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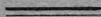
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INTRODUCTION

The church at West Milton, Ohio, arranged for their annual lovefeast on Sunday prior to the convening of Conference, which proved a rich spiritual feast to all present.

The Board of Trustees and Board of Managers of the Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home met on Saturday afternoon, May 13, 1911, to consider the work of the first school year and formulate their report for Conference. Saturday evening was given to testimony and preaching service.

The preliminary organization and filling of vacancies of the different boards was affected by the Permanent Secretary, at 9:30 A. M., Monday, May 15th. According to Conference ruling of 1910, a Sunday-school meeting was held on Monday afternoon as per arranged program as follows:

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SUNDAY-SCHOOL MEETING.

The Sunday-school session opened with Scripture reading and prayer by Jacob N. Martin at 1:30 p. m., Monday, May 15, 1911, at Highland Church, near West Milton, Ohio, where the following topics were discussed:

1. The mission of the Sunday-school was discussed by Elder Jacob B. Funk. Among other things, he stated that the first Sunday-school was started by Robert Raikes, of Gloucester, Mass., in 1781, by gathering neglected children and supplying their various needs, spiritual and temporal. The Sunday-school supplies Bible knowledge and general education. Its true mission is to lead souls to Christ. It is the nursery of

the church and gives interesting services for the young. Efficient teachers are needed and all should be God fearing men and women. Parents should keep in close touch with the school by taking active part in the work. General discussion was opened by M. L. Dohner, West Milton, Ohio, speaking of the unity of the church and the Sunday-school. Referring to the fact that many lost souls were gloriously saved through the instrumentality of the Sunday-school. S. W. Sollenberger, Polo, Ill., presented the needs of the historical, geographical and ecclesiastical knowledge of the Bible, thus giving the young mind a knowledge that will not easily be forgotten.

2. Parental indifference was discussed by Bert Sherk, Stevensville, Ont. He stated that he became interested in Sunday-school work at the age of twenty-four and regretted the lost opportunities. Some families are isolated from Sabbath-school opportunities; these should be encouraged. Sabbath-school is for grown people as well as for children. A general discussion was opened by Elder Noah Hess, Lancaster, Pa., who spoke of the violation of the Sabbath and of the organization of the school in his own district. He contended that the proper time for Sunday-school is before church services, thus affording an opportunity to retain scholars for worship as well as an opportunity for church-goers to be present with the school. Bishop J. N. Engle, of Abilene, Kansas, emphasized the fact of the Sunday-school doing Foreign Mission work at home. Brother Robert Bumbaugh declared that children should be taken to the Sabbath-school instead of sent and to have an every-day lesson of the Sabbath-school. He does not believe in parents tolerating children to sow "wild oats."

3. The Sunday-school Criticised and Defended by Elder John R. Herr, Abilene, Kansas. He showed that we have very little of our own originality. We should properly digest whatever we hear. Every member of the Sunday-school should be loyal to the school and the church. The Church is largely responsible for the conduct of her members and likewise the Sunday-school for the conduct of the scholars. The teachers should be well qualified for their work. The Church needs to guard against poisonous and trashy literature, since it is often the source of deviation from the work.

4. Selected song services, celebrations, picnics, etc., received a fair amount of consideration, setting forth uses and abuses and the evil results that often follow by improper indulgence in these efforts. Brother E. N. Engle, Thomas, Okla., opened the general discussion by pointing out the weakness of making Sunday-school responsible for the deviation in the Church and emphasized the need of preparation for the work and how to use lesson helps. Bishop H. P. Steigerwalt, of South Africa Missions, emphasized the need of the Church and the Sunday-school being a unit and warned against the misuse of the Sunday-school. He gave a graphic description of South African Sunday-school and the nature of the children when they are brought into the school. Teaching should be uniform and in harmony with the tenets and doctrines of the Church. Following these discussions a song was rendered in the Zulu language by Brother and Sister Steigerwalt followed with prayer and benediction.

Monday evening was occupied by a ministerial meeting, as follows:

1. Has our ministry the confidence, co-operation and respect of the laity as it should have

for the best results? If not, how can it be secured and maintained? Bishop J. N. Engle, Abilene, Kansas.

2. Should our ministry, who give all, or a goodly part of their time to their calling, be required or expected to bear a pro rata share of the regular church expenses? Give reasons. Eld. Enos H. Hess, Grantham, Pa.

3. What should be the attitude of the pastors toward the Evangelists and their work? Also *visa versa*. Bishop D. R. Eyster, Thomas, Okla.; Eld. W. J. Myers, Massillon, Ohio.

4. How can our young people be best brought into the church and held? Bishop C. C. Burkholder, Upland, Cal.; Elder Lafayette Shoaltz, Forks Roads, Ont.

The subjects were well considered and valuable instruction given along the several lines.

Tuesday evening was devoted to a presentation of the Home Mission cause followed by an offering of \$95.48. On Wednesday evening the outgoing missionaries were ordained and the needs of the field presented, followed by an offering of about \$470.00.

PRELIMINARY OPENING

Monday, May 15, 1911, 9:30 a. m., the preliminary meeting of the General Conference of the Brethren in Christ, U. S. A. and Canada, convened at the Highland Church building of the Brethren in Christ, and opened by song service and prayer, conducted by Bishop J. N. Engle, Retiring Moderator, following which the Permanent Secretary had the roll called of the different Boards, and substitutions appointed for absent members as follows:

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Bishop M. H. Oberholser, present; Bishop J. N. Engle, present; Elder Eli M. Engle, present; Elder S. R. Smith, present; Deacon A. B. Musser, present.

EXAMINING BOARD.

Bishop Jacob N. Engle, present; Bishop Chas. Baker, present; Bishop H. B. Hoffer, present.

PUBLICATION BOARD.

Elders H. K. Kreider, present; D. V. Heise, present; Gervin Bearss, present; Calvin Eshleman, absent; Bishop Jonathan Wert, substituted; C. O. Musser, absent; J. R. Herr, substituted; W. J. Myers, present; D. W. Heise, absent; Bro. L. B. Heise, substituted.

HOME MISSION BOARD.

Bishop John D. Wingert, present; Bishop C. C. Burkholder, present; and Elders Geo. Detwiler, present; Levi Herr, deceased; W. H. Boyer, substituted; Bert Sherck, present; Noah Z. Hess, present; Henry Schneider, Jr., present; D. B. Martin, present; Bro. A. O. Zook, present, and Sisters Lydia Williams, present; Sadie Foote, absent; Anna Eisenhower, substituted; Anna Eshleman, absent; Eld. Jacob Book, substituted.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

Bishop J. R. Zook, present; C. S. Leshner, deceased; Elder Eli M. Engle, substituted; Bishop J. N. Hoover, present, and Elder T. S. Doner, absent; Elders Peter Steckley, substituted; C. N. Hostetter, present; J. M. Sheets, and Bro. P. M. Climenhaga, present.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

Elders C. O. Musser, absent; J. R. Herr, substituted; H. K. Kreider, present; T. S. Doner, absent; Bert Sherk, substituted.

The members of the different Boards were instructed to meet at the home of Bro. Warren Dohner's, 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 Tuesday, May 16, at 9:30 a. m.

CONFERENCE OPENING

Tuesday, May 16, 1911, after a season of worship and Scripture reading at 9:30 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, A. B. Musser, Isaac Shockey and D. E. Cassel, as tellers for the Election of Moderators, resulting as follows:

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

The appointment by the Permanent Conference Secretary of his assistants: E. S. Engle, Recording Secretary; John Climenhaga, Assistant Secretary; Enos H. Hess, Reading Clerk, was confirmed by Conference.

The Moderator-elect read Phil. 2d chapter, and followed with appropriate remarks for conducting Conference, admonishing members of Conference to exercise forbearance, love and humility in their discussions and discretion in their conduct, while in attendance and during Conference sessions.

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

Silverdale and Skippac Districts, Pa., by letter.

Philadelphia Mission District, Pa., Elder Jesse Wenger.

Manor District, Pa., Elders C. M. Hostetter, Eli M. Engle.

Donegal District, Pa., Bishop Aaron Martin, Elder Jacob N. Martin.

Rapho District, Pa., Bishop H. B. Hoffer, Elder H. O. Musser.

Dauphin and Lebanon Districts, Pa., Elders Henry K. Kreider, Jacob B. Funk.

Lykens Valley District, Pa., A. B. Musser, elected by Conference to represent the District.

Cumberland District, Pa., Bishop Jonathan Wert; (Grantham Pa., Elder Enos H. Hess).

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

South Franklin District, Pa., Bishops John D. Wingert and S. S. Wingert.

Morrison's Cove and Centre County Districts, Pa., Bishop Isaac Stern.

Pennsylvania State Delegate-at-Large, S. R. Smith.

Stark County District, Ohio, Bishop W. O. Baker.

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

Richland and Ashland Districts, Ohio, Elder Samuel Whisler.

Clark County District, Ohio, Elder Orville B. Ulery.

Miami County District, Ohio, Bishop J. N. Hoover, Elder Samuel Cassel.

Dayton District, Ohio, Elder W. H. Boyer.

Ohio State Council Delegate-at-Large, Bishop B. F. Hoover.

Elkhart District, Ind., Bishop J. A. Stump—H. R. Davidson also elected to represent district.

Chicago Mission, B. L. Brubaker, elected by Conference to represent District.

Polo District, Ills., S. W. Sollenberger.

Des Moines District, Iowa, Bishop J. R. Zook.
Dallas Centre District, Iowa, H. L. Trump elected by Conference.

N. Dickinson District, Kans., Bishop M. G. Engle, Elder John M. Sheets.

S. Dickinson District, Kans., Bishop J. N. Engle, Elder Henry Bowers.

Kansas State Council Delegate-at-Large, Elder John R. Herr.

Oklahoma District, Bishop D. R. Eyster.

Upland District, Cal., Elder Thomas Franklin.

Black Creek District, Ont., Elders Bert Sherk, Girvin Bearss and John Nigh.

Nottowa District, Ont., Bishop Chas. Baker.

Markham, District, Ont., Elder Abram Winger, Benj. Climenhaga.

Waterloo District, Ont., Elder John Sider, elected to act.

Michigan District, Bishop Jonathan Lyons.

Merington, Sask., W. O. Winger, elected by Conference to fill the place.

South African Missions, Bishop H. P. Steigerwald.

ART. I.

Preliminary resolutions adopted as follows:

Sec. 1. *Resolved*, That all articles to be decided and acted on at General Conference shall receive two considerations and be voted on at different times before final passage, and

Sec. 2. *Resolved*, That Conference apply the method at Conference of 1911.

Resolution to Consider Foreign Mission Work, Following Unfinished Business.

In as much as the F. M. Board meets the day previous to General Conference to prepare its annual report of the work of the foreign fields, and, Whereas, this work is one of the most important features of our annual Conference, and

WHEREAS, an early action of General Conference on the reports of the F. M. Board would be a great convenience and help for the consummation of any further work that might develop through the suggestion of Conference or otherwise, be it therefore,

Sec. 3. *Resolved*, That General Conference, make it a permanent rule that the reports of the Foreign Missionary Board shall be admitted directly after the unfinished work of Conference.

ART. II.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—CHICAGO MISSION.

Sec. 1. A report of the Chicago Mission Committee was given by the members present, E. S. Engle and H. L. Trump, stating that the debt of \$2,900.00 was reduced during the last year to \$1,800.00. The \$1,100.00 secured was obtained as a direct answer to prayer by the workers.

Sec. 2. The report was accepted and the committee retained indefinitely, and instructed to make efforts to liquidate the remaining indebtedness.

ART. III.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

Committee on Nominations for the different church Boards was appointed and confirmed as

follows: Isaac Stern, John Sider, C. C. Burkholder, S. W. Sollenberger, J. N. Martin, Jonathan Lyons, H. B. Hoffer, M. G. Engle, D. R. Eyster, W. J. Myers, W. O. Baker, Girvin Bearss.

ART. IV.

TRACT FUND.

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

Balance in Treasury, May 1, 1910,	\$10 22
Donations received during Conference year,	9 63
Tracts sold,	7 74
Interest,	18
Total,	<u>\$27 77</u>

Expenditures.

Printing Tracts during Conference year,	\$ 8 50
Postage,	1 92
Total,	<u>\$10 42</u>
Balance in Treasury, May 1, 1911,	\$17 35

Stationary Account.

Received for envelopes and paper,	\$ 3 10
Paid for Postage,	98
Balance on hand from stationary,	<u>\$ 2 12</u>

ART. V.

Report of Sunday-school Board as appointed by General Conference, 1910, under Art. 47, Sec. 5, to General Conference, 1911, was adopted as follows:

Total enrollment of schools as reported,	3,235
Average attendance,	2,089
Amount of money realized for Home and Foreign Missions,	\$4,146 84
Paid for Sunday-school supplies,	\$1,323 99
Balance in treasuries,	\$435 26
Total amount received from different Sunday-schools,	\$5,906 09
Church accessions from Sunday-schools,	55
Number of schools,	35
Brethren Helps,	33
Weekly offerings,	28
Twelve-month schools,	32

ART. VI.

Report of Hymnal Committee to General Conference of Brethren in Christ, U. S. A. and Canada, 1911, adopted as follows:

The second edition, composed of about five thousand copies, of which a certain number were bound in black and red Morocco, has been constantly reduced so that at this writing there remain about three thousand copies of the different bindings. About two thousand copies were sold and yet in the hands of the distributors. The committee was unable to get an exact data of what amount of copies are yet in the hands of those who had them on sale. Judging from the amount of money received, there are at least about four hundred copies in the hands of the distributors, netting approximately about \$625.

The committee is of the opinion, that if the Brotherhood in general would make a special effort to dispose of these hymn books, even to those that are not members of our organization,

the money could sooner be realized. The balance of money invested over and above the receipts is costing interest at the rate of 4 per cent.

We were repeatedly asked by those who have the books to sell, in the different Districts, whether they are allowed to sell them to strangers, or people who are not members of our Brotherhood. In answer to this we gave them a hearty encouragement to sell the books to whoever feels inclined to purchase one, however, under our obligations to the different publishers, owners of copyrights from whom we secured the right, by purchase, to use the different copyrighted selections, we are not allowed to make a merchandising business of selling these books.

It is the opinion of the writer that in the course of a few years, it might be well if another edition would be published which would be accessible to distribute without any restrictions.

Respectfully,

J. R. ZOOK, *Chairman,*
S. R. SMITH, *Sec.-Treas.,*
M. L. HOFFMAN,
Committee.

ART. VII.

WHEREAS, the committee appointed at Pennsylvania State Council of 1911, to inquire into the requests for the old church hymnal, and,

WHEREAS, they received no information as yet, from the Brotherhood, whether there are sufficient hymn books, which are not needed in different districts, that could be used, whether new or second handed, that are in good order, therefore,

Resolved, That General Conference of 1911, grant the privilege to the Brethren of Lancaster

County, Pa., to issue a small number of old edition of Spiritual Hymn Books, to

AMOS H. ENGLE,
L. O. MUSSER,
Committee.

ART. VIII.

Report of General Executive Board to General Conference, U. S. A. and Canada, 1911. Greeting: Adopted as follows:

The General Executive Board of the Church of the Brethren in Christ, as elected by General Conference of 1910, report to this honorable body, that during the past Conference year there was not much work consigned to the Board, since matters in the various districts of the Brotherhood could be adjusted without the assistance of the Board, with a few minor instances.

In reference to the work at the Philadelphia Mission, since Brother Jesse and Sister Docia Wenger were appointed by General Conference, 1910, to take charge of the Philadelphia Mission, and since Brother and Sister Wenger, who were formerly engaged in foreign mission work in South Africa, again decided to take up the work in the foreign field, and since in order to get ready they desired to be relieved of the Mission work, in order to make the necessary preparations. It became necessary to appoint a successor for Brother and Sister Wenger, to take charge of the work, between their leaving and the time that General Conference can make the necessary provisions, and since the work at the Philadelphia Mission, at present, is of such a nature that care should be taken as to who is placed in position.

The Board resolved to secure and obtained the consent of Sister Mary K. Stover and Sister

Effie Rohrer to oversee the work until General Conference makes further provision.

The Board is indeed glad to report the work was consistently managed during the short period that the Sisters had charge of the same and further commends the appointment of an overseer for the Philadelphia Mission to the wise consideration of General Conference of 1911.

Signed,

M. H. OVERHOLSER, *Chairman*,
 JACOB N. ENGLE, *Assistant Chairman*,
 S. R. SMITH, *Secretary*,
 ELI M. ENGLE, *Assistant Secretary*,
 A. B. MUSSER, *Treasurer*.

ART. IX.

