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INTRODUCTION.

The different sessions of General Conference of 1910 were all preceded by a song service and worship, beginning on Tuesday, May 17, at 9.30 a. m., as well as afternoon and evening worship preceding the different sessions of Conference. Tuesday afternoon, May 17, after the different boards were organized, was taken up in testimony service, which was spiritual and inspiring to all present. The afternoon* was devoted to preaching and testimony. Tuesday evening was occupied by a ministerial meeting as follows:

1. How can the unity of the church be best secured and preserved? Eli M. Engle, Mt. Joy, Pa.; J. B. Lehman, Upland, Cal.

2. What can be said in favor of revival efforts? What definite instruction should be given immediately to converts? M. G. Engle, Abilene, Kans.; M. L. Hoffman, Abilene, Kans.

3. What is the utility and the mission of the Church? H. L. Trump, Polo, Ill.; Thomas Doner, Gormley, Ont.

4. The propriety of Elders, Ministers, Evangelists, and all Missionaries conforming strictly to the Rules, Regulations and Doctrines of the Church. W. O. Baker, Louisville, O.

5. How should and could our Ministry be strengthened? John A. Stump, Napanee, Ind.; S. G. Engle, Philadelphia, Pa.

The subjects were well considered and valuable instruction given along the several lines. Wednesday and Friday evenings, beginning at 7 o'clock were occupied with worship conducted by brethren from different parts of the brotherhood, followed with special discourses. Thursday evening was devoted to missionary services, following which an offering was taken for Foreign Mission purposes, amounting to \$1,050.00.

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Tuesday, May 17, 1910, 9.30 a. m., the preliminary meeting of the General Conference of the Brethren in Christ, U. S. A. and Canada, convened at the Air Hill Church building of the Brethren in Christ and opened by song service and prayer conducted by Elder J. N. Engle, Retiring Assistant Moderator, following which a temporary organization was effected by electing J. N. Engle, Abilene, Kans., Chairman, and J. N. Hoover, West Milton, Ohio, Secretary. Following this was a roll call of the different Boards and substitutes appointed for absent members as follows:

EXAMINING BOARD.

Bishop Charles Baker, Chairman, present; J. N. Engle, Secretary, present; H. B. Hoffer, present.

PUBLICATION BOARD.

Bishop M. H. Oberholser, Chairman, present; D. W. Heise, Secretary, present; D. V. Heise, Present; C. O. Musser, absent; M. L. Hoffman, substitute; Asa Bearss, present; W. J. Myers, present; H. K. Kreider, present.

HOME MISSION BOARD.

George Detwiler, Chairman, present; J. H. Byer, Secretary, absent; E. N. Engle, substitute; C. C. Burkholder, absent; Adam Book, substituted; Levi Herr, present; A. O. Zook, present; Girvin Bearss, present; Noah Z. Hess, present; D. B. Martin, absent; H. L. Trump, substituted; J. D. Wingert, present; Sister Lydia Williams, present; Sadie Foote, absent; Ida Hoffman, substituted.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

Bishop J. R. Zook, present; Bishop J. N. Hoover, present; Bishop C. S. Leshner, present; Y. M. Climenhaga, present; T. S. Doner, present.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

C. O. Musser, absent; G. A. Kauffman, substituted; H. K. Kreider, present; T. S. Doner, present.

The members of the different Boards were instructed to meet at the home of Brother Royer, near the church, and take up the work of tabulating their reports for Conference. The preliminary session was closed with song service and prayer to convene for the opening of General Conference on Wednesday, May 18, at 9.30 a. m.

Wednesday, May 18, 1910. After a song service, prayer and scripture reading, Conference of the Brethren in Christ convened at the Brethren in Christ church building at Air Hill, Franklin County, Pa.. At 10 a. m., the Permanent Conference Secretary formally opened General Conference with song service and prayer by the retiring Moderator, followed by the Permanent Conference Secretary appointing the brethren, Daniel Climenhaga, A. B. Musser and Isaac Shockey as tellers for the Election of Moderators, resulting as follows:

Bishop J. N. Engle, Abilene, Kans., Moderator; Bishop M. H. Oberholser, Culbertson, Pa., First Assistant; Bishop J. R. Zook, Des Moines, Iowa, Second Assistant.

The Moderators elect then appointed the brethren, Enos H. Hess, Lancaster, Pa., Secretary; H. L. Stump, Goshen, Ind., Assistant Secretary; M. L. Hoffman, Abilene, Kans., Reading Clerk, who were confirmed by Conference.

The Moderator elect read the 133rd Psalm, and followed with appropriate remarks for conducting Conference, 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. Conference of 1909 was commented upon as an ideal representative of a deliberative body performing its duties in the spirit of love in which no class or sectional feelings were manifested.

The Permanent Conference Secretary then called the roll of delegates as follows:

Silverdale and Skippac Districts, Pa., Bishop Jos. B. Detwiler.

Philadelphia Mission District, Pa., William Keeley.

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

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

Rapho District, Pa., Bishop H. B. Hoffer, Daniel Wolgemuth, and Amos Wolgemuth.

Dauphin and Lebanon Districts, Pa., Henry Baum, Clayton M. Engle and Jacob B. Funk.

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

Cumberland District, Pa., John B. Neisley, Calvin Eshleman.

North Franklin District, Pa., Bishop M. H. Oberholser, Henry O. Wenger, A. W. Wenger, Moses Brechbill, William Asper.

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

Morrison's Cove and Center County District, Pa., D. Martin Miller.

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

Stark County District, Ohio. No delegate.

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

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

Clarke County District, Ohio, by letter.

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

South Dayton District, Ohio. By letter.

Ohio State Council. By letter.

Elkhart District, Ind., H. L. Stump.

Polo District, Ill., S. W. Sollenberger.

Chicago Mission, Ill., Vernon L. Stump.

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

Dallas Center District, Iowa. By letter.

North Dickinson District, Kansas, Wm. Page, G. A. Kauffman, M. L. Hoffman.

South Dickinson District, Kansas, J. W. Book, B. F. Jury, Homer G. Engle.

Oklahoma District, Bishop D. R. Eyster.

Upland, California, Adam Book, Andrew Wenger.

Black Creek District, Ont., Bishop Jonas Winger, L. Sholts.

Nottawa District, Ont., Bishop Chas. Baker, Isaac Swalm.

Markham District, Ont., T. S. Doner, Reuben Heise.

Waterloo District, Ont. By letter.

Carland Mission, Mich. No delegate.

ART. I.

The Moderators elect appointed twelve brethren to appoint members for the different permanent boards for the ensuing year and report to Conference not later than Thursday noon for confirmation.

ART. II.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Sec. 1. A report of the Chicago Building Committee was given as follows:

To General Conference, Greeting:

We, the Committee in co-operation with the Chicago Mission met in the interest of the cause at the Mission. A full financial report will be submitted to this Conference by the Secretary of the Mission, with which the Committee fully coincides, which sets forth all moneys donated and paid out during the year. In Conference with the workers, we learn the responsibilities and cares are very heavy, and would recommend the matter to be so recognized and the work to be enforced along the domestic duties as well as otherwise; also, that no change be made in the Board of Trustees for the ensuing year.

E. S. ENGLE,

H. L. TRUMP,

WM. H. KREIDER,
Committee.

Sec. 2. The Committee was retained indefinitely and instructed to make efforts to liquidate the remaining indebtedness.

ART. III.

BY-LAW COMMITTEE.

Report of Committee on changing By-Laws as appointed under Art. 49, Sec. 2, Conference 1909 was approved as follows:

Not favoring a change, 747
Favoring a change, 568

Majority in favor of retaining original By-Laws as outlined under said Article, 179
Report accepted and Committee relieved.

ART. IV.

TRACT FUND.

Report of A. B. Musser, Treasurer of the Tract Fund, was approved as follows:

Received from William M. Kreider, Pennsylvania State Treasurer,\$21 97
Donations to fund during year, 3 50
From sales and other sources, 6 72

Paid balance due Treasurer from 1909,... 21 97

Balance in Treasury,\$10 22
General Conference resolved to encourage the church at large to contribute more freely to the Tract Fund, that the Tract Committee may be enabled to publish and distribute more literature in the form of tracts, etc.

ART. V.

HEATING COMMITTEE, PHILADELPHIA MISSION.

Report of Committee on Repairs for Philadelphia Mission as appointed under Art. 25, General Conference 1909, was adopted as follows:

We, the undersigned Committee visited the Philadelphia Mission June 26, 1909, and inspect-

ed the building and heating facilities; not deeming it advisable to install a new heating plant, we had the old furnace and flue repaired, and ventilating shafts placed in the ceiling of the audience room, which affords ventilation for the audience room and heat to the chambers above.

The work was placed in charge of Brother William Keely. The total expense was \$32.32, of which \$12.00 was donated by individuals and the balance of \$20.32 was drawn from the Home Mission Treasury.

E. M. ESHLEMAN, *Treasurer*,
A. B. MUSSER, *Chairman*,
ENOS. H. HESS, *Secretary*.

ART. VI.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Report of Sunday School Board in brief of Art. 36, Sec. 1 to 7, Conference Minutes 1909, adopted as follows:

Sec. 1.

Organization and Membership.

Number of schools reported, 31
Total enrollment, 2349
Total average attendance, 1698
Average enrollment, 85
Average attendance, 60

Management and Equipment.

Time of session 30 to 90 minutes.
Opening of school from 9 to 10 o'clock.
Twenty-eight schools, twelve months.
Weekly offering, 24 schools.
Brethren helped, 34 schools.
Use of blackboard, 16 schools.

Spiritual.

67 have joined church.

Financial.

Total collection,	\$5,085 81
Total supplies,	985 95
Missionary,	3,823 36
Benevolence,	201 78
Amount in Treasury,	123 95

WHEREAS, the secretary of this Committee experienced considerable difficulty in collecting the required data for this report; therefore,

Sec. 2. *Resolved*, That each State or Province Council appoint a Sunday-school Secretary, whose duty it shall be to collect all data of the Sunday-schools in his District; and,

Sec. 3. *Resolved*, That this Conference grant a session at next General Conference for the discussion of Sunday-school work.

Committee: H. K. Kreider, C. O. Musser, T. S. Doner.

The following was adopted:

Sec. 4. *Resolved*, That we hold a Sunday-School session on Monday at 1.30 p. m., prior to Conference and that the program be arranged by the Sunday-School Board.

Sec. 5. *Resolved*, That a vote of thanks be given the Sunday-Schools for their liberal contributions to the Mission Cause as an expression of encouragement to their work and that the motion be spread on the Minutes.

ART. VII.

MORETOWN CENTER.

Report of Moretown Center Parsonage.

Resolved, That we carry on the work under Art. 51, Conference 1909, concerning the parsonage at Moretown Center to Conference 1911, and that the District in which the matter is under consideration shall report at Conference for 1911, and that an effort be made throughout the church to liquidate the debt.

ART. VIII.

HYMNAL COMMITTEE, SECOND ED.

The report of the Hymnal Committee as appointed under Art. 13, Page 21, Conference Minutes 1909, was presented and approved as follows:

The Committee, shortly after Conference 1909, began negotiations to publish a second edition of Spiritual Hymns, but in order to get a report of outstanding hymn books of the first edition, the matter was deferred until the beginning of 1910, when an issue of 5,000 copies was published, a number of which were bound in red and black Morocco. The Committee decided that the cloth edition should sell for 40 cents, and the leather edition of black Morocco, gilt edge, \$1.20, and of red Morocco, gilt edge, \$1.40. These prices will leave a margin by which the Committee expects to finally liquidate the deficit of the first issue, and repay the money into the Home Mission Treasury, which is now contemplated to borrow as per decision of Conference 1909.

About 600 copies of the new edition have been sold, the greater part, however, have as yet not been settled for; but we contemplate to prosecute the work of distributing this issue, and would kindly recommend that the book be offered for sale not only to our own members but whenever an opportunity may be presented.

S. R. SMITH,
Secretary.

ART IX.

COMMITTEE OF BISHOPS ON SECOND DEFINITE WORK ARTICLE.

Sec. 1. A petition to appoint all the Elders present at Conference as a Committee to examine the report of the Committee appointed under

Art. 28, Page 46, Conference 1909 to define the Second Definite Work Theme as taught in the Brotherhood, was presented and approved, whereupon the Committee in joint session with all the Elders present at Conference met in joint session as outlined and considered the report of the Committee, which was unanimously approved by the Elders and presented to General Conference for approval, correction or rejection; whereupon Conference unanimously accepted the article and ordered the same to be spread on Conference Minutes 1910, to be a standard of teaching on the lines of Justification, Sanctification, Holiness, etc.

Sec. 2. The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the permanent Conference Secretary shall publish the aforesaid article on the theme of justification, sanctification, etc., and "Second Definite Work," in pamphlet form, the expenses for such publication to be taken out of the General Executive Treasury, and the proceeds realized from the sale of the pamphlet to be returned to the General Executive Treasury.

Expression as Adopted.

In pursuance of Art. 28 of General Conference Minutes of 1909, we, the Committee, appointed for the delineation of the article on Sanctification as accepted by the church and to define the various terms and themes on the second definite work of grace as taught with spiritual reference, submit the following exposition:

SANCTIFICATION DELINEATED.

1. Sanctification—what it is.
2. Holiness in prophecy.
3. God's original design.
4. God's present design; God's future design.
5. Provisions made for heart purity.
6. Sanctification as an act.

7. Agencies employed.
8. Man's part to do.
9. God's side of the work.
10. Sanctification as a state.
11. What sanctification as an act does.
12. What sanctification as an act does not do.
13. Where and when holiness begins.
14. When relatively completed.
15. When absolutely completed.
16. Entire sanctification and empowering inseparable.
17. The faith and practice of the Apostles.
18. How to obtain the experience.
19. Purity and growth contrasted.
20. Entire sanctification and perfect love commended.
21. Saints declared to be sanctified, hence experiential.
22. The various terms and themes with scriptural proofs.
 - (a) Sanctification, and wholly sanctified.
 - (b) Heart purity.
 - (c) Cleansed from all sin.
 - (d) Life more abundant.
 - (e) Soul rest.
 - (f) Circumcision of the heart.
 - (g) A way in the way.
 - (h) The more excellent way.
 - (i) Anointing, sealing, earnest of the Spirit.
 - (j) Baptism of the Holy Spirit; filled with the Spirit.
 - (k) Grace of cleansing completed—Summary.

EXPOSITION.

1. Sanctification—What it is.

Sanctification in an evangelical sense, means the act of God's grace that purifies, cleanses and makes holy the heart, affections and life of man, and alienates him from the love of the world and life of sin.

(a) Sanctification on man's part implies a complete consecration to God's service forever.

(b) Sanctification on the divine side is a perfect deliverance of the individual from the "carnal mind," "law of sin," "the old man," leaving nothing but the mind of Christ—"Knowing this that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed (or done away), that henceforth we should not serve sin (or be in bondage to sin)." Rom. 6-6.

HOLINESS IN PROPHECY.

"An highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness, the unclean shall not pass over it," etc. Isa. 35:8, 9, 10. Also Zech. 14:20; Mal. 3:3.

GOD'S ORIGINAL DESIGN.

Was that man should be holy. "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." "So God creates man in His own image, etc." Gen. 1:26, 27.

GOD'S PRESENT DESIGN.

Jesus said, "For their sakes I consecrate myself that they also may be sanctified in truth." Jno. 17-19 (R. V.)

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly." 1st Thess. 5:23.

"As He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of living; because it is written, 'Be ye holy for I am holy.'" 1 Peter 1:15, 16.

"Wherefore, Jesus also that He might sanctify the people through his own blood, suffered without the gate." Heb. 13:12. Also Thess. 3:13.

GOD'S FUTURE DESIGN.

"He that is holy, let him be holy still." Rev. 22:11.

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the

first resurrection; on such the second death shall have no power, etc." Rev. 20:6. Eph. 5:27.

PROVISIONS FOR HEART PURITY.

"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot unto God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God." Heb. 9:14.

"By the faith which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all, for by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified." Heb. 10:10 and 14; Rev. 7:14; Heb. 13:12.

SANCTIFICATION AS AN ACT.

"As Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy without blemish." Eph. 5:25-27; Jno. 17:19; Heb. 2:11.

MEANS EMPLOYED.

(a) *The Body of Christ*.—"By which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." Heb. 10:10.

(b) *The Word*.—"That they also might be sanctified through thy truth." "Thy word is truth." Jno. 17:19 and 17; 1 Thess. 4:3.

