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## INTRODUCTION.

The different sessions of General Conference of 1908 were all preceded by a season of song service and worship, beginning on Tuesday, May 19, at 9.30 a. m. as well as afternoon and evening, together with morning, noon and evening worship preceding the different sessions during Conference. Every evening beginning with Tuesday following the Conference sessions, regular preaching services were held, conducted by visiting brethren from different parts of the Brotherhood. On Thursday and Friday three sessions were held beginning respectively at half past eight a. m., one and six p. m., except Friday evening, preaching services were conducted in open air while Conference was in session until nearly midnight with a concluding session beginning on Saturday morning, May 23, at 6.30, and continued to 10 a. m. when Conference adjourned.

## Minutes of General Conference

OF

## The Brethren in Christ

AT

GORMLEY, ONT., MAY 19-22, 1908.

On Tuesday, May 19, 1908, at 9.00 a. m., the Examining Board, Publication Board, Home Mission Board and Foreign Mission Board of the Brethren in Christ, met at Heise Hill Church near Gormley, Ont., and opened with song service and prayer, conducted by H. R. Heise, Elder of the District, who then appointed Bro. Jonathan Lyons, Secretary pro tem. The roll of the respective Boards was called, and the substitutes appointed by absent members were admitted. The members of the different Boards were instructed to immediately take up the work of formulating their reports for Conference.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1908.

After a short service, Conference of the Brethren in Christ of the United States of America and Canada convened at Heise Hill Church near Gormley, Ontario, and opened with thirty-minutes devotional services at 8.30 a. m. At 9.00 a. m. the permanent Conference Secretary formally opened Conference with the assistance of the re-

tiring Moderator leading in song service and prayer. The retiring Moderator appointed the Brethren, D. V. Heise, A. B. Musser and John R. Herr, a committee to hold an election by ballot for Moderator, which resulted as follows:

Moderator—Bishop Jacob N. Engle.

First Assistant—Bishop M. H. Oberholser.

Second Assistant—Bishop J. R. Zook.

The Moderators-elect then appointed Brother M. L. Hoffman, Reading Clerk, and Brethren Geo. Detwiler, Secretary; D. W. Heise, Assistant Secretary, and H. L. Smith, who was chosen assistant to the Secretary during his absence in connection with the Home Mission Board. The Moderator-elect then read I. Cor. 13:1-13, and earnestly admonished the members of Conference to manifest the Spirit of Love in their considerations during sessions of Conference.

The Permanent Conference Secretary then proceeded with the roll call of the delegates as follows:

Silverdale and Skippack District, Pa., S. H. Rosenberger.

Philadelphia Mission District, Pa., (no delegate).

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

Donegal District, Pa., Bishop Aaron Martin, J. N. Martin.

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

Dauphin and Lebanon Districts, Pa., J. D. Books, H. K. Kreider.

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

Cumberland District, Pa., Bishop Jonathan Wert, J. O. Lehman.

North Franklin District, Pa., M. H. Oberholser, Henry O. Wenger.

South Franklin District, including New Guilford, Ringgold and Montgomery, Bishops S. S. Wingert and J. D. Wingert.

Morrison's Cove and Center County, Pa., David B. Stoner, B. Frank Long.

Pennsylvania State Council, Delegate-at-large, S. R. Smith.

Stark County District, Ohio, Bishop W. O. Baker, D. H. Rohrer.

Wayne County District, Ohio, Bishop J. H. Smith.

Richland and Ashland Districts, Ohio, Bishop B. F. Hoover.

Clark county, District, Ohio, (no delegate).

Miami District, Ohio, Bishop J. N. Hoover.

South Dayton District, Ohio, represented by letter.

Ohio State Delegate-at-large, Levi S. Herr.

Elkhart District, Ind., Bishop Jno. A. Stump.

Polo District, Ill., (no delegate).

Des Moines District, Iowa, Max Mahler.

Dallas Center District, Ia., by letter.

South Dickinson District, Kans., Bishop J. N. Engle, J. R. Herr.

North Dickinson District, Kans., M. L. Hoffman, S. H. Bert.

Oklahoma District, Bishop D. R. Eyster.

Upland District, Cal., Bishop C. C. Burkholder.

Arizona Mission, (no delegate).

Black Creek District, Ont., Jno. D. Winger, D. V. Heise, Daniel Climenhaga.

Nottowa District, Ont., Jno. Sheffer, Jno. Heise.

Markham District, Ont., Bishop H. R. Heise, D. W. Heise, Geo. Hilts.

Waterloo District, Ont., Bishop Jno. Wildfong.

Carland Mission District, Jonathan Lyons.

The Permanent Conference Secretary proceeded with the roll call of the different Boards for

the appointment of vacancies of absentees as follows:

Examining Board—Bishop Chas. Baker, B. F. Hoover, and J. N. Engle. All present.

Publication Board—Bishops H. R. Heise, M. H. Oberholser and Brethren D. V. Heise, M. L. Hoffman (substituted for C. O. Musser), Asa Bearss, Max Mahler (substituted for W. J. Myers), H. K. Kreider.

Home Mission Board—Bishops Jno. D. Wingert, and W. O. Baker (substituted for A. M. Engle); and Brethren Geo. Detwiler; Jacob N. Martin (substituted for Abram Z. Hess); Saxton Bowers; Bishop B. F. Hoover (substituted for Samuel Whisler); Jonathan Lyons (substituted for H. L. Trump); Samuel Bert (substituted for A. O. Zook); Gervin Bearss; and Sisters Lydia Williams (substituted for Alice Swalm); Sarah Wiebe (substituted for Lizzie Wingert); and John R. Herr (substituted for Anna Eshleman).

Foreign Mission Board—Bishops J. R. Zook; J. N. Hoover; S. S. Wingert (substituted for C. S. Leshner); and Brethren Eli M. Engle; P. M. Climenhaga; Peter Steckley; and J. M. Sheets.

The Moderator appointed a committee of twelve brethren to make the appointments for the Examining, Publication, Home and Foreign Mission Boards to report to Conference no later than the first session of the second day of Conference. The brethren, as follows, were appointed:

Bishops Jonathan Wert, M. G. Engle, H. B. Hoffer, C. C. Burkholder and Brethren D. V. Heise, T. S. Doner, Levi S. Herr, D. H. Rohrer, J. A. Stump, Daniel Climenhaga, J. H. Byer and Jacob D. Books.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Art. 1. Section 1. The Church Hymnal Committee presented its report, which was approved.

Sec. 2. Conference decided that the Church Hymnal decision under Article 1 of Unfinished Business of 1907, be reconsidered.

Sec. 3. Conference decided that round notes be used in the proposed New Church Hymnal.

Art. 2. The Church Hymnal Fund Treasurer, Bro. A. B. Musser, presented his report as follows, which was approved:

On hand May 1, 1908, ..... \$1,965 60

#### GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Art. 3. Sec. 1. The report of the General Executive Treasurer, A. B. Musser, was presented as follows and approved:

#### Receipts.

Bal. in Treasury May 1, 1907, .....	\$58 12
Manor District, Pa., .....	8 75
	4 15
Interest on deposits, .....	1 12
Total, .....	\$72 14

#### Expenditures.

Paid for stenography and type-writing, .....	\$10 00
Traveling expense to Souderton, ..	19 89
General Secretary, stamps and stationery, .....	5 65
	35 54

Balance in treasury, May 1, 1908,.... \$36 60

Sec. 2. Conference decided that the various Districts in the Brotherhood be and are hereby instructed to make an assessment of 5c. per member, to be applied to the General Executive Fund.

Sec. 3. The report of the General Executive

Secretary, S. R. Smith, was presented in part as follows, and approved:

The General Executive Board was called on three occasions during the last Conference year. First call, December 27, 1907, to Souderton District, Pa. Second call to Wainfleet District, Ont., on February 3, 1908. Third call to Mowersville District, Pa., on April 11, 1908.

In all of the three executive meetings, there was a sentiment of love expressed even though differences of opinion existed. The evidences so far as the Board has learned seemed to prove that the work that was undertaken in weakness may prove beneficial to one or the other. May the Lord direct that the spirit of love, peace and unity may prevail.

Since the General Executive Board is so widely scattered, it has been a serious question whether some other plan could not be devised that would eliminate the traveling expenses incurred by the Board meeting at distant places when there are individual differences which finally become a district matter, where seemingly some one or more has at some time erred which led to widen the breach and thus both sides more or less transgressed.

The questions of how to meet the traveling expenses of the Board is a serious one, the Board therefore suggests that Conference should place itself on record as to how the Board is to deal in reference to traveling expense, etc., with such Board meeting.

Sec. 4. Conference decided that the General Executive Board shall be empowered, in case of necessity, to draw on the General Executive Fund, to meet expenses accruing from its being called to investigate Church matters.

Art. 4. Sec. 1. A. B. Musser, Treasurer of the Tract Fund, presented his report as follows, which was approved:

Balance on hand May 1, 1907, .....	\$65 76
Donations and tracts sold, .....	5 79
Interest on above, .....	2 79

Balance on hand May 1, 1908,..... \$74 34

Sec. 2. Conference decided that the committee appointed under Art. 13, Conference of 1906, known as the Tract Committee, consisting of W. O. Baker, J. R. Zook and D. V. Heise, shall be known as a permanent Tract Committee, and shall be authorized to publish a variety of tracts, with the provision that the treasurer then appointed, and the conditions then authorized, shall be retained.

Sec. 3. Conference decided that all tracts intended for publication in the *Evangelical Visitor* shall be approved by the Tract Committee before publication.

Art. 5. Sec. 1. The report of S. R. Smith, Treasurer of the Editor's Extra Fund, as authorized under Art. 27, Sec. 3, page 18, Conference 1907, was presented as follows and approved:

Total amount received, .....	\$205 44
Amount paid to Editor as authorized,...	150 00

Balance on hand, .....

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\$55 44

Sec. 2. Conference decided that the balance on hand of the Editor's Extra Fund, amounting to \$55.44, shall be paid to Geo. Detwiler, Editor of the *Evangelical Visitor*.

Art. 6. Sec. 1. The General Secretary, as authorized under Art. 16, General Conference 1907, reported that he has not published any letter-heads, etc., as authorized, on account of no provision having been made to defray the expenses, with the further statement that numerous requests have been made for letter-heads and envelopes, as authorized in the aforesaid Art. of

different sizes and styles, which would involve considerable outlay. The above report was approved with the following:

Sec. 2. Conference decided that the Tract Committee, as authorized by this Conference, under Art. 4, Sec. 2, shall proceed with the publication of letter-heads, etc., as outlined in Art. 15, General Conference 1907, and that the expenses for the same shall be taken out of the Tract Fund.

Sec. 3. Conference decided that the Letter-head Fund and the Tract Fund be consolidated and that the work thereof be placed in the hands of the Tract Committee.

Art. 7. Sec. 1. Art. 20 of Conference of 1907, which called for an amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws, authorizing the election of Moderator by informal ballot instead of by single ballot, was decided to be postponed for another year, and be referred back to the several districts in order to obtain a full expression of all the Districts by popular vote, and that each District report to S. R. Smith, Permanent Conference Secretary, before May 1, 1909, and the said decision to go into effect before the organization of Conference.

Art. 8. Report of the Treasurer of the Incorporating Board of the Bible School and Missionary Training Home, as authorized under Art. 25 and 26 Minutes Gen. Conference 1907, as follows, which was approved:

Sec. 1. Treasurer's financial report was as follows:

*Receipts.*

Borrowed from Home Mission Fund, for traveling expenses of Board,....	\$60 06
For printing Minutes, .....	45 00
W. H. Horner, .....	5 00
Total, .....	<u>\$110 06</u>

*Disbursements.*

Traveling expenses, .....	\$60 06
Printing minutes, .....	45 00
Postage, stationery, etc., .....	2 60

Total, ..... \$107 66

Bal. on hand, ..... \$2 40

Sec. 2. Since Conference of 1907 made no provision to cover the expenses of the above named Incorporation Board, it was necessary in order to undertake the work that means were provided, the Board therefore decided to borrow this amount on their own responsibility from the Home Missionary Board, with the condition that if General Conference decided not to approve and make provision for it, that the Board will individually provide.

Sec. 3. Conference decided to provide for the above need by authorizing, that it be taken from the General Fund.

Sec. 4. The Secretary of the Bible School and Missionary Training Home Incorporating Board presented a report of which the following extract was approved.

On May 18, 1907, a preliminary organization was effected, and on June 18, 1907, the Board met at the Buffalo Mission, Buffalo, N. Y., and had a three-days' session of three sessions each day, during which time a school curriculum was adopted, together with qualifications for teachers and students as well as for the Board of Managers. The organization as then effected was D. V. Heise, Chairman; Chas. Baker, Assistant Chairman; S. R. Smith, Secretary and Treasurer; E. M. Engle, Assistant Secretary. The proceedings of the Board were printed in pamphlet form.

Sec. 5. The Incorporating Board as elected under Art. 26, General Conference 1907, tendered its resignation, which was approved. The Board as resigned were: D. V. Heise, Chas. Baker, J. N. Engle, B. F. Hoover, Eli M. Engle, S. R. Smith, A. M. Engle, not present.

Sec. 6. Conference decided to consider the report of the Minutes of the Bible School and Missionary Training Home Incorporating Board as published in pamphlet form in open Conference, which was done by considering it in articles and sections and approved the report as a whole with the following changes:

Art. 2. Page 5, third line from top of page, strike out the words, "of the United States."

Art. 2, Page 5, insert "Elementary Physiology."

Art. 5. Page 6, substitute the word, "General" for the words, "United States."

