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INTRODUCTION.

The different sessions of General Conference of 1909 were all preceded by a season of song service and worship, beginning on Tuesday, May 18, at 9.30 a. m., as well as afternoon and evening, together with morning, noon and evening worship preceding the different sessions during Conference. Tuesday evening, May 18, was occupied by a ministerial meeting as outlined in program formerly published in the *Evangelical Visitor*, in which much interest was manifested. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, beginning at 7.30, were occupied with worship conducted by brethren from different parts of the Brotherhood, followed with special discourses. Thursday evening was especially devoted to missionary services, following which an offering was taken for foreign mission purposes, amounting to nearly eight hundred and forty dollars. There were special sessions Thursday and Friday evenings and a final session on Saturday, May 22, from 8 to 10.30 a. m., when Conference adjourned.

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Tuesday, May 18, 1909, 9.30 a. m., the preliminary meeting of the General Conference of the Brethren in Christ, U. S. A. and Canada, convened at the Abilene church building of the Brethren in Christ, and opened by song service and prayer, conducted by the Permanent Conference Secretary, following which a temporary organization was effected by electing George Detwiler, Harrisburg, Pa., Chairman, and Eli M. Engle, Mt. Joy, Pa., Secretary. Following this was a roll call by the Conference Secretary of the different Boards and the substitutes recommended appointed by absent members as follows:

EXAMINING BOARD.

Bishop Chas. Baker, Chairman, absent.
Bishops B. F. Hoover and J. N. Engle, present.

who were instructed to meet at the home of Brother John Wenger as business may require for the examination of missionary applicants, etc.

PUBLICATION BOARD.

Asa Bearss, Chairman, absent. Brother John Sider appointed substitute by recommendation. H. R. Heise, absent, Brother Benjamin Climenhaga substituted by recommendation; M. H. Oberholser, present; D. V. Heise, absent, D. W. Heise substituted by recommendation; C. O. Musser, present; W. J. Myers, present; H. K. Kreider, present. The members of the Publication Board were instructed to meet for their different sessions at the home of C. O. Musser.

HOME MISSION BOARD.

Bishop J. D. Wingert, present; Bishop C. C. Burkholder, present; Levi Herr, absent; George Detwiler, present; Abram Z. Hess, present; Saxton Bowers, absent; J. H. Byer, absent, substituted by Jonathan Lyons by recommendation; A. O. Zook, present; Girvin Bearss, absent; Sister Lydia Williams, absent, substituted by Sister Mrs. B. Climenhaga by recommendation; Sister Sadie Foote, absent; Sister Anna Eshelman, present. The Home Mission Board was instructed to meet during its various sessions at the home of Elmer G. Engle.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

Bishop J. R. Zook, present; Bishop J. N. Engle, present; Bishop C. S. Leshar, present; P. M. Climenhaga, present; Peter Steckley, present; J. M. Sheets, present.

The Foreign Mission Board was instructed to meet for its various sessions at the home of Brother Isaac Shockey.

The members of the different Boards were instructed to immediately take up the work of tabulating their reports for Conference. The preliminary session then closed with song service and prayer, followed by regular worship, to convene for the opening of General Conference on Wednesday, May 19, 8.30 a. m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1909.

After a song service, prayer and scripture reading, Conference of the Brethren in Christ convened at the Brethren in Christ church building, in Abilene, Kansas. At 9.30 a. m., Permanent Conference Secretary formally opened General Conference with song service and prayer, following which the retiring Moderator, Bishop Jacob N. Engle, ordered a report to be read by the Permanent Conference Secretary pertaining to Art. 7 of Conference Minutes of 1908 as to the result of the popular vote on the election of Moderators, which report resulted in giving a majority of 108 votes in favor of retaining the single ballot; whereupon the retiring Moderator appointed the brethren A. B. Musser, John R. Herr and Solomon Sollenberger a committee to hold an election for Moderators, which resulted as follows:

Bishop M. H. Oberholser, Chambersburg, Pa., Moderator.

Bishop J. N. Engle, Abilene, Kansas, First Assistant.

Bishop J. R. Zook, Des Moines, Iowa, Second Assistant.

The Moderators-elect then appointed the brethren George Detwiler, Harrisburg, Pa., Secretary; D. W. Heise, Gormley, Ont., Assistant Secretary; Enos H. Hess, Lancaster, Pa., Reading Clerk.

The election and appointments were confirmed by Conference.

The Moderator-elect then read the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians as a basis of appropriate remarks, admonishing members of Conference to use love, hospitality, forbearance as well as discretion in their conduct, especially while in attendance at, and during Conference sessions. The Permanent Conference Secretary then called the roll of delegates as registered as follows:

Philadelphia Mission (no delegate). Mission report.

Silverdale and Gratersford District, Pa., Samuel H. Rosenberger.

Manor District, Pa., Enos H. Hess and Eli M. Engle.

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

Rapho District, Pa., Bishop H. B. Hoffer, Daniel N. Wolgemuth, J. M. Hostetter.

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

Cumberland District, Pa., John B. Neisley.

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

South Franklin Districts, Pa., New Guilford, Ringgold, J. D. Wingert.

Montgomery District, Pa., C. S. Leshner.

Morrison's Cove District, Pa., Frank M. Brown.

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

Stark County District, Ohio, represented by letter.

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

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

Clark County District, Ohio (no delegate).

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

Dayton District, Ohio, represented by letter.

Ohio State Council, delegate-at-large, W. J. Myers.

Elkhart District, Ind., Bishop John A. Stump.
Chicago Mission District and Illinois, H. L. Trump.

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

Dallas Center, Iowa, District, Samuel Good.
North Dickinson and Clay County, Kansas, District, Bishop M. G. Engle, C. O. Musser, J. M. Sheets, J. R. Herr, J. H. Wagaman, Elias Smith.

South Dickinson District, including Bell Springs, Jacob N. Engle.

Rosebank, Adam Book.

Newbern, Benjamin J. Jury.

Brown County, G. Keller.

Oklahoma District, Bishop D. R. Eyster, Henry Landis.

Upland, California, District, M. W. Plum.

Black Creek and Wainfleet District, Ont., and Clarence Center, N. Y., Bert Sherk, John Sider.

Nottawa District, Ont., Ernest Ditson.

Markham District, Ont., Peter Steckley.

Waterloo District, Ont., (no delegate).

Michigan District, Mich., Bishop Jonathan Lyons.

The Permanent Conference Secretary proceeded with the roll call of the different Boards for the appointing of vacancies of absentees as follows:

Examination Board.

Bishop Charles Baker, B. F. Hoover, J. N. Engle. Charles Baker being absent, Bishop H. B. Hoffer was substituted.

Publication Board.

Bishops H. R. Heise, M. H. Oberholser and Brethren D. V. Heise, C. O. Musser, Asa Bearss.

W. J. Myers, H. K. Kreider, Benjamin Climenhaga was substituted for H. R. Heise, absent; D. W. Heise was substituted for D. V. Heise, absent. John Sider was substituted for Asa Bearss, absent.

Home Mission Board.

Bishops J. D. Wingert, C. C. Burkholder and Brethren George Detwiler,* Levi Herr, Abram Z. Hess, Saxton Bowers, J. H. Byer, A. O. Zook, Girvin Bearss and Sisters Lydia Williams, Sadie Foote and Anna Eshleman. Solomon Sollenberger was substituted for Levi Herr, absent; Samuel Whisler was appointed substitute for Saxton Bowers, absent; Jonathan Lyons was substituted for J. H. Byer, absent; Bert Sherk was substituted for Girvin Bearss, absent; Sister Christiana Climenhaga was substituted for Lydia Williams, absent, and Sister Nancy A. Sherk was substituted for Sadie Foote, absent.

Foreign Mission Board.

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

A question was raised concerning Art. 8, Sec. 1, Art. 9, Sec. 1 and Art. 11, Sec. 1, General Conference Index, pages 257, 258 and 260, concerning length of appointments of the different Boards and decided that under the Constitution and By-Laws beginning of term should not date beyond the incorporation in 1904.

Art. 1. The Moderator-elect then appointed an Appointing Committee consisting of twelve brethren, who were instructed to appoint three brethren as an Examining Board, seven brethren as a Publication Board, twelve brethren as a Home Mission Board and seven brethren as Foreign Mission Board, according to the terms

and conditions as outlined in church Constitution and By-Laws. Committee as follows: Bishops Aaron Martin, J. N. Hoover, Jonathan Lyons and Brethren Jno. R. Herr, H. L. Trump, J. W. Book, Jno. B. Neisley, Abram Z. Hess, Peter Climenhaga, T. A. Long, J. B. Lehman, Henry Landis.

Art. 2. The committee of twelve on appointments for the different Boards reported the following to serve for the coming Conference year as follows:

Examining Board.

Sec. 1. Bishops J. N. Engle, Charles Baker, H. B. Hoffer.

Publication Board.

Sec. 2. Bishop M. H. Oberholser and brethren D. V. Heise, C. O. Musser, Asa Bearss, W. J. Myers, H. K. Kreider, D. W. Heise.

Home Mission Board.

Sec. 3. Bishops J. D. Wingert, C. C. Burkholder and brethren Levi Herr, George Detwiler, J. H. Byer, A. O. Zook, Girvin Bearss, Noah Z. Hess, D. B. Martin and sisters Lydia Williams, Sadie Foote, Anna Eshleman.

Foreign Mission Board.

Sec. 4. Bishops J. R. Zook, C. S. Leshner, J. N. Hoover and brethren Eli M. Engle, P. M. Climenhaga, J. M. Sheets, T. S. Doner.

Art. 3.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Sec. 1. An act of Conference accepted the report of the General Executive Board of the church of the Brethren in Christ, to General Conference of the Brethren in Christ, U. S. A. and Canada, 1909, Greeting:

The General Executive Board had only one call during last Conference year from Elkhart District, Indiana, which was signed by five officials and four lay members, whereupon the Board convened on July 28, 1908, where a public council was held from the petitioners as well as from individuals from both appellant and defendant. Following the public hearing, a private hearing was given to a number of the officials and lay members, whereupon the Board rendered a decision, which, as far as we are informed has more or less been attended with peace and unity, and we trust that whatever was undertaken in weakness may be completed through the power of the Holy Spirit and that God may receive all the honor and glory.

S. R. SMITH,
Secretary.

Sec. 2. To General Conference, Brethren in Christ, U. S. A. and Canada, 1909, Greeting:

WHEREAS, the party mentioned in the petition sent by nine members of the Elkhart, Indiana, District, to the Executive Board having complied with the requirements of the Board in Art. 14, Item B and C, and thus restoring peace in the district; and,

WHEREAS, we do not deem the objections or dissatisfactions of the district respecting the work of the Executive Board of serious importance;

Resolved, Therefore, that we do not think the dissatisfaction merited an appeal to General Conference of the Brethren in Christ for investigating the work of the Executive Board and therefore bespeak love and unity in a larger measure.

Signed,
JNO. A. STUMP.

Art. 5. An act of Conference accepted and ordered spread on the minutes the report of A.

B. Musser, Treasurer of the General Executive Board, as follows:

Receipts.

Balance in treasury May 1, 1908,	\$36 60
Manor District, Pa.,	7 80
Donegal District, Pa.,	13 40
Dauphin and Lebanon District, Pa.,	12 70
C. Brenner, Smithville, Ohio, ..	1 95
H. G. Miller, Martinsburg, Pa.,	5 75
S. H. Bert, Zion District, Kans.,	11 75
J. D. Keefer, Lykens Valley, Pa.,	1 50
H. Bowers, Belle Springs, Kans.,	10 00
D. Brubaker, Rapho District, Pa.,	16 60
J. N. Hoover, Miami District, O.,	5 50
Dnndroon, Canada,	3 00
A. J. Heise, Brown County, Kans.,	90
Saxton Bowers, Canton, Ohio, ..	1 80
B. F. Long, Centre and Blair Co., Pa.,	1 00
D. L. Book, Oklahoma,	3 75
Elkhart, Ind., part car fare for Committee,	39 96
H. Rosenberger, Bucks and Montgomery Counties, Pa., ..	4 55
J. R. Zook, Des Moines, Iowa, ..	1 10
Carland Mission,	1 00
J. D. Haldeman, California, ...	3 70
S. Sollenberger, Polo, Ill.,	40
Peter Bucher, part car fare for Committee,	20 00
Bert Shirk, Black Creek District, Canada,	10 00
Wainfleet District, Ont.,	3 50
Elkhart, Ind., District,	3 80
B. F. Hershey,	6 75

North Franklin District, Pa., . . .	10 00
New Guilford District, Pa.,	4 00
Montgomery District, Pa.,	2 90
Markham District, Ont.,	9 75
Total,	<u>\$255 41</u>

Expenditures.

Printing Conference program, . . .	\$3 50
Typewriting, etc.,	10 00
Car fare for Permanent Conference Secretary,	13 32
Car fare for Executive Board to Ind.,	79 92
S. R. Smith, Secy., stationery and postage,	1 9¢
Total expenditures,	<u>118 70</u>

Balance on hand, May 1, 1909, \$136 71

Art. 6. An act of Conference decided that the districts that have not paid in their assessments as ordered by General Conference, 1908, under Art. 3, Sec. 2, can do so during this Conference, so as not to be entered on the Minutes.

Art. 7. Sec. 1. An Act of Conference accepted the report of A. B. Musser, Treasurer of the Tract Fund, as follows:

Balance on hand May 1, 1908, . . .	\$74 34
Tracts sold during Conference year,	94
Receipts through <i>Visitor</i> ,	7 13
Interest on above during Conference year,	2 17
Total receipts,	<u>\$84 58</u>

Expenditures.

Oct. 17, Bro. Detwiler for printing tracts,	\$6 75
Nov. 28, Bro. Detwiler for printing tracts,	12 00
Dec. 26, Wolf Envelope Co., . . .	35 42
Jan. 2, Freight,	1 08
Feb. 27, Letter heads,	29 00
April 19, Printing tracts,	22 30

Total expenses, \$106 55

Balance due Treasurer, \$21 97

Sec. 2. An Act of Conference decided that the above deficit of \$21.97 shall be paid out of the Home Mission Treasury.

Art. 8. Sec. 1. An Act of Conference accepted the report of the General Executive Secretary, pertaining to Art. 37, Conference Minutes 1908 on Creed, Confession of Faith and Doctrine of Non-Resistance, and appointed the following brethren as a Committee to examine the report in detail and reconstruct and report for confirmation or correction.

Committee as appointed: Bishop C. C. Burkholder, and Brethren, D. W. Heise, Eli M. Engle, A. Z. Hess and S. R. Smith.

Sec. 2. An Act of Conference accepted the following Creed and Confession of faith, and of the Non-Resistant Doctrine as reported by above Committee:

The Brethren in Christ have not accepted any historical creed or confession; but have certain generally recognized doctrines to which they adhere.

They believe that the Church is built on faith in an Almighty, Triune, Eternal, Self-Existing God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They accept

the doctrines of the immortality of the soul; redemption through Jesus Christ as the Son of God, who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification, and who has, and does, by His shed blood, make atonement for the sin and sins of the world, by repentance towards God, confession of sins to God and man, by regeneration through the influence and operations of the Holy Spirit, resulting in holy living. The observance of the ordinances of baptism by trine immersion as the proper mode, the sacrament of the Eucharist accompanied by the ceremony of feet washing, in anticipation of the second coming of Christ as the glorious hope of the Church. The recognition of Christ not only as Saviour but as Lord and Master and coming King, involves in their view, the acceptance of the tenets and principles of His government; accordingly, they believe that inasmuch as He is Prince of Peace, His Kingdom is of peace; and that, as His subjects, they should abstain from the employment of carnal forces which involve the taking of human life. For this reason, the doctrine of non-resistance is a prominent feature of their belief.

Art. 9. An Act of Conference accepted the report of the Secretary of the Church Hymnal Committee as appointed under Art. 21, Page 14, General Conference Minutes 1906 and retained under Art. 1, page 6, Conference Minutes 1907, and authorized under Art. 1, page 7, Conference Minutes 1908 to publish a Hymnal with music of round notes, to General Conference of The Brethren in Christ, U. S. A., and Canada 1909, Greeting:

Since General Conference of 1908 authorized the publication of a new Church Hymnal, with round notes, the Committee proceeded as soon as convenient to make arrangements and secure

quotations, etc., for the publication of the proposed Hymnal. After considerable correspondence and on account of the Committee being scattered over a wide territory, and in consideration of the expense which would have been incurred should the Committee meet as a whole, it was decided that two of the Committee should meet in one of the large cities where there were large music publishing houses where there would be access to a variety of publications, etc., and finally decided that Chicago would be the most convenient place for that work. Hence, it developed that the chairman, J. R. Zook and the Secretary, S. R. Smith should meet in Chicago to make the compilation and final arrangements, which were consummated beginning July 29 and ending August 23 when the work of compilation, etc., was ready and handed to the printer. On account of various technicalities and minor arrangement, the book was not printed and ready for distribution until the beginning of March 1909. It was decided, taking all things in consideration, that the first issue should consist of about 5000 copies but on account of waste and other matters, there were issued only 4872 copies, of which number 500 had a German Appendix of 45 selections. The total cost, not including future expenses of delivering, amounted to about 2994.50, thus bringing the actual cost to about 61½ cents per copy, with the German Appendix included.

