

Minutes of The
General Conference

of the

BRETHREN IN CHRIST
Known as "Tunkers" in Canada



JUNE 10, 1927
BLACK CREEK CHURCH
Near Stevensville, Ont.

MINUTES OF GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE
BRETHREN IN CHRIST

Black Creek Church near Stevensville, Ont., June 10th, 1927.

General Conference of the Brethren in Christ Church opened formally at 9:00 A. M., June 10th, by the retiring Moderator Bishop O. B. Ulery, who with the General Conference Secretary appointed brethren D. W. Heise and Amos Wolgemuth as tellers for the election of a Moderator.

E. J. Swalm and B. M. Books were appointed as recording secretaries and Asa Climenhaga and Emmanuel Rohrer as reading clerks.

The election resulted in the choice of Bishop C. C. Burkholder as Moderator, H. K. Kreider as first assistant and L. O. Musser as second assistant.

The Moderator-elect read Rom. 12:5-21 giving a very appropriate and helpful exhortation for the deliberation of Conference.

ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES

Pennsylvania Districts

Bucks and Montgomery—Jacob K. Bowers, E. C. Rosenberger.
Center, Clinton and Lycoming—Henry Frey.
Cumberland—John Dick, S. C. Eshelman.
Dauphin and Lebanon—David Brehm and Harvey Light.
Donegal—L. O. Musser, Abner Martin.
Grantham—Wilbur Snider, S. B. Stoner.
Juniata and Mifflin—Wm. Longacre.
Lykens Valley—Clayton Engle.
Manor, Pequea—Eli M. Engle, Jacob L. Heisey.
Morrison Cove—A. H. Stern, Roy Feather.
North Franklin—D. H. Wenger, John L. Musser, Samuel Bert.
Philadelphia—S. G. Engle, Clyde Shirk.
Rapho—H. B. Hoffer, J. T. Ginder, C. Moyer.
South Franklin—Geo. W. Wingert, H. C. Shank, J. M. Myers.
Pennsylvania delegate at large—J. H. Martin.

Ohio Districts

Clark County—O. B. Ulery.
Miami County—E. J. Rohrer.
Montgomery County—Wm. Boyer.

Richland and Ashland—M. L. Dohner.
Stark County—Harvey Bossler.
Wayne County—Samuel Longenecker.
Ohio Delegate at large—Albert Rohrer.

Indiana Districts

Elkhart—John A. Stump, John F. Stump.

Illinois District

Northern Ill.—Archie McCullough.

Chicago—

Iowa Districts

Des Moines—Alvin Burkholder.

Dallas Center—M. G. Engle.

Michigan Districts

Carland, Merrill, Mooretown and Gladwin—Henry P. Hiesey.

Kansas Districts

North Dickinson—A. J. Kauffman, A. M. Brandt, C. A. Frey.

South Dickinson—Ray Witter, Aaron Wingert.

Oklahoma Districts

Bethany—D. R. Eyster.

Red Star—P. J. Wiebe.

Oklahoma delegate at large—P. J. Wiebe.

California Districts

Upland—B. M. Books.

Tulare—J. R. Eyster.

Pasadena—C. C. Burkholder.

California delegate at large—C. C. Burkholder.

Florida Missions

Arcadia—Allen Brubaker.

Orlando—O. L. Heise.

Canadian Districts

Black Creek—Bert Sherk, Fred Climenhaga.

Wainfleet—John Sider, L. Shoalts.

Markham—Geo. French, David Hilts, Jos. Steckley, Reuben Heise.

Nottawa—John Fisher, C. L. Baker.

Waterloo—Jacob A. Reichard.

Saskatchewan—Laban Climenhaga.

Africa—Harvey Frey.

India—Amos Dick.

Foreign Districts

South Africa—Harvey Frey.

India—A. D. M. Dick.

Roll Call of Boards

Beneficiary: J. A. Stump, Bert Sherk, J. B. Funk, D. R. Eyster, J. K. Bowers.

Examining: C. C. Burkholder, L. O. Musser, Henry Hoffer, Isaac Swalm, Henry Schneider (absent), Jonathan Lyons (substitute).

