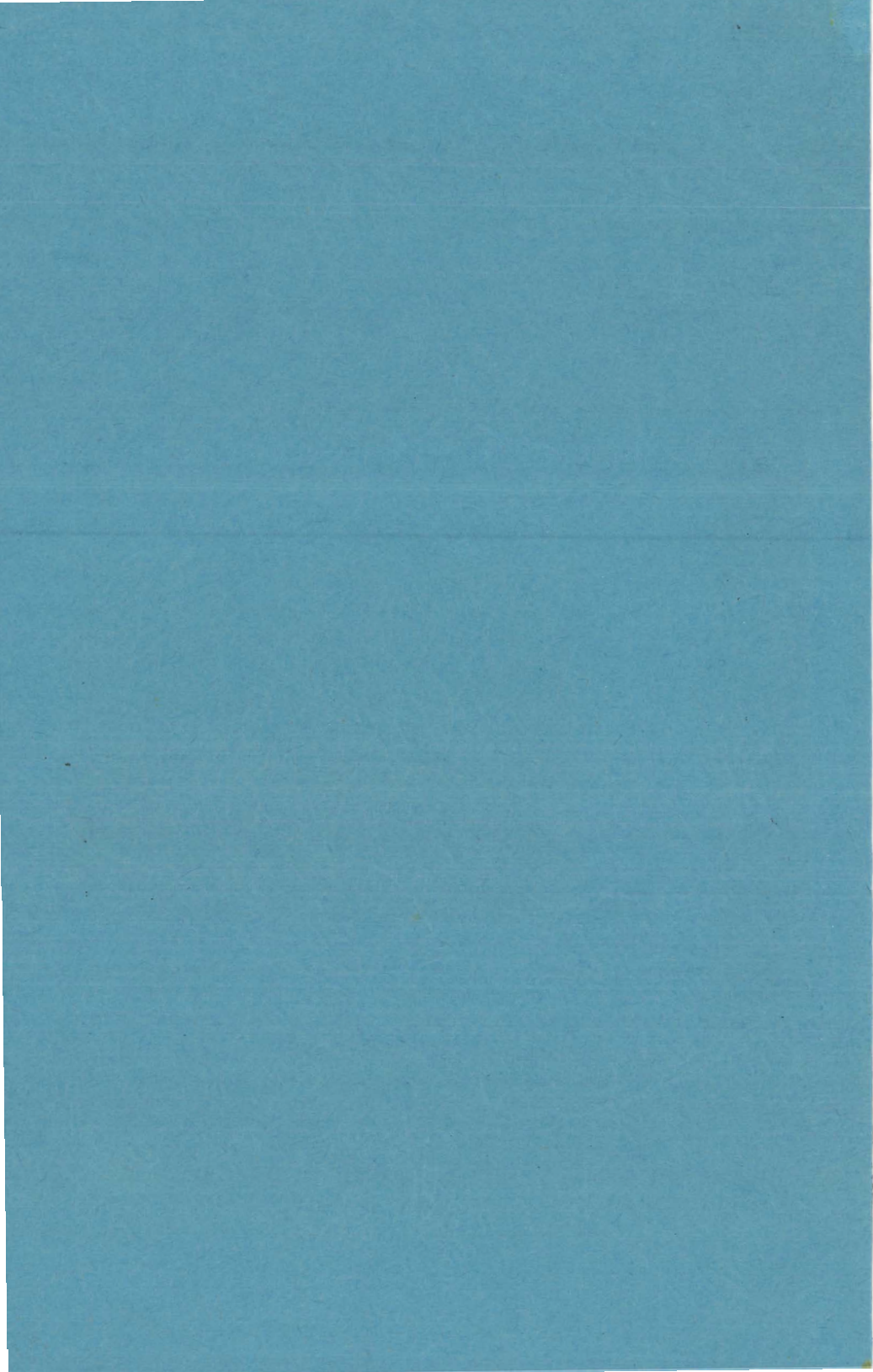


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1. Two sessions shall be held daily as follows: From 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon, and from 1:30 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.

2. The Chairman shall take his seat precisely at the time to which the Conference is to convene, open and conduct the devotional exercises. The Secretary shall call the roll and read the minutes of the preceding session, after which business shall proceed as follows:

- (a) Committee Reports. (b) Petitions. (c) Unfinished Business.
- (d) Miscellaneous Business.

3. Anyone wishing to speak shall rise and respectfully address the Chair. In case more than one should address the Chair at the same time, the Chairman shall decide who is entitled to the floor.

4. No one shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes on any subject unless he receives permission by the Chair.

5. No one shall speak the second time until all who desire have spoken. He shall then ask permission of the Chairman.

6. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preserve order.

Committees

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

1. Committee on Worship.
2. Committee on Communication.
3. Committee on Finance.
4. Committee on Statistics.
5. Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Records.
6. Committee on Examination of Local Conference Records.
7. Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders.
8. Committee on Examination of District Superintendents, 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. Board of Publication and Printing.
2. Committee on Camp Meeting Equipage.

(b) Elected by ballot

1. Board of Directors.
2. Board of Foreign Missions.
3. Board of Home Missions.
4. Board of Trustees of The Home.
5. Board of Education.
6. Board of Examiners on the Reading Course.
7. Committee over the District Superintendents
8. Menno Youth General Committee.
9. Beneficiary Society Officers (elected by the Society).
10. Laymen's Benevolent Society Officers.

Special Laws and Resolutions

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

I.—Members of the Annual Conference

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

- (a) Ordained Ministers as specified by the discipline.
- (b) Probationers who have a charge.
- (c) One delegate from each charge, elected by ballot at the last Local Conference in the Conference year. [Act of General Conference. 1892.]

Each Local 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 of all Stations and Circuits and the delegates of those Missions which have received at least \$2,000.00 Steward offerings during the past year; and have through a Local Conference petition to the Annual Conference, expressed their desire to receive no further Home Mission appropriations, shall, with the District Superintendents, constitute the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee. [Enacted October 16, 1952.]

B. Advisory Members—

The following shall be Advisory Members of the Annual Conference:

- (a) Annual Conference Licensed Evangelists and Missionaries.
- (b) Local 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 District Superintendents 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.—Probationers that have passed the Reading Course and served their three years' probation and have served as pastor of a congregation for at least one year, shall be examined orally by the Board of Examiners of the Reading Course, and the District Superintendents, as to their knowledge of the doctrines, rules, forms and general practices and management of the church, be-

fore being referred to the Committee on Ordination. The Board of Examiners shall evaluate the branches of study taken by the probationers in schools and give credit accordingly against the prescribed Reading Course. However, all probationers shall be required to take a written examination on "The Law of Liberty" and "Jesus is Coming." [Enacted October, 1948.]

E.—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.]

F.—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.]

G.—Licenses shall be written and given by the Chairman of the Annual Conference and signed by the District Superintendent, as Chairman.

III.—Local Conference Rules

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

B.—The District Superintendent shall nominate the Secretaries of the Local Conferences and the Local Conferences shall elect them. [Enacted October 15, 1906.]

C.—All officers of Local Conference who are absent from Local Conference shall submit a written report and a satisfactory excuse. Failing to do this, they shall appear before the next Local 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 Local 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 Local Conference. [Enacted October 26, 1904.]

G.—The Local 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 Local 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.]

J.—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. The Board of Trustees, under the supervision of the pastor,

shall have charge of the temporal economy of the church, subject to the Local Conference. [Revised October 1948.]

K.—When any congregation contemplates an expenditure involving an amount in excess of \$500.00 except in cases of emergency, the same shall be submitted to the Local Conference for approval. In no case shall a congregation be permitted to mortgage church property for current expenses. [Enacted October, 1948.]

L.—Whenever an election is held for officers accountable to the Local Conference (except where otherwise provided for by our Discipline) the informal ballot shall be used to nominate the candidates. When one officer is to be elected the three highest shall be used as candidates. When 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. In the event that a candidate receives two-thirds of the votes cast in the informal nominating ballot, he may be declared elected by congregational affirmation. [Revised October, 1953.]

M.—Any charges brought against a Pastor or District Superintendent must be in writing and properly signed by the party or parties bringing the charges. [Enacted October, 1947.]

N.—In case a Local Conference desires to sell church property, they must receive the approval of the Board of Directors before conveying title. [Enacted October, 1948.]

IV.—Boards and Committees

The following Boards and Committees shall, as soon as practicable after their election, elect a President and a Secretary: Board of Directors, Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Home Missions, Board of Trustees of the Home, Board of Publication and Printing.

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

He shall deposit all the various funds in banks and trust companies approved by the Board of Directors, in the name of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church of Pennsylvania -----
Treasurer. The various Boards shall draw on the Treasurer for the funds needed, using form of voucher check furnished by the Annual Conference. They shall not draw beyond the amount of their respective funds except by permission of the Board of Directors.

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, and furnish each member of the Board of Directors annually with a statement itemizing the various securities held and the monies on deposit in banks and trust companies.

The Treasurer shall be placed under bond to conform with the Rules and by-laws of the Corporation.

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.

Board of Directors.—The Annual Conference shall elect a Board of Directors annually consisting of six ordained Ministers who are members of the Annual Conference and willing to minister under the direction of our Conference, the discipline and the By-Laws of the corporation, and three laymen in good standing with their Local Conference, which Board shall then organize by electing the following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Board of Directors shall transact all the business of the Corporation which was previously taken care of by the Executive Board for the Annual Conference.

All vacancies occurring between Annual Conference sessions shall be filled by the remaining members of the Board.

The Board of Directors shall have charge of all the property belonging to the Corporation including property now held by the Executive Board in trust for the Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church of Pennsylvania, 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 Board of Directors shall determine how and where the money of the Corporation 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.

The Board of Directors shall not buy nor sell property except by the approval of all the members of the Board or by Annual Conference resolution.

The Board of Directors 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.

The Board of Directors shall have the right to borrow money and issue mortgages or make loans against any property of the Corporation by the approval of all the members of the Board, or by Annual Conference resolution. The Board shall also authorize the satisfaction and cancellation of any mortgages as notes fully paid.

It shall have charge of all the old Local 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 Home Mission Board in matters relative to the purchasing of properties for church purposes and the erection of churches and parsonages.

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, also 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 Board of Directors 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 Board of Directors.

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 are from time to time 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 seven 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 hold a Foreign Missionary Service at each appointment annually soon after Annual Conference and speak on Foreign Missions. At this service a subscription for Foreign Missions shall be taken to be collected before February 1. [Revised October, 1948.]

C.—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.

D.—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.]

E.—Whenever a Pastor and Superintendent of the Sunday School desire, they may be permitted to designate one of the Semi-Annual Missionary Offerings for Home Missions in the place of Foreign Missions, or may have a Home Missionary offering in addition.

F.—The Home Mission Director shall hold a Home Mission Service annually at each conference appointment in cooperation with the Pastor.

G.—The Women's Missionary Societies that have been or may be organized in our churches shall be recognized by and report to the Local Conference.

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 expire at each Annual Conference.

The Board of Trustees shall have the privilege to elect or appoint a Superintendent or Manager, sub-boards or committees to carry forward the work of the Home and the farm connected therewith, and shall direct all other matters relative to the same.

It shall have the right to purchase additional property from time to time as it deems necessary to carry on the work of the Home and shall also have the right to sell any property that to the best of its judgment it may deem advisable for the interest of the work under its supervision and trust and execute and deliver good and lawful deeds and conveyances for the same, if approved by all the members of the Board, or by Annual Conference Resolution.

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, if approved by all the members of the Board, or by Annual Conference Resolution.

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 possessions 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, if approved by all the members of the Board, or by Annual Conference Resolution.

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.

Contributions for the Home may be made to the Manager or to any of the Pastors, 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 fund.

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.

Duties of Board of Education

1. They shall be responsible for the Doctrines and Practices of the School. They shall safeguard the Fundamental Doctrines of the Bible as set forth in the Discipline and shall enforce the regulations of the Annual Conference.

2. They shall be responsible for the provision of facilities for the school.

3. They shall be responsible for the execution of all legal transactions relating to the institution.

4. They shall be responsible for all funds received as provided by the Annual Conference.

5. They shall elect the President of the School and define his duties.

6. They shall approve all appointments of teachers, administration officers, and major employees upon the recommendation of the President and Faculty Committee.

7. They shall give a full report of all activities of the School to the Annual Conference each year. They shall also present a prospective budget for the coming year.

8. They shall divide the responsibilities by choosing committees from among their own members, and sub-committees from among non-members of the Board.

9. All members of the Board and Faculty shall sign a doctrinal statement on the fundamental beliefs of the Church annually.

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 District Superintendent, 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 District Superintendent, 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 Board of Directors.

In case any Pastor, or the Director of Home Missions desires to use, or cause to be used a tabernacle, he shall make application for the same to his respective District Superintendent. In case the privilege to use a tabernacle is granted, the District Superintendent shall inform the Equipage Committee. The Pastor or the Director of Home Missions 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 District Superintendents' Districts and in the Home Missionary Society shall be mutually agreed upon by the District Superintendents.

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 Church.

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 Church 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.

The Funds shall be sustained by—First—An offering taken by each Class Leader in his prayer meeting once a quarter and paid to the District Superintendent of the District at the Local Conference. The District Superintendents shall pay to the Treasurer of the Board of Directors 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 District Superintendent from his offerings at the Local Conference as follows: One per cent of the first thousand dollars or fraction thereof, 1½ per cent of the second thousand dollars and above. Fifteen hundred (\$1500.00) dollars of the District Superintendents' offerings shall be exempt from assessment to offset traveling expenses. 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 Board of Directors of the Annual Conference.

Annuities

First—If a minister of the Pennsylvania Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church of Pennsylvania has arrived at the age of sixty-five years and is in the judgment of the Board of Directors incapacitated from further serving a charge, he shall be placed on the Retirement List and dating from the time that he has received Annual Conference License, shall receive an Annuity in monthly installments of twenty-four dollars for each year of active service.

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 twenty-four dollars for each year of active service of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church of Pennsylvania.

Third—Services rendered after the age of seventy-two years shall in no case increase the Annuity. Annuities shall in no case exceed nine hundred sixty 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 Board of Directors 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 Board of Directors.

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 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 \$12.00 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, but in no case to exceed four hundred eighty dollars in one year. [Enacted October, 1935, Revised October, 1955.]

The Treasurer shall acknowledge to the various Pastors any contributions which he has received from time to time for this Fund.

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.

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 District Superin-

tendent. [Enacted September 17, 1900.] There shall be a General Camp Meeting Committee, consisting of two District Superintendents and the officers 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 in the Summary Statistical Report. [Enacted October 16, 1909.]

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.]

Home Missionary Society.—Home Missionary Workers who desire to take the Reading Course may, with the concurrence of the Director of the Home Missionary 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 on the Reading Course specify the length of time the Probationers shall take to answer the questions according to their best judgment.

Whenever the Director of the Home Missionary Society desires to present a Home Missionary Worker as an Applicant for Annual Conference License, or turn over a Home Missionary appointment as a Church appointment, he shall have the endorsement of the Board of Directors.

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, (I Sam. 1:24-28; 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 District Superintendents 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.]

VI.—Special Offerings

1.—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 District Superintendent at the Local Conference.

(b) Ministers' personal offerings from receipts since the Annual Conference.

D—Moving Fund—Annual.

An offering from each Church on the basis of twenty-five cents per member according to the membership reported at the last Annual Conference.

2.—To be paid at the Annual Conference

E—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.

F—Home Missions—Annual.

Offering for Home Missionary Work.

Pledges shall be taken between New Year and April 1.

G—The Home—Annual.

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

H—Conference Fund—Annual.

One Offering taken by each Class Leader.

I—Annual Conference Expenses—Annual.

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

J—Ministers' Retirement Fund.

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

Note A—Offerings A, B, C, and D 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, E, F, G, H, and J shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Annual Conference; offering E 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.

3.—Miscellaneous Offerings

- (a) Offering for the District Superintendents' Parsonages to be forwarded before April 1 to C. E. Kirkwood, 1218 E. Rosemont Drive, Bethlehem, Pa., and made payable to the Mennonite Brethren In Christ Church of Pa.
- (b) Offering for the Berean Bible School to be sent by May 1 and made payable to A. L. Wentz, Treasurer, 816 N. St. Elmo Street, Allentown, Pa.

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 2, 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 Local Conference proceedings of their charge, except such as have been committed or discovered since the last Local Conference. [Enacted February 1, 1891.]

D.—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.

E.—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.]

F.—Home Mission Funds.—Whenever any District Superintendent 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 District Superintendent, up to the amount appropriated to him at the Annual Conference.

G.—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 District Superintendent at the Local 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.]

H.—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.

I.—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.]

J.—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.

K.—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.

L.—The time limit for Pastors and District Superintendents in our conference shall be nine years. [Enacted October 10, 1951.]

M.—That the Director of Home Missions be recognized as a traveling elder and be a member of the Board of Home Missions.

N.—The retirement age of Pastors is established at 72 years. [Enacted October 15, 1953.]

Annual Conference Proceedings

1955

The Seventy-Second Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren In Christ Church of Pennsylvania convened in Bethel Mennonite Brethren In Christ Church, 526-530 North Eighth Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

The Conference opened at 10:00 A. M., on Tuesday, October 11, with a devotional period, including the observance of the Lord's Supper, in charge of the Chairman, F. B. Hertzog.

The opening of Conference was preceded by a session of prayer for Divine wisdom, humility and a whole-hearted seeking after the will of God in all the deliberations of the Conference. Our hearts were made to praise Him for His gracious leadings and abundant blessings showered upon the work committed to our trust. All the members of the Conference prayed fervently that the Lord will lead His people on to greater victories and into new fields of service in view of the imminent and glorious return of the Redeemer.

The Secretary, N. H. Wolf, appointed his assistants as follows: Assistant Secretary, Herbert W. Hartman; Recording Secretary, Paul E. Baer.

The following were enrolled as members of the Conference:

Ministers

Ordained—Paul E. Baer, E. W. Bean, Willard E. Cassel, John Dunn, Walter H. Frank, R. H. Gehman, T. D. Gehret, J. E. Golla, Ernest B. Hartman, Herbert W. Hartman, Jansen E. Hartman, W. W. Hartman, W. A. Heffner, W. F. Heffner, F. B. Hertzog, W. B. Hottel, C. E. Kirkwood, Donald T. Kirkwood, James G. Koch, J. B. Layne, R. C. Reichenbach, J. H. Riggall, E. J. Rutman, A. L. Seifert, Robert W. Smock, P. T. Stengele, D. E. Thomann, N. H. Wolf, A. G. Woodring, H. D. Yarrington, J. B. Henry, C. Leslie Miller, F. M. Hottel, E. E. Kublic, H. B. Musselman, G. F. Yost.

Probationers—Frank L. Herb, Jr., Earl M. Hosler.

The following missionaries are members of and are being supported by the Mennonite B. In C. Church. C. F. Snyder, Mrs. Phoebe Snyder, Fred Whale, Mrs. Grace Whale, Miss Luella Reinhart, Miss Olive Rawn, Miss Mary A. Miller, Miss Bertha Miller, Robert Rampy, Mrs. Marcella Rampy, Robert Gordon, Mrs. Frances Gordon, Miss Sylvia Miller, Herbert C. Dyke, Mrs. Betty Dyke, Merle E. Baer, Mrs. Marjorie Baer, Laird Stengele, Mrs. Mary Ann Stengele, Paul Chaponnier, Mrs. Theresa Chaponnier, Miss Betty Doverspike, Miss Grace Yost.

Delegates**Allentown District**

Clarence L. Kauffman, Francis Gehman, Allentown (Bethel)
 Robert Breitegam, Reading
 Allan F. Smith, Sunbury
 George A. John, Shamokin
 David H. Fahs, York
 Roy E. Williams, Mount Carmel
 Daniel K. Ziegler, Hatfield
 David F. Gardner, Harrisburg
 R. S. Weidner, Royersford and Spring City
 S. A. Hackman, Graterford and Harleysville
 A. W. Deppe, Nazareth and Northampton
 Raymond Snyder, Lancaster
 Charles W. Weaber, Lebanon
 William P. Snyder, Lehighon
 Burton Deppe, Walnutport
 George R. Fish, Stroudsburg

Bethlehem District

James R. Cressman, Bethlehem
 Byron C. Cassel, Philadelphia (Salem)
 George W. Krigor, Quakertown
 Allen F. LaRose, Easton
 R. Spedden, Chester
 George W. Butler, Scranton
 Thomas W. Campbell, Sr., Philadelphia (Calvary)
 E. B. Wright, Jersey City, N. J.
 Robert W. Gehret, Terre Hill
 G. L. Baumgartner, Coopersburg and Allentown (Salem)
 Paul I. Wentz, Emmaus, Macungie and Zionsville
 Clayton E. Weber, Fleetwood and Blandon
 Edward J. Dietzman, Philadelphia (Emmanuel)
 John Hendricks, Newark, N. J.
 Ralph D. Cole, Staten Island, N. Y.

Resolved, That we accept the excuses of the absent delegates and that when they arrive they be seated in the Conference Bar.

Resolved, That the first seven pews in the center and to the right and left of the Chair constitute the Conference Bar and that all members of the Conference shall take their places in the Bar.

Resolved, That all Home Mission Workers present and the supply pastor at Stroudsburg, Donald B. Schaeffer, be recognized as advisory members. The following brethren were present during the Conference: Raymond E. Arnold, Russell T. Allen, Reynold D. Gardner, Norman F. Gordon, Jr., Leroy S. Heller, J. Barclay Harley, Austin G. Shelly, Charles L. Mann, Jr., Richard H. Kline and Robert F. Johnson.

Resolved, That W. A. Heffner be excused from attendance of the Conference this afternoon to conduct a funeral service.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a Reporter and Timekeeper. He appointed D. E. Thomann as Reporter, and Frank L. Herb, Jr., as Timekeeper.

Whereas, A. M. Sprock has tendered his resignation from the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, therefore

Resolved, That his name be dropped from the Roll, with all credentials hereafter cancelled.

Resolved, That no member be permitted to leave the Conference Bar without permission by the Chair except the Pastor, Walter H. Frank, and the delegates, Clarence L. Kauffman and Francis Gehman.

Report of the Committee to Arrange a Program for the Services of the Annual Conference:

TUESDAY: 9:30 A. M. Informal prayer-session for any who may arrive early.

10:00 A. M. Devotional period, including the observance of the Lord's Supper. This period shall be in charge of the Chairman.

7:30 P. M. Oral reports of the District Superintendents, Home Mission Director and Berean Bible School President, and all Pastors. (Reports limited to three minutes).

THURSDAY: 7:30 P. M. Two twenty-minute addresses as follows:
District Superintendent F. B. Hertzog speaking on the topic: "Led Hitherto" (Recounting the blessings of the past year).

District Superintendent C. E. Kirkwood speaking on the topic: "The Road Ahead" (Emphasizing aims and goals for the future).

This service shall be in charge of the host pastor, Walter H. Frank.

T. D. Gehret,
Walter H. Frank,
W. A. Heffner,

Committee on Program.

Resolved, That we have an evening meeting, omitting the Roll Call. The minutes of the afternoon meeting shall be read in the Wednesday morning meeting.

Resolved, That the Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders consist of the District Superintendents and one member to be appointed by the Chair.

Committees

Committee on Communications: F. M. Hottel, H. B. Musselman, G. F. Yost, E. E. Kublic.

Committee on Finance: Paul I. Wentz, Byron C. Cassel, Francis Gehman, G. Louis Baumgartner.

Committee on Examination of Local Conference Records: E. W. Bean, W. B. Hottel, W. F. Heffner, H. D. Yarrington, E. J. Rutman, James G. Koch, Robert W. Smock, R. C. Reichenbach, Frank L. Herb, Jr., A. G. Woodring, George A. John, Allan F. Smith, A. W. Deppe, Burton Deppe, David H. Fahs, Charles W. Weaver, George R. Fish, John Hendricks, Allen F. LaRose, Thomas W. Campbell, Sr., Robert Breitegam, William P. Snyder, George W. Krigor, George Butler, E. B. Wright, Raymond Snyder.

Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders: C. E. Kirkwood, F. B. Hertzog, Herbert W. Hartman.

Committee on Statistics: J. B. Layne, Willard E. Cassel, Ernest B. Hartman, J. E. Golla, Jansen E. Hartman, Donald T. Kirkwood, John Dunn.

Committee on Examination of District Superintendents, Local Preachers, Evangelists, Missionaries: N. H. Wolf, Ernest B. Hartman, W. F. Heffner, R. H. Gehman, E. W. Bean.

Committee on Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference License: P. T. Stengele, W. W. Hartman, W. A. Heffner, W. B. Hottel, C. E. Kirkwood.

Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination: C. E. Kirkwood, Herbert W. Hartman, T. D. Gehret, Jansen E. Hartman, Walter H. Frank.

Committee on Resolutions: J. H. Riggall, A. L. Seifert, W. A. Heffner, Walter H. Frank.

Committee on Auditing: T. D. Gehret, James R. Cressman, Daniel K. Zeigler, R. Spedden, R. S. Weidner, Edward J. Dietzman, Clayton E. Weber, David Gardner, Roy E. Williams, Ralph E. Cole, Robert W. Gehret, Clarence L. Kauffman, S. A. Hackman.

Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Records: R. H. Gehman, Earl M. Hosler.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules to the call of the Chair and meet no later than 4:00 P. M.

Business was suspended at 11:30 A. M.

SECOND MEETING

Tuesday Afternoon, October 11, 1955

The meeting was opened at 3:45 P. M., with singing, "Now I Belong to Jesus," and prayer by G. F. Yost.

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

Report of the Board of Examiners: (See Reports)

Resolved, That Richard H. Kline, Donald B. Schaeffer, Raymond E. Arnold, Russell T. Allen, Leroy S. Heller and Reynold D. Gardner be referred to the Committee on Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference License.

Report of the Committee Over Camp Meeting Equipage and Tabernacle Outfits:

During the year we have worked under the direction of the District Superintendents.

E. W. Bean, D. E. Thomann,
R. H. Gehman, W. W. Hartman, Committee.

Report of the Board of Home Missions: (See Reports).

Report of the Board of Directors: (See Reports).

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

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

Report of the Committee on Examination of District Superintendents, Local Preachers, Evangelists and Missionaries:

We beg leave to report that we have examined the District Superintendents, Local Preachers and Missionaries and found them all satisfactory to the best of our knowledge.

N. H. Wolf, R. H. Gehman,
Ernest B. Hartman, E. W. Bean,
W. F. Heffner, Committee.

Report of the Committee on Examination of Local Conference Records:

We have examined all the Local Conference Records and have found them in good condition. A few minor errors were found which were corrected by the Pastors concerned.

The following petitions were found:

1. In the Hatfield Local Conference Minute Book:

Resolved, That we petition the Annual Conference meeting in the 1955 sessions to consider a change in our denominational name by:

1. Having the churches take a ballot on a Sunday morning during the month of November to determine the number of members who desire a change in church name.

2. That a committee of no less than five (5) be elected by the Annual Conference to receive the tabulation of these ballots. If it is found that the majority of members desire a change in name, this committee shall make a study of suitable names. They shall bring a report to the next Annual Conference.

2. In the Bethlehem Local Conference Minute Book:

Resolved, That we petition the Annual Conference meeting in the 1955 sessions, to enact the following in regard to personnel of Conference Boards:

“That no one, excepting District Superintendents, be permitted to serve on more than two of the following Boards in any one Conference year:

- Board of Directors
- Board of Foreign Missions
- Board of Home Missions
- Board of Education
- Board of Trustees of the Home.

3. In the Allentown Bethel Local Conference Minute Book:

Resolved, That we petition the Annual Conference to consider the advisability of having a combined Allentown District and Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention.

E. W. Bean,	A. G. Woodring,	George R. Fish,
W. B. Hottel,	George A. John,	John Hendricks,
W. F. Heffner,	Geo. W. Krigor,	Allen F. LaRose,
H. D. Yarrington,	Raymond Snyder,	Thomas W. Campbell, Sr.,
E. J. Rutman,	Allan F. Smith,	Robert Breitegam,
James G. Koch,	A. W. Deppe,	William P. Snyder,
Robert W. Smock,	Burton Deppe,	E. B. Wright,
R. C. Reichenbach,	David H. Fahs,	Geo. W. Butler,
Frank L. Herb, Jr.,	Charles W. Weaber,	Committee.

Report of the Committee to Examine Annual Conference Records:

We hereby certify that we have examined the Annual Conference Minutes for the Session of 1954 and have found them correct except as follows:

On page 31, four lines from the top “Business was suspended at 10:45 A. M.” should read “Business was suspended at 10:05 A. M.”

We herewith submit two copies duly certified.

R. H. Gehman,
Earl M. Hosler, Committee.

Resolved, That we adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 P .M. with prayer by J. B. Layne.

THIRD MEETING

Tuesday Evening, October 11, 1955

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:30 P. M. Paul E. Baer led the congregation in the singing of the hymn, “I Am Happy in the Service of the King,” after which Jansen E. Hartman led in prayer.

Featuring the program of the meeting were the oral reports submitted by the District Superintendents, the Director of Home Missions and President of the Berean Bible School, and all the active Pastors.

The large and spacious church auditorium, including both balconies, was filled with eager listeners, many of whom traveled a considerable distance

to hear the inspiring reports. This meeting is a never failing occasion for rejoicing in the victories won for Christ during the Conference year. The time limit naturally necessitates the condensation of the reports of what the Lord has done, but even this invariably results in the citation of the outstanding achievements wrought through God's servants and God's people by the enabling direction of the Holy Spirit. To God be the praise!

The meeting was interspersed by the singing of several hymns, and adjourned at 9:50 P. M. with prayer and benediction by the Chairman, F. B. Hertzog.

FOURTH MEETING

Wednesday Morning, October 12, 1955

The meeting was opened with the singing of the hymn, "Guide Me, O, Thou Great Jehovah." James G. Koch led in prayer.

The District Superintendent of the Bethlehem District, C. E. Kirkwood, gave a brief but comprehensive exhortation on the subject of "The Conditions of Revival," basing his remarks on Isaiah 57:15.

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

The presence of C. Leslie Miller of the Union Gospel Press, J. B. Henry of the Africa Inland Mission and Russell F. Baker, missionary to Africa, was noted by the Chair.

Report of the Board of Education: (See Reports).

Report of the Director of Home Missions, Jansen E. Hartman: (See Reports).

Report of the District Superintendent of the Bethlehem District, C. E. Kirkwood: (See Reports).

Report of the District Superintendent of the Allentown District, F. B. Hertzog: (See Reports).

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

Business was resumed at 11:15.

Report of the Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders:

The Traveling Elders have been examined individually through their respective delegates. We wish to report that we were pleased to learn that all of these men enjoy the confidence of the people of God, are faithful in preaching the Word and manifest a passion for souls. We are happy to commend them for future service in the name of Christ.

F. B. Hertzog,

C. E. Kirkwood,

Herbert W. Hartman, Committee.

Resolved, That we determine who are the preachers willing to minister the coming year according to the direction of the Conference and our Discipline, and what is their number.

The following ministering brethren responded "yes" to the roll call: Paul E. Baer, E. W. Bean, Willard E. Cassel, John Dunn, Walter H. Frank, R. H. Gehman, T. D. Gehret, J. E. Gollas, Ernest B. Hartman, Herbert W. Hartman, Jansen E. Hartman, W. W. Hartman, W. A. Heffner, W. F. Heffner, F. B. Hertzog, W. B. Hottel, C. E. Kirkwood, Donald T. Kirkwood, James G. Koch, J. B. Layne, R. C. Reichenbach, J. H. Riggall, E. J. Rutman, A. L. Seifert, P. T. Stengele, D. E. Thomann, N. H. Wolf, A. G. Woodring, H. D. Yarrington, F. M. Hottel, E. E. Kublic, G. F. Yost, Frank L. Herb, Jr., Earl M. Hosler.

Absent: H. B. Musselman.

Resolved, That two District Superintendents be elected and that the informal ballot be used in nominating the candidates, the five highest to be candidates and elected according to the Discipline.

The Chair appointed as tellers: T. D. Gehret, Ernest B. Hartman, R. H. Gehman and A. L. Seifert.

The following were elected for the coming year: F. B. Hertzog and C. E. Kirkwood.

Resolved, That F. B. Hertzog be District Superintendent over the Allentown District, and C. E. Kirkwood be District Superintendent over the Bethlehem District.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and have an evening meeting to begin at 6:30 and be adjourned at 9:00 o'clock. The first order of business shall be the consideration of the recommendations of the Government Committee. The two members of this committee who are not members of the Annual Conference shall be invited to be present as advisory members.

Adjourned at 12:00 noon with prayer by Donald T. Kirkwood.

FIFTH MEETING

Wednesday Afternoon, October 12, 1955

The meeting was opened with the singing of the chorus, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

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

Resolved, That we elect a Home Mission Director.

Jansen E. Hartman was elected.

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

Business was resumed at 2:55 P. M.

Report of the Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination:

We wish to report that we have had no candidates recommended for examination.

C. E. Kirkwood,	Jansen E. Hartman,
Herbert W. Hartman,	Walter H. Frank,
T. D. Gehret,	Committee.

Report of the Menno Youth General Committee: (See Reports).**Report of the Committee on Examination of Candidates for Annual Conference License:**

Our Committee has met and examined Donald B. Schaeffer, Russell T. Allen, Raymond E. Arnold, Richard H. Kline, Leroy S. Heller and Reynold D. Gardner and believe them to be called of God, to be in accord with our doctrine and practice, and possessed with a love for souls and the work of the Lord. We recommend that they be granted Annual Conference License and be placed on probation for three years.

P. T. Stengele,	W. B. Hottel,
W. W. Hartman,	C. E. Kirkwood,
W. A. Heffner,	Committee.

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

Business was resumed at 4:57.