Report of A. B. Musser, Treasurer of the General Executive Board, for Conference year ending May 1, 1911, adopted as follows:

Balance in Treasury May 1, 1910,	\$ 76 58
Interest money,	4 12
Received from the five-cent assessment during Conference year, the following:	
J. N. Hoover, West Milton, Ohio,	5 05
H. M. Bosler, Valley Chapel,	1 75
C. S. Leshner, Greencastle, Pa.,	2 75
R. Miller, Martinsburg, Pa.,	4 50
S. D. Wingert, Franklin Dist., Pa.,	10 00
M. B. Musser, Donegal Dist., Pa.,	15 00
S. S. Wingert, Five Forks, Pa.,	2 30
D. B. Brubaker, Rapho Dist., Pa.,	13 50
E. G. Groff, Ashland, Ohio,	3 25
Henry Rosenberger, Souderton, Pa., . . .	4 50
J. Loudenslager,	26
Individuals,	44
Moses Brechbill, Mowersville Dist., Pa.,	2 40

Harrisburg Dist., Pa.,	2 70
S. W. Sollenberger, Polo Dist., Pa., . . .	60
Josephine Baker, Duntroon Dist., Ontario,	4 00
Conrad Hess, Manor Dist., Pa.,	7 80
A. J. Heise, Hamlin, Kans.,	1 40
J. D. Keefer, Lykens Valley, Pa.,	1 50
Black Creek Dist., Ont.,	4 50
J. D. Haldeman, Cal.,	3 00
J. L. Kreider, Annville Dist., Pa.,	4 00
H. Baum, Palmyra Dist., Pa.,	3 50
Jacob Ulery, Clark County, Ohio,	2 30
Sanctification Papers,	1 00
Samuel Groff, Hummelstown, Pa.,	2 50
J. R. Zook, Des Moines, Iowa,	2 00
S. H. Bert, North Dickinson, Kans., . . .	12 10
Henry Bowers, Dickinson, Kans.,	10 00
J. D. Wingert, New Gifford Dist., Pa., . .	2 25

\$213 65

Expenditures.

Printing examination questions and certificates, \$	6 84
Stenographer,	10 00
Printing Sanctification Pamphlet,	20 00
Paper and Postage,	10 00
Car fare for Executive Board,	37 82

Total, \$ 84 72

Balance in Treasury May 1, 1911, . . . \$ 128 93

ART. X.

Report of Constitution and By-Laws Committee as appointed under Art. 41, page 45, Confer-

ence, 1910, to General Conference, 1911, adopted:	
Total number of votes cast in favor of amendment,	1,163
Total number of votes cast against amendment,	715
Majority in favor of amendment, ..	448

ART. XI.

Sec. 1. Report of Board of Managers of Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home, Harrisburg, Pa., to General Conference, Brethren in Christ, 1911, adopted as follows:

The Board of Managers of Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home presented a joint report containing that of Board of Trustees, as well as a separate report of Faculty as follows:

Sec. 2. By recurrence of General Conference we are again reminded of another year past into history and with it many of our loved ones. The past Conference year marks the venture of the Church upon a new phase of work, a work which necessarily involves new duties, new responsibilities, and a work which we trust will spread an influence for Christ and for souls in years to come, even to the uttermost parts of the earth.

According to agreement, the Board of Managers of the M. B. S. & M. T. H. met at Grantham, Cumberland County, Pa., August, 31, 1910. The members present were J. R. Zook, President; D. V. Heise, Treasurer; H. K. Kreider, Secretary; A. Z. Hess and Geo. Detwiler. After due consideration it was decided to launch the school and begin the work on September 26, 1910. The first vital question following the de-

cision for the opening of the school was the securing of teachers. The Board realized that this was not a small matter to get teachers, with the necessary qualifications and sound in the tenets and principles of the word and at the same time render their services for a consideration that was within the reach of our limited means.

After due consideration, the Brethren S. R. Smith, was appointed as President; Enos H. Hess, Vice-President and Secretary; Peter J. Wiebe, with a later addition of Henry L. Smith and John Climenhaga, as a Faculty for the first school year. In connection with this Faculty, Brother Geo. Detwiler and Sister Mary E. Hoffman, also rendered efficient services in instructions.

The school opened with twelve students, and the total enrollment for the school year was thirty-seven. From January 24th to February 5th, a Bible Conference as outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws of the institution was conducted in connection with the school, in the chapel of the Messiah Home, at Harrisburg, Pa., in which the students as well as the members of the Brotherhood, who were well represented, were given practical Bible instructions by inspired teachers from different sections of the Brotherhood, including Bishop J. N. Engle, of Kansas, and Elders C. N. Hostetter, S. G. Engle, Geo. Detwiler, S. R. Smith, Eli M. Engle, Levi Musser and J. N. Martin.

During these meetings a number of students and others became interested in their Salvation, and found Christ as their personal Savior, and are now walking in newness of life. Others felt the call of the Master to the foreign field, and yielded themselves to His will. Eternity will bear the permanent record of the first Bible Conference efforts in connection with the school.

The prospect for increase of students in the future is bright and arrangements should necessarily be expedited so as to be in readiness for Fall opening in September. The work of the school progressed very satisfactorily during the year and in point of attendance exceeded our most sanguine expectations.

Three teachers gave all their time, and three parts of their time to the work, in which several of the teachers were at no small sacrifice in taking up the work; their individual earning power exceeded the amount paid to all the teachers combined. The devotions to the work on the part of the students was, with few exceptions, very satisfactory. With the same earnestness continued on the part of the students and sacrifice and endeavor on the part of the Faculty, the school gives fair promise of a successful future.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Sec. 3. WHEREAS, the Brethren, S. R. Smith, Enos H. Hess, Peter J. Wiebe, Henry L. Smith, and John Climenhaga, the members of the present Faculty have rendered efficient service to the institution during the past year, and have also expressed a willingness for future service, therefore,

(a) *Resolved*, That We, the present members of the Board of Managers of M. B. S. & M. T. H., recommend to the members of the new board for re-engagement; and

WHEREAS, there is evident need for a course in stenography and typewriting, therefore,

(b) *Resolved*, That we recommend that the new Board take immediate steps to secure a competent person for the situation, as well as the necessary equipment, and

WHEREAS, the allied interests of the Board of Managers and Board of Trustees of the M. B. S.

& M. T. H., pertaining to the treasurership of both Boards, We the members of the Board of Managers, in judging from our experiences, are inclined to express our opinion that for the time being, the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees should also be the Treasurer of the Board of Managers, or visa versa, by keeping both accounts separate, as required by the Constitution and By-Laws of the institution, therefore,

(c) *Resolved*, That we petition General Conference, that in the organization of the new Board of Managers and the Board of Trustees, the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees shall also be the the Treasurer of Board of Managers, or visa versa, with the provision that separate accounts be kept according to Constitution and By-Laws, and

(d) *Resolved*, That General Conference amend the Constitution and By-Laws of the M. B. S. & M. T. H., granting the privilege for one Treasurer to serve both Boards, whenever it is deemed advisable by both Boards, with the condition that both accounts be kept separate, and

(e) *Resolved*, That the present arranged catalogue as now prepared for the next school year be recommended to our successors.

Signed,

J. R. ZOOK, *Chairman*,
H. K. KREIDER, *Secretary*.

ART. XII.

Sec. 1. Report of the Board of Trustees of the Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home to the Board of Managers for the year ending May 1, 1911, adopted as follows:

The organization was affected August 31, 1910, by electing:

Isaac Stern, Roaring Springs, Pa., Chairman.
J. K. Forney, Abilene, Kans., Sec.
A. B. Musser, Grantham, Pa., Treas.

On September 1st, a joint session was held with the Board of Managers at which time settlement was made with S. R. Smith, by deed for his property at Harrisburg, Pa. It was also decided that an effort be made to sell the Harrisburg property and relocate in a more suitable place for the future development of the school according to the conditions set forth by General Conference.

A committee on location was appointed to report at the earliest possible date.

December 17, 1910, the Board of Trustees' Committee on Location in co-operation with the Board of Managers met at Harrisburg and Grantham and definitely decided to locate the school at Grantham, Pa.

The committee further decided that the Board of Trustees secure the property located at Grantham, Pa., containing nearly five acres for the sum of \$2,000, which amount was donated for that purpose, and improve the same with suitable buildings for school purposes after a title has been secured. A Building Committee was appointed composed of Isaac Stern, A. B. Musser and Samuel Myers, which organized February 1, 1911, by electing Isaac Stern, chairman, A. B. Musser, secretary, and treasurer. Plans were then drawn and sent to and approved by the Managing Board and Board of Trustees. The Building Committee met February 25, 1911, and made arrangements to proceed with the construction of the buildings.

At present the title to the land is secured and the work of excavating is nearly completed; the greater part of the concrete foundation is constructed. The larger part of the building material is ordered and several car loads on the ground. The work of construction is being pushed forward as ordered by both Boards in or-

der to have the building ready for occupation for the opening of the school in September.

Sec. 2. Financial report of A. B. Musser, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of M. B. S. & M. T. H.:

Receipts.

Received approximately during Conference year,	\$4,500 95
Expended approximately to date,	2,566 00

Cash on hand,	\$1,934 95
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The itemized account was sent to the Secretary who failed to return it with his report. The exact amounts will be reported in the Conference minutes.

The approximated cost of the school building as planned and adopted is fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), against which we have the Harrisburg property free of incumbrances, and cash balance as above reported.

ISAAC STERN, *Chairman,*
A. B. MUSSER, *Treasurer.*

ART. XIII.

Financial Operating Report by E. H. Hess, Secretary of the Faculty of the Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home, from September 26, 1910, to May 5, 1911, adopted as follows:

Receipts.

Pledge donations,	\$1,117 45
Special teachers' donation,	300 00
Provision donations,	103 21
Charity student donations,	19 15
Bible Conference offerings,	95 00

Boarding,	1,079 45
Room Rent,	145 45
Tuition,	262 50
Text Books sold,	320 00
Stationary sold,	53 41

Total, \$3,495 62

Disbursements.

Provisions, matron and helpers,	\$ 787 96
Text Books,	483 61
Furnishings,	338 58
School supplies and apparatus,	87 88
Teachers and Bible Conference,	1,304 08
Stationery,	82 85
Fuel, light, postage, etc.,	340 18
Cash on hand,	70 48

Total, \$3,495 62

Resource Inventory.

Text Books,	\$ 205 00
Stationery,	30 00
Furnishings,	325 00
School supplies and apparatus,	80 00
Due from students,	50 00
Total,	\$ 690 00

Liability Inventory.

Due to teachers to end of school year, \$ 245 00

ART. XIV.

Report of the Faculty of the Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home, Harrisburg, Pa., to General Conference of the Brethren in Christ, 1911. Greeting:

Sec. 1. We, the members of the Faculty, feel that we are a body of servants, whose work is for time and eternity.

Sec. 2. For time in the sense of preparing for the temporal part of the work for the Master's Vineyard, which necessarily involves teaching by precept and example. We realize that precept teaching, even though since it requires preparation, is the lesser of the two. Example teaching means a knowledge of precept applied in the person's daily life and a godly daily living cannot be acquired except by and through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit; hence the importance of the undertaking as a teacher.

For eternity, inasmuch as the spiritual destiny of those who are entrusted to our care, is largely involved in the kind of spiritual teaching and training they receive, while students at the school; and when we consider the awfulness of the result of perverted teaching and our limited resources, we feel all the more as though we should crumble to dust and ashes before an undertaking of such importance. It is an easy matter to think about teaching, either a class or a congregation when we dismiss the subject from our mind as soon as the work is done; but when we consider that our teaching, either in a class or a congregation, will only be manifested by the members in after life, and the destiny of some lives are largely what we as teachers help to shape, we feel to say that we are not equal to the occasion. This condition was considered by the Board of Managers before we were employed; but since there was a call for volunteers, and since the work necessarily had to be assumed, and since there was no voluntary response to the call prior to the consideration of the work by the Board of Managers, it became necessary that someone had to say, "Here am I, send me."

We take the liberty to say in behalf of the members of the Faculty, that the work was not undertaken in a novice way, or with novice ideas but only as a matter of yielding to a call, which could not be construed in any other way but as a divine call to the Master's Business.

Inasmuch as you already have the report from our respected Board of Managers and Trustees, we wish to withhold making any comments upon their work beyond an approval of their faithful and painstaking labors, and wish to bespeak a word of encouragement, that the work so far begun should be all the more prosecuted and supported; and we trust that if there are any factional feelings that all may be eliminated and a united effort be made whereby and through which the cause of saving souls may prosper, God's Kingdom on the earth be more fully established, and the Church and the Bride may be better adorned and fully prepared to love the appearance of the coming of the Lord.

PERSONAL WORK.

Sec. 3. The personal student work is not by any means what the Faculty would like to see, because the aim and object is to raise the standard far above what it is at present. However, we feel that all those connected with the work have reason to feel congratulated or in milder terms say that we believe that divine approval was upon the labors and efforts of the first year of the practical work in the Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home.

It must also be remembered that in the beginning of an effort of this kind, there are many incidentals and conditions to be met, which were never considered and could not have been conceived until the work was undertaken, and from

the experience we have had, we give God the honor and the glory for coming to our relief under trying conditions.

THE BIBLE DEPARTMENT.

Sec. 4. In the beginning of the school, the Faculty was almost at sea, just as to what should constitute a Bible Course; notwithstanding the manual that had formerly been framed; and hence we are obliged to say that the Bible Work for the past year was not what we contemplate it should be in the future. By reference to the new catalogue, which is almost ready for publication, it will be noticed that we have a Bible curriculum, that we think will measure up to the requirements for all occasions in our sphere of work.

DISCIPLINE.

Sec. 5. Our experience is that there is a diversity of opinion as to what constitutes proper discipline, and since the writers speaking for themselves, are obliged to say that their views differ on some lines as to what should constitute a proper course for discipline, we feel to say that after all we may differ on minor points, our objective is the same, and consequently we are inclined to bear with each other, and work to the ultimate end of peace and harmony. It is a fact very noticeable that the same conditions exist in our school effort as in nearly all common schools, as well as advanced schools, that some parents expect to be done to their children, by way of discipline in the school, what they are unable to do at home in the family institution, and while it is true that the school is able, to a certain extent, to dispense theory and practice pertaining

to discipline in a more practical way than in a number of homes, yet with it all, it takes considerable time, and that parents should not expect to have an incorrigible or an unwilling boy or girl, to be brought to the best of their senses in the course of one term or even in a full year of school. This necessarily evolves itself, that without the co-operation of parents or guardians, the school cannot be made a proper success on doctrinal lines, and hence we feel to say that the school lines should be thrown out into every family that is represented in the school.

SHOULD PARENTS SEND THEIR CHILDREN WHO HAVE COMMON SCHOOL FACILITIES?

Sec. 6. We are repeatedly confronted with the above question, and in giving an answer, we feel that we are putting ourselves in a delicate position, because common school opportunities are offered, without charges, even the furnishing of books; and in some districts High School opportunities are presented. These conditions are praiseworthy from a worldly standpoint; but there are two things to be considered—the present and the future. We raise the question to the parents: What would you give for your boy after having sent him to the common school, and possible through the Township High School, graduated him with the rest, when necessarily, he will have imbibed the influence (like in many cases) of an unholy, even an infidel teacher, tainted with higher criticism, Darwinism, etc., and subjected to a number of characteristics which will leave their imprints on the boy's future life? Then on the opposite, what would you give for your boy if he were placed in the Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home, where he would be under a daily hallow-

ed training, daily Bible study, daily religious exercises, subjected to religious discipline, which conditions necessarily must leave an imprint on his future life, especially by the co-operation of the parents? Set a picture of the two boys before you, make a bid for the two persons, with this thought that one soul saved is worth more than the whole world. Hence, we feel to commit our first report to the highest tribunal of our Beloved Brotherhood for consideration, and any suggestions by way of advice or encouragement shall be cheerfully accepted and thankfully received.

MISSIONARY TRAINING DEPARTMENT.

Sec. 7. There were three sisters and one brother in Missionary Training Department, who made very creditable marks in the letter, as well as in the spirit, in preparing themselves for the foreign field. The brother contemplates to go to the foreign field this year. Since this department is a new departure in the church work, and since there is no precedent or method of operation prescribed pertaining to the preparation for missionary workers, beyond the questions for examination as approved by the different Missionary Boards, it became a serious matter for the Faculty to formulate a curriculum that may fill the need, and that may, in all lines, conform to the teaching and tenets of the Brotherhood; and since the Faculty fully appreciates the needs of the church acting wisely in the calling and acceptance of mission workers, inasmuch as the Home and Foreign Mission workers are part of the ambassadors of the Brotherhood in representing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a people steeped in idolatry, superstition, and heathenism; and since various requirements of personalities

and characteristics in mission work largely depend upon their preparation before entering upon their duties, it became all the more serious upon the Faculty that, nothing may be accepted as a method or principle, or standard of teaching that, would not bear out the promulgation of the Word and the tenets of the Church.