The Committee decided that on account of the high price, which was due to the small number that was issued, it would be advisable to sell the book for not more than sixty cents for the English and seventy cents for the German Appendix, included. This actually leaves a loss on every book of about 1½ cents. We notice that there are a few criticisms expressing that the book should have been sold at a profit, yet we

find that there are some Districts that object to the price and so far did very little by way of introducing the book. This was a new undertaking for the Church, and necessarily everyone must pay for his instructions; consequently, the Church had to do the same thing. The greater part of the hymns with music are copy-righted and cannot be used without getting permission from the copy-right owners. While a few exceptional publishers gave us permission gratis since it is a Church Hymnal. We had to pay about \$937.00 for permissions. This amount added to the other expenses, such as traveling expenses, duplicate plates and a variety of other things, had to be added to the first edition, and as said, while this edition was a small one, it raised the cost of the book. Should there be another edition, the price would not be much more, if any, than one half, since the first permissions, etc., would not be counted. The intention of the Committee was to publish two issues, one in cloth and the other in a smaller paper binding, but in contracting for permission to use copy-righted hymns, the owners invariably objected to the use of hymns in any other form but in a regular Hymnal, since the copy-rights invariably included the hymn and music, and therefore, the Committee had no other redress but to issue one style only outside of the binding. The intention of the Committee was to issue four styles of binding, paper, card board, cloth and leather but it was discovered that either paper or card board would be a trifle less than the cloth binding, and hence it was decided to issue only cloth and leather binding. However, unfortunately, there was a misunderstanding with the printer and binder concerning the leather binding and the whole issue was run in cloth binding before the committee discovered it. In the course of

correspondence, it developed that it was a hard matter to locate the blame as it nearly always is and hence, there is only one style of binding.

The Committee had numerous inquiries for leather binding and the Secretary took the matter into consideration and conferred with different book binders to have a number rebound in leather, which we discovered would have brought the book to about \$1.20 instead of sixty cents. There were a number of inquiries from outside parties and churches, especially one church in Philadelphia spoke about taking several thousand copies if the Title page and the Church Name on the lid could be changed, but since this was a new proposition, the Committee could not consider anything of the kind.

The question now remains whether Conference should not authorize the publication of another edition in the near future, which could be sold at a lower price, and thereby make the Book available for Sunday School use. There was only about two-thirds enough money subscribed in the beginning for the publication of the books; however, the balance was secured by loans from several persons. There evidently was a misunderstanding in the first call for a Hymnal loan. The terms of which were definitely stated in a former article in the *Visitor* that the loan should be for an indefinite time without interest until the money could be raised from the sale of books and then to be paid out proportionately as the money received until the total debt was refunded. Instead of that, the majority took it for granted that they could get the amount of their loan in Books, which caused considerable dissatisfaction when the money was required for the books sold, and in a number of instances, it was allowed to appropriate the money loaned in payment of the Books, and under these con-

ditions, the money that was loaned from strangers, will have to remain and someone will have to make themselves individually responsible, which necessarily will hinge on the individual members of the Committee.

It is the opinion of the Committee, that since the time and hard labor was given in the compilation of this Book, that the individual members should not be individually responsible for the financial end of it, and would, therefore, kindly submit the matter to General Conference to say what disposition shall be made with the matter. Then, again, if the Books would all be taken at once, it could be closed up but since some Districts are holding off about accepting the Book, notwithstanding the Books are coming in all the Districts, it seems rather unkind on the one side for Conference for three years in succession to authorize the publication and urge the work should be done at once and finally when it is done, that the brethren should hold aloof from accepting the same with a result that the brethren, who compose the Hymnal Committee, shall financially suffer by being compelled to invest their own money and be deprived of the use of the same together with an abundance of criticism for allowing certain hymns to find space in our Book. We, as a committee, do not claim that the work is perfect. We never expect to find it this side of final redemption, and knowing that the work is imperfect but having the consolation that under all these critical conditions and all things considered, we can, with a number of people, who are experienced in music book making and selecting Hymns for special occasions, as well as deep spirit filled workers, who have examined the Book, say, that we have a Hymnal, that if properly used, God can be glorified through it, His Kingdom advanced and the

cause of saving souls extended, and seasons of worship helped by the inspiration which can be obtained in connection with the use of this Hymnal and thus we commit the work to the mercies of God and commend it to the Church to accept it in the same spirit in which it is presented.

Your unworthy brother,

S. R. SMITH, *Secretary.*

Note. There were sold from Harrisburg, Pa., about 2900 copies and from Abilene, Kansas, about 700 copies. From these sales a large amount is outstanding.

Art. 10. An Act of Conference honorably discharged the Church Hymnal Committee.

Art. 11. An Act of Conference accepted the report of Hymnal Treasurer, A. B. Musser to General Conference of the Brethren in Christ, U. S. A., and Canada, 1909, Greeting:

Amount of money subscribed as a Hymnal loan to be paid when needed	
May 1, 1908,.....	\$1965.60
Amount actually received from what was subscribed,	1585.25
Total amount paid up to date for the Church Hymnal,	2994.50

Towards this amount, \$1585.25 was received from subscription loans and \$1029.00 was borrowed from individuals and the balance was realized from sale of books.

It will be noticed from referring to the above account that there was considerable more money subscribed than paid in. Different parties who had subscribed for various reasons refused to pay their subscription loan, and since the work was on the way and the money had to be forthcoming, it was necessary to borrow it from some

source. It was, however, borrowed without interest. This is what the Secretary makes reference to in his report, that if the Districts who loaned money to the Church Hymnal Fund, will ask for their amount back in books, so the balance which was borrowed outside will necessarily have to remain until the money can be secured from sale of books. It would seem to me that it would always be best to pay off the strangers first.

Art. 12. Sec. 1. An Act of Conference decided that the different city missions be supplied with the new Hymnal as needed, by the workers of the different Missions making application; and that the Home Mission Board shall use its judgment in these distributions and the same are to be paid for out of the Home Mission Fund.

Sec. 2. An Act of Conference decided that the money still owing the Hymnal Committee be borrowed from the Home Mission Fund with the condition to return the proceeds from the sale of the Hymn Books to the Home Mission Fund again with a recommendation that special efforts shall be made to dispose of the balance of the Books.

Sec. 3. An Act of Conference decided that the active members of the Hymnal Committee be compensated to the extent of One Hundred Dollars each.

Sec. 4. An Act of Conference decided that the money be raised by voluntary contributions throughout the various Districts. The Committee, however, refused to accept such compensation.

Sec. 5. An Act of Conference tendered a unanimous vote of thanks to Mr. E. O. Excell and Mrs. J. F. Knapp and others who granted

permission for use of Hymns and music gratis, and ordered that this expression should be inscribed on the annals of the Church record.

Art. 13. An Act of Conference adopted the following:

WHEREAS, there is a demand for a second edition of the Church Hymnal to be issued, to be bound in cloth and leather and such other binding for which there may be a demand, therefore,

Resolved, That a Church Hymnal Committee of three brethren be appointed by the chair, that shall be and are hereby authorized to issue and sell a second edition of the Church Hymnal at a price and at such time as they see proper, and

Resolved, that the said Committee shall be and is hereby authorized to procure the money for said issue from individuals, banks, or from any other available funds that may be on deposit for church purposes not immediately needed.

Committee: As appointed to be known as the Permanent Hymnal Committee, J. R. Zook, S. R. Smith, M. L. Hoffman.

Art. 14. An Act of Conference honorably discharging and accepting the report of Relief Fund Committee as appointed under Art. 35, section 2 and 3, page 24, Conference Minutes 1908.

WHEREAS in order to determine the actual need of a general Relief Fund for the Church at large, a letter of inquiry containing eight questions, was addressed to each Deacon of the Church as per Directory in 1908 Conference Minutes, and

WHEREAS, thirty-five reports were received covering most of the Districts, in whole or part, and

WHEREAS, one-third of the reports were incomplete and

WHEREAS, from the data given 2785 members were covered by the reports received and three reports did not include the membership, and

WHEREAS, fourteen Districts reported as having financial help and

WHEREAS, twenty Districts have poor members needing either regular or intermittent help and

WHEREAS, the reports show some thirty in regular class and about fifty in intermittent class, and

WHEREAS, no record has been kept in some of the Districts as to the amount given to the poor and

WHEREAS, the average annual amount given by the thirteen reporting was \$163.00 and

WHEREAS, twenty-five Districts report as having no lack of funds to properly provide for their poor, and

WHEREAS, three Districts report a lack of funds and

WHEREAS, the most general method used in raising funds is by voluntary contribution and

WHEREAS, two Districts have as far as possible adopted tithing and five lay a millage tax and

WHEREAS, the most equitable method, in our judgment, used to secure the necessary funds for the legitimate Church expense is a millage tax per thousand actual cash valuation per member and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the conditions existing as above reported, be it

Sec. 1. *Resolved*, that each District, so far as possible, shall provide for its own poor and legitimate church expenses as heretofore and

Sec. 2. *Resolved*, that each District shall consider, and if possible adopt the millage tax system to raise the funds needed for the legitimate business of the Church such as providing for its poor, for the relief of the ministry, sending delegates to Conference, holding communion services, caring for public places of worship, etc.,

Sec. 3. And, *Resolved*, that in order to adequately assist the Districts needing help, isolated members not under the jurisdiction of any District, indigent missionaries, and ministers, maintenance and common school education of worthy children, etc.,

Sec. 4. And, *Resolved*, that the assistance given to needy members shall not exceed One Dollar per day for total disability dating second week of sickness and Fifty Dollars for funerals of adults and Twenty-five Dollars for funerals of children.

Sec. 5. And, *Resolved*, that no District shall be entitled to support from the Home Mission Treasury until it shall have contributed to the support of its legitimate church expenses an amount equal to at least one mill of its own total cash valuation.

Sec. 6. And, *Resolved* that the expenses incurred by the Home Mission Board in examining into and supplying claims shall be chargeable to their general account of disbursements.

Sec. 7. *Resolved*, that the Home Mission Board have their District solicitors solicit each member for a stipulated annual contribution to the Home Missionary Treasury.

Sec. 8. And, *Resolved* that in the event of such contributions not being sufficient to meet the needs, they shall be empowered to lay an assessment not to exceed 2-10 of a mill upon the basis of the actual cash valuation on the Church at Large.

Sec. 9. And, *Resolved*, that the special Poor Fund, as created by General Conference 1908 and the money heretofore donated for the poor, be turned over to the general Home Mission Treasurer.

Sec. 10. And, *Resolved*, that the Home Mission Board shall make a financial report in detail each

year to General Conference of the Brethren in Christ, U. S. A., and Canada and the same be accompanied with suggestions of necessary changes to more successfully carry out the work of the Relief Fund.

Art. 15. Sec. 1. An Act of Conference accepting the following Committee's report with the suggestion that further action be deferred pending the effort as outlined in Relief Committee's report under Art. 14.

WHEREAS the question submitted to General Conference of 1908, as to whether "Our present system of a self supporting Ministry is in accordance with the teaching of the New Testament" was left to us as a committee to investigate, and report to Conference of 1909. We beg to report as follows:—

As a regular or permanent system, we answer "no." As an expedient for pioneer work, and other exceptional conditions, we answer, "yes." As to the first proposition. The apostle Paul after outlining in detail the conditions prescribed by the law, for the support of the priesthood, sums up his conclusions in these words. "Even so did the Lord ordain that they who proclaim the gospel, should live of the gospel" 1 Cor. 9: (R. V.) The import of his reasoning, and the only way it can intelligently be understood is this:—That as the priests under the law were provided a living by their brethren, so they could unhindered devote themselves to their sacred calling. "Even so" hath "the Lord" (not Paul) ordained, or commanded, that ministers of the gospel be provided in the same way, that is:—"live of the gospel." The apostle speaks of it as being a settled principle, or rule among established (or older) churches. He claims the right to himself, and Barnabas forbear working (with their hands), to take their wives along (if they

were married) the same as Peter, and the rest, at the expense of those for whom they labored. Your committee to be true to their charge, dare not ignore the plain tenor, and teaching of the inspired testimony, if the practice of our church differs widely from it, as the question confines us to "New Testament Teaching." And as the church began at "Pentecost," our evidence must all be drawn from this side of that event. For a short time after Pentecost, they had all things common. The apostles were the almoners for all, but as disputes arose among those they catered to, and as it required too much secular labor, and consumed much of the time needed for prayer, and preaching, they called a halt. It is not fit (said they) "to forsake the word of God and serve tables." Then follows the appointment of seven deacons. But, we, (the apostles) will continue steadfastly in "prayer, and the ministry" of the word. Here we have the first record of the impossibility of a successful combination of "sacred, and secular callings" they saw they *must separate them*. There were good men available, who could manage temporal matters, who were not called to be apostles, neither could fill their place. "Let him that is taught in the word, communicate with him that teaches in all good things." Gal. 6:6. To communicate is to transfer from one, to another; conversation, see Lu. 24:17, (*letters or goods*)." If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a *great* thing if we reap your carnal things?" Is the transfer of the food we eat, or the clothes we wear, or the shelter we occupy, worthy to be compared with the heavenly food we have spread before you, with the spotless robes proffered you, or the eternal shelter to which we direct your attention? "No not for a moment." Our next point in support of the "negative" is as follows:—

"No lover of money" 1 Tim. 3:3 (R. V.) The inference from this is, that a man might desire the office for its emoluments, or in modern phrase, "for what was in it." This view is strongly supported by Chap. 5:17-18. "Let the Elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine, for the Scripture saith "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out corn, and the laborer is worthy of his hire." This quotation *cannot* be spiritualized, its meaning is obvious to all candid minds. Our next point is:—Suffer hardship with me as a good soldier, of Christ Jesus, no soldier on "service" entangleth himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enrolled him as a "soldier." The husbandman that laboreth, must be the first to partake of the fruits." These passages are also self-expository, and need no comment. Then in 1 Tim. 4:15, we have the following:—Be diligent in these things, give thyself wholly to them, that thy progress may be manifest to all." What things? "To reading, to exhortation, to teaching (Ver. 13). To the lay believer the admonition is, "be diligent in business etc." To the minister, "be diligent in these things" devote not thy *spare* time only, but give thyself "*wholly*" to them. Then his progress will be manifest to all who hear him. Doing this he will show, "himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." What a change there would be in much of the preaching, and the preachers we hear, if they could follow Paul's advice to Timothy. Crude, undigested, and often undigestable matter, is placed before the hungry sheep, and lambs, no wonder many sicken and die. This proves that the "ministry" is a splendid calling, that demands all that *we have and are* to be a

success. *And they "straightway left their nets and followed Him."* Again, "Tend the flock of God, which is among you, exercising the oversight thereof, not of constraint (because you *have to*) but *willingly* according to God." "Nor yet for filthy lucre, but of a willing mind" 1 Peter 5:2. This last clause beyond a doubt discloses the fact that the ministerial office even in those primitive days carried with it *pecuniary provisions*. A covetous man, for *this reason* might desire the office, and thus abuse its provisions, and disgrace the ministerial calling. "Or did I commit a sin in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I preached the gospel of God for naught? I robbed other churches, taking *wages* of them that I might minister unto you" 2 Cor. 11:7-8 (R. V.). Whether tents were not in demand at Corinth, or time too valuable to spend in making them, we are not informed, but one thing we have Paul's own words for, that is; "for that period at least he was a supported minister. With fine sarcasm, he asks "if he had sinned not in charging them for his services. Your committee could quote further on this line, but we forbear. With the weight of the above testimony before us, we feel as if each candid unbiased mind would with your committee give the question a "negative answer." The object of our investigation has been to find the "New Testament Teaching" on the subject, regardless of how much our "present system" or our personal feelings may differ from it. While rendering a negative answer to the question itself, your committee is well aware that what would not be in harmony with New Testament teaching as a *system*, would be quite proper yea even necessary, as an *expedient* in *pioneer conditions* such as we meet in life, and labors of St. Paul. Where

new ground was being broken, and where Christ had not before been named, it would have been a suicidal policy to bring anything but *free* service. We could quote numerous passages to show how Paul labored day and night to prove his unselfish motives, and to supply his daily needs. But as these quotations are well known, and frequently "*overworked*" we refrain from quoting them in full. All evangelical churches have in their pioneer days used the expedient of a self supported ministry. In Stevens History of the M. E. church in the U. S. we find that pioneer preachers suffered hardships, and privations that to the present generation seems incredible. Expeditions however, are only for *temperary* emergencies, and *not for permanent use*. Paul clearly and distinctly defines the Divine plan for the support of the ministry, and says "the *Lord ordained it*." Personally he forgoes all his "rights" (as he calls them), works with his hands, pays his own expenses, suffers hunger, thirst, and nakedness; to further the gospel, and remove "occasion" from those who sought occasion. And to prove to all that "it was the love of Christ that constrained him." In concluding this phase of the question, we note; that the apostle enjoins *no such conditions* on those whom he appointed to minister to the churches he planted and established. The personnel of your committee, so far as known, are all *conservative* in character, and we trust we can honestly say, "we are not seeking our personal interest. Neither are we of those who are 'given to change.' Yet to be true to our 'trust', and render a verdict in accordance with the inspired word." We repeat. That, "Our present system of a self supporting ministry is "Not" according to the teaching of the New Testament. But as an *expedient* it has its *time* and *place* in *pioneer conditions*.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Sec. 2. Your Committee feel that Conference will expect some recommendation. And in venturing out on this, it will be on the assumption that Conference "accept our findings, and sustain our position."

Your Committee fully realize that there are dangers to face, and many difficulties to overcome, and it will require the "wisdom of Solomon" the Meekness of Moses," the "patience of Job," and the "over ruling of a Divine Providence," to adjust things satisfactorily. While we would venture to ask conference to commit itself to the principle involved. We would also recommend to "*hasten slowly*" in its *practical application*. Conditions differ widely in different localities, and *no castiron rule can be made* that would be *acceptable*, or even *workable in all*. After admonishing the church to relieve, and support such ministers as are in need, leave each district or state to work out the problem in their *own* way. To safe guard the matter, let it be understood clearly, that "it is *SUPPORT*, and *not Salary*. It is *living*; not "*luxury*." It is as "servants of the church, and *not* as Lords over Gods heritage." In some districts some such measure was needed *long ago*. In some others it may be years before it may be necessary to apply it. Each district knows its men, and its needs, better than conference *possibly* could. That quite a number of our ministers are laboring under conditions that are cruel, and unjust to *themselves* and *families*, as well as detrimental to the best interests of the church is only too true. And unless the church recognizes the *right* of the ministry to reasonable support, it follows that, "whatever material assistance is given it can only be regarded as "*Alms, or Charity*" and *degrades* and *pauperises him to that*

extent, "whether so intended or not." A man of "spirit and snap" will suffer and toil in silence for years, and never complain, until broken down with the unequal burden he drags through weary years of physical weakness, or sickness into an untimely grave. Leaving out of sight those ministers whose ample means place them beyond hardship and privation; there are a respectable number to be found who possess good ability, but with *very moderate means*. These men *without* the work of the ministry, have all they can do to provide for their families, and a competence for old age. May we ask, "Has the church a *right* to use the *private means* of such men for the benefit of a *wealthy community*? This is practically what is being done in many cases. The church is suffering for want of "Pastoral Care," and the sheep are gathered into other folds, through lack of shepherding *at the proper time*. And now with these observations, we will submit our imperfect labors into your hands. Trusting that in a slight measure at least we have discharged our duty. We have labored at a disadvantage in that our respective places of residence are so far apart. We pray the Divine blessing upon this report. All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. ELLIOT,
W. O. BAKER,
JACOB N. MARTIN,
HENRY K. KREIDER,
C. C. BURKHOLDER.