Adjourned at 4:59 with prayer by Daniel K. Ziegler.

SIXTH MEETING

Wednesday Evening, October 12, 1955

The meeting was opened with singing the hymn, "At the Cross," after which R. C. Reichenbach led in prayer.

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

In accordance with a resolution passed in the morning meeting, the recommendations of the Government Committee were considered. Said recommendations were approved by the Board of Directors for study by this Annual Conference.

Resolved, That all material down to Pulpit Supply be read and voted on for final passage at this Annual Conference, a two-thirds vote by ballot to be required for adoption.

Resolved, That the articles on Pulpit Supply, Election of District Superintendents and Director of Home Missions, and future proposals to amend our Discipline and Standing Rules must pass readings at two Annual Conferences by a two-thirds vote before adoption.

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

Resolved, That we adjourn.

Adjourned at 9:55 P. M., with prayer by Rev. J. Harold Sherk of the Mennonite Central Committee.

SEVENTH MEETING

Thursday Morning, October 13, 1955

The meeting was opened with the singing of the old hymn of the Church, "Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned." Ernest B. Hartman led in prayer.

Reading from Philippians 1:1-11, J. B. Henry, Associate General Secretary of the Africa Inland Mission, brought an inspiring address to the Conference body. His presence at this Conference and fellowship in the Gospel is always deeply appreciated.

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

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

Report of the Home: (See Reports).

Report of the Committee to Study Bible Conference Grounds:

During the year the Committee to Study Bible Conference Grounds met five times. At its first meeting, held February 28, 1955, the Committee elected Byron C. Cassel, Chairman, and Walter H. Frank, Secretary.

In starting its study to determine means of making Mizpah Grove more suitable and the facilities more adequate for the holding of Bible, Youth, and Missionary Conferences, or to determine whether our need for such a plant can be met more advantageously at some other camp site, the Committee attempted to set forth its own views as to our objectives and requirements in relation to a Conference Ground. Each member of the Committee gave expression of his views. The following objectives were stated:

A. Meeting Place for our Entire Constituency:

- Family Groups
- Missionary Conferences
- Children's Camps
- Youth Conferences
- Bible Conferences
- An All-Summer Program

The following accommodations were deemed essential:

- Rooms - Dormitories - Cottages - Showers - Laundry
- Recreational facilities (including swimming).

The consensus of the Committee was that a need existed. A portion of the Committee held the view that all our objectives could not be satisfactorily met at Mizpah Grove; others held the view that alterations and additional facilities at Mizpah Grove would permit attainment of our objectives.

The Committee was divided into three groups. To each group a geographical area was assigned in which to search for new camp sites. Altogether, eight sites were visited: some by individuals; some by groups; and some by the entire committee.

The Committee also divided into three sub-committees to make a special study of three projects: (1) The suitability of a property at Sciota, Pa., including the legal aspect of the water supply and cost of adequate sewerage; (2) to study the program of our church necessary to meet our needs as to our Summertime Bible Conference work; (3) to study the possibility of meeting our needs at Mizpah Grove.

Sub Committee No. 1 submitted the following:

After the entire committee had visited the property at Sciota, Pa., and had given it study, it concluded that this property would not meet our requirements.

Sub Committee No. 2 made the following suggestions:

To establish and maintain a summertime program including general camp meetings, a girls' camp, a boys' camp and a Menno Youth Camp, the committee suggests a Camp Director be elected at the Annual Conference, to serve under the General Camp Meeting Committee. The Children's and Youth camps will require a staff of counsellors. It also suggests that the program include a three-day staff conference prior to the Children's and Youth encampments, this conference to be limited to staff members.

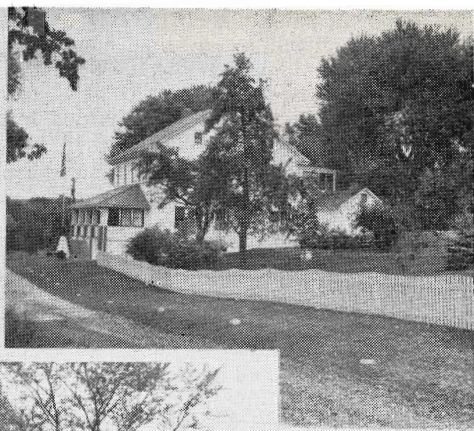
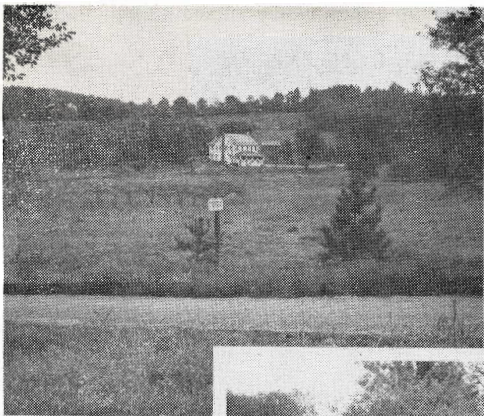
The committee also deems it desirable that study be given to the provision of dormitories. It may be possible to permit erection of cottages, provided proper regulations safeguarding the entire project be made to govern architecture, duration of occupancy and conditions of resale.

The committee also deems it desirable to provide recreational facilities.

Sub Committee No. 3 made the following suggestions:

Mizpah Grove is large enough to accommodate our Family Groups, Missionary Conferences, Bible Conferences, Children's Camps, Youth Conferences. It is centrally located with respect to most of our constituency. Modern sanitary facilities exist, with city sewer connections. We have an auditorium, a cafeteria and parking facilities. Use of tents makes rental within the budget of the greatest number of families. Ground is available for expansion. Laundries and showers can be provided. Room is available for erection of dormitories and cottages. Perhaps its greatest drawback is being located within the city limits.

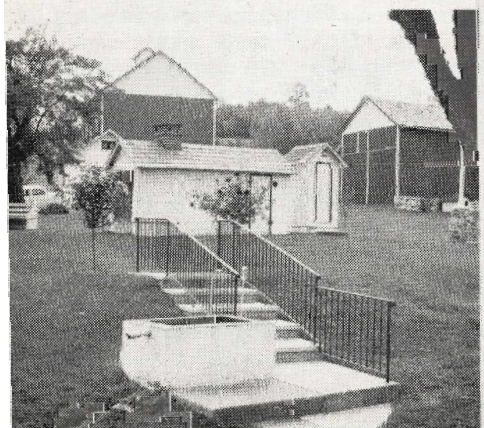
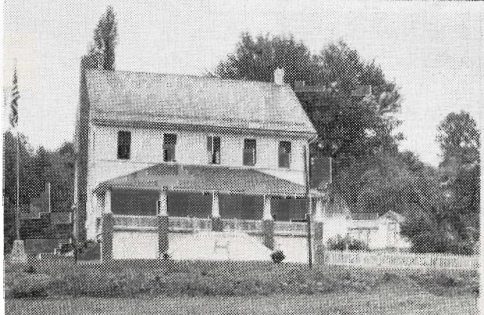
On August 19, 1955, the committee in part (all other members on a later date) visited the Henninger Farm at Sigmund, Pa. It consists of 51 acres of land, several barns and a stone house with a large living room and seven bedrooms, and two large porches. All but one of the bedrooms are private to the hall. Through approximately 2500 feet of the farm flows the north branch of the Perkiomen Creek. At this point it is a strong stream. There was a dam, now breached, on this farm which at one time fed a mill race.



Various views of
the Henninger
Farm,
Sigmund, Pa.



Recently pur-
chased for use
as the Lord
may direct.



The farm is secluded in a valley between rather high hills. It is served by three public roads maintained by the township. While it is secluded, it is approximately seven miles south of Emmaus, Penna., about two miles west of State Highway Route 29.

The committee unanimously voted a recommendation to the Board of Directors that it purchase this farm for the use of our Church. The Board of Directors has entered into an agreement to purchase this farm for a price of \$22,500.00.

The Committee had many reasons for making this recommendation. Under the terms of the agreement, we will obtain occupancy in November, 1955. We believe the house and farm should be occupied permanently by a caretaker. If this is accomplished, the house would immediately be available as a missionary rest home.

If the farm is not considered suitable for development as a Bible Conference Ground, it would be possible to use the house as our proposed Home for the Aged.

The house could be made available for small groups of young people who might be brought to Sigmund by their spiritual leaders to hold retreats. The barns could be fitted as dormitories for young people. It may be inadvisable to expect that it could be made to serve both as a home for the aged and as a Bible Conference Ground.

It may be the Sigmund Farm should be developed for use of our Young People. Further study will develop whether we may ultimately be able to transplant the facilities at Mizpah Grove to Sigmund. We urge consultation with others regarding the best manner in which to develop the Sigmund Farm. Possibly we can find an architect with experience in such work.

Some program must be developed to amortize the debt incurred in the purchase of this farm. We believe the Lord has led in its acquisition, and that He will continue to lead in its development.

It was resolved that we recommend to Annual Conference that a planning committee be elected to work on the development of the summer camp program and the necessary facilities.

Byron C. Cassel,
Walter H. Frank,
F. B. Hertzog,
Jansen E. Hartman,
T. D. Gehret,

W. A. Heffner,
Paul I. Wentz,
W. W. Hartman,
Clayton E. Weber,
J. Erwin Fretz,

J. E. Golla,
Daniel K. Ziegler,
Herbert W. Hartman,
C. E. Kirkwood,
Clarence L. Kauffman,
Committee.

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

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

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

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

Adjourned with prayer by E. E. Kublic.

EIGHTH MEETING**Thursday Afternoon, October 13, 1955**

The meeting opened at 2:10 with the singing of "Blessed Assurance", after which R. Spedden led in prayer.

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

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

Resolved, That the following brethren be admitted to the Conference Bar: Raymond E. Arnold, Leroy S. Heller, Russell T. Allen and Donald B. Schaeffer.

Resolved, That all pastors on the coming Sunday fill the pulpits of their new assignments.

Report of the Committee on Communications:

We received a communication from both Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Snyder, retired missionaries to Tibet, China.

They have expressed themselves as being thankful to God for His blessings upon their lives and the kind consideration shown to them by our Conference as well as the Philadelphia (Salem) congregation.

We praise God for their continued ministry, since, though advanced in age, they are still being used of God in teaching and otherwise spreading the Gospel.

F. M. Hottel,
G. F. Yost,
E. E. Kublic, Committee.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

1. Whereas, we the members of the Seventy-second Annual Conference of the M. B. In C. Church of Pa., have been privileged to listen to the encouraging reports of our District Superintendents F. B. Hertzog and C. E. Kirkwood, and

Whereas, these reports reflect qualities of godly leadership which is very vital to success in any endeavor for Christ in our day, therefore

Resolved, that we give them our unanimous and prayerful support during the coming year.

2. Whereas, our Home Mission Director, Jansen E. Hartman, has submitted to this Conference an excellent oral and statistical report of the favor of the Lord and the manifestation of the Holy Spirit's blessing upon the labors of the various brethren in our Home Mission stations, and

Whereas, the said Jansen E. Hartman has been divinely strengthened and used of God in the administration of the Berean Bible School, therefore

Resolved, that we thank God for His bountiful blessings and give to our brother our prayerful and financial support.

3. Whereas, our pastors have submitted encouraging reports revealing spiritual and numerical progress in their various fields of labor, therefore

Resolved, that we display concrete evidence of our appreciation to God by more earnest service for Christ throughout the ensuing year.

4. Whereas, the Lord has given us a faithful constituency of members and friends, and

Whereas, they have faithfully supported the cause of Christ by their prayers and gifts, therefore

Resolved, that we thank God upon every remembrance of them and that we endeavor to serve them with ever-increasing devotion for the glory of God and furtherance of the gospel.

5. Whereas, District Superintendent Emeritus, H. B. Musselman, together with retired Pastors G. F. Yost, E. E. Kublic and F. M. Hottel, through the goodness of the Lord have been able to fellowship with the members of this conference, therefore

Resolved, that we thank God for them and sincerely pray that the Lord may continue to use them to exalt Christ and make Him known by their lives and testimony.

6. Whereas, A. G. Woodring and E. J. Rutman have expressed their desire to retire from the active ministry after many fruitful years of service, therefore

Resolved, that we pray God's continual blessing to be upon them and trust Him to give them many years of service for Christ as effectual doors of ministry are opened to them.

7. Whereas, it has pleased the Lord to call from their labors for Him a number of faithful members and friends from our Jersey City congregation, who were victims of the recent flood, therefore

Resolved, that we give praise to God for allowing them to labor faithfully in their congregation, and pray that He will raise up others to fill their places and follow their example of diligence to God and His Church.

8. Whereas, J. B. Henry, Associate General Secretary of the Africa Inland Mission and C. Leslie Miller, General Superintendent of the Union Gospel Press, have manifested their Christian love for us by their presence at this Conference, therefore

Resolved, that we pray God's richest blessings upon their labors for Christ and hereby assure them that we shall always cherish their fellowship in the gospel.

9. Whereas, the Christian Life Series of Sunday School literature published by the Union Gospel Press continues to be sound and true to the Word of God, therefore

Resolved, that we pray that God may continue to sustain and strengthen the personnel of the Union Gospel Press, and further

Resolved, that as a Conference we recognize Mrs. E. T. Gehman as the agent for these Sunday School supplies and other publications.

10. Whereas, the following brethren have served the Conference during the past year in an acceptable manner in their delegated responsibilities: N. H. Wolf as Editor of the Year Book, Paul I. Wentz as Conference Treasurer, and J. E. Golla as Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, therefore

Resolved, that a gift of fifty dollars (\$50.00) be given each in appreciation, the first two to be taken from the Conference Fund, and the latter from the Foreign Mission Fund.

11. Whereas, this Conference has received a communication from Brother and Sister C. F. Snyder, retired missionaries from China, reporting that, though advanced in age, they continue to be actively engaged in many phases of missionary activity, therefore

Resolved, that we request our Conference Secretary to inform them of our continued interests and prayers, along with forwarding them a copy of this resolution.

12. Whereas, the Allentown congregation, under the able leadership of their Pastor, Walter H. Frank, have provided abundantly for the temporal needs of the Conference members, serving delicious Pennsylvania-Dutch style meals in their spacious church basement, therefore

Resolved, that we express our sincere thanks by tendering them a rising vote of appreciation in the Thursday Evening Service.

13. Whereas, the Union Gospel Press has been very considerate of our Conference in printing and publishing the M. B. In C. edition of the Gospel Herald, therefore

Resolved, that we express our appreciation for their assistance in making possible our own publication, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to them.

14. Whereas, Brother T. D. Gehret has served in an excellent manner as Editor of the M. B. In C. Supplement of the Gospel Herald this year, therefore

Resolved, that one hundred dollars (\$100.00) be given to him from the Conference Fund as a token of our appreciation.

J. H. Riggall,	Walter H. Frank,
A. L. Seifert,	W. A. Heffner,
	Committee.

Report of the Conference Treasurer: (See Reports).

Report of the Sixty-fourth Annual Ministerial Convention: (See Reports).

Resolved, that we recess.

Recessed at 3:55.

Business was resumed.

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

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

Resolved, that we elect two Vice District Superintendents.

Herbert W. Hartman and N. H. Wolf were elected.

Resolved, that in the event of a vacancy in the office of District Superintendent, the Board of Directors shall determine which of the Vice District Superintendents shall fill the vacancy.

Resolved, that when an Elder has served in the office of District Superintendent for a period of five or more successive years and leaves the office he shall not be eligible for re-election for a period of three years. Article "M" under Standing Rules on page 18 of the Year Book shall be deleted.

Resolved, that we adjourn.

Adjourned at 5:00 P. M., with prayer by Roy E. Williams.

NINTH MEETING

Friday Morning, October 14, 1955

The meeting was opened with the singing of "The Golden Key," followed with prayer by W. A. Heffner.

Turning the attention of the Conference body to the first chapter of Deuteronomy, C. Leslie Miller gave an address on "The Secret of Effective Ministry." Though bearing heavy responsibilities by reason of his association with the Union Gospel Press as General Superintendent, his presence at this Conference is an indication of a mutual feeling of true comradeship in the work of Christ. The devotional period was closed with the singing of the hymn, "With Thy Spirit Fill Me."

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

Resolved, That in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Directors, the retirement annuities shall be changed as follows on pages 13 and 14 of the Year Book:

Under "Annuities," first paragraph, twenty-one dollars shall be increased to twenty-four dollars.

Under "Annuities," second paragraph, twenty-one dollars shall be increased to twenty-four dollars.

Under "Annuities," third paragraph, eight hundred and forty dollars shall be increased to nine hundred and sixty dollars.

Under "Annuities," sixth paragraph, ten dollars and fifty cents shall be increased to twelve dollars, and be made to read—"And in no case shall exceed four hundred and eighty dollars for one year", instead of four hundred twenty dollars in one year.

Resolved, that we consider the petition of the Hatfield Local Conference proposing a change of Church name.

Whereas, the petition of the Hatfield Church relative to a change of Church name was discussed, therefore

Resolved, that a Committee of five be elected to prepare a method of presentation to the Churches. The report of this Committee shall be submitted to this Conference for approval.

The following were elected: Byron C. Cassel, T. D. Gehret, Jansen E. Hartman, Walter H. Frank and A. L. Seifert.

Resolved, that we consider the petition of the Local Conference of the Ebenezer Church, Bethlehem, relative to the term of service of the personnel of Conference Boards:

"Resolved, that no one, excepting District Superintendents, be permitted to serve on more than two of the following boards in any one Conference year:

- Board of Directors
- Board of Foreign Missions
- Board of Home Missions
- Board of Education
- Board of Trustees of the Home."

The petition was not granted.

Resolved, that we grant C. Leslie Miller's request to be excused from attendance at this Conference after this morning's meeting.

Resolved, that the petition of the Local Conference of the Bethel Church, Allentown, proposing a combined Allentown and Bethlehem District Sunday School Convention, be considered.

Resolved, that we suspend the rules to adjourn at 12:15.

Whereas, the petition proposing a combined Conference-wide Sunday School Convention was considered, therefore

Resolved, that we plan for such a Convention.

Adjourned with prayer by E. W. Bean.

TENTH MEETING

Friday Afternoon, October 14, 1955

The meeting was opened with the singing of "Draw Me Nearer" and prayer by Willard E. Cassel.

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

Resolved, That we excuse F. M. Hottel from attendance Saturday morning to conduct a funeral.

Resolved, that we excuse George A. John and David F. Gardner from further attendance at this Annual Conference.

Resolved, that we consider the proposals of the Government Committee.

Resolved, That we resolve ourselves as a Committee of the Whole.

Resolved, that we adjourn.

Resolved, that we suspend the rules and meet at 6:00 P. M.

Adjourned at 4:55 with prayer by H. D. Yarrington.

ELEVENTH MEETING

Friday Evening, October 14, 1955

The meeting opened at 6:00 P. M., with the singing of the hymn, "He is So Precious," and prayer by John Dunn.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Resolved, that we proceed with elections.

Resolved, that the Annual Conference shall elect a Board of Directors annually, consisting of six ordained ministers who are members of the Annual Conference and willing to minister under the direction of the Annual Conference, and three laymen who are members of the Mennonite Brethren In Christ Church of Pennsylvania and are willing to serve under the direction of our Conference. These laymen need not be members of the Annual Conference. The District Superintendents shall be members by virtue of their office.

Those elected as the Board of Directors were: F. B. Hertzog, C. E. Kirkwood, T. D. Gehret, Jansen E. Hartman, Herbert W. Hartman, Donald T. Kirkwood, Paul I. Wentz, Byron C. Cassel and Daniel K. Ziegler.

Resolved, that the time of tomorrow's adjournment be set at twelve o'clock noon.

Resolved, that we encourage the Board of Foreign Missions to study the matter of a minimum balance in the Foreign Missionary Fund.

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

Resolved, that the Board of Foreign Missions comprise five Ministers and two laymen. The Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions shall be elected by ballot from the Board of Foreign Missions, the said Board being the nominees.

Resolved, that the District Superintendents be members of the Board of Foreign Missions by virtue of their office.

Board of Foreign Missions: F. B. Hertzog, C. E. Kirkwood, T. D. Gehret, J. E. Golla, Walter H. Frank, Kermit Gehman and James R. Cressman.

Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions: J. E. Golla.

Resolved, that the Board of Home Missions consist of five ministers and two laymen, and that the District Superintendents and the Director of Home Missions be members of the Board by virtue of their office.

Board of Home Missions: F. B. Hertzog, C. E. Kirkwood, Jansen E. Hartman, A. L. Seifert, W. A. Heffner, Clayton Webber, and Roy E. Williams.

The President of the Berean Bible School, Jansen E. Hartman, gave an oral report of the activities and proposed budget of the school.

Resolved, that S. A. Hackman and Charles W. Weaber be excused from attending tomorrow's meeting.

Resolved, that there be an adjourned session of Annual Conference on Saturday, October 22, next, at 9:00 A. M. in this Church.

Resolved, that the alternate delegates present in place of the delegates be seated in the Bar.

Resolved, that we adjourn.

Adjourned at 10:00 P. M., with prayer by R. H. Gehman.

TWELFTH MEETING

Saturday Morning, October 15, 1955

The meeting was opened with Paul E. Baer leading the Conference body in singing, "Just When I Need Him Most." P. T. Stengele led in prayer.

The Chairman called upon the body to join in the responsive reading of John 21:1-14, after which he tersely urged greater trust in Christ for the encouragement that will be needed in the Conference year ahead. "Success in the work," he declared, "is assured when we learn to take orders from the Lord and obey His voice at all times." The hymn found in the Rose of Sharon hymnal, "Just Lean Upon Jesus," was sung to the inspiration of all.

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

Report of the Committee on Church Name:

We recommend that a ballot in the form of the following questionnaire be presented to each member of the Mennonite Brethren In Christ Church of Pennsylvania:

Questionnaire On Church Name

Dear Church Member:

At the 1955 Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren In Christ Church of Pennsylvania, a question arose concerning a change of the name of our denomination. As a result, Annual Conference directed that this questionnaire be presented to each member of the Mennonite Brethren In Christ Church of Pennsylvania (16 years of age or older). Your prayerful consideration of this problem is solicited. Every member is urged to send

his ballot, which will not be valid unless it is signed, in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, within two weeks from the date of this letter.

Some of the reasons supporting a change in our name are as follows:

1. The name "Mennonite" denotes a much larger church than ours whose doctrinal position and practices are substantially different,
 - a. Regarding mode of baptism.
 - b. Regarding mode of dress.
 - c. As to pacifism.
 - d. As to works and salvation.
2. Prejudice against the name "Mennonite" has kept some people from coming into our churches.
3. A more descriptive name could be more helpful to the work of the Lord and remove these hindrances, especially in the work of evangelism.

There are always two sides to every question. Some of the reasons for not making a change in name are as follows:

1. The blessing of the Lord has been upon our Church through the years, evidenced by the souls saved and churches established.
2. Our present church name has not prevented our pastors from preaching the full Gospel in the communities where we now have churches.
3. A change of church name would occasion much questioning from those on the outside, and create unrest among many of those who are members of our church. It may also indicate to the outside that we may have a spirit of unrest. This may hinder rather than help the work of the Lord.

Your prayerful answer to the following questions will be helpful:

Ballot of Church Name

1. Are you satisfied with the present name of our denomination? -----
2. Do you think a change in the name of our denomination would be advisable, if a more suitable name can be agreed upon? -----
3. Do you believe that a change of denomination name would attract more people to our churches? -----
4. Do you believe that changing the name of our denomination would help to strengthen the Gospel testimony of our church? -----
5. Have you any name to suggest in the event that a change in the name of our denomination were desired by our people?

YES	NO

Signature, -----

The Committee on Church Name.

This questionnaire with the accompanying letter signed by the Committee on Church Name shall be sent by first-class mail not later than November 15, 1955, to the home address of every member on the rolls of our churches by the pastors of the local church.

A stamped envelope bearing the return address of the local Pastor shall be enclosed. Not later than December 1, 1955, all ballots returned shall be forwarded by every pastor to the Chairman of the Committee on Church Name.

Sufficient mimeographed copies of the letter and ballot will be furnished each pastor. The local churches shall bear the cost of postage.

Walter H. Frank,	Jansen E. Hartman,
Byron C. Cassel,	A. L. Seifert,
T. D. Gehret,	Committee.

Resolved, that a Committee of five, designated "Committee On Church Name," function in the 1955-1956 year, supplying necessary letters of instruction and ballots to the local churches and receiving the resulting ballots. If the majority of the ballot indicate a desired change, this Committee shall investigate a suitable name, reporting to the next Annual Conference. This Committee shall be the same Committee elected at the 1955 Conference comprising the following: Byron C. Cassel, A. L. Seifert, Jansen E. Hartman, T. D. Gehret and Walter H. Frank.

Resolved, that we proceed with elections. Results were as follows:

Board of Education (for three years): W. B. Hottel, J. H. Riggall, Francis Gehman and Daniel K. Ziegler.

Chairman of the next Annual Conference: F. B. Hertzog.

Vice Chairman of the next Annual Conference: C. E. Kirkwood.

Secretary of the next Annual Conference: N. H. Wolf.

Treasurer of the next Annual Conference: Paul I. Wentz.

Committee over the District Superintendents: T. D. Gehret, W. W. Hartman, R. H. Gehman.

Board of Trustees of the Home (for two years): T. D. Gehret, W. W. Hartman, Ernest B. Hartman, R. H. Gehman, Timothy H. Gehman, George W. Krigor.

Resolved, that we suspend the rules and adjourn at 12:15 P. M.

Supplemental Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, we the Seventy-second Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren In Christ Church of Pennsylvania, in session at Allentown, Pa. wish to express our thankfulness to Almighty God for giving our nation a conscientious President, Dwight D. Eisenhower, who has faithfully performed the duties of his office in a most commendable manner, and

Whereas, our beloved President has recently been stricken with illness, therefore

Resolved, that we give thanks unto God for him and earnestly pray that our president may have a rapid recovery from his illness and continue to prosper and be in health, and further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution, signed by the Chairman and Secretary of this Conference, be sent to our President.

J. H. Riggall, W. A. Heffner,
A. L. Seifert, W. H. Frank,
Committee on Resolutions.

Editor of the "Gospel Herald" Supplement: T. D. Gehret.

Resolved, that the Editor appoint three assistant Editors.

Assistant Editors of the "Gospel Herald" Supplement: Herbert W. Hartman, N. H. Wolf and Paul E. Baer.

Circulation Manager of the "Gospel Herald": R. C. Reichenbach.

Resolved, that we adjourn.

Adjourned with prayer by Jansen E. Hartman.

THIRTEENTH MEETING

Saturday Morning, October 22, 1955

The meeting was opened with the singing of the hymn, "Draw Me Nearer" and a period of earnest prayer led by C. E. Kirkwood.

The Chairman directed the Conference body in the responsive reading of Psalm 46, after which he emphasized the need of a greater sense of God and of a humble realization of our dependence upon Him.

The roll was called and the minutes of the Twelfth Meeting were read and approved.

Resolved, that the York Alternate delegate, Clair E. Bupp, be seated in the Conference Bar.

Report of the Beneficiary Society:

The Society met, transacted business, and elected the following officers: N. H. Wolf, President; R. C. Reichenbach, Secretary; Paul E. Baer, Treasurer.

R. C. Reichenbach, Secretary.

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

Resolved, that the Chair appoint a Committee of two to compile a report of the Conference for the "Gospel Herald" Supplement and the Year Book. He appointed John Dunn and James G. Koch.

Resolved, that the District Superintendents, one Pastor and two laymen from each District be members of the General Menno Youth Committee.

General Menno Youth Committee: F. B. Hertzog, C. E. Kirkwood, Robert W. Smock, J. H. Riggall, Paul I. Wentz, Jr., Glenn Sheats, Clarence L. Kauffman, James Beil.

Resolved, that we elect a Committee of seven ministers and three laymen, outside the Board of Directors, to study and formulate proposals for the revision of our Church government. All work of this Committee is to be cleared through the Board of Directors before being presented to the next Annual Conference.

Committee to Study our Church Government: Willard E. Cassel, W. A. Heffner, J. H. Riggall, P. T. Stengele, R. C. Reichenbach, A. L. Seifert, J. E. Golla, R. Paul Schaeffer, A. L. Wentz, James R. Cressman.

The Chair appointed W. A. Heffner as temporary Chairman.

Resolved, that we elect a Board of Examiners.

Board of Examiners: Paul E. Baer, Ernest B. Hartman, Donald T. Kirkwood.

Board of Trustees of the Laymen's Benevolent: President, Arthur W. Deppe; Secretary, Allen S. Weiss; Treasurer, A. L. Wentz.

Resolved, that all contributions received for the Laymen's Benevolent Society shall be paid by check or money order, made payable to A. L. Wentz, Treasurer, and forwarded to Allen S. Weiss, Secretary, 2318 Tilghman Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

The Chairman appointed the following Committees:

Committee Over Camp Meeting Equipage and Tabernacle Outfits: E. W. Bean, D. E. Thomann, W. W. Hartman, R. H. Gehman.

Board of Publication and Printing: N. H. Wolf, Herbert W. Hartman, J. H. Riggall.

Resolved, that the Mizpah Grove Cafeteria be under the management of the Board of Directors.

Resolved, that the Board of Publication and Printing handle the funds relating to the publication of our Church paper.

Resolved, that we elect a Program and Promotion Committee to plan for a Conference wide Sunday School Convention on Saturday, June 9, next. The site of the Convention shall be chosen by this Committee.

Resolved, that this Committee be elected and consist of nine members, six Ministers and three Sunday School Superintendents.

Resolved, that the District Superintendents be ex-officio members of this Committee.

The following were elected: F. B. Hertzog, C. E. Kirkwood, Walter H. Frank, Jansen E. Hartman, W. A. Heffner, R. C. Reichenbach, Byron C. Cassel, Norman Reed, Roy E. Williams.

Resolved, that R. H. Gehman be excused from the afternoon meeting to conduct a funeral.

Adjourned with prayer by Earl M. Hosler.

FOURTEENTH MEETING

Sunday Afternoon, October 22, 1955

The meeting opened with the singing of the chorus, "The Windows of Heaven Are Open," and prayer by Frank L. Herb, Jr.

The roll was called and the minutes of the Morning Meeting were read and approved.

Report of the Committee on Auditing:

We beg leave to report that we have examined the accounts and reports of the following: District Superintendents, Board of Directors, Board of Home Missions, Director of Home Missions, Board of Publication and Printing, all Local Conference Records, the Home, Sunday School Conventions—both Districts, Camp Meetings—three Divisions, General Camp Meeting Committee, Conference Treasurer, Committee on Finance, Committee on Statistics, Ministers' Retirement Fund, Laymen's Benevolent Society, Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Education and Gospel Herald Subscriptions.

These records of the Conference were found to be in a satisfactory condition. Several minor errors were found and these were corrected in the presence of those concerned.

T. D. Gehret,	Edw. J. Dietzman,	Ralph D. Cole,
James R. Cressman,	Clayton E. Weber,	Clarence L. Kauffman,
Daniel K. Ziegler,	David F. Gardner,	S. A. Hackman,
R. Spedden,	Roy E. Williams,	Committee.
R. S. Weidner,	Robert W. Gehret,	

Resolved, that we have two Camp Meetings next summer in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., the first to be held by the Allentown District, June 30-July 8; and the second to be held by the Bethlehem District, July 14-22.

Resolved, that Paradise, Millersville and Binghamton be included in the First District Camp Meeting and that Finesville, Roxborough and Trenton be included in the Second District Camp Meeting.

Resolved, that one dollar (\$1.00) registration fee per tent accompany each order, not refundable, and be turned over by the Registrar to each respective Camp Meeting Committee.

Resolved, that the rental of tents shall be six dollars (\$6.00) each per Camp Meeting, in addition to the registration fee, to be paid to the Pastors before the Camp Meeting. The Pastors shall pay tent rents to the Officers of the respective Committee no later than Tuesday of the Camp involved, together with a list of the names and numbers of tents.

Resolved, that the Board of Directors arrange for the sale of literature, etc., at the Book Cottage during the Camp Meetings.

Resolved, that all tent orders be sent to R. H. Gehman, Registrar, no later than June 1, using the order blanks provided, and further

Resolved, that the forms be filled out properly and signed by the person placing the order.

Resolved, that a Planning Committee be elected to work on the development of the Summer Camp Program and decide upon the facilities necessary.

Resolved, that this Committee be comprised of the Board of Directors, three additional ministers and three additional laymen.

Those elected, in addition to the Board of Directors, were: W. A. Heffner, Walter H. Frank, J. E. Golla, Francis Gehman, Paul I. Wentz, Jr., and Clayton E. Weber.

Resolved, that we provide for a one-week Girls' Camp and a one-week Boys' Camp next summer, if feasible.

Resolved, that the offer of the Board of Trustees of the Home to assist in the financing of the purchase of the Henninger property located at Sigmund, Pa., be accepted, and further

Resolved, that the necessary purchase money be furnished by the Board of Directors from a loan made to them by the Board of Trustees of the Home. This loan shall be repaid as the Board of Directors may determine, and, further

Resolved, that the Camp Ground Planning Committee shall explore and determine the most advantageous use and development that may be made of the buildings and ground.

Resolved, that we suspend the rules and recess to meet at 5:30 P. M.

Resolved, that funds be raised for the Berean Bible School in the following ways:

1. Proclamation of a day in March or April as Berean Bible School Day in the Sunday Schools and Churches at which time offerings shall be received in the Schools and Churches for the purpose of promoting interest in and support of the school. Checks for these contributions shall be sent and made payable to A. L. Wentz, Treasurer, 816 N. St. Elmo Street, Allentown, Pa., no later than May 1.

