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INTRODUCTION

Members of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards as well as the Examining and Publication Boards of the Brethren in Christ, together with a number of delegates to General Conference, by virtue of a call from their respective chairmen, convened at Paradise Church, Weilersville, Wayne County, Ohio, on May 16, 1905, at 10 A. M., and opened with prayer services, after which preliminary steps were taken for the convening of the different Boards to formulate their considerations for report to Conference. The meeting then adjourned for the different Boards to convene in executive session in the afternoon and evening.

Since the delegates and those desiring to attend Conference had mostly all convened by noon of said day, general religious services were conducted in the afternoon and evening, in German and English, which were very impressive and long to be remembered by those who were present.

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By virtue of the decision of General Conference of 1904, the delegates elected for General Conference of 1905 together with officials and lay members assembled at Paradise Meeting House, Weilersville, Wayne County, Ohio, at 9.30 A. M., and engaged in religious services for thirty minutes, following which Bishop W. O. Baker, retiring Moderator formally opened Conference by prayer, after which he appointed S. B. Longenecker, A. B. Musser and Daniel Climenhaga a committee to proceed with election for Moderators, which resulted as follows: Bishop W. O. Baker, Moderator; Bishop J. N. Engle, First Assistant; Bishop B. F. Hoover, Second Assistant.

The Moderators elect then appointed the Brethren M. L. Hoffman, Recording Secretary, W. J. Myers, Assistant and Abram Z. Hess, Reading Clerk, to assist the General Conference Secretary. Following the completion of the organization, the Moderator-elect read Rom. 12th chapter, followed with comments on the same as a basis of conduct for members of Conference. Brother S. R. Smith, Conference Secretary, called the roll of the delegates to Conference as previously submitted to him from the various districts as follows:

Silverdale and Philadelphia Missions, Pa., Bishop Joseph B. Detwiler.

Manor District, Pa., Bishop H. L. Heisey, Eli M. Engle.

Donegal District, Pa., Bishop Aaron Martin, Abram Z. Hess.

Rapho District, Bishop Henry B. Hoffer, Henry O. Musser.

Dauphin and Lebanon Districts, Pa., *Jacob Books, Jacob Brubaker, *S. E. Brehm, *H. K. Kreider, A. B. Musser.

Cumberland District, Pa., *Bishop Jonathan Wert, (Abr. B. Niesley), John C. Dick.

North Franklin District, Pa., Bishop M. H. Oberholser, Abraham M. Wingert.

South Franklin District, Pa., Bishop J. D. Wingert, C. S. Leshner.

Lykens Valley District, Pa., J. D. Keefer.

Morrison's Cove and Center County Districts, Pa., Henry Stoner.

Penna. State Council delegate-at-large, S. R. Smith.

Stark County District, O., Bishop W. O. Baker, John C. Dick.

Wayne County District, O., W. J. Myers.

Richland and Ashland Districts, O., Bishop B. F. Hoover, Samuel Whistler.

Clark County District O., Bishop J. B. Wingert.

South Dayton District, O., Bishop A. M. Engle.

Miami District, O., Bishop John N. Hoover.

Elkhart District, Ind., J. F. Stump.

Polo, Illinois District, Bishop Isaac Trump.

Whiteside District Ill., D. B. Martin.

Chicago Mission, Illinois, G. C. Cress.

Des Moines, Iowa District, J. R. Zook.

Dallas Center, Iowa District, *William C. Deemy.

North Dickinson, Kansas, J. M. Sheetz, M. L. Hoffman.

South Dickinson, Kansas, Bishop J. N. Engle.

Brown County District, Arizona Mission, no delegate.

(NOTE—Names marked thus * were absent.)

Upland, California, District, C. C. Burkholder.
Black Creek District, Ontario, Girvin Bearss,
Daniel Climenhaga, John Sider.

Nottawa District, Ontario, Bishop Charles Baker,
Markham District, Ontario, Bishop H. R. Heise, T. S. Doner.

Waterloo District, Ontario, and Carland Mission,
Michigan, Bishop John Wildfang.

The Conference Secretary then presented a schedule of the work for consideration of General Conference, which was ordered to be filed for consideration.

Art. 1. The Moderators appointed a committee of seven as follows: Bishop Charles Baker, Bishop M. H. Oberholser, Bishop H. R. Heise, Bishop A. M. Engle, Peter Climenhaga, D. V. Heise, J. M. Sheets, with instructions to nominate members for the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, Examining and Publication Boards, to serve during the following Conference year, and present the nominations at a later session to Conference for confirmation.

Conference then took up the consideration of unfinished business as follows:

Art. 2. Bishops B. F. Hoover and John A. Stump retained as overseers of Dayton District, Ohio, under Art. 18, Conference, 1904, reported through Bishop B. F. Hoover, that former Dayton District, is now sub-divided in three Districts as follows: South Dayton District, Bishop A. M. Engle, Clark County District, Bishop J. B. Wingert, Miami District, Bishop J. N. Hoover. Conference confirmed the report and ordered the names of the respective Districts to be recorded on the Church Record.

Art. 3. The Conference Index Committee appointed under Art. 16 and 17, General Conference of 1904, reported that they published the first edition of 2,000 copies of Revised Minutes since 1871 to 1904 inclusive, with Index, together with the proceedings of church incorporation, new Constitution and By-Laws, with classified index, articles on sanctification, etc., and a brief church history. The committee further

reported that there was only about one-half of the number so far taken. Conference accepted the report and recommended that every member should be in possession of a copy. It was further suggested that if there are any who are not able to purchase a copy that the District of which they are a member should see to it that they are supplied.

Art. 4. S. R. Smith, who was retained as Receiver for DesMoines Church and Mission indebtedness under Art. 28, Conference, 1904, reported as follows: Balance debt, June 1, 1904, \$309.37; interest, postage, etc., \$14.63; total, \$324.00. Received during last Conference year, \$152.75. Balance debt, \$171.25. Conference accepted the report with a suggestion that an immediate effort should be made to liquidate the balance of the indebtedness. A number of the Brethren on behalf of their Districts as well as for themselves, volunteered amounts ranging from \$10 to \$1.00, until the offering amounted to \$238.50. Conference appointed A. B. Musser, 62 N. 12th street, Harrisburg, Pa., to take charge of this fund, and from the amount subscribed over and above needed to liquidate the DesMoines indebtedness, is to be taken to liquidate the error in the deficit of J. R. Zook in his Current Mission report to Conference of 1904, amounting to \$58.00.