Foreign Mission: C. N. Hostetter, J. N. Engle, Irvin Musser, S. C. Eshelman, S. G. Engle, D. W. Heise, Isaac Engle.

General Educational: Enos Hess, B. M. Books, D. W. Heise, Clyde Shirk, David Shirk (absent), P. J. Wiebe (substitute).

General Executive: Henry L. Trump (absent), Archie McCulloh (substitute), M. L. Dohner, H. K. Kreider, Eli Engle, Amos Wolgemuth.

Home Mission: M. G. Engle, C. N. Hostetter, Jr., I. J. Zercher (absent), Ray Witter (substitute), Abner Martin, L. Shoalts, J. H. Wagaman (absent), Jesse Eyster (substitute), Emanuel Rohrer.

Publication: P. J. Wiebe, Frank Brechbill (absent), Charles Clouse (substitute), Enos Engle, Ohmer Herr (absent), Ernest Swalm (substitute), David H. Wenger, John Nigh, Abram Z. Hess (absent), Allen Brubaker (substitute).

Sunday School: Jacob Ginder, Wm. Page, Wellington Duxbury (absent), Alvin Winger (substitute).

Church Extension: C. N. Hostetter, C. C. Burkholder, M. G. Engle, Bert Sherk, Enos Hess, Jacob Ginder, E. N. Engle.

ARTICLE I.

A committee was appointed to nominate members for the general church boards and place such other nominations as they may be authorized by Conference to make.

Committee as Appointed: O. B. Ulery, Jonathan Lyons, Bert Sherk, Alvin Winger, Christian Frey, John G. Engle, Jesse Eyster, Enos Engle, H. B. Hoffer, Jacob L. Heisey, John Dick, and John Musser.

ARTICLE II.

GENERAL CHURCH BOARDS AS CONFIRMED BY GENERAL CONFERENCE

*The date following each name is the time when term of office expires.

Section 1.

Beneficiary

J. A. Stump, New Paris, Ind., Chairman, 1931.
Bert Sherk, Stevensville, Ont., Asst. Chairman, 1932.
J. B. Funk, Cleona, Pa., Secretary, 1929.
D. R. Eyster, Thomas, Okla., Treasurer, 1928.
J. K. Bowers, Trappe, Pa., 1930.

Section 2.

Examining

C. C. Burkholder, Upland, Calif., Chairman, 1930.
L. O. Musser, Florin, Pa., Secretary, 1931.
Henry B. Hoffer, Manheim, Pa., 1932.
Isaac Swalm, Duntroon, Ont., 1928.
Henry Schneider, Merrill, Mich., 1929.

Section 3.

Foreign Mission

C. N. Hostetter, Washingtonboro, Pa., Chairman, 1930.
J. N. Engle, Abilene, Kans., Asst. Chairman, 1930.
Irvin W. Musser, Mt. Joy, Pa., Secretary, 1931.
Graybill Wolgemuth, Treasurer, Mt. Joy, Pa., 1932.
D. W. Heise, Gormley, Ont., Canadian Treasurer, 1928.
Isaac Engle, Clayton, Ohio, 1929.
Jesse Eyster, Upland, Calif., Asst. Secretary, 1932.

Section 4.

General Education

Enos H. Hess, Grantham, Pa., 1930.
Benjamin Books, Upland, Calif., 1931.
Ernest J. Swalm, Duntroon, Ont., 1932.
Clyde Shirk, Phila., Pa., 1928.
David Shirk, Topeka, Kans., 1929.

Section 5.

General Executive

Henry L. Trump, Polo, Ill., Chairman, 1929.
M. L. Dohner, Ashland, Ohio, Asst. Chairman, 1930.
H. K. Kreider, Campbellstown, Pa., Secretary, 1931.

Eli M. Engle, Mt. Joy, Pa., Asst. Secretary, 1932.
Amos Wolgemuth, Mt. Joy, Pa., Treasurer, 1928.

Section 6.

Home Mission

M. G. Engle, Abilene, Kans., Chairman, 1930.
C. N. Hostetter, Jr., Refton, Pa., Secretary, 1929.
I. J. Zercher Abilene, Kans., Asst. Sec'y, 1930.
Abner Martin, Elizabethtown, Pa., Treasurer, 1931.
J. H. Wagaman, Waukena, Calif., 1928.
Emanuel Rohrer, Asst. Chairman, West Milton, Ohio, 1929.
Albert Reigle, Ridgeway, Ont., Canadian Treasurer, 1932.