Art. 13. Sec. 1. Page 9, substitute the words, "And whose qualifications shall be equal to a normal education," for the words, "and holding not less than a normal certificate."

Art. 13. Sec. 2, page 9, strike out the words, "And certificate."

Art. 18. Sec. 1, page 20, insert the words, "That which shall hereafter be," so that the fifth and sixth lines of said section shall read, "Home and Foreign Mission Boards, and that which shall hereafter be approved by General Conference, etc."

Sec. 7. Conference approved the Incorporating Board's decision, according to Art. 22, of the Bible School and Missionary Training Home Minutes, in locating the Institution at or in the vicinity of Harrisburg, Pa.

Sec. 8. Conference sustained a motion to increase the Bible School and Missionary Training Home Incorporating Board from seven mem-

bers, as authorized under Art. 25, Sec. 1, page 13, Conference Minutes 1907, to nine members and decided that the Bishops present shall be an elective Board to elect a new Bible School and Missionary Training Home Incorporating Board of nine members instead of seven.

Sec. 9. Report of Elective Board as follows, which was approved. (a) Before proceeding with the election, the question was considered whether or not the members of the original Board were eligible to re-election inasmuch as they had stated before Conference in their reasons for resignation that certain conditions existed which disqualified them for further service. The said conditions were investigated and while it was found that some mistakes had been made, they were satisfactorily adjusted, after which the following brethren were elected to compose the above named Bible School and Missionary Training Home Incorporating Board: J. N. Engle, D. V. Heise, Chas. Baker, S. R. Smith, Eli M. Engle, B. F. Hoover, A. M. Engle, J. R. Zook and C. C. Burkholder.

(b) Since Brother S. R. Smith is so heavily encumbered with other church duties, we, the Elective Board, recommend that Conference authorize the Incorporating Board to appoint a substitute for S. R. Smith, for reason, when he is unable to serve as an active member of the Board.

(c) The Elective Board further recommends that the following be spread upon the Minutes of this Conference and also published in the columns of the *Evangelical Visitor*.

"The misunderstandings caused by an article published in the *Visitor* of August 15, 1907, relative to the Bible School and Missionary Training Home has been amicably adjusted and relegated to oblivion and the Church is unanimous in the project of the Bible School and Mission-



ary Training Home and that it shall be a united effort.

J. N. ENGLE, *Chairman.*  
J. N. HOOVER, *Secretary.*

Art. 9. A petition from Philadelphia Mission District to appoint and confirm Bro. Charles Stover, Trustee of Philadelphia Mission property, instead of Bishop Joseph B. Detwiler, was not confirmed, but ordered that the Trustees shall remain as they have been, viz.: Peter Stover, Jos. B. Detwiler and S. G. Engle.

Art. 10. Conference confirmed Cyrus T. Heisey as Trustee for Mechanicsburg church property instead of Henry S. Heisey, deceased.

Art. 11. Sec. 1. WHEREAS, General Conference of 1897 under Art. 3, authorized and ordered a church building to be erected at Glendale, Arizona, and

WHEREAS, the Church property has not been in use for religious services by the Brethren in Christ for a period of years; therefore,

Sec. 2. *Resolved*, That the Trustees, or the person in whose name the title of the said property is vested shall be and are hereby authorized to sell the said property at private or public sale, and

Sec. 3. *Resolved*, That the proceeds of such sale shall be used for religious purposes, as may be authorized by the church in Upland District, California.

Art. 12. WHEREAS, General Conference 1907, Art. 11, ordered that all districts throughout the Brotherhood shall forward a report to the General Secretary, of all officials as well as lay members, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, not all have so reported; therefore, *Resolved*, That this Conference requests all such Districts who failed to report to do so at once.

Art. 13. South Dayton District, Ohio, presented a letter to General Conference stating that they wished to be represented by letter to General Conference, expressing that as a Church they are earnestly "contending for the Faith once delivered to the Saints," and wish the blessing of God on the work of Conference, which was approved.

Art. 14. Conference confirmed Levi S. Herr as Trustee of the Fairview church property, in place of Brother Adam Hocker, deceased.

Art. 15. Conference confirmed David E. Caswell as Trustee for Highland Church property in place of Jeremiah Hoke, deceased.

Art. 16. Conference decided not to reconsider Art. 52, Conference of 1906, relating to the duties of Home Mission workers, but reaffirms said article.

Art. 17. Conference decided that a distinction be made in giving the names and addresses of Missionaries, in the *Evangelical Visitor*, so as to distinguish between those who labor in connection with the Foreign Mission Board, and those who are under other Boards or independent.

Art. 18. WHEREAS, Sister Mary Zercher, deceased, of Jefferson, Ohio, has by her will, donated two properties, one located in Jefferson, Wayne county, Ohio, and the other in the town of Smithville, Ohio, to be sold after the death of her daughters intermarried to—Mason and Swinehart—the proceeds of such sales to revert to the Foreign Mission Board of the Brethren in Christ; and,

WHEREAS, The aforesaid heirs of said Mary Zercher desire to purchase the interest of the Foreign Missionary Board of the Church of the Brethren in Christ in said properties for the sum of two hundred dollars for each property, making a total of four hundred dollars, by themselves defraying all the expenses incurred

in having proper arrangements made for such purchase; therefore,

Sec. 1. *Resolved*, That this Conference authorize the sale of aforesaid interests at the prices named; and,

Sec. 2. *Resolved*, That the Brethren C. S. Brenner, of Smithville, Ohio, and S. B. Longenecker, of Weilersville, Ohio, to arrange for the carrying out of the above resolution, and when proper arrangements are made, shall be and are hereby authorized to grant to release as the courts may order.

Art. 19. Conference decided to refer the petition from Ohio State Council, referring to deaconesses, to Art. 53, Conference 1902.

Art. 20. Conference decided to refer the petition of the Elkhart and De Kalb County District Council, in reference to the Mennonite Publishing Co's proposition for Sunday-school literature, to a committee of three brethren for investigation and report to Conference of 1909. The committee as appointed are: Enos H. Hess, John A. Stump and D. W. Heise.

Art. 21. Conference decided not to change the time of holding General Conferences.

Art. 22. Conference decided to refer the petition of Shannon District Council, Ill., referring to the disposal of church property, to the District from which it came, to deal with it in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws, page 266, Art. 15, Sec. 1.

Art. 23. Conference decided that the Conference Minutes be read separately after each day's proceedings.

Art. 24. Sec. 1. Conference decided that a Ministerial meeting be held in connection with General Conference each year on Tuesday evening of Conference week.

Sec. 2. Conference decided that three well-qualified Brethren be appointed yearly by the

Committee of Appointments at each preceding Conference, whose duty it shall be to formulate a program in selecting such topics as thought most advisable and instructive, and assign said topics, no later than January 1, to competent brethren for teaching and discussion at the next Ministerial meeting. Committee: Bishop J. N. Engle, Geo. Detwiler, D. V. Heise.

Sec. 3. Conference decided not to accept the petition of Des Moines District Council to have the same committee assign topics and select ministers, for the preaching services during Conference.

Art. 25. Conference decided not to change the method of amending the Constitution and By-Laws, according to page 271, Sec. 2, of General Conference Index, as requested by Des Moines District Council.

Art. 26. Conference decided that General Conference of the Brethren in Christ of 1909, convene in Dickinson county, Kans.

Art. 27. Conference decided to appoint a committee of three brethren to investigate and devise plans by which the requirements of the Chicago Mission building may be met. Committee appointed: E. S. Engle, Abilene, Kans.; Wm. H. Kreider, Shannon, Ill., and Henry L. Trump, Polo, Ill.

The committee was empowered to take the necessary steps to secure what funds are needed to carry out the improvements, in whatever way that may be, and having the funds in hand are empowered to proceed with the work according to their best judgment, and report to General Conference of 1909.

Art. 28. Conference decided to refer the petition of Kansas State Council, asking to provide fire protection for city Mission properties, be referred to the Fire Aid Board officials of the B. in C.

Art. 29. Conference decided, in reference to the request of the Oklahoma State Council, referring to Art. 4 of Kansas Joint Council of 1907, which intimated to have opened the door to life insurance, that former Conference decisions, referring to members having their lives insured shall stand, and that said decisions be interpreted to mean and include all life insurance.

Art. 30. Conference decided in reference to the question submitted by Markham District Council as to whether the present system of a self-supporting ministry is according to the New Testament teaching, that it be referred to a committee of five, who shall investigate the question pending and report to General Conference of 1909 for approval, amendment or rejection. The committee as appointed and confirmed are: Fred. Elliott, W. O. Baker, Henry K. Kreider, Jacob N. Martin and C. C. Burkholder.

Art. 31. Conference decided that the suspending of inconsistent members for a period before final expulsion as referred to in the question from Markham District, Ontario, is Scriptural (II. Corinthians 3:14-15) and is permissible, but Districts are at liberty to act as such cases may require.

Art. 32. Sec. I. Report of Publication Board.

THE EVANGELICAL VISITOR FINANCIAL REPORT.

Balance on hand April 30, 1907, .... \$856 13

*Receipts.*

On subscriptions, .....	\$1,785 11	
On Benevolent Fund, .....	43 60	
On interest, .....	24 16	
		\$1,852 87

*Expenses.*

Central Printing Co., ..... \$1,010 16

Editor's salary, .....	550 00	
Mailing, .....	83 13	
Stationery, stamps, etc., ..	14 81	
		\$1,658 10

Balance credit for the year, ..... \$194 77

Balance on hand April 30, 1908, ..... \$1,050 90

The number of names on the list is 1890. There are 20 that go to exchange offices, 65 to charity, 20 to institutions and individuals, 25 to foreign mission stations and individuals.

We have been printing 1,950 copies each issue, but will likely need fifty less, as the new ruling of the Post-Office Department will cut off quite a number which fail of being renewed reaching perhaps 90. So that 1850 or 1900 copies will suffice for the present.

The increased item of expense in mailing is due to the new ruling as regards postage on second class matter to Canada.

Sec. 2. The Board accepted a recommendation by the Editor that 1,850 or 1,900 copies be printed.

Sec. 3. The Board requests that solicitors for subscriptions, renewals, collections and local church news should be more active in their work. See list of names and addresses under Art. 27, page 16, General Conference 1907.

Sec. 4. The Board recommends the continuation of the Sunday-school lesson page in the *Evangelical Visitor* for the following Conference year.

Sec. 5. The Board approved the work of Brother George Detwiler as Editor during the past Conference year, and appointed him as Editor for the following Conference year.

Sec. 6. Inasmuch as the Editor has done extra work and saved about one hundred dollars on the publishing of the *Evangelical Visitor*.

*Resolved*, That his salary be raised from \$550 to \$650 for next Conference year.

Sec. 7. WHEREAS, In order to guard the *Evangelical Visitor* against harmful contributions appearing in its columns,

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Associate Editors to examine all questionable articles presented to them by the Editor, and pass upon them as to their advisability for publication, and by their decision together become responsible with the Editor, whether published or rejected.

The above reports were approved and ordered to be spread on the Minutes.

Art. 33. Report of the Committee on Publication and Printing of the *Evangelical Visitor* as appointed under Art. 27, Sec. 6, page 19, Conference Minutes 1907, which was confirmed as follows:

To Brethren in Christ Conference, convened at Markham, Ont., Greeting: By virtue of the work assigned in Art. 27, Sec. 6, Conference of 1907, to us as a Committee, we beg to submit the following report:

We find that the cost of printing per page has in the last few years been materially lessened through the aid of complicated and expensive machinery. The old method of hand type setting has been superceded with the linotype machine and the old hand press with the rapid power press. Much more work can be done in a given time, but it is very difficult to secure a man that can run both the linotype and press machines. It would require about two days to set up the *Visitor*. The cost of a linotype machine with fixtures is \$4,000, and a first class press 30½x46 in., \$3,000. Second-hand press machines can be had from \$1,200 up.

With no outside printing, the men and machines would not be needed more than a few

days; thus making the outlay too large for the work to be done. Unless the church would wish to enter into general printing for the public, which we deem inadvisable at the present time.

Having found it inadvisable to establish our own printing house at present, we proceeded to get bids for the publication of the *Visitor* as heretofore. The bids received were as follows: The New Era Printing Co., Lancaster, Pa., \$1,457.00 for 24 issues of 1,900 copies each, and \$1.67 per 100 copies additional. They to furnish paper, composition, press work and binding, setting mailing list and keeping it in good condition (making the necessary corrections during the year), furnishing the paper for the same and wrapper, packing and delivering at the Lancaster Post-Office.

Central Printing and Publishing Co., of Harrisburg, Pa., \$950.00 for 24 issues, 1,900 copies, with same service as mentioned under the New Era bids.

Hill News, of Harrisburg, Pa., \$950.00 for 24 issues, 1,900 copies with conditions as heretofore named, except that the Editor do the mailing.

The printing was done by the Central Printing and Publishing Co., of Harrisburg, Pa., for Conference year ending 1908, as heretofore.

The Committee recommends that in the future, matters concerning the publication of the *Visitor* be left to the Publication Board.

A. B. MUSSER,  
S. S. WOLGEMUTH,  
ENOS H. HESS,  
Committee.

Art. 34. Report of Appointment Committee. All the following Boards with their organization and apportionments were confirmed.

Sec. 1.

### *Examining Board.*

Bishops Chas. Baker, B. F. Hoover and J. N. Engle.

#### Sec. 2.

### *Publication Board.*

Bishops H. R. Heise, M. H. Oberholser and brethren D. V. Heise, C. O. Musser, Asa Bearss, W. J. Myers and H. K. Kreider.

Organization of above: Chairman, Asa Bearss, Ridgeway, Ont.; Secretary, C. O. Musser, Abilene, Kans.