Art. 5. The report of the Church in Illinois as authorized under Art. 22, General Conference, 1904, was presented and confirmed as follows: Shannon Church property, Polo, Ill., William Kreider, Shannon, Ill., Robert M. Sherk, Shannon, Ill. Trustees, Franklin Corner Church, Coleta, Ill., John Gayman, Coleta, Ill., and John Garwick, Coleta, Ill., Trustees.

Art. 6. The Committee on Confirmation of I. J. Ransom, as retained under Art. 54, General Conference, 1904, reported that the confirmation could not be granted. Conference approved the report.

Art. 7. The Bible School Committee, appointed under Art. 35, General Conference, 1904, reported as follows: Whereas, the question of establishing a Bible

School as implied under Art. 19 and 35, General Conference of 1904, was read, whereupon the members of the Committee gave a report of the sentiments prevailing throughout the Brotherhood as they found it, and while two of the Committee are absent, their report was presented in writing, whereupon, we as a Committee, as requested under Art. 35, General Conference, 1904, have considered the advisability of establishing a Bible School; and whereas, the reports of the majority of the Districts throughout the Brotherhood show that the Brotherhood at large does not favor the Bible School effort, Resolved, that we do not consider it advisable to establish a Bible School at present, and resolved that since there seems to be a need to take some action to counteract the evident misleading teachings and influence to which our younger members especially, are subjected, that this Conference urge the establishing of Bible study meetings in the various church buildings, throughout the respective Districts of the Brotherhood, and resolved that such meetings shall be conducted by Brethren who have first been examined by the Examining Board, subject however, to the decision of General Conference, 1899, under Art. 5, Sec. 1, as to their soundness of faith in the Word of God and unity with the doctrine as taught by the Brotherhood. Committee, Bishop Aaron Martin, Bishop Jonathan Wert, Bishop John A. Stump, Bishop Jacob N. Engle, Bishop H. R. Heise, D. V. Heise and S. R. Smith. Conference adopted and confirmed the above resolutions for procedure.

Art. 8. The Church in Kansas, by virtue of Art. 30, Conference, 1904, reported that Bishop J. N. Engle, of Kansas, conducted the proceedings of organizing California Church, at Upland, California, into a District, which resulted as follows: Bishop C. C. Burkholder; Minister, J. B. Lehman; Deacon, Jacob Haldeman. The report was approved and ordered to be recorded on the General Church Record.

Art. 9. Conference decided that the isolated mem-

bers of Arizona be under the jurisdiction of the Church of California.

Art. 10. The Brotherhood in Canada, by virtue of Art. 15, General Conference, 1904, reported through their respective delegates, that the majority of the Districts are not in favor of joining in with the original church incorporation as outlined under Art. 12, General Conference, 1903. The report was accepted and ordered placed on the Minutes.

GENERAL CHURCH WORK.

Art. 11. The Committee on Appointments as appointed by Moderators under Art. 1 of this Conference, reported their nominations as follows, which were approved and ordered to organize for the following Conference year, and report their organization to this Conference. (See organization, etc. of different Boards, Art. 39; page 35).

Sec. 1. Examining Board: Bishop Charles Baker, Nottawa, Ont.; Bishop M. H. Oberholser, Culbertson, Pa.; Bishop J. N. Engle, Hope, Kansas, R. D., No. 2.

Section 2. Foreign Mission Board: J. R. Zook, DesMoines, Ia.; Eli M. Engle, Columbia, Pa., R. D., No. 1; P. M. Climenhaga, Stevensville, Ont.; Bishop A. M. Engle, 62 Vincent street, Dayton, O.; Peter Steckley, Bethesda, Ont.; J. M. Sheets, Moonlight, Kans.; C. S. Leshner, Milnor, Pa.

Sec. 3. Home Mission Board: George Detwiler, Harrisburg, Pa.; Bishop John D. Wingert, Fayetteville, Pa., R. D., No. 2; Abram Z. Hess, Mt. Joy, Pa.; Saxton Bowers, Canton, Ohio; John R. Herr, Abilene, Kansas, R. D., No. 2; Isaac Swalm, Nottawa, Ont.; Samuel Whistler, Ashland, Ohio, R. D., No. 1; H. L. Trump, Polo, Ill.; Myron Taylor, Imlay City, Mich.; Aaron Zook, Abilene, Kansas, R. D., No. 1; Amos Sheets, Mt. Joy, Pa.; Girwin Bearss, Ridgeway, Ont.

Sec. 4. Publication Board: Bishop H. R. Heise, Victoria Square, Ont.; D. V. Heise, Clarence Center, N. Y.; M. L. Hoffman, Abilene, Kansas; A. B. Musser, Harrisburg, Pa.; W. J. Myers, Sippo, Ohio;

Bishop J. N. Hoover, West Milton, O.; H. K. Kreider, Campbellstown, Pa.

Art. 12. The General Church Secretary reported the result of the election held at Penna. State Council, May 3, 1905, for the General Executive Board as authorized by the new Constitution and By-Laws under Art. 5, Sec. 1, for the following Conference year which was confirmed, as follows: Bishop M. H. Oberholser, General Chairman; Bishop Jonathan Wert, Assistant Chairman; Bishop Jacob K. Kreider, General Treasurer; S. R. Smith, General Secretary; Eli M. Engle, Assistant General Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS PENNA. STATE COUNCIL.

Art. 13. Whereas the Brotherhood at large is cooperating with the State of Pennsylvania in the new organization, this Council considers the advisability of General Conference electing the General Executive Board instead of Penna. State Council as heretofore.

Resolved, Therefore, that Penna. State Council petition General Conference of 1905, to amend Art. 5, Section 1. of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Brethren in Christ, to read as follows: "The General Executive Board shall consist of five members, of which two or three at least shall be Bishops and the others shall be members of unquestioned standing in the Church who shall be elected by ballot, at the yearly General Conference. Said Conference shall at the same time elect the persons to their proper positions in the Board, namely, General Executive Chairman and Assistant; General Executive Secretary and Assistant; and General Treasurer. The above petition was considered and decided by unanimous vote to amend the Constitution and By-Laws as petitioned.

Art. 14. Petitions from South Franklin District, Pa., and DesMoines, Ia., for General Conference of 1906, were considered and decided by ballot that General Conference of 1906, shall convene in DesMoines, Iowa.