Art. 16. Sec. 1. An Act of Conference accepting the report of the Secretary and Treasurer of The Bible School and Missionary Training Home Incorporating Board as authorized under Art. 8, Sections 8 and 9, pages 12 and 13, Confer-

ence Minutes 1908, To General Conference of The Brethren in Christ, U. S. A. and Canada, 1909, Greeting:

After the reelection, with two additional members of the Bible School and Missionary Training Home Incorporating Board of Conference 1908, the Board, then composed of nine members, effected a re-organization by electing the same officers as before namely, D. V. Heise, Chairman, Chas. Baker, Assistant, S. R. Smith, Secretary, Eli M. Engle, Assistant, S. R. Smith, Treasurer. The Board then appointed the brethren D. V. Heise, Clarence Center, N. Y., Eli M. Engle, Mt. Joy, Pa., and S. R. Smith, Harrisburg, Pa., as a committee to investigate a proposition made by Brother B. Frank Long, of Salona, Pa., and to proceed as soon as practicable with the incorporation of the Bible School Board according to law. Consequently, Brother D. V. Heise and S. R. Smith paid a visit to Brother B. F. Long at Salona, Pa., and investigated a proposition which Brother Long made to donate his farm containing about 190 acres for the use of the Bible School and Missionary Training Home and the Messiah Home Orphanage, of Harrisburg, Pa.

In looking over this plot of ground and in taking in consideration, the buildings and improvements and the quality of the land, together with the water facilities for creating water power, a great part of which was already done by Brother Long, we decided that, considering the scenery and the good quality of the land, it would be an ideal proposition and one that certainly would emanate from a heart filled with the love of God, but since there were no buildings that were suitable for the Bible School and Missionary Training Home, and since the Brotherhood in that locality is numerically very weak,

and since Conference had accepted the proposition of the Bible School Incorporating Board as adopted at Buffalo, June 20, 1907, which located it at Harrisburg or vicinity, the Committee decided that it could not go beyond what Conference had authorized, and trust that the Brotherhood will not neglect to recognize the generous proposition of Brother Long in some way that God may receive the honor and glory of the sacrifice, which was offered, and since the former recommendation of the Bible School Incorporating Board as adopted under Art. 8, Section 7, page 12, Minutes of General Conference of 1908, the Board was limited to Harrisburg or vicinity. The matter of location became a serious one since all things had to be considered, and while all things could easily be considered when there are sufficient means, but since there were no funds in view, it became all the more serious; the Committee was counselling and praying that if the work should proceed that God should in in some way manifest an evidence, which finally came in a very unexpected and unlooked for way by a certain brother being taken captive by an impression that he received, which could not be otherwise construed but as being of the Lord. The first impulse was not considered; neither the second; neither the third but finally it became a serious matter until he decided to confide his impression to someone, which began to take form and was finally put on paper in the form of an agreement. The principal conditions of the agreement being that he would offer a home which he occupied which cost him, ground included, about Eight Thousand One Hundred Dollars, cash money, on condition that if the Church would raise the sum of Twenty-five Hundred Dollars, leaving a balance of Fifty-six Hundred Dollars to be donated, and on the

further condition that if the Bible School and Missionary Training Home should ever be abandoned, that the heirs should indicate where or how the proceeds of the real estate should be used but for no other but Church purposes of the Brethren in Christ. Four members of The Incorporating Board visited and examined the place and expressed themselves that it would be a very suitable place for a beginning and this proposition was favorably received by eight members of the Incorporating Board one objecting, giving his reasons, which certainly are not unfounded.

However, it appeared that if the matter would be deferred, that one condition after another would become embarrassing and the Board decided to proceed with the incorporation as prescribed in the Manual adopted by Conference of 1908, which proved to be much more of a task than was first anticipated, since the laws of the State of Penna. require that three persons of the Incorporating Board must be citizens of the State of Penna., and unfortunately, one member of the Incorporating Board is a foreigner to the United States and hence could not cooperate in the work of incorporation. The matter was presented to a legal representative in Harrisburg and concluded that since Conference was a considerable way off that the three incorporating members appointed under the organization at Conference 1908 should temporarily appoint another brother to help fill the number of petitioners as citizens of the State of Penna. which was effected by appointing Brother A. B. Musser as an incorporating petitioner, and since the laws of the State of Pennsylvania require only five petitioners for incorporation, and since the Incorporating Board is so widely separated, and since Bishop Charles Baker, Assistant Chairman, who is a citizen of Canada a Foreign Coun-

try, could not enter in this petition, the incorporating Committee, secured the names of D. V. Heise, B. F. Hoover, Eli M. Engle, A. B. Musser and S. R. Smith as incorporators. The work of incorporation by this time is completed.

In the course of investigating the advisability of how to proceed with incorporation, to comply with the conditions as outlined it was discovered that it is expedient and especially required under Art. 25, Section 6 and 7, page 14, Conference Minutes 1907, that the tenets, creed and faith as taught in the Church of The Brethren in Christ shall become a part of the Articles of Incorporation of the Bible School and Missionary Training Home. It was necessary that the Constitution and By-Laws governing the Bible School and Missionary Training Home should be embodied in the Articles of Incorporation and since the prescribing of the Constitution and By-Laws should have been the work of the Incorporating Board as a whole, yet while the Manual as adopted by General Conference of 1908 outlined what the Constitution and By-Laws should contain, it was considered and decided to write out in detail such Constitution and By-Laws comparing with what had already been adopted. Consequently this was done according to the ability and as understood by the members of the Incorporating Committee.

The Incorporating Committee as originally appointed under Art. 26 and specified under Section 3 of Art. 21, Minutes of the Incorporating Board of June 18-20, 1907 and reappointed by the Incorporating Board at General Conference of 1908, proceeded to draw up blank notes and agreements for use of solicitors which are ready and can be secured by application to the Secretary.

During the year, there were expenses such as car fare two times for Brother D. V. Heise from

Clarence Center to Harrisburg, and for myself from Harrisburg to Salona and return and Brother Eli M. Engle and Brother A. B. Musser, as well as for a little printing matter, which however, is a small item, and since there was only \$2.40 in the Treasury, May 1, 1908, the Treasurer prefers to continue the account pending the decision of Conference.

Since General Conference of 1908 under Section 9, Item B., page 13, has granted the privilege for the Board to appoint a substitute in my place, and since the Incorporating Board is so widely separated that I felt it a tedious undertaking to present a request for a substitute, I herewith humbly pray General Conference of 1909, to appoint another Brother to fill my place on the Bible School and Missionary Training Home Board of Managers.

On behalf of the Committee, which undertook the Incorporation, as well as the other work during last Conference year, I would say that it was a season of anxiety and concern especially when it appeared sometimes as though Conference or some of the members of past Conference, who were instrumental in creating the Bible School Incorporation Board, were using the Committee as a target for criticism concerning the Bible School effort. In listening to the criticisms and evident dissatisfaction, which sometimes is expressed concerning this undertaking, it was a serious question with me whether it was advisable to continue the effort under such adverse conditions and the serious question with me is, what would the ultimate outcome be if the work is undertaken under such conditions and since my convictions are, that the Church has waited too long to undertake something of the kind as prescribed in these efforts, yet I feel for my individual part, that I would rather not con-

tinue in an antagonistic position against those who are not favorable to the undertaking, and yet on several occasions were instrumental in placing us in our position.

My sincere prayer is that whatever is undertaken, that it may be from a pure motive and that it might be as expressed in General Conference Minutes 1908 in the latter part of Section 9 Item C, on pages 13 and 14.

S. R. SMITH,
Secretary and Treas.

Sec. 2. Conference rejected a petition for a substitute in place of S. R. Smith.

Art. 17. An Act of Conference approved the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the Incorporating Board of The Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home has reported the incorporation of the said School and Home according to law, the work of the Incorporation Board is so far completed, and since, according to the Constitution and By-Laws, there must be a Board of Managers to take up the work as incorporated,

Sec. 1. *Resolved*, that the Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home Incorporating Board is hereby honorably discharged.

Sec. 2. And, *Resolved*, that the Appointing Committee as appointed under Art. 1 of this Conference shall appoint seven brethren, who shall constitute the Board of Managers for the said Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home to be reported to this Conference for confirmation.

Art. 18. The Committee on Appointments reported the following names, which were confirmed by Conference for a Board of Managers for next Conference year: J. N. Engle, Abilene,

Kansas; D. V. Heise, Clarence Center, N. Y.; Eli M. Engle, Mt. Joy, Pa.; J. R. Zook, Des Moines, Iowa; Geo. Detwiler, Harrisburg, Pa.; H. K. Kreider, Campellstown, Pa.; A. Z. Hess, Mt. Joy, Pa.

Art. 19. An Act of Conference appointed the following brethren a Board of Trustees for the Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home, to be located in Harrisburg, Pa., or vicinity, for the following Conference year: J. K. Forney, Abilene, Kansas; Isaac Shockey, Abilene, Kansas; B. S. Herr, Cambridge City, Ind.; Isaac Stern, Roaring Springs, Pa.; A. B. Musser, Harrisburg, Pa.; Samuel Myers, Shippensburg, Pa., and Sol. W. Sollenberger, Polo, Ill.

Art. 20. An Act of Conference accepted the following letter as read before Conference, and ordered spread on the Minutes.

SALONA, PA., May 16th, 1909.

To All Whom This May Concern, Greeting in the Precious Name of Jesus:

As Brother Smith recently wrote me a letter stating that the Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home Incorporating Committee, did not think favorably of the location which we offered, principally on account of being isolated from most of our brethren, of which there are only a few in this Section, I thought I should submit this letter for a careful consideration. We have been earnestly laboring for fourteen years for the purpose of gaining means with which to do some good for the cause of Christ in the rescuing and training of some of the rising generation as well as supplying a home for many that are homeless. We thought it would be a grand effort if the Church could unite the Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home

to such an institution to be under one general management and at one location. I believe the natural advantages of this place do far surpass those of any other location as far as finances are concerned. The thought of a Rescue Home for the young to be brought up under training in various kinds of work as well as with spiritual instruction, is the most weighty in our minds. Wherever the location may be, we cannot expect success unless some brethren qualified for the different lines of work would move to the institution and devote their time to the best interests of the same in its various departments. This could be done at one location as well as another, and therefore I think that natural advantages in a financial way, should be well considered.

It is my prayer that God may direct your minds and decide according to His good pleasure, and I believe He will not direct you to locate in any city or town but somewhere on a large farm.

Lovingly yours,

B. FRANK LONG.

Art. 21. An Act of Conference accepted and confirmed the report of the Committee, appointed by General Conference of The Brethren in Christ of 1908, under Art. 39.

The proposition of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, in reference to the Publication of Sunday School literature, is as follows:

At present, they publish four quarterlies, namely:—

Teachers S. S. Quarterly, six cents per quarter.

Teachers S. S. Quarterly, twenty cents per year in lots of ten or more.

Advanced S. S. Quarterly, three cents and twelve cents.

Primary S. S. Quarterly, two and one-half cents and ten cents.

German S. S. Quarterly, three cents and twelve cents.

Two papers, "Words of Cheer," forty cents per copy, twenty-five cents in lots of ten. "Beams of Light" twenty-five cents per copy, fifteen cents in lots of ten. They propose co-operating with us in the publication of the above literature as follows:

They agree to supply the copy for the quarterlies subject to correction by our editor, who shall have the power of eliminating therefrom such matter that would conflict with the faith and doctrine of the Brethren in Christ Church. The quarterlies required by our schools shall have our Church Name printed on the cover page instead of the Mennonite name.

They further agree to grant us the privilege of supplying the copy for one page of each of the S. S. papers. They also agree to furnish and mail direct from the publishing house to the several schools, the quarterlies and papers at a ten per cent reduction from list price.

The Committee published a notice in the *Evangelical Visitor*, requesting the several schools in the Brotherhood to state whether they would use such literature in the event of it being published. Twelve schools reported, two of which favored other literature.

It is the sense of this Committee that a demand for S. S. literature has been created, which should be under the supervision of the Church, and while the Committee has been hindered in advancing the work during the past year, we are of the unanimous opinion that the church should take steps to supply this demand. With this end in view, we wish to offer the following:

Sec. 1. *Resolved* that we co-operate with the Mennonite Publishing Co., in the publication of Sunday School Literature.

Sec. 2. *Resolved*, that the Church appoint Brother George Detwiler, whose duty it shall be to edit the page for each of the papers and proof read the matter for the quarterlies and

Sec. 3. *Resolved* that the Publication Board shall determine the amount of compensation to be paid for services in editing the said pages for each issue as outlined in Sec. 2.

Sec. 4. *Resolved*, that upon the completion of the contract with the Mennonite Publishing Company, the supervision of the work be assigned to the Publication Board and

Sec. 5. *Resolved*, that all the Sunday Schools in the Brotherhood shall at once report to Bishop Jno. A. Stump, Nappanee, Ind., the number of quarterlies of the different grades they will need by Jan. 1, 1910.

D. W. HEISE, Chairman.

JNO. A. STUMP, Secy.

Art. 22. An Act of Conference accepting the report of the committee appointed by General Conference of 1908, to co-operate with the Trustees of the Chicago Mission, for the purpose of furnishing better accommodations and equipments for their work, as follows: Soon after Conference of 1908, our Committee met with the Trustees of the Mission, 5956 Peoria Street, Chicago, Ill., and after carefully endeavoring to look into the proposition of improving said property, found it would involve at least \$4000.00, approximate estimate, and advised what to do in the matter of improving the general condition, whether to remodel the present location or to seek another location. And at the time nothing feasible to consider seemed in sight outside of repairing the

Mission on 5956 Peoria Street, and this would have involved considerable amount of money and would have greatly hampered the work for a time. The matter rested with the Lord, and we believe in His own time, he opened a proposition, which developed in the purchase of a well-built and suitably located property, in which the Committee was in full harmony, and have endeavored to co-operate with the Trustees in the efforts to bring about, as far as possible, a financial settlement upon the now purchased property on Halstead street, and we also wish to solemnly thank the Lord in behalf of the Brotherhood for the kind response at the call of the Committee for needed funds to eliminate the obligation, and believe that in a short time this valuable property will be fully paid for.

The new Mission property as purchased, is located at 6039 Halstead street, Chicago, Ill., and is one of the principal thoroughfares of Chicago. This building contains two flats of seven rooms each above the first floor, which is divided in three apartments—a hall and two smaller rooms, which can be turned into one entire room and can accommodate an audience of nearly three hundred people, thereby making a commodious apartments for present needs. The building has a frontage of twenty-five feet and about ninety-six deep. It has also a basement under the entire building with a good concrete floor; the plumbing is in good condition and well lighted. A very conservative estimate would think of the building, not including the two vacant lots, which have a frontage of fifty feet and 125 feet deep, on a commercial value, could at least be estimated at the first cost of the property or ten thousand dollars, and the cash value of the two vacant lots can safely be estimated at two thousand dollars a piece. We believe that we are

safe in saying that with the encouragement the workers seem to manifest in this new home, we have every reason to be thankful to the Lord and to the dear ones, who so kindly responded to the needs of this proposition.

E. S. ENGLE,
Secretary Committee.

Art. 23. An act of Conference accepting the report of the

CHICAGO MISSION BUILDING FUND.

May 4, 1909.

The cost of the new Mission property at 6039 Halstead street, seventy-five (75) feet front and one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet deep, three-story brick, stone front, good condition.

Cash,	\$10,000 00
Commission on \$5,500.00 loaned,	110 00
Cost of abstract,	22 95
Examining attorney fees,	35 00
O. K. title deed,	25
Recording warranty deed,	85
Fire insurance,	53 45

Total cost, \$10,222 50

The old Mission property at 5956 Peoria street was sold March 19, 1909, for... \$3,500 00

Recording deed from Mr. Shockey and wife to correct error (seal),	\$ 75
Showing deed on abstract, ..	1 50
Continuation of abstract,	11 00
Commission,	87 00

Total expenses, \$100 25

Leaving a balance of \$3,399 75

Donations for new building up to May

4. 1909, \$3,292 35

Total, \$6,692 10

Aggregate cost of new Mission property, \$10,222 50

Money in hand to be paid toward same, 6,692 10

Leaving a balance unpaid of..... \$3,530 40

Art 24. An act of Conference accepting and encouraging an effort to eliminate the deficit in covering the

Sec. 1.

Expenditures of New Mission Building in Chicago, Ill.

Jan. 22, 1909, paid interest on the \$5,500.00 (loaned) at 5½ per cent. for six months,	\$151 25
Paid interest to Bro. Wm. Kreider,.....	4 48

Total, \$155 73

Window insurance,	\$10 00
Water tax,	14 00
Street tax,	79 05
Real estate tax,	195 52

Total, \$298 57

Sec. 2.

Cost of Remodeling Building.

Lumber,	\$106 68
Hardware,	20 57
Plumbing,	28 67

Window lights,	5 00
Labor,	38 00
Total,	\$198 02
Total sum of interest paid out,	\$155 73
Taxes and insurance,	298 57
Total cost of remodeling,	198 02
Grand total,	\$653 22
Rent received for new Mission building from September 1, 1908, to May 1, 1909,	\$405 00
Donations received for remodeling,	54 52
Donations received for taxes,	99 50
Total,	\$559 02
Total expenses on new building,	\$653 22
Money received to pay on same,	559 02
Leaving a deficit of	\$94 20

GENERAL CHURCH WORK.