2. A special offering shall be received at the Annual Menno Youth Rallies at each Camp Meeting.

Whereas, there is a growing feeling among many of the constituents of our Churches that there is a definite need for a more vigorous program of evangelism and church expansion, and

Whereas, the existence of circuits do not contribute to the best interests of this need, therefore

Resolved, that we encourage Churches presently constituting circuits to strive toward a goal of becoming stations with pastors assigned to each appointment.

The various Boards reported their organization as follows:

Board of Directors: F. B. Hertzog, President; T. D. Gehret, Vice President; C. E. Kirkwood, Secretary; Paul I. Wentz, Treasurer.

Board of Foreign Missions: Walter H. Frank, Chairman; J. E. Golla, Secretary.

Board of Home Missions: C. E. Kirkwood, Chairman; A. L. Seifert, Secretary.

Board of Trustees of the Home: T. D. Gehret, Chairman; Herbert W. Hartman, Secretary; Howard L. Shelly, Assistant Secretary; Paul I. Wentz, Treasurer.

Board of Publication and Printing: N. H. Wolf, Chairman; Herbert W. Hartman, Secretary.

Board of Examiners: Paul E. Baer, Chairman; Donald T. Kirkwood, Secretary.

Committee Over Camp Meeting Equipage and Tabernacle Outfits: E. W. Bean, Chairman; R. H. Gehman, Secretary.

Beneficiary Society; N. H. Wolf, President; R. C. Reichenbach, Secretary; Paul E. Baer, Treasurer.

Resolved, that an offering be received for the District Superintendents' parsonages in a Sunday service by each Pastor and forwarded to C. E. Kirkwood, Secretary of the Board of Directors, no later than April 1, 1956. All checks should be made payable to the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church of Pa.

Resolved, that traveling expenses on official business be 8 cents per mile.

Resolved, that all needs for support of missionary work not under the jurisdiction of Board of Home Missions be controlled by the Board of Foreign Missions.

Resolved, that the next Annual Conference convene in the Ebenezer Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, 1121-25 N. Main Street, Bethlehem, Pa., on Monday, October 15, 1956 at 1:00 P. M.

Resolved, that the following comprise a Committee on Program for the next Annual Conference: T. D. Gehret, D. E. Thomann, W. A. Heffner.

Resolved, that a two-day Ministerial Convention be held Thursday and Friday, April 5 and 6, 1956, at Berean Bible School, Allentown, Pa.

The following officers for the Ministerial Convention were elected: Jansen E. Hartman, Chairman; A. L. Seifert, Secretary. Those elected to serve on the Committee on Program were as follows: F. B. Hertzog, C. E. Kirkwood, Jansen E. Hartman, T. D. Gehret, Willard E. Cassel.

Resolved, that we print 1200 Year Books to be sold at fifty cents (50¢) per copy. Checks shall be made payable and forwarded to N. H. Wolf, Secretary. The deficit shall be paid out of the Conference Fund.

Resolved, that all offerings to be received and submitted during the year, other than those to be brought to the Conventions and Conference, be listed as "III Miscellaneous Offerings," in the Standing Rules, and include the names and addresses of the persons to whom they are to be sent.

Resolved, that copies of the completed work of the Committee on Government be made available by request addressed to Willard E. Cassel, 717 W. 7th St., Chester, Pa., and further

Resolved, that two copies of the completed work of the Committee on Government be submitted to each Pastor by the Secretary of the Committee immediately upon completion.

Resolved, that the Director of Home Missions shall under all circumstances function in cooperation with the District Superintendents, and in all matters of importance act only by approval of the Board of Home Missions.

Resolved, that there be an adjourned session of Annual Conference in Ebenezer Mennonite B. in C. Church, Bethlehem, Pa., November 12, 1955, at 9:00 A. M.

Resolved, that we adjourn.

Adjourned at 6:50 P. M. with prayer by the Chairman, F. B. Hertzog.

FIFTEENTH MEETING

Saturday Morning, November 12, 1955

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and opened with the singing of the hymn, "Sitting At the Feet of Jesus," led by Paul E. Baer. Prayer by George R. Fish and R. H. Gehman followed.

After the Conference body joined in the responsive reading of Acts 20: 17-38, the Chairman, referring to the Apostle Paul as a glowing example, elaborated upon the qualities that spell success in our service for Christ and urged all to excel in the work of the ministry.

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

Resolved, that the cost of entertainment of the Ministerial Convention be underwritten by the Board of Directors.

Resolved, that each member of the Conference bar contribute One (\$1.00) Dollar to defray the entertainment expenses of this day.

Resolved, that the Discipline of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church as passed by the 1951 General Conference, and the present Annual Conference Rules be the Constitution of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, that at the last session of each Local Conference the members present vote by ballot as to whether or not they desire a change of their Pastor. The ballots shall be tabulated by the District Superintendent and the Delegate to the Annual Conference after the session adjourns, and the ballots shall be kept by the District Superintendent. The results of this vote shall be held in confidence by the District Superintendent and the Delegate.

Resolved, that Women's Missionary Societies that have been or shall be organized in our churches be recognized by and report to the Local Conference, and further

Resolved, that this be made a standing rule.

Resolved, that the Board of Directors be an Agenda Committee to receive all Local Conference petitions, the Secretary of the Local Conference be responsible to give a copy of the petitions to the District Superintendent at the Local Conference where the petition was passed.

Resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed to study Annual Conference procedure with a view to expedite business, said Committee to submit a report of its findings to the 1956 Annual Conference.

The Chairman appointed C. E. Kirkwood, T. D. Gehret and Willard E. Cassel to comprise said Committee.

Resolved, that a display ad appear in the next Year Book, encouraging Young People to enroll in our Berean Bible School.

Resolved, that the Home Mission Board be authorized to establish the status of Home Missionary appointments, and to decide upon questions as to their being incorporated into the Annual Conference.

Resolved, that we recommend that the representation of Delegates to the Annual Conference be on the following basis: One delegate for the first two hundred members or fraction thereof and another delegate for each additional two hundred members. The first delegate elected by the Local Conference shall be a member of the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.

Resolved, that we consider the proposals of the Committee to Study our Church Government.

Resolved, that we suspend the rules to meet at 1:00 P. M.

Resolved, that we adjourn.

Adjourned with prayer by E. W. Bean.

SIXTEENTH MEETING

Saturday Afternoon, November 12, 1955

The meeting was opened at 1:00 P. M. with the singing of the Chorus, "Hallelujah, I'm Saved," after which A. L. Seifert led in prayer.

The roll was called.

Resolved, that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The Conference body resumed the consideration of the recommendations of the Committee to Study our Church Government, and adopted the following Report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY OUR CHURCH GOVERNMENT

Local Conference

- I. Each Congregation shall hold at least four Local Conferences each Conference year.
- II. Officers of the Local Conference:
 1. Chairman—District Superintendent
 2. A Secretary shall be elected for a term of one year at the first Local Conference by and from the membership of the Church.
 3. In the event of the District Superintendent's absence, the pastor shall serve as chairman, and he shall appoint a secretary pro-tem, if necessary.

4. The following shall answer to the roll call and be accountable to the Local Conference: Building Fund Collector(s), Class Leader(s), Deacons, Delegate(s) to Annual Conference, General Sunday School Superintendent, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, Treasurer of the Sunday School, Pastor, Local Conference Worker(s), President of the Women's Missionary Society, President of Menno Youth Society, Secretary of Local Conference, Steward(s), and Trustees.

III. Church Officers

1. The following are classified as Church Officers: Building Fund Collector(s), Class Leader(s), Deacons, Delegate(s) to Annual Conference, General Sunday School Superintendent, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, Treasurer of the Sunday School, Steward(s), and Trustees.

Whenever possible men shall fill the offices of the Church.

2. All officers of the church shall be elected by and from the membership of the Church.
3. The election of all Church Officers with the exception of the Delegate(s) to Annual Conference shall be held shortly before the last Local Conference at congregational meeting(s) which has been announced at three services, and their term of office shall begin immediately after said local conference.
4. The following Delegates shall be elected at the Third Local Conference: They shall serve in the order listed.
 First Delegate
 Second Delegate (acc. to Discipline)
 First Alternate
 Second Alternate (acc. to Discipline)

The Delegate(s) seated at Annual Conference shall be recognized as the official Delegate(s) for the ensuing year.

IV. Other Officers

1. Organized groups within the church, having a Constitution approved by Annual Conference, shall elect their officers according to their by-laws.

V. Rules

1. In all elections the ballot shall be used to nominate the candidates (except where otherwise provided by our Discipline). There shall be two more candidates nominated than office(s) required. A majority of votes in every instance shall be necessary for election. After the first ballot has been cast, if there is no election, the candidate receiving the least number of votes shall be eliminated. In the event a candidate receives two-thirds of the votes cast in the nominating ballot, he may be declared elected by congregational affirmation.
2. Only members of the church having attained the age of 16 years are eligible to vote and to hold church office. The minimum age of Trustees shall be 21 years.
3. All those accountable to the Local Conference who are absent from the meeting of the Local Conference shall submit a written report and a satisfactory excuse. Failing to do this, they shall appear before the

next Local Conference to give a reason for their absence. If such are absent three successive times without submitting a written report and statement of the cause of absence, they shall be removed from office.

THE OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board shall be composed of the following Officers of the Church: Building Fund Collector(s), Class Leader(s), Deacons, Delegate(s) to Annual Conference, General Sunday School Superintendent, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, Treasurer of the Sunday School, Pastor, Steward(s), and Trustees.

When the number of the members of the Official Board is less than 9, the Local Conference may elect up to three male members at large. In no case shall the number exceed 9 members by this procedure.

The Official Board shall be responsible to their Local Conference to whom they shall submit an annual report and periodical reports as may be required.

The Official Board shall meet at least quarterly. Any special meeting must be held at the call of the Pastor or a majority of the Board.

The Official Board shall organize at the first regular meeting following the last Local Conference. They shall elect a Secretary who shall keep minutes of all official actions of the body.

The Pastor shall be Moderator of the Board. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

The following Committees shall be appointed by the Pastor, subject to the approval of the Board. The Chairman of every Committee shall be a member of the Official Board. Other Committees may be appointed as deemed necessary.

Membership & Discipline, Ordinances & Practices, Building, Missionary, Finance, Christian Education, Benevolence.

Each Committee shall report at least quarterly and all actions must be confirmed by the Official Board. A copy of all minutes of all Committees shall be submitted to the Pastor.

Duties of the Committees

Membership & Discipline:

1. They shall interview and pass upon all who express a desire to unite in membership, including transferees, as to Christian experience and life.
2. They shall inform all candidates as to the financial and electoral structure of the church. The duties of members shall be stressed.
3. They shall be custodians of the membership roll, revising it annually according to the Discipline, and shall obtain and record all information for the membership cards.
4. They shall to the best of their abilities, assist the Pastor in his labors pertaining to the spiritual welfare of the church.

5. They shall administer discipline in the church in cases where the Pastor requests their assistance.

Ordinances & Practices:

1. They shall interview and pass upon all candidates for baptism.
2. They shall assist in and make arrangements for baptismal services.
3. They shall provide the emblems and other necessities for the Lord's Supper and Washing of the Saints' feet.
4. They shall assist in the distribution of the emblems of the Communion service.

Building:

1. They shall have charge of the maintenance of the properties of the Church.
2. The needs of repairs, furnishings, etc., are to be surveyed semi-annually and recommendations brought to the Official Board.
3. They shall be responsible to see that the parsonage is cleaned at the time of change of Pastors.
4. The janitor shall be responsible to this committee.
5. The use of the church building and facilities by any group or groups, other than the stated organizations of the church, must be approved by this committee.

Missionary:

1. They shall receive and be accountable for all missionary offerings of the Church and Sunday School, and issue necessary receipts.
2. All monies received shall be deposited in a Church designated depository. All withdrawals shall be made with three signatures.
3. They shall assist the Pastor as necessary in the conducting of Missionary Conferences.

Finance:

1. The Treasurer of the Board of Trustees shall be a member of this Committee.
2. They shall be responsible for the financial structure of the Church.
3. They shall set the dates for all special offerings to be received in the Church.

Christian Education:

1. The General Sunday School Superintendent shall be a member of this committee.
2. They shall supervise all Christian Education and Youth Activities and integrate these activities with the Church Program.
3. All needs of furnishings and equipment for the organizations under its jurisdiction shall be brought by this committee to the Official Board.

Benevolence:

1. They shall see if there are any needing assistance within the bounds of the Church, and if so, inquire into the nature of their needs, and take such steps to provide for them as they deem proper.

2. They shall not make any expenditures in the performance of their duties without consulting with the Official Board.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The following officers shall be elected for a term of one year:
General Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Treasurer.

Duties of the Officers

General Superintendent:

1. He shall provide each class with a born-again teacher as directed by the Executive Committee.
2. He shall see that the school is properly graded.
3. He shall preside or arrange for a leader at each session of the school.
4. He shall periodically survey the work being done in the various classes and departments.
5. He shall cooperate with the Pastor and be responsible to the Local Conference to which he shall submit a statistical and financial report.
6. The departmental superintendents shall be appointed by the Pastor and the General Superintendent.

Assistant Superintendent:

1. He shall assume the responsibilities of the General Superintendent in his absence or incapacity.
2. He shall be responsible to supervise the distribution of all Sunday School literature.
3. He shall have as his special interest the oversight of absentee visitation and the stimulation of Sunday School promotion.

Secretary:

1. He shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.
2. He shall be responsible for enrollment, attendance and financial records.
3. He shall provide the General Superintendent with all necessary information for reports.

Treasurer:

1. He shall be accountable for all monies received and shall properly record the same.
2. He shall pay all bills and distribute all funds as directed by the Executive Committee.
3. He shall submit his accounts to the Local Conference as required.

Executive Committee

1. It shall be composed of Pastor, General Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Treasurer, Secretary, and Departmental Superintendents.
2. They shall have charge of the distribution of all funds.

3. They shall not entail any expenditure exceeding \$300.00 without the approval of the Local Conference, except in the transfer of funds to the Trustee Account. All needs of furnishings and equipment shall be referred to the Christian Education Committee of the Official Board.
4. They shall meet monthly at the call of the General Superintendent.
5. They shall arrange for meetings of the entire Sunday School staff.
6. The Pastor shall preside at all meetings.
7. They shall be responsible to provide each department with an Assistant Superintendent, Secretary, Librarians, and other personnel as needed.
8. They shall exercise oversight in the assignment of all teachers and assistants.
9. The removal or resignation of any teacher or officer shall be reviewed and acted upon by the Executive Committee.
10. They shall be responsible to maintain a high degree of spirituality, positive Christian walk and conduct, and full cooperation on the part of the Sunday School staff.
11. They shall endeavor to provide a program of Teacher training.
12. They shall decide at a regular meeting, the type and quantity of Sunday School supplies and lesson materials to be ordered and used.
13. All mission projects conducted by the Sunday School or individual classes shall be controlled and approved by the Executive Committee.

Resolved, that we suspend the rules to adjourn at 6:00 P. M.

Report of the Committee to Organize for the Allentown District Camp Meeting:

The Churches of the Allentown District and the Missions located at Millersville, Paradise and Binghamton shall comprise this Camp Meeting.

Place: Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa.

Date: June 30 to July 8, 1956.

Officers: Walter H. Frank, Chairman; Herbert W. Hartman, Secretary; P. T. Stengele, Treasurer.

The District Superintendent shall secure extra help if he and the Committee deem it advisable.

F. B. Hertzog, Chairman,
Frank L. Herb, Jr., Secretary.

Report of the Committee to Organize for the Bethlehem District Camp Meeting:

The Churches of the Bethlehem District and the Missions located at Trenton, Finesville and Roxborough shall comprise this Camp Meeting.

Place: Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa.

Date: July 14-22, 1956.

Officers: W. A. Heffner, Chairman; D. E. Thomann, Secretary; T. D. Gehret, Treasurer.

The District Superintendent shall secure extra help if he and the Committee deem it advisable.

C. E. Kirkwood, Chairman,
H. D. Yarrington, Secretary.

Resolved, that we adjourn.

Adjourned at 6:00 P. M. with prayer by the Chairman, F. B. Hertzog.

Signed:

F. B. Hertzog, District Superintendent, Chairman,		
C. E. Kirkwood, District Superintendent, Vice Chairman,		
N. H. Wolf, Vice Superintendent, Secretary,		
Paul I. Wentz, Treasurer,		
Jansen E. Hartman, Director of Home Missions,		
Herbert W. Hartman, Vice District Superintendent, Assistant Secretary,		
Paul E. Baer, Recording Secretary,		
E. W. Bean,	A. G. Woodring,	R. S. Weidner,
Willard E. Cassel,	H. D. Yarrington,	S. A. Hackman,
John Dunn,	J. B. Henry,	A. W. Deppe,
Walter H. Frank,	C. Leslie Miller,	Raymond Snyder,
R. H. Gehman,	F. M. Hottel,	Charles W. Weaber,
T. D. Gehret,	E. E. Kublic,	William P. Snyder,
J. E. Golla,	G. F. Yost,	Burton Deppe,
Ernest B. Hartman,	Frank L. Herb, Jr.,	George R. Fish,
W. W. Hartman,	Earl M. Hosler,	James R. Cressman,
W. A. Heffner,	Donald B. Schaeffer,	Byron C. Cassel,
W. F. Heffner,	LeRoy S. Heller,	George W. Krigor,
W. B. Hottel,	Raymond E. Arnold,	Allen F. LaRose,
Donald T. Kirkwood,	Russel T. Allen,	R. Spedden,
James G. Koch,	Clarence L. Kauffman,	George W. Butler,
J. B. Layne,	Francis Gehman,	Thomas W. Campbell, Sr.,
R. C. Reichenbach,	Robert Breitegam,	E. B. Wright,
J. H. Riggall,	Allan F. Smith,	Robert W. Gehret,
E. J. Rutman,	George A. John,	G. L. Baumgartner,
A. L. Seifert,	David H. Fahs,	Clayton E. Weber,
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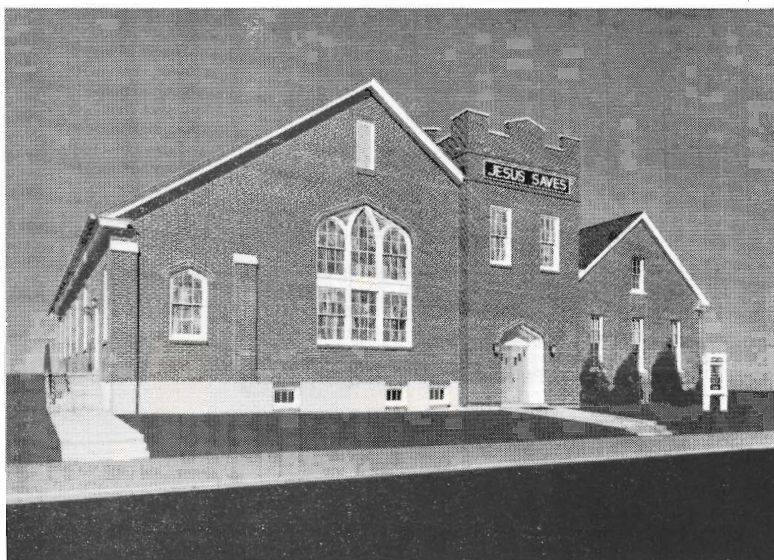
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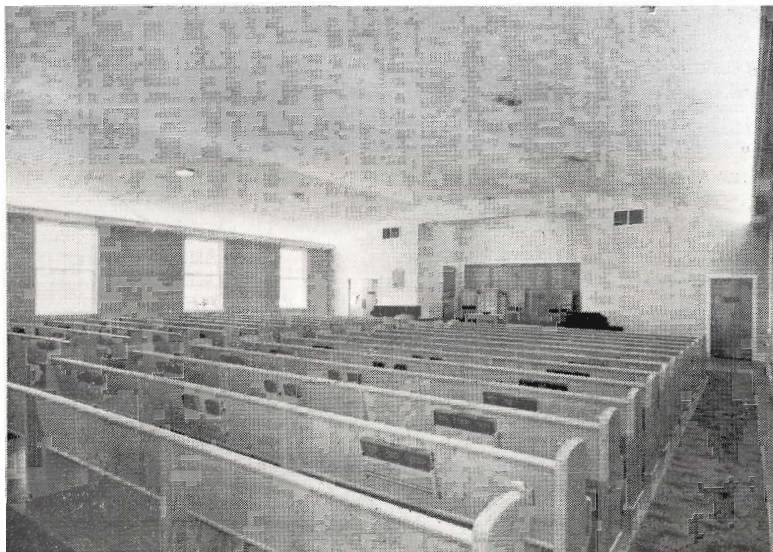
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I.—DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**Allentown District**

Another year has passed by swiftly. Through this busy and eventful year it has been our privilege to walk with Him who said, "Go ye therefore, . . . and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" Matt. 28:19-20. We praise Him for His protecting care granted us in all our travels over dangerous highways. We are greatly indebted to the Lord because He has enabled us for the performance of our duties. He has solved our problems, carried our burdens and cares, made our disappointments His appointments, and despite our failures it is our conviction that He has by His great power accomplished His good will. In times of utter helplessness it was precious to experience the adequacy of Him who goes with us all the way.

We are grateful to God for sparing all the active ministers of the district as well as their families. Some of them have been tested physically but the Lord has graciously restored them to health again. Our ministers are a separated and devoted group of men who are true to their God and His word. They are always doing their utmost to further the Gospel and advance the cause of Christ. It has been a real privilege to fellowship and work with the brethren during the year. Words cannot express our appreciation for all the love and kindness shown us, and for all the whole-hearted and prayerful support and co-operation of the brethren.

We thank God sincerely for all our members, whether young or old, who are lovingly, loyally and sacrificially supporting the work of the Lord. As we made our quarterly visits we were greatly pleased to find the members present in the services and deeply interested in spiritual things. We are especially appreciative of the fine service that was rendered by the faithful officers of the Churches and Sunday Schools.

The Camp Meetings held at Mizpah Grove, the Sunday School Convention held at Hatfield, the Ministerial Convention held at Sunbury, and the Menno Youth Retreat held at Milford Park, were all well attended and God made them a great blessing to many souls. Many of the brethren conducted Bible and Missionary Conferences, and Evangelistic Services, with good success. We thank God for His blessing upon every phase of the work, for all the souls that were saved, and for all the victories that were won during the year.

Believing it to be of interest I shall give you a few brief items that have to do with buildings on the district. The churches at Harleysville, Hatfield and Sunbury, were dedicated during the past twelve months. Reading has completed the building of a beautiful parsonage and is now engaged in constructing a new and much needed church. Royersford has built a beautiful addition to the west side of the church which will supply additional rooms for Sunday School classes. Allentown (Bethel) has just finished renovating a house adjacent to the church that was purchased last year. The building is very beautiful and is being used for Sunday School classes and other group meetings. The York congregation has purchased the Fifth E. U. B. Church, located at Sixth and Duke Streets in North York, and also the par-

sonage and sexton's home adjacent to the church on Duke Street. The church is in good condition and has been purchased at a price that is far below what it would cost to build a new structure with much less floor space. Several other churches and parsonages have been improved by painting and the installation of new facilities. All the buildings on the district are in a good condition.

Pastor E. J. Rutman, Lebanon, Pa., has requested that the Board of Directors consider retiring him from the roll of active ministers and the Board has complied with his request. His retirement will begin with this Conference. We wish for brother Rutman and his wife the best of health and God's choicest blessings for the future.

The offerings received for all purposes during this year are high and without question reflect the generous and sacrificial giving of a people who love the Lord and are interested in hastening His coming.

The coming of the Lord is obviously near, much work remains to be done, the challenge of our times is tremendous, let us ever be among those who fight the good fight of faith. The foes are many, the conflict is fierce, our human resources are small, but victory is sure. Our Great Commander has never lost a battle, let us heed His voice as He orders us to "GO FORWARD" Exodus 14:15; and "BE STRONG AND OF A GOOD COURAGE, BE NOT AFRAID, NEITHER BE THOU DISMAYED: FOR THE LORD THY GOD IS WITH THEE WHITHERSOEVER THOU GOEST" Joshua 1:9.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
The strife will not be long;
This day, the noise of battle,
The next, the victor's song:
To him that overcometh,
A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.

—George Duffield

FINANCIAL

Receipts

Balance from last year	\$ 16.86	
Received at Annual Conference.....	3,740.00	\$3,756.86
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Expenditures

(a) Appropriations:		
Lebanon	\$ 600.00	
Stroudsburg	720.00	
Lancaster	240.00	
Lehighton	480.00	
Walnutport	300.00	2,340.00
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(b) Miscellaneous:

Donations to Churches.....	\$ 450.00	
Special Appropriations	450.00	
Mileage and Meals	72.25	
Telephone	36.17	1,008.42
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Refund to Board of Home Missions.....		250.00
Transferred to Superintendent Bethlehem District.....		150.00
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		\$1,408.42
Balance		8.44
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		\$3,756.86

F. B. HERTZOG, District Superintendent



Evening School Classes—Berean Bible School

II.—DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**Bethlehem District**

“For thus saith the high and lofty ONE that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite.” Isaiah 57:15

It is with a deep sense of our unworthiness and insufficiency that we submit this first report to Annual Conference. It was our conviction at the time of election last year that we have many brethren who could fill this office in a far more competent manner than we are able. After serving this past year we are more convinced of this now than we even were at that time.

However, accepting the decision of Annual Conference as God's will for us for this year we began with many fears and much trembling to do the task committed to us. We moved into temporary quarters in Fleetwood for two months and then into the beautiful, spacious and commodious house purchased by the Conference as a residence for the Superintendent of the Bethlehem District.

The impressions made upon us as we visited, worshiped and preached in the nineteen Churches of the District have been most revealing and inspiring. We were led anew to thank God for those who had pioneered the way before us and blazed such a trail of blessing, sacrifice and devotion to duty.



DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S HOME, BETHLEHEM, PA.

Our Pastors are men of God called by Him to the work of the ministry. They are good examples to their flocks not only in their words and doctrine but in their manner of life as well. They have been most kind and generous to us, receiving us into their homes and confidence. Their words and deeds of love and loyalty humble us and create within us a more intense desire to serve them and to be of blessing to them.

Our meetings with the Body of Believers on the District has been most heart-warming. God has blessed the Church with a most faithful constituency who support the program of the Church in every possible way. They are manifesting their Christian faith by their lives and their faithful attendance in the Prayer Meetings and all other types of service.

There is much evidence of the fires of evangelism burning throughout the District. This can be seen not only in the many campaigns and special efforts held during the year but in the passion that is manifest in the Sunday School, Sunday Services and in the practice of personal evangelism. We can see much hunger and interest in the Deeper Life of the Christian Faith evidenced by both Pastors and people. All of the Churches on the District had some type of Missionary Conference during the year. There is a constant emphasis on our responsibility to the regions beyond in the Prayer Meetings, by the Women's Missionary Societies and through other regular efforts.

The Church Properties throughout the District are all kept in excellent condition with much time and money being spent to achieve this. During the year Fleetwood and Blandon have liquidated their indebtedness completely. Quakertown, Philadelphia (Salem), and Chester have reduced substantial amounts of their indebtedness. Terre Hill remodeled its Church basement, installed a new heating system, and made other changes in the auditorium. This was all done with the finest of materials and workmanship. Through the sacrifice and liberality of these folks a large amount of this cost has already been paid.

Much prayer has been offered over the span of years, regarding a Church edifice for our West Philadelphia Class. God has answered these petitions and sale has been made, for a substantial amount, of their building. Negotiations are now under way to purchase a lot in a re-development area of Philadelphia located just several blocks west of their present location. Plans will be made to erect a Church building and parsonage upon this lot. This is a step of faith and much prayer and waiting upon God will be needed to see this project through. Wissinoming has increased their Building Fund by a good amount again this year. The prayer here is that they may be able to erect a Church structure upon the basement in which they have now worshiped these many years.

The Sunday School Convention, held in Easton, the Camp Meetings and Menno-Youth retreat have all exercised a spiritual and wholesome influence upon the lives of our members. A host of Young People have gone forth from the Churches to Bible Schools and Christian Colleges to study and train for Christian Service. We believe this is a most healthy sign and indication.

During the year an emergency arose in Newark, N. J. and the Church was without a pastor for a short time. After prayer, waiting upon God and

consultation, Brother F. M. Hottel was asked to supply this Class until Conference. God has blessed the efforts of Brother Hottel, there has been fruit during this time and a pastor will be assigned to this field at this Conference. Pastor A. G. Woodring has felt led of the Lord to retire from the active pastorate due to his physical condition. This Conference will mark the completion of his thirty-eighth year as a pastor with us. Brother Woodring has always been devoted to his work and labored tirelessly and unselfishly during all this time. Many are the souls he has won to God; he will be missed as he leaves the roll of the Itinerant Pastors.

Before I conclude this report I must express my thankfulness to God for His care over and goodness to me. I acknowledge my dependence upon Him for each step of the way. "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard? that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not neither is weary? There is no searching of His understanding. He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might he increaseth strength." Isaiah 40: 28 and 29.

FINANCIAL

Receipts

Balance received from last year.....	\$	12.89	
Received at Annual Conference.....		3,280.00	
Received from Allentown D. S.		150.00	
Special gift for ministers.....		150.00	\$3,592.89

Expenditures

(a) Appropriations:

Newark, New Jersey	\$	600.00	
Staten Island, New York		840.00	
Philadelphia (West), Pennsylvania		840.00	2,280.00

(b) Miscellaneous:

Donations to Churches	\$	461.00	
Special Appropriations		463.89	
Special Contributions		100.00	
Mileage, telephone, etc.		68.00	
Literature, programs, etc.		65.00	
Special gifts to Ministers.....		150.00	1,307.89

Balance in Treasury

	\$	5.00
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C. E. KIRKWOOD, District Superintendent

III.—REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOME MISSIONS

Jesus said, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." This year we are happy to report that in all of the vineyards of Home Missions a harvest has been realized. God has blessed the ministry of the brethren in an unusual way. It is with a sense of joy that we report definitely that souls have been saved and new converts are now actively participating in the life of the Church. As an indication the total number baptized is more than double that of last year.

Progress has been made in strengthening the programs of each local church. We are endeavoring to follow the New Testament principle of placing responsibility on the members of the local assemblies. Three of the churches have been organized according to the discipline. Two churches have issued a call to those interested in becoming members of our denomination to do so in the next few weeks. Thus they will become charter members of the congregation and will be duly organized. We have found that bringing a measure of self-government to our Home Mission appointments has led the people to greater effort and sacrifice. Our total membership has increased nearly fifty percent.

The Home Mission Board accepted three young men, Charles L. Mann, Jr., Austin G. Shelly, and Robert F. Johnson. These brethren have already been actively engaged in the work.

The Lord gave us strength to meet all of our appointments but one. We visited the Home Mission fields ninety-four times and preached eighty-four sermons. Forty-six promotion meetings were held in behalf of Home Missions and Berean Bible School. At many of the churches pictures of the work being done in Home Missions were shown to appreciative audiences.

In many ways this is the best report we have given for Home Missions. We are humbled when we see God work for we realize how little man has to do with salvation. All praise belongs to God who in His boundless love and grace has seen fit to make His redemptive power known in a small way in the various Home Missions. We praise God for the brethren who ministered so faithfully. The highest compliment that can be paid to them is that it can be said, "the Spirit of the Lord is upon them." We are also grateful to God for the vision, wisdom and support of the Home Mission Board. One also cannot evaluate properly the part that the prayers of all the saints have played in bringing blessings upon the preaching of the Word. Let us not think that we have attained for we have just begun to tap the vast resources of God's power. "Being confident of this very thing, that He which has begun a good work in you (among you) will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ . . ." Phil. 1:6

Binghamton, New York

The Church at Binghamton is one of the older appointments having been opened in 1940. The church has twenty-one faithful members. Though few in number, the members of this church have done exceptionally well in caring for their responsibilities and in giving to foreign missions. An aggressive program of evangelism has been carried on with tent meet-

ings, young people's meeting, children's rallies and a wide awake Sunday School. The many young people attending the services indicates that there is a bright future ahead for Binghamton. Reynold D. Gardner has served as pastor assisted by Norman F. Gordon, Jr.

Finesville, New Jersey

The grace of God continues to abound in the little hamlet of Finesville, N. J. Pastor Russel T. Allen again reports that souls have been saved. During the year the class was organized dividing responsibility amongst the members. The purchase of the church building was finally consummated and the church is being repaired as fast as finances are provided. A new and modern heating plant has been installed. Several evangelistic efforts were put forth with success. Tent meetings were begun but they had to be cancelled because of the flood. Finesville points up the need for us to consider the rural areas as well as the urban areas of our country as being in need of the gospel.

Glendale, New York

It is with great reluctance that we report the closing of the Glendale Mission. No one single factor led the Board to this decision, but we were unable with the means at our disposal to continue this much needed gospel witness. The time, effort and money spent in this endeavor have not been in vain. New York City stands as a needy mission field within our own border. May God grant us the privilege to re-enter this area in the future.

Millersville, Pennsylvania

At the time of the last Annual Conference, Millersville had been opened just three months. The work had hardly begun when we were found with a shortage of pastors. It wasn't until the latter part of December when LeRoy S. Heller was transferred to Millersville that things began to move. Brother Heller applied himself with much diligence doing much door to door visitation making Christ known. A total of 643 visits were made in a little over nine months. In this way many homes were opened and people began to attend the services. Some real conversions have taken place so that the whole community knows of the testimony borne to the Lord Jesus Christ. Tent meetings were held during June with the pastors and congregations of neighboring M. B. In C. Churches cooperating. A Daily Vacation Bible School was held with fifty-two attending. The net result is that we have a Sunday School of thirty-one members and over a score have expressed a desire to join with us in church fellowship. The people of Millersville know how to give and have done very well in supporting the program.