Section 7.

Managers Messiah Home

H. K. Kreider, Campbellstown, Pa., Chairman, 1928.
Henry Baum, Palmyra, Pa., Asst. Chairman, 1932.
Amos Wolgemuth, Mt. Joy, Pa., Secretary, 1931.
Conrad Z. Hess, Lancaster, Pa., Asst. Secretary, 1930.
John Hershey, Hershey, Pa., Treasurer, 1929.

Section 8.

Managers Messiah Orphanage

H. O. Musser, Elizabethtown, Pa., 1928.
Herman Stoner, Mechanicsburg, Pa., 1928.
Geo. W. Frey, Washingtonboro, Pa., 1928.
B. L. Musser, Shippensburg, Pa., 1929.
A. B. Musser, Elizabethtown, Pa., 1929.
John Wolgemuth, Elizabethtown, Pa., 1930.
Harrison Hostetter, Campbellstown, Pa., 1930.
David Zook, Chambersburg, Pa., 1930.
Morris, Stauffer, Mt. Joy, Pa., 1929.

Section 9.

Publication

P. J. Wiebe, Upland, Calif., Chairman, 1930.
Abram Hess, Asst. Chairman, Mt. Joy, Pa., 1928.
Enos N. Engle, Secretary, Thomas, Okla., 1931.
Ohmer U. Herr, Asst. Secretary, Clayton, Ohio, 1932.
David H. Wenger, Shippensburg, Pa., Treasurer, 1929.
John Nigh, Hagersville, Ont., 1928.
Jesse C. Cassel, Dayton, Ohio, 1931.

Section 10.

Sunday School

J. H. Martin, Lancaster, Pa., Chairman, 1930.
Wm. Page, Detroit, Kans., Secretary-Treasurer, 1929.
Wellington Duxbury, Jarvis, Ont., 1928.

Section 11.

Trustees Messiah Bible College

L. O. Musser, Florin, Pa., Chairman, 1930.

A. H. Martin, Elizabethtown, Pa., Treasurer, 1932
 Clayton Engle, Hummelstown, Pa., 1930.
 Samuel Wenger, Chambersburg, Pa., 1929.
 S. C. Eshelman, Mechanicsburg, Pa., 1931.
 Graybill Wolgemuth, Mt. Joy, Pa., 1928.
 Wilbur Snider, Grantham, Pa., 1928.
 D. F. Kipe, Waynesboro, Pa., 1932.
 John Martin, Lancaster, Pa., 1931.

Section 12. Trustees Messiah Home
 Bert Longenecker, 1928.
 M. B. Hossler, 1929.
 Joseph Wolgemuth, 1930.
 Levi H. Martin, 1931.
 Benj. L. Musser, 1932.

Section 13. Trustees Messiah Orphanage
 Henry B. Hoffer, Manheim, Pa., 1928.
 Ezra Martin, Elizabethtown, Pa., 1930.
 Isaac Ginder, Mt. Joy, Pa., 1930.
 Henry Brubaker, Mechanicsburg, Pa., 1929.
 George Wingert, Fayetteville, Pa., R. D. 2, 1928.

Section 14. Church Extension Board
 C. N. Hostetter, Washingtonboro, Pa., Chairman.
 C. C. Burkholder, Upland, Calif.
 M. G. Engle, Abilene, Kans., Asst. Chairman.
 Bert Shirk, Stevensville, Ont., Can.
 Enos Hess, Grantham, Pa., Secretary.
 E. N. Engle, Thomas, Okla.
 Wm. Page, Detroit, Kans., R. D. 1.

Section 15. Jabbok School Board of Managers
 J. R. Eyster, Upland, Cal.
 I. G. Engle, Clayton, Ohio.
 M. L. Engle, David Switzer,
 P. J. Wiebe, Thomas, Okla.
 Ray Eyster, Thomas, Okla.
 E. N. Engle, Thomas, Okla.