Art. 24. An act of Conference confirmed the brethren Garrett D. Tyson and Frank D. Garis Trustees for Silverdale, Bucks county, Pa., Meeting-House, in place of Brother Henry F. Anglemoyer, deceased, and Brother Peter L. Kreiss, resigned.

Art. 25. An act of Conference considered and accepted a petition from Philadelphia Mission, to install a new heating system, and decided to refer the matter to a committee of three, who shall, with Brother Peter Stover, examine the place and decide what kind of heating system would be best to install, and proceed with the work and install the kind of heating system as in

their judgment seems best, and as funds may warrant.

Committee as appointed: Brethren Eli M. Eshleman, Enos H. Hess, A. B. Musser.

Art. 26. An act of Conference granted a petition of Philadelphia Mission district for an assistant minister to be sent from some outlying district at least once a month to the Philadelphia Mission, to help labor in the regular services. The selection to be made by the Bishop who has the oversight and the traveling expenses to be paid out of the General Home Mission Fund.

Art. 27. An act of Conference considered and approved the Committee's report on a petition asking for a definite answer as to how far brethren may be allowed to pursue an independent course uncontrolled and out of harmony with the local church.

The question was referred to a committee of five, consisting of Bishops J. N. Engle, J. R. Zook, H. B. Hoffer and the Brethren Samuel Whisler and S. W. Sollenberger.

Report of Committee as follows:

The Committee appointed by General Conference, consisting of J. N. Engle, J. R. Zook, H. B. Hoffer, Samuel Whisler and S. W. Sollenberger, met and organized to consider the above article.

It is the highest sense of this Committee that organization is scriptural (Acts 14:23). And that any organization must of necessity have rules and regulations as well as a head. And that the head of an organized church is the Elder or Bishop, whose duty it is to execute said rules and regulations (I. Tim. 5:17; Hebrews 13:17). Any minister or member that becomes incorrigible and independent of the consistent rulings of the Elder or Bishop, and the matter

cannot be adjusted by the local district, then in such case or cases, the Elder of such district shall be, and is hereby authorized, to appeal to the General Executive Board of the Church to affect a reconciliation. Should a reconciliation be impossible, then the case shall be dealt with according to its merits or demerits.

J. N. ENGLE,
Chairman.
S. W. SOLENERGER,
Secretary.

Art. 28. An act of Conference considered, and accepted, a petition to express herself whether the Second Definite Work Theme as taught in the Brotherhood, is entirely scriptural, and if not altogether scriptural, what part is, and should be taught?

Resolved, That Conference appoint a Committee of five brethren to delineate the article on Sanctification as accepted by the Church, and define the different terms and themes as taught in advocating a Second Definite Work, with scriptural qualifications, and report at General Conference of 1910.

Committee as appointed: Bishops W. O. Baker, J. R. Zook, M. G. Engle and Brethren Enos H. Hess and S. R. Smith. Organization as effected: J. R. Zook, Chairman; S. R. Smith, Secretary.

Art. 29. An act of Conference decided that General Conference of 1910 convene in the State of Pennsylvania. The location to be announced through the *Evangelical Visitor*.

Art. 30. An act of Conference granted a petition of Clark county, Ohio, for Bishop J. N. Hoover, of Miami District, to preside over Clark County District, for the following Conference year.

Art. 31. An act of Conference granted a petition from Clark county, Ohio, for an assistant minister and wife to locate in Clark County District and appointed Brother Thomas Franklin, of Upland, California, to labor in said District for the following Conference year.

(Note.) It is understood that voluntary provisions for a home and transportation to the District have been made for Brother Franklin and wife.

Art. 32. An act of Conference confirmed Brother A. B. Hoover, of as Trustee for Pleasant Grove Meeting House, in Richland and Ashland Districts, Ohio, in place of John Kohler, deceased.

Art. 33. An act of Conference accepting a letter from Stark County, Ohio, District, representing that the church in that District "is contending for the faith once delivered to the saints," was read and approved.

Art. 34. An act of Conference accepted a letter as follows: The Church in South Dayton District, Ohio, sends love and greetings in Jesus' Name. This Council decided to be represented by letter, herewith stating that we are laboring for the upbuilding of the Cause and Kingdom of Jesus and for the hastening of His coming.

May grace, mercy and peace be with all the saints.

A. M. ENGLE,
Moderator.
H. E. CASSELL,
Secretary.

Art. 35. An act of Conference granted a petition that provisions be made for the Editor of the *Evangelical Visitor* to attend future Conferences, with the condition that the traveling ex-

penses shall be met from the General Executive Treasury.

Art. 36. An Act of Conference granted a petition to appoint a General Sunday-School Board, consisting of three members. The Board, as appointed is: C. O. Musser, Abilene, Kansas; H. K. Kreider, Campbellstown, Pa.; T. S. Dohner, Gormley, Ont.

Art 37. Sec. 1. An Act of Conference appointed M. L. Hoffman, J. H. Engle and W. J. Myers a Committee to draft an outline of what should constitute the duties of the General Sunday-School Board to be reported to, and spread on the Minutes of this Conference.

Sec. 2. An Act of Conference approved the following report of the Committee on Duties of the General Sunday-School Board. The principal duties of the Board shall be as follows:

Sec. 3. That it shall be the duty of the said Board to seek to promote a wholesome and intelligent interest in Sunday-School work throughout our entire fellowship. At least three principal objects shall be sought.

Sec. 4. Information. Complete information is the basis of intelligent action. They shall collect and preserve a complete list of all the Sunday-Schools in the Church, also of all churches not now maintaining Sunday-Schools, also an accurate list of the names and addresses of all the Superintendents of these schools. Through these Superintendents, the Secretary of the Board shall annually collect, tabulate and report to General Conference such statistical data as they shall deem desirable.

Sec. 25. Education. By means of Conferences, Councils or Institutes, it shall be the duty of the Board to promote interest in the best ways of working in the Sunday-School, and to promote interest in the establishment of new

Sunday-Schools. Such meetings can generally be most profitable and most inexpensively held in connection with the annual District Sessions of the State and General Conferences. They shall also seek to promote interest in, and knowledge of the best available Sunday-School literature.

Sec. 6. Inspiration. By means of public addresses, by a systematic annual visitation of all Sunday-Schools, either in person or through substitutes, and through personal correspondence, and by any and all other legitimate means at the disposal of the Board, they shall seek to cultivate a closer fellowship among the Sunday-School workers of our Brotherhood and to arouse increased interest in religious instruction and in the study of the Holy Scriptures.

Sec. 7. In view of the fact that a quorum of this Board is not now present in Conference, we recommend that this body organize the Board by declaring Henry K. Kreider, Chairman; C. O. Musser, Secretary, and Thomas Dohner, Treasurer.

Art. 38. An Act of Conference considered and approved the following:

WHEREAS, the work of General Conference of the Brethren in Christ of U. S. A. and Canada is becoming more cumbersome every year to the extent that at the close of Conference, questions could not receive proper consideration; and,

WHEREAS, it has been considered necessary to select some method whereby the work of Conference can be expedited; therefore,

Sec. 1. *Resolved*, That all matter for General Conference shall be reported to the General Executive Secretary no later than April 15 of each Conference year; and,

Sec. 2. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty

of the General Executive Board to tabulate and publish all such work for Conference so that it is in proper form for consideration and send the same to, and submit a copy of the same to the respective Districts throughout the Brotherhood no later than May 1.

Art. 39. An Act of Conference approved the following:

Resolved, That a Committee of three brethren be appointed, who shall, during the coming Conference year, formulate a plan by which Sunday traveling on steam or electric cars by members of Conference can be avoided and report to General Conference of 1910.

Committee as appointed: Fred Elliott, Richmond Hill, Ont.; C. C. Burkholder, Upland, California; Max Mahler, Des Moines, Iowa.

Art. 40. An Act of Conference considered and approved the following:

WHEREAS, there seems to be some difference in the mode practiced in the ordinance of feet-washing by the Brethren; and,

WHEREAS, there is a petition for an expression by "Yes" or "No," whether the present double mode of feet-washing is scriptural; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the expression of this Conference that the present double mode as generally practiced covers the ground and is therefore scriptural, inasmuch as the scriptural rendering is, "Wash one another's feet."

Art. 41. An Act of Conference approved of a request that a new edition of the Church's Tracts on Baptism and Washing of the Saints' Feet be published, and referred the work to the Tract Committee, with instructions to proceed with such publication as soon as sufficient means are in hand.

Art. 42. An Act of Conference confirmed the brethren, Max Mahler as Trustee of the Gospel Temple Church property, Fourteenth and University avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, and C. I. Linkey as Trustee of the Des Moines Mission property, Des Moines, Iowa, in place of J. H. George, removed to Missouri.

Art. 43. An Act of Conference considered and accepted an offer from Oklahoma District Council of the Brethren in Christ, February 25 and 26, 1909, to General Conference of the Brethren in Christ, U. S. A., and Canada, 1909, Greeting:

WHEREAS, Brother and Sister Eisenhower do not feel able to carry on the Orphanage and Missionary Training Home under present conditions; therefore,

Sec. 1. *Resolved*, That we do heartily recommend their proposition to General Conference for acceptance, and if necessary, we do hereby obligate ourselves to assume at least three hundred dollars per annum of the consideration contained in the aforesaid proposition.

Sec. 2. An Act of Conference considered the above resolution, and the two Wills made by Brother and Sister A. L. Eisenhower, of Thomas, Oklahoma, in which they willed and conveyed a plot of ground consisting of one hundred and fifty acres (150) near Thomas, Oklahoma, together with farm implements and live stock and deeded a plot of ground consisting of ten acres, whereon at present is conducted the Jabok Faith Orphanage, with good buildings, together with a complete outfit of farm implements and live stock for the consideration of one dollar on condition that the ten acre plot, together with the personal property can be sold and the proceeds applied wherever the Church sees proper with the further condition that the

plot of 150 acres, together with the proceeds of the Church, shall be used for the support of the aforesaid Orphanage, with the further condition that if the Church should discontinue the Orphanage, they recommend that the proceeds derived from the sale of such real estate and personal property, should be applied to the Foreign Missionary cause; however, to be left to the discretion of the Church to make use of such proceeds in whatever way and where it would seem proper to the Church, with the consideration that the Church shall pay or cause to be paid to Brother and Sister A. L. Eisenhouer during their life time, the sum of five hundred dollars per annum, for which the Church in the District of Oklahoma have obligated to assume a certain amount as outlined in Sec. 1, and decided that the Moderators, M. H. Oberholser, Chambersburg, Pa.; J. N. Engle, Abilene, Kansas; J. R. Zook, Des Moines, Iowa, shall be a permanent Committee and select two other brethren, who shall co-operate with them in investigating the conditions and terms of the bequest, with authority, and they hereby are authorized to enter into negotiations as may be required, providing they see fit that the Church of the Brethren in Christ shall become a party to the contract and bequest.

Sec. 3. The brethren as appointed to assist the Permanent Committee for the following Conference year are: David R. Eyster, Thomas, Oklahoma; John R. Herr, Abilene, Kansas.

Sec. 4. The Committee effected the following organization for next Conference year: J. R. Zook, Des Moines, Iowa, Chairman, and D. R. Eyster, Thomas, Oklahoma, Secretary and Treasurer.

In consideration of the generous spirit manifested in the donation of Brother and Sister A. L. Eisenhouer,

Sec. 5. *Resolved*, That this Conference expresses her appreciation of the spirit of consecration in the act of donating the aforesaid properties, together with the appurtenances belonging thereto; and,

Sec. 6. *Resolved*, That the expressions of Conference is that a noble work has been done in the Orphanage effort and that it should be continued.

Art. 44. An Act of Conference authorized the Church in California to have the supervision of the members in Idaho.

Art. 45. An Act of Conference appointed A. B. Musser, 68 N. Twelfth street, Harrisburg, Pa., as agent to confer with the Railroad Companies for making railway arrangements for General Conference 1910.

Art. 46. An Act of Conference adopted and ordered the following Resolution, etc., spread on the Minutes of 1909, as follows:

WHEREAS, this Church is now the owner of lot two (2) of the official plot of the sub-division of block "H," Holcomb's Addition to the city of Des Moines, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, said premises are inadequate for the purposes of the Church, and it is for the interest of the Church to dispose of the same upon the terms hereinafter stated;

Be it, and it is hereby Resolved, by the General Conference of the Brethren in Christ, that the real estate above described be, and is hereby sold to F. M. Hubbell, Son & Company, Incorporated, for the sum of four thousand two hundred (\$4,200) dollars, and that the Trustees who now hold the title to the said premises be, and are hereby authorized and directed to sell and convey the same to the said F. M. Hubbell, Son & Company, Incorporated, by warranty deed, upon the payment to them by the said F. M.

Hubbell, Son & Company, Incorporated of the sum of four thousand two (\$4,200) dollars, as the purchase price of said property.

State of Kansas, Dickinson County, ss:

I, S. R. Smith, do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of the General Conference of the Brethren in Christ, which met at Abilene, Kansas, on the 19th day of May, A. D., 1909.

I further state that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution which was unanimously adopted at a duly called and held meeting of the Conference on the 19th day of May, A. D., 1909, as full, true and correct as the same appears upon the records of the said meeting.

I further certify that Max Mahler, C. B. Smith, C. I. Linkey, original, and their successors, are the Trustees duly chosen, elected and qualified, who hold the title to the premises described in the foregoing resolution, and who are by the said resolution authorized to make conveyance of the same.

Witness my hand, at Abilene, Kansas, on this 19th day of May, A. D., 1909.

S. R. SMITH,
Secretary.

(Seal)

Attest: M. H. OBERHOLSER,
Moderator.

Art. 47. An Act of Conference authorizing a contemplated purchase and sale of property in Des Moines, Ia.

WHEREAS, the Church contemplates to purchase lot 7 and N. 16 feet of lot 6, Block W, Scott and Dean's addition, now in and forming part of Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa.

And, WHEREAS, this is a larger lot than is

needed for simple Mission purposes; be it, and it is hereby

Resolved, by the General Conference of the Brethren in Christ that the real estate above described can be sold at the option of the Trustees for any sum of money upon which they may decide; that the Trustees, Max Mahler, C. B. Smith and C. I. Linkey, who now hold the title of said premises be, and are hereby authorized and instructed to sell and convey at their option to whomsoever they may decide by Warranty Deed.

State of Kansas, Dickinson County, ss:

I, S. R. Smith, do hereby certify that I am Permanent Secretary of General Conference of the Brethren in Christ, which met at Abilene, Kansas on the 19th day of May, A. D., 1909.

I further state that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution which was unanimously adopted at a duly called and held meeting of the Conference on the 19th day of May, A. D., 1909, as full, and true and correct as the same appears upon the records of the said meeting.

I further certify that Max Mahler, C. B. Smith and C. I. Linkey are the Trustees duly chosen, elected and qualified, who hold the title to the premises described in the foregoing resolution, and who are by the said resolutions authorized to make conveyance of the same.

Witness my hand at Abilene, Kansas, on this 19th day of May, A. D., 1909.

S. R. SMITH,
Permanent Con. Secretary.

(Seal)

Attest: M. H. OBERHÖLSEr,
Moderator.

Art. 48. An Act of Conference ordered to postpone for another year a resolution from Kansas Joint Council, which read as follows:

"Resolved, That Kansas Joint Council petitions General Conference 1909 to amend Art. 14, Sec. 4, page 265, Constitution and By-Laws in Conference Index, so as to omit the phrase, "And Church Officials."

Art. 49. An Act of Conference adopted the following with preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, a question was presented whether the ruling as published in the *Evangelical Visitor*, January 15, 1909, concerning the popular vote in changing or amending the By-Laws; and,

WHEREAS, it appears that the present method of changing the Constitution and By-Laws is somewhat lengthy; therefore,

Sec. 1. Resolved, That the ruling as published in the *Visitor* is correct; and,

Sec. 2. Resolved, That a Committee of three brethren be appointed who shall formulate a plan and present it to this Conference for confirmation, whose duty it shall be to present the plan to the respective Districts throughout the Brotherhood obtaining the popular vote for approval or disapproval and present their report to General Conference 1910, to become at once effective.

Committee as appointed: M. L. Hoffman, John B. Neisley and D. W. Heise.

Report of Committee on Formulating a Plan for Changing Method of Amendment.

Sec. 3. Resolved that Art. 18, Sec. 2, page 271, Constitution and By-Laws in Conference Index be amended to read: "No amendment or appeal can be made to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Church as originally adopted except

by a two-thirds vote of the members of any regular session of General Conference providing a notice was published at least two times in the *Evangelical Visitor* not less than six months previous to the time of convening of Conference by the General Executive Secretary, and that delegates shall be instructed from their respective Districts as to the popular wish of the District which they represent pertaining to such change or amendment.

Art. 50. WHEREAS, according to the Constitution and By-Laws, it is necessary that an effort be made to obtain the individual vote either for or against changing or amending Constitution and By-Laws, as outlined in Art. 18, Sec. 2, page 271, General Conference Index,

And, WHEREAS, it appears as if this is a cumbersome work for the Committee during the coming Conference year,

Therefore, Resolved, that Conference orders that each respective District throughout the Brotherhood make special announcement through the District of the intention of taking an individual vote at the District Councils of the approval or disapproval of the plan of changing the Constitution and By-Laws as arranged by the Committee under Art. 49, Section 3, and present a report of such number of votes cast for and against, to General Conference of 1910.

Art. 51. An Act of Conference considered and granted the following:

WHEREAS, the Brethren in Christ in Michigan are comparatively weak, and

WHEREAS, there are calls from several communities for worship by the Brethren, and

WHEREAS, there are no available buildings for worship and workers at two of the places where special calls are made and

WHEREAS, the Church deems it very essential to encourage the work in Michigan, therefore,

Resolved, that the Brethren of Michigan be authorized to solicit funds throughout the Brotherhood to procure a parsonage at More Town Center, and to liquidate the debt on the land of More Town Center, and erect a church building at Custer, Michigan.