Paradise, Pennsylvania

Paradise as its name implies is truly lovely for situation. God led us to Paradise in the spring of 1953 and the passing of two years has not lessened the conviction that we are there for a reason. Yet in Paradise there are lost souls that need to be reached with the gospel. To this end much effort has been devoted. Evangelistic services and Tent Meetings were conducted. A

special drive was put on in the Sunday School which resulted in the winning of the Grand Prize as well as their division prize in the Conference-wide contest. God blessed his Word and honoured the faith of the saints with the salvation of souls.

The Church was organized with nineteen members. Although few in number yet in this group they have several qualified brethren whom God is going to use. Raymond E. Arnold has served as pastor since last conference.

Roxborough, Pennsylvania

It is difficult for us to write about Roxborough and to give you a true picture. We have appreciated so much the diligence and earnestness of J. Barclay Harley the pastor. Liekwise we have enjoyed the fellowship with the faithful saints. If we were to emphasize individual faithfulness and giving, the members of Roxborough would excel. As we give this report we are burdened for Roxborough. God has blessed the work and progress and improvements have been noted, but we feel constrained to include in this report a plea for your special prayer support for this work. The efforts put forth have not been without results. Ten followed the Lord in Baptism. Austin E. Shelly has assisted Brother Harley since July.

Trenton, New Jersey

Last year at the Annual Conference we were seriously considering closing the Trenton Church. We called the brethren who served in Trenton together for advice and prayer. They all agreed that we should continue the work begun. Before we separated we asked God to do something great in Trenton during the coming year. We continued to pray in this manner. God heard these prayers. He led pastor Richard H. Kline to a group of believers who no longer could carry on their program, but had a fine church building. They said they wanted to sell the building to us, then in turn they would join with us to carry on a Gospel testimony. The Home Mission Board voted to finance the purchase of the property. We have moved our activities to the new church in Ewing Township on the outskirts of Trenton. Since that time the Lord has not ceased in pouring out a blessing upon the preaching of the Word. Many souls have been saved. Attendance has on occasions surpassed the hundred mark. Tent meetings were conducted as well as a Daily Vacation Bible School. From all indications, if the present trend continues, Trenton will some day take its place among the churches of our conference. Once again we have seen the remarkable power of prayer demonstrated.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts

Balance from last year -----	\$ 168.89
Home Mission Board -----	16,750.00
From sale of lumber -----	85.00
Literature -----	37.33
Glendale Account -----	33.77
Total -----	<u>\$17,074.99</u>

Expenditures

Regular Appropriations -----	\$ 9,162.50
Special Appropriations -----	445.00
Fares and Meals -----	732.23
Maintenance and Repairs -----	1,214.21
Rents -----	974.88
Equipment -----	320.94
Furnishings -----	483.59
Moving -----	766.21
Telephone and Postage -----	233.92
Taxes -----	237.39
Literature -----	212.75
Utilities -----	532.33
Tent Meetings -----	688.25
Insurance -----	7.25
Office Help -----	38.50
Promotion -----	360.87
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Total -----	\$16,410.82
Balance -----	664.17
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\$17,074.99

JANSEN E. HARTMAN, Director

**IV.—REPORT OF THE STATIONING, BOUNDARY AND
APPROPRIATING COMMITTEE**

1. Allentown District

F. B. Hertzog, District Superintendent

(a) Stations

Allentown (Bethel)—Walter H. Frank
 Reading—P. T. Stengele
 Sunbury—E. W. Bean
 Shamokin—R. C. Reichenbach
 York—James G. Koch
 Mount Carmel—Herbert W. Hartman
 Hatfield—A. L. Seifert
 Harrisburg—N. H. Wolf

(b) Circuits

Royersford and Spring City—Earl M. Hosler
 Graterford and Harleysville—Ernest B. Hartman
 Nazareth and Northampton—J. H. Riggall

(c) Missions

Lancaster—Frank L. Herb, Jr.
 Lebanon—W. F. Heffner
 Leighton—J. B. Layne
 Walnutport—Raymond E. Arnold
 Stroudsburg—Donald B. Schaeffer

(d) Superannuated Ministers

H. B. Musselman, Allentown, Pa.
 F. M. Hottel, Allentown, Pa.
 E. E. Kublic, Walnutport, Pa.
 A. G. Woodring, Reading, Pa.
 E. J. Rutman, Harrisburg, Pa.

(e) Local Conference Licensed Workers**Licensed**

Beil, James A., Northampton, Pa. -----	1954
Brosius, Bert N., Sunbury, Pa. -----	1952
Carlson, Paul, Allentown, Pa. -----	1954
Deppe, Donald, Northampton, Pa. -----	1951
Fritz, Harvey, Allentown, Pa. -----	1951
Johnson, Ronald L., Shamokin, Pa. -----	1955
Knauer, Donald, Reading, Pa. -----	1952
Neumoyer, Rufus, Allentown, Pa. -----	1952
Ruth, Richard, Allentown, Pa. -----	1954
Schaeffer, Richard, Allentown, Pa. -----	1951
Snyder, Clyde W., Hatfield, Pa. -----	1955
Weaber, Harold, Lebanon, Pa. -----	1954
Zeigler, Daniel G., Hatfield, Pa. -----	1955

2. Bethlehem District

C. E. Kirkwood, District Superintendent

(a) Stations

Bethlehem—W. A. Heffner
 Philadelphia (Salem)—J. E. Golla
 Quakertown—Donald T. Kirkwood
 Easton—D. E. Thomann
 Chester—Willard E. Cassel
 Scranton—Paul E. Baer
 Philadelphia (Calvary)—W. B. Hottel
 Jersey City—Russell T. Allen
 Terre Hill—Robert W. Smock

(b) Circuits

Coopersburg and Allentown (Salem)—R. H. Gehman
 Emmaus, Macungie and Zionsville—W. W. Hartman
 Fleetwood and Blandon—T. D. Gehret

(c) Missions

Philadelphia (Emmanuel)—John Dunn
 Newark—LeRoy S. Heller
 Staten Island—H. D. Yarrington

(d) Superannuated Ministers

G. F. Yost, Coopersburg, Pa.

(e) Local Conference Licensed Workers**Licensed**

Cassel, Carl C., Philadelphia (Salem)-----	1952
Steitz, John D., Jersey City -----	1952
Weiss, Norman, Philadelphia (Salem)-----	1954

Appropriations

1. Allentown District		Per Month
Lancaster -----		\$ 20.00
Lebanon -----		60.00
Lehighton -----		40.00
Walnutport -----		25.00
Stroudsburg -----		70.00
To be used at the discretion of the District Superintendent-----		\$1,500.00
2. Bethlehem District		Per Month
West Philadelphia -----		\$ 70.00
Newark -----		50.00
Staten Island -----		70.00
To be used at the discretion of the District Superintendent-----		\$1,200.00

The balance of the Home Mission money is to be used at the discretion of the Home Mission Board.

Home Missionary Society

Jansen E. Hartman, Home Mission Director

Missions To Be Supplied

- Trenton, N. J., (17 Keswick Avenue, Brae Burn Heights)
- Philadelphia (Roxborough), 407 Green Lane
- Binghamton, N. Y., 5 Rutherford Street
- Paradise, Pa.
- Finesville, N. J.
- Millersville, Pa., 62 West Frederick Street

F. B. Hertzog,	James R. Cressman,	George A. John,
C. E. Kirkwood,	Robert Breitegam,	Daniel K. Ziegler,
Byron C. Cassel,	Geo. W. Krigor,	Robert W. Gehret,
Clarence L. Kauffman,	A. W. Deppe,	Allen F. LaRose,
Clayton E. Weber,	Paul I. Wentz,	Allan F. Smith,
S. A. Hackman,	Thomas W. Campbell, Sr.,	David F. Gardner,
R. S. Weidner,	David H. Fahs,	Geo. W. Butler,
G. L. Baumgartner,	Roy E. Williams,	Committee.
R. Spedden,	E. B. Wright,	

V.—THE FIFTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HOME AT CENTER VALLEY

It is providentially significant that we are now privileged to submit our Golden Jubilee report to this session of Annual Conference. The little part we have had during the years of helping folks in the Name of Christ to realize that old age is not a time to wait for death, but a time to continue enjoying fruitful service for Christ, is occasion to give thanks to our God.

It is true that our Home does not make the headlines, but neither should we despise the day of small things. With life expectancy increasing (it is now 69.9 years according to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company), the problem of caring for the aged becomes more and more acute. One method of meeting is to be found at our Home. Guests there are not regarded nor treated as charity cases, but are residents in the fullest sense of the word. The best food is served; the comforts of life are provided; and a Christian atmosphere prevails.

It is true that our plan for the construction of a new and larger Home have not materialized. Paramount in the minds of the Board has been the desire to do only that which the Lord would be pleased to bless and that which would be for the good of our constituency. It is sometimes easier to plunge into projects without regard to the ramifications than to wait patiently for the definite leading of the Lord. A careful investigation of building costs made it prohibitive to build as was proposed last year. The Board, however, having viewed the Henninger property at Sigmund, after prayer, consideration and discussion concerning the use which might be made of that property, offers the following recommendation:

“Resolved, that the house on the Henninger property and part of the ground be considered for a Home for the Aged; and further

“Resolved, that the Board offer to assist in financing the purchase of the property. There is sufficient acreage available for such other uses as Annual Conference may determine.”

The Board met in two regular meetings to transact necessary business. The Manager and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ritter, have done well. At present they are assisted in the work by Mr. Victor Stauffer, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Diehl and Mrs. Warren Ritter. Mr. Diehl suffered injury in a fall from a ladder but is now well on his way to complete recovery. Mr. Howard L. Shelly, a member of the Board, assists much in the business management of the farm. The farm and dairy have produced well during the year under their combined efforts. Suffice it to say that we are indebted to the earnings of our farm for most of our assets itemized in our Inventory submitted herewith.

Two new and deserving guests have recently been admitted to the Home. They are Miss Alice T. Werley, who was for 55 years a faithful member of our Salem Church in Allentown, and Miss Minnie E. Vogenitz, who was a faithful member of our Bethel Church in Allentown for 30 years. Miss Clara H. Reiff who had been a guest in the Home since January 10, 1946, departed this life on Sunday, June 5, and was buried in the Hilltown Lutheran Cemetery on Thursday, June 9, 1955.

The Board wishes to gratefully acknowledge the deep and substantial interest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Wentz in this phase of the Lord's work by a cash contribution of \$1,690.21. And to all who have in many ways shared in this enterprise by their prayers, encouragements and kindnesses, we say a hearty “Thank You.”

INCOME

(a) Home Account

Telephone -----	\$	17.46
Guests -----		419.20

Dividends, Principal and Interest.....	429.40	
Received at Annual Conference, 1954.....	1,307.05	
Gift	1,690.21	
Refund	14.96	
Transferred from Savings Account.....	2,000.00	\$ 5,878.28

(b) Farm Account

Cattle	\$ 1,481.96	
Corn	1,511.99	
Hay	40.20	
Hogs	3,028.08	
Milk	7,199.49	
Potatoes	1,274.87	
Straw	38.15	
Oats	285.75	
Wheat	1,304.15	
Eggs	142.55	
Gasoline Tax Refund	33.67	
Gasoline	65.92	
Labor	58.00	
Farm Bureau Dividend	7.85	
Hides	3.81	
Telephone toll calls	8.61	
Miscellaneous	27.14	
Insurance Refund	10.50	
Fertilizer	28.33	
Scrap Iron	20.25	
Top Soil	111.50	
Advance of working funds.....	4,000.00	\$ 20,682.77
Total.....		\$ 26,561.05

EXPENDITURES**(a) Home Account**

Furnishings	\$ 118.23	
Legal	33.00	
Carfare and Meals	206.30	
Guests	368.59	
Building Repairs	37.52	
Coal	364.36	
Electric Current	137.38	
Fuel—Gas	111.62	
Medical	672.88	
Provisions	1,820.30	
Taxes and Insurance	9.50	
Wages	125.00	
Carfare and Telephone	132.26	\$ 4,136.94

(b) Farm Account

Taxes and Insurance -----	\$ 1,153.03	
Advertising, Periodicals, Postage -----	9.37	
Auto Maintenance -----	377.75	
Binder Twine -----	81.68	
New Buildings -----	1,187.68	
Building Repairs -----	2,004.45	
Artificial Breeding Services -----	160.00	
Dairy Supplies -----	358.67	
Electric Current -----	304.14	
Feed -----	3,622.54	
Fertilizer -----	563.03	
Gasoline and Oils -----	533.29	
Implements -----	454.74	
Potatoes -----	56.91	
Poultry -----	16.50	
Registration, Transfers, CTA Dues -----	79.40	
Repairs -----	632.68	
Seeds and Plants -----	379.30	
Spraying Materials -----	92.83	
Veterinarian Services -----	312.75	
Wages -----	6,170.28	
Fencing -----	45.94	
Weighing -----	.75	
Miscellaneous -----	136.40	
Return of working funds -----	4,000.00	\$ 22,734.11
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Total -----		\$ 26,871.05

INVENTORY**(a) The Home**

Property (The Home) -----		\$ 10,000.00
Miscellaneous:		
Furniture -----	\$ 1,200.00	
Canned Goods -----	186.20	
Provisions -----	221.05	
Coal -----	60.00	
Office Equipment -----	60.00	
Poultry -----	168.75	1,896.00
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Securities:		
Loan -----	\$ 100.00	
Investments -----	36,581.40	
Building Fund -----	11,223.62	\$ 47,905.02
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Total for Home -----		\$ 59,801.02

(b) The Farm

Properties:

Farms including land at Home		\$ 37,000.00
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Equipment:

Farm Implements	\$ 8,940.00	
Dairy Equipment and Supplies	852.00	
Bottles, Caps and Crates	63.00	9,855.00

Livestock:

Holstein Friesian Cattle	\$ 13,795.00	
Swine	1,495.00	15,290.00

Produce:

Potatoes	\$ 750.00	
Ensilage	840.00	
Corn	2,065.00	
Hay	2,110.00	
Straw	453.00	
Feed	44.50	
Oats	812.50	
Wheat	590.00	
Barley	29.75	
Apples and Vegetables	25.00	\$ 7,719.75

Miscellaneous:

Spraying Material	\$ 5.00	
Firewood	20.00	
Oil and Gasoline	25.00	
Accounts Receivable	498.00	548.00

Manager's Working Capital	\$ 72.75	
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Balance in Treasury	329.52	402.27
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Total for the Farm		\$ 70,818.02
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Total for the Home		59,801.02
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Grand Total		\$130,616.04
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T. D. Gehret, President,
Herbert W. Hartman, Secretary,
H. L. Shelly, Asst. Secretary,
Paul I. Wentz, Treasurer

F. B. Hertzog,
C. E. Kirkwood,
W. W. Hartman,
E. W. Bean,

W. A. Heffner,
Geo. W. Krigor,
Timothy H. Gehman,
P. T. Stengele,

Board.

**VI.—THE FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

“That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they may be one in us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me. As Thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.” John 17:21 and 18.

This year has been a most active and busy one for the Board which met nine times during the year. Two additional meetings were held with the Camp Site Committee and three other meetings with the Church Government Committee. In all of these efforts we have laboured with one motive foremost, namely, to advance the Cause of Christ and His Church. The three laymen elected to the Board at the last Annual Conference have been a most valuable addition and have served faithfully. There is a unity among the members that is manifest in all deliberations and decisions.

Trips were made to York, West Philadelphia and Trenton to advise these congregations and their leaders on the proposed erection or purchase of Church properties. It has been the desire of the Board to provide a godly, Scriptural emphasis and to preserve our Church's existence as an Evangelistic, God honoring, Biblical Church. We believe the Mennonite Brethren In Christ Church is a part of the Body of Christ and as such can lay claim to all the promises of God even to those words of Jesus in Matthew 16: 18: “I will build my Church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.”

The Board of Directors recommends the following brethren as Applicants for Annual Conference License: Richard H. Kline, LeRoy S. Heller, Donald B. Schaeffer, Russell T. Allen, Reynold D. Gardner and Raymond E. Arnold.

The Board thankfully acknowledges the following gifts and donations:

Balances from the Sunday School Conventions, Camp Meetings and Cafeteria.

Contributions from A. O. Gehman & Son, Hardware, Coopersburg, for a new truck body for the Chevrolet truck.

Donations for Camp Meetings and District Superintendent's home of equipment and electrical work from Geo. W. Krigor.

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Mizpah Grove:

Lumber and Tent Rents:

First Division Campmeeting-----	\$	875.00	
Second Division Campmeeting -----		920.50	
Third Division Campmeeting -----		819.00	\$ 2,614.50

Truck Fund:

First Division Campmeeting -----	\$ 100.00	
Second Division Campmeeting -----	100.00	
Third Division Campmeeting -----	100.00	300.00
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Electric Current:

First Division Campmeeting -----	\$ 126.00	
Second Division Campmeeting -----	126.00	
Third Division Campmeeting -----	126.00	378.00
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Balances:

First Division Campmeeting -----	\$ 151.77	
Second Division Campmeeting -----	596.35	
Third Division Campmeeting -----	909.81	
Cafeteria -----	944.98	2,602.91
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Miscellaneous Receipts:

Hymn Books -----	\$ 85.60	
Sale of Old Tents -----	67.00	152.60
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		\$ 6,048.01

Board of Directors Receipts:

Interest for Special Loan -----	\$ 120.00	
Interest from Chester, Pa. -----	15.00	
Donation for Berean Bible School -----	2,000.00	
Refund of Legal Fee -----	500.00	
Sunday School Conventions:		
Allentown District -----	185.00	
Bethlehem District -----	131.95	
Refund of Cafeteria Capital -----	4,000.00	
Special Contribution for Sigmund -----	1,000.00	
Berean Bible School:		
School Bond Payment -----	4,500.00	
Received for Lebanon Loan -----	110.52	
Received for Lancaster Loan -----	1,050.72	
Received for District Homes -----	3,120.32	
Special Gift for Truck -----	394.25	\$ 17,127.76
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Grand Total Receipts -----		\$ 23,175.77

Expenditures

Mizpah Grove:

Fire Insurance -----	\$ 299.64
Taxes, Water and Sewer -----	220.53
Tree Service -----	433.75

Concrete Work	91.25	
Camp Furniture	243.00	
Plumbing Materials	94.56	
Electric Fan	45.70	
Roofing Materials	52.94	
Lumber and Supplies	116.81	
New Tents	1,773.50	
Tent Stakes	62.00	
Electrical Work	608.53	
Electrical Current	502.36	
Telephone	167.32	
Hymnals	72.00	
Tent Repairs	32.50	
Stones and Gravel	86.59	
Fence (Platform)	72.60	
Labor, Fares, Equipment	1,017.96	5,993.54

Board of Directors Expenses:

Interest on Special Loan	\$ 120.00	
Government Committee	337.68	
Lancaster Mortgage	1,050.72	
Board of Directors Fares	322.15	
Fares, Stationery and Office Equipment	321.95	
Berean Bonds	4,500.00	
Workmen's Compensation	158.00	
Ministerial Convention	125.00	
Donation for Berean Bible School	2,000.00	
Henninger Farm—Deposit	2,250.00	
Cafeteria Working Capital	4,000.00	
Lebanon Loan	110.52	
Legal Fees	500.00	
Truck Purchase and Maintenance	2,074.98	
District Superintendent's Home Purchase and Taxes, etc.	22,102.25	\$ 39,973.25
Grand Total Expenses		\$ 45,966.79

Designated Funds

Civilian Public Service:

Balance, October 2, 1954	\$ 1,085.64
Disbursements	\$ 600.00
Balance October 3, 1955	\$ 485.64

Dormitory Fund:

Balance October 2, 1954	\$ 755.00
Balance October 3, 1955	755.00

Moving Fund:

Balance October 2, 1954 -----	\$	2,017.99
Receipts -----	1,162.50	
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Disbursements -----		3,180.43
Moving Pastors -----	2,754.89	
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Balance -----	\$	425.60

Shower Fund:

Balance October 2, 1954 -----	\$	50.00
Balance October 3, 1955 -----		50.00

Truck Fund:

Balance in Treasury October 5, 1954 -----	\$	963.09
Received from Camps -----	\$	300.00
Received from a Friend -----	394.25	
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	\$	1,657.34

Disbursements:

Purchase of New Truck -----	\$	1,500.00
Repairs and Maintenance -----	574.98	\$ 2,074.98
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Deficit in Truck Fund -----	\$	417.64

MINISTERS' RETIREMENT FUND

Receipts

Cash Balance, October 3, 1954 -----	\$	26,594.42
Received from Pastors, 10/14/54 -----	870.92	
Received from Churches 10/14/54 -----	1,951.13	
Received from Pastors 4/22/55 -----	834.29	
Received from Churches 4/22/55 -----	2,000.00	
Dividends -----	900.00	
Interest on Property Investments -----	470.57	
Principal on Property Investments -----	4,625.04	
Special Contributions -----	1,000.00	
Interest from Savings Account -----	275.33	\$ 12,927.28
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	\$	39,521.70

Expenditures

Retirement Annuities -----	\$	4,945.50
Invested in Walnutport, Pa. -----	2,000.00	
Refund -----	168.90	\$ 7,114.40
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Valuation of Investments

Purchase Price of Stocks and Bonds -----	\$	12,262.00
Notes Receivable from M. B. C. Churches -----	19,240.59	\$ 31,502.59
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Summary

Cash Balance	\$ 32,407.30	
Investments	31,502.59	
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Grand Total in Retirement Fund		\$ 63,909.89

STATEMENT

Assets:

Cash Balance in Fund	\$ 5,424.33	
Berean Bible School Repair Fund	3,194.08	
Lancaster Mortgage Payments	1,050.72	\$ 9,669.13
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Investments:

Chester M. B. C. Church	\$ 500.00	
Lancaster M. B. C. Church	7,245.80	
Berean Bible School	58,000.00	
District Superintendents' Homes:		
Allentown District	11,244.87	
*Bethlehem District	18,981.93	
Sigmund Property	1,250.00	\$ 97,262.60
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		\$106,931.73

Liabilities:

Loan from Foreign Mission Board for		
Working Capital	\$ 30,000.00	
Berean Bond Issue	50,000.00	
Berean Repair Fund	3,194.08	
Lancaster Mortgage Payments	1,050.72	
Loan for District Superintendent's Home,		
Allentown District	11,244.87	
Lancaster Mortgage Balance	7,245.80	\$102,735.47

*The Parsonage for the Bethlehem District Superintendent has not been financed. Settlement has been made by a temporary advance from the General Fund.

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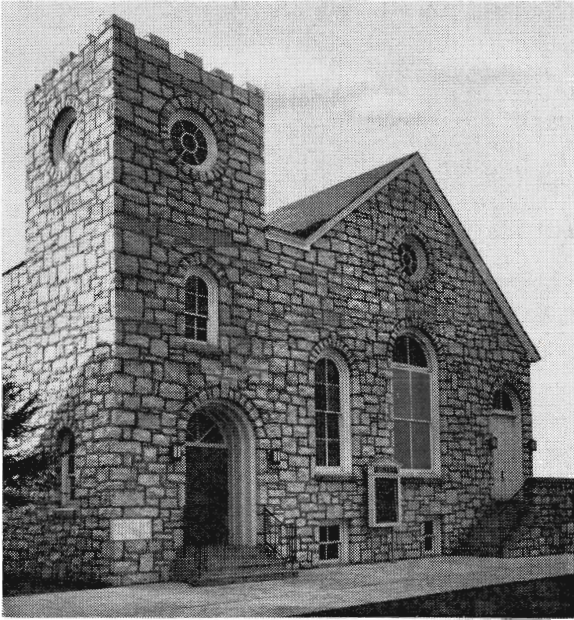
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Interior and Exterior Views of Emmanuel M. B. In C. Church, Sunbury, Pa.



VII.—FOREIGN MISSIONS**The Seventy-first Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, The Regions Beyond Fellowship, of the Mennonite Brethren In Christ Church of Pennsylvania, Inc., for the Year Ending September 30, 1955****Little Strength**

Among the seven churches of Asia to which our Lord addressed messages was the church of Philadelphia. That church was apparently small and not of noticeable success in the eyes of men, though of sufficient faith and steadfastness to enable the Lord to say, "I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it." Back of that commendation was faithful, patient continuance in two essentials of faith: The church had "kept" Christ's word and had "not denied" His Name. This had been in the face of strong opposition on the part of the "very synagogue of Satan." But Christ loved that church and promised it victory in its struggle. The "open door" was God's continued opportunity to publish the Gospel in all the world.

One of our deepest convictions must be that we stand in a very similar position to that of the early church. Every informed Christian knows that the Word of God, the Person and Work of the Lord Jesus Christ, God's program for the Church, and His Plan of Redemption are under severe, determined, and prolonged attack by the forces of evil. By God's grace we will "keep" the Word of God and stand for all the glories of God's dearly loved Son, whose Name is above every name, and never in any respect deny it. May God give us the faith, the patience, and vigilant steadfastness to fulfill His will in these vital days.

A little God-given strength is enough. It must never be by might nor by power but by "His Spirit." Before us He has placed many open doors. We go on in the assurance that in His "little strength" is the accomplishment of the impossible.

We are now able to "see light" through all of the groundwork necessary to efficiently operate under our new Constitution. We praise God for the enabling power and wisdom He has given. The Board met six times during the year. At one meeting six of our missionaries were present. This intimate fellowship and the fresh testimonies of their work on the various fields was an inspiration to both the members and the missionaries. The season of prayer that followed was a new milestone in our Foreign Mission Department. Throughout the year nine missionaries met with the Board for prayer and consultation.

The total income received from the Church and Sunday School was \$58,127.73. This amount contrasted with the receipts reported at the Conference of 1950 shows an increase of \$21,129.36 or 36% in five years. In addition to the amounts from the church, we received \$2,393.12 through the Union Gospel Press, special gifts, and interest. The missionaries who return to the field this year reported a total of \$3,701.52 received for passage and outfits. The personal and supplemental support of our missionaries and their families amounted to \$41,171.53. Special grants for station support, special gifts and passage money amounted to \$4,260.00. The need of support for stations or mission projects increases every year.

Women's Missionary Society Organized

The Women's Missionary Societies are organized into five regional divisions throughout the Conference. The Regions are comprised of the following churches and officers.

Region No. 1

President.....	Mrs. James G. Koch	
Vice-President.....	Mrs. Horace Kauffman	
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Mrs. Catherine Weber	
Harrisburg, Pa.	Lancaster, Pa.	Millersville, Pa.
Lebanon, Pa.	Terre Hill, Pa.	York, Pa.

Region No. 2

President.....	Mrs. Roy E. Williams	
Sunbury, Pa.	Shamokin, Pa.	Mount Carmel, Pa.

Region No. 3

President.....	Mrs. Doris E. Hunsberger	
Vice-President.....	Mrs. Emma Zintak	
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Mrs. Lola Weidner	
Reading, Pa.	Quakertown, Pa.	Harleysville, Pa.
Blandon, Pa.	Hatfield, Pa.	Spring City, Pa.
Fleetwood, Pa.	Graterford, Pa.	Royersford, Pa.

Region No. 4

President.....	Mrs. R. Paul Schaeffer	
Vice-President.....	Mrs. E. E. Kublic	
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Mrs. Ray Flickinger	
Philadelphia (Salem), Pa.	Emmaus, Pa.	Walnutport, Pa.
Chester, Pa.	Macungie, Pa.	Lehighton, Pa.
Philadelphia, Pa. (Roxborough)	Zionsville, Pa.	Allentown, Pa. (Bethel)
	Northampton, Pa.	
	Nazareth, Pa.	

Region No. 5

President.....	Mrs. Stewart Seifert	
Vice-President.....	Mrs. Evelyn Yeakel	
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Mrs. Paul Stapleton	
Allentown (Salem), Pa.	Newark, N. J.	Jersey City, N. J.
Coopersburg, Pa.	Philadelphia, Pa.	Staten Island, N. Y.
Easton, Pa.	(Calvary)	Binghamton, N. Y.
Stroudsburg, Pa.	Philadelphia, Pa.	Finesville, N. J.
Scranton, Pa.	(Emmanuel)	Bethlehem, Pa.
	Trenton, N. J.	

On July 7, 1955, the Board met with the representatives of the various Regions, and the following general committee was organized: Chairman, Mrs. R. Paul Schaeffer, Bethel Church, Allentown; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Stewart Seifert, Ebenezer Church, Bethlehem; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. James G. Koch, York Church. This committee will coordinate the activities of the five Regions comprising all the local organized missionary societies of

our Church. The united prayer ministry of this society has become one of the strongest links in supplying the growing need of prayer intercession for the regions beyond.

ACCEPTED CANDIDATES

Mr. and Mrs. Barclay Harley have been examined by the Candidate Committee and are accepted candidates for service in Venezuela, South America. The Harleys are now fulfilling their two years of probation as well as completing their practical experience in the Home Missionary Society.

The Harleys are the first to prepare for foreign service under the new regulations of our Constitution. Let us pray that within the year they will be on their way to the field of His choice.

INDIA

Miss Betty Dyke—Ahmedabad, India

Christian Missionary Alliance

I spent fifteen months in the village of Dholka where I enjoyed my work and the new experiences among the villages of our district. Now I am once again back in the city where I was when I arrived in India. Packing and moving is a long hard process here as all the furniture has to be crated or wrapped in heavy gunny sacking.

One day this last February while Ednabai, our Bible woman, was out with another woman, she had an interesting experience with a Brahman woman who asked her for a Gospel. When it was handed to her, she quickly said, "But don't touch me." "Why not?" asked Ednabai. "There is no harm in it. We are not lower than you. In fact, we are higher!" The Brahman woman was taken by surprise for she had never heard of any caste in India being higher than the Brahman. "We are the daughters of a King, a great King," Ednabai went on to say. "We have come to you today to tell you how you may become His daughter, too."

While Ruth Ellen will be working with the women in the city, I will be taking over the work among the children. I was plunged right into the work as soon as I arrived and in between unpacking and getting the bungalow livable, I was preparing each week for three Sunday School classes and a young girls' meeting. My Bible woman now is Esterbai and in the course of a week, the two of us do a great deal of walking and riding of buses. I am looking forward to not only working in connection with our two churches but starting classes among the Hindu boys and girls as well.

There is no limit to the work that can be done and the only trouble is lack of time and physical strength to accomplish all that one desires. In addition to this already heavy schedule, I will be teaching the women in our Bible School again this semester. I will go to Mehmedabad by train early each Tuesday and still be able to return that evening.

How faithful the Lord has been and day after day I am conscious of the fact that I am upheld by prayer. It means so much to me to know that you are standing with me and that the Lord is blessing the work because

you have a great part in it. Pray that we may be guided and directed in our new work in the city and that we may be given patience, and an abundant supply of His love.

Rev. and Mrs. Laird F. Stengele—Berar, Madhya Pradesh, India

Christian Missionary Alliance

We have just completed our first touring season since attending language school. As we toured and visited the various outlying villages preaching and teaching the Word, we have also learned much by way of personal, practical experience. During the visit of the very first village we witnessed many happy Christians who in a backslidden condition had returned to the Lord. At the close of this campaign fourteen openly confessed Christ as their personal Saviour and were baptized.

Toward the latter part of the touring season, a three-day series of revival meetings was also held at this first village. A revival broke out among the Christians and eleven more village people openly confessed Christ as their Saviour in water baptism. We praise the Lord with you for what He has done. There is now a grand nucleus of Christian people in this village, but they must be continually taught and instructed in deeper things of the Lord. We are happy to report that this is being accomplished.

As this report is being recorded, our rainy season Short-Term Bible School and Women's Retreat are being held. This is a time of instructing and teaching the village workers. Last year at the end of the retreat three village people were baptized in a large concrete tank of water just next to the veranda outside our bedroom door. We praise the Lord for these various trophies of grace. As they left the retreat and returned to their respective villages, they earnestly requested us to pray for them that they might be able to maintain a Christian testimony and life in their villages before idolaters and unbelievers. Please join us in this great prayer need. Without question they will be called upon to endure untold persecution and suffering for their testimony for the Lord. Many times these baptized believers are disowned and sent out of their homes by their immediate family and relatives. Oftentimes this is a test in our own hearts and lives as to whether or not we are living "Godly in Christ Jesus."

The responsibilities of this large district have now been turned over to us. The older couple under whose guidance and leadership we have been laboring here in Amaroti District have been transferred to another station. Please pray that the Lord will continue to strengthen, encourage, and enable us to carry this heavy load to His praise and glory.

INDIA

Rev. and Mrs. C. Herbert Dyke—Akola Berar

Christian Missionary Alliance

What About the Future of the Indian Church?

It is common knowledge that missionary work in India faces one of its darkest hours. The doors that have been open to the preaching of the Gospel

are slowly but surely closing. In a matter of time there may be only those who will help India socially who will be allowed to remain for any length of time.

The church in India for the most part (with our area particularly in mind) is very poor. The average earnings are barely enough to keep body and soul together. The educational advantages are few and the leaders are hard to find.

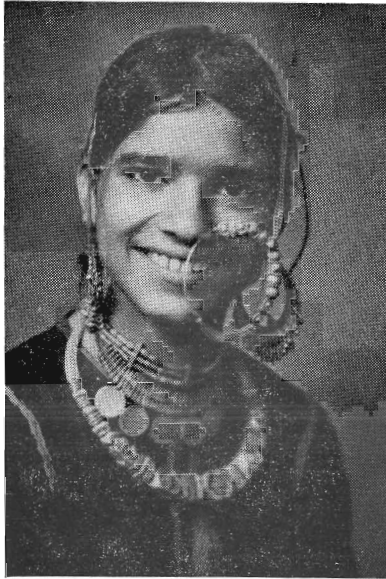


FACES—STILL WITHOUT CHRIST

There is a growing concern in the church regarding the financial aid from America being cut off. Men who have served for years are beginning to wonder what the future holds for them. It is evident that our arch-enemy would like to upset what has been done and try with the upsurge of nationalism on the one hand and fear on the other to confuse the real issue in India.