Art. 15. A report was submitted by Bishop J. K. Kreider, General Treasurer of the amount of General Church Fund on hand as follows:

Received July 6, 1904 from net proceeds of sale of Altoona Church Property, Altoona, Iowa,	\$546 40
Aug. 29, 1904, paid for remodeling church in DesMoines, Ia.,.....	\$300 00
Sept. 24, 1904, paid for remodeling church in DesMoines, Ia.,.....	54 43
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Total,	354 43

Balance on hand for use of the church in Iowa as stipulated in the bequest,	\$192 03
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Art. 16. A petition under Art. 13, Kansas State Council, 1905, praying General Conference to present a memorial to the President and Congress of the U. S. A., pertaining to divorce, was considered and decided to appoint a committee of three to draft resolutions. The report of the committee was adopted and ordered to be properly engrossed and forwarded to Theodore Roosevelt, President U. S. A., as follows:

To His Excellency, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States of America:

Sir: Inasmuch as you have expressed your convictions in your recent message to Congress in January, 1905, regarding the laxity and non-uniformity of the laws in our various and separate states relating to the matters of marriage and divorce, and have expressed therein some of the grave and menacing conditions which are growing therefrom and which threaten the sanctity of our homes and the inherent development of that civil and aggressive moral character which is so indispensable in a nation of self-governing people; and furthermore, since it is your

judgment that such conditions should command the most serious attention of the highest legislative body of our great republic, looking toward the betterment of said conditions;

Therefore, we the undersigned officials of the Annual General Conference of the Brethren in Christ Church, (of the United States and Canada), assembled at Smithville, Ohio, May 17-19, 1905, do hereby express our profound appreciation of the principles held on this grave subject by your Excellency, and do hereby fully indorse the same.

Furthermore, it is the unanimous desire of this, the highest legislative and executive body of the above named church, that this declaration of our sympathy with your Excellency's principles, be sent to you at the Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C., together with the above statement of our position on this most vital, moral and religious, as well as civic question, and we do hereby pledge ourselves to give our endorsement to any measure which may be enacted by Congress or by any state legislature, looking toward the correction of the present status in the sphere of marriage and divorce laws, and toward the establishing of a higher and purer home life according to the principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted to the President, this nineteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and five.

Signed,

W. O. BAKER,
Moderator.
J. N. ENGLE,
First Assistant.
B. F. HOOVER,
Second Assistant.
M. L. HOFFMAN,
Recording Secretary.
S. R. SMITH,

Gen. and Permanent Conference Sec'y.

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Art. 17. A petition from Kansas State Council, 1905, under Art. 14, asking General Conference to reconsider and modify Art. 3, General Conference Minutes of 1877, pertaining to life insurance was considered at length and decided that the article in question should remain as previously adopted and submitted the following quotations as a Scriptural basis: Matt. 6:31-34; emphasis on 1st clause, verse 32. Luke 14:26-34, emphasis on first clause, verse 30 Deu. 14:2; 1st Peter, 2:9; 2nd Peter 2:3. Romans 12:10 and 17. Emphasis on last clause, verse 17. Because your life is hid with Christ in God, Col. 3:3. And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in Glory by Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:19. See also Jer. 17:5-8. Mala. 3:10.

Art. 18. A petition from the Church at Upland District, California, praying General Conference to authorize the sale of a part of a plot of ground used for church purposes, the title of which had been vested in the name of the Brethren in Christ, was considered and decided that Bishop C. C. Burkholder and the Brethren J. B. Lehman and Wesley Plum, all of Upland California, shall be retained as trustees of the said property and hereby authorize the said trustees to sell a certain portion of the west end of said property fronting 60 feet on F street and in a line northwardly through said property 63 feet. Said property being a part of the lots Nos. 6 and 7, in Block 10, Upland, California. The said trustees are hereby authorized to sell the aforesaid plot or any part of the above described property to whoever and at whatever price they may deem it proper and authorize the General Secretary of the Church of The Brethren in Christ, at Harrisburg, Pa., to record this act of Conference on the Church Record.

Art. 19. A report of the Church in DesMoines, Ia., Mission District, was submitted for confirmation setting forth that on Sept. 29, 1904, Bishop Isaac Trump, of Polo, Ill., investigated the advisability of organizing the Church at DesMoines, Ia., in a separate

District and proceeded to organize as it was then understood by holding a public election for a regular organized District, which resulted as follows: Bishop, J. R. Zook, Minister, Max Mahler, Deacons, A. S. Gnagy and J. H. George. In considering the work of the DesMoines Mission District, it was intimated that there were some charges which should be investigated. Conference therefore appointed a committee consisting of Bishop H. R. Heise, Bishop Aaron Martin and J. W. Hoover to investigate said charges. The Committee reported that the charges were not of sufficient weight to hinder Conference from ratifying the work at DesMoines and while the proceedings were not in regular order as outlined under the Constitution and By-Laws, Conference considered it advisable to confirm the work and ordered the General Church Secretary to inscribe the same on the General Church Record and instructed the Church of DesMoines, Ia., Mission District to proceed with their work under the organization as presented.

Art. 20. A petition from Chicago Mission District praying Conference to outline some method whereby the property which is at present occupied by the Mission, which had previously been bought by several Brethren for the sum of \$3,000.00 in order to enable the work at Chicago to be continued was considered. Conference decided that it would be advisable to make an effort to raise money by voluntary contributions to purchase the aforesaid property at the stipulated purchase price of \$3,000.00, and therefore appointed Sisters Sara Bert, Nancy Shirk and Brother B. L. Brubaker a Board of Trustees to proceed with the solicitations and as soon as sufficient means are solicited to purchase the said property in the name of said Trustees as custodians for the Brethren in Christ and report to General Conference, 1906.

Art. 21. A resolution from a regular organized District Council was presented as follows:

Resolved, That it is not consistent to baptize con-

verts who do not intend to unite with the Brotherhood. Conference confirmed the resolution.

Art. 22. A resolution from a regular organized District was presented as follows:

Resolved, That it is not consistent with the Word of God to hold public collections to carry on the work of the Lord. The resolution was not confirmed.

Art. 23. A resolution from a regular organized District Council was presented as follows:

Resolved, That under our present system it is not consistent for Sisters to vote at Council meetings. The resolution was confirmed with the advice that each Council shall have the liberty to decide for itself on special questions.

Art. 24. The Publication Board presented the following, which was approved:

EVANGELICAL VISITOR.

Financial Statement.

Sec. 1. Receipts during Conference year.

On subscriptions from May 1,		
1904, to May 1, 1905,.....	\$1,613	72
From Benevolent Fund, May 1,		
1904, to May 1, 1905,.....	48	25
Transfer matter credit,	16	00
Total receipts,	\$1,677	97

Expenses During Conference Year.