Art. 52. An Act of Conference accepted the following:

WHEREAS, the Foreign Missionary Work of the Church of the Brethren in Christ had its inception in the State of Kansas fifteen years ago, being first recognized by Conference of 1894, held at the Bethel Meeting House, North Dickinson County, Kansas, receiving its first cash donations; the very first being a Five Dollar Bill and

WHEREAS, the Missionary meeting held at the Abilene Church, Abilene, Kansas on May 20, during session of Conference of 1909, the free will offering amounted to nearly Eight Hundred Forty Dollars,

Therefore, *Resolved* that recognition should be taken of the progress of the Foreign Missionary efforts, as outlined in the preambles by being inscribed on the annals of the Church.

Art. 53. An Act of Conference ordered the following preamble and resolutions spread on the minutes of General Conference 1909:

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Chicago Mission property located in the city of Chicago, Ill., on lot No. 30 in Block 4 in Mifflin's Subdivision of Blocks 3 and 4 in Thompson's and Holmes' Subdivision of the East 45 acres of the North 60 acres of the South East quarter of Section 17, Township 38 North, Range 14, East of the 3rd Principal Meridian in Cook County, Illinois,

Sec. 1. *Resolved*, that the Trustees of the above described lot shall be and are hereby authorized to convey a Deed of Title, free of all encumbrances unto Conrad Doerfler, and,

Sec. 2. *Resolved*, that Conference hereby approves, ratifies and confirms any conveyance that may heretofore have been made to the said Conrad Doerfler, pertaining to the said property.

S. R. SMITH,

Permanent Conference Secretary.

Attest:

[SEAL.]

M. H. OBERHOLSER,
Moderator.

Art. 54. An Act of Conference confirming the organization of the Home Mission Board.

Chairman, George Detwiler, Harrisburg, Pa.; Assistant Chairman, Levi Herr, Clayton, Ohio; Secretary J. H. Byers, Lake Ann, Mich.; Treasurer, A. O. Zook, Abilene, Kans.

Art. 55. An Act of Conference confirming the apportionment of territory for the Home Mission Board, as follows:

Dauphin and Lebanon, Silverdale and Lancaster County Districts, Noah Z. Hess, Lancaster, Pa., R. F. D. No. 7.

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, George Detwiler, Harrisburg, Pa.

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

Ashland and Richland County Districts, Ohio and Indiana, Sadie Foote, Garrett, Ind. Michigan, J. H. Beyer, Lake Ann, Mich.

North Dickinson, Brown and Clay County Dis-
tricts, Kansas, A. O. Zook, Abilene, Kansas.

South Dickinson, Kansas, and Oklahoma Dis-
tricts, Anna Eshleman, Abilene, Kansas.

Illinois and Iowa, D. V. Martin, Coleta, Ill.

California, Idaho, Arizona, C. C. Burkholder,
Upland, California.

New York and Canada, not including Markham
and Nottawa Districts, Girvin Bearss, Ridg-
way, Ont.

Markham and Nottawa Districts, Lydia Wil-
liams, Elgin Mills, Ont.

Art. 56. An Act of Conference confirming the
organization of the Foreign Mission Board for
the coming Conference year.

Sec. 1. Chairman, J. R. Zook, Des Moines,
Iowa.

Secretary, Eli M. Engle, Mt. Joy, Pa.

Treasurer, P. M. Climenhaga, Stevensville,
Ont.

Sec. 2. An Act of Conference confirming the
Apportionment of territory as follows:

Markham and Nottawa Districts, Ont., T. S.
Doner.

Black Creek and Waterloo Districts, P. M. Climen-
haga.

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

Lancaster, York, Lebanon, Dauphin, Montgom-
ery 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. 57. An Act of Conference confirmed the
organization of the Publication Board as fol-
lows: Bishop M. H. Oberholser, Chairman; D.
W. Heise, Secretary.

Art. 58. An Act of Conference elected the
following brethren to serve on the General Ex-
ecutive Board for the following Conference year.
Bishop M. H. Oberholser, Chairman; Bishop J.
N. Engle, asst. chairman; A. B. Musser, Treas-
urer; S. R. Smith, Secretary; Eli M. Engle, asst.
secretary.

Art. 59. An Act of Conference accepting the
financial report of *Evangelical Visitor*, as follows:

Balance on hand, April 30, 1908, \$1026.74

RECEIPTS.

On subscriptions, 1738.35
On Benevolent Fund, 52.96

Total, \$2818.05

EXPENSES.

Central Printing Co., \$949.92
Editor's Salary, 650.00
Visitor Mailing, 83.36
Stamps and Sundries, 11.10

Total, 1694.38

Balance on hand, April 30, 1909, \$1123.67

1811 copies are mailed now. Of these, 61 are
charity, 20 goes to institutions and individuals,
20 to exchanges and 25 to Missionaries.

*Remarks and Suggestions by the Editor to The
Board.*

It will be noticed that the number of copies
mailed now is considerably less than a year ago.
This is in consequence of the new ruling of the
Postal Law, which allows papers of this class
to give only three months credit. It is likely that

more names must be dropped in the near future, since if they are not renewed, they must be dropped.

While I am glad there is a credit balance for the year, I am not very sanguine that the report a year hence will be as favorable unless a considerable number of new paying subscribers be secured so that the income be kept up to about \$1,800.00. If the increase could be increased by a Hundred Dollars per year, it would be safe to make the paper a bi-weekly instead of a semi-monthly, a change which would be desirable I think.

Our only hope and source of an increased list of paying subscribers rests in the members of the Church, so it appears to be of importance that all the members in all the Districts be thoroughly canvassed and, if possible, secured as permanent subscribers.

REPORT OF PUBLICATION BOARD.

Art. 60. An Act of Conference accepted the report of the Publication Board as follows:

Sec. 1. WHEREAS, owing to the efficiency of the work done by Brother George Detwiler as Editor, during the last Conference year

Resolved, that Brother George Detwiler shall be retained as Editor for the ensuing Conference year and to receive the sum of Six Hundred Fifty Dollars per year for his services.

Sec. 2. WHEREAS, it is the unanimous opinion of the Publication Board that the present state of finances of the *Evangelical Visitor* are such that will warrant a bi-weekly instead of a semi-monthly as heretofore,

Therefore, *Resolved*, that a bi-weekly issue will be published of the *Evangelical Visitor* for the following Conference year

Sec. 3. And, *Resolved*, that the columns of the *Visitor* be kept clear from all articles answering the purpose of advertisements, which do not advance the interests of the Church as a body.

Sec. 4. And, *Resolved*, that the present Associate Editors, Bishop W. O. Baker, Louisville, Ohio and S. R. Smith, Harrisburg, Pa., be retained as Associate Editors for the following Conference year.

Sec. 5. And, *Resolved*, that Brother Enos H. Hess, of Lancaster, Pa., be substituted for Bishop M. H. Oberholser, former Associate Editor, who is not eligible since he is a member of the Publication Board.

Sec. 6. And, *Resolved*, that the Sunday School page shall hereafter be discontinued.

Sec. 7. WHEREAS, since the new postal regulations, the postage to subscribers in Canada amounts to about Thirty Three Dollars per year more than heretofore and

WHEREAS, the *Evangelical Visitor* is published in the United States of America, giving the United States subscribers an opportunity above the Canadian brethren

Sec. 7. *Resolved*, that the Brotherhood at large be encouraged to meet this drain upon the *Visitor* Funds by voluntary contributions, the same to be forwarded to the *Evangelical Visitor* office

WHEREAS, General Conference under Art. 32, Sec. 7, page 20, Conference Minutes 1908, has ordered that the Associate Editors of the *Evangelical Visitor* shall examine all questionable articles presented to the Editor for publication and shall together with the Editor, become responsible for such Articles, and

WHEREAS, it appears that there should be an understanding between the Editor and the As-

sociate Editors as to how to arrange for assuming this responsibility,

Sec. 8. Therefore, *Resolved*, that the Associate Editors shall become equally responsible with the Editor for all Articles that appear in the *Visitor*, and

Sec. 9. *Resolved*, that the Editor, with the Associate Editors shall mutually arrange as to how to provide so as to assume the responsibility.

Sec. 10. And, *Resolved*, that the following notice shall appear in every issue of the *Evangelical Visitor* as a standing notice: "The Associate Editors shall be equally responsible with the Editor for all articles that appear in the *Evangelical Visitor*."

Sec. 11. And, *Resolved*, that the Editor shall repeatedly remind agents and solicitors of their duties as per Art. 32, Sec. 3, Conference Minutes 1908.

HOME MISSION BOARD.

Art. 61. An Act of Conference accepted the yearly report of George Detwiler, Chairman of The Home Mission Board, as follows:

Sec. 1. Complying with instructions of Conference 1908, Art. 49, Sec. 6 the brethren, J. H. Byer and J. A. Stump, visited Wabash, Ind., in the interests of the Gospel Work of the Church. They report having held eight services and visited about fifty homes. The attendance, owing to unfavorable conditions, was small, and although some seemed interested in the pure Gospel, none were willing to accept; and those who had made a start a year previous had either given it up or taken up with other organizations. The brethren would not advise any further effort at present.

Sec. 2. In carrying out resolution of Conference under Sec. 9, of Art. 49, the Board delegated Bishops B. F. Hoover and J. A. Stump to

visit the Michigan field, and if they found the conditions satisfactory, proceed in the election of a Bishop to have oversight of the work in Michigan. The effort resulted in the election of Brother Jonathan Lyons to the office of Bishop. Also at the same time, Brother Henry Schneider, Jr., of Carland was chosen to the ministry.

Sec. 3. Elmer Mission, being without workers, the Board requested Brother T. A. Long and his wife, Sister Mary J. Long, to go there and take charge of the work, which they did, and as far as reports are an indication, their efforts yielded good results. They received Fifty Dollars from the Home Mission Fund towards defraying their traveling expenses to their field of labor. There also was One Hundred and Fifty Dollars of the H. M. F. money loaned to the Elmer Mission to secure for the Church the ground on which the Meeting House stands, part of which was since refunded.

Sec. 4. The Board assisted the work at Goodman, Mo., to the extent of purchasing four dozen chairs for the use of the Mission, and also delegated Bishop M. G. Engle, of Kansas, to labor there in special meetings, which he did, but with what results, we have not heard further than what was reported by Brother Noah Zook in *The Evangelical Visitor*. However, it is reported that the meetings were encouraging considering the state of the field.

Art. 62. An Act of Conference accepted the report of Saxton Bowers, Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund of The Brethren in Christ of U. S. A. and Canada to General Conference 1909. Balance in Treasury May 1, 1908, \$693.16

RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR AS FOLLOWS:

Richland and Ashland, Ohio Districts by Samuel Whistler, ... 15.50

Morrison's Cove, Pa., District, by J. A. Miller,	15.00
Carland Mission, Mich.,	10.00
Lebanon, Pa., District, by J. D. Wingert,	35.50
South Dayton, Ohio District, by A. M. Engle,	21.75
Donegal District, Lancaster Co., Pa., by A. Z. Hess,	37.50
Bell Springs Sunday School, Kas., by L. L. Hoffman,	36.19
Rosebank Sunday School, Kas., by John Keefer,	16.20
Ringgold, Md., District by J. D. Wingert,	5.00
Dauphin and Lebanon Districts Pa., by George Detwiler,	14.24
Fairland Sunday School, Dauphin and Lebanon Pa., Districts by D. B. Heisey,	20.52
Lake Ann, Mich., Money refund- ed of Mission expenses by J. H. Byer,	3.30
Bell Springs Sunday School, Dickinson County, Kas., by L. L. Hoffman,	15.47
South Dickinson, Kas. District by Idaho Members,	5.50
South Franklin, Pa., District, by John D. Wingert,	36.05
Miami District, Ohio by J. N. Hoover,	30.85
Black Creek, Ont., by Girvin Bearss,	19.85
South Dayton District, Ohio by by H. E. Cassell,	25.50
Stark County, Ohio,	11.40
Dysert, Iowa by Andrew Gnagy, Upland, Cal. by J. D. Haldeman,	13.00 48.00

Mt. Joy, Lancaster County, Pa., by Abram Z. Hess,	71.00
Interest on \$400.00 at 4 per cent,	16.00
Interest on \$300.00 at 3 per cent,	9.00
Total Receipts,	\$1225.48

EXPENDITURES FOR HOME MISSION BOARD DURING
CONFERENCE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1909.

Paid Trav. Expenses to Elder Jacob N. Engle, for services of Church under Art. 39 and 40 Conference 1906,	\$ 5.50
Paid T. A. and Mary Long, Sand- usky, Mich. in advance to de- fray traveling expenses for Mission work in State of Mich.	50.00
Paid Jno. A. Stump travelling expenses at Love Feast, Car- land, Mich.,	6.88
Paid Peter Stover and S. G. En- gle, traveling expenses to Wachaprague, Va.,	20.00
Paid J. H. Byer, traveling ex- penses to Wabash, Ind., for Mission work,	16.00
Paid J. A. Stump and J. H. Byer at Wabash, Ind.,	7.18
Paid John A. Stump and Elder B. F. Hoover for expenses to State of Mich and Jno. A. Stump expenses to Mich.,	22.08
Paid Isaac Shockey, Abilene, Kas., Four Dozen chairs used by Noah Zook in evangelistic work at Goodman, Mo.,	27.00
Paid C. C. Burkholder, Upland, Cal. to Lutare County and Los Angeles, Cal.	15.20

Paid Elder M. G. Engle, Abilene, Kan., traveling expenses to Missouri	13.80
Paid hired man when absent ..	13.50
Paid Girvin Bearss, Ridgway, Ont., traveling expenses for five trips to Pelham, Ont.,	5.00
Total expenditures, during Conference year ending May 1, 1909,	<u>224.09</u>

Balance in Treasury May 1, 1909, \$1001.39

Art. 63. An act of Conference accepted the report of Saxton Bowers, Treas. of Poor Fund.

Balance in Treasury May 1, 1908, \$126.20

Four per cent interest, 5.04

From Miami County, Ohio District by J. N. Hoover, 22.75

From Wayne County, Ohio District by C. S. Brener, Smithville, 10.10

From Elkhart District, Ind., by John A. Stump, Nappanee, .. 4.56

From South Franklin, Pa., District by John D. Wingert, 3.50

From South Dickinson County District, Kas., by Anna Eshleman, 68.65

From Harvey County District, Kansas, 5.00

From Michigan Mission by Jonathan Lyons, 20.00

S. Dickinson, Anna Eshleman, .. 6.50

Total Receipts, \$272.30

EXPENDITURES DURING CONFERENCE YEAR FROM
MAY 1, 1908 TO MAY 1, 1909.

Paid J. R. Zook for poor members at Des Moines, Iowa,	\$10.00
Paid H. H. Menaugh, Des Moines, Ia.	5.00
Total,	<u>15.00</u>

Balance in Treasury, May 1, 1909, \$257.30

Art. 64. Conference accepted, not including the suggestion part, the report of the Philadelphia Mission, Phila., Pa., as follows:

Beginning May 1st, 1908 to April 30th, 1909.

Total cash donations for said period \$1091.46

Total expenses for said year..... 955.08

Balance in Mission Treasury..... 136.38

The above figures represent the total cash receipts and total expenditures for the year, not including clothing and provisions which were liberal. The general report for the Mission for the year 1908 is not what might be expected or at least not what is desired. There has been no additional membership in the last year, notwithstanding that at the present time there are applicants. The Sunday School is the most encouraging feature at the present time. The average attendance in the last year has increased from 95 to 134. The present year is more encouraging. The last Sunday previous to this report, we had an attendance of 185.

The past year has been one of hardships for many of the mission's poor because of the many factories that had suspended. The help many of these received was limited by the supply.

We are at present in need of money for improvements, such as a new heater which must be purchased by another season. The mission room also needs a new floor and some alterations in the arrangement of rooms which will no doubt be an expense of \$300. This we consider a liberal estimate. The greater need of the mission at the present time is for more room. This could only be overcome by an additional purchase of property. If the property adjoining could be purchased we would be assured of room for some years to come. The present room is so crowded during Sunday School that it has become a difficult task to rightly handle the school. With the present attendance and present room there is no encouragement to increase the attendance. We give this latter thought only as a suggestion believing however that the suggestion is worthy of a consideration tending toward action.

We desire that General Conference would move toward the purchase of additional property.

In absence of a representative to General Conference we all join in sending our best wishes, desiring to share our best interests with those of like faith.

In Christian love,

PETER STOVER AND WIFE.

Art. 65. An Act of Conference accepted the report of A. B. Musser, Secy. and Treas. of Messiah Home, Harrisburg, Pa.

Receipts.

Bal. in Treasury May 1, 1908, \$1445.81
 Received from admissions during Conference year, 1100.00

Received from contributions and paying members, 1307.04

Total receipts, \$3852.85

Expenditures.

Burial expenses including repairing during Conference year, \$ 230.00
 Other expenses during Conference year, 1404.75

Total expenses, \$1634.75

Balance on hand, May 1, 1909, \$2218.10

The buildings of the Home are the same as reported to last Conference, with the exception of some repairing. The number of inmates at the Home are Male, 5, Female, 21, Total 26. One death during Conference year at the Home was Elizabeth Darlington, formerly of Lebanon, Pa.

Admission to the Home during Conference year, Lydia Shellenberger, Steelton, Pa., Catherine Stevens, Shiremanstown, Pa., John M. Heisey, Harrisburg, Pa. Sabbath School every Sabbath 9:30 a. m. Preaching every Sabbath 10:30 a. m. and Sabbath evening 7:30. Weekly Prayer Meetings every Thursday evening. A series of protracted meetings were held at the Home during the winter season, by the Home brethren, which resulted in a number of conversions, and twenty-three were admitted in fellowship.

The management again tenders a heart felt thanks to the kind friends, who so liberally donated to the Home by way of money and help in so many ways during Conference year, with the conviction that the blessing of the Lord will rest on all that is according to His will.

Art. 66. An Act of Conference accepted the Secretary and Treasurer's report Messiah Home Orphanage, Harrisburg Penna., to General Conference Brethren in Christ U. S. A., and Canada, 1909.