Is there an answer? My heart rejoices that there is. The Lord does not depend upon the rich to sustain His servants. In the providence of God they are permitted to help, and at times they are used. "But that no flesh should glory in His presence," He has ordained that the humble, the poor, and the faithful shall support His work and receive His blessing. Those of no pretentious means who love the Lord and His work know the blessing of Proverbs 11:24, 25, "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth . . . The liberal soul shall be fat . . ." They also have experienced that to "honor the Lord with thy substance and with the firstfruits of all thy increase" brings the promise that follows, "so that thy barns may be filled with plenty . . ." Proverbs 3:9. All these things are the believers' only by the faith that is willing to take God at His word. If our faith is weakening and we are beginning to look to man to help, we put ourselves in the same position as the Indian church.

As we look back on the history of the development of the church in India, we see that this faith principle was set aside to give the church a start



FACES—STILL WITHOUT CHRIST

on funds from America. Today India finds herself yet unable to get away from that human source of help. Perhaps the Lord is allowing these modern developments to bring this dear church into the faith experience. The widow of Zerapath was able to support a missionary because she believed God's promise to her and gave of her last substance to Elijah. Is the God of Elijah the same today or no? Would He not be much more glorified if those who are His children in India together with each of us would trust Him as this



BAPTISMAL SERVICE ON THE STATION

poor woman did? They may have practically nothing, but by sacrifice and by faith in the promise to fill their barns, God can help the church to carry on without us. Pray for the future of the Christian church in India that they may be full of faith and courage in the face of many difficulties and adverse circumstances.

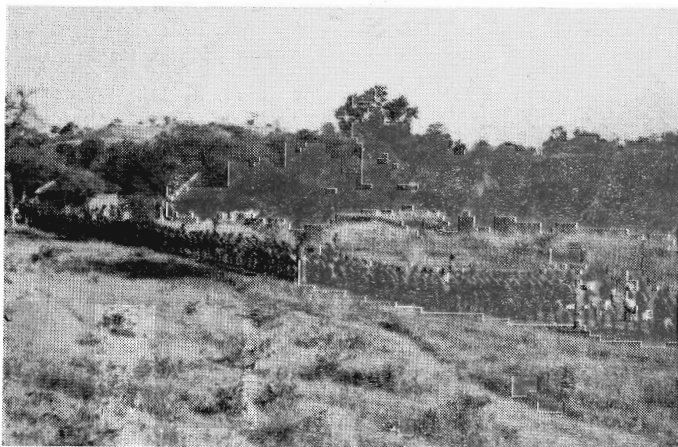
Our hearts are eager to return that we might give this message of hope and to see them finding God meeting their needs.

AFRICA

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Whale—Nigeria, French West Africa
Boys' Brigade

This has been a year of special testing and trial as our little family has undergone a time of enforced separation. But we praise the Lord that He has been faithful and become more precious to us day by day as we seek to serve Him in the place of His choice. Grace and Marjorie Linda are busy in the Lord's work while they await His time for going forward.

Recently I went to a "bush" station for a Boys' Brigade gathering. I have gone there regularly for many years, and it has been wonderful to see the progress that is being made in the lives of those who have come out of darkness into His marvelous light. We had meetings each evening with much blessing. There was a very large service on Sunday morning with several hundred present and more outside that could not get in. This was a Boys' Brigade enrollment service. At this time the officers and boys renew their pledges and promises before the congregation and before God. The service was conducted entirely by Boys' Brigade officers. Also in the audience were many men who had come to know the Lord in early days of the Brigade. My heart was overwhelmed with joy as I thought of this which is the real lasting work of the B.B.

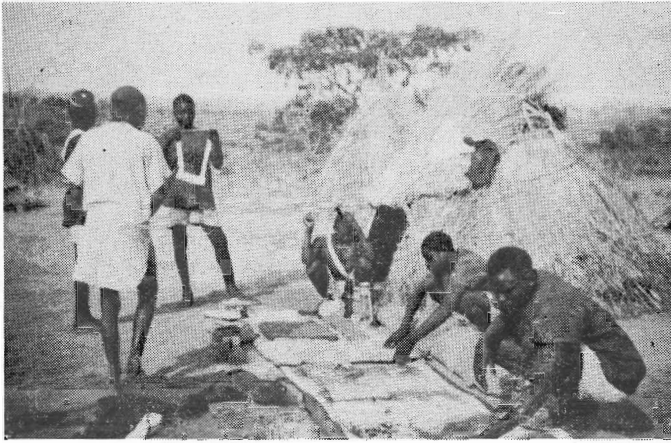


KABUIERS MARCHING TO THE CHIEF'S COMPOUND FOR A
SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

At the close of the service I had the great privilege of presenting fifty-two certificates to patients who were being discharged from the leprosarium, denoting they were free from symptoms. Among them were two boys in uniform and an ex-member of the Brigade. He was also a church elder and spoke on behalf of all the others. I don't think I have ever heard an African

express thanks more sincerely for anything. One old man arrived three hours before the service and came forward to receive a certificate, but his name was not called. Another who had to be turned away without a certificate was a poor naked pagan woman with her baby tied to her back with a goatskin. How glad we were to be able to tell them that the Lord would never turn them away and is waiting to receive them with open arms.

The Lord graciously blessed at a meeting held a few weeks ago. We spoke on the Holy Spirit. At the close of the meeting ten fine stalwart men came forward seeking the fulness of the Spirit, desiring to give their lives to God for service. The most thrilling sight in the world is to see souls seeking the Saviour.



CLEANING UP FOR THE MORNING INSPECTION AT CAMP

At the close of one of our camps I gave a lift in the truck to one of the B.B. officers who works as a mason and had to report by seven o'clock. We started off at four a. m., and I spent two happy hours traveling through the bush roads while dawn was approaching, as we talked about the Lord. Dawn spiritually had surely come in this man's soul. His name is Gatari, which means "axe." What a privilege it was to stand side by side with Gatari as he witnessed to a crowd of about 2,000 at one of our open-air services.

As I look upon some of these trophies of God's redeeming grace, I thank the Lord for the dear folks at home who make it possible for us to come to such people with the message of Grace. We are deeply grateful for the faithful prayer warriors in the homeland who stand together with us in this spiritual warfare. The devil is coming in more subtle forms than ever in these times. Materialism and a spirit of nationalism are coming in with a rush. "But Jesus is stronger than Satan and sin, and Satan to Jesus must bow."

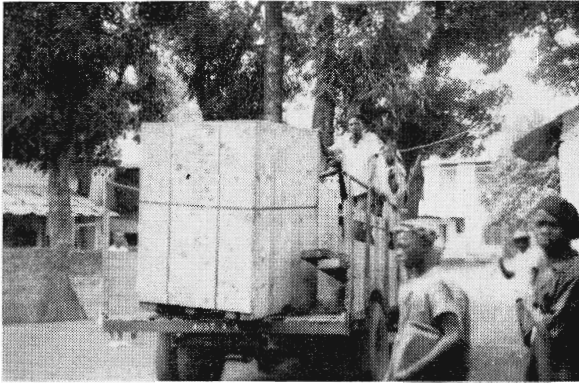
Mr. and Mrs. Merle E. Baer—KanKan, French West Africa
Christian Missionary Alliance

Our term is now three-quarters finished and by next Conference we expect to be home. We praise the Lord for His goodness in keeping us in good

health during the past twelve months and in blessing the work He has given us to do.

Materially, the press has prospered during 1955. We were able to purchase a motor for our small press, a used saw for cutting metal, and a re-conditioned linotype which arrived early in September. This machine is in use and is already giving us more attractive printing as we publish the Word of God in these African languages.

We pray that the result of our efforts might be souls won for Him and Christian lives strengthened in a visible manner. We do not receive many reports of the dealings of the Lord due to the Christian literature we print, but we know that He will cause His Word to bring forth seed.



Merle Baer

ARRIVAL OF THE LINOTYPE ON THE COMPOUND, KANKAN

All of us are in good health. Mel has reached fifteen months, and as boys will, he gets into all sorts of trouble. Today we found him in the wheelbarrow being pushed around the yard by his favorite native laborer.

We have some interesting work ahead of us during the coming year. A booklet of illustrated Sunday School lessons, Psalms, and some study books for our Bible schools. We ask you to continue to remember us in prayer as we use the equipment He has given us for the building up of the African church for Jesus Christ.

Rev. and Mrs. Russell Baker—Tanganyika, East Africa
Africa Inland Mission

This year at home has been a great delight and a joy to us as we move among the churches and people, all of us getting better acquainted. We spent the early part of the year at Ventnor, New Jersey, and the summer ten miles south of Montrose Bible Conference. The Lord enabled us to go to Maine the last week of August. The summer was a restful one.

We feel fit and able to return to our work in Tanganyika. News from Africa is encouraging. This month an able man was licensed to administer the Lord's Supper and be the head man of the Ushashi District. His name

is Andrew Lupilya. Pray for this man and pray that a spirit of jealousy which simmers there may be laid low by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit.



REV. AND MRS. RUSSELL BAKER AND FAMILY

The missionaries in their evangelistic move among the churches are bearing much fruit. In these special hut to hut visits many hear for the first time and some profess for the first time faith in Christ. Literally thousands of huts have been visited and many tracts distributed. Forty-five per cent of the people will know how to read next year.

The final draft of the Old Testament in Kisukuma is being prepared by Mrs. Helen Baker. Soon they will place it in the hands of the African brethren. Thirteen books have been finished here in the States and others have arrived from the field for her to complete. Six months is the approximate time to complete this work. Meetings numbering from four to six and eight thousand people were reported at the Diamond Jubilee meeting of the African Inland Mission. One of these great meetings was held on the very site of the Mari massacre, where the Mau Mau trouble broke out in 1952. Africa is still an open door.

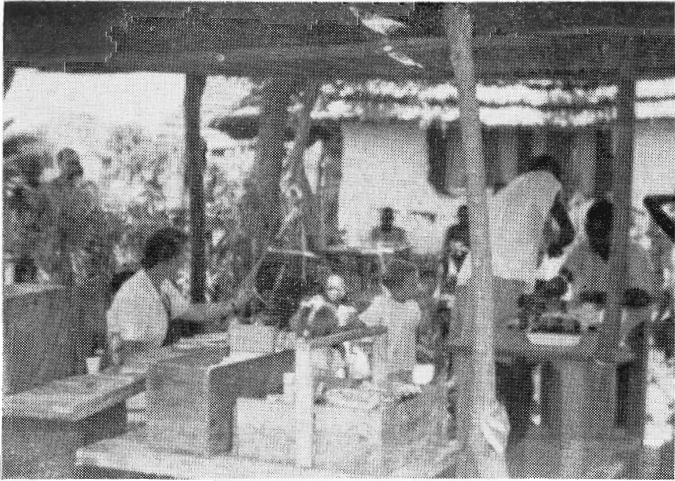
As to the Baker children, Lois and her husband Bill have been accepted by the International Mission to be effective in 1956. Rusty is expecting to

take up the practical side of building for this year. He is an accepted candidate for the work in Tanganyika under the Africa Inland Mission. Joyce and her friend are making definite overtures for service in Tanganyika also. Alice and Donald are in schools in Ventnor and Atlantic City, New Jersey. Gayle is growing up fast. Pray for us.

Miss Olive Rawn—Anglo-Egyptian Sudan

Africa Inland Mission

As the fighting began in Torit on August 18, we packed up right away and left. This meant especially the women and children. It seemed right to leave for fear of much fighting, and yet it was hard to leave realizing they would have no one to help them medically to any great extent. The schools were closed and all boarders went home. Three of the men are still back there, and we hear by radio they are caring for some of the sick, at least the wounded.



Miss Olive Rawn

NATIVE HELPERS AT WORK IN DISPENSARY

The uprising as we see it is between the southern Sudanese (African) and the northern Sudanese (Arab). The people do not talk much to us, but they seem to indicate there is much trouble. They are not against us, but of course in war we can never know what might happen. The South objects to the North ruling them. Since the South do not have sufficient educated men to man all the positions the British once occupied, the northern Sudanese have come to occupy these places under much objection. Our utmost concern is that we will still be allowed to preach the Gospel. As to the government, it is not our part to say for we are foreigners and regarded only as guests. We long to be back among the people we have learned to love in Christ. The world is such a needy place when we realize how many there are without Christ, and this little corner where He has placed us is not without exception.



Miss Olive Rawn

MISS RAWN HOLDING A NEW BORN BABY BY THE SIDE OF THE MOTHER

Before leaving, there were anywhere from sixty to one hundred patients a day coming to our openair dispensary. We were then trying to move to a better location even though it would remain a semi-openair place; yet it would be away from the crowded conditions we experienced before.

Right now we are refugees and are living in the White School dormitories. The children are on vacation. The Lord has supplied shelter and provision of food. We are organized into a community life, each of us designated to some committee. Right now I happen to be a cook. I'll be glad to get back to nursing. We trust that this time will be His time of building up His church in Sudan. Testings always draw us to Him and draw others likewise. Pray that we might return soon.

Miss Sylvia Miller—Tanganyika, East Africa
Africa Inland Mission

My assigned work here at Butundwe has been to teach and to supervise the religious instruction in all the mission schools and government schools in the Geita District. This includes two mission stations apart from our Butundwe Station. The work done in these stations has been very small because of the distance between the two stations. To reach all the schools by bicycle is just impossible, but at the beginning of this new term, new roads have been opened and an African bus line that will help us greatly. Traveling in Africa is somewhat different from that at home, for you begin by bicycle to a bus stop and then your bicycle is put on top of the bus to the next stop.

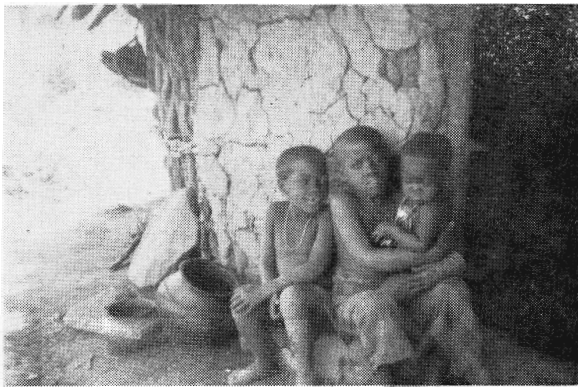
In these various schools we are reaching about 1,000 students daily with the Word of God. In the government schools their classes are not too well taught unless there is a Christian teacher in the school. Sometimes these government schools are close to the mission stations or the out schools, which



Miss Sylvia Miller

This is a picture of a "spirit house." The natives actually put food in these houses to worship their departed ancestors.

makes it possible for Africans to go in and teach the classes as well as the missionary. While it is impossible to state the number that have been really saved, we can, however, praise the Lord for hundreds of these students who have made a profession of faith in Christ. In many lives there is a real evidence of a work of grace.



Miss Sylvia Miller

NATIVE CHILDREN OUT IN THE VILLAGES OF BUTUNDU

Another outstanding part of my work this year has been the typing of manuscripts and the mimeographing of lessons for our Bible correspondence course which started January of this year. We praise God for this, another milestone that has been reached in our mission at this crucial time in Africa. Up to the present there are approximately 900 people who have been enrolled in this course. As we correct the papers of these students we can easily detect we are many years behind in meeting their need. The reply of one man seems to describe the need when he said, "What do you have for us when we finish this two-year study?" The course is offered in three languages—Kisukuma, Kiswahili, and English.

There are many thousands who are still sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death. Our task is truly great and the workers are so few. But

my joy is great in His work out here and my prayer and desire for this coming year is to work even harder for Him in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Chaponniere—Belgian Congo, Africa
Africa Inland Mission

This is the Diamond Jubilee Year for the work of the Africa Inland Mission in Africa. In this connection we have come to realize that our greatest need is fervent prayers of confession, supplication, intercession, and thanksgiving. The past year with its trials, testings, and busy activities has proved to us how superficially some have been transformed by the Gospel. But we praise the Lord for the faithful few who have stood by. Truly the African church is going through a sifting. Pray that it will be for the praise of His glory and the strengthening of the Christians in spreading the testimony of our Lord Jesus Christ. All of our efforts are special this year, with special emphasis on prayer meetings and follow-up training in readiness for the evangelistic campaigns being held everywhere. The Pocket Testament League is now holding forth in the Mau Mau area in Kenya with great mass meetings and much inspiration.

Our daily schedule is quite heavy, especially as we are trying to work a few hours each day on our temporary house of poles and mud. The house is 24 feet by 35 feet and will divide into six rooms. The roof is of grass. My teaching hours are from seven to twelve-thirty, making over thirty hours a week. I can only work on the house from two to six, which is sunset, with only two or three helpers assisting me. The days just seem to roll away with very little progress being seen.

We are especially thankful for the increase in our missionary staff. This helps greatly in teaching over sixty students divided into four grades. At the beginning class of seven to seven-thirty I am teaching seventeen older students follow-up work as we look forward to a harvest of souls from these evangelistic meetings. Pray that they will become real soul winners. We are thankful that we can in our little sphere of influence help in building up the native Christian church. We are praying that each one of us will have a part as you hold the ropes of prayer while we work and testify as your envoys here in Congo.

All of our children are well. Paulette is finishing her first year in the Academy of Rethy, our mission school for missionaries' children over eighty miles away. Last week-end we visited her after not seeing her for several weeks. We miss her very much while Theresa is at the dispensary. Johnny will soon go to school since we cannot find the proper time to teach him at home. Marianne is growing with a strong will and a good heart and with a pretty good vocabulary. Mark, who is nine months old, is crawling about and has six teeth. Your faithful gifts and remembrances always make us happy and encourage us in the Lord.

Miss Edna Pridham—Nigeria, Africa
United Missionary Society

These words from Genesis 18:14 were printed in bold red and black letters on a gleaming white banner hanging in the front of our conference chapel. It is wonderful to be able to say with confidence with the prophet,

“There is nothing too hard for Thee.” What a wonderful privilege to work for One Who is Great in Counsel and Mighty in Works.



MISS PRIDHAM RETURNING FROM BIBLE SCHOOL

It has been a real privilege to be teaching in the Bible School again. Teaching in another language is difficult, but it has taught me to rely on the Lord. During May and June a deputational schedule was planned for the students to have services in most of our Yoruba churches. It was a new experience for most of them. As a result three souls were saved.



- Miss Edna Pridham

LITTLE AFRICAN FRIENDS AT JEBBA

In our children's work we have been asking the Lord for definite conversions. Following one of the meetings eleven children remained to confess their sins and were saved. We urged them to tell their parents what they had done and to make everything right and return anything they had stolen.

This is our "Jubilee Year." The last Sunday in August special services were held in all the churches. September the various regional conferences were held. Each week and each month seems to slip by more quickly than the last. The tall grass along the sides of the road is beginning to crumble and turn brown. Soon our rainy season will be over. Then comes the long hot dry season. But in every season we are able to say, "My springs are in Thee."

Miss Mary Miller and Miss Bertha Miller—Kamayala, Congo
Congo Inland Mission

Together we are rejoicing in answered prayer that Bertha was enabled to return to the field last May in company with Rev. and Mrs. John Jantzen and daughter Evelyn. The Jantzens were stationed at Kamayala. We know they will be a rich blessing there. They all received a royal welcome from the natives as well as a time of great rejoicing among the co-workers.

During the last several months Mr. and Mrs. Rempel and Loyal Schmit have been busily engaged erecting a new home for the Jantzen family. This makes the second new permanent building on the station. They are most happy to live in a home with a good roof instead of grass with its constant danger of fire. The foundation for the new permanent church has been laid, but due to lack of builders, this now must wait until other emergencies have been handled. Our original buildings are crumbling because of termites. New buildings are very badly needed as well as builders to build them. "Pray ye" is still Christ's command today.

Miss Mangold of Switzerland has been ably handling the medical and leprosarium work. God has been mightily using her. She likes Kamayala, and we hope and pray she will be staying with us.

A new native church was built in the district. Mr. Buck has been living there for several weeks to oversee the work. The natives donated time and supplies for the building. Several souls were saved during that time, and God has been blessing in the regional meetings. The school children are doing nicely. There are over 3,000 children attending our schools, and this year 65 per cent passed their examinations. Pastor Mark, while speaking of how the devil is trying to discourage and hinder God's work, said, "We have nothing to fear. We will just keep on preaching God's Word and the Lord will look after His own." God has been faithful. He has never failed. May we always be faithful and never fail Him. We thank God for everyone of you who have been so faithfully standing back of us with your prayers and gifts. We want to thank each individual personally as well as the Sunday School classes, missionary societies, and Menno youth groups in our churches who have been supporting the following orphans:

Christine Beth, Women's Missionary Society, Allentown
Samuel, Women's Missionary Society, Philadelphia (Salem)
Kahembi Johanna, Women's Missionary Society, Stroudsburg
Donald Mabiya, Women's Sunday School Class, Shamokin
Malembela, Ruth Mowery's Sunday School Class, Shamokin
Elizabeth, Young Women's Sunday School Class, Blandon

Joyce, Sunday School Class, Quakertown
 Emplire, Girls' Sunday School Class, Emmaus
 Diama, personal, Emmaus
 Charles, personal, Bethlehem
 Martha Marie, personal, Chester
 Fungadibi Harold, personal, Chester
 Leon, Menno Youth Society, Mount Carmel

JAPAN

Miss Margaret Maas—Ken Honshu, Japan

Overseas Missionary Fellowship

This year has been a time of "first times" for me. It was my first time around the world as I returned home on my first furlough. It has been a wonderful time of blessing in meeting many of the members of the Conference for the first time. What an encouragement it is to me to remember how many are praying for me as well as the souls in Japan. I was particularly impressed and encouraged with the vision which the women of the Women's Missionary Societies are showing in the various churches. How wonderful to see the work of the Lord going forward. Camp Meeting at Mizpah Grove was such a blessing to me, especially to see the wholehearted response and enthusiasm.



Miss Margaret Maas

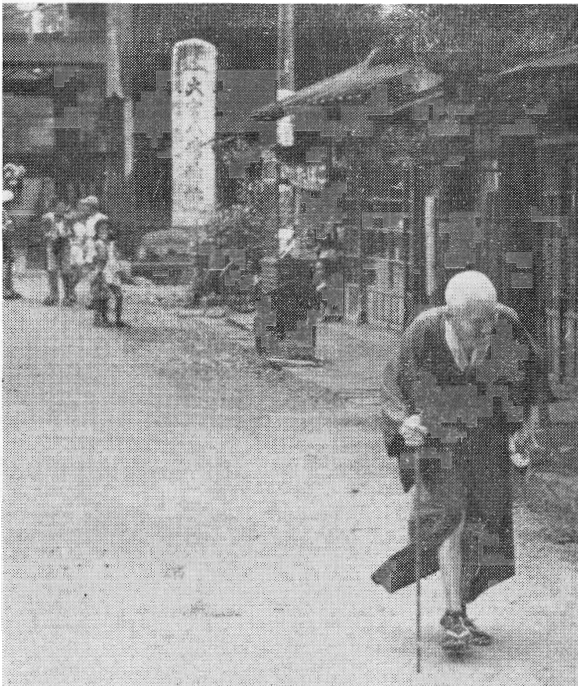
VILLAGE EVANGELISM AT NAGANO

Now as I turn my face to northern Japan, I am truly refreshed and rested because of your ministry to me. The kind of work I will be doing is



Miss Margaret Maas

A SUNDAY SCHOOL AT KUTSUKAKE, JAPAN



Miss Margaret Maas

OLD MAN RETURNING FROM A TEMPLE, TOKYO

not yet decided. It could be specialized work or that of general mission station work. However, one thing is certain to me, **that God's blessing will rest on whatever you pray about.**

Rev. and Mrs. Hubert Fisher—Aomori City, Japan
Overseas Fellowship

Now my wife and I are ministering as house-parents for our Japanese language school located in Aomori City. The population of this city is 180,000, and there are only three weak evangelical groups with any witness.

Our six students have only been in Japan for three months and cannot as yet speak the language. But they distribute tracts to their hearts' content. The people receive the tracts politely and very few tracts are refused. Sunday night is the best night for tract distribution, for then the Christian students are free to go with us. On Saturday nights we sometimes meet a number of lonely G. I.'s who are glad to talk with us.

Sunday is always a very busy day. Some of us fellowship with a group of Christian young people, mainly high school students. We join together in hospital visitation, house to house tract distribution, and village evangelism. All of the surrounding villages are practically untouched by the Gospel. One day we went to the village of Nonai, population 8,000. Six of the Japanese young people joined in this effort. We reached almost every home during the afternoon. I had my Gospel recordings with me and started a meeting in front of the postoffice. As the people gathered the Japanese Christians spoke, some for the first time. Pray that God will speedily give us the language that we might minister in the most direct way.

SOUTH AMERICA

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Rampy—El Tigre, Venezuela
Orinoco River Mission

Again we praise the Lord for your continued faithfulness in our behalf, for your faithful support these fourteen years, and also for your prayers during these trying physical testings. For us these are days of sifting. Many difficult and different things have been happening in our churches. However, at our recent missionary conference, called before the usual time, the Lord wrought many miracles and many victories. The enemy has been working overtime and a few churches have been divided, but on the whole the work has been going forward. We missionaries pledged last year at conference to pray each day at noon for revival. One missionary said, "If we realized just what revival meant, would we really want it?" Now we are experiencing what it means.



A GROUP OUTSIDE THE EL TIGRE CHURCH

At the church here in El Tigrito sixteen followed the Lord in baptism. Two of our students from Bible Institute are on vacation. This week I turned the whole musical program over to them. They also will conduct the D.V.B.S. in these churches.



A GROUP OF THOSE TO BE BAPTIZED
The Caribe Indian is in the daring flowered dress

The Rampy day school closed here with Garalyn and Bobby passing into fifth grade. Garalyn got an average of 90 per cent and Bobby 88. We think this to be very good considering the many interruptions during the year. We are now getting their clothes ready for the beginning of school in Ciudad Bolivar. We are dipping into the barrel, marking some and fixing others over, and packing the clothing in preparation for the new year.

Nearing furlough time, the barrel gets rather low; however, we are doing pretty well in this project. Please continue to pray for our various personal needs at this time as well as for the spread of the Gospel in this needy field.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Gordon—Maracaibo

The Evangelical Alliance Mission

We returned from Venezuela, South America, December 21, 1954. It has been a most enjoyable spiritual time of refreshing as well as real physical rejuvenation. We praise the Lord for the satisfactory restoration of my hearing as a result of an operation in July. Without the correction of my hearing, it would have been impossible to return to the field. Thank you everyone for upholding us in prayer during this great crisis.

Reports of the work from the field are most encouraging. The high school is under the direction of a Venezuelan Christian and has enjoyed very marked progress. The second year grade was added this year, and the enrollment has increased from thirty-five to fifty-eight. The primary department of the Liberator College enrolled 610.

The radio work in which Frances was engaged having been jeopardized because of financial difficulties is now free of debt. This is due in a great measure to the generous grant from our M. B. In C. Mission Board, the Regions Beyond Fellowship. We are greatly encouraged in radio work, and it is continuing with many good results and evidences.

We anticipate returning to the field in early March. This is surely a triumph of His grace and deliverance, and we return with the assurance that this is His will. We count on your continued prayers in our behalf.

KENTUCKY

Miss Grace Yost—Kentucky

Kentucky Faith Mountain Mission

My verse for the year is Isaiah 50:7, "For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed." It has been a pleasure to see so many friends while on vacation. I had a very refreshing time and the added privilege of telling many of our work in Kentucky.

During the year the Lord has provided a fine accordion, which is a great help in our work. This past summer was blessed of the Lord as we conducted two Bible camps. Many of the children accepted Christ as their Saviour. School started again the end of July, and we had the privilege each week of giving the Gospel to about 300 children plus the teachers.



THE MISSIONARY ACCORDIAN
Miss Grace Yost

Our two Sunday Schools continue as usual. We need your prayers in this work. Many of the people do not believe in Sunday Schools. This presents great difficulty. We covet your continued prayers and interest in us as we gratefully acknowledge your gifts and support in the past.

ISRAEL

Rev. and Mrs. M. G. Greibenow—Jerusalem
 Christian Missionary Alliance

Giant machines start to pump water from the headwaters of the Yarkon River through many miles of 66-inch steel-enforced concrete pipe to irrigate desert land in Negev or southland of Israel. Thousands of acres of arid desert will now be made to grow much needed food. The winter rains which fall on the mountain gather in subterranean reservoirs and come again to the surface in wonderful springs. Until now the water has largely been wasted as it flowed down the Yarkon River into the Mediterranean Sea. As the waters from these springs are far more than sufficient to supply the needs of the coastal area of Tel Aviv to Nathanya, the surplus has to be used to bring life to the hot, dry Negev. Another great stride in the progress of this great land was made a few weeks ago when plows started to break the newly dried swamps of Huleh Lake region at the foot of Mt. Hermon. By efficient dredging and ditching, thousands of acres of this land is now made tillable. Some think this to be the area called the Springs of Merom in Joshua's day. To this can be added a third milestone of progress taken

place in this land since we last reported. This is the opening of a new road from Jerusalem westward to the coastal area. This highway connects many new colonies that lead to Jerusalem and gives them better bus and truck service. It also provides an alternate passage to the capital of Jerusalem in case of border trouble.

New colonies have been built in the Lachish area along the border road from here to Beersheba. Immigrants, mainly from North African countries, are now brought directly from the port of entry to these new settlements. Temporary housing, sometimes only tents, and water have been provided. The speed with which these settlements are developed causes us to marvel. What amazing progress the people of this new (and yet old) country are making. It is truly very refreshing to see a genuine incentive to build and advance. It is a mighty force that needs no stimulation. It is like a power suddenly released after having been obstructed for so long. We are convinced that God still has greater things for this land of His choice and this people of His peculiar calling. Let us pray much for them and follow with spiritual insight the future strides of progress that God's Word has said will surely come to pass.

FRENCH INDO CHINA

Rev. E. F. Irwin—Danang, Vietnam

Christian Missionary Alliance

Mrs. Irwin and I have been back in Vietnam barely six months. We are stationed at Tourane again where we began our missionary ministry forty years ago. There are many changes since then. The people have changed their name. They used to be called Annamese and now they are Vietnamese. The city where we lived was Tourane; now it is called Danang. But to us the greatest change of all is that this place where Christ had not been named is now a church center. There are twenty-eight churches in the area, and a large part of our work this term is with them. The country has been in the throes of civil war for nearly ten years. Twenty of these churches have been in communist-occupied territory, and it is only since the "cease fire" agreement at Geneva that the Mission has had any contact with them.

It is our privilege to visit these congregations that were for so long a time cut off from our fellowship. We meet with a different church each week-end and experience great joy in hearing their testimonies of deliverance. All of their church buildings have been damaged. Some have been razed to the ground. Congregations have been scattered and many of the Christian homes have been burned. The people fled to the hills for safety and most of them lost everything. Now they are coming back from their places of refuge. Wherever the church building is usable, they meet there to worship. The Lord means more to them now since the testing.

The opportunities are greater than ever. The masses are willing to listen, and this new government has granted us a privilege which we have never had before in Indo China. Before we were never allowed to preach except in authorized chapels. Now the authorities are giving our pastors and preachers papers permitting them to preach anywhere in the territory.

This has given a vision of a much wider evangelistic ministry. They can report as many as 1,000 at one meeting. These meetings are bearing fruit. A pastor was here telling of three families that have come to the Lord in two different villages. The other day a woman asked for Christian literature to give to the folks in her village where forty-seven men and women have given their hearts to the Lord. Pray that the zeal of the Christians to witness for the Lord will continue and increase and that there will be many souls in this time of harvest.

GERMANY

Miss Betty Doverspike—Wiesbaden

Bible Club Movement

In late spring Miss Betty Doverspike unexpectedly returned home due to the sudden death of her father. She tells in her recent letter of the wonderful way in which the Lord led her at this time to return home. Romans 15:32, "That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God and may with you be refreshed." Through this verse and many circumstances of the work, the Lord very definitely gave me assurance in my heart that it was His perfect will and plan for me to return home until the first part of November.

My, how good it is to be at home again with my family for a while. One morning as Mother, Mike, Jim, and I had our family devotions together we learned II Corinthians 8:11, "Now, therefore, perform the doing of it that as there was a readiness to will so there may be a performance also out of that ye have." Isn't this a challenging verse, for to be willing is not enough, but God wants us to perform that we know already to be His will. This is my sincere prayer, "Lord, glorify Thyself through me." May it be the prayer of all of us to His glory.

MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH

During these last two years we have seen all of sixteen of our missionaries whom we support while they were home on furlough. Early in the year Rev. and Mrs. Robert Gordon of Maracaibo, Venezuela, and Miss Mary Miller, Kamayala, Africa, arrived. Rev. and Mrs. C. Herbert Dyke of Akola, India, returned in May. Miss Betty Doverspike of Germany hurriedly returned home because of the death of her father. Rev. and Mrs. Russel Baker of Tanganyika, Africa, are planning soon to return to the field. Miss Olive Rawn of the Sudan and Miss Bertha Miller of the Congo returned the early part of this year. Miss Margaret Maas sailed from the West Coast on September 2 for Japan.