Notwithstanding the different views that may be taken as to what should obtain to a missionary training course, we feel that a foundation has been laid, which, with the prayerful co-operation of the different Mission Boards as well as the Brotherhood at large, will establish a mission service for the Master's Kingdom that the ports of Hell may tremble at the approach of the work, and that Christ's Kingdom may be enlarged upon the earth, and the Bride be prepared and adorned for His coming.

S. R. SMITH, *Pres.*,
ENOS H. HESS, *Vice-Pres. and Sec.*

ART. XV.

Report of Baptism and Membership Committee, appointed under Art. 29, General Conference, 1910, adopted as follows:

THESIS.

Sec. 1. In reference to a thesis on baptism we refer to a treatise on Christian Baptism by Dr. W. O. Baker, as adopted by the Church and published in 1893.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR BAPTISM.

Sec. 2. The qualifications for baptism are clearly set forth in the teaching and practices of the apostles, which are: The evangelical repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus

Christ, which results in conversion, regeneration, justification, and cleansing away of the guilt of all committed sins. Acts 2: 37, 38; 3: 19; 16: 31, 32, 33; 8: 12. The aforesaid qualifications induct the individual into the mystical body of Christ, (the Church). 1 Cor. 12: 13. It also covers the willingness to obey "in all things" incumbent or commanded, etc., in the Holy Scriptures as the light of truth according to the church doctrine; dawns upon the understanding: Mat. 28: 20. Acts 2: 41, 42.

BAPTISM WITHOUT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ON QUALIFIED CONDITIONS.

Sec. 3. There is a possibility of rare instances in which it would be expedient to baptize individuals without requiring church fellowship; but for the safety and future well being of the Church, it would be preferable to abide by the former decision of General Conference of 1905, Art. 21, which reads, "That it is not consistent to baptize converts who do not intend to unite with the Brotherhood."

ART. XVI.

COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION OF MINISTERS, REPORT.

The committee appointed at General Conference of 1910, under Art. 26, Page 39, to examine Bishops and Ministers, present their report as follows, which was adopted: We have on our records about 31 Bishops and 150 Ministers, to all of these except a few of the aged and infirm, we sent question blanks. Of this number about 120 responded, several of these did not fill out the blanks. We learn that here and there are a

few who take exceptions to the rigid decisions of last year's minutes; and that this is their reason for not filling them out.

We also had some expense in way of printing and postage, amounting to about \$8.

The following is an approximate report as we have it on our records of the Bishops. We have:

Between 30 and 40 years of age,	1
Between 40 and 50 years of age,	2
Between ages of 50 and 60,	7
Between ages of 60 and 70,	7
Between ages of 70 and 80,	3
Over eighty, probably,	3
Ministers between ages of 20 and 30,	5
Ministers between ages of 30 and 40,	24
Ministers between ages of 40 and 50,	22
Ministers between ages of 50 and 60,	16
Ministers between ages of 60 and 70,	22
Ministers between ages of 70 and 80,	8
Ministers that are eighty and over,	2

The age at which our Ministry has been called to the work, averages approximately between ages of 20 and 30, 21; between years of 30 and 40, 60; between years of 40 and 50, 19; between years of 50 and 60, 4, and over sixty, 1.

Signed, CHAS. BAKER,
J. N. ENGLE,
HENRY B. HOFFER,
Committee.

ART. XVII.

Report of Boulter Committee, adopted as follows:

The committee as appointed by General Conference, 1910, Art. 21, to visit Brother Boulter's, report that they found them in faith and willing to continue under the rulings and regulations of the Church.

While there was an admission of error in the past on their part, there was nothing at present to justify non-fellowship.

We recommend them to the confidence and sympathy of the Brotherhood.

AARON MARTIN,
ENOS H. HESS,
Committee.

ART. XVIII.

Report of Foreign Mission Treasurer P. M. Climenhaga, Stevensville, Ont., from May 1, 1910, to April 30, 1911, adoped as follows:

Sec. 1. General Fund, Including Special Offerings.

Balance in Treasury, May 1, 1910, ..	\$1,568 08
Receipts during Conference year,	6,480 23
Total,	<u>\$8,048 31</u>

Disbursements.

Disbursements as reported through the Visitor during Conference year, .. \$4,266 74

Balance in General Fund, May 1, 1911, \$3,781 57

Sec. 2. Interest Credit to Treasurer's Account.

Amount credited to May 1, 1910,	\$ 555 37
Credited during Conference year,	<u>237 55</u>

Amount in treasury as interest, May 1, 1911, \$ 792 92

Making a total belonging to Foreign Funds, May 1, 1911, \$4,574 40

<i>Sec. 3. Land Purchase Fund.</i>	
Amount in treasury May 1, 1910,	571 55
No receipts during Conference year, .....	.....
Disbursements during Conference year,	571 55
<i>Sec. 4. Rest Home Fund.</i>	
Amount in treasury May 1, 1910,	\$ 5 00
No receipts during Conference year, ..	.....
Disbursements during Conference year,	5 00
<i>Sec. 5. Rescue Home and Girls' School Fund.</i>	
Amount in treasury May 1, 1910,	\$3,517 07
Receipts during Conference year,	150 00
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Total,	\$3,667 07
Disbursements during Conference year,	\$3,667 07

ART. XIX.

FOREIGN MISSION SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Sec. 1. We submit to General Conference the annual report of the Foreign Mission work of the year 1910. As previous years that have been filled with joy and sorrow, strength and weakness, success and failure, so likewise the past year adds another page to the Foreign Mission work. The work in general has prospered, lives of both workers and natives have been made happy by the effects of redeeming grace and Gospel light manifesting itself in the lives of those who hitherto have lived in darkness. Others are anxious for more light and understanding, and still others consecrating their all to Him.

While some are standing in uncertainty; others have followed on to know the Lord.

God's power manifesting itself in living conviction upon the hearts of some, and experiences which were productive of bringing praises to the Lamb of God in the lives of others.

On the other hand sadness was brought to hearts, because such who have been useful, fell under the power of sin.

A number gave evidence of possession of salvation, to whom has been extended the hand of fellowship and have become members of the Church. The inquirer class is still increasing.

More consecrated spirit-filled workers needed.

New territory has been explored in view to discover native settlements where Christ has not been preached. Conditions met were sad in appearance but grand in opportunity.

Natives once in fear and horror now inviting the missionary. Responsible men and women rising from native converts.

Growing interest demand more permanent improvements at some of the Mission Stations.

Special efforts have been made during the year to secure some of the Mission property by purchase from the Government.

During the year Brother and Sister Steigerwald have been in the homeland on furlough, taking a much needed rest, and spending part of the time visiting in different parts of the Brotherhood for the purpose of arousing a deeper and more sincere interest in Foreign Mission work, by giving a descriptive view of the work done, the great field yet untouched, the pressing demand for combined intercession, the need of humble, consecrated, spirit-filled workers, and ample means to carry on the work.

We are gratified to report that the free-will offerings given to Brother and Sister H. P. Steigerwald for the General Fund, during their itinery in America have been \$1,963.98, while their traveling and other expenses during the same period

of time have been \$344.37, leaving a net balance in favor of the General Fund of \$1,619.61.

Respective reports from the various Mission Stations deal with the nature and condition of things there.

"MATOPO MISSION STATION."

Sec. 2. In the absence of Brother and Sister Steigerwald, Brother and Sister Doner had charge of the work here, assisted by other workers. It has been a year full of hard work and many burdens, sorrow and joy mingled.

The regular order of service has been going on.

The school was well attended. Seventy-five pupils being enrolled. The average daily attendance of the Industrial School was twenty-one. In a council held in the early part of the year it was decided that Brother Doner and Brother Frey make a trip eastward into new fields. They discovered a large aréo untouched by missionary work, thickly settled, in ignorance and superstition. Application for Mission site favorably received.

The spiritual aspect has in some ways been rather discouraging as seemingly no advancement has been made; the untiring zeal and earnest efforts of the workers, though hard, seemingly was fruitless. But by prayer and holding on to God the hindrance was revealed. So, in Africa as well as in America, we find men and women who should be pillars of strength, adornments of beauty, who yield to sin, and become stumbling blocks instead of lamps by the wayside. The close of the year again brings rays of light penetrating the darkness, and the workers are encour-

aged. Some substantial improvements have been made during the year, and blessings were manifested in good crops.

ART. XX.

MATOPO MISSION FINANCIAL REPORT, YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1910.

Receipts.

	£.	s.	d.	\$
Balance in hand Jan. 1,				
1910,	80	1	3	389 90
By Off. General Treasury, 100	..	..	..	487 00
Bro. Bucker,	10	6	2	50 21
Abilene, Kans., S. S.,	8	18	8	43 53
Sr. Lydia Benner,	20	11	8	100 25
Philadelphia, S. S.,	4	18	3	23 88
Bethel, Kans., S. S.,	4	4	..	20 46
Other sources,	2	12	11	12 91
From sales of produce, ..	168	1	5	818 52
Stock, (donkey),	78	7	6	381 65
	478	1	10	2,328 31

Expenditures.

	£.	s.	d.	\$
Household and provisions,	54	10	1	265 41
Hardware, repairs and building material,	93	16	8	456 94
Native labor of boys stay- ing at Mission,	94	5	6	459 08
Outside laborers,	8	18	..	43 31
Two teachers,	32	19	3	160 50
Native trade and feed, ..	31	8	3	152 95
Personal,	21	17	5	106 91

Seed,	10	2	3	49	21
Medicine for stock and natives,	5	17	8	28	62
Rent for Matopo Mission for three years,	3	..	..	14	58
Rent for out school,	1	..	..	4	84
Bro. & Sister Steigerwald's furlough,	70	..	..	340	87
Other expenses,	18	11	4	90	39
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1910,	31	15	5	154	70
	478	1	10	2,328	31

LEVI DONER.

ART. XXI.

MAPANI MISSION STATION.

Sec. 1. This station has been in charge of native teachers the past year, who received frequent visits from the workers of Matopo Mission, (the oversight thereof belonging to their charge), directing, instructing and encouraging the work. Three schools have been opened in this district. Native teachers from Matopo being in charge; the enrollment was 120. The Government is becoming more interested in the education of the natives. The spiritual progress has been encouraging; during a lovefeast and baptismal service in the month of August, fifteen were added in fellowship with the Church, and received the administration of baptism. Over one hundred names appear on the roll of the Inquirers' Class. While some are standing in uncertainty, others have followed on to know the Lord. God's power has been wonderfully manifested in the lives of some by way of deep conviction and by others in receiving a more clear and definite ex-

perience of salvation, bursting forth in praise to the Lamb of God.

The material side has also been blest of God.

The financial report showing that a great part of the current expenses were met by the material source of income from the station.

ART. XXIII.

Sec. 2. Financial Report for thirteen months ending 31st December, 1910:

Receipts.

	£.	s.	d.	\$
December 1, Balance in hand,	57	7	10	279 34
Private:				
Bro. H. P. Steigerwald,	1	..	..	4 87
I. H. N.,	5	5	3	25 63
Bro. J. Curry, Penna., ..	10	4	7	49 82
Sr. Elizabeth Engle, ...	1	..	4	4 95
Buffalo S. S.,	2	..	10	9 94
Mapani Congregation, ..	2	15	6	13 52
Per Bro. P. M. Climenhaga,	100	..	..	487 00
Other source, .....	..	7	..	1 70
Sales of produce,	72	2	1	351 14
Sales of live stock,	83	1	6	404 56
Sales of goods,	8	2	3	39 50
Transportation of grain for natives,	23	5	5	113 32
Total receipts,	366	12	7	1,785 49

Expenditures.

	£.	s.	d.	\$
Household and provisions,	3	15	11	18 57
Hardware, harness and repairs,	45	5	4	220 46
Support of three native teachers,	34	..	..	165 57
Native labor,	26	10	3	129 11
School supplies and sta- tionery,	6	..	..	29 22
Personal,	10	13	9	52 11
Itinerary,	4	13	6	22 95
Mules (4),	126	10	..	616 13
Rent for two schools, ...	2	..	..	9 74
Map of Mashonaland, ...	1	10	..	7 37
Furloughs—fares on train,	26	4	3	127 62
Living at Sanatorium, ...	26	8	5	128 67
Dental work,	19	19	..	97 15
Incidental expenses,	4	9	4	21 76
Other expenses,	2	14	4	13 28
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Total expenditures, 340	14	1		1,659 71
Balance in hand, Dec. 30, 1910,	25	18	6	125 78
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	366	12	7	1,785 49

LEVI DONER.

ART. XXIV.

MTSHABEZI MISSION STATION.

Sec. 1. The annual letter from the workers of

this Station report triumph and victory through Him who assists in the midst of conflicts.

During the years souls accepted Christ as their Redeemer; thirteen had the rite of baptism administered and were received into the Church by the right hand of fellowship.

Others received deeper experience from the Lord and are enjoying a peace and fullness unknown to them before. Two new schools have been opened, one fifteen miles N. E., and the other twenty-eight miles S. E., from the Mission, native teachers being in charge.

The regular order of Gospel service was continued; also service held every three weeks at Blanket and Champion mines. The Stanmore compound service was discontinued because of lack of workers. God is raising up workers in the young native men who become real help to the work, and on the other hand the enemy of souls is contesting every part of the ground, and as men and women are brought face to face with the deeper truths of God's Word, some go back while others again step into their places.

Eighteen boys and sixteen girls stayed at the Mission during the year, and in addition to mental and spiritual instructions they were also taught habits of industry.

In a material way the blessings of God were manifested to the extent that most of the food for the workers and natives was grown in their gardens.

By way of improvements, a brick granary with iron roof, a donkey stable, and a hen house was built. More substantial improvements are needed at this station, for which a great many brick have already been made.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF MTSHABEZI MISSION.

Dec. 1, 1909, to Dec. 31, 1910.

Sec. 2.

Receipts.

	£.	s.	d.	\$
Produce and sundries, ...	165	16	6	812 54
Government grant,	8	0	0	39 20
From F. M. B.,	100	0	0	490 00
Special offerings,	4	10	9	22 23
Offerings at Mission,	6	18	9	33 99
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Total receipts,	285	6	0	1,397 96
On hand, Dec. 31, 1909, ..	19	17	1	97 28
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Total resources, ..	305	3	1	1,495 24
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	263	8	2	1,290 67
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On hand, Dec. 31, 1910, ..	41	14	11	204 57

Expenditures.

	£.	s.	d.	\$
Household,	50	5	5	246 325
Labor—Mostly for native teachers and school boys staying at Mission,	56	3	4	275 215
Building material,	39	4	1	192 10
Native trade and supplies for girls and boys at Mission,	47	0	4	230 38
School and S. S. supplies,	2	10	7	12 39
Implements, tools, repairs, etc.,	30	8	10	149 16
Stamps, stationery, maps, etc.,	5	6	10	26 17

Seeds,	6	0	6	29 52
Itinerating,	3	18	6	19 23
Personal,	2	8	11	11 98
Offerings by Mission, ...	2	8	0	11 76
Miscellaneous,	17	12	10	86 44
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Total expenses, ... 263 8 2 1,290 67

HARVEY J. FREY.

ART. XXV.

MACHA MISSION STATION.

Sec. 1. In recording the work of another year at Macha, the workers report that there is nothing especially remarkable to recount. A year of steady every-day work for the Master, both in temporal and spiritual lines. This means laying hold of that which comes up before them, and that with untiring zeal the work is prosecuted, and while human eyes may look upon it as part failure, God alone knows what really has been accomplished. And the result of hard labor, though invisible now, may be the establishing of foundation truths that will yield a rich and abundant harvest.

Thankfulness to God is expressed by the workers, in keeping them body and soul, and encouraging their hearts in the work.

Regular order of service as recorded in report of 1909 continued during the year.

While there were no additions to the church during the year, it has been a great encouragement and satisfaction to see the converts of the previous year standing firm and advancing in divine life, and others who started, going forward, and some come to know the Lord in the pardon of their sins. These precious souls meet

with absolutely no help away from the Mission; hence it is very difficult for them to stand. And the workers feel it is best not to baptize too hurriedly.

The annual letter also chronicles the sad but true fact that the elder people who have attended service quite faithfully from the opening of the Mission have received light, but refuse to take the way; therefore absenting themselves from worship.

The school work has been unusually prosperous, both in attendance and interest, being in session eleven months, with an average attendance of over forty-one for the year.

Twenty boys and four girls staying at the Mission all the year, and numbers of others nearly all year.

A number of those who were in attendance from the founding of the Mission, are looked upon as such who will soon be teachers among their people.

The industrial part of the work is progressing favorably. By the substantial interest of one, oxen and cows have been purchased, more farm implements procured, enabling the putting of double the amount of land under cultivation.

The orchard was enlarged. A good supply of bananas during the rainy season, and an abundant supply of good, wholesome vegetables from the gardens was obtained, for which the bountiful giver of all that is good shall receive the praise.

Habits of industry are thus acquired by the pupils, and will assist them in becoming useful men and women.

In their homes most of their time is spent in idleness, so frequently they conclude there is too much to do at the Mission Station and leave.