Amount received during Conference year.

State Appropriation,	\$1000.00
For New Iron Beds,	91.20
Endowment,	200.00
From various sources, including fund appropriated for School,	1448.37
Total receipts,	\$2739.37

Expenditures.

Paid school supplies, teacher, clothing, dry goods, groceries, house-hold supplies, including \$91.20 for beds and \$200 placed to the endowment fund,	\$2543.09
Balance in Treasury, May 14, 1909,	\$196.28

Indebtedness.

Loaned from Endowment Fund, 5 per cent	\$500
Loaned from individuals, 5 per cent	400
Individual loans without interest,	260
Due to inmate to be paid on age,	50
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	\$1210

In order to get the actual indebtedness, it would be necessary to deduct the amount of appropriation due to date and also take in consideration the amount of inventory of coal on hand, as well as clothing and goods not made into clothing, which were secured during last

Conference year. The Orphanage is certainly doing a noble work. There are at present 47 inmates. During the last winter season, there has been quite a revival in which thirteen embraced the faith and have since been admitted to fellowship.

The school under the supervision of Sister Mary E. Hoffman, is a model school. There are about thirty-eight pupils enrolled. We desire that friends of the Orphanage especially, as well as others, should avail themselves of the opportunity whenever presented, to stop in and see the school. The project of locating the school on a farm as had been suggested several times, as well as approved by Conference, is still more of a conjecture than a reality, but we have the same convictions as before that the boys should be provided for as well as the girls.

We especially feel to humbly submit a thank offering to all the dear ones who have so kindly responded in a practical way to the needs of the Orphanage in money as well as in provisions, clothing etc.

Sister Hannah Baker is still presiding as matron. It is now nearly six years that she took charge of the work, which bears inspection, and should receive proper recognition for her service, yet we are glad that she considers it as unto the Lord, and thus we rest all the more assured that He will settle the final account. We thus subscribe this part of the annals of the Orphanage to the past and our prayer is that the future may develop to more honor and glory for Him in whose name the work was begun.

D. M. BOOK,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Art. 67. An Act of Conference accepted the report of Messiah Home Orphanage Endowment Fund, by A. B. Musser, Treasurer.

Amount on hand, May 1, 1908, \$2881.31
 Brother and Sister Ulery, 200.00
 A friend of the Orphanage, 20.00

Total May 1, 1909, \$3101.31

Art. 68. An Act of Conference accepting a verbal report of the Lancaster Mission, by Brother E. H. Hess, stating that the Lancaster Mission property was purchased and paid for by Manor District, and Brother E. H. Hess and wife were appointed as overseers, that good work is being done, and with prospects of increased interest.

Art. 69. An Act of Conference confirmed the brethren H. M. Engle, Daniel Kaufman and D. M. Hostetter as Trustees of Lancaster, Pa., Mission property.

Art. 70. An Act of Conference accepted a verbal report given by Brother George Detwiler, of the Chambersburg Mission, stating that the Mission was begun by Brother and Sister A. O. Wenger, who a few years ago were impressed to consecrate themselves as well as a part of their means for the establishing of a Mission in the city of Chambersburg, Pa., finally consummated by erecting a large commodious concrete block house with the latest improvements, containing a fair size Chapel Room in which services are conducted every Sunday and a Sabbath School which has become an important factor in the Mission work in Chambersburg. The result of the Mission effort has far exceeded their anticipations and it seems there is urgent need for them to extend the chapel room to accommodate those who meet for worship.

Art. 71. An Act of Conference ordered that due recognition should be given the Mission and workers.

Art. 72. An Act of Conference accepted a verbal report of the work of Toronto Mission given by Brother D. W. Heise, who stated that at present, the Mission is in charge of Brother Webster and Sister Martha Burtch, who are in need of assistant workers, and that the prospects of doing good work there are encouraging; that they have an interesting Sabbath School, which if taken care of, likely to become an important factor in the development of the Mission. They hope that by the time of another Conference year they will be in a position to report favorably of the work of the Mission, and request the sympathy and prayers of the Church in behalf of the Mission.

Art. 73. An Act of Conference ordered that due recognition should be given the Toronto Mission along with other similar Institutions, especially in the matter of eliminating the present indebtedness.

Art. 74. An Act of Conference accepted the following report of Buffalo Mission, 25 Hawley Street, Buffalo, N. Y. From May 1, 1908 to May 1, 1909, To General Conference 1909, Greeting:

In looking over the past year, nothing brings so much joy to our hearts as the consciousness we had of the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit. We also feel deep gratitude to the Church in that they have co-operated with the Mission in supplying the temporal need. In doing this, we have been enabled to give all our time to the work to which we believe the Divine Father has called us. In times of trial and importune need, we have resorted to the privilege of prayer and have truly enjoyed the blessings of the same. The interest in the work has remained encouraging. In general, we believe we can observe a steadiness and depth of interest beyond that of

the past. The number who have been truly converted (if we could give it) would possibly be comparatively small. Some have shown good evidence of a change of heart by the fruits of a consistent Christian life. Believers have been lead to realize their need of sanctifying grace and some are rejoicing in the victories of full salvation. There have been varied difficulties confronting us at times, but we can say the Grace of God has brought us through. Praise His Name. A spirit of unity and love has prevailed among us.

Five souls publicly professed faith in Jesus by obeying in the ordinance of baptism, and that many more look forward to taking this step in the near future.

The members of the class stood by the workers in many ways. They had open hearts and ready hands to do what they could. Sister Minnie Bosler has remained a faithful co-worker with us.

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

Your Brother and Sister in Jesus,

GEORGE E. AND EFFIE WHISLER.

Art. 75. An Act of Conference accepted the financial report of the Chicago Mission now at No. 6039 Halstead street, to General Conference of The Brethren in Christ, 1909, Greeting:

Balance on hand, April 15, 1908,	\$90.20
May 15,	41.00
June 15,	25.17
July 15,	18.87
Aug. 15,	15.67
Sept. 15,	45.10
Oct. 15,	37.53
Nov. 15,	24.53
Dec. 15,	41.35

Jan. 15,	27.10
Feb. 15,	10.30
March 15,	23.80
Apr. 15,	61.03
Total,	\$461.65
Coal Fund,	87.00
Total receipts,	\$548.65

*Expenditures during Conference year ending
May 1, 1909.*

May 15,	\$22.75
June 15,	24.00
July 15,	25.52
Aug. 15,	27.60
Sept. 15,	12.99
Oct. 15,	37.60
Nov. 15,	24.33
Dec. 15,	9.75
Jan. 15,	15.75
Feb. 15,	29.25
Mar. 15,	14.81
Apr. 15,	40.00
Total,	\$284.35
Building and Tax Expenses,	178.55
Gas,	21.85
Coal,	87.00
Total expenses,	\$571.95

Deficit or balance due Mission, \$23.30

Poor Fund.

Received during Conference year, \$80.00
Paid out for needs of the poor, 66.58

Balance on hand, \$13.42

The above deficit was ordered to be paid out of the Home Mission Treasury.

REPORT OF CHICAGO MISSION WORKERS.

Again we see God's hand and the leadings of the Holy Spirit in a marked way during the past year. He has not allowed us to be tempted above that which we were able to bear. "In them he has made a way of escape and brought us to know God in a deeper sense. The interest of the work is encouraging.

S. S. present enrollment 190. Y. P. M. about 75. Junior Bible Class, Wednesday p. m., 52. We believe the change of locality will mean an increase in number and also the salvation of souls. We feel the need of the prayer of saints. The change shall mean greater responsibility. We are glad his grace is on hand to meet us if we walk humbly before Him.

We sincerely thank and appreciate the help and prayer of his children.

In Him,
SARAH BERT AND WORKERS.

Art. 76. An Act of Conference accepted the above report and ordered that the Chicago Mission is to be continued in charge of the same workers: B. L. Brubaker and wife, and Sisters Sarah Bert and Nancy A. Sherk as overseers, with the assistance of Sisters Annie Bert and Beulah Musser and Brother Vernon L. Stump and wife.

Art. 77. Sec. 1. An Act of Conference accepted the financial report of the Des Moines Mission for year ending May 3, 1909, J. R. and Anna Zook, Overseers.

To General Conference, 1909, for approval or correction.

Total receipts,	\$421 42
Total expenditures,	417 90

Balance in Treasury May 3, 1909,	\$3 52
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SALE OF MISSION PROPERTY.

Total receipts,	\$4,200 00
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EXPENSES.

Commission for selling Mission,	\$75 00
For clearing abstract of Mission property,	3 00
Probable unknown expenses,	00 00
	<u>78 00</u>

Net proceeds of sale,	\$4,122 00
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Other previous receipts, with interest, to improve Mission property, etc.,..	\$1,959 32
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Total receipts from sales of property and donations,	\$6,081 32
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GENERAL REPORT.

We take pleasure in reporting favorable in respect to the Lord's work. However, we have nothing unusual to bring, yet we are qualified to assert that the Lord has been with us and is answering prayer in respect to the work in this place. The interest has been fairly good; a few conversions and the attendance ordinary. Of course, we could not expect an increase in attendance because of location and inadequate room. We are confident as we get a more favorable location our attendance, especially of the Sunday-School, will increase.

As the financial report indicates, the Mission property is sold and now we are very busy in

carrying out the instructions of General Conference of 1908. We are not free from tests and trials and this year is somewhat exceptional on that line. However, the Lord is overruling all to His glory. We have no complaints to bring, but humbly submit to the will of God and press forward, knowing the grace of God is sufficient. Our church work, which is so closely allied with our Mission work, and in fact is a part of it, has been quite steady, and has some features of encouragement. However, we see much room for improvement and are hopeful.

We take pleasure in saying that we have some good, strong and promising workers, who are being used of God now, and whose usefulness, no doubt, will be greatly increased as they remain faithful to their calling.

Brother D. W. Weigle still has charge of the county jail work, and is giving very satisfactory service. Brother and Sister Max Mahler, who now resides at Fort Des Moines, stand by the work in a creditable way. Brother J. C. Linkey is our Sunday-School Superintendent, and is efficient. Dr. C. Nysewander has charge of the Bible Class and gives excellent service. Brother Menaugh has been absent the greater part of the year on evangelistic work. We have many reasons to praise our Lord. We miss the dear ones who have moved away in more than one respect. Allow us to say that Father Ragatz, who is more than an octogenarian, is one of our most faithful attendants at our services at the Gospel Temple. He truly enjoys salvation and wears the joys of heaven on his honest face. How we love to see the happy, dear and saintly old pilgrims and enjoy their sweet fellowship.

The Des Moines work and workers need and will greatly appreciate the co-operation of the entire Church. Thus we close and submit our

imperfect report of 1909 to General Conference with all humility and confidence.

Yours in faithful service,

J. R. AND ANNA ZOOK.

Sec. 2. An Act of Conference appointed J. R. and Anna Zook as Overseers of the Mission work in Des Moines, Iowa, for the following Conference year, and authorized them to call for such help as they may deem proper for the good of the work.

CONFERENCE REPORT OF HOME MISSION BOARD.

To General Conference of Brethren in Christ, 1909, Greeting:

Art 78. An Act of Conference accepted the following report of the Home Mission Board.

WHEREAS, it appears that individual members caused grievance by a zeal without knowledge in undertaking to establish Missions and kindred institutions on their own responsibility and without the consent and direction of the Districts to whose jurisdiction they belong; therefore,

Sec. 1. *Resolved*, that all members, whether laity or official, shall be prohibited from undertaking any such work without the sanction of the District to which jurisdiction they belong or of the Home Mission Board.

WHEREAS, the Church at More Town Center, Michigan, (formerly Elmer Mission), requested that Brother and Sister T. A. Long be relieved from having charge of the work of the Church at that place to which they were appointed; and,

WHEREAS, another request from the same place is to appoint Brother and Sister George Kitley to have charge of the same work for this Con-

ference year under the oversight of Bishop Jonathan Lyons; therefore,

Sec. 2. *Resolved*, That Conference approve of these two requests to relieve Brother and Sister T. A. Long and appoint Brother and Sister George Kitley as outlined in the preamble; and,

Sec. 3. *Resolved*, That Brother T. A. Long be paid the sum of fifty dollars out of the Home Mission treasury to meet expenses incurred through their labors.

WHEREAS, the names and addresses of Home Mission workers have by a former act of Conference, been ordered to be placed on Conference record;

Sec. 4. *Resolved*, That the following brethren and sisters with their addresses be recognized as evangelistic workers for the following Conference year: John H. Myers, Mechanicsburg, Pa.; J. B. Lehman, Upland, Cal.; Etta Lehman, Upland, California; T. A. Long, Mary J. Long; J. R. Zook, Des Moines, Iowa; Anna Zook, Des Moines, Iowa; Samuel Haugh, Waukena, Cal.; Katie Haugh, Waukena, Cal.; Thomas Franklin, Medway Ohio. (Note—Since Thomas Franklin and wife were appointed by Conference under Art. 31 to labor as assistant minister in Clark County District, Ohio, their appointment as evangelists is conditional.) Putman James, Forks Roads, Ont.; and,

Sec. 5. *Resolved*, That the following brethren and sisters be recognized as Home Mission Workers for the following Conference year: H. A. Garman, Harrisburg, Pa.; Katie Garman, Harrisburg, Pa.; Peter Stover, 3423 N. Second street, Philadelphia, Pa.; Sarah Stover, 3423 N. Second street, Philadelphia, Pa.; Sarah Bert, 6039 Halstead street, Chicago, Ill.; B. L. Brubaker and wife, 6039 Halstead street, Chicago, Ill.; Anna Bert, 6039 Halstead street, Chicago,

Ill.; Beulah Musser, 6039 Halstead street, Chicago, Ill.; Vernon L. Stump, 6039 Halstead street, Chicago, Ill., Charlotte Stump, 6039 Halstead street, Chicago, Ill.; George E. Whisler and wife, Effie, 25 Hawley street, Buffalo, N. Y.; Webster Burtch and wife, Martha, 855 Lansdowne avenue, Toronto, Ont.; Abram O. Wenger and wife, Lizzie, Chambersburg, Pa.; Bertha Boulter, Wachapreague, Va.; Henry Burkholder and wife, Harrisburg, Pa., and Sister Malinda Reichard, Sandusky, Mich.

Art. 79. An Act of Conference approved the following:

FOREIGN MISSION WORK.

Report of P. M. Climenhaga, Treasurer Foreign Missionary Funds for Conference year ending May 1, 1909, as follows:

Sec. 1.

Balance in treasury May 1, 1908,	\$1,515 45
Received during Conference year from different Districts aggregating,	4,565 06
Total,	\$6,080 51

DISBURSEMENTS.

Express on Missionary goods,	\$8 48
Printing vouchers,	2 50
Brother and Sister Winger, Africa,	30 60
H. P. Steigerwald, Africa, ..	618 87
Harvey J. Frey, Africa,	1,035 88
Levi Doner, Africa,	498 87
A. L. Musser, India,	1,017 00
Sister Engle,	5 00

Abby Bert, for return from Africa,	200 00	
Sister Frances Davidson, ..	1,353 83	

Total,		<u>\$4,771 03</u>
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Balance in General Fund,		\$1,309 48
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Sec. 2.

LAND PURCHASE FUND.

No additions made during Conference year.

Balance in treasury May 1, 1909, same as last year,		\$571 55
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Sec. 3.

REST HOME FUND.

Started Conference, 1905. No additions,		\$5 00
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Sec. 4.

RESCUE HOME AND GIRLS' SCHOOL FUND.

Balance in treasury May 1, 1908,	\$2,511 36	
Received during Conference year,	835 71	

Total,		<u>\$3,347 07</u>
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Sec. 5.

Interest credited to Treasurer's account up to May 1, 1908,	\$216 42	
Interest credited during Conference year ending May 1, 1909,	161 58	

Total,		<u>\$378 00</u>
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Total amount in bank belonging to different funds, May 1, 1909,...		\$5,611 10
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Art. 80. An Act of Conference accepted the FOREIGN MISSION WORK SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Sec. 1. The Foreign Mission work of the year 1908 conducted and operated in South Africa, and in India, under the auspices of the Brethren in Christ Church, has passed into history, a brief outline of which is hereby submitted for entry upon the general Church record.

The work has seemingly been under the blessing of the Father in the faithful labors of the workers in the field, as well as in the generous support, both spiritual and material, rendered by those devoted to the cause in the home land.

The testimony of genuine conversions from heathenism to Christianity, the report of a number who have been baptized and admitted into Church fellowship and the notice of the material improvement and development of the work at the different stations in the field, will most evidently prove a source of encouragement and an incentive to press forward to a fuller development of the Foreign Missionary work of the Church.

No new Stations have been opened during the year, the four established Missions in South Africa, and the work in India have been supported and improved and developed as the following reports will show.

MATOPPO MISSION STATION, S. AFRICA, H. P. STEIGERWALD, OVERSEER.

From the annual letter to General Conference from the Station, we submit the following:

Blessings and encouragements, trials and discouragements have been alike, ours in the year that is now in the past. We are glad to report that God has graciously upheld us, and in a measure given us success.

Fourteen were baptized and admitted into Church fellowship. If they all, or even but one, prove true, it is much and may be called a great work. Meetings were held Sundays and Thursdays, the attendance was about as usual. Sunday-School was also well attended, and for most of the year a good interest was shown by the children. We have eight classes, all taught by native teachers.

The regular school was not as large as some previous years, especially in the number of the boarding pupils. The desire for better apparel and other things brought in by civilization, together with taxes, etc., is compelling the natives to seek for higher wages than are paid at boarding schools.

This and other influences brought to bear upon the pupils, has the tendency to keep them from school. The kind of education we aim to give is not eagerly sought for by the majority. The Bible is our text book. The school is confined largely to those who are seeking a knowledge of God and mean to be useful in helping others. A few desire to become teachers, but require much brightening, polishing and training before they are ready for use.

The inquirers' class has a good number in attendance. The fourteen who were baptized were in this class from last year.

Sec. 2.

THE FARM.