(c) *The Blood*.—"And have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Rev. 7:14; Heb. 13:12; Heb. 9:14; 1 Jno. 1:7; Gal. 6:14.

ACTIVE AGENCIES.

(a) *The Holy Spirit*.—"God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanc-

tification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." 2 Thess. 2-13.

"Elect according to the knowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience, etc." 1 Pet. 1-2; Rom. 15-16.

(b) *Jesus Christ*.—"He suffered without the gate that He might sanctify the people with His own blood." Heb. 13-12; Heb. 2-11.

(c) *God, the Father*.—"To them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called." Jude 1.

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly." 1 Thess. 5-23.

MAN'S PART TO DO.

"Yield yourselves unto God as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God." Rom. 6-13.

"I beseech you brethren by the mercies of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well-pleasing to God which is your spiritual worship." Rom. 12-1 (R. V.); 2 Cor. 7-1; 1 Jno. 3-3.

"Purifying their hearts by faith." Act. 15-9.

"That they may receive forgiveness of sins and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." Act. 26-18.

Consecrate, submit, dedicate, commit, yield and faith are terms indicating man's part to do.

GOD'S SIDE OF THE WORK.

"God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." 2 Thess. 2-13. Also Jude 1; Heb. 13-12; 1 Pet. 1-2.

A complete consecration brings us to the point or place where God can, and does sanctify us wholly as we exercise a living and appropriating faith in the means provided and the promise.

SANCTIFICATION AS A STATE OR CONDITION.

"Be ye holy for I am holy," indicates a state of being, or condition, as the effect of sanctification the act; or sanctification when completed as an act, brings man into a state of perfect holiness, being completely delivered from the "carnal mind," "the law of sin," "the old man," "the body of death," and alienates him from the love and life of sin. 1 Jno. 2-15, 16; Eph. 1-4; Heb. 10-22; Matt. 5-48.

WHAT SANCTIFICATION DOES.

It destroys all carnality, the law of sin, etc. It removes tormenting fear and the inclination to sin. It intensifies our hatred to sin. Rom. 8, 2 to 8; 1 Jno. 4-18.

It gives a sense of inward cleanness; a wider measure of love; a closer communion with God; greater joy; an inward soul rest; a permanent peace. Gal. 2-20; Rom. 5-5; Phil. 1-9; 1 Jno. 2-5; Matt. 11-29; Rom. 14-17; 15-13; Phil. 4-7; Act. 13-52.

It prepares us for the baptism of the Spirit, which makes us perfect in love. Act. 15-8, 9; Rom. 5-5.

"That we might serve Him without fear in holiness, and righteousness all the days of our life." Luke 1-74, 75.

Entire sanctification makes us morally pure or free from inherited depravity.

WHAT SANCTIFICATION DOES NOT DO.

It does not remove human limitations; or physical intellectual infirmities. It does not make us infallible in judgment or conduct, but positively improves them. It does not exempt us from temptation, physical death, sickness or pain. It does not place us beyond the possibility to sin, but beyond the probability. It does not

give us angelic, Edenic, absolute or final perfection.

WHERE AND WHEN HOLINESS BEGINS.

"Born again" means a new life. And that the new life, imparted in regeneration, is holy no one can question. Paul to the church at Corinth says: "But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who is of God made unto us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption." 1 Cor. 1-30.

"And such were some of you; but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." 1 Cor. 6-11; Acts 26-18; Heb. 12-14. Yet Paul pronounces the *whole* church at Corinth guilty of division, and said: "Ye are carnal," pointing to the fruits of their lives as a proof of his conviction being correct; envy, jealousy, strife, incest, disorder in public worship, irregularities at lovefeasts, going to law with each other before pagan courts, partaking of the holy Eucharist unworthy, etc. "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other; so ye cannot do the things that ye would." Gal. 5-17. The fruits of the carnal mind are named in part in Gal. 5-19 to 21 inclusively.

We are forced to conclude that the new birth—regeneration, forgiveness of sins, the quickening of the Spirit, justification by faith, brings us onto the Highway of Holiness. But there is "*A way*" in *the Way*, and unless we get into it we cannot keep from sinning; and the moment we knowingly sin we lose our justification. Hence the need of entire sanctification and the empowering.

WHEN SANCTIFICATION IS RELATIVELY COMPLETED.

The act of entire sanctification—death to "the old man," the removal of the "carnal mind," the "circumcision of the heart" is instantaneous and experientially simultaneous, and inseparable with the baptism of the Spirit; because both are received by *faith*, which makes it instantaneous; and by the *same* act of faith, which makes them inseparable, and apparently simultaneous.

We can exercise this living, appropriating faith, only when we are fully, universally and forever consecrated to God. Hence, we have the following exhortations: "Yield yourselves to God as those that are alive from the dead (not penitent sinners) and your members as instruments (or weapons) of righteousness unto God." Rom. 6-13.

"Having these promises dearly beloved (not sinners) let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." 2 Cor. 7-1 (R. V.).

"Finally brethren (not sinners) be strong in the Lord and the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the evil; for we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against the Spiritual host of wickedness in heavenly places." Eph. 6-12 (R. V.).

It is evident, when we put on the "whole armor of God" that the inward foe is cast out—wholly sanctified.

"Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and earth; and some to honor, and some to dishonor. If any man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor sanctified, meet for the Master's use prepared unto every good work." 2 Tim. 2-19, 20.

The word of inspiration says: "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." Rom. 8-2.

"And every one that hath this hope in him (not sinners) purifieth himself, even as He (Christ) is pure." 1 Jno. 3-3. Other citations, 1 Jno. 1-7; Thess. 5-23; Eph. 5-26, 27.

WHEN ABSOLUTELY COMPLETED.

"For we know in part . . . but when that which is perfect (final redemption) is come, then that which is in part shall be done away."

"Now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face. Now I know in part; but then shall I fully know, even as also I have been known." 1 Cor. 13-9, 10, 12. (R. V.).

"For our citizenship is in heaven, from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall fashion anew the body of our humiliation, that it may compare to the body of His glory, according to the working whereby He is able even to subject all things unto himself." Phil. 3-20, 21. (R. V.).

"We shall all be changed. For this corruptible must put on immortality . . . Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? . . . Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 15-51, 55.

"For if by the trespass of one, death reigned through the one; *much more* shall they that receive abundance of grace, and of the gift of righteousness, reign in the life through the one, Jesus Christ." Rom. 5-17.

"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory, etc." Jude 2-4.

These scriptural references carry us to the resurrection of the holy dead (and beyond) when and where the participants shall be delivered from all the effects of sin, whether Adamic or otherwise—absolute completeness.

ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION AND EMPOWERING INSEPARABLE.

The moment we are wholly sanctified, nothing remains to disqualify us for the baptism of the Holy Spirit; however, there is a distinction between Sanctification and the baptism of the Spirit; because Sanctification as an act is a process of purification implying subtraction, while empowering, or the baptism of the Spirit implies addition, or bestowment.

(a) *Terms indicating removal or subtraction:*

Purge, purity, cleanse, sanctify, make holy, circumcision of the heart.

"From all your filthiness will I cleanse you."

"I will purge away the dross and take away the sin."

(b) *Terms implying addition or bestowment:*

Filled with the Spirit, anointing, sealing, gift of the Holy Spirit, earnest of the Spirit, earnest of our inheritance.

"Behold I will send the promise of my Father upon you; but tarry ye in the City of Jerusalem until ye be clothed with power from on high." Luke 24-49; Jno. 7-38, 39; Act 1-5; 2, 1-4.

Sanctification, and the baptism of the Spirit, like pardon and regeneration, are inseparable; when we receive the one the other follows immediately.

"And God which knoweth the heart bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith." Act 15-8, 9.

THE FAITH AND PRACTICE OF THE APOSTLES.

The church at Jerusalem on hearing of Philip's revival meeting at Samaria, sent Peter and John to assist, and "When they were come down prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Ghost; for as yet he had fallen upon none of them; only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." Then laid they their hands on them and they received the Holy Ghost." Act 8-14, 17.

"Have ye received the Holy Ghost when ye believed?" was the great apostle's pointed inquiry as he met the twelve disciples of Ephesus. The importance of the experience is made clear by the searching examination. On discovering the lack of this great experience he explained the significance or import of John's baptism, re-baptized them, and laid hands on them, "And the Holy Ghost came upon them and they spake with tongues."

The weakest possible construction that can be put upon this incident is, that it is possible not to receive the baptism of the Spirit in conversion.

"In whom having also believed ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise which is the earnest of our inheritance, until the redemption of God's own possession unto the praise of His glory." Eph. 1-13, 14.

"EARNEST OF OUR INHERITANCE" is a very significant expression, meaning the first payment of our inheritance made by God to his legitimate child, legal heir; and a pledge of His faithfulness.

HOW TO OBTAIN ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION AND THE EMPOWERING.

Beyond doubt the cleansing merits lie exclusively in the shed blood of Jesus Christ, and that the baptism of the Spirit is administered by our

Lord Jesus according to the promise of the Father through the virtue of the atoning blood. Therefore, we are wholly sanctified and endowed with the Holy Spirit by faith.

SCRIPTURAL EVIDENCE.—"Purifying their hearts by faith." Act 15-9. "Which are sanctified by faith." Act 26-18. "By whom also we have access by faith into the grace wherein we stand." Rom. 5-2. "That we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." Gal. 3-14.

Faith is not the meritorious cause of our purification or the baptism of the Spirit, but we look to and lay hold of, and apprehend the merits of the provisions, and experience and enjoy them.

Obedience is an indispensable prerequisite to appropriating faith. 1 Pet. 1-22; Jno. 17-17; 15-3; 1 Jno. 1-7.

Complete consecration brings us to the point or place where God can and does wholly sanctify and empower as we exercise implicit faith. Struggles are only evidences of doubts, stubbornness, fears or ignorance of the way. Struggles cease where faith begins.

HOW TO RETAIN THEM.

"Thou standest by faith." Rom. 11-20.

"The just shall live by faith." Gal. 3-11; Rom. 1-17.

"We walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Cor. 5-7.

"He that doubteth is condemned." Rom. 14-23.

The moment we doubt our experience we lose our assurance and get into darkness—we receive by faith, we retain by faith. Obedience is only an evidence of our love and faith.

"Cast not away, therefore, your confidence which hath great recompense of reward," for "Now we live if we stand fast in the Lord."

Perfect obedience is the strongest evidence of faith, and the experience of heart purity and the

anointing of the Spirit. "Show me thy faith without (or apart from) thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works." James 2-18.

"He that doeth the will of God abideth forever." "Whoso keepeth His word in him verily hath the love of God been perfected." "He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath the Father and the Son." "In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works according as each hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." "Neglect not the gift that is in thee." Note Matt. 25-14 to 30.

PURITY AND GROWTH CONTRASTED.

PURITY.—"Be ye holy." "Be ye clean;" instantaneous.

GROWTH.—Let us go on unto full growth; gradual.

Purification implies subtraction.

Growth implies enlargement, development.

Perfection in purity is affected by cleansing.

Perfection in development is attained by growth.

Perfection in purity is obtained by faith in the cleansing blood of Christ, which cleanses from "all sin."

"Full grown man" is developed by the proper and faithful use of the grace and gifts of God.

"Both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are of one (all sprang from one), for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren." Heb. 2-11.

"Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord, and Savior Jesus Christ." 2 Pet. 3-8.

"Perfect love casteth out fear." 1 Jno. 4-18.

"Pray that your love may abound yet more."

"The Lord make you to increase and abound in love, etc." 1 Thess. 3-12.

SANCTIFICATION, OR PERFECT LOVE COMMANDED.

"Be ye holy, for I am holy."

"Be ye therefore perfect, as your Father in heaven is perfect." Matt. 5-48. Let us "Cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." 2 Cor. 7-1; Lev. 20-7; Heb. 6-1; 1 Pet. 1-15, 16.

SAINTS DECLARED TO BE SANCTIFIED.

"To them that are sanctified by God the Father and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called." Jude 7.

"And to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." Act 20-32.

"And inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith in me." Acts 26-18; Heb. 3-1; 6-4, 5.

THE VARIOUS TERMS AND THEMES USED IN TEACHING ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION WITH SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES.

(a) *Sanctification*—"This is the will of God even your sanctification." 1 Thess. 4-3; 2 Thess. 2-13; 1 Pet. 1-2.

Wholly sanctified—"The very God of peace sanctify you wholly." 1 Thess. 5-23.

(b) *Heart Purity*—"Purify your hearts ye doubled minded." Jas. 4-8. "Purifying their hearts by faith." Act 15-9. Matt. 5-8.

(c) *Cleanse from all sin*—"The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin." 1 Jno. 1-7; 2 Cor. 7-1; 2 Tim. 2-21; Heb. 9-14.

(d) *Life more abundant*—"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Jno. 10-10.

(e) *Soul rest*—"And ye shall find rest unto your souls." Jno. 12-29; Heb. 4-3.

(f) *Circumcision of the heart*—"In whom

also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ." Col. 2-11. "But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly, and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter, etc." Rom. 2-29.

(g) *A way in the way*—Isa 35-8; "And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness, etc." "By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, etc." Rom. 5-2.

(h) *The more excellent way*—"And yet show I unto you a more excellent way." 1 Cor. 12-31. The more excellent way is found in 1 Cor. 13 ch.

(i) *Anointing, sealing, earnest of the Spirit*—"Now He which establisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us is God; who hath also sealed us, and hath given us the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts." 2 Cor. 1-21, 22; Eph. 1-13, 14.

(j) *Baptism of the Holy Spirit, filled with the Spirit*—"He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost." Matt. 3-11; Luke 24-49; Act 2-4; 8-17.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION.

(j) Faith and trust in God.

Justification, new birth or the new creation is affected by a living appropriating faith in the atonement made by our Lord Jesus Christ, through the shedding of His blood. Rom. 5:1.

Preceded by a thorough evangelical repentance toward God, accompanied by confession of committed sins to God or man as the case may require, turning from the same and promising allegiance and fidelity to God. Justification is not effected by works or by obeying the ordinances, doing or not doing, but they are evidences

of our faith in, and love to God as a result of our justified condition.

Sanctification as obtained in justification is a cleansing away of the guilt of our committed sins and places the old man or carnal mind in the background leading up to where entire sanctification can be consummated.

Perfect holiness or entire sanctification removes the old man, carnal mind, the principle of sin. Entire sanctification is obtained by a living appropriating faith in the atonement of our Lord Jesus Christ preceded by entire submission and consecration to the will of God. Producing a condition of hearty purity, soul rest (Resting undisturbed on the promises of God and without struggle, yielding universally to the demand and will of God) effecting a favorable condition for the development of all the spiritual graces. 1 Thess. 5:23; 1 Jno. 1:7; Acts 2:4; Eph. 4:24 and 25 Eph. 1:13.

WHEREAS, in the foregoing summary, the subjects treated have evolved themselves into a condition, which is by some called a second definite work of grace, and

WHEREAS, the term "Second Definite Work of Grace" has led to abuse of the conditions of the developments of grace resulting in a subverting of the truth to the extent of wresting God's word; therefore be it

Resolved, That the term "Second definite Work" should be modified and substituted by GRACE OF CLEANSING COMPLETED.

W. O. BAKER,
J. R. ZOOK, Chairman.
S. R. SMITH, Secretary.
M. G. ENGLE,
ENOS. H. HESS.

ART. X.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT.

Sec. 1. Report of A. B. Musser, Treasurer of the General Executive Board, was presented as follows:

Balance in treasury, May 1, 1909,	\$136 71
Received during Conference year,	14 35

Total,	\$151 06
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Expenditures.

Paid for care fare, printed matter, stamps, stationery, etc.,	74 48
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Balance in treasury May 1, 1910, .	\$76 58
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The above report was approved with the following resolution:

Resolved, That a five cents per member assessment be laid annually throughout the church for the purpose of meeting expenses incurred by printing, postage, stationery and General Executive Board expenses until Conference shall order otherwise.

Conference ordered that in view of Art. 38, Page 49, General Conference Minutes 1909 not being observed, that the said article shall again be approved and spread upon the Minutes of Conference of 1910 as follows:

WHEREAS, the work of General Conference of the Brethren in Christ, 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. 3. *Resolved*, That all matter for General Conference shall be reported to the General Ex-

ecutive Secretary no later than April 15 of each Conference year; and,

Sec. 4. *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. XI.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Report of Sunday School Committee, D. W. Heise, Enos H. Hess and John A. Stump, as retained under Art. 21, Sec. 4, General Conference 1909, was approved and the committee was released from any further duty and the work of completing the contract with the Mennonite Company was assigned to the Publication Board to be consummated on the same terms and conditions as implied in the negotiations by the Committee and the Mennonite Publishing Company.