Others who are persistent enough to remain until they have become accustomed to the work, and know the advantages that come with the Gospel, receive the blessing.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF MACHA MISSION, 1910.

Sec. 2.

Receipts.

	£.	s.	d.	\$
Balance on hand,	54	4	6	262 50
General Treasury,	150	0	0	732 95
General Treas., for trip to sea,	30	0	0	146 75
Special donations,	42	6	2	207 65
Produce,	8	5	0	40 75
Special for School,	39	2	5	191 00
Total,	323	18	1	1,581 60

Expenses.

Household and provisions,	25	4	5	123 18
Freight, hardware and farm implements,	50	6	8	245 75
Native labor,	17	1	6	83 40
Native teacher (part of year),	11	0	0	53 70
Trip to sea,	30	0	0	146 75
School (food, clothing, books, etc.),	56	17	11	278 05
Cattle,	39	8	0	192 40
Other expenses,	14	15	10	72 15
Total,	244	14	4	1,195 38
Balance on hand,	79	3	9	386 22

We thank all who had a share in the work at this place the past year, either by sending money directly or through the Board. We feel especially to mention Bro. M. Busher and Sister Lydia Benner, who so generously aided in the support of the School, and for the special donation given for the purchase of cattle. We thank the Board for sending £30 to pay our traveling expenses to the sea; also the kind friends who supplied us with money for living and personal expenses while we were away.

May the Lord abundantly reward all.

H. FRANCES DAVIDSON.
MYRON TAYLOR.
ADDA TAYLOR.

ART. XXVI.

JOHANNESBURG COMPOUND MISSION.

Sec. 1. In Gen. Conf. Minutes of 1910, relative to the advancement of Foreign Mission work, a resolution was passed, authorizing the F. M. Board to investigate and consider the advisability of opening compound mission work at Johannesburg, South Africa, to be operated under the jurisdiction of the Church at the hands of the Brethren Isaac O. Lehman and wife and Jesse Eyster and wife. Bro. Lehman and wife are now engaged in said work, having received their credentials and authority to proceed from the F. M. Board.

In the annual report of the commissioned workers praise and gratitude to God for the manifold blessings of the year in regard to both temporal and spiritual blessings, lay claim to their highest obligation. A mission site has been secured on the Vogelstruis Estate and Gold

Mines, Ltd. Bro. Lehman reports this as a good location and the natives are anxious for its opening.

Also that they opened a Mission at the Consolidated Langlaagte Mines, Ltd., where they received special encouragement even from the management of said mines.

Application has been made for Mission sites at other compounds. In all they have been holding Gospel service at six compounds, and two hospitals. They have also been engaged in school work with prospects of better work after being permanently located.* Native brethren are helping and standing by the work, but more helpers from the homeland are needed.

The workers are encouraged and labor with confidence; yet they also meet tests and problems that require much wisdom; therefore, earnestly request the prayers of God's people.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1911, OF THE BRETHREN IN CHRIST MISSION OF JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA.

Sec. 2.

Receipts.

	£.	s.	d.
Foreign Mission Treasury,	50	0	0
Special offerings,	53	3	9
Special for cow,	9	0	0
From Africa,	66	16	3
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Total,	179	0	0

*Improvements at said location now considered, and held under the advisement of Foreign Missionary Board.

Expenditures.

General expenses,*	120	0	0
Tables and benches for school and church,	5	0	8
For native teacher,	4	12	0
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Total,	129	12	8
Balance in treasury, March 31, 1911,	49	7	4

ISAAC LEHMAN.
ALICE LEHMAN.

ART. XXVII.

INDIA MISSION REPORT.

The annual letter from the workers of India opens with that which recalls events of sadness, because death broke their ranks, and claimed one that was much loved. May the Lord comfort the hearts of the dear ones that they may be able to say with the poet, "Earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal." Spiritual results have not been manifest in a way that would have been desired, and God alone knows actual results.

The year closes with brighter prospects.

*General expenses above mentioned do not include the cost of moving and other current expenses.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, ENDING MARCH 31ST, 1911.

	<i>From Board.</i>		<i>Rs. As. P.</i>		<i>Rs. As. P.</i>		<i>\$</i>
	<i>Rs.</i>	<i>As.</i>	<i>P.</i>	<i>Rs.</i>	<i>As.</i>	<i>P.</i>	<i>\$</i>
June 1st, 1910,	748	8	0				244 50
August 12, 1910,	373	6	6				124 44
October 3, 1910,	748	8	0				244 50
January 3, 1911,	739	12	0				244 50
March 28, 1911,	743	1	6				244 50
Total,				3,353	4	0	1,102 44
<i>Donations.</i>							
Produce,	37	12	0				12 56
December, E. B. Musser, India, ..	27	13	0				9 26
October, Bethel S. S.,	70	9	0				23 50
December, Mowersville S. S., ..	81	15	0				27 00
December, Sister Lenhart,	14	13	0				4 90
December, Zion S. S.,	134	0	0				45 00
March, Chicago Mission,	22	14	0				7 49
March, Sr. L. Reichard, California	14	13	0				4 90
Total,				404	9	0	134 61
Grand total,				3,753	13	0	1,237 05

Expenditures.

Charity,	47	8	3	15	80
Stamps and telegrams,	22	5	0	7	42
Fuel,	11	5	0	3	74
Laundry,	43	8	0	14	48
Rent and tax,	236	8	0	78	80
Sundries,	80	0	3	26	64
Dry goods,	149	13	3	53	58
Bro. Sen's family,	1,200	10	0	395	52
Provisions,	472	10	9	156	52
Labor,	84	3	0	28	06
Mission tour,	103	0	0	54	32
Land searching and moving,	148	1	9	49	32
Revenue stamps and searching fees,	17	6	9	5	76
Debts paid,	64	0	0	23	64
Doctor and burial of Sister Toru					
L. Musser,	300	0	0	100	00
Total,	3,041	0	6	1,016	60
Balance in Treasury,	716	12	6	220	45

AMOS L. MUSSER.

CONCLUSION.

At the end of the year's labor, though some undertakings may have failed, though the enemy has contested almost every inch of the ground, we believe we are safe to say there are more strong hands and willing hearts ready to stand by and support the Foreign Mission work than ever before.

We praise God for the interest in, and the substantial support given to, the work. May the Lord own, bless and accept the work and may we all more nobly defend and support the cause than ever before.

C. N. HOSTETTER,
Secretary.

ART. XXVIII.

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD'S
WORK AT CONFERENCE, ADOPTED AS FOLLOWS.

To General Conference of 1911, greeting: The Foreign Missionary Board submits the following preambles, resolutions and suggestions to General Conference for consideration and confirmation.

Sec. 1. WHEREAS, it is probable that certain individuals may desire to encourage the Foreign Mission work by certain forms of endowments, therefore, be it

Resolved, That General Conference of 1911, hereby authorize the F. M. Board to receive all endowments of such character that will be profitable to the Foreign Mission work.

Sec. 2. In reference to the Mtshabezi Mission Girls' School, steps have been taken to secure by purchase a six thousand (6,000) acre farm for the sum of one thousand pounds (1,000) sterling, which is nearly equivalent to \$4,900.00, for the

permanent location of said institution, the negotiations may possibly be already completed.

WHEREAS, serious questions have arisen in South Africa relative to polygamy, as to what shall be the attitude of the church toward those bearing such relations, when they give clear evidence of conversion, etc., and,

WHEREAS, some method must be adopted for present conditions until an intelligent reformation can and will be effected in relation to marital regulation so that all parties concerned may be provided for; the method adopted, however, should be of such a nature as to encourage and recognize the grace of God in those implicated, and yet, the same time holding them in certain detention relative to church relationship, showing and teaching them the Scriptural light and the conviction of the Church on this important doctrine, therefore,

Sec. 3. *Resolved*, That the workers of South Africa be authorized to receive into church fellowship and administer the rite of baptism to all who give clear and convincing evidence of salvation; although living in polygamy, providing, matrimonial relation was contracted and completed while in ignorance of Scriptural teaching on this subject. However, such members shall have no right or privilege to act in any official capacity in the church. (Such as Bishop, Minister, Deacon, Teacher, Missionary, Evangelist, etc. 1 Tim. 3: 2-12).

WHEREAS, it appears, in the past years there has been a delay in forwarding Conference Minutes to the Foreign Mission stations, and

WHEREAS, the workers on the fields are anxious to know the proceedings of General Conference, be it,

Sec. 4. *Resolved*, That the permanent Conference Secretary forward or authorize someone to forward, immediately after publication, to the various mission stations, an ample supply for the need of the workers, and the expense ensued by the same to be met from the Foreign Mission fund.

The Foreign Mission Board with pleasure reports to this Conference the application and also accepting and granting of certificates to the following workers for South Africa: Sisters Sadie Book, from Kansas, Cora Alvis, from Oklahoma, and Brothers Walter Wenger and Louis Steckley, from Canada; also with pleasure report the return of Sister Abbie Bert, who has been restored to health.

Also recommend to the Faculty of the M. B. S. & M. T. H., as prospective Foreign Mission workers, the application of Sisters Sue Book and Adda Hess, from Pennsylvania, and Effie Rohrer, from Ohio; and

Sec. 5. *Resolved*, That the Foreign Missionary reports, preambles, resolutions and suggestions as hereby submitted be reproduced and spread upon the minutes of this General Conference.

WHEREAS, it has pleased an all-wise Providence to remove by death, from our midst our dear brother and associate in the prosecution of the Foreign Missionary work of the Church, Bishop C. S. Leshar, of Greencastle, Pa., member of the Foreign Missionary Board, therefore,

Sec. 6. *Resolved*, That we, the members of the Foreign Missionary Board hereby tender an expression of condolence, and give recognition to the pleasant unity and co-operation we have enjoyed together with him in the prosecution of the

Foreign Missionary enterprise of the Church, and

Sec. 7. *Resolved*, That although we keenly feel the loss by the removal of our Brother C. S. Leshner by death, we humbly bow in submission to the Divine Will of an Alwise Providence, and

Sec. 8. *Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the record of the Foreign Missionary Board and upon the Minutes of the Conference of 1911.

GENERAL CHURCH WORK.

ART. XXIX.

SINGLE MODE OF FEET WASHING.

Conference adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That General Conference of 1911, adopt the single mode of feet washing, to be practiced throughout the Brotherhood, with the provision that if the physical condition of the participant is such that will inconvenience him or her to participate in washing, that such brother or sister be relieved by another brother or sister, with a further provision that if no objections be raised and presented to General Conference within this Conference year, that this resolution shall stand and become the general practice for feet washing throughout the Brotherhood.

NOTE.—At the second reading of the above decision, a motion was presented to reconsider the above article, for the reason that the measure was too drastic in its nature. The motion was considered and on a second vote, decided that the measure should stand.

ART. XXX.

SUMMARY OF THE SPIRITUAL MEANING OF FEET WASHING.

Conference appointed Bishops W. O. Baker, J. R. Zook, J. N. Hoover and Elders Geo. Detwiler, J. N. Martin, a committee to formulate a summary of the spiritual meaning of feet washing and present it to General Conference of 1912.

XXXI.

CONFIRMATION OF DIFFERENT BOARDS.

The Nominating Committee presented the following names for confirmation, as follows:

EXAMINING BOARD.

Sec. 1. Bishop J. N. Engle, Abilene Kansas, R. F. D. No. 6; Bishop Chas. Baker, Batteaux, Ont., Can.; Bishop Henry B. Hoffner, Mt. Joy, Pa., R. F. D. No. 2.

PUBLICATION BOARD.

Sec. 2. D. V. Heise, Clarence Centre, New York; H. K. Kreider, Campbellstown, Pa.; D. W. Heise, Gormerly, Ont.; Girvin Bearss, Ridgeway, Ont.; Calvin Eshelman, New Kingston, Pa.; Enos N. Engle, Thomas, Okla.; W. J. Myers, Massilion, R. F. D. No. 2, Ohio.

HOME MISSION BOARD.

Sec. 3. Bishop C. C. Burkholder, Upland, California; Elders Geo. Detwiler, Harrisburg, Pa.; Noah Z. Hess, Lancaster, Pa., R. F. D. No. 7; Bert Shirk, Stevensville, Ont.; D. B. Martin, 403 Bradshaw street, Dixon, Ill.; Henry Schneider,

Jr., Burton, Mich.; Harry C. Shank, Waynesboro, Pa.; and Brethren A. O. Zook, Abilene, Kansas; H. R. Davidson, Auburn, Ind.; Lydia Williams, Elgin Mills, Ont.; Anna Eshleman, Abilene, Kansas; Mrs. H. E. Cassel, Brookville, Ohio.

ART. XXXII.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

Bishops J. R. Zook, Des Moines, Iowa; J. N. Hoover, West Milton, Ohio, R. F. D. No. 1; Elders T. S. Doner, Gormerly, Ont.; C. N. Hostetter, Washingtonboro, Pa.; J. M. Sheets, Detroit, Kansas; Eli M. Engle, Mt. Joy, Penna., and Brother P. M. Climenhaga, Stevensville, Ont.

ART. XXXIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

Elders C. O. Musser, Abilene, Kansas; Henry K. Kreider, Campbellstown, Pa., and Brother Jesse Winger, Ridgeway, Ont.

Organization of different boards as follows:

ART XXXIV.

EXAMINING BOARD.

Chairman, Bishop J. N. Engle, Abilene, Kas., R. F. D. No. 6; Secretary, Bishop Chas. Baker, Batteaux, Ont.

ART. XXXV.

PUBLICATION BOARD.

Chairman, Elder D. V. Heise, Clarence Centre, N. Y.; Secretary, Enos N. Engle, Thomas, Okla.

ART. XXXVI.

HOME MISSION BOARD.

Chairman, Geo. Detwiler, 1216 Walnut street, Harrisburg, Pa.; Assistant Chairman, Noah Z. Hess, Lancaster, Pa., R. F. D. No. 7; Secretary, H. R. Davidson, Auburn, Ind., R. F. D. No. 3; Treasurer, A. O. Zook, Abilene, Kas.

ART. XXXVII.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

Chairman, J. R. Zook, Des Moines, Iowa; Secretary, C. M. Hostetter, Washingtonboro, Pa.; Treasurer, P. M. Climenhaga, Stevensville, Ont.

ART. XXXVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

Chairman, Elder H. K. Kreider, Campbellstown, Pa.; Secretary, Elder C. O. Musser, Abilene, Kas.

ART. XXXIX.

APPORTIONMENT OF DIFFERENT BOARDS.

HOME MISSION BOARD.

Sec. 1. Dauphin, Lebanon, Silverdale, and Lancaster Counties, Pa., Districts, Noah Z. Hess, Lancaster, Pa., R. D. No. 7.

Sec. 2. Cumberland, North and South Franklin Districts, H. C. Shank, Waynesboro, Pa.

Sec. 3. Lykens Valley, Juniata, Morrison's Cove and Centre County Districts, Geo. Detwiler, Harrisburg, Pa.

Sec. 4. Stark and Wayne Counties, South Dayton, Clark and Miami Counties, Ohio Dis-

tricts, Emma H. Cassel (Mrs. H. E. Cassel), Brookville, O., R. D. No. 3.

Sec. 5. Ashland and Richland Counties, Ohio, and Indiana Districts, H. R. Davidson, Auburn, Ind., R. D. No. 3.

Sec. 6. Michigan, Henry Schneider, Burton, Michigan, R. F. D. No. 1.

Sec. 7. North Dickinson, Brown and Clay County, Kansas, Districts, A. O. Zook, Abilene, Kansas, R. F. D. No. 1.

Sec. 8. South Dickinson, Harvey Co., Kansas and Oklahoma Districts, Anna Eshleman, Abilene, Kansas.

Sec. 9. Illinois and Iowa, D. B. Martin, 403 Bradshaw St., Dixon, Ill.

Sec. 10. California, Idaho Districts, C. C. Burkholder, Upland, California.

Sec. 11. New York and Ontario, not including Markham and Nottawa, Bert Sherk, Stevensville, Ont.

Sec. 12. Markham and Nottawa, Ont., Districts, Lydia Williams, Elgin Mills, Ont.

ART. XL.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD, APPORTIONMENT.

Sec. 1. Markham and Nottawa Districts, T. S. Dohner, Gormerly, Ont.

Sec. 2. Black Creek and Waterloo, Ont., Districts, P. M. Climenhaga, Stevensville, Ont.

Sec. 3. Cumberland, Franklin, Centre, Juniata Counties, Morrison's Cove and Lykens Valley, Pa., Districts, Eli M. Engle, Mt. Joy, Pa.

Sec. 4. Lancaster, York, Lebanon, Dauphin, and Bucks Counties and Philadelphia, Pa., and New York, C. N. Hostetter, Washingtonboro, Pa.

Sec. 5. Ohio and Indiana, J. N. Hoover, West Milton, Ohio, R. F. D. No. 1.