All of these missionaries ministered to us at some time or other at Mizpah Grove Camp Meeting with the exception of Miss Betty Doverspike and Rev. and Mrs. Robert Gordon. Rev. Horace Fenton of the Latin American Mission and Rev. J. B. Henry of the Africa Inland Mission also brought helpful and challenging messages.

MISSIONARIES ASSIGNED TO THE CHURCHES

CHURCHES	MISSIONARIES
Allentown (Bethel)-----	Rev. and Mrs. Laird Stengele Miss Betty Doverspike Rev. and Mrs. M. G. Griebenow Miss Bertha Miller
Bethlehem-----	Rev. Paul Chaponniere Miss Margaret Maas Rev. and Mrs. Hubert Fisher
Royersford-Spring City-----	Mr. and Mrs. Merle E. Baer
Philadelphia (Salem)-----	Rev. Robert Rampy Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Snyder
Reading-----	Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Ryan
Easton-----	Rev. and Mrs. C. Herbert Dyke
York-----	Rev. and Mrs. Robert W. Gordon
Chester-----	Rev. and Mrs. Russel A. Baker
Hatfield-----	Miss Olive Rawn
Terre Hill-----	Rev. and Mrs. Fred Whale
Zionsville-----	Miss Edna Pridham
Sunbury-----	Miss Luella Reinhart
Shamokin-----	Miss Mary Miller
Jersey City-Newark-Staten Island-----	Mrs. Marcella Rampy
Wissinoming, Philadelphia-----	Miss Sylvia Miller
West Philadelphia-----	Miss Grace Yost
Mt. Carmel-----	Mrs. Theresa Chaponniere
Fleetwood-Blandon-----	Rev. E. F. Irwin
Harrisburg-Lebanon-----	Miss Betty Dyke

FINANCIAL

October 2, 1954—September 25, 1955

Receipts

Balance, September 25, 1954-----		\$ 50,148.42
From the Churches 1954 Conference-----	\$ 33,909.77	
From the Sunday Schools 1954 Conference-----	24,217.96	
Union Gospel Press During Year-----	1,200.00	
Interest During Year-----	513.12	
Various Other Sources During Year-----	680.00	60,520.85
		\$110,669.27

Expenditures

Christian Missionary Alliance (14 Missionaries, 4 Children)-----	\$ 18,040.53
China Inland Mission (3 Missionaries)-----	3,800.00

United Missionary Society (2 Missionaries)-----	2,400.00
Africa Inland Mission (6 Missionaries, 3 Children)-----	6,470.00
Congo Inland Mission (2 Missionaries)-----	2,400.00
Orinoco River Mission (2 Missionaries, 3 Children)-----	2,100.00
Evangelical Alliance Mission (2 Missionaries, 1 Child)-----	2,661.00
Boys' Brigade (2 Missionaries)-----	1,500.00
Kentucky Faith Mountain Mission (1 Missionary)-----	600.00
Bible Club Movement (1 Missionary)-----	1,200.00
Missionaries at Camp Meeting (gifts and meals)-----	445.49
Special Passage and Mission Support-----	1,925.00
Station Support -----	2,335.00
Yearbooks -----	150.00
Union Gospel Press, Subscriptions-----	76.00
Printing Supplies and Stationery-----	69.00
Telephone, Postage, Travel, Meals, etc. -----	250.10
	\$ 46,422.21

Summary

Cash on Hand, September 30, 1955-----	\$ 64,247.06
Investments -----	30,000.00

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AND MISSION BOARDS**

Christian and Missionary Alliance—260 West 44th St., New York 18, N. Y.

Rev. and Mrs. M. G. Greibenow—P. O. Box 50, Jerusalem, Israel

Rev. and Mrs. C. Herbert Dyke—3132 Hartville St., Philadelphia 34, Pa.

Rev. and Mrs. Laird Stengele—Amravati Camp, Berar, Madhya Pradesh, India

Miss Betty Dyke—Bungalow 20, Camp, Ahmedabad 3, B. P., India

Rev. E. F. Erwin—The Mission Evangelique, Danang, Viet Nam, French Indo China

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Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Snyder (Retired)—335 Mission Road, Glendale 5, California

United Missionary Society—1819 S. Main St., Elkhart, Indiana

Miss Luella Reinhart—Igbette, Via Llorin, Nigeria, West Africa

Miss Edna Pridham—Share, Via Jebba, Nigeria, West Africa

Africa Inland Mission—253 Henry St., Brooklyn 1, New York

Rev. and Mrs. Russel Baker—6340 Ventnor Ave., Ventnor, N. J.

Miss Olive Rawn—Torit Equatoria, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Africa

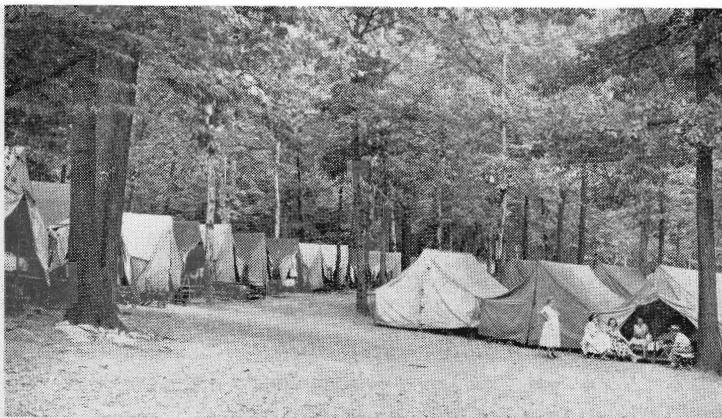
Rev. Paul Chapponniere—A.I.M. Anungba Djalasiga, Belgian Congo, Africa

Miss Sylvia Miller—Box 14, Geita, Tanganyika, East Africa

- China Inland Mission**—237 West School Lane, Philadelphia 44, Pa.
 Rev. and Mrs. E. Hubert Fisher—Shinai Tsusui Machi, Aza Tsusui,
 Aomori City, Japan
 Miss Margaret Maas — Overseas Missionary Fellowship, 49 Sawada,
 Tsukurimichi, Aomori, Shi, Aomori, Ken, Honshu, Japan
- Evangelical Alliance Mission**—2859 W. McLean Ave., Chicago 47, Ill.
 Rev. and Mrs. Robert N. Gordon—247 W. Jackson St., York, Pa.
- Congo Inland Mission**—4610 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago 15, Illinois
 Miss Mary Miller—1044 Edison Ave., Sunbury, Pa.
 Miss Bertha Miller—Kamayala Dist. Du Kwango, Belge Congo, Africa
- Boys Brigade**—Nigeria, West Africa
 Rev. Fred Whale—P. O. Box 124, JOS, Nigeria, West Africa
 Mrs. Grace Whale—670 W. Lexington St., Glendale 3, California
- Orinoco River Mission**—30 N. Raymond Ave., Pasadena 1, California
 Rev. and Mrs. Robert Rampy—Apartado 432, El Tigre, Anzoategui, Ven-
 ezuela, S. A.
- Bible Club Movement**—Schaff Bldg., 1505 Race St., Philadelphia 2, Pa.
 Miss Betty Doverspike—114 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, S. C.
- Kentucky Faith Mountain Mission**—Box 203, Saylerville, Ky.
 Miss Grace Yost—Box 203, Saylerville, Ky.

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 Mr. James R. Cressman.....1128 N. New St., Bethlehem, Pa.
 Kermit Gehman.....Emmaus, Pa.



These familiar scenes of Mizpah Grove will bring back fond memories to regular campers. Will we see you at the 1956 Camp Meetings?



**VIII.—ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL
CAMP MEETING COMMITTEE, 1955**

Three Camp Meetings were held during the summer season in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

First Division

July 2 to July 10—250 tents

Second Division

July 16 to July 24—263 tents

Third Division

July 30 to August 8—234 tents

Receipts

First Division	\$ 4,905.62
Second Division	4,889.36
Third Division	6,531.29
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Total Offerings	\$16,326.27

F. B. Hertzog, Chairman.

**IX.—ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION
AND PRINTING, 1955**

Receipts

October 1, 1954, Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 701.29	
Received from the Annual Conference.....	525.04	
Received from the sale of Year Books.....	670.00	
Received from Sunday Schools.....	244.00	\$2,140.33
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Expenditures

3M Membership Cards	\$ 18.00
3M Camp Meeting Freight Cards.....	15.00
Honorarium to Conference Secretary.....	50.00
Honorarium to Conference Treasurer.....	50.00
Honorarium to Editor of "Gospel Herald"	
M. B. In C. Supplement.....	100.00
Expenses and Working Capital for the Editor.....	100.00
Printing 1200 Year Books.....	900.61
25M Home Missions Pledge Cards.....	31.25
25M Foreign Missions Pledge Cards.....	31.25
50M Building Fund Envelopes.....	110.00
3M Young People's Society Report Blanks.....	18.00
15M Sunday School Class Record Cards.....	128.00
10M Sunday School Secretary's Report Sheets.....	82.50
53½M Sunday School Offering Envelopes.....	159.97

Board of Examiners' Expenses.....	53.20	
Postage, Telephone, Packing, Supplies, etc.	19.46	
Balance in Treasury	273.09	\$2,140.33

N. H. Wolf, President, J. H. Riggall,
Herbert W. Hartman, Secretary, Board

X.—FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES—LAYMAN'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

October 11, 1955

Members enrolled, October 12, 1954.....	167
Members died during year.....	3
Members dropped	0
Net decrease in membership	3
Members enrolled, October 11, 1955.....	164

Financial

Receipts:

Cash in Bank, Oct. 12, 1954.....		\$19,965.38
Contributions Received	\$ 185.50	
Interest Received	652.30	
Payments Received on Interest.....	5,347.53	6,185.33
Total Receipts		\$26,150.71

Disbursements:

Donations Paid Out	\$ 227.00
Sundry Expenses	7.90

Total Disbursements

Cash Balance, Oct. 11, 1955.....	\$25,915.81
Investments	14,315.02

Total Assets

A. W. Deppe, President, Allen S. Weiss, Secretary,
A. L. Wentz, Treasurer, Board of Trustees.

XI.—REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

(a) Report of Examination of Applicants on Discipline:

Richard H. Kline	99
Donald B. Schaeffer	99
Raymond E. Arnold	99
Russell T. Allen	98
LeRoy S. Heller	98
Reynold D. Gardner	95

F. B. Hertzog, D. S., Examiner.

(b)

Norman F. Gordon	
"Jesus is Coming"	92
"The Law of Liberty in the Spiritual Life"	93
Average	93
Richard H. Kline	
"Jesus is Coming"	100
"The Law of Liberty in the Spiritual Life"	100
Average	100

We recommend Richard H. Kline, Donald B. Schaeffer, Raymond E. Arnold, Russell T. Allen, LeRoy S. Heller, and Reynold D. Gardner as Candidates for Annual Conference license.

Paul E. Baer, N. H. Wolf,
Donald T. Kirkwood, Board.

XII.—READING COURSE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcement of the Board of Examiners Studies for 1955-1956

First Semi-Annual Studies

First Year's Course

Bible, First Timothy.
Church History.
Law of Liberty in the Spiritual Life. Chapter 1-5.
All About the Bible, Collett. Chapter 1-7.
Great Doctrines of the Bible, Evans. To Page 68.

Second Year's Course

Bible, Hebrews.
Church History.
Great Doctrines of the Bible, Evans. To Page 134.
System of Christian Evidence, Keyser.
The Holy Spirit, Huffman.

Third Year's Course

Church History.
Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, Walker.
Great Doctrines of the Bible, Evans. To Page 210.
Pastoral Problems, Riley.
Hermeneutics, Dungan.

Second Semi-Annual Studies

First Year's Course

Bible, John, Chapters 13-17.
Church History.
Law of Liberty in the Spiritual Life. Chapters 6-10.
All About the Bible, Collett. Chapters 8-10.
Divine Art of Preaching, Pierson.

Second Year's Course

- Bible, Second Timothy.
- Church History.
- System of Christian Evidence, Keyser.
- The Holy Spirit, Huffman.
- Jesus is Coming, Blackstone.

Third Year's Course

- Bible, Romans.
- Church History.
- Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, Walker.
- Great Doctrines of the Bible, Evans. Pages 215 to 272.
- Voices from Rocks and Dust Heaps of Bible Lands, Huffman.

The following books are required to be read:

- First Year—M. B. C. History, editions to date.
- Second Year—Parliamentary Practice, by Neely.
- Third Year—The Vocal and Literary Interpretation of the Bible, by Curry.

The Spring examination is to be held at Quakertown, Pa., April 10, 1956.

The Fall examination is to be held at Quakertown, Pa., on September 11, 1956.

Paul E. Baer, President,	Ernest B. Hartman,
Donald T. Kirkwood, Secretary,	Board.

XIII.—REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

“My beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” I Corinthians 15:58

The Board of Home Missions met six times during the year in the interest of the Home Missionary enterprise of our Conference. We have prayerfully considered the various decisions which were made during the year and have seen evidence of the Lord's guidance and blessing upon the work.

An excellent property was purchased in Trenton during the year and all the Home Mission stations now have very attractive and suitable buildings in which to conduct their services.

The Board again desires to express its appreciation to our Director for the excellent manner in which he has performed his many duties this year. We also wish to thank the Churches and Sunday Schools for their financial gifts.

May we continue to have upon our hearts the prayer request of our Lord and Master which is as urgent and needful today as when it was first uttered: “Pray ye therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.”

FINANCIAL

Receipts

Balance in Treasury, October 1, 1954.....	\$ 5,337.65
Received from Churches	21,181.64

Received from Sunday Schools.....	7,440.86
Conference Entertainment Fund.....	677.55
Received from Lancaster and Binghamton Mortgages...	985.55
Received from Berean Bible School Students.....	94.32
Sale of Glendale Property.....	11,000.00
Refund from Allentown District Appropriation.....	250.00

\$46,967.57

Expenditures

Conference Entertainment Fund.....	\$ 677.55
Allentown District Appropriations.....	3,740.00
Bethlehem District Appropriations.....	3,280.00
Appropriations for Home Mission Workers.....	15,750.00
Property Settlements: Fares, Telephone and Board Expenses	175.36
*Director of Home Missions Allowance.....	2,066.97
Paradise Heating (Material and Labor).....	2,655.38
Finesville Property Purchase.....	3,000.00
Finesville Heating	1,000.00
Trenton Property Purchase.....	10,000.00
Insurance and Attorney Fees.....	283.84
Glendale Brokerage Fee.....	550.00
Trenton Flooring	421.00
Appropriation for D. S. Home.....	1,000.00
Balance in Treasury, October 1, 1955.....	2,367.47

\$46,967.57

The Board of Home Missions has the following assets invested in Home Mission Appointment Real Estate:

Binghamton, N. Y.	\$ 817.30
Lancaster, Pa.	6,976.15

\$ 7,793.45

*The Director of Home Missions has also received \$1,000.00 from the Berean Bible School.

C. E. Kirkwood, Chairman,	F. B. Hertzog,
A. L. Seifert, Secretary,	Paul H. Cressman,
T. D. Gehret,	Clayton E. Weber,
Jansen E. Hartman,	Board.

XIV.—REPORT OF THE MENNO YOUTH GENERAL COMMITTEE

In these days of Juvenile Delinquency, we are greatly encouraged in the fact that God has abundantly blessed our Conference with a splendid group of consecrated young people. We are confident that the future of our Conference will be one of progress and growth in the things of the Lord, because of these young people.

The Seventh Annual Menno Youth Retreat was held at Milford Park, Pa., on September 9th and 10th. The Friday night and Saturday meetings were truly times of refreshment in the Lord. Friday night three of our college young men spoke on "The Responsibility of Young People," followed by a discussion period. Rev. Jack Murray, the Saturday speaker, warmed our hearts with his messages based upon the book of Philippians. The missionary speaker was Rev. Robert Gordon, our own Conference missionary to South America. The climax of the Retreat was Saturday night, as several hundred young people responded to the call of consecration of their lives to the Lord and His work.

STATISTICAL

Officers enrolled	123
Associate members enrolled.....	96
Members enrolled	881
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Total Enrollment	1100

FINANCIAL

Receipts

Balance in Treasury, September 30, 1954.....	\$ 78.62	
Receipts during Milford Park Retreat.....	592.64	\$ 671.26
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Expenses

Expenses of Menno Youth Retreat.....	\$ 540.20	
Balance in Treasury	131.06	\$ 671.26
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Total Receipts of Menno Youth Organizations.....\$6,372.60

J. H. Riggall, Chairman,	C. E. Kirkwood,
Paul I. Wentz, Jr., Secretary,	D. E. Thomann,
Clarence L. Kauffman, Treasurer,	Norman F. Zellers,
F. B. Hertzog,	Committee.

XV.—ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION—1954-1955

The Berean Bible School has completed five years of ministry and has now begun its sixth. Up to this very moment the Lord has led very marvelously through these few but eventful years. As we recognize God's hand of blessing upon the School, our hearts are made to rejoice in our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The Lord's blessing has been twofold. First, He has provided for the material needs of the School and second, He has worked in the hearts of many young people thrusting them forth into His service. The blessings of the past encourage us to press on strengthening the School and enlarging its ministry so that it might bear much fruit for God. The Scripture says: "Herein is my father glorified, that ye bear much fruit."

Under the leadership of its untiring, devoted President, Jansen E. Hartman, the School marches on holding the standard high so that its ministry

might, above all things, please the Lord. The faculty, staff and Board members have served wholeheartedly and sacrificially.

The Board met three times throughout the year. Besides these meetings, the various committees have met to carry on business that was intrusted to their care.

The Board organized as follows:

Chairman, T. D. Gehret

Secretary, W. B. Hottel

Treasurer, A. L. Wentz

The Board elected the following committees:

Committee on Finance: Chairman, F. B. Hertzog; Secretary, Francis H. Gehman; Jansen E. Hartman, A. L. Wentz, Byron C. Cassel.

Committee on Faculty: Chairman, T. D. Gehret; Secretary, Horace A. Kauffman; Jansen E. Hartman, Daniel K. Ziegler, C. E. Kirkwood.

Committee on Promotion: Chairman, J. E. Golla; Secretary, R. Paul Schaeffer; Jansen E. Hartman, J. R. Weber, W. B. Hottel.

Executive Committee: Chairman, F. B. Hertzog; Secretary, W. B. Hottel; A. L. Wentz, T. D. Gehret, C. E. Kirkwood.

Jansen E. Hartman was re-elected President of the School for the term of office from June 15, 1955 to June 15, 1956.

The faculty of the School consists of four full-time instructors, Jansen E. Hartman, Norman Jerome, Ruth Hartman and Doris Schaeffer, and several part-time instructors.

The three courses being offered at Berean this year are:

Christian Education Course, the Missionary Course, and the Theology Course.

While attending Berean, the students were used in various avenues of Christian service such as deputation work for the School, Home Missionary Meetings, summer tent work, Bible Clubs and Vacation Bible School. As the 1955-56 school year opened, 41 students were enrolled in the three courses.

The members of the third graduating class received their diplomas on Friday, June 3, 1955 at Commencement Exercises held in Bethel Church, Allentown, Pa. Ten young people completed their course of study at Berean Bible School. This makes a total of 37 graduates from Berean in its first three graduating classes. Two graduates from this year's class are now serving in our Home Missionary Society.

During the past year, Evening Classes were held. These classes met a definite need and were a real blessing and help to those who attended.

Our present school buildings are meeting the needs of the school very adequately and are now in good condition.

In November of 1954, the heating plant in the North Building failed. Extraordinary patching brought it through the rest of the school year. This

summer a new oil-fired boiler was installed with a 6,000 gallon oil tank buried underneath the court. This tank is large enough so that it can eventually serve all other furnaces on the school property.

The indebtedness of the School was reduced again this year.

The Board wishes to express its gratitude to God for the entire constituency of the Mennonite Brethren In Christ Church of Pennsylvania who pray and give in order that Berean Bible School might continue its ministry among the young people of our Church.

FINANCIAL REPORT

September 1, 1954 to August 31, 1955

Balance in Treasury

General Fund -----	\$ 3,875.67		
Student Activities Fund -----	331.19		
Petty Cash -----	200.00	\$	4,406.86
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Receipts

Church Offerings -----	\$ 9,004.46		
Sunday School -----	1,041.48		
Menno Youth Offerings -----	1,050.15		
Gift from Class 1955 -----	64.22		
Alumni Contributions -----	221.37		
General Contributions -----	2,576.24		
Memorial Fund -----	125.00		
Foreign Missionary Fellowship -----	103.98		
Student Aid Fund -----	490.00	\$	14,676.90
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Disbursed from Student Aid Fund:

To Book Account -----	\$ 25.00		
To Tuition -----	199.00		
To Student Activities -----	10.00		
To Room -----	15.00		
To Board -----	221.00		
To Library Fees -----	10.00		
To Registration Fees -----	10.00	\$	490.00
			\$ 14,186.90
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Tuition -----	5,118.92		
Room -----	2,119.38		
Board -----	6,246.35		
Board Refund -----	584.65	5,661.70	
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Library Fees -----	370.00		
Registration Fees -----	374.50		
Student Activities Fund -----	390.00		
Graduation Fees -----	45.00		
Rents -----	5,732.30	\$	33,998.70
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\$ 38,405.56

Disbursements

Salaries:

President	\$	1,000.00	
Faculty		6,174.00	
Office		527.76	
Assistant Librarian		90.00	
Kitchen	\$	3,262.00	
Kitchen Refund by Mizpah Grove..		472.00	2,790.00
Janitor		1,090.16	\$ 11,671.92
Food	\$	4,336.26	
Travel		650.44	
Mileage for Faculty		423.00	
Light and Heat—School		2,011.24	
Heat—Rental		501.39	
Postage and Telephone	\$	434.74	
Telephone Reimbursement		239.11	195.63
Office Supplies, Stationery and Printing.....		240.17	
Operating Supplies		144.01	
Maintenance & Repairs—Rental ...	538.66		
Maint. & Rep'rs—School \$2,139.79			
Less Ins. for Damages---	24.75	\$ 2,115.04	\$ 2,653.70
Publicity		517.60	
Taxes		774.67	
Insurance		339.54	
Library		698.00	
Equipment	\$	1,953.75	
Equipment (Buggy) Purchased by Mizpah Grove	20.00		1,933.75
Interest		1,687.50	
Freight		9.10	
Legal		50.00	
Cap and Gown Rental		47.00	
Retiring Bonds		4,500.00	
Student Activities		303.24	\$ 33,688.16

Balance in Treasury

General Fund	\$	3,995.47	
Foreign Missionary Fellowship		103.98	
Student Activities Fund		417.95	
Petty Cash		200.00	\$ 4,717.40
			\$ 38,405.56

We hold securities donated to us, valued at \$717.50, not included in the above.

A. L. Wentz, Treasurer.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**Assets**

Cash August 31, 1955 -----	\$ 3,995.47	
*Real Estate and Equipment -----	110,000.00	\$113,995.47
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Liabilities

Berean Bible School Bonds-----	\$ 50,000.00	
Cash Loan -----	6,805.92	\$ 56,805.92
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*Title to Real Estate is held by the Mennonite Brethren In Christ Church of Pennsylvania.

T. D. Gehret, Chairman,	Horace A. Kauffman,
W. B. Hottel, Secretary,	Daniel K. Ziegler,
A. L. Wentz, Treasurer,	Francis H. Gehman,
F. B. Hertzog,	Byron C. Cassel,
C. E. Kirkwood,	R. Paul Schaeffer,
Jansen E. Hartman,	J. R. Weber,
J. E. Golla,	Board.

**XVI.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO COMPILE A REPORT
OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR THE YEAR BOOK
AND THE GOSPEL HERALD**

The Seventy-second Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren In Christ Church of Pennsylvania convened in the Bethel Mennonite Brethren In Christ Church, 526-530 North Eighth Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania from October 11 through 15, 1955. An adjourned session was held at the same place on Saturday, October 22nd. A second adjourned session was held in the Ebenezer M. B. In C. Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on Saturday, November 12th. F. B. Hertzog served as Chairman, N. H. Wolf as Secretary and Paul I. Wentz, Sr., as Treasurer.

A period of informal prayer was held for a half hour preceding the calling to order of Conference on Tuesday morning. This prayer period was in charge of Walter H. Frank, pastor of the host church. At 10:00 A. M. there was a devotional period in charge of the Chairman. Brother Hertzog spoke on the purpose of the Lord's Supper and the attitude in which it should be observed using Matt. 26:26-30 and I Cor. 11:23-25 as a basis for his remarks. After the message the Conference Body observed the Lord's Supper.

The Conference Chairman presided at the Tuesday evening meeting in which all the pastors, the Home Mission Director and Berean Bible School President, and the District Superintendents gave brief oral reports. This again was a high light of the Conference. The main floor of the spacious sanctuary was filled. The overflow utilized about half of the balcony. Pastor Paul E. Baer directed the congregation in soul-stirring singing.

A public service was held also on Thursday evening over which the host pastor presided. There were two well-prepared and thought-provoking twenty-minute addresses. District Superintendent F. B. Hertzog spoke first on the theme "Led Hitherto" in which he recounted blessings of the past year. Among the things he mentioned were a good, godly, faithful, honest, separated membership; a group of fine ministering brethren; the Home Mission Director and workers; God's working in foreign lands; the Berean Bible School; a new camp site; and closer fellowship.

District Superintendent C. E. Kirkwood then addressed the assembly on the theme "The Road Ahead" in which he emphasized aims and goals for the future. He pointed out a number of dangers ahead such as spiritual pride, a commercialized ministry, ritualism, unsaved people coming into the church and stagnation. With all this, however, it was made clear that circumstances do not determine the future of God's work and that there is great opportunity with tremendous possibilities for commissioned, fearless, courageous men of God. The Preachers Quartet consisting of pastors J. E. Golla, D. E. Thomann, W. A. Heffner and W. B. Hottel sang several appropriate selections.

Adjustments are being made and steps of faith are being taken for the solidification and expansion of the Lord's work. Revisions in church government are being made, a fifty-one acre tract of land is being purchased and studied as to its possibilities that it might be used to the greatest advantage for the church as a whole.

The overall income for the past year amounted to \$553,500.41. A total of \$58,498.71 was received for Foreign Missions, and \$28,635.32 for Home Missions.

A two-day Ministerial Convention is being considered. A single Conference-wide Sunday School Convention is planned for Saturday, June 9th. Two Camp Meetings at Mizpah Grove in Allentown are planned, the first one beginning June 30, 1956. The next Annual Conference will be held in the Ebenezer M. B. In C. Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, D.V.

District Superintendent F. B. Hertzog was re-elected to the same office and is again to serve as Chairman of Annual Conference. C. E. Kirkwood was re-elected District Superintendent of the Bethlehem District and Vice Chairman of next Annual Conference.

The following pastoral changes were made:

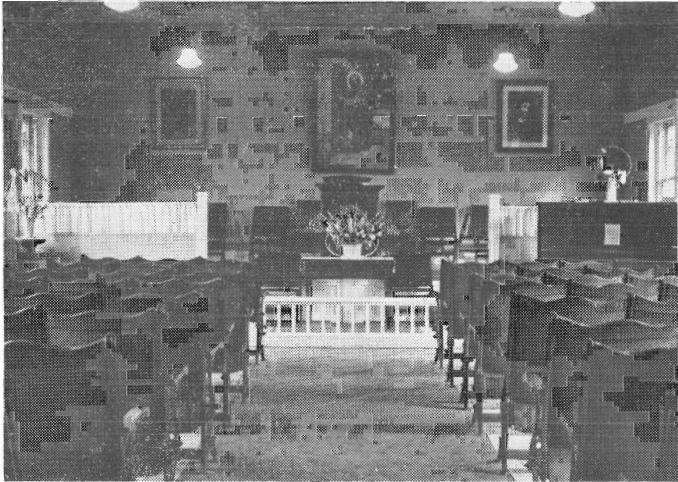
- R. C. Reichenbach, from Terre Hill to Shamokin.
- Earl M. Hosler, from Walnutport to Royersford and Spring City.
- W. F. Heffner, from Shamokin to Lebanon.
- Raymond E. Arnold from Home Missions to Walnutport.
- Donald Kirkwood from Scranton to Quakertown.
- Paul E. Baer from Royersford and Spring City to Scranton.
- Russel Allen from Home Missions to Jersey City, N. J.
- Robert W. Smock from Staten Island, N. Y. to Terre Hill.
- LeRoy S. Heller from Home Missions to Newark, N. J.
- H. D. Yarrington from Jersey City, N. J. to Staten Island, N. Y.

Excellent meals were served by the host church and where necessary provision for overnight lodging was made.

John Dunn, James G. Koch,
Committee.



Interior and Exterior Views of M. B. In C. Church, Trenton, N. J.



**XVII—REPORT OF THE BETHLEHEM DISTRICT
SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION**

The Sixty-fourth Annual Sunday School Convention of the Bethlehem District of the Mennonite Brethren In Christ Church was held in the Beulah M. B. In C. Church, Twelfth and Spruce Streets, Easton, Pa., on Saturday, June 4, 1955.

The officers of the convention were as follows: Chairman, Willard E. Cassel; Secretary, Robert W. Smock; Treasurer, W. B. Hottel.

The committee on program was as follows: C. E. Kirkwood, D. E. Thomann, W. A. Heffner, William F. Voight, Norman Reed.

After registration of pastors and superintendents at 1:45 p. m., Pastor Cassel directed the convention in the singing of the hymn, "To God Be the Glory" and the reading of the Scripture found in II Corinthians 3. Pastor F. M. Hottel of Newark led in prayer.

The District Superintendent, all the pastors, the superintendents and delegates from each Sunday School were present.

The following committees were appointed:

Statistics: R. H. Gehman, H. D. Yarrington, Norman L. Reed.

Finance: W. B. Hottel, Donald T. Kirkwood, James R. Cressman.

Resolutions: T. D. Gehret, W. A. Heffner, Harold Mann.

Reporter: W. W. Hartman.

To Read The Minutes: John Dunn, R. C. Reichenbach.

Publication: Robert W. Smock, Willard E. Cassel.

Miss Bernice Jordan, Bible Club Missionary, was the first speaker of the afternoon. Drawing from her vast experience, she challenged our hearts toward a stronger Sunday School evangelization program.

The second speaker, Rev. Herrmann Braunlin, pastor of the Hawthorne Gospel Church, Hawthorne, N. J., presented a general survey of the needs of the Sunday School.

The afternoon session was brought to a close with the following departmental clinics:

Nursery—Beginners.....Mrs. Edward Zimmerman
(Supt. Nursery Dept., Bethlehem M.B.C. Church)

Primary—Juniors.....Miss Bernice Jordan
(Bible Club Missionary, Erie, Pa.)

Intermediate—Young People.....Miss Shirley Reitz
(Children's Worker, Bethel Church, Allentown, Pa.)

Adults—Sunday School Officers.....Rev. Herrmann Braunlin
(Pastor of Hawthorne Gospel Church, Hawthorne, N. J.)

Evening Session

District Superintendent C. E. Kirkwood was in charge of the evening service with host pastor D. E. Thomann leading the singing. Pastor John Dunn led in prayer.

Rev. Braunlin addressed the convention on the "Things Not Seen" in Hebrews 11.

Special music was rendered by the Bethlehem Male Chorus, the Fleetwood Mixed Chorus and the orchestra of the host church.

Norman Reed presided at the awarding of the Sunday School Contest Banners. The following banners were awarded:

Grand Prize—Paradise**Class A**

1st —Fleetwood
2nd—Allentown
3rd—Sunbury

Class B

Emmaus
Blandon
Hatfield

Class C

Clearfield Village
Walnutport
Lancaster

Class D

Northampton
Stroudsburg
Harleysville

Class E

Paradise
Finesville
Macungie

Statistics

Sunday Schools	23
Officers	144
Teachers	350
Scholars	3603
Total Enrollment	4097
Home Department	88
Cradle Roll	320

Finances

Received at this Convention..... \$409.90

Expenses:

Fares	\$ 95.60
Convention expenses (programs, etc.)	30.35
Secretary	2.00
To Board of Directors.....	131.95
To Host Church.....	100.00
Speakers	50.00

\$409.90

Sunday Schools and Superintendents

Place	Name
Bethlehem	James R. Cressman
Philadelphia (Salem)	Russell Flysher

Easton.....	William F. Voight, Jr.
Quakertown.....	P. R. Mumbauer
Chester.....	Robert W. Truett
Philadelphia (Calvary).....	T. W. Campbell, Jr.
Scranton.....	Russell Bird
Jersey City.....	Theodore Bleich
Allentown (Salem).....	Harold Mann
Emmaus.....	Harvey A. Keiser
Macungie.....	Harry Buchin
Zionsville.....	Ray Shelly
Fleetwood.....	Norman L. Reed
Blandon.....	John I. Mengel
Philadelphia (Emmanuel).....	Edward J. Dietzman
Staten Island, N. Y.	Mrs. Florence Engel
Newark, N. J.	J. Hendricks
Terre Hill.....	Harlan Wolf
Binghamton, N. Y.	Bert Still
Trenton, N. J.	Norman Van Doren
South Bethlehem.....	Charles Mann
Clearfield Village.....	Warren Zimmerman

Willard E. Cassel, Chairman,
Robert W. Smock, Secretary.

XVIII.—REPORT OF THE ALLENTOWN DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Sixty-fourth Annual Sunday School Convention of the Mennonite Brethren In Christ Church of Pennsylvania (Allentown District) convened in Bethany Mennonite Church, Hatfield, Pa., on Saturday, May 14, 1955.

The Officers of the Convention were: Chairman, Walter H. Frank; Secretary, Herbert W. Hartman; Treasurer, E. W. Bean.

The Committee on Program consisted of: F. B. Hertzog, Walter H. Frank, A. L. Seifert.