ART. XII.

BIBLE SCHOOL MANAGERS.

The Board of Managers of the Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home, as appointed under Art. 18, Page 36, Conference Minutes 1909, reports the following:

Both Boards held a session at Harrisburg, Pa., May 16, 1910 and submitted the following report:

Sec. 1. *Resolved*, That the ten thousand dollars stipulated in the Charter as having to be in hand before the institution could be launched, shall constitute a Founders Fund, the income of which shall only be used, and that only for real estate, improvements and necessary repairs; and,

Sec. 2. *Resolved*, That the launching of the institution shall not be undertaken until an operating fund of ten thousand dollars be assured and in sight from some source; and,

Sec. 3. *Resolved*, That the present plan of solicitation for the securing of funds provided for in Art. 25, Sec. 1, of General Conference Minutes 1907, be continued for two months, commencing May 16, 1910, and,

Sec. 4. *Resolved*, That if this method fails to secure the required amount of funds, then recourse to be had to a competitive system as follows:

The community offering the most feasible proposition for the securing of funds required within three months from July 16, 1910, shall be entitled to have the institution with the condition that the amount of funds must not fall below the amount specified in the two funds; and

Sec. 5. *Resolved*, That the same methods of solicitation be used as in the original plan.

WHEREAS, some objections were raised against the stipulations made in connection with a certain bequest as outlined in Sec. 2, Art. 13, Minutes 1910, to the Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home; and,

WHEREAS, at a joint session of the Board of Trustees and Board of Managers, met at Harrisburg, Pa., May 16, 1910, ways and means were considered to further the work. Therefore a committee of three brethren were elected which resulted as follows: D. V. Heise of the Board of Managers, and Isaac Shockey and A. B. Musser, of the Board of Trustees, to consult with the doner of a certain bequest in the city of Harrisburg, Pa., the report of said committee will be submitted in the report of the Board of Trustees under Sec. 2.

Sec. 6. The report was accepted with the

condition that Conference sustain a petition to reconsider Sec. 2 of the foregoing report, which was substituted by new resolutions as follows:

(a) *Resolved*, That as soon as the conditions as implied in the Charter can be met within a period of two months, beginning May 16, 1910, the work shall be ready to be launched; and,

(b) *Resolved*, That a strenuous effort be made to raise a supplementary fund of ten thousand dollars to be used as an operating fund, and

(c) *Resolved*, That the present plan of solicitations for the securing of funds provided for in Art. 25, Sec. 1, General Conference 1907, be continued for the space of two months as stipulated.

ART. 13.

BIBLE SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home was approved as follows: At a joint meeting of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Managers held on May 16, 1910, the following resolution was adopted:

Sec. 1. *Resolved*, That three members elected by ballot at a joint meeting of the Board of Managers and Board of Trustees shall confer with the doner of a certain property, which was offered for the Bible School purpose and the report of that committee shall be spread upon the minutes for future consideration.

Sec. 2. Committee as elected, D. V. Heise of the Board of Managers, Isaac Shockey and A. B. Musser, of the Board of Trustees. Report of Committee as follows: The doner of a certain property located in the city of Harrisburg, Pa., which was estimated at a cash value of \$8,100, which by a former agreement was offered on

condition that if the Bible School organization on behalf of the church would contribute \$2,500, the balance of \$5,600 shall remain as a permanent donation, with other stipulation that if the School should ever be abandoned, that the future use of the proceeds should be for the church of the Brethren in Christ and the conditions of where to use it to be specified either by the doner or his heirs, was withdrawn and offered, that if the Bible School organization shall contribute the sum of \$2,500 towards this bequest, the proceeds that may be realized from the sale of such property, if sold, may be used at any other place according to the terms stipulated in the Charter with the further condition that if the Bible School should be successfully operated for a term of five years as stipulated in the aforesaid Charter that the doner for himself or his heirs or assigns obligates to revert the \$2,500 for Bible School purposes without reserve according to the condition of the Charter, and the Board of Trustees and the Board of Managers with the consent of General Conference, shall order what further disposition to be made of the proceeds.

ART. 14.

Report of A. B. Musser, Treasurer for first edition of Hymnal Committee ending May 1, 1910.

subscription,	\$1,229 60
Balance in treasury, May 1, 1910 which was lately received from various sources,	247 00
Received since May 1,	302 65

Total,	\$549 65
Balance debt,	\$679 95
Against the above indebtedness of \$679.95, is books on sale in various Districts, books on hand	

that are damaged, accounts unsettled and loss in the first publication, since the first edition was published at a loss, and since General Conference under Art. 12, Sec. 2, Page 20, Conference minutes 1909, decided that the indebtedness should be paid out of the Home Mission Treasury, but for different reasons, the matter was deferred and it is the opinion of the Treasurer that Conference should again authorize to take this deficit out of the Home Mission Treasury until the matter can be adjusted and then replace it again as all these things combined will take time.

ART. XV.

REPORT OF HYMNAL COMMITTEE FOR FIRST EDITION.

Since the Hymnal Committee of the first edition was discharged at Conference 1909, there remains some unsettled matter in connection with the Secretary and Treasurer, a report of the Treasurer which will herewith be presented. For explanation we would say that the matter was not wound up as yet on account of so many damaged books having been reported and as the publishers finally consented to either reimburse the committee or make some favorable concessions, we made an effort to gather up all the damaged books, which in nearly every instance was the result of improper binding.

While there are quite a number of unsold books in some Districts who failed to report when there was a call for a report, and since the second edition has been published, which are now sold for 20c a copy less than the first edition, it will force a delay in making a final report and we therefore ask Conference to grant an extension of time to consummate the work during the coming Conference year.

Conference of 1909, under Art. 12, Sec. 2,

authorized borrowing the money from the Home Missionary Treasury to liquidate the borrowed indebtedness for the hymnal, but in anticipation of being able to clean up the whole matter, it was deferred until this report, which will be noted in the report of A. B. Musser, Hymnal Treasurer, first edition.

S. R. SMITH,
Secretary.

ART. XVI.

GRATERSFORD TRUSTEE.

An act of Conference confirmed Joseph G. Tyson, of Cremery, Pa., Trustee for Gratersford, Montgomery County, Pa., Church Property instead of George Tyson, deceased.

ART. XVII.

PHILADELPHIA MISSION TRUSTEE.

An act of Conference confirmed Abram Landis Trustee of the Philadelphia Mission Property instead of Peter Stover.

ART. XVIII.

ELIZABETHTOWN TRUSTEES.

An act of Conference confirmed the brethren David G. Heisey, E. E. Coble and Amos H. Martin, Trustees for the Elizabethtown Church Property.

ART. XIX.

PERMANENT CON. SECY. ASSISTANT.

An act of Conference waived for an indefinite time without changing the By-Laws, to the appointment of Secretaries at General Conference, and authorized the Permanent Conference Secretary to choose his own assistants during Conference year.

ART. XX.

MARRIED SISTERS TO WORK WITH HUSBANDS.

Conference adopted the following:

WHEREAS, In order to avoid all appearance of evil;

Resolved, That married sisters, who are recognized as Evangelists or Home Mission Workers, are only recognized in the sense of working in company with their own husbands.

ART. XXI.

BOULTER COMMITTEE REPORT.

An act of Conference confirmed the resolutions as reported by a committee of five appointed by this Conference to confer with the Committee appointed at Pennsylvania State Council of 1910.

Sec. 1. *Resolved*, That Conference appoint a committee of two brethren to visit Brother Boulter's to further investigate into their spiritual condition and temporal needs; and,

Sec. 2. *Resolved*, That no money be sent direct to Brother Boulter's, but instead to the Home Mission Board, contributing to Brother Boulter's upon the advice of the investigating committee; and,

Sec. 3. *Resolved*, That clothing and eatables may be sent direct to them, but that the amount so sent be reported to the Home Mission Board; and,

Sec. 4. *Resolved*, That the expenses of the investigating committee be paid out of the Home Mission Treasury.

ART. XXII.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL MEETING.

A petition for the Ministerial Committee to make arrangements for Wednesday and Friday evenings of Conference was not granted.

ART. XXIII.

GEN. EX. BOARD ELECTION.

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

ART. XXIV.

TITLE OF "REVEREND."

A question whether the title "Rev." applied to a minister's name, was consistent from a Scriptural standpoint, was considered, and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the term "Rev." is not consistent from a Scriptural standpoint and that the term "Elder" should be encouraged to be used instead of "reverend," with provision that where legal or technical terms are applied, the term "Reverend" can consistently be used.

ART. XXV.

CLARK COUNTY, O., LETTER.

A report by letter from Clark County, Ohio, District was presented and approved, which gave encouraging reports concerning the work of Brother and Sister Thomas Franklin, as well as a petition to retain Bishop J. N. Hoover as overseer of the District for the following Conference year.

ART. XXVI.

SOUTH DAYTON LETTER.

A letter from South Dayton District, Ohio, which stated that a wholesome spiritual condition prevailed, was approved.

ART. XXVII.

OHIO STATE COUNCIL.

A report by letter from Ohio State Council was approved with a recommendation that in the future all Districts be encouraged to send delegates to General Conference as well as State Councils to send delegates at large as required by the Constitution and By-Laws.

ART. XXVIII.

FOREIGN MISSION MEMORIAL.

A petition to erect a suitable memorial in honor of the founders of the Foreign Missionary work in South Africa was referred to Sec. 5, page , of the Foreign Mission report, in which such memorial was provided for; and,

Resolved, That the Foreign Missionary Board create a special fund for the aforesaid purpose. The resolution was approved.

ART. XXIX.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

An act of Conference approved the following resolutions pertaining to a petition to define the Scriptural requirements of candidates for baptism and church membership:

Sec. 1. *Resolved*, That the question be referred to Art. 19, Sec. 1, page 271, Constitution and By-Laws Conference Index; and,

Sec. 2. *Resolved*, That a committee of three brethren be appointed to carefully consider the question involved in the above petition and that said committee report to General Conference 1911 by a formulation of a thesis in which the Scriptural qualifications for applicants for baptism and church membership are prescribed. Committee as appointed, Bishop W. O. Baker, Chairman; Enos H. Hess, Secretary; J. R. Zook.

ART. XXX.

CHICAGO MISSION TRUSTEES.

Conference confirmed the brethren, Wm. H. Kreider, Shannon, Ill.; Sarah Bert, Chicago, Ill.; Vernon L. Stump, Chicago, Ill., as Trustees of the newly incorporated Mission Property in the city of Chicago.

ART. XXXI.

COMMENTS TO CON. MINUTES.

A petition that no individuals, officials or non-officials, be allowed to add any remarks or comments to General Conference Minutes was not granted.

ART. XXXII.

FOUR DAY CONFERENCE.

An act of Conference granted the following:

WHEREAS, the work of General Conference has greatly increased in bulk and importance; and,

WHEREAS, General Conference has felt for years that the time was too short to do the work justice; and,

WHEREAS, Sunday traveling is objectionable to the masses of our people; therefore,

Sec. 1. *Resolved*, That General Conference waive the adopted rule in the By-Laws for the time being and open with Conference sessions on the third Tuesday of May instead of the third Wednesday and extend the sessions four days if necessary.

Sec. 2. *And Resolved*, That the various boards shall hold their business meetings on Monday preceding General Conference instead of Tuesday.

ART. XXXIII.

DALLAS CENTER, IA.

Conference accepted a letter of Dallas Center,

Iowa, which reported a good spiritual condition and confirmed the appointment of Brother Samuel Good as Trustee of Dallas Center Church Property instead of Peter Good, deceased.

ART. XXXIV.

OKLAHOMA ORPHANAGE.

Conference granted a petition from Oklahoma authorizing Bishop D. R. Eyster, with others in charge of the Blackwell Mission, to sell the property and use the proceeds from such sale toward a building fund for the Jabbok Faith Missionary Training Home and Orphanage.

ART. XXXV.

Conference granted a petition for General Conference 1911 to meet in Miami District, Ohio.

ART. XXXVI.

EXAMINATIONS FOR MINISTERS, ETC.

Conference approved the following:

WHEREAS, Our Home Missionaries and Evangelists are required to pass a yearly examination for the unity and safety of the teaching in the brotherhood; and,

WHEREAS, the unity, faith, doctrine and practice of the bishops and ministers of the Church is more vital and essential for the safety and unity of our people;

Sec. 1. *Resolved*, Therefore, that all bishops, pastors, ministers be required to take and pass a written examination every three years, and that the Examining Board shall have charge of the work, using the same set of questions which are used by the Foreign and Home Mission Boards as far as applicable; and,

Sec. 2. *Resolved*, That if any should refuse to take the said examination or fail to pass, they shall be disqualified to hold the office to which

they have been elected or ordained, with the provision that such officials shall have redress to General Conference upon a majority vote of their home district; and,

Sec. 3. *Resolved*, That the first examination shall be given during the month of September, 1910, by correspondence, or otherwise, and shall be repeated every three years thereafter; and,

Sec. 4. *Resolved*, That the Assistant Moderators appoint a committee of three elders, whose duty it shall be to examine the Examining Board to qualify them for the official duties. Committee as appointed to examine the Examining Board: Bishops W. O. Baker, Aaron Martin, J. N. Hoover.

ART. XXXVII.

HOME MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS.

Sec. 1. An act of Conference decided that all monetary contributions and solicitations for Home Mission Work shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board, who shall submit a monthly report to the Secretary of the said Board for tabulation.

Sec. 2. All money contributions not specifically named for any special Mission or Mission purpose, shall go into the general fund.

Sec. 3. All contributions intended for any special Mission, or person, or cause, shall go into a separate fund to be so kept on the books of the Treasurer and to be reported monthly to the Secretary.

Sec. 4. City Mission workers receiving money intended for City Missions may use such money, but shall report such contributions to the Treasurer and Secretary of the Home Mission Board.

Sec. 5. Money intended for City Mission improvements, or extensions, shall revert to the various committees, who shall have charge of

such work, unless otherwise ordered by Conference.

Sec. 6. These regulations are not intended to discourage the giving to individuals or Home Mission workers, but on the contrary, it should be encouraged.

Sec. 7. In order to properly begin the work, the Chairman and Secretary are to issue a voucher to the different city Mission workers for a certain sum to begin with. Said Missions to make monthly reports to the Secretary and Treasurer of the Home Mission Board.

ART. XXXVIII.

TEXAS COLONY.

Petition approved as follows:

WHEREAS, The colony of the Brethren in Victoria County, Texas, desire to have the privilege to call an evangelist to follow up special evangelistic work as well as to have a Bishop to preside over the Brotherhood in the colony;

Sec. 1. Therefore, *Resolved*, That the brethren in Victoria County, Texas, shall have the privilege to call an evangelist and wife into the district to labor in evangelistic work; and,

Sec. 2. *Resolved*, That Bishop D. R. Eyster, of Thomas, Okla., shall take the oversight of the work in their Colony; and,

Sec. 3. *Resolved*, That the expenses incurred by an evangelist and wife, or Bishop, coming into their colony shall be paid out of the Home Mission treasury.

ART. XXXIX.

Des Moines petition was granted, as follows:

DES MOINES, IOWA, May 5, 1910.

To the Home Mission Board of the Brethren in Christ Church.

Greeting: With a sense of our responsibility

to God and man, we, the Trustees of the Des Moines Mission property, come to you with a suggestion, and humbly beg you to give it your serious consideration.

We have, for three or more years, been instructed by General Conference to sell the Mission property on Ninth street, of this city, which we could have sold at once, but in order to realize a greater margin of gain, we, with the consent and co-operation of Elder J. R. Zook, who was appointed by General Conference to take an active and responsible part in the sale of the property, and also in the purchase of a new site for Mission, held off for a few years until we found a buyer who bought it at a price that left us a profit of \$1,700.00. All this time Brother Zook was working hard in looking up a new location in the down town districts where it would be more desirable to have the Mission work established. However, the values of such inside property are quite high and it became a serious question whether we were able to secure such a property and improve it, and still have money left to furnish the Mission workers a home, having about \$6,000.00 in cash, which was acquired through a wise and careful handling of the Mission property and moneys. Finally Brother Zook, through the aid of a number of real estate men, called our attention to the present Mission site, and advised its purchase. This deal was consummated July 14, 1909. On the second day after the deed was delivered the city officials notified Brother Zook that they intended to take it for a public city park.