Sec. 6. Illinois and Iowa, J. R. Zook, Des Moines, Iowa.

Sec. 7. All territory west of Mississippi river, J. M. Sheets, Detroit, Kansas.

ART. XLI.

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF M. B. S. & M. T. H.

Conference elected the following members to represent the Board of Managers and Board of Trustees of the M. B. S. & M. T. H., Harrisburg, Pa.:

Sec. 1. *Board of Managers*—Bishops J. N. Engle, Abilene, Kansas; J. R. Zook, Des Moines, Iowa; Elders Eli M. Engle, Mt. Joy, Pa.; A. Z. Hess, Mt. Joy, Pa.; D. V. Heise, Clarence Centre, New York; John B. Niesely, Allen, Pa.; Henry O. Musser, Elizabethtown, Pa.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF M. B. S. & M. T. H.

Sec. 2. Bishop John D. Wingert, Fayetteville, Pa., R. F. D. No. 2; Bishop H. B. Hoffer, Mt. Joy, Pa.; Brethren A. B. Musser, Grantham, Pa.; Isaac N. Hershey, Derry Church, Pa.; Warren Dohner, West Milton, Ohio; D. W. Heise, Gormerly, Ont.

ART. XLII.

ALL DISTRICTS TO BE REPRESENTED AT CONFERENCE.

Conference adopted the following resolution:

Sec. 1. *Resolved*, That all fully organized districts shall hereafter be represented in person at General Conference according to the pro rata as outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws under Art. 12, Secs. 2 and 3, page, 261; and

Sec. 2. *Resolved*, That Mission Districts shall be represented at General Conference either by a member of the Mission or by the member of the Home Mission Board, who represents the apportionate district in which the Mission is located, and if such member cannot attend, the Home Mission Board shall make provisions that some member of the Board represents the Mission who shall be qualified to give an account of the workings and condition in the district, and of the needs, etc.

ART. XLIII.

EXAMINATION COMMITTEE TO BE CLEAR IN DOCTRINE.

Conference adopted the following resolution:
Resolved, That all members of the Examining Board must be clear on, and in perfect harmony with the established doctrines of the Church.

ART. XLIV.

TRAVELING EXPENSES FOR CONFERENCE BOARDS.

Conference considered a petition that the traveling expenses for the different Conference Boards to be paid out of the General Executive Treasury and ordered that the matter shall be referred to a committee, composed of Enos H. Hess, Grantham, Pa.; D. W. Heise, Gormerly, Ont., and E. S. Engle, Abilene, Kansas, who shall investigate the matter during the next Conference year, and make some recommendations to General Conference of 1912, how to provide for the traveling expenses of the General Conference Boards, including the Examining, Publication, Home and Foreign Mission and Sunday-school Boards.

ART. XLV.

PROVISIONS FOR BAPTISM.

Conference considered and adopted the following:

WHEREAS, a resolution was presented to General Conference to make provisions whereby the Holy Ordinance of Baptism can be immediately administered to converts, and

WHEREAS, there are climatic conditions which seemingly prevent some converts from observing Baptism during Winter months, and

WHEREAS, General Conference of 1907, under Art. 24, referred a question nearly similar, to the different districts, to dispose of such conditions as the church in the districts decides proper, therefore,

Resolved, That General Conference of 1911 reaffirm the former decision, under Art. 24, General Conference, 1907.

ART. XLVI.

OBJECTIONS TO FOREIGN MISSION EFFORTS IN DISTRICT.

Conference considered and adopted the following: A report of committee appointed by Conference to recommend some advice as to how to deal with districts who do not encourage Foreign Mission efforts in their districts. Report of committee as presented and adopted.

Sec. 1. WHEREAS, we find two districts in the Brotherhood which fail to recognize the importance of Foreign Mission work, not being in sympathy with the system and with some of the workers, therefore, it is recommended that the

Bishops of the adjoining districts, namely, Rapho, Donegal and Districts of Franklin, Pa., shall use their influence to effect co-operation between such districts as are not in sympathy to Foreign Mission work and Foreign Missionary work in the Brotherhood, and,

Sec. 2. *Resolved*, That Mission workers, Home or Foreign, shall exercise wisdom and discretion in their Mission efforts in districts that are not favorably inclined to Mission work.

ART' XLVII.

BISHOP OF CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT, CLARK COUNTY, OHIO, DISTRICT.

Conference appointed Bishop J. N. Hoover as overseer of Clark County, Ohio, District, for next Conference year.

ART. XLVIII.

TRUSTEE CONFIRMED.

Conference confirmed Levi Hershey, Rheems, Pa., as trustee for Elizabethtown, Pa., church property, instead of David G. Heisey, resigned.

ART. XLIX.

RESIGNATION OF AARON MARTIN.

Conference accepted the resignation of Bishop Aaron Martin, as overseer of the Philadelphia Mission District, with the recommendation that the Brotherhood take recognition of the services rendered, by Bishop A. Martin, in behalf of Philadelphia District Mission.

ART. L.

Conference confirmed A. B. Wingert, 1320 Maiden Lane, Springfield, Ohio, as trustee of

Maple Grove church property, Donnellsville,, Medway church property at Medway and prospective church building at corner of George Street and Maiden Lane, Springfield, Ohio, instead of Jacob Ulery, deceased.

ART. LI.

PETITION AND ORDER TO SELL CHURCH PROPERTY.

An act of Conference adopted and ordered the following resolutions, etc., spread on the Minutes of General Conference of the Brethren in Christ convened at Highland Church, near West Milton, Miami County, Ohio, as follows:

WHEREAS, this church now is the owner of a certain house of worship or meeting house, known as the Medway Church, Medway, Ohio, and

WHEREAS, said church property is seldom used for public worship on account of most of the members of the church moving away or having died, leaving the congregation there with few or none that worship there, therefore

Sec. 1. Be it, and it is hereby *Resolved*, by the General Conference of the Brethren in Christ convened at, as above stated, on May 16-19, 1911, that the church property and real estate located at Medway, Stark County, Ohio, and held in the name of David Free, Donnellsville, Ohio; Daniel Myers, Urbana, Ohio, and Jacob Ulery, deceased, Donnellsville, Ohio, in whose stead A. B. Wingert, 1320 Maiden Lane, Springfield, Ohio, was appointed trustee, that the aforesaid trustees shall sell the aforesaid church property and real estate located at Medway, Ohio, to William Lohnes or any other responsible person for the sum of four hundred and five dollars (\$405), and, be it

Sec. 2. *Resolved*, That the said trustees shall convey by legal warranty deed unto the said

Wm. Lohnes, or any other responsible person, upon the payment of the aforesaid amount as purchase price of said property.

STATE OF OHIO, MIAMI COUNTY, s. s.

I, S. R. Smith, do hereby certify that I am the Permanent Secretary of General Conference of the Brethren in Christ, which met at Highland Church, near West Milton, Ohio, on the 16th to 19th day of May, 1911. I further state that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution which was unanimously adopted, at a duly called and held meeting of Conference on the 17th day of May, 1911, as full, true, and correct, as the same appears on the records of said meeting.

I further certify that David Free, Donnellsville, Ohio; Daniel Myers, Urbana, Ohio, and A. B. Wingert, of Springfield, Ohio, and their successors are the trustees duly chosen, elected and qualified, who hold the title to the premises described in the foregoing resolution, and who are by the said resolution authorized to make conveyance of the same.

Witness my hand at West Milton, Ohio, on this 17th day of May, A. D. 1911.

(Seal)

S. R. SMITH,

Permanent Conference Secretary.

Attest: JACOB N. ENGLE, Moderator.

ART. LII.

AN ACT OF CONFERENCE AUTHORIZING REINVESTMENT OF PROCEEDS FROM MEDWAY CHURCH.

WHEREAS, David Free, Donnellsville, Ohio; Daniel Myers, Urbana, Ohio, and A. B. Wingert, Springfield, Ohio, under Art. 51, were authorized

to sell a certain church property, located at Medway, Ohio, for the sum of four hundred and five dollars (\$405), and

WHEREAS, the said money is contemplated to reinvest in another church property, therefore,

Sec. 1. *Resolved*, That General Conference of the Brethren in Christ, U. S. A. and Canada, in council met, May 16-19, 1911, hereby authorizes the trustees, David Free, Donnellsville, Ohio; Daniel Myers, Urbana, Ohio, and A. B. Wingert, Springfield, Ohio, to reinvest the proceeds realized from the sale of the church property located at Medway, Ohio, in a certain building lot and building located at the corner of George Street and Maiden Lane, Springfield, Ohio, and

Sec. 2. *Resolved*, That the title of the aforesaid property shall be vested in the name of the aforesaid trustees composed of David Free, Donnellsville, Ohio; Daniel Myers, Urbana, Ohio, and A. B. Wingert, Springfield, Ohio, or their successors.

STATE OF OHIO, s. s.

I, S. R. Smith, do hereby certify that I am the Permanent General Conference Secretary of the Brethren in Christ which met at Highland Church, near West Milton, Miami County, Ohio, on May 16-19, A. D. 1911, and hereby state that the above is a true and complete copy of the resolutions as unanimously adopted by this Conference on the 17th day of May, A. D. 1911, as the same appears on the records of said meeting.

Witness my hand at West Milton, Miami County, Ohio, on the 17th day of May, A. D. 1911.

S. R. SMITH,

Permanent Conference Secretary.

Attest: JACOB N. ENGLE, Moderator.

ART. LIII.

PROVISION FOR BRETHREN WHO ARE CALLED TO PREACH.

WHEREAS, a question with a number of preambles and resolutions, asking how to proceed with brethren who claim to be called to preach and for evangelistic work. Conference appointed a committee of seven brethren who considered the question, and reported the following, which was approved:

In reference to certain resolutions, submitted to General Conference for consideration, touching upon methods of procedure, etc., in respect to applicants who claim a call of God to the Ministry or Evangelistic work.

Sec. 1. *Resolved*, That all such applicants shall reveal their convictions to the officials of their respective districts and after they have expressed their leadings to the Local Brotherhood in a called meeting, the voice of the Church shall be taken to ascertain by regular ballot whether or not they shall be accepted. In case the call of such applicant or applicants be recognized by the voice of the Church as being of God, then if proving themselves worthy of their claimed call, they shall be examined and ordained by their local home church. All Evangelists and Ministers shall be required to hold membership in some district, unless they are an appointed worker in some recognized Mission which is under the jurisdiction of General Conference and control of the Home or Foreign Missionary Boards.

Sec. 2. As to the claimed call of missionaries, the same method of procedure shall be followed as indicated in section one of this resolution. Then on proving themselves efficient and worthy of the call, they shall be examined in and by their

respective districts, after which they may make application to the Home or Foreign Missionary Board, as the case may require; upon the recommendation of the home church, said Boards shall require and instruct such applicant to take the regular examination of the Examining Board, and upon a satisfactory examination, it shall be the duty of the Examining Board to issue a certificate of recommendation to the respective Board to which this application properly belongs. This qualifies them for ordination to their respective calls, which service shall be observed in their home district by the home Bishop whenever possible.

AARON MARTIN, *Chairman*,
L. SHOALTZ, *Sec.*

ART. LIV.

HOME MISSION BOARD MEMBER TO VISIT MISSION DISTRICTS.

Conference considered the petition that some of the members of the Home Mission Board should make a visit, at least, once each Conference year, to the various Missions, and adopted the following:

Sec. 1. *Resolved*, That General Conference authorizes and instructs the Home Mission Board that one of their number should be appointed to make one or more visits, according to their judgment, to the various Missions of the Brotherhood during Conference year, as may be deemed advisable; and

Sec. 2. *Resolved*, That the expenses connected with such visits to be defrayed from the Home Mission Fund, and

Sec. 3. *Resolved*, That the Chairman and Treasurer of the Home Mission Board, shall con-

stitute a committee who shall decide as to the time and who is to make the visits as authorized in the above resolution.

ART. LV.

CONFIRMATION OF TRUSTEE.

Conference confirmed Herman M. Stoner, as Trustee of Martinsburg, Woodbury, Baker's Summit and Spring Hope Meeting-house, instead of Andrew Stoner, deceased.

ART. LVI.

MANAGERS FOR MESSIAH RESCUE AND BENEVOLENT HOME FOR MESSIAH HOME ORPHANAGE.

Conference confirmed the Brethren, Enos H. Hess, of Grantham, Pa., and Aaron Booser, of Steelton, Pa., as members of Board of Managers of Messiah Rescue and Benevolent Home and Messiah Home Orphanage of Harrisburg, Pa.

ART. LVII.

GENERAL CONFERENCE 1912.

Conference accepted a petition for General Conference to meet in Black Creek District, Ont., in 1912.

ART. LVIII.

CONFIRMATION OF TRUSTEES.

Conference confirmed John Dourte, of ———; Benjamin D. Peters, of Manheim, Pa., and Jacob F. Ginder, of Mt. Joy, Pa., R. D. No. 2, as trustees of the Manheim Church, Manheim, Pa.

ART. LIX.

LETTER FROM GOODMAN, MO.—NOAH AND MARY ZOOK.

To General Conference of the Brethren in Christ:—Beloved in the Lord; we send greetings in the name of Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father. We write a few lines at this late date, to say we pray that the work of General Conference of 1911 may be felt to the uttermost parts of the earth for the salvation of the lost, and the building up of the good cause at home and abroad. Therefore we pray that love and unity may prevail and that the Holy Spirit may have control in all deliberations and that all decisions arrived at may be to the glory of God, both now and in eternity. Amen!

We don't have any other special message to send more than our well wishes for the prosperity of Zion. If it were a possibility we would love to be with you and behold your order, and enjoy the fellowship of so many that are near and dear to us by the love that binds us together, but since this does not appear to be our happy lot we are satisfied to remain in this isolated place so far from the gatherings of our dear people. We certainly would enjoy being with the dear ones of our faith, but for the time being feel that this is the place for us. We are enjoying fair, good health but feel that age is telling on our mortal bodies. We still hold our regular services here in Brother George's home on the first and third Sunday nights of each month. We cannot report any great victory, more than we feel assured we are pleasing the Lord in not forsaking the assembling of our-

selves together, although there are no great visible results of our labors, would kindly ask that if there is time that a special prayer by Conference might be offered at the Throne of Grace in our behalf.

We feel to say in all humility and kindness that we very much appreciated the favor bestowed upon us by Conference of 1910. May the dear Lord get all the honor and glory that belongs to Him. We in no way felt exalted over the kind act, but felt humble and unworthy.

We had a very pleasant visit recently by a dear brother and sister of Pennsylvania that had love enough to go considerably out of their way to pay us a visit. The Lord bless them for this token of love. We would gladly meet more of the dear saints at the train and bring them to our home and return them again if any of the dear ones felt moved to come this way.

Lest we should be wearisome we close with the Farewell of 2 Cor. 13: II, and the Salutation of 2 Cor. 13: 14.

Fraternally yours,
NOAH AND MARY ZOOK.

ART. LX.

LETTER FROM KINDERSLEY, SASK., CANADA, TO
GENERAL CONFERENCE BRETHERN IN CHRIST.

Kindersley, Sask., Canada, March 25, 1911.

To the Saints Assembled in General Conference, Greetings in Jesus' Name:—The members of Merrington Church wish you grace and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, that in everything we may be enriched from above, in all utterance, and in all knowledge.

Signed on behalf of Merrington Church,
A. M. CARMICHAEL.

ART. LXI.

CONTRIBUTION.

Contributions amounting to \$26.26, by different persons attending General Conference, was unanimously decided to turn over to Miami District, for the church and the district to make this disposition, as may seem best.

ART. LXII.

PETITION FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGERS AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MESSIAH BIBLE SCHOOL AND MISSIONARY TRAINING HOME, ADOPTED AS FOLLOWS:

The Board of Managers and the Board of Trustees of the Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home met in joint session, and petition General Conference to authorize the Board of Trustees of said institution to solicit funds in any legitimate way they may decide upon, to defray the expenses of the new school building now in course of construction at Grantham, Pa., and for such other improvement of the ground, as may be necessary.

ART. LXIII.

GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION.

Conference elected a General Executive Board to serve for next Conference year: Bishop Martin H. Oberholser, Chambersburg, Pa., R. F. D. No. 2, Chairman; Bishop Jacob N. Engle, Abilene, Kansas, R. F. D. No. 6; Assistant Chairman; A. B. Musser, Grantham, Pa., Treasurer; S. R. Smith, Grantham, Pa., Secretary; Eli M. Engle, Mt. Joy, Pa., Assistant Secretary.

ART. LXIV.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Conference appointed and authorized the Publication Board to publish a General Church Directory, including the names and addresses of all members, together with a tabulation of the statistics of the Brotherhood, including the church organization and a brief history of the Brethren in Christ.

ART. LXV.

MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE.

Conference appointed the Brethren, Bishop J. R. Zook, Elder Geo. Detwiler, as a committee to make arrangements for the ministerial meetings and all the evening services of Conference.