Paid Central Printing Co.,....	\$915	50
Editor's salary,	420	00
Visitor postage,	51	51
Stationery, stamps, etc.,	23	09
Total expenses,	\$1,410	10
Credit balance for year,	\$267	87

Balance on hand, May 1,	
1904,	509 27

Balance on hand, May 1,	
1905,	\$777 14

Following the Financial Report the Board presented the following:

Sec. 2. There are 1,704 names on the subscription list. Of these 85 are charity, 52 go to missionaries, charitable institutions and individuals, and 25 to exchange offices. Two hundred and eighty-three subscriptions are now due and past, amounting to over \$450.00. Some of these will likely never pay and will have to be dropped, but, upon the whole, we think the subscriptions are better paid up than they have been at any time. Wherever there is an appointed agent who looks after the subscriptions, there are but few behind. During the recent months we printed 1,800 copies per issue. If there is a surplus they are sent to the city missions for free distribution.

Sec. 3. The Board recommended that Brother George Detwiler shall be retained as Editor for the following Conference year.

Sec. 4. The Board recommended that the salary of the Editor shall be raised to \$500.00 per year.

Sec. 5. The Board recommended that S. R. Smith, General Secretary, shall be authorized to notify all agents who had charge of soliciting and collecting for the *Visitor*, of delinquents, and that they shall make special efforts to see that delinquents shall pay up their dues, and further recommends that he shall be authorized to appoint agents throughout the Brotherhood in such Districts where there is no one especially appointed to see about soliciting and collecting for the *Evangelical Visitor*.

Sec. 6. The Board recommended that the Editor should be guided by Art. 14, General Conference of 1904, as to accepting matter for publication in the

Evangelical Visitor. Conference considered and confirmed the above resolutions and reports of the Publication Board and ordered the same to be inscribed on the Minutes.

Art. 25. Conference authorized the permanent Conference Secretary, to condense reports so far as it does not discriminate against the intention of Conference, and only publish such matters in the Minutes as are of importance.

MISSION REPORTS.

Art. 26. A financial report of the Philadelphia Mission, Philadelphia, Pa., beginning January 1, 1904 to May 1, 1905, covering a period of 16 months, was submitted by Peter Stover and wife, overseers, as follows:

Cash receipts for said period,	\$1,139 47
Total expenses for said period,	1,028 06

Balance in favor of Mission, May 1, 1905, .. \$111 41

Besides the above report, the overseer furnished a written statement setting forth that in the expenditures are included such items as painting, cellar cementing and other house repairs. Besides the cash donations there are numerous donations of food, clothing, etc., which have been given to be used by the Mission workers as they saw fit. A number of those who were rescued by the Mission workers are to-day consistent members in the church and some of the children are adopted with families in different parts of the Brotherhood. The report sets forth that their Sabbath School averages in attendance from 80 to 100 pupils and it is largely composed of the poorer class of children, but the Sabbath School effort has proved a wonderful blessing to help rescue some of those who live in poverty, misery and heathendom. Conference approved the report and ordered the same to be spread on the Minutes and urges that special ef-

forts should be made throughout the Brotherhood that the work may continue to prosper in the future as it has in the past, and appointed Brother Peter Stover and wife as overseers for next Conference year.

Art. 27, Sec. 1. A financial report of the Messiah Rescue and Benevolent Home, Harrisburg, Pa., by A. B. Musser, Treasurer, was submitted as follows:

Balance in treasury May 1, 1904,	\$1,258 75	
Received from admissions during Conference year,	4,100 00	
Received from contributions, etc., during Conference year,	2,311 82	
Received from sale of land,	800 00	
Special property unsold,	375 00	
Total,		\$8,845 57

Disbursements.

Building addition to the Home,	\$5,186 04	
House expense,	1,170 00	
Paid for repairs, steam heat changes, painting buildings, rebuilding barn, installing gas, etc.,	1,559 56	
Total,		\$7,915 60

Balance in treasury including special property unsold,	\$929 97
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Sec. 2. A financial report of the Messiah Home Orphanage, was submitted by A. B. Musser, Treasurer, as follows:

Balance debt, May 1, 1904,	\$667 17
Furnace in basement of Orphanage,	228 00

House expenses and other incidentals during Conference year,	476 97	
Total,		\$1,372 14
Rec'd. during Conference year contributions,	\$196 89	
State appropriation,	500 00	
Interest on Endowment Fund,	88 34	
Total,		\$785 23
Balance debt May 1, 1905,		\$586 91
Endowment Fund, May 1, 1904,	\$1,800 00	
Rec'd. during Conference year,	300 00	
Total Endowment Fund, May 1, 1905,	\$2,100 00	

Sec. 3. A current report was also submitted by the Secretary, stating that there are at present about seventy rooms in the building of the Home, including kitchens, dining room, sitting room, chapel and committee rooms, in which are 29 inmates, besides attendants, ranging from about forty to ninety years of age. There are services every alternate Lord's Day forenoon, Sabath School every Sabbath afternoon. Religious services every Sabbath evening, and prayer meeting every Thursday evening and Teacher's meeting every Friday evening. Besides the work of the Home, there is an Orphanage building on the same premises, which no doubt is fresh in the memory of some of the readers, since it was donated by Barbara M. Kern, of Indianapolis, Ind., in 1900, for the use of an Orphanage, where at present are housed twenty-five children besides a number who have been adopted in good Christian families which by all appearances are doing very well. So much so that it is a source of pleasure to see the little waifs growing up into Christian womanhood and manhood after

having been rescued from a life of misery and want. The Board of Managers contemplates to organize a school in the building now occupied as an Orphanage, to open in the month of September, to be presided over by a qualified Sister who has had ample experience in teaching. For two years past the Orphanage received \$500.00 a year appropriation from the State of Penna., and lately has been increased to \$750.00 per year. This is an evidence that the Christ spirit is more or less pervading the hearts of those people who are sometimes adjudged as ungodly. Conference confirmed the reports and ordered the same to be spread on the Minutes, and recommended that special attention should be given to provide such means as are needed and forward to either one of the following Board of Managers; Bishop Aaron Martin, Elizabethtown, Pa.; J. M. Wolgemuth, Elizabethtown, Pa.; H. A. Garman, A. B. Musser, and S. R. Smith, Harrisburg, Pa.