This property belonged to an estate and was heavily mortgaged, and many judgments were filed against it and because there were some minor heirs, the lot was sold through the Court which required two months time and much "red

tape," and because of that, we, the Trustees, turned the matter over to Brother Zook to see that we got a good commercial title and have the deed, or title vested in him, then he could deed to the church the portion of lot we decided to retain, for the lot was larger than we needed. We had thought previous to our knowledge of the City's purpose, that we would retain only 30 feet frontage on Locust street, and the entire lot has 110 feet. And having the title vested in Brother Zook, would simplify the matter of conveyance in selling the remainder of lot to other parties, or if he desired, could retain himself at such a price that we might agree upon.

We could have settled with the City at once for a small profit, but as in the previous case, we, with Brother Zook, realized that we were in possession of a valuable lot, the value of which was greatly enhanced by certain improvements which were decided upon by the City, immediately after closing the deal.

Therefore, the City has entered upon the regular condemnation proceedings which has caused a long delay, and has thrown much care and responsibility on Brother Zook, which he has cheerfully and successfully assumed and managed. The first step of the condemnation has been taken, and the value of said lot fixed at \$14,200.00. We paid \$8,250.00 for said lot. Brother J. R. Zook borrowed \$2,400.00 and gave mortgage on the lot, having paid \$5,850.00 of Mission money. We needed a little money for incidental expenses, such as examining title, etc., else we could have paid more of Mission money.

At the present valuation of our lot, \$14,200.00, we would net a profit of \$5,000.00. There have been special assessments made against the property for street paving, sidewalks, etc., and there are a few other expenses, else we would

realize \$5,950.00, but we think that \$950.00 will easily pay off all expenses, leaving at least \$5,000.00 profit on this one deal alone. And when we consider the lot on Ninth street having netted us a profit of \$1,700.00, there would be a profit of \$6,700.00, which by no means is a small matter. And we firmly believe that we will be awarded more for our lot on Locust street in the second step of the condemnation proceedings. We think the lot is worth at least \$20,000.00. Now, our suggestions to the Home Mission Board is this:

WHEREAS, Brother J. R. Zook labored so hard and long to put the Des Moines Mission on a good financial footing; and,

WHEREAS, Brother Zook has spent nearly all his income, especially in the last three years, to bridge over until provisions are made or affected to lessen his personal expenses; and,

WHEREAS, the membership of the city is small, which necessitates Brother Zook to help in his local district to meet current expenses for running the church, etc., and must pay his own fare to General Conference, etc.;

Sec. 1. Therefore, we suggest that the Home Mission Board draw up a resolutions or resolutions headed with an explanatory preamble, asking General Conference that \$1,000.00 be paid out of the Des Moines Mission fund to Elder J. R. Zook, which is only a fractional part of his personal expenses, apart from the donations he has received for his living expenses, such as fuel, water, groceries and incidentals.

It requires financial ability, as well as the grace of God to accomplish this. His work in steering the financial interests of this place should be recognized in a special manner in General Conference, for the glory of God.

We hope you may see the propriety of this suggestion and act seriously and promptly in

this matter, and relieve the situation.

Yours in brotherly love,

C. B. SMITH,

MAX MAHLER,

Trustees of Gospel Temple Church and Mission, Des Moines, Iowa.

ART. XL.

FULL REPORTS TO BE PUBLISHED.

An act of Conference ordered that the Foreign, Home and City Mission and Orphanage and Home reports shall be published in their entirety with the provision that the Permanent Secretary may cull out objectionable matter or personalities.

ART. XLI.

TO CHANGE TERM OF OFFICE OF PERMANENT BOARDS.

Conference considered the advisability of changing the term of office for the Permanent Boards as outlined under Art. 8, Sec. 1, and Art. 9, Sec. 1, page 257, Constitution and By-Laws, so as to be indefinite and appointed the Brethren S. G. Engle, Philadelphia, Pa.; D. W. Heise, Gormley, Ont., and J. B. Lehman, Upland, California, a committee to instruct the different districts to take a vote as to the advisability of changing the Constitution and By-Laws to make the term of office for the different permanent Boards indefinite instead of as prescribed in the aforesaid Constitution and By-Laws and report the result to General Conference 1911.

ART. XLII.

VOTE OF THANKS.

An act of Conference ordered to spread upon the Minutes a vote of thanks to Mr. E. B. Ogle, Western Maryland Ticket Agent at Shippens-

burg, for his effort to help secure railroad accommodations and also to Brother Royer, whose home was largely occupied by the different boards and committees during Conference as well as for the kind hospitality shown by his family during Conference sessions.

ART. XLIII.

NOT TO INSERT FIRE AID MINUTES.

A petition to insert the Minutes of the Brethren's Fire Aid in regular Conference Minutes was not granted.

ART. XLIV.

ELECTION OF BIBLE SCHOOL BOARDS.

Sec. 1. Conference elected the following to serve for the following Conference year as a Board of Managers of the Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home: Bishops, J. N. Engle, Abilene, Kans.; J. R. Zook, Des Moines, Iowa; and the brethren, D. V. Heise, Clarence Center, N. Y.; Eli M. Engle, Mt. Joy, Pa.; George Detwiler, Harrisburg, Pa.; H. K. Kreider, Cambellstown, Pa., and Abram Z. Hess, Mt. Joy, Pa.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Sec. 2. Bishop Isaac Stern, Roaring Springs, Pa.; J. K. Forney and Isaac Shockey, Abilene, Kans.; A. B. Musser, Harrisburg, Pa.; S. W. Sollenberger, Polo, Ill.; Samuel Myers, Shipensburg, Pa., B. S. Herr, Cambridge City, Ind.

ART. XLV.

REPORT OF EDITOR OF EVANGELICAL VISITOR APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Balance on hand April 30,
1909, \$1,123 67

RECEIPTS.

On subscription,	\$1,638 15
Benevolent fund,	53 05
Interest,	22 30

Total, \$1,714 16

EXPENSES.

Central Printing Co.,	\$1,027 80
Editor's salary,	650 00
Mailing,	86 76
Stamps and sundries,	11 70
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	\$1,776 26

Deficit in earnings,	\$62 10
Balance on hand April 30, 1910,	\$1,061 57

There are 1,810 copies mailed each issue at present. Of these 93 are charity, missions home and foreign, and individuals, 26 exchanges and 11 to Homes and Institutions. Conference of 1909 ordered a bi-weekly issue of the Visitor, which has been carried out. This of necessity increased the amount of expenses by \$79.16 for the printing and about \$111 for mailing; in all about \$90.00. It will be noticed that there is a deficit of \$62.10 in the business for the year. If this increase of expenses had not been incurred, the balance would have been on the credit side. If all renewals had been made that should have been made previous to April 30, there would be no deficit to report. If one hundred new paying subscribers could be secured, there would be no deficit to report hereafter.

A new postal bill is under consideration at present in Washington, legislation in reference to second-class mail matter may be passed that will increase the charges on that class of matter, possibly, four-fold. In such a case the Visitor would have to increase the price to subscribers or be discontinued.

ART. XLVI.

PUBLICATION BOARD.

Report of Publication Board appointed under Art. 2, Sec. 2, Conference Minutes 1909, was approved as follows:

WHEREAS, since the publication of the *Evangelical Visitor* as a bi-weekly has gone into effect, and as far as known has given general satisfaction, therefore the Board would recommend the continuance of the publication as such; and,

WHEREAS, the Board fully recognizes the untiring efforts of the Editor, George Detwiler, in advancing the interests of the *Evangelical Visitor* during the past year; therefore,

Sec. 1. *Resolved*, That he be retained as editor for the coming year, and that he receive six hundred and fifty dollars as salary; and,

Sec. 2. *Resolved*, That the present associate editors, namely, Bishop W. O. Baker, Louisville, Ohio; S. R. Smith, Harrisburg, Pa., and E. H. Hess, Lancaster, be retained, and,

Sec. 3. *Resolved*, That the Board further recommend that the regulations provided under 8, 9 and 10 of Art. 60, Conference Minutes 1909 be confirmed and observed.

WHEREAS, mention is made in the Editor's report to the effect that if one hundred new subscribers could be secured a further deficit would be obviated; therefore,

Sec. 4. *Resolved*, That subscription solicitors be entitled to a 10 per cent. commission on all new subscriptions secured during the current year.

WHEREAS, the literature now being published by the Church, and offered to the Sunday-schools throughout the Brotherhood, is meeting with general satisfaction; we therefore, unhesitatingly recommend its use to Sunday-schools who

have not as yet adopted it as it may become general.

Sec. 5. *Resolved*, That the Publication Board accept the work of the committee on Sunday-school literature.

M. H. OBERHOLSER,
Chairman.
D. W. HEISE,
Secretary.

ART. XLVII.

Report of committee appointed to nominate members for the different Boards as follows, who were confirmed by Conference.

EXAMINING BOARD.

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

ORGANIZATION.

Charles Baker, Chairman, and J. N. Engle, Secretary.

PUBLICATION BOARD.

Sec. 2. H. K. Kreidler, D. V. Heise, Girvin Bearss, Calvin Eshleman, C. O. Musser, W. J. Meyer, and D. W. Heise.

ORGANIZATION.

D. V. Heise, Chairman, and D. W. Heise, Secretary.

HOME MISSION BOARD.

Sec. 3. John D. Wingert, Fayetteville, Pa., R. F. D. No. 2; C. C. Burkholder, Upland, California; Levi Herr, Clayton, Ohio; George Detwiler, Harrisburg, Pa.; Henry Schneider, Jr., Carland, Mich.; A. O. Zook, Abilene, Kans.; Bert Shirk, Noah Z. Hess, D. B. Martin, Lydia Williams, Sadie Foote, Anna Eshleman.

ORGANIZATION.

George Detwiler, Harrisburg, Pa., Chairman; Elder J. D. Wingert, Fayetteville, R. F. D. No.

2, Assistant Chairman; Levi Herr, Clayton, Ohio, Secretary; A. O. Zook, Abilene, Kans., Treasurer.

Apportionment of 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, H. Schneider, Jr., Burton, Mich., R. F. D. No. 1.

North Dickinson, Brown and Clay County Districts, Kans., A. O. Zook, Abilene, Kans., R. F. D. No. 1.

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

Illinois and Iowa, D. B. Martin, Coleta, Ill. California, Idaho, Arizona, C. C. Burkholder, Upland, California; New York and Canada, not including Markham and Nottawa Districts, Bert Shirk, Stevensville, Ont.

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

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

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

ORGANIZATION.

J. R. Zook, Chairman; C. N. Hostetter, Secretary; P. M. Climenhaga, Treasurer.

The apportionment of territory for the Foreign Mission Board is as follows:

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

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

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

Lancaster, York, Lebanon, Dauphin, Montgomery and Bucks Counties and Philadelphia, Pa., C. N. Hostetter.

Ohio and Indiana, J. N. Hoover.

Illinois and Iowa, J. R. Zook.

All territory west of the Mississippi River, J. M. Sheets.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

Sec. 5.

C. O. Musser, H. K. Kreider, and T. S. Doner.

ORGANIZATION.

H. K. Kreider, Chairman; C. O. Musser, Secretary, and T. S. Doner, Treasurer.

ART. XLVIII.

LANCASTER MISSION.

A verbal report of the Lancaster Mission was presented by E. H. Hess, overseer, setting forth encouraging conditions stating that the Mission is under the supervision of Manor District, Pa., and the appointments are made by the District Council.

ART. XLIX.

PHILADELPHIA MISSION.

Philadelphia Mission and General Executive Board report.

The General Executive Board during last Conference year had several important meetings in connection with the work of the Philadelphia Mission. In the beginning of the month of August, 1909, the General Executive Board was called by a petition of a certain number of members of the Philadelphia Mission District to consider certain conditions then existing at the said Mission. The full Board was represented and met at the said Mission, where a personal investigation was held wherein charges were sustained by evidences that could not be impugned, whereupon it was thought advisable that the overseer who was appointed by General Conference 1909, should for the time being, not be in a position to have the supervision of the said Mission, whereupon instead of pacifying matters, they became more aggravated, which necessitated a second call of the Board which met in connection with several other Elders, and after investigations, it was advised that the Bishop having the oversight of the Philadelphia Mission District, should through the Church in the District, proceed to either have matter reconciled or to deal with the overseer according to Scripture, which was carried out in the early Fall and Brother and Sister Henry Burkholder, who had then been at the Messiah Rescue and Benevolent Home at Harrisburg were appointed to take temporary charge of the Mission. The overseer, who had been appointed by Conference removed from the Mission, taking with him nearly all of the Mission effects, leaving it almost bare. Under these ruptured conditions, grave charges were counter-preferred, the result being that there was a division in the District, nearly one-half of the members of the District sympathizing with the late overseer, and the others holding with the old Mission. Brother and Sister Burk-

holder filled the position admirably well, conditions considered, but they concluded that on account of their domestic environments that it would not be expedient for them to remain at the Mission, whereupon Sister Sarah Eichelberger and Sister Susannah Landis were jointly appointed as overseer for the time being, who are yet in charge of the Mission proper, with the condition that Brother and Sister Benjamin Eichelberger should move to the Mission and Brother Eichelberger perform the manual part of the work, while the Mission work proper is superintended by the two sisters named.

If Conference can suggest any improvement, the Board will be unanimous in accepting whatever suggestions may be given. It is generally the case where any serious questions are to be considered, that there are two sides represented, and especially in grave conditions, it is a hard matter to decide between two opposing factions.

Since it was a serious matter to consider, and the members in question had the sympathy of the Board, to the extent that it was a painstaking condition which occasioned heart-rending seasons, especially when we consider the former condition of fellowship that prevailed among those who were connected with the work in Philadelphia; and on the other hand, the sorrow that may be occasioned by coming in contact with evil, which may find an inroad. No matter what the conditions may be, and who may be guilty or not guilty, there are precious souls at stake, which are certainly worthy of consideration, and we pray that under all these conditions that no one may yield to any selfish motives, but that the guiding principle may be the God-fearing and forbearing spirit.

M. H. OBERHOLSER, Chairman.
S. R. SMITH, Secretary.

ART. L.
PHILADELPHIA MISSION INVESTIGATING COM-
MITTEE.

Conference appointed a Committee of twelve representative brethren to investigate the General Executive Board's report pertaining to Philadelphia Mission and report to Conference Committee as follows:

Wesley Plum, Upland, California; Bishop David R. Eyster, Thomas, Okla.; Bishop M. G. Engle, Abilene, Kans.; J. W. Book, Romona, Kans.; Bishop B. F. Hoover, Mansfield, Ohio; Asa Bearss, Ridgway, Ont.; D. W. Heise, Gormley, Ont.; D. V. Heise, Clarence Center, N. Y.; D. Martin Miller, Martinsburg, Pa.; Bishop J. D. Wingert, Fayetteville, Pa.; H. K. Kreider, Campbellstown, Pa.; Noah Z. Hess, Lancaster, Pa.

Report of committee as follows, was approved. "This committee unanimously decided that the conditions as found to exist fully warrants the action and proceedings of the work of the General Executive Board in reference to the Philadelphia Mission District and hereby heartily endorses the actions taken both by the General Executive Board and the Bishop who has jurisdiction over the church in the Philadelphia Mission District; and,

Sec. 1. *Resolved*, That this committee expresses profound regret that such proceedings should have been found in any degree necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the conditions as existed at the said Mission demanded that immediate steps should be taken to better the condition at the Philadelphia Mission; therefore,

Sec. 2. *Resolved*, That this committee pray General Conference to supply a ministering brother and his wife from an outside District

to take charge of the Mission work for this Conference year; and,

Sec. 3. *Resolved*, That this committee recommends the appointing of a deacon and his wife from an outside District to move into the said District for an indefinite time; and,

WHEREAS, Peter Stover, the former overseer, demands remuneration for services, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, he had his living expenses and all else supplied, and accepted the report from General Conference with a settlement from year to year; therefore,

Sec. 4. *Resolved*, That the church is under no obligations and that his claim is therefore entirely ignored.

B. F. HOOVER, *Chairman*.
H. K. KREIDER, *Secretary*.

(Note) The recommendation in the above report for a ministering brother and wife was supplied by the Home Mission Board under Art. 60, Sec. 1, but no action was taken for the supplying of a deacon.

ART. LI.
REPORT OF A. B. MUSSER, SECRETARY AND TREAS-
URER OF THE MESSIAH RESCUE AND
BENEVOLENT HOME, HARRISBURG, PA.,

FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 30,
1910.

Balance in Treasury, May 1, 1909, ...	\$2,218 10
Received from admissions during Conference year,	2,500 00
Received from contributions and paying members,	1,402 64
Total receipts,	\$6,120 74

EXPENDITURES.