#### Sec. 3.

### *Home Mission Board.*

Bishops J. D. Wingert, C. C. Burkholder and brethren Levi S. Herr, George Detwiler, Abram Z. Hess, Saxton Bowers, J. H. Byer, A. O. Zook, Girvin Bearss and Sisters Lydia Williams, Sadie Foote and Anna Eshleman.

Organization of above: Chairman, George Detwiler, Harrisburg, Pa.; Assistant Chairman, Levi S. Herr, Clayton, Ohio; Secretary, Girvin Bearss, Ridgeway, Ont.; Treasurer, Saxton Bowers, Canton, Ohio.

Sec. 4. Apportionment of territory for the Home Mission Board as follows:

Dauphin and Lebanon, Silverdale and Lancaster County Districts, A. Z. Hess, Mt. Joy, Pa.

Cumberland, North and South Franklin Districts, J. D. Wingert, Fayetteville, Pa., R. F. D. No. 2.

Lykens Valley, Juniata County, Morrison's Cove and Center County Districts, Geo. Detwiler, Harrisburg, Pa.

Stark and Wayne County Districts, Ohio, Saxton Bowers, Canton, Ohio.

South Dayton, Clark and Miami County Districts, Ohio, Levi S. Herr, Clayton, Ohio.

Ashland and Richland County Districts, Ohio, and Indiana, Sadie Foote, Garrett, Ind.

Michigan and Illinois, J. H. Byer, Lake Ann, Mich.

North Dickinson, Brown and Clay County Districts, Kansas and Iowa, A. O. Zook, Abilene, Kans.

South Dickinson, Kansas, and Oklahoma Districts, Anna Eshleman, Abilene, Kans.

New York and Canada, West of Toronto, Girvin Bearss, Ridgeway, Ont.

Markham and Nottawa Districts, Lydia Williams, Elgin Mills, Ont.

#### Sec. 5.

### *Foreign Mission Board.*

Bishops J. R. Zook, J. N. Hoover, C. S. Leshner and Brethren Eli M. Engle, P. M. Climenhaga, Peter Steckley, J. M. Sheets.

Organization of Foreign Mission Board: Chairman, J. R. Zook, Des Moines, Iowa; Secretary, Eli M. Engle, Mt. Joy, Pa.; Treasurer, P. M. Climenhaga, Stevensville, Ont.

Sec. 6. Apportionment of Territory for Foreign Mission Board as follows:

Markham and Nottawa Districts, Ont., Peter Steckley.

Black Creek and Waterloo Districts, P. M. Climenhaga.

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

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

Ohio and Indiana, J. N. Hoover.

Illinois and Iowa, J. R. Zook.

All territory west of the Missouri river, J. M. Sheets.

Art. 35. Conference considered the advisa-

bility of establishing a Beneficiary or Poor Fund and appointed a committee to formulate some plans. The report of the committee is as follows:

Sec. 1. WHEREAS, The Church of the Brethren in Christ are greatly in need of a system to provide for our needy members by means of a Beneficiary or Poor Fund; therefore,

*Resolved*, That a free-will offering be taken throughout the Districts of the Brotherhood for this year in addition to the Poor Fund already existing in the Church and now in the hands of Brother Saxton Bowers, Treasurer of the Home Mission Board; and be it

Sec. 2. *Resolved*, That a committee of three brethren be appointed by this Conference to formulate plans, rules and regulations to govern the same and present to General Conference of 1909.

Signed,

J. A. STUMP,  
Chairman.

T. S. DOHNER,  
Secretary.

Sec. 3. Conference approved the above report and appointed J. A. Stump, Nappanee, Ind.; J. R. Herr, Abilene, Kans.; Enos H. Hess, 633 Manor St., Lancaster, Pa., a committee to proceed with the work as above ordered.

Art. 36. Conference repealed Art. 21, General Conference 1907, which refers to examination of ministers, etc.

Art. 37. The General Executive Secretary reported that the Census Bureau at Washington desires expressions of faith, and creed as pertaining to the doctrine of non-resistance as well as a historical sketch of the first families emigrating to this country composing the Brotherhood together with a number of other questions.

Conference ordered the Secretary to appoint a committee of three brethren, who shall assist him in formulating such a report. Committee as appointed, M. B. Musser, Aaron Martin, George Detwiler.

Above committee was confirmed and ordered spread on the Minutes.

Art. 38. Conference decided that Bishop J. N. Engle, of Abilene, Kansas, shall continue to have the oversight of Dallas Center District, Iowa, as Bishop, until further action shall be taken.

Art. 39. A petition from Elkhart, Indiana, District Council to General Conference, praying to consider a proposition from the Mennonite Book and Tract Society of Scottdale, Pa., to publish Sunday-school literature, was considered and decided to refer the matter to a committee of three brethren, who shall investigate the proposition during the year and report to Conference of 1909. Committee, Enos H. Hess, J. A. Stump, and D. W. Heise.

Art. 40. Conference ordered that the descriptive part of Mission and Missionary Reports, etc., shall accompany the financial reports, with the privilege that the Secretaries can condense it if it does not conflict with what was intended in the report.

Art. 41. Conference ordered that Brother Saxton Bowers, Home Mission Treasurer, shall be authorized to draw from the Home Mission Fund a certain amount of loss which he sustained through the failure of a bank in which he had deposited some Mission money.

Art. 42. Conference ordered that members of the various Boards, whether officials or not, or delegates, shall have a vote in Conference, and shall therefore be considered as members of Conference.

REPORT OF THE PHILADELPHIA MISSION, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Art. 43.

BEGINNING MAY 1, 1907, TO APRIL 30, 1908.

Total cash donations for said period, \$1,029 91  
 Total expenses for said year, ..... 907 79

Balance in Mission treasury, .... \$122 12

The above figures represent the total cash receipts and total cash expenses, not including donations, such as, clothing and provisions. Following is the report for improvements for past year as authorized by General Conference of 1906. The total expenditure is \$1,032.25, which has all been paid by free-will offering made during the time of building, leaving the building free of all indebtedness up to the present report. The general work at the Mission for the last year has been on the increase. The attendance for the year has been the best since the Mission began. With the present enlargement we are no nearer supplying the needed room than we were before we made the improvements. The Sunday services having been well attended, but the greatest need at the present time is room to properly take care of the Sunday-school. Our attendance during the present year has been as high as one hundred sixty-six. We look forward to the time when the needed room will be amply supplied. Those who have been received into membership by baptism during the last year, are eight in number. This number does not include a great many more who have confessed conversion that have gone elsewhere. The past Winter has been one of great need for the poor. The hard times have been severely felt by our people. Never since the Mission started has there

been such a heavy demand made upon the Mission for provisions and help in general. This has been partly offset by the year just past as being one of the best in donations of provisions and clothing but we can safely say in view of the many donations that have been sent to the Mission by the Brotherhood, the demand has only been half met and we, the undersigned do pray that the Brotherhood might see fit to greatly enlarge the donations in the coming year with much clothing and provisions of all kinds.

The members of the Philadelphia Mission all send greetings and best wishes to General Conference.  
 PETER STOVER AND WIFE.

The above report was approved and the workers retained with the provision that the recommendation of the Home Mission Board, Sec. 3, shall be met by a committee consisting of Bishop Aaron Martin, who is the Overseer of Philadelphia Mission District, and David G. Heisey and Daniel B. Brubaker, all of Elizabethtown, Pa.

REPORT OF MESSIAH RESCUE AND BENEVOLENT HOME, HARRISBURG, PA.—A. B. MUSSER, SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

Balance in treasury May 1, 1907, .... \$1,819 88  
 Received from admissions during Conference year, ..... 500 00  
 Received from contributions and paying members, ..... 1,206 89

Total receipts, ..... \$3,526 77

*Expenditures.*

Burial expense, including repairing during Conference year, ..... 290 00

Total expenses during  
Conference year, ..... 2,080 96

Balance on hand May 1, 1908,.... \$1,445 81

The building is the same as reported to last Conference with the exception of some repairing. The number of inmates at the Home are males, —; females, —.

Deaths during Conference year, six, as follows: Leonard Jones, formerly of Perry county, Pa.; Elizabeth Newcomer, formerly of Warrensburg, Mo.; Jeremiah Kell, formerly of Mechanicsburg, Pa.; Jane Fahs, formerly of Harrisburg, Pa.; John Myers, formerly of Greencastle, Pa.; Mary A. Stern, formerly of Barberton, Ohio.

Admissions to the Home during Conference year were Rebecca Wilson, Greencastle, Pa.; Sarah Millard, Shiremanstown, Pa.

There is a Sabbath-school every Sabbath morning at 9.30 a. m., followed by preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m. and every evening at 7.30. Weekly prayer-meeting every Thursday evening. There were several conversions during the year and admitted to the church.

The management tenders their heart-felt thanks to the kind friends who so liberally donated to the Home by way of money and help in taking care of the sick and other donations during the last Conference year with the conviction that the Lord will bless all that is according to his will.

The above report was adopted.

Art. 44. Sec. 1.  
FINANCIAL AND GENERAL REPORT  
MESSIAH HOME ORPHANAGE,  
HARRISBURG, PA., BY S. R.  
SMITH, SECRETARY  
AND TREASURER.

To General Conference 1908, Greeting:

Balance on hand of school fund, April 30, 1907, .....	\$161 28
Received during Conference year from donations, interest on Endowment Fund, appropriations and from loans, .....	2,289 94
Total, .....	\$2,451 22

*Expenditures.*

Balance credit in favor of Treasurer, April 30, 1907, .....	\$275 57
Paid for sustaining, including dry goods, groceries, provisions, fuel, light, repairs, medical service, school supplies, and all other incidentals as per vouchers issued, .....	1,734 17
Paid loans and interest, ...	419 33
Total, .....	\$2,429 07

Balance in hand of Treasurer, April 30, 1908, .....	\$22 15
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*Indebtedness.*

Loan from Endowment Fund, .....	\$500 00@5 per cent.
Loan from individuals,.....	400 00@5 per cent.
Individual loans without interest, .....	260 00



Due to inmate, to be paid on age, .....	50 00
Total, .....	\$1,210*00
Amount due Orphanage from appropriation to April 30, 1908, .....	416 00
Actual indebtedness April 30, 1908, .....	\$794 00

#### GENERAL REPORT.

Sec. 2. It will be noticed by the above report that the actual indebtedness during the last Conference year has been reduced to the amount of \$346.87. We are obliged to say from a temporal view that the Orphanage is increasing in capacity as well as in material. There are at present 35 inmates. No one who has paid a visit to the Orphanage and looked into the work can truthfully deny that a good work has been accomplished considering the condition of most of the children when they were received. For cleanliness, system, moral and spiritual training, we believe the Orphanage stands second to none in these surroundings. That may be saying a great deal, however, all things considered, we believe that this assertion will bear inspection. The school is a model. A good work is being done, the virtue of it principally is, that children receive a spiritual as well as moral and intellectual training. The work in the Orphanage is laid out in divisions and assigned to the different members of the Orphanage in program order.

We must confess, however, that there are dark seasons, especially to those who have the work at heart, since there are crying needs from time to time for which there at times does not

seem to be any provision. However, our hearts rejoice to recall the fact that there are those who came to the aid of the Orphanage in a noble manner, and have expressed themselves that they believe it was a call of God to contribute toward the needs of the Orphanage.

We take the liberty to quote the expression of a certain old brother and sister as follows: "We had intended to donate one thousand dollars towards the Endowment Fund at our death, but in looking at the needs of the Orphanage at present, we concluded that since we had the money, we had better give it while we have it and let the managers apply it as they think proper." Had it not been for such gracious gifts, the Orphanage would have been materially lacking. We know that our work is not without criticism. There are those who think that the children are raised to idle away their time in the city. In reply to this, we will say that this is positively not the case. They are taught to work all kinds of work that is around a house, but one fact we admit, we cannot teach them farm work as we expressed ourselves a year ago and now we see the need all the more of making provisions to impart such an industrial training also.

#### THE FARM.

General Conference of 1907 granted the privilege to the Managing Board to purchase a farm and move the Orphanage and make such provisions that boys as well as girls can be harbored. Our hearts are made to bleed sometimes when we look at the condition of our roving boys, who are practically castaways, who need Christian homes and training more so than the girls and yet there is no provision.

The Managing Board during the past year has considered a number of places, made in-

spectations of different farms, but unfortunately so far none were found yet that there were not more or less serious disadvantages for a work of this kind. The question is generally put, "Where should the money come from?" We admit that that is a serious question. On the other hand, we believe that if a farm would be bought that some of our brethren and sisters could see that the work is really undertaken that some would be impressed at least to contribute some towards the purchase without interest. We know of some who have volunteered already, and more than that, with the amount of money that it costs to sustain an Orphanage in the city, we could buy a good-sized farm altogether on debt, pay interest at at the rate of 6 per cent. and still have money left over and above what the farm would produce; and since a good farm would be a staple investment, and we have this that even a farm bought and operated in the name of the Lord will be under his blessing. We earnestly plead that our brethren and sisters will each feel a concern in this matter since souls are at stake, and through the instrumentality of the Orphanage that destinies are formed that will make useful people in the vineyard of the Lord.

Sister Anna Shank, of Marietta, Pa., was appointed as Secretary and Treasurer upon my resignation at Conference 1907, but on account of her home surroundings, she could not well take up the work, and therefore kindly asked to be excused, which was granted her, however not without regret. Brother David M. Book, of Hummelstown, Pa., has consented to take up the work to act as Secretary and Treasurer, and we believe that with proper love shown, he will prove an efficient worker in the Orphanage. We thus recommend him to Conference to be confirmed as such.