Section 16. Jabbok School Board of Trustees
 J. N. Engle, Abilene, Kansas.
 M. G. Engle, Abilene, Kansas.
 D. R. Eyster, Thomas, Okla.
 O. B. Ulery, 1325 Maiden Lane, Springfield, Ohio.
 I. E. Book,

ARTICLE III.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. Hymnal
 V. L. Stump, Nappanee, Ind., Chairman.
 Charles E. Clouse,
 A. H. Martin, Elizabethtown, Pa., Treasurer.

Section 2. Tract
 H. W. Landis, Des Moines, Iowa, Chairman.
 Charles Engle, Mooretown, Mich., Secretary-treasurer.
 Ray Witter, Navarre, Kansas.

Section 3. Conference Ministerial Program
 Wm. Boyer, 601 Taylor St., Dayton, Ohio.
 Wilbur Snider, Grantham, Pa.
 Ernest Swalm, Duntroon, Ont., Canada.

ARTICLE IV.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

A Report of the Committee on Article III.

Page 8, Conf. Min. of 1926, was resubmitted on to the committee and three additional members appointed, who rendered the following report.

1. That the present method and plan of supplying the members for the Board of Managers and trustees for the Church institutions be continued as heretofore,
2. That the nominating committee be appointed by the Moderators as prescribed in Constitution and by-laws, but that this Conference stipulate as a ruling until otherwise, provided that in their appointments they shall include the members of the General Executive Board, annually as members of the Nominating Committee.
3. That the terms of office of the members of the Church Boards, be three years instead of five, this ruling not to apply to the members of the General Executive Board.
4. And that these recommendations in order to become a General Conference rule, must be passed by a majority vote of all the members of Conference present.
5. And further resolved, that these recommendations after having passed the above required General Conference action become effective only at General Conference of 1928.

Action—Approved.

ARTICLE V.

THE AGE OF MEMBERS FOR THE RIGHT OF FRANCHISE IN OFFICIAL ELECTIONS, AND ASSESS- MENT FOR FUNDS

The change of the age requirement of members participating in voting for officials, as passed upon by General Conference action in General Conference of 1926, was disapproved; but in the matter of raising of funds by the method of assessment, the entire membership of a district be included.

ARTICLE VI.

RECOMMENDATION LETTER

The new form of letter of recommendation as authorized by General Conference of 1926, Article 24, Section 1, Page 44, was submitted to the General Executive Board, who shall produce the form, and have them printed for distribution.

ARTICLE VII

DISTRICT BOUNDARY LINES

TO GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1927

We, the members of the committee appointed by the Conference of 1926 to collect the boundary lines of each district in the Brotherhood, submit the following report: An effort was made on the part of the committee to obtain all desired information. The majority of the districts have reported, but at the present time some have not been able to come to a decision as to the district line. If Conference deems it advisable to give us an extension of time, we will make an effort to complete our work. It is our opinion that each district line should be placed on permanent record in the Conference Minutes; and that, for this record, the boundary line should be agreed upon and properly signed by the officials of each district.

Inasmuch as many districts are divided into congregations, and that a number of congregations are located outside of regular districts; and inasmuch as the apostolic method was to stress congregational organizations, we therefore request Conference to give an expression as to the advisability of making this report more complete and of more value by adding to the present, possible congregations of each district, and the congregations in other sections.

Signed

D. H. Martin

E. N. Engle

J. R. Steckley

C. R. Heisey

A. W. Climenhaga

Action—Report approved and extension of time granted.

ARTICLE VIII.

LEGAL STATUS IN CANADA JOINING THE CHURCH INCORPORATION

The committee appointed by General Conference of 1926 to investigate international law as to the possibility of Canada joining the incorporation, find that competent legal advice from attorneys in the United States claim it were possible for them to join the incorporation and on the other hand the Canadian brethren received competent legal advice to the contrary; therefore

Resolved, That this committee recommend to General Conference that this matter of having Canada unite with the incorporation of the church in the states be concluded sine die.

Action—Approved.

ARTICLE IX.