Burial expenses including repairing, etc.,	\$226 20
Money returned to members leaving home,	1,894 32
Other expenses during Conference year,	1,583 64
Total expenses,	<u>\$3,704 16</u>

Balance in treasury May 1, 1910, \$2,416 58

The building of the Home required some repairing during Conference year. The number of inmates at present in the Home is: Male, 5; female, 21; total, 25. There were two deaths during last Conference year as follows: Mary Hendricks, formerly of Silverdale, Pa., and Henry Balsbaugh, Harrisburg, Pa. The following persons were admitted as inmates during Conference year: Molly Crownover, Harrisburg, Pa., and George Bishop, Carlisle, Pa. The following inmates left the Home during last Conference year: Catherine Stephens, May 26, 1909, and George Bishop, Oct. 15, 1909.

There is a Sabbath School in the chapel every Sabbath at 9.30 a. m., with an average attendance of about 140, followed by preaching at 10.30 as well as 7.30 p. m., besides a weekly prayer-meeting every Thursday evening. There was a protracted effort during the Winter season, which apparently was not attended with what would seem a big success, yet during the Winter season several were admitted into fellowship. The management feels grateful to the kind-hearted friends who so liberally responded to the needs of the Home and herewith embraces the opportunity to tender a heartfelt vote of thanks with the consolation that the Lord loves a cheerful giver.

ART. LII.

REPORT OF THE MESSIAH HOME ORPHANAGE, HARRISBURG, PA.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury, May 14, 1909, ...	\$195 28
Received from State Appropriation, ...	1,000 00
Received from contributions, etc.,	837 09
Received from loans,	510 00
	<u>\$2,543 37</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Including groceries, provisions, clothing, household improvements and repairs,	<u>\$2,543 09</u>
Balance in treasury,	\$0 28
The indebtedness up to date is as follows:	
Loan from Endowment Fund at 5 per cent.,	\$500 00
Loan from individuals at 5 per cent., ..	910 00
Loan from individuals without interest,	260 00
Due to inmate to be paid on age,	50 00
	<u>\$1,720 00</u>

It will be noticed that the proceeds were falling short of over \$500 to liquidate the expenses, and while that would seem as poor house keeping to some, yet when it is considered that there are over fifty people, workers included, in the Orphanage, that rigid economy after all was exercised in order to keep the expenses even at what they are. We pray that General Conference may contrive some plan whereby this burden may be relieved.

The above report was accepted with the following resolution:

Resolved, That a strenuous effort be made in

each District throughout the Brotherhood to liquidate the deficiencies of the Messiah Home Orphanage, and also contribute more largely to the Orphanage work and that the ministers shall teach systematic and regular giving.

D. M. Book,
Treasurer.

Sec. 2.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGERS OF MESSIAH HOME ORPHANAGE, HARRISBURG, PA.

The Messiah Home Orphanage of Harrisburg, Pa., has another year of history in connection with its existence, and as we look upon the work of the past and the possibilities of the future, and the need of a work of this kind, it makes us tremble to think how little we have accomplished, considering what might be done if our lives would be engrossed in the cause of saving those who are left dependent upon others. However, which way we look at it, there is a consolation that something has been done when we see bright little children as well as those who are grown into years of maturity, some of whom have been rescued and brought forth out of homes of desertion, poverty and prostitution, while there are those who are ready to step out into womanhood, who no doubt will look back upon the Orphanage and workers as their parent home, and we believe that in the years to come, their voices will unite in sounding praises for the little denials of those who have so kindly ministered to their needs. The question is, is it worth the while to perpetuate this work, and if the answer comes that it is, we feel that we should all the more exert ourselves in order to more fully establish and prosecute the work.

The school work is a prominent feature of the Orphanage. We are glad that the primitive school work in the Orphanage has proved a wonderful

blessing. May we not profit by this experiment? But on the other hand, we are sorry that the work is beginning to suffer for want of contributions, and unless immediate relief will come forward in some way, the work necessarily must be diminished. It cannot be reasonably expected that those who are giving their time and labor gratis for conducting the Orphanage should provide for the expenses by their own means while others are heaping up earthly treasures bountifully.

There is a possibility that the State Appropriation may be partly or altogether eliminated, since we learn that a strong effort is being made to cut off all private appropriations or appropriations not for public hospitals, asylums and schools.

In 1907 Conference recommended that an effort should be made to place the Orphanage on a farm where agricultural developments, etc., could be taught and the Board of Managers busied themselves considerably in looking around for a suitable location, and while different places presented themselves that may be profitably utilized for an Orphanage, the serious question of means was always foremost. It is also a question whether some younger members should not be connected with the work as the older ones are beginning to drop out one by one.

Will Conference recommend some favorable method either for continuing or discontinuing the work.

Submitted in the fear of God.
Board of Managers,

D. M. Book,
Secretary.

ART. LIII.

REPORT OF WORKERS OF THE MESSIAH HOME ORPHANAGE, HARRISBURG, PA.

The work of the Orphanage is at present in charge of three workers. These, with forty-eight children constitute the Orphanage family.

We appreciated the assistance of Sister Mary K. Stover during the past Winter and when duties elsewhere claimed her services we were again short of the necessary number of sisters to properly oversee the work of the girls. A sister would be needed to take charge of the kitchen.

The house work is conducted according to a program which assigns to a certain group of girls a portion of the work each week. By this method, all in turn become acquainted, and are trained in the various lines of work necessary in any well-managed house.

When you consider the size of the family, you can readily see that the amount of work would be many times greater than that in a family of average size; and mothers, and all who have the responsibility of their own homes can appreciate this phase of the Orphanage work.

By telling you that forty-seven of the children are attending school five and one-half hours daily, and, that during the school term of ten months, the housework is practically all done out of school hours, you can understand something of what is being done in the way of industrial training.

The school includes all grades from the primary to the *A* Grammar. We believe that you, who have been engaged in school work, can, by considering the number of pupils and the requirements of the various grades, realize what is necessary to conduct this department of the

Orphanage. The health in general, during the past year has been good, both among the workers and children; there having been no serious illness with one exception; but we are thankful that the child who was ill is convalescing and we believe God heard and answered prayers in her behalf.

The work, too, has another side which exceeds in importance those already discussed.

While the children are being given industrial and educational training the spiritual is not neglected. Family worship is conducted both morning and evening and the school sessions are opened with devotional exercises. The majority of the girls attend both Thursday and Sunday evening services in the Home chapel, and all the children attend the Sunday-school and preaching services, held at the same place, every Sunday morning.

Then, too, there are many opportunities daily when in some school or other work, there is that which admits of a spiritual application and we believe God will surely bless the seed thus sown in these young and tender minds.

Up to the present time, twenty-one have accepted Christ and united with the Church; the youngest being eleven years old. Our prayer is that all may stand true to God and as they go out in life prove a blessing to all with whom they come in contact.

We desire that your interest in these dear girls might continue. This work, like any work has difficulties peculiar to itself and we could speak of the many trials which are encountered, but these are outnumbered by the blessings, which are remembered rather than the trials.

We are thankful to God that there are those who have had a share in the work by contributing toward its support. May He reward all.

The need increases in proportion as the work is enlarged and we desire your prayers; for, the effectual fervent prayers of a righteous man availeth much.

Hitherto the Lord hath blessed us. Pray that the work may continue in His name, for His glory, and for the saving of many precious souls.

BY THE WORKERS.

ART. LIV.

CHICAGO MISSION.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF SARAH BERT,
TREASURER OF THE CHICAGO
MISSION, 1910.
GENERAL FUND.

Sec. 1.

Donations.

Received from Home Mission treasury to cover deficit,	\$23 30
Various donations,	455 07

Total,	\$478 37
Balance in treasury,	\$1 99

Expenditures.

Deficit from 1909,	\$23 30
Household expenses,	323 04
Coal,	105 13
Sewage,	25 00

Total,	\$476 47
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BUILDING FUND.

Sec. 2.

Aggregate cost of building,	\$10,222 50
Money in hand to May 4, toward same,	\$5,682 10
Money received Conference year ending May 4, 1910,	550 00
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	\$7,242 92

Leaving a balance unpaid of	\$2,979 58
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Heating Plant.

Sec. 3.

Donations received,	\$830 35
Price of Heating Plant,	603 94

Balance turned over into building,	\$226 41
Fund, included in the \$550.82.	

INTEREST AND TAXES.

Sec. 4.

Donations.

Received for interest,	\$307 50
Received for real estate tax,	202 75
Received for street tax,	66 95

Total,	\$577 20
Balance on hand of,	\$5 00

Paid.

Interest,	\$302 50
Real estate tax,	193 77
Street tax,	75 93

Total,	\$572 20
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ART. LV.

CHICAGO MISSION GENERAL REPORT.

After much prayer and looking to God we have succeeded in getting the Mission building free from taxation. Although there will still remain a light tax on the vacant lots. We feel there has been a great victory won for which we praise God. Our hearts are encouraged also believe that the remaining debt will soon be canceled. If we did not believe His approval was upon the work we would not dare look forward with the expectation.

We feel the Lord has truly set His approval upon the committee and their work, not only has He made them a blessing to the work but

to our souls as well. When discouragements made their threats, they encouraged us to trust and believe. Thus we feel the work stands stronger to-day and has added spiritual strength; for these things we render our thanks to the committee, praying that God's blessing may continue to rest upon them as in the past.

If we continue to walk in His ways and keep His statutes He is faithful in that He has promised to meet our needs for His glory.

The interest in the work is encouraging, though not without tests. A number of souls have accepted Christ during the past months. We believe He will keep and lead them into deeper life with Himself.

Sunday-school present enrollment, 170; Y. P. M., 65; Junior Bible Class, 70; Sewing Classes, 30. An interesting Bible class Monday evenings. There are nine services weekly.

We thank the Lord for bringing Brother and Sister Stump into the work. He has indeed given them a fruitful year, a blessing to many souls. We believe that God shall use them even in a larger measure through the coming year. We thank God for the band of consecrated workers He has chosen for Himself for this place. Such who count nothing dear to themselves only to please Him and live for the needy and lost of earth. As we look out upon this wicked city, its needs, our souls cry to the living God that He might separate unto Himself many consecrated spirit-filled workers. We wish to express our deep gratitude to the saints for their prayers and help in the work of the Lord, together we receive our reward if faithful to the end. The battles and victories of the past year cause our hearts to say with the psalmist, "Unto thee, O God, do we give the thanks for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare."

SARAH BERT AND WORKERS.

ART. LVI.

REPORT OF J. R. AND ANNA ZOOK, DES MOINES, IOWA, OVERSEERS OF DES MOINES MISSION.

We humbly come to you with our annual report ending with May 1, 1910.

Sec. I.

Total receipts for the support of the Mission during Conference year, ..	\$396 50
Total expenditures to meet living expenses,	519 96

Balance due Mission, May 1, 1910, ...	\$123 46
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The term "living expenses," as used in the above account simply covers expenses for water, gas, fuel, groceries and other eatables and not for clothes, rentals, house furnishings, etc.

Our beautiful and valuable corner lot, which we purchased for our Mission location on First and Locust streets is being taken by the city for a public city park. Locust street is the leading street of East Des Moines. The city has taken the first step in the condemnation proceedings in which the lot has been appraised to be worth \$14,200. However we have good reasons to believe that the lot is of greater value, and therefore have entered upon the second step in the condemnation proceedings which we think will be taken in the month of May, 1910 or possibly in June. The lot is 110 feet long, facing on Locust street, and 56 feet deep on First street. In addition there are about 60 feet more on the west end of our lot extending to the river's edge, which we by right of common law also claim, making our lot about 170 feet on Locust street. We paid \$8,250 plus a few incidental expenses such as examining title, etc. Since we have possession of the lot, there have been a few city improvements made which have incurred additional expense. The street has been

paved, new sidewalks laid. Then there is the regular tax which may possibly be refunded, and also the interest on the mortgage. But, however, after all expenses are deducted, there will be a net profit of \$5,000 on the investment on the present valuation of \$14,200, which profit added to the \$6,081.35—last year's balance in favor of the Des Moines Mission Fund foots up approximately to \$11,000, making a small allowance for incidental expenses. We hope to realize more in our last investment in the second step of the condemnation proceedings providing we succeed in securing relative value for our valuable lot.

We give the following financial statement for the satisfaction of General Conference and the Church:

Sec. 2.

Balance in Mission Fund, May 1, 1909,	\$6,081 32
Rental received on new mission property,	- 150 00
Total,	\$6,231 32

Expenditures.

Paid on Mission lot on First and Locust streets, city,	\$5,850 00
For moving pews, etc., from old Mission on Ninth street,	4 40
For examining title of common property, etc.,	28 55
For curbing, etc., on 14th and University avenue,	90 00
Unpaid subscriptions,	120 00
	<hr/> \$6,093 48

Balance on deposit in Central State Bank, May 2, 1910,	\$137 84
This new mission property belonged to an	

estate and was heavily mortgaged, and also had many judgments filed against it. There were also some minor heirs for which reason it was sold by the court. And whereas, to buy this property was a slow and tedious piece of business, requiring much time and strict attention, and a number of little errors had to be straightened in the title; and whereas, the lot was larger than was needed for only a mission, and the sale of a part of it would have required an immediate transfer, which would have required a special order of General Conference, and whereas, it was necessary to mortgage that part of the lot which was to be sold, thus keeping the part designed for the mission free from encumbrances. Therefore, the trustees decided that I (J. R. Zook) should personally see to the purchase of said lot and have the title vested in my name and on my securing a merchantable deed or title, I should transfer that part desired for the Mission to the Church: namely, 30 feet off the west end of said lot and dispose or keep the remainder at a price agreed upon.

The contract for the property was entered upon about May 16, 1909, and the deal consummated about July 14, 1909. Only two days after the deal was closed, we were notified by the city officials that they intended to take our lot for a public city park. It was thought provident and advisable to leave the lot undivided and the title remained in the original name for advantage in dealing with the city to save the Church any annoyance that the condemnation proceedings might produce and for convenience of a speedy settlement.

We have thus been unavoidably delayed in this department of our mission work, yet we have made special efforts to build up the work at the

Gospel Temple, which is just as truly mission work as down in the city, but of a little different character. We are glad to report that our efforts have not been in vain. Our work at this place has been strengthened, especially our Sabbath-school, which gives us reason to feel encouraged. We have just recently organized a Young Men's Class, the first we ever succeeded to create, this being a peculiar difficult community to work in some respects. And while it appears from a human view point that our work has been retarded through the loss of our present mission site, yet may it not only be God's way to furnish us the financial strength to secure and launch a more effectual work in the future. We have no complaint to make, but feel submitted to the good will of our loving, heavenly Father.

We kindly feel the need of the sincere prayers of the brotherhood. We mean to be loyal to God, true to our calling and faithful to the church by the divine grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Yours in condescending love and service,

J. R. AND ANNA ZOOK.

ART. LVII.

JABBOK ORPHANAGE.

Sec. 1. Report of Committee appointed under Art. 43, General Conference 1909 for Jabbok Faith Missionary Training Home and Orphanage, was presented, together with a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws as herewith presented and adopted as follows:

ORGANIZATION AND BY-LAWS OF THE JABBOK
FAITH MISSIONARY TRAINING HOME
AND ORPHANAGE, THOMAS,

OKLAHOMA.

Organization.

In accordance with Sec. 2 of Art. 43, General Conference minutes of 1909 the committee met

and considered the said proposition. After due consideration the work was accepted.

Since it was a chartered institution and since the charter calls for more than we feel able to undertake at present the feasibility of annulling the charter and coming under the charter of the Brethren in Christ was considered. After consulting competent legal authority it was decided that in order to avoid considerable probable expense to use the old charter. The members of the old corporation resigning in favor of the following:

J. R. ZOOK, *President.*

J. N. ENGLE, *Vice President.*

D. R. EYSTER, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

Charter.

To all to whom these presents come, greeting:

WHEREAS, we have filed in the office of the Secretary of the Territory of Oklahoma, certain articles of organization with a view of forming a corporation to be known as the Jabbok Faith Missionary Training Home and Orphanage, with a capital of \$16,000, for the purposes as follows:

The preaching of the gospel in every land and to maintain a Missionary Home and Bible school for the training of missionary workers for Home and Foreign Mission work. Also to maintain an orphan's home, a holiness school and also to maintain the publication of Christian religious literature. And those desiring to co-operate with the Association can be received as missionaries evangelists and other gospel workers, provided, they are deemed worthy.

All money and property donated shall be used expressly for the purposes designated by the donor, with principal place of business at Thomas, Oklahoma, and having complied with the provisions of the statutes in such cases made and provided.