ART. LXVI.

REPEAL.

Conference decided that Art. 11, General Conference Minutes of 1903, authorizing the Conference Secretary to publish minutes equal to the number of members in the Brotherhood, and forward such minutes to the various districts to be paid out of the treasury in the districts, and to be distributed in the districts, repealed and struck off the church record.

ART. LXVII.

ANOTHER CHURCH ORGANIZATION TAKING THE SAME NAME.

WHEREAS, it appears that there is an organization in the State of Ohio, which has accepted the name of Brethren in Christ, and,

WHEREAS, it appears that this has caused conflicting conditions, Conference appointed a committee of three brethren, consisting of Warren Dohner, Benjamin L. Thuma, and Harvey Miller, who shall be empowered to act as seems best in their judgment in reference to the church bearing the same name, if there is any occasion for action and report to next annual Conference.

ART. LXVIII.

PETITION FOR OVERSEER.

Conference appointed Bishop J. R. Zook, of Des Moines, Iowa, as overseer of Polo, Illinois, District, for next Conference year.

ART. LXIX.

SAN FRANCISCO MISSION ACCEPTED.

Conference accepted a petition from California to accept the Mission which was lately started at San Francisco, California, by the Brethren of Upland, California, with the understanding that the said Mission shall hereafter be under the supervision of General Conference of the Brethren in Christ.

ART. LXX.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE EVANGELICAL VISITOR, BY GEORGE DETWILER, EDITOR, TO GENERAL CONFERENCE 1911, ADOPTED AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 1. Receipt from May, 1910, to May 1, 1911:

On subscriptions,	\$1,632 73
Benevolent Fund,	65 04
Interest,	20 00
Total,	\$1,717 77

Disbursements.

Central Printing Co.,	\$1,027 00
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For mailing,	85 73
Editor's salary,	650 00
Stationary, stamps, etc.,	18 91
Total,	\$1,781 64
Deficit for the year,	\$ 63 87
Balance credit May 1, 1910,	1,061 57
Balance credit May 1, 1911,	997 70

GENERAL REPORT OF EVANGELICAL VISITOR.

Sec. 2. Seventeen hundred and seventy-four papers are mailed per issue; of these, there are 68 charity, 24 exchanges, and 54 to Missions, Homes, institutions and individuals.

If all had renewed that are now due, there would have been no deficit. About fifty names had to be dropped because the time had expired, when to continue the paper would have violated the Postal Laws.

If one hundred new paying subscribers could be secured, the deficit would be avoided and overcome. I have no way of knowing whether there are that many families in the Brotherhood where *The Visitor* is not taken.

I presume the agents are looking that up pretty well. Possibly if a special effort would be made in all the districts, the difficulty would be overcome; a result much to be desired.

GEORGE DETWILER, Ed.

ART. LXXI.

GENERAL REPORT OF PUBLICATION BOARD TO GENERAL CONFERENCE OF BROTHERN IN CHRIST, 1911, ADOPTED AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, we recognize the need of the *Evangelical Visitor* being placed into all the homes of the Brotherhood, and

WHEREAS, there is again a small deficit, and

WHEREAS, we notice in the editor's report that there are a number of delinquents, therefore,

Sec. 1. *Resolved*, That we urge the Bishops to assist the solicitors of the different districts in obtaining new subscriptions, as well as to collect money on subscriptions overdue from delinquents.

Sec. 2. WHEREAS, the publishing of the *Visitor* as a bi-weekly is giving general satisfaction, we recommend that it be published as such the ensuing year.

WHEREAS, the Board approved of the work of the editor, Geo. Detwiler, during the past year.

Sec. 3. *Resolved*, That he be retained as editor at a salary of \$650.00.

Sec. 4. *Resolved*, That the present associate editors, Bishop W. O. Baker and Elders S. R. Smith and E. H. Hess, be continued as associate editors.

Sec. 5. *Resolved*, That the Board again recommend that the regulations provided under Secs. 8, 9 and 10 of Art. 60, Conference Minutes of 1909, be observed.

WHEREAS, the literature used at present in our Sunday-schools as adopted by the Church is being well received.

Sec. 6. *Resolved*, That we earnestly request all the schools to adopt the Brethren's Helps.

WHEREAS, we realize a special need of contributions for the youth's department, therefore,

Sec. 7. *Resolved*, That we earnestly request the fathers and mothers, as well as younger members to put forth special efforts to contribute articles for their encouragement.

D. V. HEISE, *Chairman*,
W. J. MYERS, *Sec.*

ART. LXXII.

REPORT OF A. O. ZOOK, TREASURER OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD OF THE BRETHREN IN CHRIST, U. S. A. AND CANADA, TO GENERAL CONFERENCE 1911, ADOPTED AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. I *Receipts.*

June 15, Dysert, Iowa, by A. Gnagy,	\$ 15 00
Aug. 6, Judith Main, Yale, Mich.,	2 00
Aug. 6, J. M. Eshleman,	5 00
Aug. 14, Fairview S. S., Ohio, by Levi Herr,	10 03
Aug. 18, Wayne County Brethren, by C. S. Brenner,	17 50
Aug. 23, Silverdale and Souderton Districts, by H. Stout,	13 85
Aug. 29, Millersville, Pa., a sister,	5 00
Sept. 7, Zion S. S., by E. Minter,	25 00
Sept. 16, Abilene S. S., by R. Eshelman,	21 33
Sept. 16, S. Dayton, by H. E. Cassel,	17 50
Sept. 16, Valley Chapel, Ohio, by J. S. Hershey, paid on Michigan Note,	2 10
Sept. 23, Guilford and South Franklin, by J. D. Wingert,	26 35
Sept. 23, Interest,	21 00
Oct. 10, Canton, Ohio, by E. L. Bechtel,	15 20
Oct. 28, B. S. Herr, Cam-	

bridge City, Ind.,	20 00
Nov. 1, Belle Springs S. S., by M. L. Hoffman,	20 00
Nov. 7, Rose Bank S. S., by John Keefer,	12 35
Nov. 30, Abilene S. S., by A. Eshelman,	30 50
Dec. 2, Antrim S. S., by J. D. Wingert,	4 50
Dec. 23, Harrisburg, Pa., by H. A. Garman,	40 00
Dec. 23, Anna Myers, Mercersburg, Pa.,	10 00
Dec. 27, Elkhart District, by H. L. Stump,	9 35
Jan. 4, Chambersburg Mission S. S., by Sol. D. Wingert, Supt.,	3 48
Jan. 6, R. M. White, Abilene, Kansas,	10 00
Jan. 16, H. L. Stump, Elkhart District,	12 50
Feb. 27, B. S. Herr, Cambridge City, Ind.,	15 00
Mar. 1, A. B. Musser, Grantham, Pa., Dist.,	15 00
Mar. 4, Ringgold District, by J. D. Wingert,	26 00
Mar. 4, Montgomery District, by J. D. Wingert, ..	15 15
Mar. 4, New Guilford District, by J. D. Wingert, ..	34 25
Mar. 8, Miami District, Ohio, by J. N. Hoover,	29 00
Mar. 27, Burton, Mich., by H. Schneider,	30 00
Mar. 31, Upland S. S., by A. C. Burkholder,	41 43
Mar. 31, Susie Royer, Dallas Center, Ia.,	4 00

Apr. 6, Belle Springs S. S., by L. L. Hoffman,	14 87	
Apr. 6, Fannie Hoffman, Kansas,	5 00	
Apr. 6, Edna Eyster, Sect.,	19 00	
Apr. 6, Dayton, Ohio, Dis- trict, by H. E. Cassel, ...	15 40	
Apr. 13, Pleasant Hill S. S., by Archie Byer,	11 72	
Apr. 18, Martinsburg Church, by H. G. Miller,	14 30	
Apr. 25, Mowersville Dis- trict, by J. D. Wingert,	9 50	
Apr. 28, A. Gnagy, Dysert, Ia.,	5 00	
May 1, 1910, cash on hand and note of \$60 on Mich. Brethren,	1,500 68	
General Conference offering,	95 48	
Stark Co., Ohio, Bro.,	5 00	
Highland Church offering, Jacob Myers, Franklin Co., Pa.,	31 31	
Rapho District, by N. Z. Hess,	3 16	
Manor Peque District, N. Z. Hess,	33 50	
Donegal District,	30 00	
North Franklin District, by J. D. Wingert,	13 00	
Nottawa Dist., last year by Sister Williams,	35 50	
Nottawa Dist., by Sr. Wil- liams,	11 00	
Markham Dist., by Sr. Wil- liams,	15 00	
Elkhart Dist., by J. A. Stump,	49 50	
	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,542 29

Disbursements.

May 6, J. R. Zook, deficit for April,	\$ 17 66
May 18, J. N. Engle, fare to Oklahoma,	14 10
May 25, A. B. Musser, Hymn Book account,	679 95
June 14, J. R. Zook, deficit,	123 46
June 14, Amos C. Higgins,	5 00
June 14, Enos H. Hess, ...	15 00
June 20, A. B. Musser, Hymn Books for Philadelphia and Harrisburg,	52 20
June 20, Bertha Boulter, ..	5 00
July 8, Chicago,	25 00
July 8, A. C. Higgins,	5 00
July 8, Bertha Boulter,	5 00
July 25, Bertha Boulter, ...	5 00
July 25, Chicago for Interest,	109 00
Aug. 6, Aaron Martin, trip to Philadelphia and Vir- ginia,	11 11
Aug. 6, Bertha Boulter, ...	5 00
Aug. 6, Brother and Sister Wenger to Philadelphia,	30 00
Sept. 1, A. C. Higgins,	5 00
Sept. 1, Sister Boulter,	15 00
Sept. 8, Noah Zook order by Conference,	100 00
Oct. 7, Brother Higgins for Nov. and Dec.,	10 00
Oct. 7, J. N. Engle fare to Iowa,	16 00
Oct. 1, Bro. Higgins,	5 00
Oct. 1, Sister Boulter,	10 00
Oct. 20, Des Moines Short- age for Sept.,	23 27
Oct. 20, Philadelphia short- age of coal fund,	28 30

Nov. 14, Sister Boulter,	10 00
Nov. 21, S. G. Engle, tax, water and furniture,	56 75
Nov. 14, J. R. Zook, for Missions,	49 74
Dec. 5, C. C. Burkholder trip to Idaho,	70 23
Dec. 23, Sister Boulter,	10 00
Jan. 15, Sister Boulter,	10 00
Feb. 2, Bro. Higgins,	5 00
Feb. 16, Sister Boulter,	10 00
Feb. 16, Bro. G. Kitely, San- dusky, Mich.,	10 00
Feb. 16, Effie Rohrer, fare to Philadelphia,	4 65
Mar. 10, Bro. Higgins,	5 00
Mar. 17, D. L. Graybill, fare to Missouri and labor while absent,	15 00
Mar. 17, Sister Boulter,	10 00
Mar. 21, Bro. Noah Zook and wife, fare to Carth- age, Mo.,	4 70
Mar. 21, Bro. Higgins,	5 00
Mar. 23, G. A. Kauffman, Des Moines, Feb. short- age,	26 11
Mar. 23, Aaron Martin, fare to Philadelphia,	7 29
Mar. 23, Jesse Wenger, coal bill for Philadelphia Mis- sion,	6 75
Mar. 23, Jesse Wenger, fare home from Philadelphia,	30 00
Apr. 18, Noah Zook, two trips to Carthage, Mo.,	5 00
Apr. 18, Sister Boulter,	10 00
Apr. 18, Bro. Higgins,	5 00
Apr. 25, J. A. Stump, for poor in Nappanee Dist.,	81 00

Z. R. Zook, deficit for April,	17 66
J. N. Engle, fare to Okloma,	14 10

Cash on hand,	\$1,772 27
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Total, \$2,542 29

May 2, Effie Rohrer, fare home to Ohio,	13 50
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May 2, S. G. Engle, Phila. Mission Furniture \$16.00, taxes \$21.00, water tax \$15.00,	52 00
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Total expenses,	\$1,806 01
Total receipts,	\$2,194 84

Balance on hand May, 1, 1911, \$ 388 83

REPORT OF OFFERINGS SPECIFIED BY DONER
WHERE IT SHOULD GO.

Sec. 2 *For Des Moines.*

June 9, Pleasant Hill S. S., by A. Byer,	\$ 25 52
June 29, Stevensville, Ont., S. S., by Asa Climenhaga,	23 09
July 23, Bethel S. S., by E. Dayhoff, July 30, Abilene S. S., by Alvin Eshle- man,	15 75
Sept. 8, Gormley, Ont.,	38 82
Sept. 10, Thomas, Okla., by H. L. Landis,	11 58
Sept. 23, Bertie S. S., by Andrew Sider, Dec. 23, Zion, by Emma Minter,	7 50
Jan. 16, Fairview S. S., by Albert Rohrer,	12 80
Mar. 31, Harrisburg Brethren,	17 70
	15 64
	21 59

Total, \$ 192 99

For Jabbok Orphanage, Okla.

Sept. 26, Valley Chapel S. S., by J. S. Hershey,	\$	3	50
Mar. 28, Valley Chapel S. S., by J. S. Hershey,		2	50
Total,	\$	6	00

For Mt. Carmel Orphanage, Ills.

Sept. 23, Rose Bank S. S., by J. Keefer, \$	13	03
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For Chicago Mission.

July 7, Bethany, Okla., S. S., by H. L. Landis,	\$	15	00
July 7, Magdalena Hunsburger,		2	00
July 11, Zion S. S., by Emma Minter,		30	56
July 15, Rose Bank S. S., by J. Keefer,		16	00
July 18, Hamlin, Kas., by J. A. Heise,		10	00
Aug. 12, Pleasant Hill S. S., by A. Byer,		11	20
Aug. 15, Valley Chapel, by J. S. Hershey,		3	65
Sept. 16, Abilene S. S., by R. Eshleman,		27	77
Oct. 5, Bertie S. S., by Asa Climenhaga,		18	50
Oct. 21, Oakland, Cal., by D. B. Winger,		10	00
Nov. 7, Rose Bank S. S., by J. Keefer,		12	35
Nov. 26, Pleasant Hill S. S., by A. Byer,		10	15
Nov. 26, Zion and Bethel District, Thanksgiving offering for poor,		39	71
Feb. 16, Pleasant Hill S. S., by A. Byer,		10	15
Mar. 28, Valley Chapel by J. S. Hershey,		2	50
Sept. 8, Bethel S. S., by A. Dayhoff, for coal indebted fund,		18	65

July 18, Hamlin, by A. J. Heise,	40	00
Aug. —, North Dickinson District Meeting,	56	31

For Philadelphia Mission.

June 11, Upland S. S., by A. C. Burkholder,	\$	45	42
Aug. 15, Valley Chapel, by J. S. Hershey,		2	85
Sept. 9, Pleasant Hill S. S., by Archie Byer,		13	80
Total,	\$	62	07
Sept. 19, Bethany S. S., by H. L. Landis,		15	00
Total,	\$	353	55

For Orphanage, Harrisburg.

Oct. 4, Zion S. S., by Emma Minter, \$	20	56	
Mar. 28, Valley Chapel, by J. S. Hershey,	6	50	
Total,	\$	27	06

For Orphanage Building, Okla., sent to D. V. Eyster.

Oct. 7, Upland S. S., by A. C. Burkholder,	\$	100	00
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For Buffalo Mission.

Oct. 12, Valley Chapel S. S., by J. S. Hershey,	\$	5	50
Mar. 28, Valley Chapel S. S., by J. S. Hershey,		3	50
Total,	\$	9	00

For Bro. Allen Kaufman at Des Moines.

Dec. 10, Thomas, Okla., by H. L. Landis, \$ 7 50

In Christian love,
A. O. ZOOK.

ART. LXXIII.

GENERAL REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD BY GEORGE DETWILER TO GENERAL CONFERENCE, BRETHREN IN CHRIST, U. S. A. AND CANADA, 1911, ADOPTED AS FOLLOWS:

Through the mercy and goodness of God, we are spared to once more report to Conference the work of the Home Mission Board. We mourn with others the loss of our dear Secretary, Brother Levi Herr, of Clayton, Ohio. There is not much of any special activity to report further than responding to calls upon the funds of the Board. It will be noticed by the report of the Treasurer that fare was paid for brethren visiting Philadelphia Mission, Wachapreague, Va., Filer, Idaho, Carthage, Mo., Goodman, Mo., and Dallas Center, Iowa, by different brethren of the ministry. It will also be noticed that taxes, water rent, coal and house furnishings were paid for Philadelphia Mission. The fare of Brother and Sister Jesse Wenger, from their home in Ohio to Philadelphia Mission and back again was paid, as also for Sister Effie Rohrer. Des Moines Mission was helped several times when the help from other sources failed to meet the running expenses. Chicago Mission was helped in way of interest money. Indiana called for relief to the amount of \$81.00. Brother Amos C. Higgins was given a monthly relief to the amount of \$5.00 and Sister Boulter received \$10.00, monthly. Brother George Kitley received \$10.00.