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE MID-WEST BIBLE SCHOOL

To General Conference of 1927, Greeting:

We, your committee met at Abilene, Kans., April 5th, 1927, and after duly considering Art. 8, Page 11, General Conference Minutes of 1926, we submit the following resolutions:

Whereas, our Church because of its limited membership, is in our humble opinion, unable to support more than one Bible College, and

Whereas, we are at present endeavoring to support two such institutions, and

Whereas, we deem it unwise to undertake to launch another such institution without the support of the entire church, be it therefore

Resolved, that we discontinue our effort to launch a Bible School or College in the Middle West, until such a time as the Church may see fit to concentrate its forces in the establishing of one central Bible College, and further,

Resolved, that our present subscription list be canceled, and all moneys paid thereon be refunded to the donors, and further

Resolved, that the East-West Endowment Fund be discontinued, and the disposition of the principal be left to the donors, further

Resolved, that as soon as the above conditions have been complied with the committee be released.

We, your committee, sincerely regret that it has become necessary to take the above steps.

Jacob N. Engle, Chairman

D. R. Eyster

J. G. Engle

E. N. Engle

M. G. Engle

William Page, Secretary

Action—Resolved that the request of the committee as to the disposition of the funds heretofore subscribed be granted, and the project of the Mid-West Bible School be indefinitely tabled.

ARTICLE X.

CONTINUATION OF CHURCH EXTENSION WORK

Sections 1 to 7 of Article VIII, Page 11, Conference Minutes of 1926 were not permanently adopted but it was decided by Conference that it be placed in the Minutes for another year; Sections 8 and 9 were rejected; and sections 10 to 15 acted upon and accepted with the amendment in section 12, item 3, in placing the word "districts" there instead of "bishoprics".

ARTICLE XI.

REPORT OF TRACT COMMITTEE

March 31, 1926

(Financial)

Geo. Alley	\$ 1.00
Anna B. English	1.00
Anna Myers	1.00
Bert Shaffer	5.00
A Sister	5.00
J. L. Herron	1.00
Conference Offering	8.44
D. W. Brehm	1.00
Irene Haynes	1.50
Delila Kreider	1.00
Mary J. Long	1.00
Fannie Schock	5.00
Henry Samuels	2.00
Mrs. Amos Wolgemuth	1.00
Earl Winger	1.00
Rex Andrews	1.00
In His Name	

Esther Grubbs	1.00
Bro. Biltz	5.00
R. L. Schweitzer	1.00
In His Name	5.00
Mrs. Carlo Lund	1.00
Fred Climenhaga	5.00
Carl Carlson	1.00
Clement Christopher	1.00
Markham S. S. Ont.	25.00
Zion S. S. Kans.	29.71
Beulah Chapel, Springfield, O.	14.21
Locke S. S., Ind.	9.16
Fairview S. S., Ohio	10.25
Upland S. S., Cal.	34.65
Contributions less than \$1.00	13.75

Total Contributions	194.67
Deficit April 1, 1926	64.85
Printing and postage	87.26
	152.11

Balance on hand April 1, 1927 42.56

REPORT OF TRACT COMMITTEE

(General)

The work of the tract department during the past year has been very encouraging. During the year numerous orders for tracts, and requests for samples have been received. Many of these have come from sources outside our own Brotherhood, indicating the wide distribution which is being given to our tracts. Orders have been received from England, Wales, Ireland, Philippine Islands, Virgin Islands, as well as from many states in the Union. It is indeed a pleasure to fill these orders, and to know that thereby the seed is being sown. And that some fruit is being borne is shown by letters such as the following:

Atlanta, Ga.,

March 10, 1927.

E. V. Publishing House,
Nappanee, Ind.

Dear Sirs:

The tracts you sent were deeply appreciated and the greater portion are now giving forth their silent message and I pray God some day to see precious fruit in His Kingdom. Feel sometimes

that we do not realize to the full, the responsibility resting upon us in giving forth this living message.

An unsaved man took a tract, "Will it be Goodnight or Goodbye," home to his wife, who is a member of a popular Church. He read it to her, and she stood and listened to it with tears running down her cheeks. Believe God is going to save both, for the husband doesn't believe his wife has ever been converted. Truly you will remember these as well as others in your prayers. Backed by prayer they mean power.

Wish you would send more of "Goodnight or Goodbye", and an assortment of similar evangelical tracts. Jno. 4:36.