## WORKERS.

There are at present three workers outside of the teacher at the Orphanage, two of whom get a nominal pay for their labors, besides donating again considerable of their earnings for the sustaining of the work. One of the inmates who became on age is now employed; who so far proved herself an efficient worker and we have the confidence that she will continue to improve. The time, however, is at hand that something should immediately be done by way of securing another matron, since Sister Hannah Baker has presented herself in 1907 as a Foreign Missionary worker, and was accepted as such. She feels that the time is ripe that she should move out. We are glad that she was bound by the cords of love to stand by the work as long as she did, but we feel that the work at the Orphanage should not any longer stand in her way, when we consider the efficient material that we have throughout the Brotherhood, who would be fully capable of taking her place.

The principal difficulty seemingly is, that those who are impressed to help in the work feel their inability. To such, we would say, do like David did when he met Goliath. He did not consider his strength, his ability, his agility, but he said, "I come in the name of the Lord," and he was a remarkable conqueror. May the Lord impress someone to step forward and say, "Here am I." Sister Fannie Engle has been a good helper, but as we learn, she anticipates to divide up her time among her children and the Orphanage. We feel all the more impressed to call for volunteers. With these remarks, we present our report to General Conference for approval, rejection or advice.

S. R. SMITH,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

Sec. 3.

REPORT OF MESSIAH HOME ORPHANAGE ENDOWMENT FUND—A. B. MUSSER, TREASURER.

Amount on hand May 1, 1907, ..... \$2,831 31  
A sister and friend of the Orphanage, .. 50 00

Amount of fund, May 1, 1908,.... \$2,881 31

The above reports were approved.

Art. 45.

BUFFALO MISSION.

Buffalo Mission, 25 Hawley street, Buffalo, N. Y., to General Conference of 1908, Greeting:

FROM MAY 1, 1907, to MAY 1, 1908.

In keeping with God's command and the spontaneous feelings of our hearts, we praise the Lord for his faithful dealings with us during the past year.

We wish to express gratitude to those who in so many ways have shown their interest in supplying the need of the Mission. God does not withhold his blessing from the consecrated giver. Your prayers have also been answered and in times of trial and temptation Christ's sympathy and council has been ours. The Holy Spirit has been our comforter and guide.

The efforts put forth from time to time by holding meetings in the chapel, in private homes, in the open air, also in the Sunday-school and doing visiting from house to house are all put forth with the view of doing spiritual work. Since financial conditions were less favorable among the people doors opened to the missionary that under ordinary circumstances would be closed.

A number have professed conversion during the year. Some are standing true, giving good

evidence of a change of heart. There have possibly not as many professed as during the previous year. The spiritual life of the Mission has also deepened. To say that some have received a deeper work of grace is saying too little. As a result of deep consecration some reforms have taken place which were much needed. Having received the one spiritual baptism we are endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Four souls have publicly shown their faith by obeying in the ordinance of water baptism. Three of these are young men whom the Lord is blessing and will use as they stand true to him.

The Sunday-school has remained about the same as in the previous year. A number of the older ones have shown deep interest in the things of God, but efforts to bring them into the church meet with very limited success.

Sisters Minnie and Mamie Bosler have been faithful co-workers, giving all their time to the work with us. Brothers M. A. Churchill and D. L. Gish, residents of the city, have been faithful helpers in preaching and conducting the regular meetings.

We solicit an interest in the prayers of God's people that the work may continue to prosper to the glory of God.

Your brother and sister in Jesus,

GEORGE E. AND EFFIE WHISLER.

The above report was adopted and the workers retained.

Art. 46.

REPORT FROM CHICAGO MISSION.

Sec. 1.

RECEIPTS FROM APRIL 15, 1907, TO APRIL 15, 1908,  
AS FOLLOWS:

Balance carried over, ..... \$1 81

July 15, .....	19 50
August 15, .....	40 87
September 15, .....	44 30
October 15, .....	42 42
November 15, .....	70 93
December 15, .....	46 07
January 15, .....	32 75
February 15, .....	33 08
March 15, .....	32 10
April 15, .....	6 46

Total received, ..... \$454 34

Congregational offerings, .....	51 00
Offering for poor, .....	63 25

Total received, ..... \$568 59

Expenditures May and June 15, .....	\$47 03
July 15, .....	11 48
August 15, .....	18 04
September 15, .....	74 16
October 15, .....	44 06
November 15, .....	17 65
December 15, .....	19 08
January 15, .....	21 00
February 15, .....	29 62
March 15, .....	22 13
April 15, .....	19 25

Total expenditures, ..... \$364 14

Repairing, .....	41 00
Coal, .....	10 00
Paid, .....	50 00

Total expenditures, ..... \$465 14

Balance on hand, ..... \$103 45

Sec. 2. We praise our God for His tender care over us through the past year. We can

truly say He has supplied our needs. We also wish to thank the saints for standing with us in the support of the work, believing many have held us up before the throne of God.

We wish we might be able to give a clear report of the spiritual work as it is. The work is not without its discouragements yet we are encouraged to labor faithfully as God gives grace and strength and thus press the battle on. A number of souls have been led to the foot of the cross and found Jesus precious to their souls for which we do praise God.

The work with young people is encouraging Sunday-school enrollment is one hundred and sixty, average attendance one hundred and thirty. Y. P. Meeting Sunday evening from seven to eight o'clock averages about seventy-five. Junior mid-week bible class enrollment sixty. These different classes bring us in touch with not less than two hundred young people weekly. We regret we have not a larger place to accommodate, we are looking to the Lord for improvements on this line. Will you not help us pray that in God's own time we may be able to enlarge and thus accommodate the needs of the work. We would not wish to step ahead of God's own time. But the needs, and condition of the building as well, press us to look to Him who is able to bring about all things according to His will.

Will not the saints help us pray and trust for divine guidance. Greeting from the workers to all saints.

Since our writing we learn that the Lord is not only speaking but moving upon hearts regarding the need above mentioned, our hearts are melted in humility before Him. "Before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." Isa. 65:24. Into His hand we commit. Amen. SARAH BERT AND WORKERS.

5956 Peoria St., Chicago Ill.

The above report was approved and the workers were retained.

### DES MOINES REPORT.

Art. 47. Sec. 1. Financial report of Des Moines Mission from May 1, 1907, to May 4, 1908:

Total receipts during the year, .....	\$274 66
Expenditures during the year, .....	273 00
Bal. in favor of Mission May 4, 1908,..	\$1 66

#### POOR FUND.

Webster Burch, Winger, Ont., .....	\$ 2 00
Sister Haldeman, Ramona, Kans., .....	1 00
Saints of Des Moines, Ia., .....	8 00
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Total, .....	11 00
Disbursements to the worthy poor, .....	11 00

#### REMARKS.

Sec. 2. We are glad to report that God has been with us, and that the brotherhood has bravely stood by the work financially as well as with their prayers.

And while we have no special stir on the line of soulsaving, we are glad that a few made covenant with God, and hope they may be kept faithful. The Lord is calling some into active work among whom is Bro. Frank Mall who so definitely has been called to slum work, and has made application for the same.

He will depend on the Lord directly for support.

One of the most interesting characters of this place is Mother Jones, who is 96 years of age. We celebrated her last birthday anniversary by having a prayermeeting at her cottage. She was very happy and rehearsed a glorious recent experience which was so very inspiring. It was

as follows: "I was so very tired," said she, "and lay down to nap, when suddenly there shone all about me a most beautiful and effulgent heavenly light, and I rested supremely sweet, far sweeter than ever before in all my life, and I imagined I was going up, and was sure the Lord was taking me home to Heaven. O, I was so elated in that condition and had no desire whatever to remain on earth any longer, because I was so very happy and the rest so indesirably sweet. The vision finally faded away and I was so sorry that I had to remain but the Lord revealed to me plainly that this is the way I'll die—just sweetly fall asleep in Jesus." She related this with so much heart, soul and pathos that we wept for joy. She was baptized about eight years ago in the Des Moines River. Some of her friends tried to discourage her, by saying she was too old to stand immersion, but in reply she said, "I'll be baptized if I die in the water." She stood it so nicely to the surprise of her friends who witnessed her baptism.

Bro. D. W. Weigle, a resident member of this city, has charge of the jail services and is doing good work—these services are held every Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

We hold four services a week at the Mission and two at the Gospel Temple church. Besides these services we have a Bible Class which meets every Wednesday evening. We teach by topics, giving the lesson written or printed one week in advance. The interest is good and increasing. On the same evening we teach vocal music free of charge. Thus we are kept quite busy.

Our Mission meetings no doubt would have been crowned with greater success, if we would have had a more convenient building. We had a buyer for the mission property last Fall, were offered \$4,000 cash without commission but the

trustees thought we should hold the property at \$4,500—finally we were just about ready to consummate the deal at \$4,300,—when the financial flurry struck the country and the deal fell through for the present with that party. Hence we were obliged to shift along with the old building.

We are not without trials and tests and Satan has a strong hold on the people so that it is difficult to get the people to take the narrow road that leads to Heaven,—lodgery, clubs, divorces and many other of the present-day evils make it most difficult to reach souls, but we will continue to “sow by all waters” trusting the Lord for fruitage.

With cheerfulness, and a deep feeling of unworthiness we submit the above report to General Conference of 1908.

J. R. AND ANNA ZOOK.

The above report was approved and the overseers retained.

Art. 48.

#### ELMER MISSION.

Report of Elmer Mission, to General Conference Brethren in Christ, 1908, Greeting:

SANDUSKY, MICH., *April 7, 1908.*

We have noticed in the VISITOR that missionaries are requested to make a report to Conference. Perhaps this would include us. (See General Conference Minutes 1907 Art. 28). Our financial report is as follows:

Received of the Home Mission Fund, ..	\$60 00
Mostly from the Brethren of East Michigan, .....	59 55
Provisions mostly from brethren of East Michigan, valued at, .....	10 95

Second hand clothing from a brother of Elmer, valued at, ..... 10 00

Total, ..... \$140 55

About ninety dollars of the above amount was used to pay debts contracted before we entered the work at Elmer. I did some work in harvest last year and run a steam engine for sometime, and am now working at carpenter work. We also had a garden last year. In this way we have been supported. We pay two dollars a month house rent. Sister Powell's health has been very poor during the winter and spring and for that reason house work has occupied part of my time. Elmer had been noted as being a hard place to work but during the time that Brother Myron Taylor worked here, which was about seven months, the work was greatly revived. During that time Brother J. R. Zook conducted revival services, two persons that made a start in the meetings were baptized soon afterwards.

We moved here June 7, 1907 and took up the work. While we were used kindly, we did not receive a very hearty welcome. Being somewhat weak ourselves, it made it hard work to carry out various duties that rested upon us. Later on, we began to notice that the Lord was at work in the place. Two persons received saving grace. The last part of March, we had revival meetings in which Brother Lyons of Carland, and Brother Kately, of Yale, (ministers) assisted us; while there was not perfect unity among us, yet four souls found peace with God. These six spoken of are likely to follow the Lord in baptism soon or at least some of them.

We organized a Sunday-school soon after we arrived here. While it was a new thing, we had a fair attendance but soon it was run on a very

small scale, but now the interest is gradually increasing. We have about twenty-four members of the Sunday-school besides some visitors. During the year, the work has had some drawbacks, partly on account of our failure and partly on account of the failures of others; nevertheless we have great reason to rejoice over the good that has been done and we believe that this is the sum, through God's great mercy in answer to prayers of the Canadian brethren and that of others. We do not know if the Church is a mission church or not.

J. D. POWELL AND WIFE.

P. S.—We have started to build a church shed. About one-half of the money is raised and more is promised.

The above report was approved and Bro. T. A. Long was appointed to take charge of the Mission work as soon as possible.

#### HOME MISSION BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT.

Art. 49. Sec. 1. Report of Saxton Bowers, Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund of the Brethren in Christ, to General Conference 1908, Greeting:

Balance in treasury, May 1, 1907,.....	\$787 91
Received during the Conference year from A. Z. Hess for Lancaster county, Pa., .....	48 10
Andrew Gnagy for Tomama and Benton county, Iowa, .....	16 00
Sister Breneman, .....	1 00
Jacob Witmer, .....	10 00
A. Z. Hess, .....	2 50
Bertha Klink, Nottawa, Ont., .....	5 00
John A. Stump, for Nappanee, Ind.,.....	1 85

New Guilford District, Franklin county, Pa., .....	24 00
S. E. Brehm of Hummelstown, Pa.,.....	33 30
Montgomery District, Franklin county, Pa., by Jno. D. Wingert, .....	12 25
J. N. Hoover for Miami District, Ohio, ..	13 50
H. E. Cassell for Dayton District, Ohio, ..	3 25
Abram B. Nissley, for Cumberland District, Pa., .....	3 00
Harrisburg District, Pa., .....	16 00

Total May 1, 1908, ..... \$977 66

#### EXPENDITURES DURING CONFERENCE YEAR.

Traveling expenses paid to the Bible School, Incorporating Board to Buffalo, N. Y., as follows:	
Elder B. F. Hoover, .....	\$12 75
Elder A. M. Engle, .....	15 74
Elder Chas. Baker, .....	10 65
Eli M. Engle, .....	8 26
S. R. Smith, .....	12 66
Elder John A. Stump, traveling expenses to Carland Mission, ..	7 85
Max Mahler, Des Moines, Iowa, balance due Des Moines Mission, .....	2 55
Sarah Bert, Chicago, Ill., balance indebtedness on Mission, .....	16 50
Elder J. N. Engle, for services of church under Art. 39 and 40, Conference 1906, .....	17 00
Bible School Incorporating Board for printing minutes,..	45 00
J. D. Powell, Mission work at Elmer, Mich., .....	60 00
John R. Herr and T. A. Long,	

traveling expense to Missouri,	27	28
J. H. Byer, traveling expenses to Wabash, Ind., Mission work, .....	14	18
George Detwiler for printing blank certificates, .....	3	13
Girvin Bearss, traveling expense to Berlin, Ont., .....	4	00
Jonas Wenger, traveling expense to Pelham, Ont., ....	6	95
T. A. Long, expenses at St. Louis, Mo., .....	20	00
Total, .....	284	50

Balance in treasury, May 1, 1908,.....	\$693	16
Balance on hand, Poor Fund, May 1, 1908, .....	\$126	00

#### HOME MISSION BOARD YEARLY REPORT—GEO. DETWILER, CHAIRMAN.

Sec. 2. The Home Mission Board makes report of the following:

In accordance with decision of Conference of 1907, under Sec. 6, page 23, of Conference Minutes, the Home Mission Board stationed Brother J. D. Powell and his wife at Elmer, Mich., to take charge of the work at Elmer Mission. With a view of assisting Carland Mission by procuring farm help for Bro. Jonathan Lyons, the Board made the need known through the *Visitor* with an appeal for some able-bodied man to offer himself as a helper in the labors of the farm, in that way relieving Bro. Lyons so that he would be more free to attend to his pastoral and ministerial duties. To this appeal there was no response, and consequently no relief came to Bro. Lyons.