Art. 28. A financial report of the Chicago Mission was submitted by Sister Sara Bert as follows:

Receipts during Conference year,	\$554 49	
Special receipts for coal,	65 00	
Total,		\$619 49
Total expenditures,	\$559 96	
Expenditures for coal,	65 00	
Total,		\$624 96
Balance due Mission,		\$5 47

Accompanying the above report was a letter addressed to Conference by the Mission Workers, expressing their thankfulness to God and the Church for the many things which have been contributed for the support of the work at the Mission, and praying the Church to continue in contributing such things that are needed that the work may continue to prosper

and abound with good results to the honor and glory of God. Conference approved the above report and ordered the same to be spread on the Minutes and appointed Sister Sara Bert as Superintendent.

Art. 29. A financial report of the DesMoines Mission, DesMoines, Iowa, was submitted by J. R. and Anna Zook, as follows:

Received donations during Conference year,		\$576 93
<i>Expenditures.</i>		
One year's rental for house,...	\$183 50	
Fuel, water, gas, street car fare, groceries, etc.,	393 43	
Total expenditures for Conference year,		<u>\$576 93</u>

Money appropriated for Mission Building now on deposit in C. L. Bank, DesMoines, Ia., \$685.18. Conference accepted the above report and appointed J. R. Zook and Anna Zook as overseers and Max Mahler, assistant overseer.

Art. 30. A verbal report was given of the Carland Mission, Michigan, by Brother J. H. Byer, Lake Ann, Mich., and Brother Noah Zook and wife, which was very interesting and partook of the nature of a strong plea in behalf of the work at Carland Mission. Besides the above report a letter written by Jonathan Lyons, Owosso, Mich., R. F. D. No. 8, was read, which gave an explanation of the Mission conditions, stating that lately a number have been added to the Church by baptism, who so far have proved very earnest workers, and expect shortly to add some more by baptism. Conference approved the report and ordered the same spread on the Minutes, with suggestions that the work at Carland Mission should positively not be neglected.

Art. 31. A written report of the Buffalo Mission,

by Brother George Whistler and wife, Effie Whistler, was read, which gave an exhaustive description of the nature of the work, stating that they have religious services twice every Lord's Day as well as Sabbath School, conducted by and under the supervision of the members of the Church, which has proved a great blessing, since some of the Sabbath School scholars have been truly converted and became earnest and active workers in the church, and besides having prayer services during the week at the Mission and open air services whenever weather and conditions are favorable. From the nature of the report it would seem that the work at the Mission has been under Divine sanction. Conference approved the report and ordered it to be spread on the Minutes, and recommended among others that special effort should be made to continue the work, and appointed Brother George Whistler and wife, Effie Whistler, overseers.

Art. 32. The Home Mission Board, in response to an official call, held its first meeting at 10 A. M., May 16, at which and subsequent meetings, the following business was transacted and reported to Conference. Out of the twelve members constituting the Board, seven were present, viz: Geo. Detwiler, John M. Sheetz, Samuel Whistler, Saxton Bowers, A. Z. Hess, Daniel Climenhaga, W. J. Myers.

Sec. 1. The financial report, as presented by the treasurer, was accepted, and is as follows:

Balance, Conference 1904,	\$277 09
Received during Conference year,	247 64
Total,	<u>\$524 73</u>

Expenditures During Conference Year.

June 25, 1904, to J. R. Zook, Des Moines, Ia., as per Art. 41, Conference 1904,	\$134 06
Oct. 5, 1904, Elder J. N. Engle,	

Navarre, Kansas, for traveling expenses to California and return, to organize Upland, Cal., District, as per Art. 30, Conference 1904, ...	78 00
Feb. 4, 1905, Peter Stover, Philadelphia Mission, for traveling expenses for visit to Sister Boulter's Mission work, Wachaprague, Va., ..	13 15
April 29, 1905, Elder Samuel Baker, Gormley, Ont., traveling expenses to Carland, Mich.,	12 00
Total,	237 21
Balance in Treasury, May 1, 1905,	\$287 52

REPORT OF POOR FUND.

Saxton Bowers, Treasurer.

Balance in Treasury, Conference, 1904, ..	\$211 70
Received interest on above,	4 50
Total,	\$216 20
Expenditures during Conference year, ..	45 00
Balance in Treasury, May 1, 1905,	\$171 20

SAXTON BOWERS,
Treasurer.

Since the close of the above report \$63.37 was paid to the Treasurer, which was intended for this year, but since the report should run from May 1st to May 1st following year, this amount should apply to account for next Conference year.

Sec. 2. Whereas the Brethren E. H. Hess and Peter Stover made report of a missionary trip to Wachaprague, Va., where Sister Bertha Boulter re-

sides, giving their impression of the needs of the field, and suggesting how to meet the need:

Resolved, That this Board recommend that the work at Wachaprague, Va., be favorably considered by this Conference, and that provisions be immediately made to carry out the work as outlined in the report. Conference confirmed this resolution and further recommended Brother E. H. Hess and wife as suitable persons to engage in the work as outlined under the control of the Home Mission Board.

Sec. 3. Whereas the propriety of the Canadian members of the Home Mission Board taking part in the work of said Board was questioned by some,

Resolved, That this Conference express itself on the matter. Conference decided that there is no reason why the Canadian members should not act on the Home Mission Board with entire freedom, and kindly recommended that the Canadian brethren should co-operate with the Home Mission Board as heretofore.

Sec. 4. Whereas, the workers at the Chicago Mission, report that strict enforcement of the rules of the church as regards plainness of apparel, proves detrimental to the work of holding the mission converts, and ask that this Board find some solution of the problem.

Resolved, therefore, That Conference immediately express itself pertaining to the above report, and

Resolved, That the leaders and teachers at City Missions be in accord with the principles of plainness as adopted and taught by the church, and by a consistent example as well as by sound teaching, influence the converts in the same direction. Conference confirmed the last of these resolutions, and by not taking action on the first resolution, virtually refused to modify the rules of the church as to the matter in question.

Sec. 5. Whereas our Evangelists and Home Mission workers have so faithfully labored in the interest of souls during the year,

Resolved, therefore, That this Conference grate-

fully recognize their self-sacrificing labors, and recommend them to the sympathy and cordial support of the Brotherhood in general, and that open doors may meet them for labor everywhere. Approved.

Art. 33. Sec. 1. The Foreign Mission Board gave a report of the finances of the Foreign Mission Treasury through P. M. Climenhaga, Stevensville, Ont., for Conference year ending May 1, 1905, as follows, which was approved:

Balance in treasury, Conference 1904,	\$1,240 68	
Total receipts during Conference year,	750 77	
Total,		\$1,991 45

EXPENDITURES.