Yours in His service,

Geo. C. Allen

During the past year there were about 65,000 tracts printed; but owing to the large demand, new editions will soon be needed. We appreciate the liberal support which has been given the tract fund during the past year, and we trust this will be continued, in order that sufficient tracts may be kept on hand to supply the increasing demand. In this connection we wish to call attention to the fact that last General Conference endorsed the recommendation of the Tract Committee that each S. S. of the Brotherhood take an offering during the year for the tract fund. From the foregoing financial report it will be noted, that while some schools responded liberally, the matter was overlooked by a great many schools. We therefore recommend that all schools which did not take an offering for the tract fund last year, be encouraged to do so this year.

ARTICLE XII.

CONFERENCE REPORT OF TRACT COMMITTEE

Since a new edition of the tract, "What we Believe and Why We Believe It", will be needed in the near future, we recommend that the last paragraph be revised as follows:

The first clause of paragraph four to be revised to read as follows:

We believe that so called universal lodges are anti-christian; that all secret societies, whether religious, educational, social, fraternal, or beneficial are a barrier to spiritual growth and fellowship, and should be renounced by all Christians, (Lev. 5:4; Isa. 28:14-17; II Cor. 6:14-17; Mat. 24:26; John 3:19-20; 18:20; Eph. 5:11-12;) that "trusts" and "unions", etc., are selfish institutions, and against the spirit of the gospel and destructive to a life of

faith and trust. (Matt. 7:12; II Cor. 6:14-17.)

The phase referring to Divine Healing be inserted in paragraph 3, preceding the clause on non-resistance, and the balance of the paragraph read as follows:

We believe in the personal return of the Lord Jesus in Glory, Matt. 24:30, 31; Jno. 14:3; Matt. 25:31; Acts 1:11; Titus 2:13; that at His appearing the dead in Christ shall rise first, 1 Thess. 4:14-18; and with the living saints shall be glorified, I Cor 15:51-54; together caught up as the bride of Christ, to the marriage supper of the Lamb, Rev. 19:7-9; Matt. 24:10; after which Christ as the smiting stone, Dan. 2:34, 35, shall return with His Saints to execute judgment, Jude 14:15; Dan. 7:9, 10, destroying the wicked by the brightness of His coming, II Thes. 1:7-10; 2:8; and with His saints to possess the kingdom, Dan. 7:13, 14, 18; Zech. 14:4, 5, 9, 16, 17; Acts 3: 20, 21; I Cor. 15:24, 25; for a thousand years, Matt. 13:43; Rev. 20:4-6; shall sit upon the throne of David, Luke 1:32, 33; and fulfill God's covenant with Israel, Rom. 11: 25-27, that all who have not had part in the first resurrection shall come forth at the close of the millenium, and at the great white throne receive eternal judgment, Rev. 20:5, 13, 15:21:8; Matt. 10:28; 25:41; that the devil, sin, death, and hell shall ultimately be cast in the lake of fire; Rev. 20:10; Matt. 13:41, 42, that the righteous shall have eternal inheritance in the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem, Rev. 21:1-7, 10-27; 22:1-5.

ARTICLE XIII.

REPORT OF HYMNAL COMMITTEE

By A. H. Martin, Treasurer

Receipts

Balance on hand, March 9, 1926	\$ 564.23
June 15th, 1926, Interest Received	15.00
Dec. 14, 1926, Received from E. V. Publishing House for Hymnals sold	328.33
Dec. 15, 1926, Interest Received	15.00
Feb. 14, 1927, Received from E. V. Publishing House for Hymnals sold	525.63
April 28, 1927 Received from E. V. Publishing House for Hymnals sold	99.84
May 10, 1927, Received from E. V. Publishing House for Hymnals sold	63.37
Total	\$1611.40

<i>Expenditures</i>	
Dec. 16, 1926, Paid E. O. Excell Co., on account of Hymnals	\$ 900.00
Feb. 15, 1927, Paid E. O. Excell Co., on account of Hymnals	500.00
May 10, 1927, Paid E. O. Excell Co., on account of Hymnals	49.26
May 10, 1927, Paid E. O. Excell Co., on account of Hymnals	115.00
Balance on Hand, May 10, 1927	47.14
 Total	\$1611.40

We, the undersigned have audited the foregoing account and have found the same to be correct.