The effort to secure a resident minister for Pelham Mission proved equally abortive; however, not because no minister could be secured. Early in the Conference year a minister living isolated offered himself for the work being anxious to move among the brethren. In the meantime the Pelham brethren had their eye on another brother whom they thought they could secure for the work. This being the case the chance that promised success was let slip by, and Pelham has been supplied from Wainfleet and Bertie during the year.

The only work undertaken by the direction of the Home Mission Board was the sending of Brethren T. A. Long and John R. Herr on a mission trip to visit isolated members in eastern Kansas, and in Missouri; also sending Bro. J. H. Byer, of Lake Ann., Mich., to Wabash, Ind., there being a call to hold some meetings there. He reported having had good meetings, there being a number of conversions. The people among whom he labored are poor, quite a proportion are of the colored race. There was much inquiry as to the Brethren's faith and practice.

The above report was approved.

#### HOME MISSION BOARD—CONFERENCE REPORT.

##### PHILADELPHIA MISSION.

Sec. 3. WHEREAS, The work of the Philadelphia Mission District is becoming so extended, *Resolved*, That this Board recommends to Conference to consider the advisability of appointing a suitable brother or brethren, who are not residents of Philadelphia Mission District, as assistants to Brother Stover in the management of the Mission affairs.



Sec. 4. WHEREAS, In order to keep the Chicago Mission property or building in repair and provide for much needed improvements and conveniences; and,

WHEREAS, Steps have already been taken towards securing the needed funds by a number of brethren pledging fifty dollars each for that purpose; therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Conference encourage as far as possible, the effort that is being made so that the improvements can be speedily completed.

Sec. 5. WHEREAS, It is of great importance that the Des Moines work shall be properly cared for; therefore,

(a) *Resolved*, That Bishop J. R. and Sister Anna Zook continue to have charge of the work, and that they be at liberty to secure, if they can, suitable assistants as the work may require; and,

(b) *Resolved*, That this Board recommends Conference to consider the advisability of disposing of the Mission property in Des Moines, Iowa, and with the proceeds and funds in hand improve the vacant lot on the Gospel Temple property, thus providing a residence for the workers, concentrate the work, reduce expenses, and from this central location do Mission work in different sections of the city by such ways and methods as may commend themselves as feasible.

Sec. 6. WHEREAS, Brother J. H. Byer, of Lake Ann., Mich., spent sometime in the city of Wabash, Ind., during last year; and,

WHEREAS, The meetings held were well attended and a commendable interest manifested pointing to the need of some further effort; therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Board recommends Conference to encourage the work to the extent that Brother Byer spend sometime during the coming Summer on a more or less extended effort,

and that Bishop J. A. Stump, of Nappanee, Ind., be associated with Brother Byer in the effort.

#### ELMER MISSION.

Sec. 7. WHEREAS, Brother J. D. Powell was given charge of Elmer Mission by Conference of 1907; and,

WHEREAS, His management of the work in his charge has failed to give the satisfaction which was expected; therefore,

*Resolved*, That Conference relieve him of his charge.

Sec. 8. WHEREAS, It is of great importance that competent workers be found who will be able under the blessings of God to labor in and successfully care for such Mission fields as Elmer and others; and,

WHEREAS, The Church in her methods of work has heretofore provided no satisfactory way by which such needed workers can be secured in that there has been no legislation passed which enables her to transfer workers to such needy fields; therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Board recommends Conference to devise some plan whereby the Church will be in a position to supply this need; and,

Sec. 9. WHEREAS, The work of the Church in the State of Michigan is subject to great and peculiar difficulty, owing largely to the large territory over which the small number of members is scattered; and,

WHEREAS, There is no resident Bishop in any one of the parts of the field in the State; therefore,

(a) *Resolved*, That this Board prays Conference to take steps to accomplish the appointment of a Mission Bishop for the State who shall have the care and oversight of the work of the Church in the State, and whose circumstances

are such as will enable him to give his time to the work as may be needed to properly encourage the work and shepherd the flock; and,

(b) *Resolved*, That Conference consider the advisability of strengthening the ministry at the Carland Mission.

The above report was approved, together with their recommendations, with the provision that the Home Mission Board make an effort as soon as convenient to secure a Bishop to have the oversight of the work in the State, with the further provision that the Home Mission Board shall see that an effort is made to strengthen the ministry.

Foreign Mission Work Report, which was approved by Conference and ordered to be spread on the Minutes.

Art. 50. Sec. 1. Report of Foreign Mission Treasurer, P. M. Climenhaga, to May 1, 1908.

#### GENERAL FUND.

Balance on hand, May 1, 1907,.....	\$1,301 10
Received during Conference year, ....	3,964 11
Total, .....	<u>\$5,265 21</u>

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

London drafts to Brother Steigerwald, Africa, .....	\$733 13
London drafts to Brother Frey, .....	488 63
London drafts to Brother Doner, .....	488 63
London drafts to Sister Davidson, .....	488 63
New York draft to Brother Musser, India, .....	732 13
Steigerwald, .....	500 65

New York draft to Brother Frey, .....	250 60
New York draft to Brother S. R. Smith for freight, ..	25 07
New York draft to Eli M. Engle, missionary goods, ..	16 35
New York draft to Jesse M. Wenger, missionary goods, ..	18 00
Paid for cablegram message to Africa, .....	7 94

Total, ..... \$3,749 76

Balance in treasury, May 1, 1908,.... \$1,515 45

LAND PURCHASE FUND, P. M. CLIMENHAGA,  
Sec. 2. TREASURER.

Same as last year, ..... \$571 55

MATOPPO MISSION STOCK FUND, P. M. CLIMENHAGA, TREASURER.

Sec. 3.

Balance in treasury, May 1, 1907,....	\$139 65
Receipts during Conference year, ....	37 50

Total, ..... \$177 15

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

London draft to Brother Frey, ..... \$177 15

REST HOME FUND, STARTED CONFERENCE 1905.

Sec. 4.

Same as last year, ..... \$5 00

RESCUE HOME AND GIRLS' SCHOOL FUND, P. M. CLIMENHAGA, TREASURER.

Amount in treasury, May 1, 1907,....	\$1,997 76
Received during Conference year,....	513 60

Amount in treasury, May 1, 1908, \$2,511 36

Sec. 6.

Interest credited to treasury account	
May 1, 1907, .....	\$109 01
Interest credited during Conference year, .....	107 41
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Total amount credited to Treasurer's account, .....	\$216 42

PETER M. CLIMENHAGA,  
Stevensville, Ont.,  
Treasurer.

Report accepted.

SECRETARY'S REPORT, F. M. BOARD, FOR THE YEAR.

Sec. 7. Certain questions of important and grave character having arisen in the field, during the year, the following resolutions have been adopted and incorporated in the Minutes of the Foreign Missionary Board.

(a) In reply to an inquiry from H. P. Steigerwald, the Board responds as follows: "It is the conviction, sense and decision of the F. M. Board, that the Macha Mission, N. W. Rhodesia, South Africa, sustains the same relation to you as Bishop as do all the other outpost Missions."

(b) "It is also further resolved, that no new Mission stations shall be created hereafter without a written consent of the F. M. Board, with the majority of the officials in the Foreign Mission field. The manner in which new outposts shall be established shall be determined by the same factors. This ruling shall not, and does not reflect on previous methods, or operations but simply stands as a precedent for future methods of operations, believing that systemization is an essential element to the progress of Missions as well as any other business or operations."

(c) "These rulings and decisions shall be considered authentic until General Conference or the F. M. Board shall advise otherwise."

Duplicate copies of above rulings were mailed to the respective stations, to which they particularly applied.

In reply to an inquiry from Macha Mission, subsequently received, the following was rendered:

"You have inquired relative to the extent of Brother Steigerwald's jurisdiction as a Bishop over outpost stations. The duties of a Bishop are defined in General Conference Index, page 252, Art. 2, which belong to him by virtue of his office. The Bishop, however, has power to authorize temporarily, any ordained minister to perform his (the Bishop's) functional duties, if he deems it proper. In your case, since your Mission is so remote from the Bishop, it would seem proper to us if Brother Steigerwald would empower Brother Taylor to perform at least some of the functional duties that belong to the office of a Bishop. All outpost Mission stations in South Africa are amenable directly to the F. M. Board for all expenses, and are also supported by the Foreign Mission Fund. An annual financial report is expected from each of all the stations to the F. M. Board in time to report to General Conference on third Wednesday of May each year. Instructions relative to the creation of new Mission stations in South Africa were incorporated in a previous letter.

OUTPOST MISSION STATION DEFINED.

We look upon the Matoppo Mission Station as the original and central Station, as well as the home of the Bishop, and all other Stations subsequently created in South Africa as outposts. This is the sense in which we have used the term thus far.

Believing that we have covered all your questions of inquiry and hoping we also clearly understand each other in this great work of propagating the gospel at Macha, Rhodesia, S. Africa, we conclude by wishing you all the blessing of God in your self-sacrificing labors of love. You have our sincere prayers and co-operation. We also appreciate the good influence you have exerted in Cape Town, S. A., which has won the confidence of noble Christian characters and created a desire in them to unite with you more fully in the work of the Master.

Signed,

J. R. ZOOK, Chairman.

ELI M. ENGLE, Secretary.

NOTE.

It would seem unjust to the report to close it without giving grateful recognition to the Brotherhood and other noble Christian friends, who have so generously contributed to the support of the Foreign Mission work of the Church, and to its further progress and development. The expense has been considerably increased by reason of the serious physical condition and critical surgical operations, to which some of our dear and noble workers were exposed. Yet we praise God for the success of said operations, and the recovery of health in a measurable degree.

The apparent progress and development of the Foreign Mission work of the Church and the ever-increasing responsibilities coming to the Church and the F. M. Board in the prosecution of the work in the field, have seemingly brought forward a lengthy report which is now submitted to the kindly consideration of General Conference, humbly praying the clemency of that honorable and worthy body for the too evident im-

perfections in the report and the inefficiency of your unworthy servant.

ELI M. ENGLE,  
Secretary.

CONFERENCE REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONARY  
BOARD.

Sec. 8. To General Conference 1908, Greeting: The Foreign Missionary reports have all been read and carefully examined and approved, and are hereby submitted for confirmation by General Conference.

(a) WHEREAS, Brother H. P. Steigerwald of South Africa, feels the propriety of an authoritative expression on his official title as Bishop, in order to authenticate his proper relationship to the various Mission Stations over which he is recognized as Bishop by General Conference and by official correspondence by the Foreign Missionary Board; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That this Conference authorizes the title of Bishop in South Africa to Brother H. P. Steigerwald.

(b) WHEREAS, The Council of the Missions in S. Africa has decided that Mtshabezi Mission is in great need of a team of eight donkeys and harness for individual use, having previously depended, and even now depend, upon the teams of the other Missions; and,

(c) WHEREAS, The Missions are quite remote from each other, this method of co-operation has proved impracticable; be it therefore

*Resolved*, That we appropriate the sum of four hundred and twenty-five dollars from the F. M. Fund, which is given as the approximate cost of said team and harness, for this purpose.

(d) WHEREAS, It has been our experience in relation to our Foreign Missionary workers that those who are subject to certain physical ail-

ments before taking the field usually become debilitated when they enter foreign climates; and,

WHEREAS, Our Foreign Mission workers have expressed a similar conviction;

(e) WHEREAS, Other Missionary Societies have been forced to the same conviction; therefore,

*Resolved*, That all applicants for the foreign fields undergo a physical examination by a competent professional; and be it further

*Resolved*, That if the pronouncement of said examination be sufficiently strong, they shall be considered physically qualified.

(f) WHEREAS, Repeated requests have come to us from the F. M. W. that a competent member be sent to the foreign field in order that the Church, and especially the F. M. Board, may have a more perfect knowledge of the condition of the needs of the F. M. work, etc.; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That this Conference recognize and encourage such project.

(g) WHEREAS, The F. M. Board is in receipt of a letter of inquiry from Elbert T. Hemming, of Cape Town, S. A., asking for information in relation to the necessary steps and qualifications for church membership; and,

WHEREAS, we have duplicate copy of reply to the aforesaid letter; and,

WHEREAS, we also have a copy of a letter for instructions to Elder H. P. Steigerwald, in reference to the same matter; and,

(h) Whereas, the aforesaid letters cover a new field of experience in the F. M. work of the church; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the above named letter be spread upon the Minutes of this Conference as a precedent for similar cases in the future.