The District Superintendent, all Pastors with the exception of one, nearly all of the Superintendents and many teachers and officers registered for the Convention.

The Chairman, Walter H. Frank, called the Convention to order at 2:30 p. m.

Mr. Daniel K. Ziegler led the large audience in singing: "Whosoever Will" and "I Am Happy In The Service of The King."

Pastor E. W. Bean led in prayer. The host Pastor, A. L. Seifert, extended greetings and a hearty welcome to all.

The Chairman appointed the following Committees:

Statistics: N. H. Wolf, Ernest Ziegler, R. S. Weidner.

Finance: E. W. Bean, R. Glenn Rohrbach, Horace A. Kauffman.

Resolutions: J. B. Layne, Paul E. Baer, LeRoy S. Heller.

Report to Annual Conference: Herbert W. Hartman, James Beil.

Report to "Gospel Herald": Walter H. Frank, Raymond E. Arnold.

Reporter: Earl M. Hosler.

Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, President of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association and Pastor of the King Street United Brethren Church, Chambersburg, Pa., was introduced to the Convention and gave an inspiring and informative address on the subject: "I Believe in the Sunday School."

A discussion period followed with the Convention dividing into two groups. Mrs. Ruth Hartman, teacher of Christian Education at Berean Bible School, was in charge of the group interested in children, taking as her theme: "Meeting the Needs of Children in the Sunday School." Dr. Meadows conducted the discussion concerning adults. Topics such as Classification, Promotion, Staffing, the Co-educational Approach, the Grading program, Rules, Solutions, Substitutes, Responsibility to God, Absenteeism and the proper Follow-up, Maintaining consistent attendance, etc., were profitably discussed and served to enlighten and guide Convention members in the most important work in the world. Motion pictures were shown in the Fellowship Room to supplement the spoken Word.

Mr. Timothy Tobias Musselman and Mr. James Hummel of the Union Gospel Press were introduced to the Convention and all members were invited to examine the displays of literature and materials essential to the successful operation of the Sunday School.

Adjourned at 4:30 p. m., with prayer by the Chairman.

Evening Service

The evening session, conducted by District Superintendent F. B. Hertzog, opened at 7:00 P. M., with singing "Bringing in the Sheaves" and "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Pastor J. H. Riggall led in prayer.

Announcement was made of awards for displays as follows: First Prize to Lebanon Sunday School; Second Prize to Hatfield Sunday School.

The appointed Committees gave their reports.

The announced speaker of the evening, Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, spoke on the subject, "Effective Teaching in the Sunday School," basing his message on the text, Matthew 28: 18, 19. "With eighty millions outside of the Sunday Schools of the United States, and with 210,000 Sunday School teachers in Pennsylvania alone, it is our responsibility to bring them under the influence of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Church," he urged.

The evening service closed with a thought-provoking panel discussion with audience participation. Both Mrs. Hartman and Dr. Meadows proved themselves capable in answering the problematical questions presented. The period ended with the pungent statement by Dr. Meadows: "Use what equipment you now have, and then dream and give and work."

The Service adjourned with Prayer and Benediction.

Statistics

Sunday Schools	26
Officers	161
Teachers	386
Scholars	3,935
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Total Enrollment	4,482
Home Department Members	68
Cradle Roll Members	277

Finances

Received at this Convention		\$586.56
Expenditures:		
Fares to Superintendents	\$ 88.70	
Speakers	65.00	
Committee Expenses	21.43	
Printing Programs	17.75	
Secretary	2.00	
Awards for Demonstration	25.00	
For the Host Church	181.68	
Balance to Board of Directors	185.00	\$586.56
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Sunday Schools and Superintendents

Allentown.....	R. Glenn Rohrbach
Bear Gap.....	Roy E. Bunger
Graterford.....	Edward Stortz
Harleysville.....	Ernest Ziegler
Hatfield.....	Charles F. Kreuzburg
Harrisburg.....	Donald E. Heffner
Lancaster.....	Horace A. Kauffman
Lebanon.....	Frank L. Herb
Lehighton.....	William P. Snyder
Mount Carmel.....	Roy E. Williams
Nazareth.....	Ralph H. Hendershot
Northampton.....	James Beil
Reading.....	Bertram Ringler
Royersford.....	William R. Hunsberger
Shamokin.....	George A. John
Spring City.....	R. S. Weidner
Stroudsburg.....	Helen Hale
Sunbury.....	William E. Miller
Treichlers.....	Arthur Schaeffer
Walnutport.....	Mae M. Kreiss
West Catasauqua.....	Lloyd Beachel
York.....	C. K. McCanester
Roxborough.....	Philip Brett
Millersville.....	LeRoy S. Heller
Paradise.....	Warren Peiffer
Finesville.....	Ned Copenhaver

Walter H. Frank, Chairman,
Herbert W. Hartman, Secretary.

XIX—REPORT OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MINISTERIAL CONVENTION

The Sixty-fourth Annual Ministerial Convention of the Mennonite Brethren In Christ Church of Pennsylvania was held in the Emmanuel Mennonite Brethren In Christ Church of Sunbury, Pa., on Thursday, April 21, 1955. N. H. Wolf was the chairman and John Dunn recorded the minutes. The Committee on Program consisted of District Superintendents F. B. Hertzog and C. E. Kirkwood and Pastor E. W. Bean.

The Convention was opened at 10:00 a. m. with J. H. Riggall of Nazareth, Pa., directing the devotions.

The chairman appointed the following committees:

Committee on Publication: W. F. Heffner, Paul E. Baer, Ernest B. Hartman.

Committee on Resolutions: J. B. Layne, Herbert W. Hartman, A. L. Seifert.

Committee to Read the Minutes: A. G. Woodring, Robert W. Smock.

Reporter: R. C. Reichenbach.

The following members of the Home Missionary Society were present: Raymond Arnold, LeRoy S. Heller, Russel T. Allen, Richard Kline, Barclay Harley, Reynold Gardner, Norman F. Gordon.

Dr. Claude A. Reis, Chairman of the Division of Theology and Christian Education at Houghton College, Houghton, N. Y., was the guest speaker of the convention. He spoke on the subject, "Hotter Fires Imperative" using II Timothy 1:1-14 as his text. He emphasized the truth that the Christian should not be possessed by the spirit of cowardice, but of the power of God in the person of the Holy Spirit.

Afternoon Meeting

The afternoon devotional period was in charge of Robert W. Smock of Staten Island, N. Y. The meeting began at 2:15 p. m. with Pastor Smock leading the congregation in singing "Is It the Crowning Day".

The reports of the appointed committees were submitted.

Dr. Claude A. Reis spoke on the subject, "The Minister A Master Builder". The speaker brought a most heart-searching message emphasizing the truth that a minister must build properly if he is to do a work for God and receive the words from our Lord "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord".

Evening Service

The evening service was in charge of District Superintendent F. B. Hertzog and began at 7:15 p. m. with an inspiring song service led by W. A. Heffner of Bethlehem, Pa. District Superintendent C. E. Kirkwood led in prayer and Dr. Claude A. Reis spoke on "The Early Church At Prayer".

Special vocal selections were rendered throughout the day by the Ministers' Quartette, the Mount Carmel Mixed Chorus, the Sunbury Male Chorus and the Gospel Four.

Pastor E. W. Bean and the members of his congregation entertained the convention in a liberal and gracious way.

N. H. Wolf, Chairman,
John Dunn, Secretary.

XX.—REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE TREASURER**(a) Board of Directors****Receipts**

October 2, 1954, Balance in Treasury	\$ 28,215.35	
Received during the year	20,055.45	\$ 48,270.80

Expenditures

Expended during the year	\$ 42,846.47	
October 5, 1955, Balance in Treasury	5,424.33	\$ 48,270.80

The Board of Directors also has the following funds:

Civilian Public Service Fund	\$ 485.64	
New Dormitory Fund	755.00	
Ministers Moving Fund	425.60	
Shower Fund	50.00	\$ 1,716.24

(b) Ministers Retirement Fund**Receipts**

October 2, 1954, Balance in Treasury	\$ 26,594.42	
Received during the year	12,927.28	\$ 39,521.70

Expenditures

Expended during the year	\$ 7,114.40	
October 4, 1955, Balance in Treasury	32,407.30	\$ 39,521.70

(c) District Superintendent's Home**Receipts**

Received during the year	\$ 3,120.32	
Transferred from Board of Directors Account	18,981.93	\$ 22,102.25

Expenditures

Expended during the year	\$ 22,102.25	
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(d) Board of Foreign Missions**Receipts**

October 2, 1954, Balance in Treasury	\$ 50,148.42	
Received during the year	59,150.85	\$ 109,299.27

Expenditures

Expended during the year	\$ 46,422.21	
October 4, 1955, Balance in Treasury	62,877.06	\$ 109,299.27

(e) The Home**Receipts**

September 16, 1954, Balance in Treasury -----	\$ 639.52	
Received during the year -----	26,561.05	\$ 27,200.57
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Expenditures

Expended during the year -----	\$ 26,871.05	
September 22, 1955, Balance in Treasury -----	329.52	\$ 27,200.57
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(f) Annual Conference Fund**Receipts**

October 2, 1954, Balance in Treasury -----	\$ 701.29	
Received during the year -----	1,439.04	\$ 2,140.33
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Expenditures

Expended during the year -----	\$ 1,867.24	
October 4, 1955, Balance in Treasury -----	273.09	\$ 2,140.33
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(g) Home Missions**Receipts**

October 2, 1954, Balance in Treasury -----	\$ 5,337.65	
Received during the year -----	41,629.92	\$ 46,967.57
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Expenditures

Expended during the year -----	\$ 44,600.10	
October 4, 1955, Balance in Treasury -----	2,367.47	\$ 46,967.57
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Paul I. Wentz, Treasurer.

XXI.—ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 1956**(a) Ministerial Convention**

The Ministerial Convention is announced to be held at Berean Bible School, Allentown, Pa., Thursday and Friday, April 5 and 6, 1956.

Officers: Jansen E. Hartman, Chairman; A. L. Seifert, Secretary. Committee on Program: F. B. Hertzog, C. E. Kirkwood, Jansen E. Hartman, T. D. Gehret, Willard E. Cassel.

(b) Sunday School Convention

A Program and Promotion Committee comprising F. B. Hertzog, C. E. Kirkwood, Walter H. Frank, Jansen E. Hartman, W. A. Heffner, R. C. Reichenbach, Byron C. Cassel, Norman Reed and Roy E. Williams, were elected to plan for a Conference-wide Sunday School Convention to be held on Saturday, June 9, 1956, the site of the Convention to be chosen by the Committee.

(c) Camp Meetings**Allentown District**

The Churches of the Allentown District and the Missions located at Millersville, Paradise and Binghamton shall comprise this Camp Meeting.

Place: Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa. Date: June 30 to July 8, 1956.

Officers: Walter H. Frank, Chairman; Herbert W. Hartman, Secretary; P. T. Stengele, Treasurer.

Bethlehem District

The Churches of the Bethlehem District and the Missions located at Trenton, Finesville and Roxborough shall comprise this Camp Meeting.

Place: Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa. Date: July 14-22, 1956.

Officers: W. A. Heffner, Chairman; D. E. Thomann, Secretary; T. D. Gehret, Treasurer.

(d) Annual Conference

The Seventy-third Annual Conference shall convene, should the Lord tarry, in the Ebenezer Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, 1121-25 N. Main Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, on Monday, October 15, 1956, at 1:00 P. M.

Officers: F. B. Hertzog, Chairman; N. H. Wolf, Secretary; Paul I. Wentz, Treasurer. Committee on Program: T. D. Gehret, D. E. Thomann, W. A. Heffner.



XXII FINANCIAL REPORT

<i>Appointments</i>	<i>Foreign Missions</i>	<i>Foreign Missions in S. S.</i>	<i>Home Missions</i>	<i>Home Missions in S. S.</i>	<i>Annual Conference Fund</i>	<i>For the Home</i>	<i>Special Gift for the Home</i>	<i>Conference Expense</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT — F. B. HERTZOG, D. S.									
Allentown (Bethel).....	\$ 7,018.50	\$ 2,735.84	\$ 3,153.21	\$2,548.06	\$ 40.80	\$ 61.52		\$ 77.10	\$15,635.08
Reading.....	1,487.00	2,672.93	1,047.00	150.00	25.00	108.90		57.75	5,548.58
Sunbury.....	628.00	1,074.01	500.00	105.00	12.58	26.46		27.75	2,378.80
Shamokin.....	372.50	278.10	262.00	278.11	10.00	37.00		26.10	1,263.81
York.....	1,097.50	1,121.36	961.50	285.09	18.00	41.50		25.50	3,550.45
Mt. Carmel.....	822.00	872.00	682.50		10.00	76.85		12.75	2,476.10
Royersford.....	851.00	911.63	868.00	92.18	32.00	43.00		12.15	2,809.96
Spring City.....	363.00	732.08	369.00	21.63	19.50	34.00		12.15	1,556.36
Graterford.....	342.00	113.00	334.00	112.13	10.22	10.00		4.55	925.90
Harleysville.....	395.00	116.27	343.00	92.79	11.21	10.00		8.40	976.67
Nazareth.....	198.50	187.87	105.50	187.88	8.90	24.16		9.15	721.96
Northampton.....	198.00	183.02	149.00	183.01	8.41	14.62		5.85	741.91
Walnutport.....	253.50	106.43	140.00		7.36	14.61		8.55	530.45
Lehighton.....	120.00	167.61	117.00	162.51	5.69	11.10		9.60	593.51
Hatfield.....	1,772.00	377.53	1,319.80	377.50	12.00	84.40		20.40	3,963.63
Harrisburg.....	311.31	364.20	254.30	324.46	8.77	33.20		13.95	1,310.19
Lebanon.....	79.00	108.38	83.00	107.73	8.65	24.70		6.45	417.91
Lancaster.....	193.50	106.50	84.00	124.83	6.00	20.56		6.00	541.39
Stroudsburg.....	127.00	141.05	101.00	110.97	11.50	6.00		5.10	502.62
Total.....	\$16,634.31	\$12,369.81	\$10,873.81	\$5,263.88	\$266.59	\$ 682.58		\$349.25	\$46,440.23
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT — C. E. KIRKWOOD, D. S.									
Bethlehem.....	\$ 3,744.83	\$ 3,664.83	\$ 1,800.81	\$ 354.22	\$ 40.00	\$ 127.53		\$ 61.35	\$ 9,793.57
Phila. (Salem).....	1,800.00	754.26	600.00		15.00	20.00		33.15	3,222.41
Easton.....	745.00	581.02	776.40	38.25	11.00	24.61		22.20	2,198.48
Quakertown.....	581.00	272.00	587.00	238.00	17.00	59.00		26.40	1,780.40
Chester.....	1,744.76	750.44	961.28	250.14	11.50	121.56		17.25	3,856.93
Phila. (Calvary).....	723.01	499.07	235.91	473.07	5.35	38.88		11.85	1,987.14
Jersey City, N. J.....	315.85	218.12	100.00		10.52	10.00		9.30	663.79
Emmaus.....	882.50	241.13	690.50	249.52	23.90	115.30	\$1,690.21	22.80	3,915.86
Macungie.....	184.00	110.70	145.00		9.33	26.00		4.05	479.08
Zionsville.....	734.00	644.07	502.00		10.26	17.60		5.40	1,913.33
Coopersburg.....	854.50	582.75	647.50		13.25	34.50		20.55	2,153.05
Allentown (Salem).....	904.00	739.00	674.00		13.85	25.70		16.95	2,373.50
Fleetwood.....	1,425.38	740.00	1,153.37		14.00	100.00	\$50.00	22.20	3,504.95
Blandon.....	269.00	469.88	181.00		10.00	26.00		11.10	966.98
Scranton.....	806.50	111.36	305.00	111.36	8.27	10.00		13.05	1,365.54
Terre Hill.....	571.00	637.53	411.25	63.50	10.16	76.20		10.95	1,780.59
Phila. (Emmanuel).....	187.50	216.86	182.50	216.86	5.75	17.00		8.85	835.32
Newark, N. J.....	95.00	123.88	45.00	199.47	5.00	10.00		7.05	485.40
Staten Island, N. Y.....	259.54	117.22	93.00	57.71	7.51	20.00		7.65	562.63
Total.....	\$16,827.37	\$11,474.12	\$10,091.52	\$2,252.10	\$241.65	\$ 879.88	\$1,740.21	\$332.10	\$43,838.95
Home Missionary Soc.....	559.36	633.74	145.01						\$ 1,338.11
Grand Total.....	\$34,021.04	\$24,477.67	\$21,110.34	\$7,515.98	\$508.24	\$1,562.46	\$1,740.21	\$681.35	\$91,617.29
Increase.....	111.33	259.71		75.12		\$ 255.41	\$1,740.21	\$ 3.80	
Decrease.....			\$ 71.30		\$ 16.80				

*For a New Home.

Paul I. Wentz, Francis H. Gehman, G. L. Baumgartner, Byron C. Cassel, Finance Committee

XXIII PASTORS' SUMMARY STATISTICAL REPORT

Appointments	Pastor	Ministers and Officers										Members			
		District Supts.	Ordained Ministers	Probationers	L. C. Licensed Min. and Evangelists	Deacons	Class Leaders	Stewards	Building Fund Rent Collectors	Baptized	Members Not Baptized	Children Dedicated	Received Into Church Fellowship	Received by Transf.	Total Increase
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT — F. B. HERTZOG, D. S.															
Allentown (Bethel)	Walter H. Frank	2	5	5	8	4	4	4	43	4	13	41	15	56	
Reading	P. T. Stengele	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	9	8	1	8	1	9	
Sunbury	E. W. Bean	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	13	7	12	12	12	12	
Shamokin	W. F. Hefner	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
York	James G. Koch	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	19	8	22	2	2	24	
Mt. Carmel	Herbert W. Hartman	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	11	2	12	4	16	16	
Royersford	Paul E. Baer	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	4	4	
Spring City	Paul E. Baer	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	
Graterford	Ernest B. Hartman	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	
Harleysville	Ernest B. Hartman	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Nazareth	J. H. Riggall	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Northampton	J. H. Riggall	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Lehighton	J. B. Layne	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	
Walnutport	Earl M. Hosler	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	2	3	
Hatfield	A. L. Seifert	1	3	1	2	2	2	2	15	1	2	15	6	21	
Harrisburg	N. H. Wolf	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	1	5	14	3	17	
Lebanon	E. J. Rutman	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	
Stroudsburg	Supply	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	2	2	2	2	
Lancaster	Frank L. Herb, Jr.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	2	2	2	2	
Total		2	19	2	15	8	27	29	138	9	56	133	41	174	
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT — C. E. KIRKWOOD, D. S.															
Bethlehem	W. A. Hefner	1	2	2	4	4	4	4	8	8	5	8	8	8	
Phila. (Salem)	J. E. Golla	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	8	10	8	8	8	8	
Easton	D. E. Thomann	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	15	2	9	16	4	20	
Quakertown	A. G. Woodring	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	13	2	4	12	1	13	
Chester	Willard E. Cassel	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	13	1	7	17	1	17	
Phila. (Calvary)	W. B. Hottel	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	4	1	4	4	4	4	
Jersey City, N. J.	H. D. Yarrington	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	2	7	7	7	7	
Emmaus	W. W. Hartman	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	14	8	9	3	12	12	
Macungie	W. W. Hartman	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	
Zionsville	W. W. Hartman	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	
Coopersburg	R. H. Gehman	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	7	1	6	6	6	6	
Allentown (Salem)	R. H. Gehman	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	5	3	3	6	6	
Fleetwood	T. D. Gehret	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	7	4	5	4	9	9	
Blandon	T. D. Gehret	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	2	6	6	6	6	
Scranton	Donald T. Kirkwood	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	3	3	3	3	
Terre Hill	R. C. Reichenbach	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	3	7	7	7	7	
Phila. (Emmanuel)	John Dunn	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Newark, N. J.	Supply	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	3	8	1	9	
Staten Island, N. Y.	Robert W. Smock	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Total		1	16	3	29	32	31	31	110	9	80	117	25	142	
Home Mission Dept. Missionaries	J. E. Hartman, Dir.	9	3	3	3	3	3	3	63	3	9	47	10	57	
Grand Total		3	35	2	27	8	59	64	311	21	145	291	76	373	

XXIII PASTORS' SUMMARY STATISTICAL REPORT

Appointments	Membership										Pastors' Activities							S. S.			
	Died	Withdrawn	Dropped	Transferred to Other Churches	Transferred to M. B. Churches	Total Decrease	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Total Membership	Appointments	Sermons Preached	Pastoral Visits	Prayer Meetings Visited	Sunday Schools Visited	Prayer Meeting Classes	New Classes Organized	M. B. in C. Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers Enrolled	Scholars Enrolled	Total Enrollment	
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT — F. B. HERTZOG, D. S.																					
Allentown (Bethel)	4	...	28	6	1	39	17	...	531	1	230	977	50	68	4	...	1	81	788	869	
Reading	4	...	25	1	...	30	21	364	1	220	542	90	49	2	...	1	49	419	468
Sunbury	1	...	3	1	...	5	7	...	192	1	154	915	90	49	2	...	1	38	279	317	
Shamokin	3	11	4	...	2	20	18	156	1	105	305	98	48	2	...	1	32	236	268
York	1	7	...	...	5	13	11	...	181	1	126	430	61	48	2	...	1	38	220	258
Mt. Carmel	...	...	...	1	5	6	10	...	95	1	210	558	112	52	1	...	1	17	127	144
Royersford	...	...	9	4	1	14	...	10	71	1	100	150	40	45	1	...	1	19	87	106
Spring City	2	...	6	7	2	17	...	14	67	1	90	185	40	12	1	...	1	14	114	128	
Graterford	1	...	...	...	1	2	...	2	35	1	67	210	42	3	1	...	1	18	101	119
Harleysville	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56	1	63	230	43	1	1	...	1	16	92	108
Nazareth	2	...	...	1	...	3	...	3	58	1	74	325	39	5	1	...	1	21	76	97
Northampton	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	38	1	75	300	41	5	1	...	1	14	83	97
Lehighton	1	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	64	1	148	270	43	50	1	...	1	13	95	108
Walnutport	...	...	...	2	5	7	...	4	53	1	132	362	40	50	1	...	1	17	138	155
Hatfield	2	...	2	5	2	11	10	...	146	1	198	287	44	49	1	...	1	22	262	284	
Harrisburg	...	...	...	...	2	2	15	...	108	1	190	1051	103	51	1	...	1	20	189	209
Lebanon	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	43	1	140	312	48	47	1	...	1	17	128	146
Stroudsburg	1	...	...	...	2	3	...	1	34	1	117	401	46	51	1	...	1	14	98	112
Lancaster	...	2	...	...	1	3	...	1	39	1	156	367	50	50	1	...	1	19	118	137
Total	22	18	79	30	30	179	70	75	2331	19	2595	8177	1120	733	26	...	19	479	3651	4130	
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT — C. E. KIRKWOOD, D. S.																					
Bethlehem	7	5	21	...	13	46	...	33	376	1	192	714	80	47	4	...	1	58	446	504	
Phila. (Salem)	2	11	36	...	...	49	...	41	180	1	161	525	71	48	2	...	1	35	224	259
Easton	1	...	2	2	1	6	14	...	162	1	195	460	45	52	1	...	1	36	217	253	
Quakertown	1	6	...	4	2	13	...	...	176	1	76	341	48	50	2	...	1	27	204	231
Chester	1	...	...	...	...	1	16	...	131	1	119	351	32	47	1	...	1	30	245	275
Phila. (Calvary)	...	...	...	4	...	4	...	...	79	1	143	325	41	55	1	...	1	24	195	219
Jersey City, N. J.	3	4	...	...	...	7	...	...	62	1	154	348	48	48	1	...	1	22	109	131
Emmaus	...	2	...	...	1	3	9	...	161	1	86	305	26	2	2	...	1	26	226	252
Macungie	2	2	...	...	1	5	...	1	26	1	46	85	38	2	1	...	1	8	46	54
Zionsville	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	36	1	44	66	20	...	1	...	1	10	56	66
Coopersburg	...	...	4	2	3	9	...	3	134	1	62	426	39	24	2	...	1	23	134	157
Allentown (Salem)	1	...	3	2	6	12	...	6	107	1	64	414	42	24	2	...	1	22	128	150	
Fleetwood	2	6	12	...	4	24	...	15	133	1	110	312	42	11	1	...	1	26	328	354	
Blandon	1	...	5	...	...	6	...	...	74	1	70	190	34	8	1	...	1	19	153	172
Seranton	2	...	1	1	2	6	...	6	81	1	103	376	41	51	2	...	1	22	96	118	
Terre Hill	...	...	3	...	...	3	4	...	77	1	92	331	42	50	1	...	1	22	140	162
Phila. (Emmanuel)	4	...	...	1	...	5	...	5	54	1	165	406	39	47	1	...	1	17	89	106
Newark, N. J.	...	...	5	...	...	5	4	...	51	1	120	245	49	46	1	...	1	17	45	62
Staten Island, N. J.	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	2	49	1	114	395	46	50	1	...	1	13	47	60
Total	28	34	94	16	35	207	47	112	2149	19	2116	6615	823	662	28	...	19	457	3128	3585	
Dist. Sup'ts.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	374	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Home	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mizpah Grove	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Home Mission Dept.	...	...	16	3	...	19	38	...	93	6	742	3254	285	302	6	2	6	63	337	400
Home Mission S. S.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	...	...	...	61	205	266
Berean Bible School	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Missionaries	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	2	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total	50	52	189	49	67	407	155	189	4601	44	7997	18046	2228	1735	60	2	44	1060	7321	8381	

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Appointments	S. S.				Subscriptions to Gospel Herald	Church Property				OFFERINGS	
	Total Average Attendance	Home Department Members	Cradle Roll Members	Mission Sunday Schools		Churches	Parsonages	Increase of Church Property	Present Valuation of Church Property	Home Missions	Home Missions in Sunday Schools
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT — F. B. HERTZOG, D. S.											
Allentown (Bethel)	629	11	88	2	38	1	1		\$ 185,000.00	\$ 3,153.21	\$ 2,519.93
Reading	334		35		22	1	1	\$ 70,000.00	125,000.00	1,047.00	150.00
Sunbury	252	15	12		20	1	1		45,000.00	500.00	105.00
Shamokin	223				12	1	1		52,000.00	262.00	278.11
York	226				22	1	1		20,000.00	961.50	285.09
Mt. Carmel	126		12		3	1	1	5,000.00	25,000.00	682.50	
Royersford	96	3			15	1		10,000.00	25,000.00	868.00	92.18
Spring City	90				5	1	1		10,000.00	369.00	21.63
Graterford	94				8	1	1	8,000.00	20,000.00	334.00	112.13
Harleysville	81		6		12	1			15,000.00	343.00	92.79
Nazareth	80		5		2	1	1	5,000.00	20,000.00	105.50	187.88
Northampton	72		4		15	1	1	5,000.00	19,000.00	149.00	183.01
Lehighton	79		29		7	1	1	125.00	18,000.00	117.00	162.51
Walnutport	119	2	11		2	1	1	1,000.00	13,000.00	140.00	
Hatfield	202	42	12		5	1	1	45,000.00	105,000.00	1,319.80	377.50
Harrisburg	141		13		14	1	1	1,500.00	48,500.00	254.30	324.46
Lebanon	111		20		13	1	1	5,000.00	22,000.00	83.00	107.73
Stroudsburg	74		5		5	1	1		20,000.00	110.00	110.97
Lancaster	97		11		5	1			25,000.00	84.00	124.83
Total	3126	73	263	2	225	19	16	\$156,125.00	\$ 812,500.00	\$10,882.81	\$ 5,235.75
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT — C. E. KIRKWOOD, D. S.											
Bethlehem	406	24	20	1	23	1	1		\$ 100,000.00	1,800.81	354.22
Phila. (Salem)	171		26		8	1	1		75,000.00	600.00	
Easton	184	7	33		11	1	1		70,000.00	776.40	38.25
Quakertown	185		29		11	1	1		60,000.00	587.00	238.00
Chester	184				8	1	1		55,000.00	961.28	250.14
Phila. (Calvary)	142		14		3	1	1		30,000.00	235.91	473.07
Jersey City, N. J.	80	11	7		50	1	1	\$ 2,000.00	23,000.00	100.00	
Emmaus	214	14	27		17	1	1		70,000.00	690.50	249.52
Macungie	49		6		1	1			6,000.00	145.00	
Zionsville	57		4		1	1			8,000.00	502.00	
Coopersburg	128	12	5		21	1	1		25,000.00	647.50	
Allentown (Salem)	113	10	9		40	1	1		30,000.00	674.00	
Fleetwood	261	10	64		52	1	1		65,000.00	1,153.37	
Blandon	131		14		27				15,000.00	181.00	
Scranton	98		13		2	1	1		23,000.00	305.00	111.36
Terre Hill	116	7	23		30	1	1	10,000.00	35,000.00	411.25	63.50
Phila. (Emmanuel)	80		12		7	1	1		13,000.00	182.50	216.86
Newark, N. J.	48		7		7	1			18,000.00	45.00	199.47
Staten Island, N. Y.	53	6	7		7	1	1		40,000.00	93.00	57.71
Total	2700	101	320	1	326	18	15	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 761,000.00	\$10,091.52	\$ 2,252.10
Dist. Sup'ts.					36			20,000.00	38,000.00		
The Home								*1,383.74	130,616.04		
Mizpah Grove									90,000.00		
Home Mission Dept.	265		16		80	5	1	*20,100.00	77,000.00	84.51	60.50
Home Mission S. S.	223		20								28.13
Berean Bible School									110,000.00		
Missionaries					23						
Grand Total	6314	174	619	3	690	42	32	\$208,225.00	\$2,019,116.04	\$21,058.84	\$ 7,576.48

†Net increase—\$9,900—Sale of Home Mission Property, Glendale, N. Y.

*Decrease.