We have not yet reached the desired point in the income of the farm to make our work self-supporting. The land at its best is not productive on this farm, and to work it with hired help must be at a loss or with a small margin. The dairy presents by far the nearest and easiest way to self-support. We have now about seventy acres under cultivation. This means

time, care and expense to plow, plant and harvest, with a small yield in return.

Our aim has been to cultivate enough land to keep the boys employed who come to school. To teach them industry, we consider a very important part of the work; yet the question arises, in case we do not have the help from the school, or pupils to teach in industry, are we justified in creating work without adequate remuneration therefrom?

Sec. 3.

THE FIELD.

The limit of the field has not been reached. We see need on all sides for work and workers. Shall all this vast field be left ungathered? Is no one called to go forward into the vast harvest to help gather in? My brother or sister, are some of those open places waiting for you? If so, what will the result be if you do not enter?

FINANCIAL REPORT OF MATOPO MISSION FOR 1908.

Sec. 4.

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.

Balance on hand,	\$165 00
General treasury,	486 00
Special donations,	61 46
Marketing, etc.,	1,655 30
Teachers' Fund,	79 68

Total receipts, \$2,448 34

Expenditures.

Household and provisions, ..	\$305 65
Native labor, stock and seeds,	943 19
Native trade and tools,	310 18

Freight, hardware and repairs,	150 96
Personal, postage, etc.,.....	206 44
Teachers' Fund,	163 38
Total expenditures,	2,079 80
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1908,....	\$368 54

On the examination of the above financial report by the F. M. Board, an overlook of one item was discovered, viz: One sterling draft of fifty pounds forwarded May 1, 1908, for the purchase of a riding beast for Elder Steigerwald.

Sec. 5.

REPORT OF MAPANE MISSION STATION—LEVI DONER, OVERSEER.

Brother Doner writes: "The mercies and goodness of God only are to be remembered. We have many things to praise God for. He has granted strength as the day demanded, reasonably good health has been enjoyed by all the workers and have suffered no need.

The general report is sub-divided under four heads, viz: Evangelism, Industrial, Financial and plans for the future.

EVANGELISM.

Sec. 6.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

Daily morning and evening, Bible reading and prayers. Three and one-half hours' schooling, five days in each week, in ten months of the year, were afforded the children living at the Missions. Sabbath services as follows: 11.00 a. m., Inquirers' Class; 2.30 p. m., Sunday-

School; Sunday evening, Bible study. Wednesday, mid-day prayer-meeting.

Besides the home work, monthly meetings are held at several places, thus bringing the Gospel to the older people also. Kraal visiting was done all around within a few days reach. Kraals being far between, that several days are required to reach many people. The present method of travel does not prove adequate in this department.

The general congregation has an average attendance of about 55, not including special occasions. A Love Feast was held October 24 and 25, 1908. Nine white workers and fifty-six native members of the various stations, partook of the Lord's Supper. Fourteen converts were baptized, of whom some were heads of families.

Sec. 7.

INDUSTRIAL.

An average of eight boys stayed at the Mission for the year to attend school and work the balance of the time, thus acquiring a knowledge of the Bible and earning their support. The main work was farming, but owing to the smallness of our plot, the efforts were limited.

In the evident need of new buildings in the near future, 20,000 brick were made. The first built mud huts are about destroyed by ants, thus it is obvious that more substantial buildings be erected.

Crops were light on account of the drought. More land has been prepared to supply the need in such case.

Sec. 8.

FINANCIAL.

The general expenditure was not higher than usual. Although the extras in brick making, re-

pairing wagon, feed and necessary stock swell the sum. But there is valuable stock to show for the money used.

Sec. 9.

PLANS FOR FUTURE WORK.

For the year 1909, we have engaged Brother Nyamazana for our school and two other brethren for out-post schools, where the children have asked for schools, and the older people apparently favored them.

These teachers give nearly their entire time to teaching and kraal visiting, and thus are dependent on wages for support. Obviously, this feature will add to the expense column for 1909. For the personal safety of the workers, the construction of new buildings is evident. Their lease of the site becoming shorter, they hesitate to make permanent improvements, unless they should be able to procure by purchase a tract sufficiently large to encourage future operations, for evangelism, farming and dairying. The idea being towards self-support.

Since General Conference, 1904, (See Art. 52 of General Conference Minutes 1904) has created a Land Purchase Fund, especially for the establishment of Mapane Mission, the F. M. Board considering the request from, and the resolutions adopted by the Joint Council of the Matoppo, Mapane and Mtshabezi Mission Stations, held at Matoppo, July 20, 1908, has authorized the workers to negotiate for land if favorable opportunity should afford for a permanent site for Mapane Mission Station, or for Mtshabezi or Matopo Mission Station as their best judgment may lead.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF MAPANE MISSION, 1908.

Sec. 10.

Cash Receipts.

Balance on hand,	\$8 33
Per treasury,	488 50
Per private offerings,	39 73
Per rebate and discounts,....	12 82
Per other,	1 22
Marketing and sales,	710 76

Total receipts, \$1,261 36

Expenditures.

Household,	\$137 63
Hardware, implements and repairing wagon,	335 22
Native labor and brick making,	233 32
Personal, stationery and collecting drafts,	68 95
Seeds,	64 12
Feed and native trade,	108 93
Cattle (two head),	122 13
Other expenses,	59 32

Total expenditures, \$1,129 62

Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1908,.. \$131 73

LEVI DONER.

Sec. 11.

REPORT OF MTSHABEZI STATION—
HARVEY J. FREY, OVERSEER.

Brother Frey writes: "When we review the past year we feel to praise God for His goodness to us, and His dealings at this place. His Spirit has been manifest in our midst. In every

battle he has proven Himself mighty; in every test we have found Him faithful; in sorrow, our Comforter; in joy, our strength. Sometimes we may think the work slow, yet we do see progress.

The attendance at school was fair. The attendance at services also fair. A number of middle-aged have accepted Christ and we believe enjoy his service. A few meetings were held East and South of us and some kraal visiting was done. Our health has been good. Also the health of the natives staying with us.

At the beginning of the year, seven were baptized, and we believe are growing in the spiritual life. (See report General Conference Minutes 1908, foot of page 65.)

At a recent Love Feast, 1909, fourteen more followed the Lord in this ordinance. More would have desired baptism but we thought best not to administer the rite as yet. They continue in Inquirers' Class. This Class contains some who are earnestly desirous of knowing the Lord and to follow His ways; others we should desire more earnest in the work.

Nine to twelve boys stay at the Mission during the year. Six girls, also, were here; one staying the whole year. The greatest advancement is seen in those who stay, not being subjected to the many temptations in their homes.

A sewing class met once a week for the greater part of the year. A number of girls from the kraals, as well as those staying here, are interested, and making good progress.

MATERIAL IMPROVEMENTS.

A hut for girls, wagon shed, donkey shed, etc., were built. A light wagon, a team of eight donkeys and a number of cows were purchased. About ten acres of ground were tilled, the crops

were fair, yielding a plentiful supply during the rainy season.

Sec. 12.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF MTSHABEZI MISSION, 1909. GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.

	£.	s.	d.	
Foreign Mission treasury,	100	00	00	\$488 00
Marketing, etc.,	63	07	09	309 33
Offerings at Mission, ...	5	19	03	29 09
Special offerings,	15	01	11	73 69
Miscellaneous,	9	13	00	47 09
Balance on hand from 1907,	43	03	06	210 02
Total receipts,	£237	05	05	\$1,157 87

Expenditures.

	£.	s.	d.	
Household,	59	09	01	\$260 84
Personal, stamps, station- ery, etc.,	9	18	09	48 49
Native labor,	53	07	07	260 47
Food for boys, native trade, etc.,	17	07	06	84 79
Building material and tools,	16	11	05	80 89
Paid to Stock Fund, ...	10	05	00	50 02
Miscellaneous ex. includ- ing freight duty, bank ex., seeds, repairs, etc.,	33	19	09	165 85
Total expenditures, ..	£194	19	01	\$951 36
Bal. on hand, Dec. 31, 1908,	42	06	04	206 51
	£237	05	05	\$1,157 87

STOCK AND WAGON FUND.

Receipts.

	£.	s.	d.	
Balance on hand Dec. 3, 1907,	40	00	00	\$195 20
From F. M. Treasurer, ..	122	07	09	597 22
From a sister,	10	10	00	51 24
Taken from General Fund, ..	10	05	00	50 02
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	£183	02	09	\$893 68

Expenditures.

	£.	s.	d.	
Paid for eight donkeys, ..	74	02	06	\$361 71
Paid for eight head of cattle, including three calves,	72	10	00	353 80
For wagon,	25	00	00	122 00
For wagon top, harness, etc.,	11	10	03	56 18
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	£183	02	09	\$893 68

Besides the above, we gratefully acknowledge the receipt, by all of the workers, of private offerings for our individual use, which were greatly appreciated. May the Lord richly bless all who were instrumental in forwarding His work at this place.

HARVEY J. FREY.

Sec. 13.

REPORT OF MACHA MISSION.

Sister Davidson writes: "We praise the Lord for His care over us during the year, for health of body, strength and courage, to press the battle on, and for all blessings, both temporal and spiritual, we have enjoyed. Brother Jesse Wenger and Docia Wenger from Ohio, arrived

at Macha in June, 1908, as co-workers. Much of the work having been reported through the columns of the *Evangelical Visitor* will not be repeated here.

MATERIAL, STATUS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

A lot of bricks have been made during the year, and two small brick buildings, one for the use of boys, the other containing a living room and a work shop, have been erected. The need of more substantial living huts than have heretofore been enjoyed by the workers here, is evident. Instructions from the F. M. Board have been sent to proceed in the construction of such buildings.

The Mission has suffered the loss of nine oxen, from the bite of the tsetse fly, but through the generous disposition of the lovers of the cause, it was made possible to replace sufficient to fill out the team. While no marked spiritual advancement is reported, yet seemingly no ground has been lost. The workers are encouraged.

The attendance at Sunday services varied from 40 to 140 persons. A number of the older ones were forward to the altar, some claimed to have found pardon. Of the boys staying at the Mission, some have been thoroughly converted. At the opening of the year there were twenty; at the close, thirty-two; showing a steady increase. There have been some changes among the boys. Those who first came are doing good work. Three of our most promising young men have left us and gone away to work. They all had accepted Christ and were receiving a knowledge of the Scriptures. To fully comprehend the character of the good work accomplished in the lives of the young men during their stay at this Station, it is necessary to read the entire letter from Macha.

Preaching services were conducted at a point away from Macha by Brother Taylor part of the year; some kraal visiting has been done, thus the Gospel is carried also to those who do not come. The field is large; the cry comes for more white workers; also for native teachers at other places not yet reached by the Gospel light.

Sec. 14.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF MACHA MISSION FOR YEAR 1908.

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.

Balance on hand,	\$289 00
General treasury,	518 00
Special donations,	219 40
Total,	\$1,026 40

Expenditures.

Provisions and household,	\$155 51
Freight and duty on goods,	70 11
Hardware and farm implements,	115 35
Native labor, brick making,	153 59
Other expenses,	73 73
Total,	\$568 29
Balance on hand,	\$458 11

SCHOOL FUND.

Receipts.

Balance on hand,	\$66 00
Special donations,	161 38
Total,	\$227 38

Expenditures.

Clothing,	\$75 95
Food and grinder,	63 92
Books and other expenses,	28 62
Total,	\$168 49
Balance on hand,	\$58 89

The large surplus is due to the fact that the money just reached us at the close of the year.

JESSE W. WENGER,

H. FRANCES DAVIDSON,

Treasurer.

Sec. 15.

REPORT OF LUCKNOW, INDIA MISSION
—AMOS L. MUSSER, OVERSEER.

The annual letter from Brother Musser is full of interest, and clearly sets forth the urgent need and cry for many consecrated and qualified workers to carry the message of life and light into that needy field. The workers report seasons of sorrow and distress, together with seasons of joy. At the time the report was rendered, the number of workers was fifteen.

The spiritual advancement has not been as marked as should be desired, yet some progress has been made for which we wish to be thankful.

STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNT ENDING WITH THE 31ST MARCH, 1909.

Receipts.

	Rs.	As.	P.
By Board in May 18, 1908,	744	02	00
By Board in Nov. 7, 1908,	745	09	00
By Board in Nov. 30, 1908,	745	10	00

By donation from brethren,	2,021 00 06
By income of Industrial Home,....	38 11 09
Still Due,	149 02 06

Total, 4,444 03 09

Expenditures.

	Rs. As. P.
To last year's loan, paid with interest,	136 00 00
To Charity,	139 07 09
To labor,	440 00 09
To rent,	505 11 00
To sundries,	439 02 00
To dry goods,	276 11 00
To stamps,	21 08 00
To Dhoby,	102 13 00
To fuel,	75 12 03
To provision,	1,537 15 06
To education,	368 11 03
To Industrial Home,	400 07 03

Total, 4,444 03 09

AMOS L. MUSSER.

Sec. 16. The field distribution of the workers at the close of the year has been as follows:

Matopo:

H. P. Steigerwald and wife.
Adda G. Engle.
Mary Heisey.

Mapane:

Levi T. Doner and wife.

Mtshabezi:

Harvey J. Frey and wife.
Elizabeth G. Engle.

Macha:

Jesse Wenger and wife.
H. Frances Davidson.

Myron Taylor has been doing some evangelistic work in the interior north of Macha.

India—Lucknow:

Amos L. Musser and wife.
Ezra W. Musser.
Maggie Landis.

It would seem unkind to close this report without giving grateful recognition and acknowledgment to the generous lovers of the missionary cause, both in the Brotherhood and other noble Christian friends, whose liberal support has made it possible to advance and prosecute the Foreign Missionary work of the Church unto its present stage of development. We praise God for real co-operation in bringing the Light to the unsaved millions, between those who yield themselves a living sacrifice to the work, and those who in the homeland, share in the ingatherings, by contributing spiritual and material support.

Humbly submitted,

ELI M. ENGLE.

Art. 81. An Act of Conference accepted the following report:

To the General Conference of 1909, Greeting: The Foreign Missionary Board submits the following reports, preambles, resolutions and suggestions to General Conference for consideration and confirmation:

Sec. I. WHEREAS, Elder H. P. Steigerwald raises the question in his own mind as to what extent agricultural pursuits should be continued in the future, inasmuch as the compensation for

labors performed in the past have not been encouraging nor remunerating; therefore be it, and herein is

Resolved, That we, the Foreign Missionary Board, instruct Elder H. P. Steigerwald to use his best judgment as to the extent of agricultural pursuits to be followed for the highest interest of the work at the Matopo Mission Station.

Sec. 2. Inasmuch as the Missionary workers in South Africa make an urgent request for a strong, competent and well established teacher to take charge of their Training School Department, intended for the preparation of native workers,

We, the Foreign Missionary Board, suggest that a strong effort be made to supply the needed help and solicit the convictions of those who may be led to respond to the call.

Art. 82.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR GIRLS' SCHOOL.

WHEREAS, General Conference of 1906 has encouraged a Girls' School in South Africa; and

WHEREAS, there is an encouraging fund already created for the establishment of such an institution; and

WHEREAS, the Missionaries in the field are friendly to said project, and are now ready to enter upon the operation of such school, having suggested a location which they believe to be suitable; therefore be it

Sec. 1. *Resolved*, That General Conference of the Brethren in Christ of U. S. A. and Canada, of 1909, goes on record in favor of said institution, and empower and instruct the Foreign Missionary Board to proceed immediately in the establishment of the school under the following plans, Constitution and By-Laws:

Sec. 2. The school shall be called *The African Girls' School*.

Sec. 3. This institution shall have three Trustees who shall be residents of Africa, if possible, appointed by General Conference. This Board of Trustees shall organize by electing one of their number Chairman, one Treasurer and one Secretary.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at all their business meetings and shall have a right to vote on all questions, as well as the other members of the Board of Trustees.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys for the erection, improvement and support of said school, and pay all bills on vouchers properly signed by Secretary and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He shall make an annual report of all receipts and expenditures during the fiscal year, to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees in time to report to the Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Board to report to the General Conference.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to make and keep an itemized report of all their business meetings. He shall receive the Treasurer's annual financial report and forward it to the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board in time to present it to General Conference.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to give an annual report of the progress and general condition of the school through their Secretary to the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, who shall report to General Conference.

Sec. 8. The Board of Trustees of the African Girls' School shall be authorized, in conjunction with the Foreign Mission Board, to locate and construct the buildings for said institution, but

shall avoid incurring any indebtedness on the church without the special consent of General Conference.

Sec. 9. The said Board of Trustees, with the sanction of the Foreign Mission Board, shall be empowered to employ the Faculty for said school. No member of the Board of Trustees can at the same time be a member of the Faculty.

Sec. 10. The Faculty shall consist of a Superintendent, and as many assistant teachers or helpers as may be deemed necessary by the Trustees, when the support justifies.

Sec. 11. The Board of Trustees shall be amenable to the F. M. Board for the manner in which the school is conducted and operated; and the Foreign Mission Board shall be held amenable to General Conference.

Sec. 12. The school shall be supported by free will contributions and endowments. These offerings may be sent to the Treasurer of the F. M. Board, whose duty it shall be to forward them to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the *African Girls' School*.

Sec. 13. The name of this fund shall be called "*The African Girls' School Fund*."

Sec. 14. This school shall be exclusively for the training and educating of African girls. (Unless otherwise ordered by General Conference.)

Sec. 15. The training department shall cover seamstressy, culinary and general house-work, gardening and plant culture, hygiene and sanitary habits, etc.

Sec. 16. The educational department shall include reading the vernacular or English, orthography, arithmetic, geography, grammar, elementary physiology, drawing, history and all such branches that may belong to a common education.

Sec. 17. The reading and study of the Bible shall be made a specialty.

Sec. 18. The Superintendent of said school, with the Trustees, shall determine who, and how many pupils shall be admitted into the school. Games of no kind shall be allowed.

Sec. 19. The Board of Trustees, with the consent of the Foreign Mission Board, shall have power to remove the Superintendent or any of the teachers or helpers of said school at any time they may deem it advisable for the benefit of the institution.

Sec. 20. General Conference shall have power to remove or appoint Trustees at any time.