I. W. Eshelman, E. O. Brubaker

Number of books on hand at Publishing House

Cloth board edition	3259
Cloth limp edition	1329
Leather edition	175
Small revised edition	995

Action—Report approved.

ARTICLE XIV.

REPORT OF GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

(Financial)

Receipts

1926

May 13 Balance in bank	\$ 590.97
" Certificate of Deposit	1375.00
" Savings Account	1000.00
" 25 Publishing House, Constitutions and By-laws	31.23
June 4 Black Creek District, Bert Sherk	30.00
July 1 Interest on savings fund	15.54
" 31 Morrisons Cove Dist. Pa., A. Kanode	11.80
" Markham Dist. Ontario (2 years) Reuben Heise	60.00
Aug. 2 Clark County Dist. Ohio, Leroy Grisso	6.00
" 7 Donegal Dist. Pa., D. G. Heisey	40.50
" Juniatta & Mifflin Dist. Pa., Geo. Sherk	5.40
" 25 Lykens Valley Dist. Pa., H. C. Smeltzer	5.00
" 27 Shannon Ill. Dist., A. S. Kreider	1.10
" 30 New Guilford Dist. Pa., Wm C. Byers	10.00

Sept. 6	North Franklin Dist. Pa., J. L. Musser	25.00
" 8 Lebanon and Dauphin Dists. Pa., H. Baum	27.50	
" Miami Dist. Ohio, J. H. Paulus	10.00	
" 9 South Dickinson Dist. Kansas, J. G. Engle	18.00	
" 11 Nottowa Dist. Ontario, A. J. Sheffer	5.00	
" 15 Polo, Ill., Henry Trump	5.00	
" 23 North Dickinson Dist. Kansas, D. E. Bert	25.10	
" 30 Sedgwick Dist. Kansas, J. M. Eshelman	.50	
Oct. 1 Dayton Dist. Ohio, Saml. Cassel	6.75	
" 23 Grantham Dist. Pa., B. S. Brubaker	8.00	
Nov. 1 Rapho Dist. Pa., D. B. Wolgemuth	35.00	
" 2 Maple Grove Cong., Waterloo Dist. Ont.	1.30	
" 10 Bethel Cong., Merrill Mich., Henry Schneider	4.00	
" 16 Mooretown Center Cong.	2.50	
Dec. 3 Upland Cal. Dist., J. D. Haldeman	20.00	
" 13 Montgomery Dist. Pa., A. C. Myers	6.40	
" 20 Zion Cong., Carland Mich., J. Lyons	4.00	
" 23 Manor Pequa Dist. Pa., C. Z. Hess	22.00	
" 27 Bethany Cong., Thomas Okla., J. R. Eyster	10.00	
 1927		
Jan. 3 Interest on savings Fund	20.30	
Feb. 5 Sale of Conference Minutes, C. N. Hostetter, Sr.	290.50	
" Sister Albright, Rowenna	.10	
Mar. 8 Bucks and Montgomery Dist. Pa.,		
" H. Rosenberger	12.80	
" 11 Clarence Center Cong., Milton Sider	3.80	
" 18 Rosebank Con., Waterloo Ont. Dist.,		
" Simon Cober	1.50	
" 21 Pleasant Hill Cong., Murrill Kan., A. J. Heise	1.60	
" 22 Cumberland Dist. Pa., H. B. Brubaker	12.60	
" 25 Clinton and Lycoming Co. Cong., H. S. Miller	3.70	
" Hebron Cong., Clay Co. Kansas, Christ Brandt	3.00	
" Dixon Ill., D. B. Martin	1.00	
" Dayton Dist. Ohio, Saml. Cassel	7.50	
" 29 Wayne Co. Dist. Ohio, Ira A. Berg	2.20	
" 31 Hagersville Cong., Ontario, Roy Hux	2.20	
Apr. 1 Doyle Cong., Bismark Ont., Clyde Horton	70	
" Richland and Ashland Dist. Ohio, W. D. Betz	4.50	
" Valley Chapel Cong., Ohio, E. D. Bechtel	2.00	
" S. R. & Sr. E Wolf, Galesburg, Ill.	.20	
" 2 S. R. & Sr. E. Wolf, Galesburg, Ill.	5.30	
Apr. 14 Elkhart Dist. Ind., H. R. Davidson	2.50	