ART. LXXIV.

GENERAL REPORT OF THE PHILADELPHIA MISSION BY JESSE AND DOCIA WENGER, DURING THEIR STAY AT THE MISSION, TO AND ENDING APRIL 24, 1911, ADOPTED AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 1. Prayer-meetings Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Mission, cottage prayer-meetings occasionally, where requested. Preaching services Sunday morning and evening; Sunday-school Sunday afternoon. During Summer and Fall, street meetings Saturday and Sunday evenings. Saturday evening, preaching down town at one of the public squares, about four miles from the Mission. Sunday evening a short street service near the Mission before preaching service.

The most interesting feature of the work was the street services, especially the Public Square preaching, where we came in contact with many low down characters, who were led astray by the deceitfulness of sin.

Many requested our prayers, and some we believe received definite help from the Lord; but we were unable to pray and work with them as we would have liked, on account of not having a Mission Hall near, into which we could invite the people; as we were about four miles from our Mission building.

We visited in many homes of the poor and sick, administering to their needs, as we were able, with clothing and provisions. While we were not permitted to see great results, yet we enjoyed many blessed seasons together, and the Lord honored the prayers of the faithful few, and we were permitted to see a few souls saved and others more fully settled and established in

the Lord. We give Him all the glory. We submit this report in the name of Jesus and to His glory.

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JESSE AND DOCIA WENGER.

Sec. 2. FINANCIAL REPORT OF JESSE AND DOCIA WENGER, DURING THEIR STAY AT THE PHILADELPHIA MISSION, REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

Total cash donations for Conference year, beginning May 1, 1910, to April 24, 1911, time of our leaving the Mission,	\$ 561 34
Total expenses,	556 55

Balance in Treasury, April 24, 1911, \$ 4 79

The above balance was turned over to Sisters Mary Stover and Effie Rohrer, who are in charge of the Mission until Conference makes other provisions.

ART. LXXXV.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF HOME MISSION BOARD TO GENERAL CONFERENCE, 1911, ADOPTED AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, Bro. H. S. Engle, of Abilene, Kans., feels himself called of God to some active mission work; and

WHEREAS, This Board makes recognition of this call and has recommended him to the Examining Board; and

WHEREAS, He has had no experience in any line of mission work; and

WHEREAS, His family circumstances are such that removing to a large city may not be for the best welfare of his children; therefore,

Sec. 1. *Resolved*, That Bro. Engle be advised to engage in such work and service in his home District as may come to his hand, and also visit some city missions during this Conference year, remaining for a period of time, as may suit his circumstances, gathering experience for the time when, if God wills, he may be called to larger service; and

Sec. 2. *Resolved*, That this Board prays Conference to recommend him to the confidence of his home District, with the request that opportunity may be given him to exercise in forms of service suitable to his call.

ART. LXXXVI.

LANCASTER MISSION.

A verbal report was given and adopted as follows:

The mission was under the supervision of Brother and Sister E. H. Hess up to November 1st, 1910. Since then the work has been under the supervision of Brother Amos Good and wife.

The Sabbath-school has increased in attendance and interest, and the regular church services are better attended than formerly. Mid-week prayer-meetings are held in private homes in different parts of the city.

Several persons have professed conversion and are continuing faithful in the Lord's service.

Brother Good not being a minister, the work of the ministry is divided between the Manor, Pequa, Donegal and Rapho Districts. Brother Good's are giving most of their time to the work, and are supported largely by contributions from the three Lancaster Districts.

Bro. Good and wife are recommended to the confidence and sympathy of the Brotherhood at large.

ART. LXXVII.

Sec. 1. Report of A. B. Musser, Secretary and Treasurer of Messiah Home, Harrisburg, Pa., adopted as follows:

Receipts.

Balance in Treasury, May 1, 1910,	\$2,416 58
Received from contributions and paying members during Conference year,	<u>1,323 78</u>
Total,	\$3,740 36

Expenditures.

Paid for burial expenses and repairs,	\$322 40
Two new boilers in basement,	450 00
Sundry expenses, including groceries, meat, labor, etc.,	<u>1,626 86</u>
Total,	2,399 26
Balance in treasury, April 30, 1911, ..	\$1,341 10

SUMMARY REPORT.

Sec. 2. The buildings of the Home required some repairing during Conference year, as well as two new cast iron sectional boilers for heating purposes. There were no inmates admitted into the Home during last Conference year. The number of inmates in the Home are: male, 5; female, 18.

There were three deaths during last Conference year, including Elizabeth Miller, formerly

of Lebanon County, Pa., who died Nov. 27, 1910, aged 67 years, 1 day; Sophia Potteiger, died Jan. 18, 1911, aged 80 years, 3 months, and Anna Heisey, who died April 13, 1911, aged 88 years, 5 months.

There is a Sabbath-school in the chapel every Sabbath at 9:30 A. M., with an average attendance of 165, followed by preaching at 10:30, as well as an evening service at 7:30. There is a weekly prayer-meeting every Thursday evening.

A protracted effort was made during the month of January, which apparently proved a blessing. A number found peace and joy in believing, and received in Church fellowship.

The management feels thankful to the donors and those who helped to support the work by money contributions, labor and other means, with the confidence that God will bless them for their efforts of love.

REPORT OF MESSIAH HOME ENDOWMENT FUND.

Sec. 3.

A friend from Pennsylvania,	\$200 00
A sister,	<u>1,000 00</u>
Total,	\$1,200 00

REPORT OF MESSIAH HOME ORPHANAGE ENDOWMENT FUND.

Sec. 4.

Formerly reported,	\$3,101 31
A sister,	<u>1,000 00</u>
Total,	\$4,101 31

ART. LXXVIII.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF D. M. BOOK, SECRETARY AND
TREASURER OF THE MESSIAH HOME ORPHANAGE,
HARRISBURG, PA., TO GENERAL CONFERENCE,
BRETHREN IN CHRIST, 1911.

Receipts.

Balance in treasury, May 14, 1910,	\$0 28	
State appropriation,	1,000 00	
Contributions of Sunday- schools, individuals, har- vest meeting collections, Conference collection and personal tithing,	991 34	
A Sister on last year's in- debtedness,	400 00	
Last year's indebtedness by collection,	17 50	
Loan without interest,	300 00	
Rec's sundry provisions and clothing, value not esti- mated.		
Total,	\$2,709 12	

Expenditures.

Provisions,	\$954 61	
Clothing,	294 03	
Matron, teacher and helpers,	522 00	
Medical attendance,	22 94	
School supplies,	13 88	
Light and fuel,	260 12	
Repairs,	84 74	
Paid on last year's loan, ..	510 00	
Paid interest on loan,	20 00	
Total,	2,709 12	
Balance in treasury, May 10, 1911,	\$26 80	

The indebtedness up to date is as follows:

Loan from endowment fund at 5 per cent.,	\$531 13
Loan from individuals at 5 per cent., .	400 00
Loan from individuals without interest,	560 00
Due to inmate to be paid on age,	50 00
Total,	\$1,541 13

ART. LXXIX.

CHAMBERSBURG MISSION REPORT.

A verbal report of Chambersburg Mission was given by several brethren, which was considered by Conference as worthy of recognition and adopted the following:

Sec. 1. Resolved, That General Conference express herself in appreciation of the workers of the Chambersburg, Pa., Mission, as well as to all who have in any way contributed to the work at that place; and

Sec. 2. Resolved, That General Conference express the fond hope that the spirit of the Lord may continue to bless the work and the workers, and that Conference in the future may be able to hear from the good work, which is being done there; and

Sec. 3. Resolved, That all those who have the Mission cause at heart should remember the work and workers in a practical and prayerful way, as the spirit may direct.

ART. LXXX.

REPORT OF G. E. & EFFIE WHISLER, OF BUFFALO
MISSION, TO GENERAL CONFERENCE, 1911, AP-
PROVED AS FOLLOWS:

Among the principal efforts in worship is a Sunday-school, at 3:00 P. M., which has an en-

rollment of about 125, and an average attendance of about 75; followed by public service, as well as Sunday evening services, which are principally attended by believers. Tuesday evening prayer service, Thursday evening prayer and fellowship service, and frequent cottage meetings as there are openings.

During the summer season we had street meetings. One meeting was held about a mile from the Mission on Saturday evening, and the other close by the Mission.

Two special meetings were conducted during the year by Bishop J. R. Zook and Elder Lafayette Shoalts, and we realized God's blessing on the meeting, and souls received definite help. Three were baptized.

We, as workers, feel encouraged that the Lord's blessing has been on the work and thank all those that have nobly stood by us with their prayers and support, financially and in many other ways, whose kindness has been shown.

ART. LXXXI.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF SARAH BERT,
TREASURER OF CHICAGO MISSION, TO GENERAL
CONFERENCE OF 1911, ADOPTED AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND.

Sec. 1.

Donations—

Received for General Fund \$393 88

For coal, 131 31

Total, \$525 19

House expenditures, \$383 16

Household expenses, coal, .. 131 04

Total, 514 20

Balance in treasury, \$10 99

BUILDING FUND.

Aggregate cost of building, \$10,222 50

Paid toward same, May 4,
1910, \$7,242 92

Money received and paid in
Conference year ending
April 15, 1911, 1,178 74

Total, 8,421 66

Leaving a balance unpaid of \$1,800 84

INTEREST AND TAXES.

Donations—

Received for interest, \$211 25

Received for taxes, 100 90

Total, \$312 15

Expenditures.

Interest paid, \$211 25

Street tax, 72 52

Total, 283 77

Balance on hand, \$28 38

GENERAL REPORT CHICAGO MISSION.

Sec. 2. At the time when the report of 1910 was made, we had the promise from the Board then in office, that the Mission building would be freed from taxation, and with only a small tax on the vacant lots. But, inasmuch as the term of office of this Board expired, a new Board was elected which overlooked the constitutions and by-laws on file. This necessitates wait-

ing until the next session of court, which takes place some time in June of this year, before the matter can be finally settled.

We committed this into the hands of the Lord, feeling sure that He will overrule it for His glory.

We are glad that we can report victory in the work. The Lord has been truly mindful of His work here in this wicked city. Though sin abounds on every hand, souls have been saved, believers sanctified and prepared for His coming. The increasing interest is encouraging. While there are tests, we find God's grace sufficient and know He doeth all things well.

The present enrollment of the Sunday-school is 190; the Y. P. M. is 60; the Junior Bible Class is 30. There are 10 services weekly.

Once more we desire to express our heartfelt thanks to the saints for standing so faithfully by the work in which we are co-workers. May God's choicest blessings rest upon each one.

SARA BERT AND CO-WORKERS.

ART. LXXXII.

DES MOINES MISSION REPORT, DES MOINES, IA.,
BY J. R. AND ANNA ZOOK, FOR CONFERENCE YEAR
ENDING MAY 1, 1911, ADOPTED AS FOLLOWS:

FINANCES.

Sec. I.

Donations received during Conference year,	\$371 10
Drew from Home Mission treasury, ..	116 78
Total,	\$487 88
Total expenses for the year,	487 88
Receipts for the Poor Fund during Conference year,	\$18 85

Distributions made as follows:

A poor brother a suit of clothes,	\$6 75
A poor brother a pair of mittens,	50
A poor sister for edibles, .	2 00
A needy sister,	4 00
A needy family,	5 00
Total,	18 25

Balance in treasury, \$0 60

Sec. 2. We come to you with another annual report. We have been held in a suspense in the settlement of our Mission property. We really expected an early adjustment in the matter, but for various reasons we failed to get it accomplished. One of the reasons for delay was the long sickness and finally the death of Judge McHenry's wife, and also because there was so much work ahead of our case on the docket. However, we are not dismayed, and have good hope that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord, and are called according to His purpose. We have, nevertheless, been busy. It should be remembered that we have not only a mission to see after but a church also, and either one of them would furnish sufficient work for all the help we have here, hence, during our suspense of the Mission for a short time, gives us more of an opportunity to work up the interest at and about the Church.

We have succeeded in getting some new families interested in our services, also a number of children. We had no accessions to the church this year; however, there are, we think, some prospects that there may be ere long.

Our Sunday-school at the Gospel Temple is on a slight increase. The community in which

our church is located is rather a difficult field to work, not only for our people but also for other denominations as well. We certainly need prayer and co-operation of our dear people in this great work.

Brother and Sister Kauffman assisted in the work during my absence in evangelistic work, and hope to be permanently engaged as soon as the downtown mission opens up.

We feel the special need of God's help in the great warfare, for it is not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord.

Many people of this city are patiently waiting for our Mission to open, and many speak of the good meetings we used to have on Second and Grand Streets.

We are looking for God to overrule all things to His glory. Our aim is to be true to God and loyal to the church for Jesus. Amen.

ART. LXXXIII.

HOME MISSION BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE AS ADOPTED.

Sec. 1. In presenting to Conference the report of the workers in charge of the Des Moines, Ia., Mission Work, this Board is conscious that there is much questioning as to the status of this Mission, since the work for several years has been confined mostly to the Gospel Temple, which by many is regarded as church work. Your Board therefore made effort to ascertain what is the situation, and found that, in the opinion of the Board, there is no violation of the principle of honesty, in regarding it as Mission work when recognition is taken of the situation as a whole.

This situation is as it is because of the action of the city of Des Moines, in taking from the church the site which has been secured for the

new Mission; thus holding back the establishment of a new downtown mission. The court proceedings have been slow in bringing about settlement with the city, but we understand there are good prospects for an early settlement, and if this is obtained the work of establishing the new mission in a favorable location can be pushed forward with vigor, and will, we hope, satisfactorily relieve the situation.

Sec. 2. *Resolved, therefore,* That this Board prays General Conference to accept the report and continue to place confidence in the workers, and trust, they are honestly endeavoring to do the best they can to bring about the best results; and

Sec. 3. *Resolved,* That it is the sense of this Board that in all of the transactions connected with the land deals brought about by the City's course, regarding the property which had been secured by the Church, the work has been done honestly and conscientiously, and with no small amount of arduous labor and sacrifice, keeping always in view the best interests of the Church financially and otherwise. The Board hopes that in the near future the affairs of the Des Moines Mission will be happily solved, and a successful work be permitted to be established in that city through and by which much and lasting good may be done to the glory of God.

ART. LXXXIV.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF JABBOK FAITH AND MISSIONARY TRAINING HOME AND ORPHANAGE, TO GENERAL CONFERENCE, 1911.

Adopted as follows:

Sec. 1.

Balance in hand, May 1,
1910, \$300 00

Received from Superintendent during Conference year,	250 00
Received from Oklahoma Church,	150 00
Total,	\$700 00

Expenditures.

Paid to A. L. and Anna B. Eisenhower, in May, 1910,	500 00
Balance in hand, May 1, 1911,	\$200 00
D. R. EYSTER, <i>Treasurer.</i>	

Sec. 2.

E. N. ENGLE, SUPERINTENDENT OF JABBOK FAITH MISSIONARY TRAINING HOME AND ORPHANAGE'S REPORT FOR FOUR MONTHS, ENDING MAY 1, 1910, TO GENERAL CONFERENCE, 1911.

Adopted as follows:

Receipts.

Balance in hand, Jan. 1, 1910,	\$144 34
From Dairy,	279 18
Freewill offerings,	207 03
Poultry,	36 82
Other sources,	109 96
Total,	\$777 33

Expenses.

Living expenses, repairs and furnishings,	\$356 10
Seed and feed,	89 93

Labor and workers,	16 00
Treasurer,	300 00
Total,	762 03
Balance on hand, May 1, 1911,	\$15 30

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1911.

Sec. 3.

Balance on hand, May 1, 1910	\$15 13
Dairy products,	2,277 93
Freewill offerings,	332 67
Stock sold,	271 50
Poultry,	141 73
Care of children,	221 75
Other resources,	171 33
Total receipts,	\$3,432 04

EXPENSES FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1911.

For living expenses, repairs, furnishings, etc.,	\$1,360 02
Seed and feed,	588 39
Stock bought,	447 00
For labor, workers and Superintendent's family, ...	690 46
Paid Treasurer,	250 00
Total expense,	3,335 87

Balance on hand, May 1, 1911,	\$06 17
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These receipts include \$91.41 (minus \$5.00, which has been paid for glasses) sent from different Districts, for the treatment of the eyes of one of the inmates of the Home, which has been delayed because of indecision on the part of the Optician, as to the proper course to pursue,

as her eyes upon a more close examination, are found a puzzle to optical science, and the \$86.41 are included in the balance herein given.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR THE NEW JABBOK FAITH ORPHANAGE BUILDING, TO GENERAL CONFERENCE, 1911.

Adopted as follows:

Sec. 4. THOMAS, OKLA.,
April 21, 1911.