(Signed) J. R. Zook,
Chairman.

(Signed) ELI M. ENGLE,
Secretary.

Art. 83. An Act of Conference adopted the following:

WHEREAS, General Conference has decided to establish and maintain an African Girls' School in South Africa; and

WHEREAS, the Mission workers in South Africa have suggested that Mtshabezi Mission Station be the most desirable location; and

WHEREAS, a tract of land is needed in connection of said School for the purpose of training and support of said institution; and

WHEREAS, we already have a fund of \$3,347.07 for the establishment of the African Girls' School; therefore be it, and herein is

Sec. 1. *Resolved*, That immediate steps be taken leading to the establishing of said School, and that the Foreign Missionary Board, in conjunction with the Missionaries in South Africa,

namely: Elder H. P. Steigerwald, Brother Levi Doner, and Brother Harvey J. Frey be authorized and directed by this Conference to purchase the requisite acreage for said institution and that said acreage and necessary buildings be paid out of the African Girls' School Fund.

Sec. 2. In acquiescence with the Constitution and By-Laws of the African Girls' School, we, the Foreign Missionary Board, recommend that this Conference name and appoint Trustees for said school, and trusting the clemency of General Conference, we, the Foreign Missionary Board, take the liberty to suggest the names for said Trustees, namely: H. P. Steigerwald, Levi Doner and Myron Taylor.

(Note—Since Brother Harvey J. Frey is expected to be one of the Faculty, he is thereby disqualified, according to the Constitution and By-Laws of said institution, to act as Trustee.)

WHEREAS, the Missionary workers of South Africa claim that a Girls' School, excluding all male children, would be impracticable, because of the secular work connected with it, which is unadvisable for girls to perform, and which work the teachers and managers have not time to do; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and By-Laws of said School permits General Conference to dictate in this matter; therefore be it, and herein is

Sec. 3. *Resolved*, That the matter in reference to the number of male children being admitted to the school, be left to the discretion of the Trustees and the Faculty.

After a careful and prayerful examination and consideration of the work in India, located at Lucknow, India, we have decided to submit the following resolution and letter to this Conference:

WHEREAS, the work of India has apparently not met the expectations of the Foreign Missionary Board, and Brotherhood in general; and

WHEREAS, the expenditures of said Mission has received some criticism, when compared with results; and

WHEREAS, the Board has failed in their effort to make adjustments in the operation and expenditures of said Mission; and

WHEREAS, it is the conviction of the Foreign Missionary Board that to supply the band of workers with a competent and able manager is the only solution to warrant satisfactory results; and

WHEREAS, no such material is available at the present time; therefore be it

Sec. 4. *Resolved*, That this Conference make an earnest and prayerful appeal to the Church for a suitable person for the position as Overseer and helper in the Mission at Lucknow, India; and be it further

Sec. 5. *Resolved*, That the Foreign Missionary Board produce and forward a letter of instructions and advice to the present Missionaries at said Station, and said letter be attached to these resolutions, and spread upon the Conference Minutes.

Sec. 6.

U. S. A. and Canada, May 20, 1909.

Our Dear Bro. Amos L. Musser and Collaborers: Grace, peace and mercy be multiplied. Amen.

After carefully examining your report to General Conference, and after considering your previous correspondence, embodying suggestions relative to an industrial Mission Station, and which suggestions according to your most recent correspondence you have already carried

into effect, which in our mind incurs an expenditure of doubtful results, we, the Foreign Missionary Board, in response to our own convictions, and outside pressure in the Brotherhood, have decided with all friendly feelings, good wishes, and love, to communicate the following intelligence.

It is the common consensus of the Foreign Missionary Board, and the general opinion of the Brotherhood, that you refrain from establishing an Industrial Mission Station at this time, owing to the lack of funds and available help, to carry on such an expensive enterprise.

We are constrained to suggest and instruct that the expenses necessarily must be reduced to a lower minimum in order to hold the confidence and support of the Church. We, however, cherish the conviction that you are sincere in your motives and zealous according to your honest convictions, and in no wise is this letter intended to cast reflections upon your sincere efforts, nor destroy your influence, or reputation, but on the contrary to maintain and increase the confidence and support of the Brotherhood, and thus create an agreeable and effectual co-operation.

Believing you will receive this letter in the spirit in which it is written, you most assuredly have our prayers and sympathies in your work of love, in the grave field of benighted India.

Love from all to all.

Yours in Jesus' name,

J. R. ZOOK.

ELI M. ENGLE.

PETER CLIMENHAGA.

C. S. LESHER.

J. M. SHEETS.

PETER STECKLEY.

J. N. HOOVER.

Art. 84. An Act of Conference approved the following:

WHEREAS, there is an expression in our General Conference Minutes, 1908 (Page 54, Sec. 8, under letter F), encouraging a visit by some competent person to our Foreign Missionary Stations, we hereby ask the pleasure of this Conference on this important matter, and we also suggest that should this Conference be favorable to such project that immediate steps be taken.

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

ELI M. ENGLE,
Secretary.

J. R. ZOOK,
Chairman.

Art. 85. An Act of General Conference adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, General Conference of the Brethren in Christ, U. S. A. and Canada, 1909, considered the advisability of electing a brother to visit the Foreign Mission Stations, together with the duties that should be enjoined upon the brother, who thus may be elected; therefore,

Sec. 1. *Resolved*, That a ballot be held at this Conference to elect a brother, who shall go to the Foreign Field and visit the Foreign Mission Stations of the Brethren in Christ located in South Africa and India, and gather information and tabulate such conditions as are needed to encourage and extend the Foreign Missionary effort, which cannot easily be obtained by correspondence and reports of the Foreign Missionary workers; and

Sec. 2. *Resolved*, That the two persons having the highest number of votes cast in the first

ballot shall be the nominees in a final ballot, except if one of the persons voted for have a majority of all the votes cast such one shall be declared elected without a second ballot.

WHEREAS, Bishop J. N. Engle, of Abilene, Kansas, one of the nominees, declared by the first ballot, who is the son of the founder of the Foreign Mission work in South Africa; therefore,

Sec. 3. *Resolved*, That Conference unanimously elect Bishop J. N. Engle to visit the Foreign Mission Fields as stated in the preamble.

Art. 86. An Act of Conference accepted the following:

WHEREAS, members of Conference and others were so kindly entertained during General Conference, 1909;

Resolved, That this Conference takes recognition of their hospitality; and

Resolved, That this Conference tenders a heart-felt vote of thanks to the brethren and sisters, and others, who do not hold church fellowship with this body of Abilene and surrounding Districts; and

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

Art. 87. An Act of Conference accepted and ordered the following spread on the Minutes:

WHEREAS, the daily papers of Abilene, Kansas, and especially the *Reflector*, so kindly permitted the use of their columns for the reports of Conference; and

WHEREAS, the *Reflector* presented a certain number of copies daily to members of Conference and others, gratis; therefore,

Resolved, That this Conference takes recognition of their kindness in co-operating in

spreading the news of the work of Conference, which is intended for the saving of souls; and

Resolved, That members of this Conference, as well as others visiting, join in tendering a heart-felt vote of thanks for the courtesy they manifested in thus giving recognition of the work of Conference.

Art. 88. An Act of Conference appointed Bishop J. R. Zook and Brethren George Detwiler and D. V. Heise as a Ministerial Committee as outlined in Art. 24, under Sections 1 and 2, Page 16, Conference Minutes, 1908.

PERMANENT CONFERENCE SECRETARY'S COMMENT.

We must admit that the past is in history, and our history is what we make it. General Conference of 1909 of the Brethren in Christ, U. S. A. and Canada has a place in history. It is for us individually to face that record to the extent of whatever part we had in the work. On one side we are glad the event is in the past; on the other side, we look forward with anxiety, anticipating the dangers underlying the work outlined for this Conference year. A little error in the beginning may ultimately become a great mistake. We sometimes are actuated by little fancies and impulses and the future will have to bear the consequences.

We cannot well pass without sounding a little note of caution as well as a word of encouragement. Conference has adopted several new departures, which necessarily need be prayerfully considered and cautiously undertaken, inasmuch as in the undertaking, a precedent may be set up for evils in the future.

We are glad to note that the Foreign Mission cause is developing in interest, especially in a

practical way; but whether the Foreign Mission promptings are always of a divine origin is a matter to be seriously considered before accepting it. It is often a question with me whether in the enthusiasm for the Foreign Mission effort, the home field is not more or less neglected. We cannot be reconciled to the practice of the Brotherhood of having services only every four and eight weeks in certain places of worship and from four to eight ministers present, and some of them sometimes not much interested in the services, while other places are neglected. My conviction is, that the Brotherhood of the future must wake up to these real conditions, and not only that, but will have to face the record in the day of reckoning.

Whether the Bible School and Missionary Training Home went a step forward or backward is a matter of conjecture more than a reality. We admit that there are grave dangers underlying the effort; nevertheless, there was great danger underlying the effort of David to cope with the giant Goliath, but the safeguard was, he went "in the Name of the Lord." We have the conviction that God especially called a people these latter days in whom His Spirit can abide as a temple, and whom He can use as a pillar for the support of the Church, pending the final consummation of all things; on the other hand, we are sorry to acknowledge and face the condition that a great part of the body has become money, property and business drunk at the awful expense of the spiritual condition.

However, we must bespeak a word of consolation for the work of General Conference of 1909, since in our estimation, it was one of the most intelligent and devoted tribunals the Church ever recorded, with a prospect that future Conferences may benefit by the past.

There is one thing which we closely observed during the last ten years of Conference, that more work is assigned to the clerical force every year, and yet there is a persistent effort to do it all in three days, and to-day there is nearly thirty times the amount of work to be covered by General Conference than at the time the three-day system was adopted. It sometimes appears almost criminal to exhaust the clerical force that they are nearly physical wrecks at the close of Conference, while other members are having an easy time. We are not here to complain, but we must sometimes painfully observe and the lessons we learn teach us to faithfully abide

May the cause prosper, children be born into the Kingdom, the family on earth established, and the members more fully ingratiated into His glorious Kingdom.

Conference adjourned to meet in the State of Pennsylvania on the third Tuesday of May, 1910, with a regular opening on the following day.

BISHOP M. H. OBERHOLSER,
Moderator.

BISHOP J. N. ENGLE,
First Assistant.

BISHOP J. R. ZOOK,
Second Assistant.

ENOS H. HESS,
Reading Clerk.

GEORGE DETWILER,
Recording Secretary.

D. W. HEISE,
Assistant Recording Secretary.

S. R. SMITH,
Permanent General Con. Secretary.

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.

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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.

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

L.

Leshner, C. S., Greencastle, Pa., No. 4.
Lyons, Jonathan, Owosso, Mich., No. 8.

M.

Martin, Aaron, Elizabethtown, Pa.

O.

Oberholser, 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., Bulawayo, South Africa.

T.

Trump, Isaac, Polo, Ill.

W.

Winger, Jonas, Stevensville, Ont.
Wildfong, John, Hespeler, Ont.
Wert, Jonathan, Carlisle, Pa., 510 Pitt St.
Wingert, George S., Chambersburg, Pa., R. D.
No. 12.
Wingert, J. D., Fayetteville, Pa., R. D. No. 2.
Wingert, Samuel S., Five Forks, Pa.

Z.

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

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Bowers, Fred, Souderton, Pa.
Brehm, S. E., Hummelstown, Pa.
Brubaker, Jacob L., Lawn, Pa.
Books, J. D., Cleona, 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, Merrington, Sask.
Brown, F. M., Woodbury, Pa.
Bearss, Asa, 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., Abilene, Kas.
Book, Adam C., Hope, Kas.

C.

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Cassel, Nathan, New Dundee, Ont.

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Dick, J. C., Canton, Ohio.
Dick, John C., Lemoyne, Pa.
Dohner, Levi, Bulawayo, South Africa.

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Engle, Noah, Abilene, Kas.

Engle, Homer, Abilene, Kas., R. D. No. 6.
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Engle, Clayton M., Hummelstown, Pa.

F.

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Frymire, Jno., Thomas, Okla.
Free, Joseph, Clayton, Ohio, R. D. No. 1.
Free, David, Donnellsville, Ohio.
Frey, Harvey, Gwanda, South Africa.
Franklin, Thomas, Medway, Ohio.
Foote, O. M., Corona, Ind.

G.

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

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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.
Heise, D. V., Clarence Center, N. Y.
Hallman, Wendell, Yale, Mich.
Hüntzberger, Aaron, New Dundee, Ont.
Herr, John R., Abilene, Kas.
Hoover, John, Sedgwick, Kas.
Heer, Jacob, Clay Center, 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, Clayton, Ohio, R. D. No. 1.
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Herr, Orville B., Maple Grove, O.
Haugh, Samuel, Waukena, Cal.

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.
Knupp, John B., Garrison, Ia.

L.

Lauver, Solomon, Van Wert, Pa.
Long, B. Frank, Salona, Pa.
Landis, Henry, Thomas, Okla.
Leaman, Joseph B., Upland, Cal.
Longenecker, S. B., Weilersville, Ohio.
Lehman, C. O., Manheim, Pa.

M.

Martin, Jacob N., Elizabethtown, 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, Pa.
Myers, W. J., Massillon, Ohio, R. D. No. 2.
Miller, Henry S., Bedford, Pa., R. D. No. 5.
Mahler, Max, Fort Des Moines, Ia.
Miller, Harvey, Englewood, Ohio.
Myers, John H., Mechanicsburg, Pa.
Musser, Levi O., Mt. Joy, Pa.

Musser, C. O., Abilene, Kas.
Musser, Jno., Shippensburg, Pa.
Myers, Ambrose, Greencastle, Pa., R. D. No. 5.

N.

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

P.

Page, Wm., Detroit, Kas., R. D. No. 1.

R.

Rosenberger, Samuel H., Telford, Pa., R. D.
No. 3.
Reichard, Samuel, Hemit, Cal.
Reichard, John, Fordwich, Ont.
Reichard, Jacob, Fordwich, Ont.
Rhodes, Henry, Ramona, Kas.
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, Kas.
Stauffer, Jacob, Abilene, Kas.
Sheets, John M., Detroit, Kas., R. D. No. 1.
Stoner, Samuel B., Hamlin, Kas.
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Ill.
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T.

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 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,
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 Whisler, Samuel, Ashland, Ohio, R. D. No. 1.
 Winger, Abraham, Carville, Ont.
 Winger, John D., Fishersville, 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, Kas.
 Wolgemuth, Daniel, Mt. Joy, Pa.
 Wolgemuth, David, Florin, Pa.
 Wolgemuth, John M., Elizabethtown, Pa.

Z.

Zook, A. G., Morrison, Ill.
 Zook, Noah, Goodman, Mo.

DEACONS.

A.

Ausherman, Lewis, Chambersburg, Pa., R. D.
 No. 12.

B

Brenner, C. S., Smithville, Ohio.
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 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.
 Brechbill, John, Orrstown, Pa.
 Branthaver, M. L., Chambersburg, Pa., R. D.
 No. 10.
 Brechbill, John, Williamson, Pa., R. D. No. 1.
 Barnhart, Benjamin, Stevensville, Ont.
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 Book, Daniel.
 Bowers, Henry, Hope, Kas.
 Brubaker, Martin, Ramona, Kas.
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 Brubaker, B. F., Ashland, Ohio, R. D. No. 4.
 Brubaker, Isaac, Navarre, Kas.
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E.

- Engle, John B., Boiling Springs, Pa., R. D. No. 1.
 Eshelman, Isaac H., Abilene, Kas.
 Eshelman, Joseph M., Sedgwick, Kas.
 Engle, B. B., Abilene, Kas.
 Engle, A. M., Detroit, Kas., 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.
 Garwick, John, Morrison, Ill.
 Gnagy, Andrew, Dysart, Iowa.
 George, Jacob H., Goodman, Mo.
 Groff, S. L., Hummelstown, Pa.
 Guyer, Henry, Woodbury, Pa.

H.

- Heisey, D. G., Elizabethtown, Pa.
 Hurst, Amos, Mechanicsburg, Pa.
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 Heise, Reuben, Gormley, Ont.
 Heise, John, Gormley, Ont.
 Hess, C. Z., Lancaster, Pa., R. D. 7.
 Hykes, Isaac, Hagerstown, Md.
 Heise, A. J., Hamlin, Kas.
 Haldeman, Jacob, Ramona, Kas.
 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.
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 Loudenslager, George, Pleasant Hill, Ohio.
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M.

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N.

- Niesley, Abram B., Carlisle, Pa.

R.

- Rosenberger, Henry F., Souderton, Pa.
 Rotz, John, Chambersburg, Pa., R. D. No. 3.
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S.

- Snoke, John L., Chambersburg, Pa., R. D. No. 3.
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 Sider, Joseph, Perry Station, Ont.
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 Schneider, Henry, Burton, Mich.
 Steinbraker, Henry, Clay Center, Kas.

Stoner, D. B., Martinsburg, Pa.
Snyder, John, Lock Haven, Pa.
Stump, Daniel, Nappanee, Ind., R. D. No. 1.
Smith, Franklin, New Paris, Ind.
Stern, Andrew, Woodbury, Pa.
Stout, Howard B., Silverdale, Pa.

T.

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W.

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No. 2.
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No. 1.
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No. 5.
Winger, John, Mulgrave, Ont.
Winger, Levi, Clarence Center, N. Y.
Winger, B. J., Kohler, Ont.
Witmer, Jacob S., Brown City, Mich.
Wenger, J. O., Abilene, Kas.
Wolgemuth, Amos, Mt. Joy, Pa., R. D. No. 3.
Wingert, Geo. W., Fayetteville, Pa., R. D. No. 2.

Z.

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EVANGELISTS.

Myers, John H., Mechanicsburg, Pa.
Lehman, J. B., Upland, Cal.
Lehman, Etta, Upland, Cal.
Long, T. A.
Long, Mary J.
Zook, J. R., Des Moines, Iowa.
Zook, Anna, Des Moines, Iowa.
Haugh, Samuel, Waukena, Cal.
Haugh, Katie, Waukena, Cal.
Franklin, Thomas, Medway, Ohio.

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