Therefore, the Territory of Oklahoma hereby grants unto the above-named persons, and their associates, successors and assigns full authority, by and under the said name, Jabbok Faith Missionary Training Home and Orphanage, to exercise the powers and privileges of a corporation for purposes above stated and in accordance with their said articles of organization and the laws of this territory.

[Great Seal] WM. GRIMES, *Sec. of O. T.*

BY-LAWS OF THE JABBOK FAITH MISSIONARY
TRAINING HOME AND ORPHANAGE.

Article 1

This institution shall be governed according to the Articles of Incorporation by a Board of Managers consisting of five members, appointed by the General Conference of the Brethren in Christ, a religious organization, incorporated.

(a) No member of said Board shall be removed from his appointment, unless he shall become inactive, disloyal to the church, or tender his resignation, or by death.

Article 2

The Board of Managers shall organize by electing of their number a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Three members of said Board at any announced or religious meeting shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

Article 3

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all business meetings, when present, and have a right to vote on all questions. All vouchers issued by the Secretary must be signed by the President to make valid. He shall have power to call special meetings when conditions require it.

(a) All the members of the Board of Managers must be duly notified of such meetings by the Secretary, stating time and place of meeting.

(b) Members of the Board may also petition the President for special meetings.

Article 4

It shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside at all business meetings in the absence of the President.

Article 5

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a correct record of all business meetings of the Board; issue and sign all vouchers; and make an annual report of the institution to General conference in respect to its operations, number of inmates, giving names of Superintendent, instructors and helpers, including spiritual and financial conditions—receipts, endowments and expenditures.

(a) He shall notify all the members of the Board of any special meeting the President may suggest.

Article 6

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and receipt all moneys for the institution and be custodian of same. To pay all vouchers properly signed by the President and Secretary.

(a) In case of endowment, he, with the Board shall make safe and interest-bearing investments with said endowments.

(b) He shall collect interest on said investments and place it in the Jabbok Faith Missionary Training Home and Orphanage fund for the benefit of said institution.

(c) It shall also be the duty of the Treasurer to make an annual report of all receipts and expenditures and submit it to the Secretary of the

Board in due time, that the Secretary may report to General Conference.

(d) He shall report the financial condition of said institution whenever the Board of Managers may call for it for their own benefit or for publication.

Article 7

The Board of Managers shall engage a Superintendent to take general oversight of the institution and farm.

(a) The superintendent, instructors and helpers may or may not receive compensation for their living expenses, depending upon the opinion and pleasure of the board of managers in conjunction with General conference of the church.

(b) The number of instructors, helpers and inmates must be governed by the room and financial strength of the institution.

(c) The Superintendent shall be amenable to the board of managers and keep an itemized account of all incomes, receipts and expenditures of said institution and give full report to the treasurer, annually, of all receipts, income from proceeds of farm, etc., and expenditures on such date or dates as treasurer may desire to enable him to prepare and submit his report to the secretary of said board that he may report to General Conference of the church.

Any data the board, secretary and treasurer may desire of said institution shall be furnished by the superintendent.

(b) The books of the superintendent shall always be open for inspection or examination by the Board of Managers or treasurer.

(c) The superintendent shall make no investments, improvements, nor hire or engage helpers for the institution without the consent of the board of managers.

(f) It shall be the privilege of the superintendent to economically use the proceeds of the farm for the support and maintenance of the institution and incidental expenses and when this source of income is insufficient for said expenses, then he shall draw from the fund of said institution, in regular order. The marketing of farm products, stock, etc., shall be left largely to the superintendent.

(g) The removal of the superintendent, helpers, or instructors shall be at the discretion of the Board of Managers.

(h) All sanitary and hygiene laws conducive to good health of the inmates of said institution shall be observed. The superintendent shall be responsible for the enforcement of same, however the board shall have authority to advise.

Article 8

The said Orphanage shall receive no children who are permanent invalids or that are infected with contagious diseases.

Article 9

No child shall be received into the said Orphanage until the parent or parents, or guardians, or foster parents of said child enter into legal agreement yielding all rights and claims on said child or children to said Orphanage. The superintendent shall have authority to enter into an agreement to receive children into the Orphanage.

Article 10

The superintendent shall have power with the consent of the secretary to legally adopt children into good, reliable, Christian homes with proper indentures providing proper protection for the child and all parties concerned, with responsibility.

(a) No parents, guardians, foster parents, nor relatives shall be allowed to visit the children of the Orphanage without the consent of the superintendent. The visit must not be private. Any suspicious, and objectionable person shall be refused admittance by the superintendent.

(b) The moral and religious training of the children of said Orphanage shall receive careful attention and be guarded with vigilance.

(c) All misleading, objectionable, questionable, competency, and games of chance are forbidden.

(d) The general discipline and educational features shall be subject to the direction of the board of managers. Instructors shall also be employed by said Board of Managers.

Article 11

If at any time, because of very peculiar circumstances, should be received into the Orphanage for a certain limited period of time, then in such cases, a remuneration shall be charged to cover the expenses of the keeping of such child or children.

(a) The superintendent in conjunction with the treasurer of said Orphanage shall decide on all such applications and expenses.

Article 12

The committee appointed by General Conference of 1909 to negotiate for the Jabbok faith Missionary Training Home and Orphanage shall act as trustees and Board of Managers of said institution until General Conference of the Brethren in Christ shall direct otherwise.

Sec. 2. Report of Former Treasurer, Anna B. Eisenhower, of Jabbok Faith Missionary Training Home and Orphanage from May 24, 1909, to November 20, 1909, was approved as follows:

Receipts.

May and June,	
Produce,	\$111 77
Board for Michael,	1 90
July,	
Produce,	47 54
August,	
George Martin,	5 00
Produce,	58 25
September,	
Produce,	65 22
October,	
Wire,	2 60
Meat and hide,	4 40
Produce,	82 18
November,	
Produce,	46 31

\$425 17

Free will offering, 51 85

Total, \$477 02

May and June,	
Recording of papers,	\$5 00
Household expenses,	34 32
July,	
Household expenses,	41 95
August,	
Printing,	9 50
Household expenses,	32 44
September,	
Buggy,	18 40
Coal and lumber,	6 05
Household expenses,	33 53
October,	
Cotton seed,	9 00
Wire for fence,	8 35
Household expenses,	58 10
Coal,	8 00

Household expenses, 37 52

Total, \$302 16

Balance in treasury, Nov. 20, 1909, \$174 86

Sec. 3. Report of D. R. Eyster, Secretary and Treasurer, and J. I. Long, overseer of the Jabbok Faith and Missionary Training Home and Orphanage from November 29, 1909 to January 1, 1910, was approved as follows:

Receipts to November 20, 1909, \$477 02

Expenditures to Nov. 20, 1909, 302 16

Balance on hand Nov. 20, 1909, \$174 86

As per report here to attached receipts and expenses under the oversight of J. I. Long from Nov. 20 to Jan. 1, as follows:

Received from former treasurer, Mrs.

Anna B. Eisenhower, \$174 86

For produce, 88 32

Free will offerings, 32 25

Total, \$295 43

Expenditures, 151 09

Balance in treasury Jan. 1, 1910, \$144 34

Sec. 4. Act of Conference authorized the Permanent Conference Secretary to insert in the Minutes a note of explanation that the \$500 condition in the bequest as accepted by Conference 1909 under Art. 43, Sec. 2, Page 52 was fully met in the District by proceeds and contributions.

Sec. 5. Conference granted a petition of Jabbok Faith Missionary Training Home and Orphanage Committee, as follows:

Inasmuch as the orphanage work at Thomas, Oklahoma is in need of more room, both for school and sleeping apartments, will this Confer-

ence grant us the privilege to solicit the needed funds to supply these needs and erect the necessary building or buildings, with the understanding that no indebtedness be incurred for the church to assume. Approximate cost of such improvements to be \$3,500.

J. R. ZOOK,

M. H. OBERHOLSER,

D. R. EYSTER,

J. N. ENGLE.

Sec. 6. Report of Jabbok Faith Orphanage as called for in By-Laws.

THOMAS, OKLA.

To General Conference, convened at Air Hill Church, Culbertson, Pa., May 17-20, 1910.

There had been received into the Home while under the control of Brother and Sister Eisenhower, thirty-five children, of which six were in the Home when the work was turned over to the Church, of which one invalid child died in January of this year. The family number at present seventeen, fourteen children and three workers, Brother E. N. Engle and wife, who have charge of the work as Superintendent and matron, and one brother, H. E. Hurst.

Among the children are three girls, two aged seventeen and one fifteen years respectively, who are members of the church. Four of the others have started in the Lord's service. The entire farm is operated and cultivated by the Home with a good-sized dairy; also poultry, orchard and gardens.

We feel that the Lord is undertaking in the work and are encouraged with the prospects and we desire that the Church pray that God's blessing may rest upon the work.

D. R. EYSTER,
Secretary.

ART. LXVIII.

HOME MISSION TREASURER.

Report of A. O. Zook, Treasurer Home Mission Board approved as follows:

Receipts.

Balance cash from Brother Saxton	
Bowers,	\$950 27
Received from change in Poor Fund, ..	210 25
Lebanon and Dauphin Districts, Pa., by Jacob D. Books,	10 00
Zion Sunday-school, by Emma Minter,	19 35
Bethel Sunday-school, by J. Brechbill, ..	18 75
Ramona, Kansas,	13 00
Smithville, Ohio, by Samuel Long- enecker,	5 00
Fayetteville, Pa., by J. D. Wingert, ..	40 75
Miami, Ohio, by J. H. Hoover,	30 00
Harrisburg, Pa., by A. B. Musser,	25 00
Belle Springs Sunday-school, Kans., by L. L. Hoffman,	25 00
Pequa and Manor Districts, Pa., by Noah Z. Hess,	32 00
Abilene Sunday-school, Kans., by Allen Kauffman,	81 88
Bethany Sunday-school, Okla., by Anna Eshleman,	16 77
North Franklin, Upper and Lower Dis- tricts, by J. D. Wingert,	51 25
Donegal District, by Noah Z. Hess, ..	30 00
Interest,	11 35
Note against Michigan brethren due yet,	65 00
Paid by Michigan brethren,	60 00
Rapho District, through N. Z. Hess, ..	37 00
Black Creek District, Ont., by G. Bearss,	13 35
Markham District, Ont., by Lydia Wil- liams,	11 75

Nottawa District, Ont., by Lydia Wil- liams,	4 00
Elkhart District, Ind., by Jno. A. Stump,	33 62

Total receipts, \$1,785 34

Expenditures.

T. A. Long,	\$51 00
M. L. Hoffman, 100 hymn books for Chicago,	60 00
M. L. Hoffman, 50 hymn books for Des Moines, ..	30 00
For deficit ordered by Confer- ence, Chicago Mission, ..	23 30
Carthage, Mo., Noah Zook, ..	4 50
Phila. Pa., Aaron Martin, ..	7 50
Phila., Pa., Daniel Brubaker, ..	10 95
Phila., Pa., D. G. Heisey,	7 30
Phila., Pa., Enos H. Hess, ..	3 92
Mission work in Michigan, ..	15 00
Dallas Center, Iowa, John A. Stump,	15 50
Phila., Pa., Eli M. Engle,	2 33
Phila., Pa., Aaron Martin, ...	4 11
Phila., Pa., J. N. Martin,	2 50
Phila., Pa., Aaron Martin, ..	4 65
Phila., Pa., Eli M. Eshleman, ..	20 68
Phila., Pa., Aaron Martin, ..	5 62
G. Bearss four trips to Pelham,	3 60
Bert. Shirk, four trips to Pel- ham,	3 60
J. R. Zook, trip to Goodman, Mo.,	9 00

Total expenditures, \$284 66

Balance on hand, \$1,500 68

ART. LXIX.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

The Home Mission Board submits the following report.

In submitting its report, the Home Mission Board may, with propriety, quote from its report to Conference 1907 " * * the Board is painfully conscious that very little work was accomplished through its efforts during the year." This is no doubt a humiliating acknowledgment to make and may possibly suggest an investigation to ascertain the cause.

The only thing to report that in any way had the semblance of aggressive work undertaken during this Conference year, was the effort made in Northern Michigan in operating a Gospel Tent, under the oversight of Brother J. H. Byer, Secretary of the Home Mission Board, and this can hardly be credited to the Board as the work was only partly encouraged by it financially and otherwise after it had been launched by private effort.

Brother Byer reports that about 65 meetings were held in all at two different points: viz: Cedar Run and West Almona. As to the preaching, Brother Byer says, "The word was faithfully preached, sin uncovered and Jesus exalted." The attendance was good and the people were hungry for the truth. As to results, the adults profess to being saved, and seem to the report says, we wish they were greater. But people are very ignorant in respect to the true gospel of repentance, conversion and the forsaking of the world. About six adults and four or five children made a start. Three of be standing true, but none have been baptized or joined any church. They attend services regularly, some of the children claim to

be the servants of Jesus. The work was well supported by the community.

There was one application for aid made, which likely would come under the provisions of the Conference decision of 1909, Brother A. C. Higgins, late of Des Moines, Iowa, but now of Canton Corner, Mass., was in need of help. It was possible for the chairman of this Board to relieve his present need, but he is not able to work much and may be in need of more help.

The financial report shows that outside of the disbursements ordered by Conference 1909, the bulk of what was expended was on behalf of the Philadelphia Mission (\$69.16), while \$49.20 included all of the balance.

WHEREAS, Conference of 1909 instituted a system of relief under Art. 14, Sec. 1-4, applying to the relief of such as are in need, and especially to indigent missionaries and worthy poor; and,

WHEREAS, Brother Noah and Mary Zook, after having spent a term of years in the evangelistic field, thus serving the Church to the best of their ability, and are now beyond the term of active labor for their own support; therefore,

Sec. 1. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred dollars be given them out of the Home Mission Fund for their personal use.

WHEREAS, Brother A. C. Higgins, formerly of Des Moines, Iowa, but now of Canton Corner, Mass., is in need of help or relief, being unable to labor for his support at present; and,

WHEREAS, the relief instituted at Conference 1909 appears to apply to his case; therefore,

Sec. 2. *Resolved*, That Brother A. C. Higgins receive aid from this fund to the extent of five dollars per month for as long as the Home Mission Board in its judgment sees proper to do so.

ART. LX.

HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS.

The appointments for the different City Missions are as follows:

Sec. 1. Philadelphia Mission: Brother Jesse Wenger, and his wife, Docia Wenger, of Clayton, Ohio, as overseer, Sister Mary K. Stover, of Philadelphia, and Sister Lizzie Winger, of Upland, California, as assistants, for the following Conference year.

Sec. 2. An act of Conference approved the efficient work of Sister Sarah Eichelberger and Sister Susan Landis in connection with the Philadelphia Mission, and earnestly entreats the said sisters to remain in charge of the Philadelphia Mission until July 1, 1910, or until the new appointees shall be able to take charge.

Sec. 3. Conference appointed Brother George Whisler and his wife, Sister Effie Whisler, and Sister Minnie Bosler as overseers for the Buffalo Mission at Buffalo, N. Y.

Sec. 4. Conference appointer Brother B. L. Brubaker and wife and Sisters Sarah Bert, Nancy Shirk, Anna Bert and Beulah Musser as overseers of the Chicago Mission, with a recommendation that they shall mutually organize among themselves. Conference appointed Brother Vernon L. Stump to assume the pastoral duties at the Chicago Mission and with the assistance of his wife, Sister Charlotte Stump, assist in the Mission work at the Mission.

WHEREAS, the Chicago Mission workers are subject to much strenuous labor in the spiritual work of the Mission, which taxes their strength very much; and,

WHEREAS, there is much work in connection with the housekeeping part; therefore,

Sec. 5. *Resolved*, That Conference make a strong appeal for some able sister to come to

the relief of the workers on the line as above indicated.

WHEREAS, the affairs of the Des Moines Mission are in a state of transition, the property which had been purchased by the direction of General Conference 1909, Art. 47, page 54, having been taken by the city of Des Moines for park purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the settlement with the city has not been completed; and,

WHEREAS, Elder J. R. Zook has had the negotiations with the city in hand heretofore; and,

WHEREAS, it is of importance that settlement with the city be carried through satisfactorily; therefore,

Sec. 6. *Resolved*, That Bishop J. R. and wife, Anna Zook, be retained in charge of the Des Moines Mission for this Conference year.