Ocean freight,	\$12 78	
Cartage,	3 37	
Additional freight,	16 15	
London drafts for South Africa,	945 05	
London drafts for India,	300 00	
Total,	1,277 35	
Balance in treasury, May 1, 1905, ..	\$714 10	

SPECIAL BUILDING FUND.

Balance in treasury, Conference 1904,	\$98 85	
Receipts during Conference year,	51 50	
Total in treasury May 1, 1905, ...	\$150 35	

LAND PURCHASE FUND.

Authorized and Started at Conference 1904.

Total receipts, May 1, 1905,	\$571 55
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FUND FOR SUPPORT OF NATIVE BRETHREN, MATOPPO MISSION, SOUTH AFRICA.

Total receipts to May 1, 1905,	\$88 00
Forwarded by London draft to Matoppo Mission, South Africa,	32 00
Balance in treasury, May 1, 1905, .	\$56 00

Sec. 2. The Foreign Mission Board presented a statement from H. P. Steigerwald, treasurer of Matoppo Mission, Bulowayo, South Africa, for year ending January 1, 1905, as follows, which was approved:

I.

GENERAL FUND.

1. Receipts.

U. S. A. treasury,	\$734 37
Marketing, etc.,	343 00
Donations,	44 10
Total,	\$1,121 47

2. Expenditures.

Provisions and household,	\$363 00
Personal,	56 50
Native labor,	194 10
Native trade, food for boys, etc.,	182 00
Freight and hardware,	146 60
Other expenses,	179 27
Total,	\$1,121 47

II.

SPECIAL FUND.

1. Receipts.

Amount on hand, Jan. 1, 1904,	\$551 00
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U. S. A. F. M. treasury,	200 00
Other sources,	10 00
Total,	\$761 00

Received for laying brick:

U. S. A. F. M. treasury for laying brick,	200 00
Other sources for laying brick,	60 00

Total, \$1,021 00

2. *Expenditures.*

Tools and labor for making brick and laying foundation for church,	185 00
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1905,	\$836 00

III.

TEACHERS' FUND.

1. *Receipts.*

U. S. A. treasury,	\$32 00
From a brother who wishes to support a teacher,	50 00
From others,	24 45
Total,	\$106 45

2. *Expenditures.*

Matschuba, for teaching,	\$20 00
Ndlalambi, for teaching,	14 67
Total,	34 67
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1905,	\$71 78

It will be seen that the expenditures are a trifle higher than last year, but it will be borne in mind that the expenses of opening the new station in Mapane are included in the report, such as labor, tools, doors and windows, nails, household, rent, drawing up papers of agreement, etc., to the amount of \$170.00. If we deduct this amount from the total, we find the Matopopo Mission expenses are not as high as last year's. We submit the above report to Conference with love to all who have given their means, which we have tried to the best of our ability that God has given us, to spend in the most judicious way.

H. P. STEIGERWALD,
Treasurer.

Sec. 3. In connection with the foregoing reports, the Foreign Mission Board reported that, in their preliminary meetings, they conferred with Sisters H. Frances Davidson and Lydia Heisey and the Brethren, Levi Dohner and Isaac O. Lehman, as to the nature of and needs for progressive mission work in South Africa, whereupon they recommended the following for consideration of Conference. First, that the annual letter from Matopopo Mission, Bulowayo, South Africa, be read to Conference, and subsequently published in the *Evangelical Visitor*.

Sec. 4. Whereas, in a letter from H. P. Steigerwald, treasurer of the Matopopo Mission, South Africa, stating the approximate cost of completing the church and school building now in course of erection, and showing the balance on hand in the special fund which is not sufficient to complete the buildings, in which he asks advice from the Board how to proceed in the matter of completing the building

Resolved, That the Foreign Mission Board recommends to Conference to authorize the Board to temporarily use three hundred dollars of the Land Purchase Fund in completion of the building, now in process of erection, with the provision that if the said three hundred dollars should be needed for the

purchase of land that the Board be authorized to draw said amount from the General Foreign Mission Fund, until said expense be met in some other way. Conference confirmed the resolution.

Sec. 5. Whereas the Foreign Mission Board has carefully considered the suggestions which have been offered to the Board by the Foreign Mission workers, as to the propriety of having a stipulated donation made to each Foreign Mission worker for personal yearly expenses, such as clothing and other incidentals, and, whereas this would assume the nature of a new departure in the Foreign Mission work, notwithstanding the need of such provisions for removing some of the embarrassments imposed upon the workers by our present system,

Resolved, That for the present no definite step should be taken in this matter, and resolved that since there seems to be a need for some provision, that the matter should be considered at a subsequent Conference. Conference confirmed the resolutions.

Sec. 6. Whereas, Sister H. Frances Davidson has received support for Foreign Mission efforts in her visit throughout the Brotherhood, for the disposition of which no special stipulations have been made,

Resolved, That Sister Davidson shall have the privilege of applying such offerings wherever she deems best, according to her convictions, for extending the Mission work farther into the interior of Africa. Conference confirmed the resolution, with a recommendation, by virtue of a suggestion of the Foreign Mission Board, that in consideration of her health and for the safety of the aggressive movement, that she should not advance beyond the establishing of more than one mission post during next Conference year.

Sec. 7. Whereas some inconvenience was experienced in the management of the Foreign Mission Funds,

Resolved, That all money paid into the Foreign Mission Fund shall be used at the discretion of the

Foreign Mission Board. Conference confirmed the resolution.

Sec. 8. Whereas, incidental expenses occur in the management of the Foreign Mission Board,

Resolved, That such expenses as postage, stationery, etc., be paid out of the Foreign Mission Fund. Conference confirmed the resolution.

Sec. 9. Whereas, the climatic conditions of Cape Colony and other localities in South Africa are desirable and healthful, and whereas, the interior climatic conditions where our mission workers are located, are more or less impregnated with fever condition, which are very injurious to the health and physical constitutions of the workers, and whereas, the propriety of someone locating in Cape Colony and thus establish a home or recruiting station for our foreign mission workers in Africa was suggested.

Resolved, That someone should make a voluntary move, at his or her own expense, to establish a recruiting station or home for our foreign mission workers who are surrounded with fever conditions, and resolved that Conference should encourage such a voluntary movement. Conference approved the resolutions.