(i) WHEREAS, The F. M. Board has again re-considered the propriety of an advanced step in

the establishment of the Rescue Home and Girls' School of South Africa; and,

(j) WHEREAS, no new developments have been discovered to justify the F. M. Board to suggest any action to General Conference than it already has suggested; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we refer to resolutions concerning the same on page 47, Minutes of General Conference of 1907, as our present consensus; and,

*Resolved*, That the F. M. Board write an official letter to the workers of S. Africa, making special inquiry as to the propriety and possibility of an early advanced step in the establishment of the aforesaid school.

(k) WHEREAS, a request comes from India for the improvement of the forty-acre tract of land leased for Mission purposes; and,

(1) WHEREAS, The F. M. Board lacks sufficient knowledge to make an intelligent suggestion to General Conference or take any definite action in the matter; be it therefore

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the F. M. Board open private correspondence with the workers at Lucknow, India, to ascertain further information in reference to the proposed project.

*Resolved*, That the Foreign Mission reports, preambles, resolutions and the Secretary's general report, as hereby submitted, be reproduced on the Minutes of this Conference.

Signed,

J. R. ZOOK, *Chairman*.

ELI M. ENGLE, *Secretary*.

Art. 51.

The following appointments were confirmed by Conference:

EVANGELISTS—T. A. Long, Mary J. Long, J. H. Myers, Caty Ann Myers, J. R. Zook, Anna Zook,

James Putman—the last named confirmation is conditional, pending the action of the Wainfleet, his home district, appointing him to the ministry, on probation.

HOME MISSION WORKERS—Henry Garman, Katie Garman.

CITY AND SLUM MISSION WORKERS; MORE ESPECIALLY PERSONAL WORK—Webster Burtch, Sister Burtch, Frank Mall.

PHILADELPHIA MISSION—Peter Stover, Sarah Stover.

BUFFALO MISSION—Geo. E. Whisler, Effie Whisler.

CHICAGO MISSION—Sarah Bert, B. L. Brubaker, Sister Brubaker, etc.

DES MOINES MISSION—J. R. Zook, Anna Zook.

## MATOPO MISSION GENERAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT.

### Sec. 9.

In view of the vast and extensive fields that remain as yet unentered by missionary effort, and also of the pressing need of many more God-sent Foreign Missionary workers, to arduously press into those fields with the message of life and peace; the Holy Spirit having laid upon the hearts of dear brethren and sisters, the desire to carry the glad tidings of God's saving grace to such of the heathen whom they in their own humble sphere, may be permitted and enabled to reach; the appointments of the Foreign Missionary Board, confirmed by General Conference (under Art. 48, page 57, Conference Minutes 1907) have been made.

The way opening under the Lord's blessing and kind assistance of those interested in the Master's cause, the following appointees have moved out. Brother Myron Taylor, of Elmer,

Mich., set sail from Boston, U. S. A., for South Africa, toward the close of May, 1907. After safely arriving at Cape Town, S. A., he felt impressed that it was the Lord's will that he remain there for awhile to assist a noble Christian friend, whom he had met through a difficulty. He continued there for sometime before moving Northward. Before proceeding to Kalomo, N. W. Rhodesia, remained a little while at Matopo Mission, as advised by the Foreign Missionary Board, finally arriving at the Macha Mission Station on November 6, 1907, this Station being his appointment from the Board.

Sister Lizzie Engle, Abilene, Kansas, sailed from New York, on June —, 1907, on steamship "City of New York," American line, en-route for Cape Town, South Africa, arriving at the Mtshabezi Mission Station sometime during the Summer or early Fall of the year.

Brother Jesse Wenger and Sister Docia Wenger, Englewood, Ohio, and Mary Heisey, Clayton, Ohio, who have received appointment by the Foreign Missionary Board to the Macha Mission Station, N. W. Rhodesia, South Africa, sailed on American line steamship "St. Louis," from pier No. 15, New York City, N. Y., on March 28, 1908. Owing to their recent departure, no intelligence of their arrival in Africa could yet reach us.

The situation and status of the work in the field, as gleaned from the letters to the Board, and annual report to General Conference, will be summarized as follows:

## MATOPO MISSION STATION.—H. P. STEIGERWALD, OVERSEER.

### Sec. 10.

The recent improvements made at the Matopo Mission consist of two buildings which have been erected during the year. The one, a school-

house, about five miles west of the Matopo Mission Station, used for school and religious worship. Formerly, the school had been held in a hut at a kraal, later it became obvious that the erection of a house for school and worship was advisable at a location more central among the natives, therefore the erection of the building.

In the annual report, Brother Steigerwald says, "Here is where Brother Nyamazana is teaching, and as far as we can see, is doing splendid work. There were nearly one hundred and fifty people present at the opening of this house, and to our surprise many old men, including the chief. They expressed a desire of having their children taught in the right way."

The other building is a cow-shed. The erection of said buildings added about one hundred and twenty-five dollars to the regular expenses at this Station. The £200 Stock Fund, forwarded during the year, has been invested in 15 cows and five donkeys, the increase to the herd, reported March 13, 1908, is thirteen (13) calves and two young donkeys. One two-furrow disc plow has been purchased to expedite farming operations.

The regular financial report will appear in its proper place in the Minutes of General Conference 1908 in detail.

In his report of the spiritual work, Brother Steigerwald says, "there were no additions to the church, but a fair sized "inquirers' class" has been kept up. We feel there is not the eagerness to hear about God that we desire to see, at least some, who, we feel, are seeking for the truth." The inquirers' class is considered by some workers an important feature in the African Mission work. It consists of such who have expressed a desire to follow the Lord, and to be instructed more fully as to what it means to follow the Lord and become a member of his

body. When their walk has proven that they wish to obey God, and that they understand and discern more fully the Lord's body, they are baptized and admitted into the church. At the close of the year 1907, there were 38 who were considered worthy to be retained in the class.

#### ORDER OF SERVICE.

The regular exercises for Sunday consist first of the instruction to the inquirers' class, followed by the Sunday-school, usually continuing from 10.30 a. m. to 3 p. m. In the evening a Bible class is held in the native language, in which the Bible is studied by chapter, questions asked and answered. All who are able to read participate in this study. Thursday, 7 a. m., gospel meeting usually followed by testimony. Daily reading and prayer in both languages.

Monthly members' meetings are held, where special instructions on the Christian life are given. Bi-weekly meetings at the new school-house. Kraal visiting when not crowded out by the pressure of secular duties. In September, the Sunday-school was re-organized. Enrollment, 152. Average attendance for four months, 55. Eight classes, all taught by native Christians.

#### Sec. II.

### FINANCIAL REPORT OF MATOPO MISSION FOR 1907.

#### GENERAL FUND.

	<i>Receipts.</i>	£. s. d.	
Balance on hand from previous year, .....			\$115 00
General treasury, .....	23 02 04		521 10
Special donations, .....	107 13 03		310 00
Marketing, etc., .....	61 13 07		935 00
	189 11 05		
Total, .....	382 00 07		\$1,881 10

<i>Expenditures.</i>			
Household and provision, Native labor, stock and seeds, .....	54 08 11		\$265 00
Native trade and tools,..	143 13 03	710 10	
Freight, hardware and re- pairs, .....	59 11 00	291 00	
Personal, postage and other expenses, .....	44 14 05	220 00	
	45 10 04	230 00	
<b>Total, .....</b>	<b>347 17 11</b>	<b>\$1,716 10</b>	
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1907, .....	34 02 08	\$165 00	

**TEACHERS' FUND.**

<i>Receipts.</i>			
	£.	s.	d.
Balance on hand previous year, .....	26 15 00	\$140 58	
Private donation, .....	10 04 07	39 00	
<b>Total receipts, .....</b>	<b>36 19 07</b>	<b>\$179 58</b>	

<i>Expenditures.</i>			
Matshaba for teaching, ..	13 01 00	\$60 00	
Nyamazana for teaching, ..	7 10 00	30 58	
<b>Total expenditures, ..</b>	<b>20 11 00</b>	<b>\$90 58</b>	
Balance on hand Decem- ber 31, 1907, .....	16 08 07	\$89 00	

*Special Expenses.*

	£.	s.	d.
Two operations, .....	72 00 00		
Other expenses in connection, .....	54 04 05		
<b>Total, .....</b>	<b>126 04 05</b>		

<i>Receipts.</i>		
	£.	s. d.
General treasury, .....	82 00 00	
Bro. and Sister Steigerwald, .....	20 00 00	
Sister Bert, .....	24 04 05	
<b>Total, .....</b>	<b>126 04 05</b>	

H. P. STEIGERWALD,  
*Treasurer.*

Sec. 12.

MAPANE MISSION STATION, SOUTH  
AFRICA—LEVI T. DONER, OVERSEER.

Reports the year one of blessing, in the enjoyment of reasonably good health, joy in the soul, and the pleasure of leading some souls to Christ, along with the other work they were permitted to do. The Sunday-school has added to its staff of teachers several native brethren and sisters, the school being divided into seven classes.

On November 2 and 3, 1907, a love feast was held at this Station and a baptismal service observed, in which three native brethren and three sisters were received into church fellowship and baptized. "Probably the boldest aspect of the development of the Christian natives is the steadfastness of those who were baptized last year. We are glad to report, that with the exception of one sister, as far as we can ascertain, all have stood true to their convictions.

It would be an injustice to this report not to mention what the Lord has done for our dear sister Setjokupe. It is a marvel that a raw heathen could be changed to a zealous worker for the Lord and prove a worthy example of what she professes in so short a time. Her unreserved consecration to God has made deep im-



pression on her associates." A number have turned into the inquirers' class. To enter this class means to them to believe on Jesus and accept him as their Savior, and to forsake all evil when they learn what sin is."

The operation begun in the construction of a dwelling house, house of worship and school-room, referred to in the Secretary's report of 1907 (Art. 40, page 40, General Conference Minutes 1907), have been completed (at a total cost of \$473.95) to the convenience and appreciation of the workers. The Lord has blessed this Station in a special way, through the liberality of a brother in Pennsylvania, U. S. A., and a "United Christian" brother in connection with other offerings, which has enabled the workers to procure a good supply of cows.

The dairy industry being the strongest source by which the Mission work in Rhodesia can hope to be made more self-supporting. Improvements for the safe-keeping and care of the cows were added to this Station out of the above special offerings. The regular financial report of Mapane Mission Station will appear in its regular order on the Minutes of General Conference 1908.

MAPANE MISSION FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1907.

*Receipts by Cash.*

	£.	s.	d.
Four drafts from P. M. Climenhaga,	175	00	00
From Buffalo Mission Sunday-school, .....	2	01	01
From Nottawa, Ont., .....	2	05	00
From Q. C. Engle, Ohio, .....	5	05	00
From Mapane School offering, ....	2	00	00
From sales, .....	25	16	00
From other receipts, .....	3	00	00
<b>Total receipts, .....</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>01</b>

*Expenditures.*

Household provisions and furnishings, .....	53	10	02
Personal clothing, .....	7	12	00
Hardware and dairy utensils and fixtures, .....	9	07	09
Native labor, .....	25	12	09
Building material and labor, .....	85	16	04
Stationery and stamps, .....	2	07	05
Land rent, .....	1	00	00
Cashing drafts, .....	15	00	00
Other expenses, .....	5	00	07
<b>Total expenditures, .....</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>05</b>
<b>Deficit 1906, .....</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>07</b>
<b>Total paid out, .....</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1907, .....</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>01</b>
<b>Paid for brick making in 1906, .....</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>06</b>
<b>Paid for buildings in 1907, .....</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>04</b>
<b>Total cost of buildings, .....</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>

STOCK FUND.

*Receipts.*

Balance from previous year, .....	39	10	06
A brother in Pennsylvania, U. S. A.,	40	18	00
A "United Christian" Brother, Pennsylvania, U. S. A., .....	20	10	00
Other receipts, .....	14	01	06
<b>Total receipts, .....</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>

*Expenditures.*

For nine cows and four calves, ....	106	00	00
For one cream separator, .....	9	00	00
<b>Total expenditures, .....</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>

We are glad for the above receipts and glad that we were favored in getting the stock. A market has opened for butter at Gwanda, which Brother Frey began to supply, and when the demand increased, Brother Frey kindly invited us to share in the contract which we have gladly accepted. The very warm weather made it necessary to have a cream separator, which has proved to be of worth.

We have some good boys who relieve us so that these secular duties do not rob us of our time.

LEVI DONER.

Sec. 13.

MTSHABEZI MISSION STATION, SOUTH AFRICA—HARVEY J. FREY, OVERSEER.

Another year has rolled around for this Station and carried with it its record forever. Brother Frey reports, "With us the year has brought toil and rain, sorrow and hard problems; it has also brought joys, sunshine and victories;" but the consciousness of the Divine Presence with them, causes the workers to gratefully exclaim, "Praise the Lord." Sister Maria Werkman came to the assistance of Brother and Sister Frey in May of the past year, but was with them only a few weeks when her body began to show signs of weakness. Her physical condition still growing worse, and finally became so serious that the workers at the three above named stations, together concluded that she should return home to America without delay. Thus being compelled to leave the field after a brief period of service in the Foreign Mission cause, she arrived safely in the homeland in the early part of the year 1908, where, under God's blessing, she has been permitted in some degree again to regain her health.

Sister Lizzie Engle came to the assistance in the work at this place shortly before Sister Werkman's departure, enjoying the work, she proves herself a blessing in it. We report considerable improvement at this station. The workers, together with the boys staying with them, have made and burned eighteen thousand brick, and built the house for worship and school purposes. Besides this, another workers' hut, another boys' hut, hen-house, store-room, etc., have been constructed.