WHEREAS, there is in the city of Des Moines, Iowa, a regular organization of the Brethren in Christ Church, which makes it a District, and also a Mission work in another part of the city; and,

WHEREAS, the situation is peculiar in that those who are in charge of the Mission are the same who occupy the official position in the District, which may be regarded as irregular; therefore,

Sec. 7. *Resolved*, That Conference recognizes the propriety of the workers to have charge of the Mission and that no discrimination be made against the support of the Mission and workers.

Sec. 8. Conference appointed the following members as Home Mission workers: Brother Hnery Garman and wife Katie Garman, Harrisburg, Pa.; Brother A. L. Eisenhower and wife, Sister Anna B. Eisenhower, formerly of Thomas, Oklahoma; Brother D. L. Gish, of Buffalo, N. Y., with the provision that Art. 52, Conference

1906, be not interpreted so as to hinder the brethren exercising their God appointed ministry.

Sec. 9. Conference appointed the following as evangelistic workers: Brother T. A. Long and wife, Sister Mary J. Long, Victoria, Texas; Brother J. B. Lehman and wife, Etta Lehman, Upland, California; Bishop J. R. Zook and wife, Anna Zook, Des Moines, Iowa; Bishop D. R. Eyster, Thomas, Oklahoma.

Sec. 10. An act of Conference recommends the holding of special missionary meetings in the various Districts throughout the Brotherhood at least once a year.

Sec. 11. An act of Conference authorized that one evening during Conference week be set aside for a special Home Mission service.

ART. LXI.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY WORK.

Sec. 1. Report of P. M. Climenhaga, Stevensville, Ont., Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Accounts.

(a) *General Fund Including Special Offerings.*

Balance in Treasury, May 1,	
1909,	\$1,309 48
Receipts during Conference	
year,	4,862 76

Total,	\$6,172 24
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Disbursements.

Macha Mission for general	
support and improvements, \$752 98	
Matopo Mission for general	
and special needs,	776 58
Mtshabezi Mission for general	
support,	244 50
Mapane Mission for general	
needs,	244 50
For the general support of the	
mission work in India, ..	838 23

Special offerings for Brother	
and Sister H. P. Steiger-	
wald,	33 81
Special offerings for Sister H.	
F. Davidson,	151 33
Special offerings for Brother	
and Sister H. J. Frey,....	255 16
Special offerings for Brother	
and Sister Levi Doner, ..	244 50
Special offering for Sister	
Mary Heise,	10 00
Special offering for Brother	
and Sister Isaac O. Leh-	
man,	17 57
Elder Jacob N. Engle express	
checks for traveling ex-	
penses,	502 50
Brother J. M. Sheets express	
checks for traveling ex-	
penses,	502 50
Brother M. L. Hoffman for 50	
hymn books sent to For-	
eign Missions,	30 00

Total,	\$4,604 16
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Balance in General Fund, May 1, 1910,	\$1,568 08
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(b) *Land Purchase Fund.*

No changes during Conference year, ..	\$571 55
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(c) *Rest Home Fund.*

No changes during Conference year,...	\$5 00
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(d) *Rescue Home and Girls' School Fund.*

Amount in Treasury May 1,	
1909,	\$3,347 07
Received during Conference	
year,	170 00

Total amount in Treasury May	
1, 1910,	\$3,517 07

(c) Bank interest credited to Treasurer's account to May 1, 1909,	\$378 00
Interest credited during Con- ference year,	177 37
	<hr/> \$555 37

Making a total belonging to the
Foreign Mission Funds of.. \$6,217 07

For the benefit of Conference and others concerned, I herewith submit intelligence that Brother J. M. Sheets, who accompanied Elder Engle on his foreign mission trip, gave me his personal check for \$502.00 to cover his traveling expenses. I feel this report is due to Brother Sheets to clear the matter in the minds of the brotherhood that his expenses were no drain on the Foreign Mission treasury.

Sec. 2. Report of Foreign Mission work, including general and financial, with suggestions to General Conference, was approved, as follows:

It gives us pleasure to tender a favorable report to General Conference of the Foreign Mission work of the church for the year 1909. The work in general has apparently been under Divine blessing, in reclaiming the lost, bringing precious souls from the power of Satan unto God, in the admission to church fellowship and baptism of an encouraging number at the various stations, also of the consecration of several to God to be used in His service as He may direct.

The above results of the year's work certainly have proven themselves an encouraging and blessed reward for the self-sacrificial labors and untiring zeal of the workers in the field, as well as a great joy to those in the home land, who have so nobly and generously co-operated in the work of the Lord, both with spiritual and material support.

Although it is very evident that while God has been blessing the work with signal results, Satan has also been busy in his effort to foil and hinder the Lord's work, bringing many a sad heart, care and anxious burden to those in the field who have the work at heart.

The care and support of the established stations in S. Africa, and the work in India in the further development and improvement will be seen in the following respective reports from the various stations.

No new stations have been opened during the year. This report chronicles the visit to the various stations established in the field, of Elder J. N. Engle, elected by General Conference 1909 (Minutes General Conference 1909, Art. 85, Sec. 3, page 108) to make said visit, accompanied by Brother J. M. Sheets, member of the Foreign Missionary Board. Said visit being a source of great joy and spiritual uplift to the workers in the field. It has been considered very essential to the health and safety of the workers that some during the past year proceed to the coast for rest and change, and that Elder H. P. Steigerwald and wife return to America on furlough. Sister H. Frances Davidson, Brother and Sister Harvey J. Frey, Brother and Sister Levi S. Doner availing themselves of the privilege of taking the needed rest. Brother and Sister Jesse Wenger having also returned to the homeland during the year.

(a) MATOPO MISSION STATION.

Owing to the absence of the annual letter from Matopo we cannot give a detailed report of the work at this station; yet from other sources, by correspondence from Elder Steigerwald and Brother L. S. Doner, we learn the encouraging spiritual condition of the work here. Brother

Doner, in his report of the love feast held here February 26-27 (in April 18th issue of *Evangelical Visitor*) says eighty-seven native communicants were present on this occasion. Brother Steigerwald in personal correspondence, dated March 8, 1910, says, "The Lord indeed was with us, twenty of the members gave themselves to the Lord to work for Him wherever He calls them to go." Such consecration was a source of great joy to all the workers. Nine were received into church fellowship and baptized on said occasion an old mother of sixty years and an old man.

The material improvements as we can gather that have been added during the year are as follows:

1. One brick building for boys, 17x40, walls 9 ft. high, with kitchen attached 9x11, walls 7 ft. high.

2. One brick building for girls, 14x12, walls 8 ft. high, both buildings covered with thatched roof and imported timber.

The actual outlay of money for above buildings has been about \$300, while the value may be estimated at least at \$1,100 or \$1,200. Elder Steigerwald states that the vast difference in the actual cost and estimated value is due to the fact that the workers are enabled to make their own brick and do their own building instead of purchasing all material and hiring help to do the work.

3. Nine oxen, a four-mule team and buckboard have been purchased for this station during the year (see financial report).

4. Items e and f in financial report.

(e) Marketing, etc., £179 \$869 45
(f) Care of Cattle, £199 967 45

This last item is a salary paid to the Missions for the care of a herd of cattle kept upon the

premises for a number of years, owned by outside parties.

5. An approximate value of the church property at Matopo is placed at something upward of \$13,000.

(b) MATOPO MISSION FINANCIAL REPORT 1909.
Receipts.

	£.	s.	d.	\$
(1) Balance in Treasury, December 31, 1908,...	75	17	8	368 54
(2) Mule fund in hand, December 31, 1908,...	74	12	8	351 64
(3) From U. S. A. Treasury,	101	19	10	502 11
(4) Special donations,....	16	3	2	78 05
(5) Marketing, etc.,	179	2	4	869 45
(6) Salary for care of cattle, etc.,	199	15	10	967 45
	647	11	6	3,147 24

Expenditures.

	£.	s.	d.	\$
(1) Household and Provisions,	49	10	2	240 54
(2) Native labor and seeds,	141	6	10	685 80
(3) Native Trade and Tools,	18	19	..	92 14
(4) Hardware and Repairs,	11	13	..	57 56
(5) Personal and Postage, etc.,	54	4	10	263 54
(6) Building material and labor,	68	..	4	330 56
(7) 9 oxen, 4 mules and buckboard,	223	16	..	1,087 10
	567	10	3	2,758 24
Balance in treasury, December 31, 1909,	80	1	3	389 00

Submitted in the fear of God to the Foreign Mission Board.

H. P. STEIGERWALD,
Supt. and Treas.

MAPANI MISSION STATION.

Sec. 3 .

The annual letter to General Conference from this station is worthy of the careful attention and perusal of all.

1. Brother Doner reports "Congregations larger during the last few months than any time before."

2. The inquirers' class has an enrollment of 70 members at date of writing.

3. Kraal visiting has received especial attention during year. Several extensive trips were made.

4. October 23 and 24 a Love Feast was held here on which occasion ten were admitted into church fellowship and baptized.

Of the 48 baptized since the Mission was opened, four have gone the way of Baalim, several are not as earnest as should be desired, some of which have lately returned to the fold, and it is hoped others will follow.

5. Religious exercises observed as follows: Daily morning and evening Bible reading, and intercession.

Sunday services—10.30 a. m., Inquirers' Class. 12 m., general preaching and invitation, followed by Sunday-school.

Wednesday—Mid-day Prayer-meeting.

Occasional members' meetings.

Once a month fast meetings, in which believers readily participated. Besides these regular meetings at the station, meetings were also held at several other places.

Brother and Sister Doner having availed themselves of a short period of time for rest and

change have returned to Mapani, to arrange for the carrying on of the work there by the appointment of trustworthy native members, who will take charge of Mapani while Brother and Sister Doner take charge of Matopo during the time of Elder and Sister Steigerwald's return to America.

Under God's blessing, this Station at present enjoys necessary equipment; hence the workers have not deemed it prudent to add large material improvements during this Conference year.

Sec. 4.

MAPANI MISSION FINANCIAL REPORT, ENDING
NOVEMBER 30, 1909.

Receipts.

	£.	s.	d.
Cash balance from previous year,...	26	19	5
Per P. M. Climenhaga,	50	..	..
Irvin Curry,	2	1	..
Buffalo Sunday-school,	1	3	2
Discounts off allowed for cash,	2	4	1
Offering Mapani congregation,.....	1	13	9
John B. Curry,	5	2	2
H. J. Frey toward itinerating,	1	..	..
Per Sister H. F. Davidson,	1	..	..
Per J. N. Engle,	1	..	..
Brother and Sister Doner, toward furlough,	20	13	10
Other, .....	..	13	6
Sales,	143	17	3
	£257	8	2

Expenditures.

	£.	s.	d.
Household provisions and furnishings,	31	10	1
Hardware, including some supplies for natives,	28	17	3

Native trade and charity,	9	6	..
Itinerary, including all requisites, ..	17	19	..
Native labor, mostly of boys staying at Mission,	52	5	..
Native Teachers, Bros. Nyamazana, Kwidini and Mlobeki,	25	3	..
Stock, two donkeys,	15	10	..
Miscellaneous, land, fees, stamps, licenses, etc.,	8	2	8
	£200	0	4

Balance in Treasury, November 30, 1909, £57 7 10

Sec. 5.

MTSHABEZI MISSION STATION.

The annual letter from this Station to General Conference is a message full of vital interest to those who love the Lord, and to be fully appreciated must be read in its entirety.

Although the year had its full quota of tests and trials, yet the workers rejoice in victory through Jesus. Brother Frey says: "We have had a long, hard pull, but are glad to say we are gaining ground."

During the year twenty-one were added to the church by baptism, thirteen in the beginning of the year, which have been included in the general report of 1909.

Eight were baptized on the Love Feast occasion in December, 1909, one a mother about sixty years of age, the oldest member of the Church in Africa, who really seems to have found the joys of the Lord. Some visiting has been done from here during the past year in places not known to have been trodden by the foot of a missionary before. The message of salvation being attentively listened to by many of the raw heathen in those sections.

The agricultural work has been conducted with some remuneration, as will be seen in the financial report. General Conference, 1909, advised the establishment of a Girls' School, to be located at this place, but since an attempt to purchase a tract of land for the establishment of said work has failed, nothing definite has been accomplished in the aforesaid direction.

However, the announcement was made that the place is open for girls and during the year eleven have availed themselves of the opportunity of coming, several of whom have stayed but a short time.

Brother Frey reports that the idea of a school for girls is rather new to the natives in Rhodesia, and the girls may be somewhat slow in coming for a while. An average of ten to twelve boys stayed at the Mission during the year. Besides the agricultural work, 45,000 brick were made and burnt and a brick cook hut was built for girls. The returns from the agricultural pursuits, after supplying food for the workers and the natives staying at the Mission, the sale of the surplus was a material help toward the support of the place.

Brother and Sister Frey being granted the privilege of a few months' vacation from home duties, are accordingly spending some time in quiet rest and change at Cape Town, from which point the annual letter is directed. During their absence, Sister Elizabeth Engle, co-worker at Mtshabezi, and Sister Heisey, of Matopo, together with the natives staying at Mtshabezi, are prosecuting the work. A strong plea and call comes from this station for new recruits to enter into God's whitened harvest and help gather in the sheaves.

Sec. 6.

MTSHABZI MISSION FINANCIAL REPORT FOR
ELEVEN MONTHS, FROM JAN. 1, 1909, TJ
Nov. 30, 1909.

Receipts.

	£.	s.	d.	\$
Produce from the farm,...	105	8	0	514.552
Offerings at Misison,	3	8	0	16.592
Foreign Mission Treasury, 50	0	0	0	244.000
Special donations,	26	2	3	127.426
Miscellaneous,	5	16	3	28.361
Balance in Treasury Jan.				
1, 1909,).....	42	6	4	206.509

£233 1 8 \$1,137.44

Expenditures.

	£.	s.	d.	\$
Household,	51	12	9	249.026
Labor,	55	0	7	270.234
Tools, Implements and				
Repairs,	12	9	3	60.814
Personal,	6	11	3	32.182
Native trade and supplies				
for boys,	14	16	11	72.448
School requisites,	2	3	6	10.614
Building materials,	50	11	6	149.806
Stamps, stationery, etc., .	4	11	2	22.243
Miscellaneous,	35	12	9	173.874

£213 4 2 \$1,040.55

Balance in Treasury, Nov.
30, 1909, £19 17 6 \$96.89

Besides the above, we gratefully acknowledge donations received for personal use. The Lord bless all who are the means of supplying the needs of God's messengers, both here and elsewhere.

Signed,

HARVEY J. FREY.

Sec. 7.

MACHA MISSION STATION.

The annual letter from this station to General Conference 1910, merits careful perusal by all interested in the work of the Lord in that needy field.

This station had undergone some changes during the year. At the opening of the year, Brother and Sister Wenger, Brother Myron Taylor and Sister Frances Davidson were at the station. Brother David (native) soon returned from his furlough. Brother Taylor being absent some months in evangelistic work, as noted in general report 1909. Brother and Sister Jesse Wenger, after frequent attacks of sickness, thought it best to return to America, left the station about the middle of May, 1909. Sister Adda Engle returning from her furlough about the same time. On November 4, 1909, Brother Myron Taylor and Sister Ada Engle were united in matrimony and remained in charge of the work. Brother David (native) remained with them at the station. Sister H. F. Davidson left for the sea coast for rest and change.

The material improvements during the year consist of—

1. The erection of a substantial brick house, with iron roof, 41x16½ feet, with a wing 11x18 feet, with a veranda on three sides to protect from sun and rain.

2. A brick hut, with straw roof, built 14 feet square, for the boys to cook and eat in.

School was in session 250. days during the year.

Enrollment over 80 pupils. Average attendance for year, 37.

The attendance being much higher in the latter part of the year. The greater part of the year from 30 to 40 boys stayed at the Mission.

Twenty-three girls were enrolled as day pupils in the latter part of the year, some of whom have met with much opposition in their homes, but are persevering. While the boys show a disposition to learn to work, it is encouraging to note a reaching out after the things of God and a number have accepted Him as their personal Savior. Ten have obeyed the Lord in baptism.

Religious services have been held twice every Sunday. Every Thursday morning natives' prayer-meeting. Daily religious instruction in school. Morning and evening prayers. Church service attendance varying from 60 to 120. Services at some of the Kraals are held about nine miles from the Mission. Interest good. The people calling for a teacher.

Sec. 8.

MACHA MISSION FINANCIAL REPORT YEAR 1909. GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.

	£.	s.	d.	\$
Balance in Treasury, 1909,	94	14	10	458 11
General Fund,	50	0	0	244 25
Special Donations,	34	15	7	169 07
Total,	£179	10	5	\$871 43

Expenditures.