Sec. 10. Whereas, It is evident that an effort should be made that the Matoppo Mission should become more self-supporting, and be more conducive to the employment of natives for their industrial education and moral protection,

Resolved, That the Foreign Mission Board, in connection with the overseer of the Matoppo Mission, be authorized to appoint a superintendent of the agricultural department. Conference confirmed the resolution.

Sec. 11. Whereas, Some who are contemplating to go to the foreign field are present at this Conference,

Resolved, That Conference shall make provision to observe the regular ordination of all the recognized outgoing missionaries who are present and not

yet ordained as mission workers shall be ordained at the last session of this Conference. Conference confirmed the resolution.

Sec. 12. Whereas, We, as members of the Foreign Mission Board, are deeply interested in the progress and development of the Foreign Mission work, and feel that no effort should be spared to advance the same, but since it is necessary to co-operate in unity with the Foreign Mission workers,

Resolved, That no new mission posts shall be established without the concurrence of the Foreign Mission Board. Conference confirmed the resolution.

Sec. 13. Whereas, A letter just arrived from the foreign workers in India,

Resolved, That this letter be read at this Conference and entered upon the Minutes. Conference confirmed the resolution.

Art. 34. Annual letter of Matoppo Mission, as ordered recorded on Minutes.

MATOPPO MISSION, BULWAYO, S. A.,
March 28, 1905.

To all whom this may concern, Greeting:

Another year is now past, and as we look back, we must say amidst all the tests and trials, we have much reason to praise God. We praise Him for courage and zeal in the work, for supplying all our needs, for a reasonable degree of health, and, above all, for souls.

The church has increased nine members in number. This now gives us a membership of sixteen (workers not included). Two, we are sorry to say, have not conducted themselves as they should. The one took a heathen wife, by heathen customs. We hold that a Christian should have a Christian marriage; consequently, we feel that he has stepped aside in this matter. The other was sent away from the Mission for misconduct, and ever since has shown by his conduct that he lost most of that love, which binds Christians close together. While these brethren have both fallen, yet when last visited, still expressed their

desire to renew their covenant. They should be subjects of prayer for all. The rest, as far as man is able to judge, we are pleased to say, have stood true and have been a help in the work, witnessing often of God's love and the power of Jesus to save. Several rumors reached us from the outside, as to their misconduct, but when sifted we found it to be false. The enemy is trying in every way to pluck them out of His hands. Some are at the Mission learning, some have gone away to work, and others stay at their homes. We have not been able to visit them in their homes as often as we should like to have done, some are quite a distance away and difficult to reach. They still manage to attend meetings occasionally and seem to be in earnest.

Services were held Sundays and Thursdays as usual, with a fair attendance and good attention. Meetings were also held every three weeks (when weather permitted) at a krall five miles west. Here, the attendance, while not so large, was quite enough to continue the meeting, with the result that the number, as well as the interest, has increased. The Mapane out-station was also opened as a result of several visits made through that part the previous year. Work on this out-post was begun some time last August by Brother and Sister Doner and Sister Kreider. The place was cleaned up and huts built for living quarters. Brother and Sister Doner moved there later to take charge of the work, but, sad to say, Sister Doner was only permitted to enjoy the new home for five weeks, when the inevitable call came and the spirit took its flight to Him who gave it. Why this sad loss should so soon come to this work we cannot understand. It is one of God's mysterious ways, so we do not wish to murmur. We are glad to say, her life ended in peace; she is now at rest.

No more toil, no more sorrow,
No more pain on earth to bear;
Safe at home with Jesus resting,
Awaiting the resurrection there.

We often wonder why so early,
Her work was finished here;
But He, who comforts all His children,
Helps us the loss to bear.

If only our life may be,
And end as hers did here:
How grand shall be our meeting,
When Jesus shall appear.

It is one of the sad things which come to all Mission stations. The place is now in charge of a native teacher, Ndhlalambi. This station is just in its infancy, consequently there is not much to report. It is surely a large field for labor in which we have great hope.

Krall visiting was not so extensive the latter part of the year, on account of no one being here, who was free to make this a special work. This was Sister Davidson's work, but on account of her being home, no one was left to take her place. Consequently, only such time as could be spared from other duties was given to this branch.

The school is also worthy of notice. It had a larger enrollment than in any previous year, reaching eighty-seven. As usual, however, these were not all regular attendants, but a good number attended regularly. At the close of each term, we had a very enjoyable time, inviting the parents in to enjoy the day with us. Hymns were sung and Scripture verses spoken by the scholars; following this came the usual treat of bread and tea; to all appearances all were well satisfied with the day. Since Sister Davidson left, Matshuba has had charge of the school. He has shown much patience in instructing these children, and we believe is well liked by most all who attend. Sister Kreider has taught the English to those who are far enough advanced to take it up.

The Christmas meeting was the largest ever held here; over six hundred were present, one hundred more than last year. While many of these are not

regular attendants, they at least manage to get here on this day. Many, no doubt, come only for the tin cup of salt. We always make sure that they get a good portion of the Word of God before they leave. If only we found them as eager for salvation as salt, scores would be saved.

There is still a gradual growth of confidence and trust among the natives, both for work and workers. While this is not so much shown in a desire for what we teach, it is very evident in other ways. Several new families have moved on the farm and new kralls are being built. There were more pupils staying at the Mission during the past year than any previous one (and many applicants had to be turned away for lack of room). These, as usual, spent three and one-half hours in school; the remainder of the time was spent in work, such as farming, quarrying stone, and laying foundation for a church building. Also, made fifty thousand brick for the same building. The boys are certainly praiseworthy for the way in which they stood by us through all the hard work.

We have formed another class for those who have shown a desire to follow the Lord, where they are instructed in the Word of God every Sabbath morning. There were three Love Feasts held during the year, which were a blessing to us all.

Brethren and sisters, we invite your earnest prayers for souls and for us workers.

H. P. STEIGERWALD.

Sec. 2. Letter from India ordered by Conference to be reproduced in the Minutes.

ARRAH, SHAHABAD DIS., INDIA.

March 30, 1905.

To the Foreign Mission Board, U. S. A.:

Dear Brethren: Peace be unto you. Our prayer is that God's blessing may rest on you and on us continually.

We are waiting, still expecting to hear from America or from the Foreign Board. We thought we would better send in the report in order to get it in in time for General Conference. At present we are in Arrah. We find a few here that profess Christianity and no doubt enjoy salvation. Others are searching after the true God.

Our house is about twenty feet high. That is the middle or center of the house. The rent is between six and seven dollars per month.