In the spiritual part of the work, we report an average Sunday attendance of about seventy-five for the year (last year an attendance of less than sixty), showing an encouraging increase in interest in the services.

On November 4, 1907, at 11 a. m. the brethren and sisters (white) of Matopo, Mapan: and Mtshabezi Mission Stations met together in conference at this Station, in order to enable them more unitedly and successsfully to press forward the work in their respective fields. The meeting was presided over by H. P. Steigerwald, Harvey Frey, Secretary. A copy of the Minutes of this Conference was forwarded to the Secretary of the F. M. Board, and shall receive due consideration at the ensuing session of the Board.

In January, 1908, the new church building was dedicated for the worship of God, when a love feast was also held, and baptismal service observed. Seven were baptized on this occasion. In the day-school, fifty-four pupils were enrolled for the year, and was open for all who desired to learn with Sister Frey as teacher. Besides regular services at the Mission, some beginning work from six to ten miles north, south and east of the Station has been done. Said places appear to be promising fields for future operations.

The regular financial report is as follows to General Conference of 1908.

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.

	£.	s.	d.	
Foreign Mission treasury,	175	00	00	\$850 50
Private donations, .....	30	19	10	150 66
Offering at Mission, .....	3	15	03	18 23
Marketing, etc., .....	48	14	04	256 92
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Total receipts, .....	258	09	05	\$1,276 31

Expenditures.

Household, .....	45	15	05	221 85
Native labor, .....	32	01	06	204 48
Building material, .....	33	05	08	161 75
Native trade, food for boys, etc., .....	18	18	03	91 86
Stamps and stationery, ..	3	07	10	16 53
Tools, implements and utensils, .....	22	18	04	111 37
Freight, duty, collection of drafts and rent, .....	7	08	06	35 60
Miscellaneous, .....	19	10	04	04 78

Total expenses, .....	\$193	01	02	\$938 22
Balance due from 1906, ..	22	04	09	\$108 07

Total liabilities, .....	215	05	11	\$1,046 29
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1907, .....	43	03	06	\$210 02

The cost of church building, which approximately was a little over two hundred dollars, is included in above account.

STOCK FUND.

	£.	s.	d.	
Received from Foreign Mission treasury, 1906, ..	30	00	00	\$145 80
Paid for three cows, ....	33	00	00	160 38

Balance paid from General Fund, .....	3	00	00	\$14 58
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SPECIAL STOCK AND WAGON FUND.

Received through Brother Steigerwald, from one interested in the work, as the beginning of a

	£.	s.	d.	
stock and wagon fund, ..	75	00	00	\$364 50
When Sister Werkmen found it necessary to leave the field, it was decided by all the workers to give toward her home passage, .....	35	00	00	170 00

Balance in Special Fund December 31, 1907, .....	40	00	00	\$194 40
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Besides the above, we gratefully acknowledge the receipt of offerings for our personal use, which are especially appreciated at this time.

Sec. 14.

MACHA MISSION STATION, KALOMA, N. W. RHODESIA, SOUTH AFRICA, IN CHARGE OF SISTERS H. FRANCIS DAVIDSON AND ADA G. ENGLE.

The annual letter to General Conference of 1908 is full of interest, from which we report the following:

The material improvements at this Station during the year consist of the construction of three new huts; to wit, a school-house, a hut for new missionaries and one for the boys as seen in the financial report.

The outlook for school was not very promising at the opening of the past year. Only three came to the school from their homes during the year and they only a short time. About the middle of February, the Chief brought his little son, saying he desired his boy to remain at the Mission to learn, and to work for his expenses. A week later another boy came; thus one after another followed until at the Christmas vacation seventeen boys, ranging in age from eight to eighteen years, were staying at the Mission and going to school.

The report of the girls is not so favorable, they cannot be prevailed upon to come to school or church services. The only larger ones who have been to church were five who walked eight miles on two successive Sabbaths. The attendance of men and women at the church services varied from thirty to ninety of the most regular in attendance; twelve came to the altar for prayer. After the completion of the school-house, two services were held each Sabbath. Before the year closed an inquirers' class of about twenty-five was formed. Owing to the threatened native disturbance, the Mission passed through a critical time, during the year and the timely arrival of Brother Hemming from Cape Town coming to the aid of the workers in the latter part of August, 1907, was looked upon as providential and proved a great relief to them in their critical situation. Brother Myron Taylor arrived in the early part of November as a co-worker at this place.

Sec. 15.  
FINANCIAL REPORT OF MACHA MISSION FOR YEAR 1907.

GENERAL FUND.

*Receipts.*

Balance on hand, .....	96 03 02	\$469 20
General treasury, .....	50 00 00	244 50
Private donations, .....	21 00 04	103 90
Total receipts, .....	167 03 06	\$817 60

*Expenditures.*

Provisions and household, .....	29 05 00	\$143 75
Hardware and farm implements, .....	18 05 09	89 50
Freight and duty on goods, .....	18 18 03	92 50
Native labor, .....	19 13 00	97 20
Native food, .....	4 00 03	19 60
Cattle and sheep, .....	5 10 00	26 70
Other expenses, .....	12 02 09	59 35
Total expenses, .....	107 15 00	\$528 60
Balance on hand, .....	59 08 06	\$289 00

SCHOOL FUND.

*Receipts.*

Sabbath-schools and Mothers' Societies, ....	24 12 00	\$119 50
Private donations, .....	44 07 02	217 30
Total receipts, .....	68 19 02	\$338 80

*Expenditures.*

School boys' books, food and clothes, .....	28 03 00	\$137 80
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Boys' hut, .....	4 13 06	22 50
School-house, .....	14 17 01	72 70
Missionaries' hut, .....	7 15 02	37 80

Total expenses, .....	55 08 09	\$270 80
Balance on hand, .....	13 10 05	\$68 00

In addition to the above, the support of David Moyo has been provided for since the first of April. With private offerings were also purchased two cows, four oxen and a cook stove, and friends in America sent us a large box containing a nice lot of dried fruit and clothing.

H. FRANCES DAVIDSON.  
ADDA G. ENGLE.

The four Mission Stations in South Africa, as authorized by General Conference, unitedly pronounce kraal visiting an important part of missionary work in said fields, and owing to the insufficiency of consecrated Christian, white man help, and the heavy pressure of secular duties, consequent to the attempt to make said Mission Stations more self-supporting, strongly appeal and call for more spirit-filled, physically well and strong, God-called, workers to the above named and many other needy fields, "that are white unto the harvest."

The intelligence of the delicate and serious physical condition of Sister Abbie Bert (who has so nobly proven her efficiency as a worker in the field has seemingly necessitated the sending of a cablegram to call for her immediate return to America in hope for her recovery in health. Thus two much-needed workers have been obliged to quit their place of service during the year. Who will step forward to fill the ranks?

Sec. 16.

LUCKNOW MISSION STATION, LUCKNOW, INDIA—BROTHER AMOS L. MUSSER, OVERSEER.

A tract of land has been secured for Mission purposes at a seemingly reasonable rental. Owing to the extremely trying circumstances the workers were placed under, by reason of existing famine conditions, and by reason of their deep affliction through the dread disease, small-pox, no material improvements have been made. Brother Musser reports ten in number in the Mission, all members of the body of Jesus Christ.

Sec. 17.

FINANCIAL REPORT, LUCKNOW MISSION, INDIA.

STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS ENDING MARCH 31, 1908.

*Receipts.*

	Rs.	as.	p.
From Board in June, 1907,.....	735	10	00
From Board in February, 1908,..	738	06	03
	1,474	00	03
Donation from brethren, .....	1,800	03	09
Total, .....	3,274	04	00

*Expenditures.*

Charity, .....	785	04	00
Teaching, .....	81	00	00
Dhoby, .....	59	00	00
Rent, .....	347	02	06
Laboring, .....	257	01	09
Fuel, .....	66	04	06
Provision, .....	734	11	09

Sundries, .....	310	12	09
Dry goods, .....	220	06	03
Stamps, .....	19	04	09
Education, .....	256	03	09
Borrowed money paid, .....	137	00	00
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Total, .....	3,274	04	00
Still due on account of loan, ....	126	00	00

Art. 52.

Conference held an election by ballot for the General Executive Board to serve for the following Conference year, which resulted as follows: Chairman, Bishop M. H. Oberholser; Assistant Chairman, Bishop J. N. Engle; Treasurer, A. B. Musser; Secretary, S. R. Smith; Assistant Secretary, Eli M. Engle.

Art. 53.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION OF BROTHER  
NOAH AND SISTER MARY ZOOK,  
WHICH WAS ACCEPTED AND  
ORDERED SPREAD ON  
THE MINUTES.

GOODMAN, MO., MAY 18, 1908.

To the dear "Brethren in Christ," assembled in General Conference at Markham, Ont.

May grace and peace be multiplied, and may the Holy Ghost direct all matters under consideration according to his holy will. Amen.

Since the years are coming upon us, we feel that we are not able to endure the hardships of constant travel and labor in the general evangelistic field, therefore we have resolved by the consent of General Conference to withdraw from the general field, and devote our time as God opens doors and gives health and strength to labor in this community for a while at least, not

saying that we may not answer to some special calls in other places.

We thank General Conference for having recognized us as faithful evangelists in the past years, and pray that our withdrawal from the open field may be recognized by General Conference for the above reasons given.

And we further pray General Conference to call for evangelists from among our people, who may be efficient laborers, and who will be willing to devote their time and talent to the preaching of the doctrines of our Brotherhood as set forth in our Church Government.

We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for the fulfillment of his precious word to us in supplying all our need in more than twelve years of constant travel and labor in the gospel. "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

Yours in Christian love,

NOAH AND MARY ZOOK.

Art. 54.

WHEREAS, General Conference of the Brethren in Christ, which convened at Heise Hill church, Markham District, was apparently a success, and especially under Divine guidance; and,

WHEREAS, The brethren and sisters of Markham as well as other Districts in Canada, had so liberally provided for and supported the work of Conference; therefore,

*Resolved*, That General Conference of the Brethren in Christ of 1908 tenders a heartfelt vote of thanks to all the contributors and workers, especially to those who were not members of the body, in the faithful discharge of their duties, and for their labors of love; and,

*Resolved*, That it is the conviction of this Conference that the Lord will bless the effort, even unto the salvation of souls; and,

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be spread upon the Minutes of Conference.

General Conference of 1908 of The Brethren in Christ, U. S. A., and Canada, is again a matter of history, which leaves in its trace pleasant recollections, serious convictions, with abundant work in the Master's cause for the following Conference year; and since the work of Conference was arduous and some of it lengthy, we trust that God may receive all the honor and glory, and that the Brotherhood as the years advance, may see the need of making provision to expedite the work of our yearly Conferences. It is a painful fact that with our best intentions and efforts, we make mistakes, and we trust that we may profit in the future by the mistakes of others as well as our own.

With the Mission effort and the Church broadening out every year, the work of Conferences increases, and we are now compelled to crowd about ten times the amount of work in the same space of time that was consumed twenty-seven years ago. The compilation of Conference reports and Minutes has increased considerably more than ten-fold compared to what it was twenty-seven years ago.

We trust that members of Conference as well as the Brotherhood at large in their prayers and petitions during Conference will not neglect to

hold up to the throne of grace those who are confined to the work at the expense of their physical condition, and thereby practice love and forbearance as taught in the Brotherhood.

Conference adjourned to meet in Dickinson county, Kansas, on third Tuesday of May, 1909, with a regular opening on following day.

J. N. ENGLE,  
*Moderator.*

M. H. OBERHOLSER,  
*First Assistant.*

J. R. ZOOK,  
*Second Assistant.*

M. I. HOFFMAN,  
*Reading Clerk.*

GEORGE DETWILER,  
*Secretary.*

D. W. HEISE,  
*Assistant Secretary.*

H. L. SMITH,  
*Substitute.*

S. R. SMITH,  
*Permanent Gen. Con. Sec'y.*

By virtue of Art. II, of Conference Minutes,  
1906, we insert the following:

ELDERS.

B.

Baker, Samuel, Gormley, Ont.  
Baker, Chas., Batteaux, Ont.  
Baker, W. O., Louisville, Ohio.  
Burkholder, C. C., Upland, Cal.

D.

Detweiler, Jos. B., Souderton, Pa.

E.

Engle, A. M., 62 Vincent St., Dayton, Ohio.  
Engle, Jacob N., Abilene, Kas., R. D. No. 6.  
Engle, M. G., Abilene, Kas., R. D., No. 1.  
Eyster, David, Thomas, Okla.

H.

Heisey, Henry L., Millersville, Pa.  
Hoffer, Henry B., Mt. Joy, Pa., R. D. No. 2.  
Heise, H. R., Victoria Square, Ont.  
Hoover, B. F., Mansfield, Ohio, R. D. No. 4.  
Hoover, J. N., West Milton, Ohio, R. D. No. 1.

K.

Kreidler, Jacob K., Lebanon, Pa., R. D. No. 10.

L.

Leshner, C. S., Greencastel, Pa., No. 4.

M.

Martin, Aaron, Elizabethtown, Pa.

O.

Oberholster, M. H., Chambersburg, Pa., R. D.  
No. 2.

S.

Stern, Isaac, Roaring Spring, Pa.  
Smith, J. H., Wellersville, Ohio.  
Stump, John A., Nappanee, Ind.  
Steigerwald, H. P., Bualawayo, South Africa.

T.

Trump, Isaac, Polo, Ill.

W.