In pursuance of Art. 12, Sec. 5, page 76, Conference Minutes of 1910, the Board of Trustees of said Institution, appointed a Building Committee of five brethren, consisting of D. R. Eyster, Treas.; John Frymire, James Eyster, M. L. Engle and E. N. Engle to take charge of the work of building; after a considerable amount of prayer and consultation, building was begun about August 1, 1910.

Receipts.

Donations to date,	\$3,582 26
From sale of Blackwell Mission,	890 31
From South Dickinson Dist., Kansas, Trust fund,	500 00
Borrowed from Endowment Fund,	500 00
Borrowed from Endowment Fund and Bank on Pledges,	1,200 00
Total receipts,	\$6,672 57

Expenditures.

Brick work contract,	\$1,550 00
Lumber, cement and plaster,	2,434 95
Carpenter work,	912 90
Hardware,	206 91
Painting,	147 45

Spouting and plumbing,	106 40
Lathing and plastering,	262 43
Sand and hauling sand,	46 25
Common labor,	49 50
Excavation,	39 50
Eye beam,	45 78
Concrete work,	15 00
Wiring house,	33 00
Cistern, well, and furnishings,	88 45
Incidentals,	18 10
Architect,	10 00
Chimney work,	20 45
Plumbing material,	185 32
Screening House,	90 00
Gas engine, and pressure water system,	193 50

Total, 6,455 89

Balance in treasury, May 1, 1911, \$216 89

Unpaid pledges due Nov. 1, 1911, to be applied on the \$1,200.00 borrowed money, \$1,197.00.

Beside the above, there has been donated in material and labor, etc., to the amount of at least five hundred dollars (\$500), making the cost of the building as it now is, \$6,955.89. The work, however, that is under construction and unfinished, will cost about three hundred dollars (\$300), which will give us a complete water and drainage system, with fire protection and a special electrical gas engine, to which can be attached with comparative small cost, a complete electric lighting system.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Sec. 5. Report of Endowment Fund, Jan. 1, 1911, one thousand dollars, for which the Home

shall pay the interest of 5 per cent. per annum during the life of the donor, after which it becomes the property of the Home. The Committee, with the consent of the Board, are using this Fund as reported in the Treasurer's report of the Building Fund, until a permanent investment is made.

REPORT OF SALE OF BLACKWELL MISSION, OKLAHOMA, AS GRANTED UNDER ART. XXXIV, PAGE 39, GENERAL CONFERENCE MINUTES, 1910.

Sec. 6. The Mission property was sold for one thousand and twenty-five dollars(\$1,025.00).

Paid for commission,	\$25 00
For curbing, paving sewer, etc., which amounts stood against the property,	109 69
Paid balance of proceeds from sale of property to Jabbok Faith Missionary Training Home and Orphanage,	890 31

D. R. EYSTER,
W. P. KERN,
Committee.

The above report was adopted and the Committee honorably discharged.

GENERAL REPORT OF D. R. EYSTER, SECRETARY OF JABBOK FAITH MISSIONARY TRAINING HOME AND ORPHANAGE, AT THOMAS, OKLAHOMA, TO GENERAL CONFERENCE, BRETHREN IN CHRIST, 1911.

Adopted as follows:

Sec. 7. Another year of the work of the Orphanage has gone into history. We feel thankful to God for His faithfulness, and are humbled at the sight of His mercies, in supplying all our needs.

The year closes with a family numbering 23, 19 children and four workers. The work is in charge of Bro. E. N. Engle, Supt., and Sister Adella Engle, Matron, and Bro. H. E. Horst, and Sister Lelah Sauder, as helpers. Other workers have assisted in the work during the year for a short time.

The School (for a six-month term) was held in the Bethany church until January 1st, when the family occupied the new Orphanage building and the school was moved into an apartment of the old building. The school was taught by Sister Sadie Book, of Ramona, Kansas (outgoing missionary), who gave us efficient work and faithful service, and we felt that God's blessing was upon the work.

During the year one worker and three of the children united with the Church, and all who have come to years of understanding have made a start in the Christian work, several of whom are asking for membership.

The family have been blessed with good health generally, with a few exceptions, in which we feel that the Lord has definitely undertaken.

While we feel thankful for the help which the Church supplied, and the interest taken in the work, yet we are feeling very keenly the need of several Sisters as permanent workers to come to the relief of the matron.

ART. LXXXV.

HOME MISSION BOARD RECOMMENDATION.

In presenting the foregoing report for the approval of General Conference, the Board would call attention to the special offering of \$91.41, less \$5.00 as mentioned, since this balance remains, and since it seems to be doubtful whether the eyesight of the one for whom it was given can be restored; therefore

Sec. 1. Resolved That this Board recommend to General Conference that the sister for whose benefit it was given receive it as a donation for her individual benefit; and

Sec. 2. Resolved, That the Trustees of the Jabbok Orphanage have charge of this money which they may use for her benefit, according to their discretion.

ART. LXXXVI.

HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT TO GENERAL CONFERENCE, BRETHREN IN CHRIST, 1911, FOR PHILADELPHIA MISSION.

Adopted as follows:

In presenting to Conference the report of the work of the Philadelphia Mission, during last Conference year, by Jesse and Docia Wenger, this Board feels it a duty to present the following:

WHEREAS, This Board at last year's Conference recommended the appointment of Bro. Jesse and Docia Wenger to have charge of the Philadelphia Mission, which appointment was so made; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Board that it did not fully appreciate the difficulty of the situation and realizes now that the brother and sister were not fully instructed as to the extent and nature of their duties and privileges under the appointment, making their position a most delicate and difficult one; therefore,

Sec. 1. Resolved, That this Board, by the consent of Conference, records on the minutes of Conference its appreciation of the self-sacrificing endeavor of Bro. and Sister Wenger, which is worthy of recognition by Conference; and

Sec. 2. Resolved, That this Board expresses its profound regrets for having permitted Bro. and Sister Wenger to go into this difficult field, without having fully instructed them in the things and relations of the appointment, and asks their kind forgiveness.

WHEREAS, The Church in Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Mission are, in a sense, separate institutions, yet their interests are inter-related, and in a large measure identical; and

WHEREAS, The condition existing in that district for some time in the past and is now existing, may be designated as acute factional disagreement if not strife; and

WHEREAS, In order that this condition may be corrected, and if possible, completely cured, it must be dealt with fundamentally—that is, the root of the matter must be searched out; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Board has obtained such an acquaintance with the existing condition and its intricate workings as gives to them great advantage over any other agency that might be created, to deal with the matter wisely, judiciously, righteously, and with the endeavor to bring into unison the discordant elements and heal the wounds; therefore,

Sec. 3. Resolved, That this Board recommend that General Conference appoint as overseer of the Philadelphia work, both of the church of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Mission proper, the Executive Board for this Conference year, to have charge of the work, and be empowered to call in any Bishop they may choose when occasion demands, and to deal with Bro. Stover, giving him such recognition as they may consider to conduce to the best interests of the work, and be just to him, and to secure suitable workers to take charge of the Mission proper.

WHEREAS, Bro. Amos C. Higgins is dependent and without a home, and as he is of such age that it cannot be expected that he at any future time will be able to support himself; and

WHEREAS, This Board knows of no place or institution where he could be provided for, nor have authority to place him in the Messiah Home, Harrisburg, Pa.; therefore,

Sec. 4. *Resolved*, That this Board recommend his case to the care and consideration of the Managing Board of the Messiah Home, Harrisburg, Pa., and the Chairman of the Home Mission Board to dispose of the same.

Sec. 5. *Resolved*, That this Board prays General Conference to consent to continue the monthly relief of \$10.00 to Sister Boulter for the present, or until such time that she is not in need of it.

WHEREAS, There remains an indebtedness of \$117.50 resting on the Mooretown Center, Michigan, parsonage; and

WHEREAS, There is a request presented to this Conference for aid to cancel the debt; therefore,

Sec. 6. *Resolved*, That this Board prays General Conference to instruct the Bishop or Overseer of every District throughout the Brotherhood to get his people or district to contribute from three to five dollars towards paying off this debt; and

Sec. 7. *Resolved*, That the money be all sent to the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board and he make the settlement; and

Sec. 8. *Resolved*, That if the amount of cash received in this way exceed the amount of the debt, the balance shall remain as part of the Home Mission Fund.

ART. LXXXVII.

MORETOWN CENTER PETITION FOR A MINISTER.

Adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, Moretown Center Church, Michigan, is without a resident minister through the resignation of Brother Kitley; and

WHEREAS, There is a call presented for such a minister to be secured to move in the field; and

WHEREAS, The Mission Board is not convinced that the field is favorable to build up a successful work; therefore,

Resolved, That this Board advise that a suitable minister be secured if possible or if not an Evangelist be sent in to make a test of the field, and in case it seems advisable then that an effort be made to secure a resident minister.

ART. LXXXVIII.

REPORT OF GEO. KITELY FOR MORETOWN CENTER CHURCH, NEAR SANDUSKY, MICHIGAN, TO GENERAL CONFERENCE, 1911.

Adopted as follows:

Greeting! Enclosed find my report of what we received and also what we spent as pastor of Moretown Center Church, near Sandusky, Michigan, for the last Conference year. We would like to present to Conference that we received more than what we spent, and would be very thankful if the shortage could be made up for us. We do not have much of this world's goods as a support in our old days, but trust that we will have it in the next. We wish to say that we feel to be faithful to God under all circumstances.

Report as follows:

Received, \$152 00

Expenditures for provisions, such as hay, oats, wood, flour, groceries, etc.,	31 45
Other expenses,	202 00

Balance due us, \$50 00

We sent in a report last year and there was some difference in last year's account that was not made up to us; think it was something like \$50.00; perhaps you have the papers. We have underestimated rather than overestimated what was coming to us.

I wish to say that I tried to preach the Word faithfully as well as I could, and while I did not see as much good as I would like, eternity only will reveal the results.

Hoping that the Lord will direct all things to His honor and glory, I remain,

Your brother in Chirstian love,
GEORGE KITELY.

Burton, Mich., R. F. D. No. 2.

ART. LXXXIX.

WHEREAS, The report of Elder Geo. Kately, as here given shows that his expenses for last year exceeded his receipts by \$50.00; and

WHEREAS, If we understand what he says further, there remained a shortage last year of \$50.00, making in all \$100.00; therefore,

Resolved, That this Board prays General Conference that these shortages may be made good to Bro. Kately out of the Home Mission Fund.

ART. XC.

CONFIRMATION OF WORKERS.

Conference confirmed the following Home Mission workers:

Sec. 1.

J. A. Kauffman, Des Moines, Ia.

Myrtle Kauffman, Des Moines, Ia.
B. L. Brubaker, Chicago Mission, Ill.
Sara Bert, Chicago Mission, Ill.
Anna Bert, Chicago Mission, Ill.
Beulah Musser, Chicago Mission, Ill.
Nancy A. Shirk, Chicago Mission, Ill.
Lizzie Brubaker, Chicago Mission, Ill.
Vernon Stump, Chicago Mission, Ill.
Charlotte Stump, Chicago Mission, Ill.
Lizzie Winger, San Francisco, Calif.
Katie Burkholder, 52 Cumberland St., San Francisco, Calif.
Andrew Winger, 52 Cumberland St., San Francisco, Calif.
H. A. Garman, Harrisburg, Pa.
Katie Garman, Harrisburg, Pa.
Sec. 2. The following as evangelist workers:
J. B. Lehman, Upland, Calif.
Etta Lehman, Upland, Calif.
J. R. Zook, Des Moines, Ia.
Anna Zook, Des Moines, Ia.
N. T. Franklin, Upland, Calif.
Emma Franklin, Upland, Calif.

ART. XCI.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Conference adopted the following:

Resolved, That the members and visitors at the General Conference of the Brethren in Christ, convened at Highland Church, Miami Co., Ohio, on May 15th to 19th, 1911, express an appreciation of the love and kindness manifested by the brethren and sisters and workers who so kindly contributed to the needs of those attending Conference, and tender a heartfelt vote of thanks to all those who participated in these services and unite in prayer that God may bless them abundantly for their labors of love; and

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

ADDRESSES.

Farewell addresses were made by the Moderators, with the plea that the work, which was assigned, at Conference in the various Departments and to the different members for the following Conference year, should be carefully and prayerfully undertaken to the honor and glory of God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

ADJOURNMENT.

After prayer by the Moderators, the Conference Secretary moved that General Conference adjourned to meet on the 3d Tuesday of May, 1912, at Black Creek, Ontario, with a preliminary meeting on the preceding day as outlined in the church organization.

BISHOP J. N. ENGLE,
Moderator.

BISHOP M. H. OVERHOLSER,
First Assistant Moderator.

BISHOP J. R. ZOOK,
Second Assistant Moderator.

ENOS H. HESS,
Reading Clerk.

E. S. ENGLE,
Secretary.

JOHN CLIMENHAGA,
Assistant Secretary.

S. R. SMITH,
Permanent Conference Secretary.

Every session of Conference was preceded by a season of worship, led by Brethren who were assigned by the Moderators.

There were several short extra sessions by which Conference work was expedited that an early closing was obtained on Friday the last day, instead of extending the sessions into Saturday, as on previous occasions.

ELDERS.

B.

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

D.

Detwiler, 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, 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.

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., Weillersville, Ohio.
Stump, John A., Nappanee, Ind.
Steigerwald, H. P., Bulawayo, South Africa.

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.
Bearss, Asa, Ridgeway, Ont., R. R. No. 1.
Bearss, Girvin, Ridgeway, Ont., R. R., No. 1.
Brubaker, Allen B., Mt. Hope, Pa.
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., Harrisburg, Pa.
Book, Adam C., Ramona, Kas.
Bowers, Jacob, Trappe, Pa.
Brechtbill, Frank D., Avilla, Ind., No. 3.

C.

Cassell, Samuel, Pleasant Hill, Ohio.
Charleston, John R., Mechanicsburg, Pa.
Cassel, Nathan, New Dundee, Ont.
Climenhaga, Reuben, Delisle, Sask.
Carmichael, Archie, Kindersley, Sask.

D.

Detweiler, George, 1216 Walnut St., Harris-
burg, Pa.
Deemy, Wm. C., Dallas Center, Ia.
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,
Pa.
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.
Engle, Clayton M., Hummelstown, Pa.

F.

Funk, Jerome H., 302 Fairview St., Waynesboro,
Pa.
Funk, Jacob B., Annville, Pa.
Fike, Peter, Inez, Texas.
Frymire, Jno., Thomas, Okla.
Free, Joseph, Clayton, Ohio, R. D. No. 1.
Free, David, Donnellsville, Ohio.

Frey, Harvey, Gwanda, South Africa.
Franklin, Thomas, Upland, Cal.
Foote, O. M., Corunna, Ind.

G.

Graybill, David, Sedgwick, Kas.

H.

Heisey, Jacob L., Washingtonboro, Pa.
Hess, Enos H., Grantham, Pa.
Hess, Noah Z., Lancaster, Pa., R. D. No. 7.
Hess, Abram Z., Mt. Joy, Pa.
Hess, William H., Royersford, Pa., R. D. No. 2.
Hostetter, Abram, Mt. Joy, Pa.
Hostetter, C. N., Washingtonboro, Pa.
Heise, D. V., Clarence Center, N. Y.
Huntzberger, Aaron, New Dundee, Ont.
Herr, John R., Abilene, Kas.
Hoover, John, Elbing, Kas.
Herr, Jacob, Green, Kas.
Hoffman, M. L., Abilene, Kas.
Hocker, John, West Milton, Ohio, R. D. No. 1.
Herr, Samuel L., Clayton, Ohio, R. D. No. 1.
Hoover, J. W., Lunnford, Alberta, Can.
Herr, Orville, B., New Castle, R. No. 4, Ohio.
Haugh, Samuel, Waukena, Cal.

J.

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

K.

Kreider, H. K., Campbelltown, Pa.
Kuhns, John H., Union Deposit, Pa.
Keefer, John A., Millersburg, Pa., R. D. No. 2.
Keefer, Joseph D., Millersburg, Pa., R. D. No. 2.
Klipper, Wm., Batteaux, Ont.
Kreider, Wm. H., Shannon, Ill.
Kern, Wm., Blackwell, Okla.
Knupp, John B., Fullerton, Cal., R. No. 3.
Kiner, William, Clay Center, Kas.

L.

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

M.

Martin, Jacob N., Elizabethtown, Pa.
 Martin, Abner, Elizabethtown, Pa., R. D. No. 1.
 Musser, H. O., Elizabethtown, Pa.
 MacTaggart, Alex., Stayner, Ont.
 Myers, Jacob M., Greencastle, Pa.
 Miller, D. Martin, Martinsburg, Pa.
 Michael, N. C., Shissler's Point, Ont.
 Myers, W. J., Massillon, Ohio, R. D. No. 2.
 Miller, Henry S., Bedford, Pa., R. D. No. 5.
 Mahler, Max, Lantry, S. Dak.
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