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Appointments	OFFERINGS							
	Foreign Missions	Foreign Missions in Sunday Schools	For the M. B. in C. Home	Church Property Indebtedness	Repairing Church Property	Sexton and Sundry Expenses	Parsonage and Hall Rent	Sunday Schools
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT — F. B. HERTZOG, D. S.								
Allentown (Bethel) ..	\$ 7,018.50	\$ 2,631.34	\$ 61.52	.....	\$ 6,234.10	\$13,434.66	\$ 4,659.00	\$ 7,812.39
Reading	1,487.00	2,672.93	108.90	.....	.....	3,629.49	771.25	2,650.99
Sunbury	628.00	1,074.01	26.46	.....	.....	2,405.64	1,154.00	4,154.82
Shamokin	372.50	278.10	37.00	.....	.....	1,123.06	550.70	1,600.61
York	1,097.50	1,121.36	41.50	.....	.....	1,778.15	.....	1,016.54
Mt. Carmel	822.00	872.00	76.85	.....	725.21	1,132.21	513.25	1,169.53
Royersford	851.00	911.63	43.00	.....	.....	1,185.14	819.46	1,869.41
Spring City	368.00	732.08	34.00	.....	.....	977.96	253.55	1,291.56
Graterford	342.00	113.00	10.00	.....	.....	929.18	166.60	656.64
Harleysville	395.00	116.27	10.00	\$ 995.65	.....	939.89	155.50	495.79
Nazareth	198.50	187.87	24.16	.....	.....	1,766.06	549.10	794.75
Northampton	198.00	183.02	14.62	.....	.....	1,282.93	419.45	506.32
Lehighton	120.00	167.61	11.10	1,100.00	.....	1,101.85	294.00	744.98
Walnutport	253.50	106.43	14.61	.....	494.45	847.91	277.65	959.11
Hatfield	1,772.00	377.53	84.40	13,436.81	.....	3,554.14	1,355.75	2,259.04
Harrisburg	311.31	364.20	33.20	4,409.61	.....	2,894.22	244.00	1,032.77
Lebanon	79.00	108.38	24.70	.....	.....	659.66	345.50	603.34
Stroudsburg	127.00	141.05	6.00	.....	.....	662.48	308.81	880.46
Lancaster	193.50	106.50	20.56	1,350.79	491.73	1,326.05	.....	670.49
Total	\$16,634.31	\$12,265.31	\$ 682.58	\$21,292.86	\$ 7,945.49	\$41,630.68	\$12,897.57	\$31,169.54
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT — C. E. KIRKWOOD, D. S.								
Bethlehem	\$ 3,744.83	\$ 3,549.56	\$ 127.53	.....	\$ 2,004.04	\$ 2,959.53	\$ 2,767.25	\$ 4,112.72
Phila. (Salem)	1,800.00	754.26	20.00	\$ 3,843.20	.....	1,776.04	1,035.55	1,995.00
Easton	745.00	581.02	24.61	.....	.....	2,852.24	802.65	3,003.00
Quakertown	581.00	272.00	59.00	4,354.76	.....	1,406.55	444.00	1,298.51
Chester	1,744.76	750.44	121.56	738.44	.....	2,304.21	1,969.75	1,646.83
Phila. (Calvary)	723.01	499.07	38.88	.....	173.10	866.85	312.30	1,182.98
Jersey City, N. J.	315.85	218.12	10.00	500.00	139.05	1,879.58	460.75	638.49
Emmaus	882.50	241.13	115.30	.....	.....	2,866.41	760.95	1,898.26
Macungie	184.00	110.70	26.00	.....	.....	381.19	184.90	510.29
Zionsville	734.00	644.07	17.60	.....	.....	401.23	180.90	365.73
Coopersburg	854.50	582.75	34.50	.....	.....	2,160.02	508.25	2,264.38
Allentown (Salem) ..	904.00	739.00	25.70	.....	.....	2,614.95	494.75	981.33
Fleetwood	1,425.38	740.00	100.00	2,406.38	3,583.67	2,917.51	756.07	1,886.25
Blandon	269.00	469.88	26.00	782.19	.....	800.33	221.47	1,208.92
Scranton	806.50	111.36	10.00	.....	.....	1,131.99	678.75	617.78
Terre Hill	571.00	637.53	76.20	.....	3,181.54	1,358.53	1,229.00	1,107.24
Phila. (Emmanuel) ..	187.50	216.86	17.00	.....	300.35	793.39	286.60	1,023.27
Newark, N. J.	95.00	123.88	10.00	650.00	242.87	359.84	1,374.00	432.53
Staten Island, N. Y. ..	259.54	117.22	20.00	.....	183.75	1,177.61	767.25	301.46
Total	\$16,827.37	\$11,358.85	\$ 879.88	\$13,274.92	\$ 9,808.37	\$31,008.00	\$15,235.14	\$26,474.97
Home Mission Dept.	559.26	633.74	.....	292.99	.....	6,009.04	.....	2,087.63
Home Mission S. S. ....	.....	219.77	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,659.15
Grand Total	\$34,021.04	\$24,477.67	\$ 1,562.46	\$34,860.77	\$17,758.86	\$78,647.72	\$28,132.71	\$61,391.29

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Appointments	OFFERINGS							
	District Superintendents	District Superintendents' Parsonages	Ministers in Cash	Ministers in Other Contributions	Ministers' Retirement Fund	Beneficiary or Superannuation Fund	Tabernacle, Missionary or Evangelistic Work	Camp Meetings
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT — F. B. HERTZOG, D. S.								
Allentown (Bethel)	\$ 1,330.48	\$ 75.00	\$ 8,021.27	\$ 977.00	\$ 223.32	\$ 60.00	\$ 7,244.43	.....
Reading	626.02	.....	4,355.50	540.00	289.00	44.37	2,180.00	.....
Sunbury	417.26	34.00	2,949.50	435.00	130.00	30.00	348.00	.....
Shamokin	262.00	64.71	2,258.00	126.00	92.75	21.00	115.48	.....
York	502.00	53.00	3,058.95	285.35	126.00	31.00	446.56	.....
Mt. Carmel	321.00	40.00	3,488.23	905.00	42.96	10.60	607.00	.....
Royersford	290.00	35.50	2,447.50	235.00	143.00	35.00	285.00	.....
Spring City	271.00	21.50	1,240.40	122.00	66.25	21.00	435.00	.....
Graterford	145.21	27.30	1,213.00	297.40	58.00	10.33	75.00	.....
Harleysville	147.00	40.52	1,745.00	199.50	51.50	10.76	288.26	.....
Nazareth	160.91	22.14	1,834.68	116.00	47.00	18.16	.....	.....
Northampton	171.17	13.50	1,706.75	126.60	37.00	7.39	.....	.....
Lelighton	187.09	16.70	2,019.00	335.00	50.20	12.70	.....	.....
Walnutport	129.54	10.38	2,349.25	160.00	31.31	10.48	304.21	.....
Hatfield	370.63	60.00	3,463.22	383.00	222.49	50.00	4,213.04	.....
Harrisburg	328.33	49.00	2,959.85	330.00	84.00	37.65	441.97	.....
Lebanon	134.31	.....	1,025.00	149.07	58.25	11.89	174.94	.....
Stroudsburg	90.25	.....	939.50	156.50	23.90	8.50	85.15	.....
Lancaster	136.96	.....	2,047.06	250.00	35.18	14.00	68.80	.....
Total	\$ 6,020.96	\$ 563.25	\$ 49,121.66	\$ 6,127.82	\$ 1,812.11	\$ 444.83	\$ 17,262.84	.....
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT — C. E. KIRKWOOD, D. S.								
Bethlehem	\$ 999.35	\$ 160.00	\$ 6,028.69	\$ 750.10	\$ 507.80	\$ 107.80	\$ 3,480.67	.....
Phila. (Salem)	452.00	125.00	4,019.75	580.00	175.00	40.00	1,039.16	.....
Easton	407.22	43.10	3,629.20	425.00	116.83	22.40	493.24	.....
Quakertown	471.09	48.00	3,511.75	714.00	158.75	36.00	150.05	.....
Chester	518.00	100.00	4,185.00	374.55	240.00	11.50	2,608.12	.....
Phila. (Calvary)	231.00	43.69	2,910.50	458.00	39.48	7.75	561.52	.....
Jersey City, N. J.	167.66	25.00	2,320.75	500.00	42.00	10.00	200.00	.....
Emmaus	707.00	153.00	3,760.75	850.00	235.25	30.00	1,422.16	.....
Macungie	208.00	32.00	690.00	138.00	58.50	18.50	250.10	.....
Zionsville	199.00	40.00	601.75	122.00	55.00	12.00	207.59	.....
Coopersburg	390.25	85.00	2,632.75	182.40	65.75	35.00	175.31	.....
Allentown (Salem)	375.00	80.00	2,175.50	322.50	103.55	30.55	154.47	.....
Fleetwood	261.00	75.00	3,264.25	405.00	225.00	20.00	1,350.00	.....
Blandon	235.90	25.00	1,082.50	300.00	115.00	14.20	340.00	.....
Scranton	245.00	30.45	2,289.25	380.00	40.00	10.00	343.81	.....
Terre Hill	275.36	63.83	2,586.00	210.62	89.00	14.20	205.00	.....
Phila. (Emmanuel)	209.00	17.00	1,400.75	197.00	38.50	20.75	264.59	.....
Newark, N. J.	151.00	16.00	1,841.00	263.00	19.69	6.60	1,370.00	.....
Staten Island, N. Y.	195.00	20.00	1,719.70	224.00	49.00	10.00	43.00	.....
Total	\$ 6,697.74	\$ 1,182.07	\$ 50,649.84	\$ 7,396.17	\$ 2,374.10	\$ 457.25	\$ 14,659.24	.....
Mizpah Grove .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 16,326.27
Home Mission Dept.	617.10	.....	3,870.87	926.43	.....	.....	1,651.29	.....
Home Mission S. S. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Total	\$ 13,335.80	\$ 1,745.32	\$ 103,642.37	\$ 14,450.42	\$ 4,186.21	\$ 902.08	\$ 33,573.37	\$ 16,326.27

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Appointments	OFFERINGS									
	Sunday School and Other Conventions	Annual Conference Fund	Annual Conference Delegate Fund	Annual Conference Entertainment Fund	Church Property	Benevolent Society	Church Extension Fund	Relief and Rescue Work	Young People's Society	Women's Missionary Society
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT — F. B. HERTZOG, D. S.										
Allentown (Bethel)	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.80	\$ 150.00	\$ 77.10		\$ 19.00		\$ 308.20	\$2,180.41	\$ 3,342.74
Reading	35.00	25.00	58.00	57.75	\$11,205.89	15.50			308.35	
Sunbury	20.00	12.58	31.00	27.75		1.50		172.00	436.77	
Shamokin	20.00	10.00	50.00	26.10				50.00	143.72	394.60
York	28.00	18.00	42.00	25.50	5 069.60			48.10	202.86	346.41
Mt. Carmel	15.00	10.00	18.52	12.75					74.48	215.12
Royersford	25.00	32.00	25.60	12.15		4.50		72.00	98.01	43.96
Spring City	20.00	19.50	25.40	12.15		3.00		36.50	98.02	43.95
Graterford	20.68	10.22	13.12	4.55	462.82	3.00			108.87	65.95
Harleysville	20.79	11.21	29.25	8.40		4.50			108.88	65.95
Nazareth	10.00	8.90	27.78	9.15					97.74	105.68
Northampton	5.00	8.41	78.68	5.85		5.00			20.98	
Lehighton	10.00	5.69	17.25	9.60						
Walnutport	8.00	7.36	40.41	8.55					17.66	15.20
Hatfield	20.00	12.00	51.93	20.40				190.00	276.48	117.54
Harrisburg	31.65	8.77	80.00	13.95					43.24	352.49
Lebanon	21.71	8.65	50.10	6.45					93.38	271.80
Stroudsburg	10.00	11.50	48.20	5.10					9.39	
Lancaster	16.50	6.09	48.60	6.00					54.52	50.97
Total	\$377.33	\$266.59	\$ 875.84	\$349.25	\$16 738.31	\$ 56.00		\$ 876.80	\$4,373.76	\$ 5,432.36
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT — C. E. KIRKWOOD, D. S.										
Bethlehem	\$ 53.50	\$ 40.00	\$ 83.20	\$ 61.35		\$ 36.00			\$ 648.61	\$ 3,313.67
Phila. (Salem)	26.10	15.00	50.00	33.15				\$ 122.50	34.11	297.70
Easton	27.20	11.00	50.00	22.20		12.50		114.60	37.80	145.13
Quakertown	24.40	17.00	32.00	26.40		3.50			202.50	146.45
Chester	27.50	11.50	113.58	17.25					194.44	103.29
Phila. (Calvary)	21.90	5.35	25.00	11.85			\$1,675.40		112.23	
Jersey City, N. J.	12.00	10.52	50.00	9.80		10.00			120.61	
Emmaus		23.90	187.00	22.80		31.50			121.10	23.05
Macungie		9.33	15.00	4.05		3.00				3 75
Zionsville		10.26	8.00	5.40		4.50				16.80
Coopersburg	16.30	13.25	38.30	20.55		8.50			148.26	71.82
Allentown (Salem)	15.40	13.85	37.00	16.95		6.00			148.26	71.82
Fleetwood	35.20	14.00	40.00	22.20		5.00			98.45	
Blandon	17.30	10.00	20.17	11.10						
Scranton	13.50	8.27	43.00	13.05		4.50	1,265.61	25.00	9.41	148.20
Terre Hill	15.40	10.16	38.61	10.95					46.23	118.30
Phila. (Emmanuel)	11.10	5.75	18.45	8.85	537.10					131.70
Newark, N. J.	5.80	5.00	30.00	7.05						57.95
Staten Island, N. Y.	7.00	7.51	27.00	7.65						136.63
Total	\$329.60	\$241.65	\$ 906.31	\$332.10	\$ 537.10	\$125.00	\$2,941.01	\$ 308.33	\$2,193.70	\$ 4,554.11
Mizpah Grove										
Home Mission Dept.	40.94							17.98	77.90	46.31
Home Mission S. S.	18.20									
Grand Total	\$766.07	\$508.24	\$1,782.15	\$681.35	\$17,275.41	\$181.00	\$2,941.01	\$1,203.11	\$6,645.36	\$10,032.78

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Appointments	OFFERINGS					
	Child Evangelism	Berean Bible School	Ministers' Retirement Fund Special	M. B. in C. New Home	Special for M. B. C. Home	Total Offerings
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT — F. B. HERTZOG, D. S.						
Allentown (Bethel) ...	\$ 565.47	\$1,089.85	\$223.32			\$ 73,493.04
Reading		217.41				32,475.35
Sunbury		313.42				15,406.71
Shamokin		100.81				8,237.25
York		200.00				16,784.97
Mt. Carmel	110.00	160.00				12,084.21
Royersford	102.86	127.00				10,653.90
Spring City	127.35	117.00				6,727.80
Graterford	100.45	112.64				5,392.09
Harleysville	69.37	169.43				6,464.21
Nazareth		113.75				6,385.71
Northampton		105.17				5,222.25
Lehighton		57.09				6,539.37
Walnutport	17.55	39.82				6,243.38
Hatfield	132.68	840.95				34,961.33
Harrisburg		140.82				14,769.79
Lebanon		147.55				4,164.41
Stroudsburg	73.05	33.35				3,836.16
Lancaster	33.00	154.72				7,290.66
Total	\$1,331.78	\$4,240.78	\$223.32			\$277,132.49
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT — C. E. KIRKWOOD, D. S.						
Bethlehem		\$ 789.39				\$ 38,480.62
Phila. (Salem)		186.00				19,019.52
Easton		215.65				14,596.24
Quakertown	125.50	202.00				15,110.57
Chester		150.78				19,142.92
Phila. (Calvary)	155.82	136.00				10,900.66
Jersey City, N. J.	67.00	100.00				7,905.53
Emmaus	107.64	1,878.78		\$1,690.21		18,948.71
Macungie		40.00				3,012.31
Zionsville		50.25				4,178.08
Coopersburg	277.16	400.20				11,612.70
Allentown (Salem) ...	90.40	264.25				10,217.60
Fleetwood		295.00	\$50.00			21,170.13
Blandon		90.40				6,220.36
Scranton	20.51	150.06				8,812.36
Terre Hill	27.12	157.99				12,504.56
Phila. (Emmanuel) ...		54.41				6,139.23
Newark, N. J.						7,471.63
Staten Island, N. Y. ...	75.00	66.00				5,565.03
Total	\$ 946.15	\$5,227.16		\$50.00	\$1,690.21	\$241,009.96
Mizpah Grove						\$ 16,326.27
Home Mission Dept. ...		99.85				17,076.44
Home Mission S. S. ...		30.00				1,955.25
Grand Total	\$2,277.93	\$9,597.79	\$223.32	\$50.00	\$1,690.21	\$553,500.41

J. B. Layne
 Willard E. Cassel
 Ernest B. Hartman
 J. E. Golla
 Jansen E. Hartman
 Donald T. Kirkwood
 John Dunn

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Home Mission Department Mission Sunday Schools

		Min. & Off.				Membership										
		L. C. Licensed Min. and Evangelists	Class Leaders	Stewards	Building Fund Rent Collectors	Baptized	Members Not Baptized	Children Dedicated	Received Into Church Fellowship	Received by Transfer	Total Increase	Dropped	Transferred to Other Churches	Total Decrease	Net Increase	Net Decrease

HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT — J. E. HARTMAN, Director

Binghamton, N. Y.....	Home Mission Soc.	2	1	1	1	3	1	3	23	1	1	10	1	11	1	11	21	1
Finesville, N. J.....	Home Mission Soc.	1	1	1	1	9	2	1	2	3	26				26		26	1
Glendale, L. I., N. Y.	Home Mission Soc.	1																
Millersville, Pa.....	Home Mission Soc.	1				8		1	2	2	2				2		2	1
Paradise, Pa.....	Home Mission Soc.	1	1	1	1	12		1	13	2	15		2	2	13		19	1
Phila. (Roxboro).....	Home Mission Soc.	2				10		1	11	2	13				13		13	1
Trenton, N. J.....	Home Mission Soc.	1				21												1
TOTAL		9	3	3	3	63	3	9	47	10	57	10	3	13	55	11	81	6

		Pastors' Activities						Sunday Schools					
		Sermons Preached	Pastoral Visits	Prayer Meetings Visited	Sunday Schools Visited	Prayer Meeting Cl. Organized	M. F. in C.	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers Enrolled	Scholars Enrolled	Total Enrollment	Total Average Att.	Cradle Roll Members	Mission Sunday Sch.	Subscriptions to Gospel Herald

HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT — J. E. HARTMAN, Director

Binghamton, N. Y.....	Home Mission Soc.	82	339	47	50	1	2	15	61	76	65	8	20
Finesville, N. J.....	Home Mission Soc.	104	499	49	51	1	1	12	59	70	53	7	10
Glendale, L. I., N. Y.	Home Mission Soc.	35	63	11	11	1	1	2	23	19	9	1	10
Millersville, Pa.....	Home Mission Soc.	126	643	41	41	1	1	5	26	31	9	1	10
Paradise, Pa.....	Home Mission Soc.	119	596	44	50	1	1	9	55	64	46		
Phila. (Roxboro).....	Home Mission Soc.	120	356	42	50	1	1	5	25	30	24		
Trenton, N. J.....	Home Mission Soc.	156	758	51	49			1	15	91	106	49	10
TOTAL		742	3254	285	302	6	2	6	63	337	400	265	16

MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Treichlers.....	W. H. Frank							12	66	78	46	1
W. Catsauqua.....	W. H. Frank							22	34	56	55	1
Bear Gap.....	H. W. Hartman							6	22	28	21	1
Clearfield.....	W. A. Heffner				38			21	83	104	101	20
TOTAL					38			61	205	266	223	20

		Church Property				OFFERINGS				
		Churches	Parsonages	Increase of Church Property	Present Valuation of Church Property	Home Missions	Home Missions in Sunday Schools	Foreign Missions	Foreign Missions in Sunday Schools	Church Property Indebtedness

HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT — J. E. HARTMAN, Director

Binghamton, N. Y.....	Home Mission Soc.	1			\$ 9,500.00			\$241.04	\$125.62	\$292.99
Finesville, N. J.....	Home Mission Soc.	1	\$10,000.00		10,000.00			104.15	105.39	
Glendale, L. I., N. Y.	Home Mission Soc.	1								
Millersville, Pa.....	Home Mission Soc.	1						5.00	26.58	
Paradise, Pa.....	Home Mission Soc.	1			25,000.00				200.00	
Phila. (Roxboro).....	Home Mission Soc.	1			6,000.00			77.70	103.89	
Trenton, N. J.....	Home Mission Soc.	1	1	20,000.00	26,500.00	60.50		55.96	72.26	
S. Bethlehem.....	Home Mission Soc.					\$84.51		75.51		
TOTAL		5	1	\$30,000.00	\$77,000.00	\$84.51	\$60.50	\$559.36	\$633.74	\$292.99

MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Treichlers.....	W. H. Frank					\$25.00		\$ 25.00		
W. Catsauqua.....	W. H. Frank					3.13		79.50		
Bear Gap.....	H. W. Hartman									
Clearfield.....	W. A. Heffner								115.27	
TOTAL						\$28.13		\$219.77		

XXIV Home Mission Department Mission Sunday Schools		OFFERINGS— (Continued)							
		<i>Session and Sundry Expenses</i>	<i>Sunday Schools</i>	<i>District Superintendents</i>	<i>Ministers in Cash</i>	<i>Ministers in Other Contributions</i>	<i>Tabernacle, Missionary or Evangelistic Work</i>	<i>Sunday School and Other Conventions</i>	
<i>Appointments</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT — J. E. HARTMAN, Director							
Binghamton, N. Y.	Home Mission Soc	\$1,177.18	\$ 256.71	\$ 86.33	\$ 672.14	\$ 98.45	\$ 109.01	\$ 8.30	
Finesville, N. J.	Home Mission Soc	1,205.73	401.03	164.83	1,832.50	192.00	1,064.49	13.70	
Glendale, L. I., N. Y.	Home Mission Soc	135.15	49.40	13.45	11.50	37.00	.....	.....
Millersville, Pa.	Home Mission Soc	823.89	176.22	85.63	92.00	147.00	36.00	.....
Paradise, Pa.	Home Mission Soc	798.63	546.11	88.78	459.51	204.00	237.17	11.24	
Phila. (Roxboro)	Home Mission Soc.	840.38	286.66	68.86	525.00	73.20	61.50	.....
Trenton, N. J.	Home Mission Soc.	1,028.08	371.50	109.22	278.22	174.78	143.12	7.70	
S. Bethlehem	Home Mission Soc.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL		\$6,009.04	\$2,087.63	\$617.10	\$3,870.87	\$ 926.43	\$1,651.29	\$ 40.94	
		MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOLS							
Treichlers	W. H. Frank	.....	\$ 235.09	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. Catsauqua	W. H. Frank	.....	333.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bear Gap	H. W. Hartman	.....	130.14	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 2.00
Clearfield	W. A. Heffner	.....	910.02	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.20
TOTAL		.....	\$1,659.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 18.20

		OFFERINGS— (Continued)					
		<i>Relief and Rescue Work</i>	<i>Young People's Society</i>	<i>Women's Missionary Society</i>	<i>Berean Bible School</i>	<i>Total Offering</i>	
<i>Appointments</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT — J. E. HARTMAN, Director					
Binghamton, N. Y.	Home Mission Soc.	\$17.98	\$77.90	\$22.14	\$15.00	\$ 3,200.79	
Finesville, N. J.	Home Mission Soc.	.....	.....	.....	10.00	5,093.82
Glendale, L. I., N. Y.	Home Mission Soc.	.....	.....	.....	.....	246.50
Millersville, Pa.	Home Mission Soc.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,392.32
Paradise, Pa.	Home Mission Soc.	.....	.....	24.17	.....	2,569.61
Phila. (Roxboro)	Home Mission Soc.	.....	.....	.....	10.00	2,047.19
Trenton, N. J.	Home Mission Soc.	.....	.....	.....	64.85	2,366.19
S. Bethlehem	Home Mission Soc.	.....	.....	.....	.....	160.02
TOTAL		\$17.98	\$77.90	\$46.31	\$99.85	\$17,076.44	
		MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOLS					
Treichlers	W. H. Frank	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 285.09
W. Catsauqua	W. H. Frank	.....	.....	.....	.....	466.53
Bear Gap	H. W. Hartman	.....	.....	.....	.....	132.14
Clearfield	W. A. Heffner	\$30.00	1,071.49	
TOTAL		\$30.00	\$ 1,955.25	

- J. B. Layne
- Willard E. Cassel
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- J. E. Golla
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- Donald T. Kirkwood
- John Dunn

XXV.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS

District Superintendents -----	3	Record	
Ordained Ministers -----	35	Appointments -----	44
Probationers -----	2	Sermons Preached -----	5,827
Local Conf. Licensed Ministers..	27	Pastoral Visits -----	18,046
Deacons -----	8	Prayer Meetings Visited.....	2,228
Class Leaders -----	59	Sunday Schools Visited.....	1,735
Stewards -----	64	Prayer Meeting Classes.....	60
Building Fund Collectors -----	63	New Classes Organized -----	2
Baptized -----	311	M. B. C. Sunday Schools.....	44
Members Not Baptized.....	21	Officers & Teachers Enrolled..	1,060
Children Dedicated -----	145	Scholars Enrolled -----	7,321
		Total Enrollment -----	8,381
		Total Average Attendance ----	6,314
		Home Department Members....	174
Church Membership		Cradle Roll Members.....	619
Received into Church		Mission Sunday Schools -----	3
Fellowship -----	291	Subscribers to Gospel Herald ..	690
Received by Transfer -----	76	Churches -----	42
Total Increase -----	373	Parsonages -----	32
Died -----	50		
Withdrawn -----	52		
Dropped -----	189		
Transferred to Other Churches..	49		
Transferred to M.B.C. Churches	67		
Total Decrease -----	407		
Net Decrease -----	34		
Total Membership -----	4,601		

FINANCIAL

(a) Valuation

Increase of Church Property.....	\$ 206,941.26
Present Valuation of Church Property.....	2,019,116.04

(b) Offerings

Home Missions -----	\$ 21,058.84
Home Missions in Sunday School -----	7,576.48
Foreign Missions -----	34,021.04
Foreign Missions in Sunday School.....	24,477.67
For the M. B. C. Home.....	1,562.46
Church Property Indebtedness.....	34,860.77
Repairing Church Property.....	17,753.86
Sexton and Sundry Expenses.....	78,647.72
Parsonage and Building Fund.....	28,132.71
Sunday Schools -----	61,391.29
District Superintendents -----	12,718.70
Home Mission Director.....	617.10
District Superintendents' Parsonages.....	1,745.32
Ministers in Cash.....	103,642.37
Ministers in Other Contributions.....	14,450.42
Ministers' Retirement Fund.....	4,186.21

Beneficiary Fund	902.08
Tabernacle, Missionary and Evangelistic Work.....	33,573.37
Camp Meetings	16,326.27
Sunday School Conventions.....	766.07
Annual Conference Fund.....	508.24
Annual Conference Delegate Fund.....	1,782.15
Annual Conference Entertainment Fund.....	681.35
Church Property	17,275.41
Benevolent Society	181.00
Church Extension Fund.....	2,941.01
Relief and Rescue Work.....	1,203.11
Menno Youth Societies	6,645.36
Women's Missionary Societies	10,032.78
Child Evangelism	2,277.93
Berean Bible School.....	9,597.79
Ministers' Retirement Fund (Special).....	223.32
New M. B. C. Home.....	50.00
M. B. C. Home (Special).....	1,690.21
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Total Offerings.....	\$ 553,500.41

J. B. Layne,
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Statistical Committee.

ROLL AND DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS

1. Itinerants

Name	Licensed	Ordained	Received Present Charge	Post Office Address
Allen, Russel T. ----	1955		1955	45 Lincoln Street, Jersey City 7, N. J.
Arnold, Raymond E. ----	1955		1955	20 Cherry Street, Walnutport, Pa.
Baer, Paul E. -----	1924	1928	1955	1023 Taylor Ave., Scranton 10, Pa.
Bean, E. W. -----	1928	1938	1952	650 Catawissa Ave., Sunbury, Pa.
Cassel, Willard E. --	1943	1946	1952	717 W. Seventh Street, Chester, Pa.
Dunn, John -----	1941	1950	1949	6214 Grays Avenue, Philadelphia 42, Pa.
Frank, Walter H. ---	1939	1942	1954	529 N. Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa.
Gehman, R. H. -----	1928	1935	1954	723 Filmore Street, Allentown, Pa.
Gehret, T. D. -----	1921	1925	1954	119 N. Richmond Street, Fleetwood, Pa.
Golla, J. E. -----	1941	1942	1952	3848 N. Park Ave., Philadelphia 40, Pa.
Hartman, Ernest B. -	1927	1936	1952	Graterford, Pa.
Hartman, Herbert W. -	1927	1934	1954	132 W. Fourth Street, Mount Carmel, Pa.
*Hartman, Jansen E. -	1942	1945		1020 S. Hall Street, Allentown, Pa.
Hartman, W. W. ----	1930	1937	1951	25 N. Fifth Street, Emmaus, Pa.
Heffner, W. A. -----	1943	1951	1954	1124 N. Main Street, Bethlehem, Pa.
Heffner, W. F. -----	1917	1920	1955	515 Locust Street, Lebanon, Pa.
Heller, LeRoy S. ---	1955		1955	446 Avon Avenue, Newark 8, N. J.
Herb, Frank L., Jr. -	1954		1954	345 N. Queen Street, Lancaster, Pa.
Hertzog, F. B. -----	1922	1925	D. S.	2340 Union Street, Allentown, Pa.
Hosler, Earl M. -----	1953		1955	311 Yost Avenue, Spring City, Pa.
Hottel, W. B. -----	1944	1947	1948	4420 Van Kirk St., Philadelphia 24, Pa.
Kirkwood, C. E. ---	1937	1940	D. S.	1218 E. Rosemont Drive, Bethlehem, Pa.
Kirkwood, Donald T. -	1951	1954	1955	25 S. Third Street, Quakertown, Pa.
Koch, James G. ----	1950	1953	1954	246 E. Princess Street, York, Pa.
Layne, J. B. -----	1916	1919	1952	438 Cypress Street, Lehighton, Pa.
Reichenbach, R. C. -	1937	1941	1955	35 S. Second Street, Shamokin, Pa.
Riggall, J. H. -----	1945	1948	1951	16 S. Broad Street, Nazareth, Pa.
Schaeffer, Donald B. -	1955		1955	21 S. Sixth Street, Stroudsburg, Pa.
Seifert, A. L. -----	1950	1953	1954	Hatfield, Pa.
Smock, Robert W. --	1950	1953	1955	Terre Hill, Pa.
Stengele, P. T. -----	1918	1923	1953	1122 Hampden Blvd., Reading, Pa.
Thomann, D. E. -----	1943	1946	1951	1231 Ferry Street, Easton, Pa.
Wolf, N. H. -----	1916	1920	1954	3210 N. Fourth Street, Harrisburg, Pa.
Yarrington, H. D. --	1942	1952	1955	243 Taylor Street, Staten Island 10, N. Y.

2. Ordained Ministers Working With Other Organizations

Henry, J. B. -----	1924	1928		Assoc. Gen. Sec'y, Africa Inland Mission 186 Prospect Place, Brooklyn 38, N. Y.
Miller, C. Leslie ----	1928	1933		General Superintendent, Union Gospel Press, Box 6059, Cleveland 1, Ohio

3. Superannuated Ministers

<i>Name</i>	<i>Licensed</i>	<i>Ordained</i>	<i>Received Present Charge</i>	<i>Post Office Address</i>
Hottel, F. M. -----	1905	1909		531 N. Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa.
Kubic, E. E. -----	1901	1907		106 Cherry Street, Walnutport, Pa.
†Musselman, H. B. --	1890	1893	D. S.	R. D. No. 1, Allentown, Pa.
Rutman, E. J. -----	1937	1940		R. D. 3, (Skyline View) Harrisburg, Pa.
Woodring, A. G. ---	1917	1920		R. D. 2, Box 136, Sinking Spring, Pa.
Yost, G. F. -----	1903	1913		Coopersburg, Pa.

4. Home Missionary Ministers

Gardner, Reynold --	1953			
Gordon, Norman F., Jr.	1954			
Harley, J. Barclay --	1954			
Johnson, Robert F. -	1955			
Kline, Richard H. --	1949			
Mann, Charles L., Jr.	1955			
Shelly, Austin G. ---	1955			

5. Foreign Missionaries

Baer, Merle E. -----				
Baer, Mrs. Marjorie				
Chaponniere, Paul -				
Doverspike, Miss Betty				
Dyke, Herbert C. ---				
Dyke, Mrs. Betty ---				
Gordon, Robert ----				
Gordon, Mrs. Frances				
Miller, Miss Bertha -				
Miller, Miss Mary ---				
Miller, Miss Sylvia --				
Rampy, Robert -----				
Rampy, Mrs. Marcella				
Rawn, Miss Olive ---				
Reinhart, Miss Luella				
Snyder, C. F. -----				
Snyder, Mrs. Phoebe				
Stengele, Laird S. --				
Stengele, Mrs. Mary A.				
Whale, Mrs. Grace --				
Yost, Miss Grace ---				

6. Local Conference Licensed Workers

Beil, James A. -----	1954			Northampton, Pa.
Brosius, Bert N. ----	1952			Sunbury, Pa.
Cassel, Carl C. -----	1952			Philadelphia, Pa.
Carlson, Paul -----	1954			Allentown, Pa.

Local Conference Licensed Workers (Continued)

Name	Licensed	Post Office Address
Deppe, Donald -----	1951	Northampton, Pa.
Fritz, Harvey -----	1951	Allentown, Pa.
Johnson, Ronald L. -	1955	Shamokin, Pa.
Knauer, Donald ----	1952	Reading, Pa.
Neumoyer, Rufus --	1952	Allentown, Pa.
Ruth, Richard -----	1954	Allentown, Pa.
Schaeffer, Richard -	1951	Allentown, Pa.
Snyder, Clyde W. --	1955	Hatfield, Pa.
Steitz, John D. -----	1952	Jersey City, N. J.
Weaber, Harold ----	1954	Lebanon, Pa.
Weiss, Norman -----	1954	Philadelphia (Salem)
Zeigler, Daniel G. --	1955	Hatfield, Pa.

*Director of Home Missions and President of Berean Bible School.

†District Superintendent Emeritus.

Shick, E. T., Inactive Minister.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Pastor	Exchange	Number
Allen, Russel T.	Jersey City, Journal Square	JO 4-2650
Arnold, Raymond E.	Slatington	4852
Baer, Paul E.	Scranton	2-2027
Bean, E. W.	Sunbury	AT 6-1094
Cassel, Willard E.	Chester	3-8449
Dunn, John	Phila., Belgrade	BE 6-4413
Frank, Walter H.	Allentown, Hemlock	HE 2-0664
(Bethel Church)	Allentown, Hemlock	HE 5-2331
Gehman, R. H.	Allentown, Hemlock	HE 2-7275
Gehret, T. D.	Fleetwood	3391
(Faith Church)	Fleetwood	4742
Golla, J. E.	Phila., Radcliff	RA 5-5839
(Salem Church)	Phila., Sagamor	SA 2-5206
Hartman, Ernest B.	Collegeville	3368
Hartman, Herbert W.	Mount Carmel	484
Hartman, Jansen E.	Allentown, Hemlock	HE 3-6703
Hartman, W. W.	Emmaus, Woodring	WO 5-2682
Heffner, W. A.	Bethlehem, University	UN 6-2703
(Ebenezer Church)	Bethlehem, University	UN 8-5501
Heffner, W. F.	Lebanon	2-3945
Heller, LeRoy S.	Newark, Essex	ES 2-4442
Herb, Frank L., Jr.	Lancaster	3-7677
Hertzog, F. B.	Allentown, Hemlock	HE 5-1732
Hosler, Earl M.	Royersford	217
Hottel, W. B.	Phila., Delaware	DE 6-3751
Kirkwood, C. E.	Bethlehem, University	UN 8-2781
Kirkwood, Donald T.	Quakertown	268
Koch, James G.	York	5872
Layne, J. B.	Lehighton	433-R
Reichenbach, R. C.	Shamokin	8-9732
Riggall, J. H.	Nazareth	79-M
Schaeffer, Donald B.	Stroudsburg	3213-M
Seifert, A. L.	Hatfield	2449
Smock, Robert W.	Terre Hill	5-3040
Stengele, P. T.	Reading	2-3330
Thomann, D. E.	Easton	2-6352
Wolf, N. H.	Harrisburg, Cedar	CE 2-0821
Yarrington, H. D.	New York, Gibraltar	GI 2-2782

Home Missions

Binghamton, N. Y.	New York, Binghamton	2-4988
Finesville, N. J.		
Paradise, Pa.		
Roxborough, Phila.	Phila., Ivy Ridge	IV 3-5959-J
Trenton, N. J.	Trenton	4-1893
Millersville, Pa.		

BEREAN

BIBLE SCHOOL	Allentown, Hemlock	HE 3-6703
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Members of Board of Directors

Cassel, Byron C. (747 Hillcrest Ave., Glenside, Pa.)	Glenside, Turner	Turner 4-6622
Wentz, Paul I. (10 S. West St., Apt. 1C, Allentown, Pa.)	Allentown, Hemlock	HE 5-6728

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