	£.	s.	d.	\$
Household and Provisions,	40	10	4	197 28
Freight and Hardware,	27	2	4	132 10
Native Labor,	19	3	9	93 13
Oxen, Sheep, etc.,	32	3	0	156 17
Other expenses,	6	6	6	30 25
Total,	£125	5	11	\$608 93
Balance in Treasury,	254	4	6	\$262 50

Sec. 9.

SCHOOL FUND.

Receipts.

	£.	s.	d.	\$
By balance,	12	0	9	58 89
Special donations,	19	1	2	92 60

Total, £31 1 11 \$151 49

Expenditures.

	£.	s.	d.	\$
Clothing, books, food, ...	29	1	1	141 55

Balance in Treasury, £2 0 10 \$9 94

IMPROVEMENT.

Receipts.

	£.	s.	d.	\$
General Fund,	100	0	0	488 50
Special donations,	57	0	3	278 20

Total, £157 0 3 \$766 70

Expenditures.

	£.	s.	d.	\$
Material for house,	115	18	5	564 20
Material for tank,	7	16	10	41 50
Freight on the above, ...	22	1	6	106 90
Labor (unskilled),	11	3	6	54 10

Total, £157 0 3 \$766 70

We had been endeavoring to keep on hand £50 in the General Fund for the survey, as we cannot tell just how soon it may be needed; but owing to the fact that a smaller amount than usual was sent for general expenses, it has been necessary to draw heavily on this reserve since the opening of the new year. David's wages were paid the greater part of the year by special donation and we most heartily thank the donor

for the generosity shown. That support is now withdrawn and it is hoped the Board will make some provision for the same.

MYRON TAYLOR.
H. FRANCES DAVIDSON.

Sec. 10.

THE INDIA MISSION REPORT.

SEN VILLA,
MADHUPUR, BENGAL, INDIA.

The letter from this station will appeal to the faithful and devoted saints for a more hearty support and co-operation in the work in this needy field.

The workers are greatly encouraged by the visit of Elder J. N. Engle and Brother J. M. Sheets to India, and wish to stand true to God and loyal to the church in the work unto which they loyal to the church in the work unto which added to the number during the year.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS ENDING MARCH 31,
1910.

From Board.

	R.	P.	
Jan. 2, 1909,	742	6 3	\$247 44
Oct. 30, 1909,	742	6 3	247 44
Feb. 27, 1910,	742	9 9	247 50
Total,	R2227	6 3	\$762 44

Donations.

	R.	P.	
Brother and Sister Musser,	149	2 6	\$49 69
Sister Hendricks,	2	15 0	1 00
Phila. Mission,	56	0 0	18 64
Brother Sen's School, ..	74	0 0	24 64
Sister Wenger, (Pa.), ..	2	15 0	1 00
Sister Myers, (Pa.), ...	30	0 0	10 00

Sister Brenneman, (Ohio),	30	10 0	10 20
Brother and Sister Musser,	15	4 0	5 08

R360 14 6 \$120 25

Donations for a Primary School for the Poor.

	R.	P.	
Brother Landis, (Kansas),	66	0 0	\$22 00
Sister Winters, (Kansas),	50	1 0	16 66
Sister Landis, (Phila.), ..	15	0 0	5 00
Sister E. Landis, (Phila.),	9	0 0	3 00
Sister Coll, (Pa.),	6	0 0	2 00
Sister Tyson, (Pa.), ...	6	0 0	2 00
Sister Myers, (Pa.), ...	17	12 9	5 89
Sister Landis, (Phila.), ..	15	0 0	5 00
Sister Stover, (Pa.), ...	12	0 9	4 02
Unknown Sister, (Pa.), ..	8	11 0	2 86

R205 9 6 \$68 43
Grand total,R2793 14 3 \$931 12
AMOS L. MUSSER.

Expenditures.

	R.	P.	
Education,	90	10 0	\$30 20
Charity,	81	2 3	27 04
Stamps,	16	9 0	5 50
Laundry,	68	1 0	22 66
Rent,	650	0 0	216 64
Primary School,	158	0 0	52 64
Sundry,	45	5 0	15 10
Dry Goods,	186	2 3	62 05
Provisions,	773	9 3	257 83
Labor,	66	1 6	22 03

Traveling,	56	0	6	18 65
Industrial,	74	3	0	24 70
Debts paid,	149	2	6	49 69

Toatl,	R2414	14	3	\$804 73
Balance in Treasury,...	R379	0	0	\$126 32

Summary.

Sec. II. As per report of the visiting brethren to the South Africa and India Mission stations of the Church, we herewith submit a census of native baptized members, number retained in the inquirers' class and estimated value of property belonging to the Church at each respective station. To wit:

Number of Native Baptized Members.

Matopo,	42
Mapani,	48
Mtschbezi,	28
Macha,	10
Total, Africa,	128

Enquirers' Class.

Matopo,	45
Mapani,	50
Mtschbezi,	60
Macha,	25
Total, Africa,	180

Property Valuation.

Matopo,	\$13,150 00
Mapani,	3,440 00
Mtschabezi,	1,337 00
Macha,	3,265 00
Total,	\$21,192 00

The increasing, liberal and generous support of the Foreign Missionary work, both spiritual

and material, is an evident token that our dear brotherhood is awakening more and more to the great need of the world, the bringing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the millions of priceless souls, who have never heard the name of our blessed Lord.

We praise God for an ever increasing interest in Foreign Missionary Work, hopeful that our beloved Zion may yet become a potent factor in the evangelization of the world, and praying the Father's richest blessing upon the work, workers and all who have so faithfully co-operated with them in the work.

Humbly submitted,

ELI M. ENGLE, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD'S WORK AT CONFERENCE.

Sec. 12.

To General Conference of 1910, greeting: The Foreign Missionary Board submits the following reports, preambles, resolutions, recommendations and suggestions to General Conference for consideration and confirmation:

a. The Foreign Missionary Board recommends Conference to hereby reassert the authority of all ordained Elders or Bishops to officiate at all the functions prescribed to their office in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Brethren in Christ Church, an incorporate body of the United States of America, regardless of their location, whether in home or foreign lands.

And be it further decided that all ordained ministers are qualified to solemnize marriages and perform other duties of a Bishop's office, by instruction of the Bishop under whom they may labor.

b. WHEREAS, Brother and Sister Isaac O. Lehman and Brother and Sister Jesse Eyster are

members of our brotherhood, and

WHEREAS, they have been laboring under the auspices of some other missionary of South Africa, and

WHEREAS, they have expressed a desire to our visiting brethren to the foreign field, by word and letter, to operate their missions under the auspices of the church, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Foreign Missionary Board be authorized to take the matter into consideration and investigation, and if conditions are found favorable and satisfactory in the highest judgment of the Board, that then, in such case, they may be received to operate under the jurisdiction of the church.

c. WHEREAS, Brother and Sister Myron Taylor's assistance at Macha Mission is temporary, having leadings to open a new mission station; and

WHEREAS, the Foreign Missionary Board looks upon this aggressive step with favor, we advise, however, that Brother and Sister Taylor remain at the Macha Mission until suitable help will be secured as helpers at said Mission, and until a suitable location is found and secured for a new outpost station under the advisement and assistance of Bishop H. P. Steigerwalt.

d. The Foreign Missionary Board emphasizes Sec. 2, Art. 81, Page 100, Conference Minutes 1909 in reference to securing a competent teacher to take charge of their training school department (a male teacher is preferable).

e. *Resolved*, That when a new building is needed and erected for the said Training School, it shall be dedicated as a memorial to our first missionaries to South Africa, who have sacrificed their lives for the establishment of the work at the Matopo Mission—namely, Elder Jesse Engle, Sister Sarah Cress and Sister Emma Long Doner.

f. We recommend General Conference to spread upon the minutes of this Conference a condensed report of the Foreign Missionary meeting to be held on the evening of May 19, 1910.

g. WHEREAS, it is the common consensus of the Foreign Missionary Board, and the missionaries that there should be a time limit for the return of the Foreign Missionary workers, to be given a furlough for their home coming to recuperate, and also for a rest in the foreign field; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the time limit for their return home should be seven years, and that a furlough for a rest in the foreign field should be taken approximately on the fourth year of their engagement in the foreign mission work; however, conditions must govern cases at the discretion of the Board and workers.

h. As per Brother H. J. Frey's report, no permanent arrangement has as yet been made for the establishment of the Rescue Home and Girls' School, but only temporary, however, we the Foreign Missionary Board are looking forward to the purchase of a tract of land suitable for the establishment of said institution permanently.

i. Since Sister Abbie M. Bert, a returned missionary feels convinced that she has fully recovered from physical disabilities and has applied for a return to the foreign work, therefore we recommend that this Conference grant her desire to return with Brother and Sister H. P. Steigerwalt to Africa, providing her present good health continues.

j. We recommend the following names to this Conference for recognition as mission workers to South Africa, at the discretion of the Foreign Missionary Board in reference to time of departure and place of operation, namely: Andrew Winger, Upland California; Walter Winger,

Ridgway, Ont.; Lewis Steckley, Bethesda, Ont.

k. Bishop J. N. Engle, of Abilene, Kansas, who was sent by General Conference 1909 to visit the Foreign Mission stations in South Africa and India, accompanied by Brother J. M. Sheets, member of the Foreign Missionary Board, have submitted a very satisfactory and helpful report to the Foreign Missionary Board, in reference to their visits and investigations of the Foreign Mission stations. It has proven an inspiration to the foreign mission workers, and has been and is conducive to a greater home interest in the foreign mission work. We forbear giving a detailed report, owing to the publication of their travels and findings in the columns of the Evangelical Visitor.

l. It appears to the Foreign Missionary Board that if it should be the pleasure of Elder J. N. Engle to publish a book or booklet (on his own responsibility) of his travels and missionary visits to Africa and India, that it should be and hereby is encouraged by this General Conference.

m. By the request of Bishop H. P. Steigerwalt, the Foreign Missionary Board suggests that all public offerings taken at his public meetings for foreign missionary work, shall go to the general Foreign Missionary fund, and all private offerings shall be his; however, his traveling expenses, etc., while in America shall be met out of the General Foreign Mission fund.

n. Since the favorable report of our visiting brethren to the India Mission, we recommend to this Conference that Brother Sen and his wife, and Brother and Sister Ezra Musser be recognized as workers in the India Mission station, subject to the retention of the Foreign Missionary Board.

We further recommend that the India Missionaries be granted the privilege to purchase a tonga

and a pair of bullocks for the convenience of travel in their mission work in the surrounding villages, under the advisement of the Foreign Missionary Board. Upon investigation of the advisability of securing a place of worship for the India mission, we, the Foreign Missionary Board, have decided that the India missionaries shall engage in village work until a location can be secured, promising a development of the work.

o. WHEREAS, there is a petition from the India Mission, asking permission to issue Gospel Tracts in the vernacular, and since they can be more cheaply printed in India, than in the home-land, we the Foreign Missionary Board, recommend that they be allowed to print a limited amount of such literature under the direction of the above said Board; be it hereby

p. *Resolved*, That the Foreign Missionary reports, preambles, resolutions, recommendations and suggestions as hereby submitted be reproduced and spread upon the minutes of this General Conference.

J. R. ZOOK, *Chairman*.

ELI. M. ENGLE, *Secretary*.

The foreign missionary meeting held on Thursday evening, May 19, 1910, and conducted by Bishop Jacob N. Engle, and J. M. Sheets, who made a visit to all the Foreign Mission Stations in the Brotherhood and Bishop H. P. Steigerwalt, Superintendent of the Foreign Mission Stations in South Africa, was a decided success from a monetary standpoint. The building was taxed to its utmost capacity. Following the services an offering was given for Foreign Mission use which amounted to \$1,050.00 The offering bespeaks a good word for the growing interest in the Foreign Mission effort since the same effort at Conference of 1909 amounted to \$840, especially so when we consider the fact that it is only sixteen

years that the Church first launched out in the Foreign Mission effort.

Sec. 13. The foregoing reports, suggestions and appointments of the Foreign Missionary Board were approved by Conference.

ART. LXII.

EVANGELISTIC, CITY AND HOME MISSION WORKERS.

Sec. 1. Home Mission workers as appointed by Conference 1910. Jesse Wenger and wife Docia Wenger, Sister Mary K. Stover, Lizzie Winger, Brother George Whisler and his wife, Effie Whisler, Buffalo, N. Y.; Sister Minnie Bosler, Buffalo, N. Y.; Brother B. L. Brubaker and wife, 6039 Halstead street, Chicago, Ill.; Sister Sarah Bert, Nancy Shirk, Anna Bert, and Beulah Musser of 6039 Halstead street, Chicago, Ill.; Brother Vernon L. Stump and wife, Charlotte Stump, 6039 Halstead street, Chicago, Ill.; Brother Henry Garman and wife, Katie Garman, Harrisburg, Pa.; Brother A. L. Eisenhouer and wife; Sister Anna B. Eisenhouer, Thomas, Oklahoma; Brother D. L. Gish, Buffalo, N. Y.

Sec. 2. Evangelistic workers appointed by Conference 1910. Brother T. A. Long and wife, Mary J. Long, Victoria, Texas; Brother J. B. Lehman and wife, Etta Lehman, Upland, California; Elder J. R. Zook and wife, Anna Zook, D. R. Eyster, Thomas, Okla.

Sec. 3. City Mission workers as appointed by Conference 1910 Philadelphia Mission: Jesse Wenger and his wife, Docia Wenger, Sister Mary K. Stover and Sister Lizzie Winger.

Sec. 4. Buffalo Mission, 25 Hawley street, N. Y., Brother George Whisler and his wife, Effie Whisler, and Sister Minnie Bosler.

Sec. 5. Chicago Mission, 6039 Halstead street, Chicago, Ill., Brother B. L. Brubaker and wife and Sister Sarah Bert, Nancy Shirk, Anna Best,

Beulah Musser and Brother Vernon L. Stump and his wife, Charlotte Stump.

Sec. 6. Des Moines Mission, Des Moines, Iowa, Bishop J. R. Zook and wife, Anna Zook, 1226 Eleventh street.

Conference adjourned to meet in Miami District, Ohio, on third Tuesday of May, 1911.

J. N. ENGLE,
M. H. OBERHOLSER,
J. R. ZOOK,

Moderators.

M. L. HOFFMAN,
Reading Clerk.

ENOS H. HESS,
Secretary.

H. L. STUMP,
Assistant Secretary.
S. R. SMITH,
Permanent Conference 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.
Engle, A. M., 62 Vincent St., Dayton, Ohio.
Engle, Jacob N., Abilene, Kas., R. D. No. 6.
Engle, M. G., Abilene, Kas., R. D. No. 1.
Eyster, David R., 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, 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.

MINISTERS.

A.

Asper, Wm. M., Mowersville, Pa.

B.

Bowers, Fred, Souderton, Pa.
Brehm, S. E., Hummelstown, Pa.
Brubaker, Jacob L., Lawn, Pa.
Books, J. D., Cleona, Pa.
Bert, S. Z., Mowersville, Pa.
Burkholder, S. S., Chambersburg, Pa., R. D. No. 3.

Byers, Joseph H., Greencastle, Pa., R. D. No. 2.
Baker, Peter, Gormley, Ont.
Baker, Isaac, Kindersley, Sask.
Brown, F. M., Woodbury, Pa.
Bearss, Asa, Ridgeway, Ont., R. R. No. 1.
Bearss, Girvin, Ridgeway, Ont., R. R. No. 1.

Berry, Alvin, Clarence Center, N. Y.
Bohen, Herman, Hope, Kas.
Book, Jacob W., Ramona, Kas.
Bassler, Joseph, Abilene, Kas.
Bechtel, Aaron, Canton, Ohio, R. D. No. 4.
Byer, J. H., Lake Ann, Mich.
Brehm, D. W., Abilene, Kas.
Book, Adam C., Upland, Cal.
Bowers, Jacob, Trappe, Pa.

C.

Cassell, Samuel, Bradford, Ohio.
Charleston, John R., Mechanicsburg, Pa.
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D.

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Pa.
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Dohner, Thomas S., Gormley, Ont.
Dick, J. C., Canton, Ohio.
Dick, John C., Lemoyne, Pa.
Dohner, Levi, Bulawayo, South Africa.

E.

Engle, S. G., 4004 Spring Garden, Philadelphia,
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Engle, Eli M., Mt. Joy, Pa.
Elliott, Fred, Richmond Hill, Ont.
Engle, Noah, Abilene, Kans.
Engle, Homer, Abilene, Kas., R. D. No. 6.
Eshleman, C. S., New Kingston, Pa.
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