Our laundry is \$2.66 a month. We had to have beds and other articles, We paid our own expenses, besides what was given to us through the loving brethren till we left Brother Zook's place.

Our railway expenses have been \$27.50, our beds \$24.00; other articles, which we will not mention, but needful, \$36.00; rent, \$8.33; provisions for February, \$4.00; provisions for March, \$8.00; total, \$106.83. The railway expense includes freight from Calcutta.

Our hope is that God may supply our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Through the kindness of a revivalist missionary, our rent is only \$1.67 from March 16th to April 1st.

As yet we have no spiritual results. We are busy studying the language. We have opportunities to witness for Jesus in English. We expect to hear from you soon.

These people truly need the Gospel light and we want to have our hands clean before God from the blood of the people.

In His service,

The Brethren in India,
HENRY ANGENEY.

Art. 36. The Examining Board reported the following as Foreign and Home Mission workers, which were confirmed: Isaac O. Lehman and wife, Foreign Mission workers. Noah and Mary Zook, J. R. Zook, Benjamin Gish, Daniel L. Gish, Sarah Bert, George

E. and Effie Whistler, Lydia Heisey, Lizzie E. Wenger as Home Mission workers.

Art. 37. Conference ordered the Publication Board, Home and Foreign Mission Boards to meet at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, prior to the opening of General Conference of 1906, at place of Conference, to arrange their reports for Conference.

Art. 38. Conference ordered that all Home and Foreign Mission workers shall hereafter be ordained in their respective home districts.

Art. 39. A report of the organizations and assignments of the different boards was submitted to Conference and confirmed.

Sec. 1. Publication Board, H. R. Heise, Chairman, M. L. Hoffman, Secretary.

Sec. 2. Home Mission Board organization, George Detwiler, Chairman; Aaron Zook, Assistant Chairman; Saxton Bowers, Treasurer; Girvin Bearss, Secretary. Assignment of Districts as follows:

Sec. 3. Markham and Nottawa Districts, Ont., Isaac Swalm.

Sec. 4. Waterloo and Eastern Michigan Districts, Myron Taylor.

Sec. 5. Black Creek District, Ont., Girvin Bearss.

Sec. 6. Silverdale and Lancaster County, Pa., Abram Z. Hess.

Sec. 7. Dauphin, Lebanon and Lykens Valley, Amos M. Sheetz.

Sec. 8. Cumberland and Franklin, Pa., Bishop John D. Wingert.

Sec. 9. Juniata and Morrison's Cove and Centre County, George Detwiler.

Sec. 10. Stark and Wayne Counties, Ohio, Saxton Bowers.

Sec. 11. Richland, Ashland and Dayton Districts, Ohio, and Elkhart, Ind., Samuel Whisler.

Sec. 12. Illinois and Iowa, H. L. Trump.

Sec. 13. North Dickinson, Clay and Brown Counties, Kansas, A. O. Zook.

Sec. 14. South Dickinson, Kansas, Oklahoma Territory and West, J. R. Herr.

Sec. 15. Foreign Mission Board organization: J. R. Zook, Chairman; Eli M. Engle, Secretary; P. M. Climenhaga, Treasurer. Assignment of Districts as follows:

Sec. 16. Markham and Nottawa Districts, Ont., Peter Steckley.

Sec. 17. Black Creek and Waterloo Districts, Ont., P. M. Climenhaga.

Sec. 18. Cumberland, Franklin, Centre, Juniata Counties, Morrison's Cove and Lykens Valley Districts, Pa., C. S. Leshner.

Sec. 19. Lancaster, York, Lebanon, Dauphin, Montgomery and Bucks Counties and Philadelphia, Eli M. Engle.

Sec. 20. Ohio and Indiana, A. M. Engle.

Sec. 21. Illinois and Iowa, J. R. Zook.

Sec. 22. All territory west of the Missouri River, J. M. Sheetz.

Art. 40. Conference appointed J. M. Hostetter and J. R. Zook a committee to make arrangements with Railroad companies for rates, etc., for Conference of 1906.

Art. 41. By virtue of Art. 33, Section 9, a friend donated five dollars as a beginning to raise a fund towards establishing said Home. Conference ordered the money placed in the hands of the Foreign Mission treasurer, and recommended other donations for the same purpose to be credited to that fund.

Art. 42. Whereas, Members of Conference as well as others in attendance, realized the fact that it required an unusual amount of care, anxiety, self-sacrifice and means on the part of those who had taken part in supplying the needs for sustaining the bodily comforts of those in attendance at Conference,

Resolved, That this Conference tenders a heartfelt vote of thanks and recognition of the Brethren and Sisters who have so faithfully contributed to this Conference, as well as to the kind friends from

sister churches who manifested such a Christlike spirit by their self-sacrifice, in supplying means and labor for this Conference, and for the kindness in administering to the needs and comforts of those in attendance at Conference, and

Resolved, That this recognition of kindness and Christlike spirit manifested by the brethren and sisters, and members of our sister churches of this community, shall be inscribed on the Minutes of this Conference.

Art. 43. Whereas, It pleased God, in His infinite wisdom, to suffer the removal of one of our former number and of the late Foreign Mission Band at Matoppo Mission, South Africa, Sister Emma Long Doner, and whereas, this Conference keenly feels the loss of one so young and useful in the Mission cause, yet the confidence is entertained that what would appear to be our individual loss is her eternal gain.

Resolved, therefore, That this Conference expresses its heartfelt sympathy for the bereaved husband and orphan, and

Resolved, That this visitation of God's providence should be an incentive to remind us all that we are mortals, and should therefore heed the call of our Master as enjoined upon us in His sayings in Mark 13:35-37, and

Resolved, That these resolutions be inscribed on the Minutes of General Conference.

Art. 44. General Conference of the Brethren in Christ, of the U. S. A. and Canada, of 1905, has again passed into history, and those who were in attendance at Conference no doubt have keenly felt the responsibility of the work which was before them, as well as upon the result of their counsellings, and the pervading prayer of the members of Conference seemingly was, that all might be done and dispensed with in the fear of God, and that through these feeble counsellings, God may be honored and glorified. After a short address by the Moderator, given as a

warning as well as encouragement, Conference adjourned to meet at Des Moines, Iowa, third Wednesday of May, 1906, at 10 A. M.

W. O. BAKER,
Moderator, Louisville, O.

M. L. HOFFMAN, *Rec. Sec'y.*

S. R. SMITH, *Gen. Church and Permanent Cor. Sec'y.*