Winger, Jonas, Stevensville, Ont.  
Wildfong, John, Hespeler, Ont.  
Wert, Jonathan, Carlisle, Pa., R. D. No. 2.  
Wingert, George S., Chambersburg, Pa., R. D.  
No. 12.  
Wingert, J. D., Fayetteville, Pa., R. D. No. 2.  
Wingert, Samuel S., Five Forks, Pa.  
Wingert, J. B., New Carlisle, Ohio, R. D. No. 4.

Z.

Zook, J. R., 1226 Eleventh St., Des Moines, Ia.

MINISTERS.

A.

Asper, Wm. M., Mowersville, Pa.

B.

Bowers, Fred, Souderton, Pa.  
Brehm, S. E., Hummelstown, Pa.  
Brubaker, Jacob L., Lawn, Pa.



Books, J. D., Cleona, Pa.  
Burkhart, Joseph, Mowersville, Pa.  
Bert, S. Z., Mowersville, Pa.  
Burkholder, S. S., Chambersburg, Pa., R. D. No. 2.  
Byers, Joseph H., Greencastle, Pa., R. D. No. 2.  
Baker, Peter, Gormley, Ont.  
Baker, Isaac, Nottawa, Ont.  
Brown, F. M., Woodbury, Pa.  
Bearss, Assa, Ridgeway, Ont.  
Bearss, Girvin, Ridgeway, Ont.  
Berry, Alvin, Clarence Center, N. Y.  
Bohen, Herman, Hope, Kas.  
Book, Jacob W., Ramona, Kas.  
Bassler, Joseph, Abilene, Kas.  
Brechtbill, David, Detroit, Kas., R. D. No. 1.  
Bechtel, Aaron, Canton, Ohio, R. D. No. 6.  
Byer, J. H., Lake Ann, Mich.  
Brehm, D. W., Hope, Kas.  
Book, Adam C., Hope, Kas.

#### C.

Cassell, Samuel, Bradford, Ohio.  
Charleston, John R., Mechanicsburg, Pa.  
Cassel, Nathan, New Dundee, Ont.

#### D.

Detweiler, George, 1627 Swatara St., Harrisburg, Pa.  
Deemy, Wm. C., Dallas Center, Ia.  
Dohner, Thomas S., Gormley, Ont.  
Dick, J. C., Canton, Ohio.  
Dick, John C., Altona, Ind.  
Dohner, Levi, Bulawayo, South Africa.

#### E.

Engle, S. G., 4004 Spring Garden, Philadelphia, Pa.

Engle, Eli M., Mt. Joy, Pa., R. D. No. 4.  
Elliott, Fred, Richmond Hill, Ont.  
Engle, Noah, Abilene, Kas., R. D. No. 2.  
Engle, Homer, Abilene, Kas., R. D. No. 6.  
Eshleman, C. S., New Kingston, Pa.  
Engle, Clayton M., Middletown, Pa.

#### F.

Funk, Jerome H., 302 Fairview St., Waynesboro, Pa.  
Funk, Jerome H., 302 Fairview St., Waynesboro, Pa.  
Fike, Peter, Lost Springs, Kas.  
Frymire, Jno., Thomas, Okla.  
Free, Joseph, Clayton, Ohio, R. D. No. 1.  
Free, David, Donnellsville, Ohio.  
Frey, Harvey, Gwanda, South Africa.  
Franklin, Thomas, Upland, Cal.  
Foote, O. M., Corona, Ind.

#### G.

Garwick, H. H., Friona, Texas.  
Graybill, David, Sedgwick, Kas.

#### H.

Heisey, Jacob L., Washingtonboro, Pa.  
Hess, Enos H., 633 Manor St., Lancaster, Pa.  
Hess, Noah Z., Lancaster, Pa., R. D. No. 7.  
Hess, Abram Z., Mt. Joy, Pa.  
Hess, William H., Royersford, Pa., R. D. No. 2.  
Hostetter, Abram, Mt. Joy, Pa.  
Hostetter, C. M., Washingtonboro, Pa.  
Heisey, H. H., Greencastle, Pa., R. D. No. 5.  
Heise, D. V., Clarence Center, N. Y.  
Hallman, —, Yale, Mich.  
Huntzberger, Aaron, New Dundee, Ont.  
Herr, John R., Abilene, Kas.

Hoover, John, Sedgwick, Kas.  
Heer, Jacob, Clay Centre, Kas.  
Hoffman, M. L., Abilene, Kas.  
Hocker, John, West Milton, Ohio, R. D. No. 1.  
Herr, Samuel L., Clayton, Ohio, R. D. No. 1.  
Herr, Levi S., Clayton, Ohio, R. D. No. 1.  
Hoover, J. W., 51 Edwin St., Toronto  
Herr, Orville, B., Maple Grove, O.

J.

Jury, Benjamin F., Abilene, Kas., R. D. No. 2.

K.

Kreider, H. K., Campbellstown, Pa.  
Koons, John H., Union Deposit, Pa.  
Keefer, John A., Millersburg, Pa., R. D. No. 2.  
Keefer, Joseph D., Millersburg, Pa., R. D. No. 2.  
Klipper, Wm., Batteaux, Ont.  
Kreider, Wm. H., Shannon, Ill.  
Kern, Wm., Blackwell, Okla.  
Kunkle, Jacob, Medway, Ohio.  
Knupp, John B., Garrison, Ia.

L.

Lyons, Jonathan, Owosso, Mich., R. D. No. 8.  
Lauver, Solomon, Van Wert, Pa.  
Long, B. Frank, Salona, Pa.  
Landis, Henry, Thomas, Okla.  
Long, T. A., Hillsboro, Kas.  
Leaman, Joseph B., Upland, Cal.  
Longnecker, S. B., Weilersville, Ohio.  
Lehman, C. O., Manheim, Pa.

M.

Martin, Jacob N., Rheems, Pa.  
Martin, Abner, Rheems, Pa.  
Musser, H. O., Elizabethtown, Pa.  
MacTaggart, Alex., Stayner, Ont.

Myers, Jacob M., Greencastle, Pa.  
Miller, D. Martin, Martinsburg, Pa.  
Michael, N. C., Shissler's Point, Ont.  
Martin, Eli S., Abilene, Kas., R. D. No. 1.  
Myers, W. J., Massillon, Ohio, R. D. No. 2.  
Miller, Henry S., Bedford, Pa., R. D. No. 5.  
Mahler, Max., DesMoines, Ia., 14th and University Ave.  
Miller, Harvey, Union, Ohio, R. D. No. 1.  
Myers, John H., Mechanicsburg, Pa.  
Musser, Levi O., Mt. Joy, Pa.  
Musser, C. O., Abilene, Kas.  
Musser, Jno., Shippensburg, Pa.

N.

Neisley, David B., Mechanicsburg, Pa.  
Neisley, John B., Allen, Pa., R. D. No. 1.

P.

Powell, J. D., Sandusky, Mich, Star Route.  
Page, Wm., Detroit, Kas., R. D. No. 1.

R.

Rosenberger, Samuel H., Telford, Pa., R. D. No. 3.  
Reichard, Samuel, Upland, Cal.  
Reichard, John, Fordwich, Ont.  
Reichard, Jacob, Fordwich, Ont.  
Rhodes, Henry, Ramona, Kans.  
Rohrer, D. H., Louisville, Ohio.

S.

Shank, H. C., Waynesboro, Pa.  
Steckley, Peter, Bethesda, Ont.  
Sider, John, Winger, Ont.  
Sholts, Lafayette, Forks Road, Ont.  
Snively, Andrew, Hope, Kans., R. D. No. 2.

Smith, Eli S., Clay Center, Kans.  
Stauffer, Jacob, Abilene, Kans.  
Sheets, John M., Detroit, Kans., R. D. No. 1.  
Stoner, Samuel B., Hamlin, Kans.  
Stump, John F., Nappanee, Ind.  
Shirk, M. M., Goshen, Ind.  
Stump, Benjamin, Nappanee, Ind.  
Smith, S. R., 46 N. Twelfth St., Harrisburg, Pa.  
Stern, Aaron H., Roaring Spring, Pa.

T.

Tyson, George, Graters Ford, Pa.  
Tyson, Enos, Limerick, Pa.  
Trump, H. L., Polo, Ill.  
Teater, John, Nappanee, Ind.  
Taylor, Myron W., Kaloma, N. W. Rhodesia,  
S. A.

W.

Wenger, Jesse, Bulawayo, S. A.  
Whisler, George E., 25 Hawley St., Buffalo, N. Y.  
Whisler, Samuel, Ashland, Ohio, R. D. No. 1.  
Winger, Abraham, Carville, Ont.  
Winger, John D., Fisherville, Ont.  
Winger, Christian, Springvale, Ont.  
Wingert, Abram, Chambersburg, Pa., R. D. No. 1.  
Wingert, H. O., Shippensburg, Pa., R. D. No. 4.  
Wingard, Samuel B., Hope, Kans.  
Wolgemuth, Daniel, Mt. Joy, Pa.  
Wolgemuth, David, Florin, Pa.  
Wolgemuth, John M., Elizabethtown, Pa.

Z.

Zook, A. G., Morrison, Ill.  
Zook, Noah, Harrisburg, Pa.

DEACONS.

A.

Anglemyer, Henry, Silverdale, Pa.  
Ausherman, Lewis, Chambersburg, Pa., R. D.  
No. 12.

B.

Brenner, C. S., Smithville, Ohio.  
Bowers, Saxton, Canton, Ohio, R. D. No. 6.  
Brechtbill, John, Canton, Ohio, East Georgetown  
Road.  
Bechtel, E. D., Canton, Ohio.  
Bosler, E. R., Louisville, Ohio.  
Brubaker, Abram, Morrison, Ill.  
Brundage, Joseph, Nappanee, Ind., R. D., No. 1.  
Bucher, Peter, Milford, Ind., R. D., No. 2.  
Brubaker, Daniel B., Elizabethtown, Pa.  
Baum, Henry, Derry Church, Pa.  
Bashore, Frank, Hummelstown, Pa.  
Bowers, Jacob K., Trappe, Pa.  
Brechtbill, John, Orrstown, Pa.  
Branthaver, M. L., Chambersburg, Pa., R. D.,  
No. 10.  
Brechtbill, John, Williamson, Pa., R. D., No. 1.  
Barnhart, Benjamin, Stevensville, Ont.  
Bert, Samuel H., Detroit, Kans., R. D. No. 1.  
Becker, John, New Dundee, Ont.  
Baker, Josephus, Duntroon, Ont.  
Brubaker, B. L., 5956 Peoria St., Chicago, Ill.  
Book, Daniel.  
Bowers, Henry, Hope, Kans.  
Brubaker, Martin, Ramona, Kans.  
Book, David, Thomas, Okla.  
Brenneman, Ephraim, Pleasant Hill, Ohio.  
Brubaker, B. F., Ashland, Ohio, R. D. No. 4.  
Brubaker, Isaac, Navarre, Kans.

## C.

Climenhaga, David, Stevensville, Ont.  
 Climenhaga, Daniel, Stevensville, Ont.  
 Cassell, Jac., P., 59 Drake Ave., Dayton, Ohio.

## D.

Doner, Abram, Stayner, Ont.  
 Dohner, Moses, Union, Ohio, R. D., No. 1.  
 Dick, Daniel, Altona, Ind.  
 Davidson, H. R., Auburn, Ind.

## E.

Engle, John B., Boiling Springs, Pa., R. D.,  
 No. 1.  
 Eshelman, Isaac H., Abilene, Kans.  
 Eshelman, Joseph M., Sedgwick, Kans.  
 Engle, B. B., Abilene, Kans.  
 Engle, A. M., Detroit, Kans., R. D. No. 1.  
 Eyer, Isaac, Upland, Cal.  
 Engle, Isaac C., Clayton, Ohio, R. D. No. 7.

## G.

Gingrich, Solomon, Preston, Ont.  
 Graybill, Edward, Fordwich, Ont.  
 Gayman, John, Morrison, Ill.  
 Gnagy, Andrew, Dysart, Iowa.  
 George, Jacob H., Goodman, Mo.  
 Groff, S. L., Hummelstown, Pa.  
 Guyer, Henry, Woodbury, Pa.

## H.

Hostetter, Christian, Mt. Joy, Pa.  
 Heisey, D. G., Elizabethtown, Pa.  
 Hurst, Amos, Mechanicsburg, Pa.  
 Heise, C., Victoria Square, Ont.  
 Heise, Reuben, Gormley, Ont.  
 Heise, John, Gormley, Ont.

Heise, A. J., Hamlin, Kans.  
 Haldeman, Jacob, Ramona, Kans.  
 Haldeman, Jacob, Upland, Cal.  
 Hoke, Samuel, West Milton, Ohio, R. D. No. 1.  
 Hoover, J. H., Mansfield, Ohio.  
 Herr, Christian S., New Carlisle, O., R. D. No. 4.

## K.

Kreider, J. L., Lebanon, Pa., R. D. No. 10.  
 Kipe, Frank, Waynesboro, Pa.  
 Keeton, John, New Carlisle, Ohio, R. D. No. 2.

## L.

Lehman, David, Almira, Ont.  
 Lenhart, George, Abilene, Kans., R. D. No. 2.  
 Loudenslager, George, Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

## M.

Mann, C. S., Mountville, Pa.  
 Musser, M. B., Mt. Joy, Pa.  
 Miller, Christian, Florin, Pa.  
 Musser, A. B., 68 N. Twelfth St., Harrisburg, Pa.  
 Moist, Levi, West Milton, Ohio, R. D. No. 1.  
 Mohler, Ezra, Massillon, Ohio, R. D. No. 2.  
 Musser, Amos L., Ghaseeri Munda, Lucknow,  
 India.  
 Miller, A. J., Spring Hope, Pa.

## N.

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## P.

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