	16	Black Creek Dist. E. End, Andrew Sider	26.00
"	18	Dallas Center Iowa Cng., W. C. Deemy	1.20
"	20	Publication House, Sale of Constitutions and By-laws	12.36
"	30	Interest on Certificate of Deposit to Apr. 19	55.00
May	7	Union Grove Cong., Morrison Ill., W. E. McCullough	1.10
"	14	Union Grove Cong., Morrison Ill., W. E. McCullough	1.00
"	18	Union Grove Cong., Morrison Ill., W. E. McCullough	3.00
		TOTAL	\$3,896.55
1926		<i>Expenditures</i>	
June	9	Clover Press, printing conference program	\$ 46.75
Aug.	23	Publication House, Conference Minutes and postage	290.44
"	24	L. O. Musser, Sec. Ex Board, printing and Postage	32.55
"	25	Conference secretaries expenses	35.25
"		Amos Wolgemuth, auditing and postage	3.50
"	17	Publication House, Church manuels	234.85
"	10	H. K. Kreider, Attorney fee, traveling and incidental expenses	17.96
1927			
May	18	Balance in bank	524.41
"		Certificate of Deposit	1,375.00
"		Savings Account	1,335.84
		TOTAL	\$3,896.55
Money held in trust from Kansas Church property		\$ 350.65	
Interest received		14.14	
		TOTAL	\$ 364.79

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have audited the above account of Amos Wolgemuth, treasurer of the General Executive Board, and have found the same correct as stated, with the bank balance shown, the certificate of deposit and the savings fund at the Union National Mount Joy Bank, of Mount Joy, Pa., and the trust fund of the Kansas Church property invested in a savings account at the same bank.

Dated: May 18, 1927.

P. E. Rupp, Henry G. Carpenter

General

"Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun and terrible as an army with banners." S. S. 1:10.

Well does the poet declare:

I love thy Church, O God,
Her walls before thee stand,
Dear as the apple of thine eye
And graven on thy hand.

The recurring of the annual General Conference, forcibly impressed us, that time is ever on the wing, and soon we shall be gathered with those who have gone on before.

Section 1.

About the middle of November, 1926, upon the suggestion of a certain individual from the western part of the Brotherhood, the Eastern Wing of the Board in conjunction with several nearby Bishops, met in an unofficial capacity to grant this party the privilege of an audience, thinking he might have had occasion to maintain grievances against those whose duty it became to deal with him. However, no justifiable evidence worthy of further investigation was disclosed and the meeting was closed.

Section 2.

The Waukena District of the state of California asked permission to be represented at General Conference of 1927 by a member of the Upland congregation. The request was granted provided there is a member of the Upland District coming to General Conference, who is not a delegate from the Upland District, with the further provision that, if there be no such member from the Upland District, the Waukena District should be represented by letter mailed to the General Conference Secretary on or before April 15th, 1927. This course as prescribed in Constitution and By-laws should be followed by every district, that for certain well defined reasons cannot be represented by a delegate.

Section 3.

A letter from the Canada Joint Council addressed to the Chairman, H. L. Trump, requesting information and benefits that may be derived from or through the Church in Canada joining the Church Incorporation was considered and it was decided to let this reply be worked out by the Committee appointed by General Conference of 1926 under Art. 6, Page 10, General Conference Minutes.

Section 4.

Whereas, there is a constant tendency by the members of General Conference to refrain from expressing their favor or disfavor when questions are to be decided by General Conference vote; and

Whereas, this practice invariably brings about unsatisfactory rulings and decisions of General Conference, therefore

Resolved, that this Board recommend that no action of General Conference become binding to the Church at large unless passed upon by at least 51 per cent of all Conference members (delegates and officials) enrolled, as per Constitution and By-Laws.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Section 5.

(a) *Whereas*, it is evident that the respect, reverence and dignity of a Constitution with its By-Laws depends mainly on the tenents and principles contained therein: and

(b) *Whereas*, it is also evident that when there is continual amending or disannulling of the tenents and principles therein contained, it loses the respect and reverence of the members of the body to be controlled thereby; be it therefore

(c) *Resolved*, that no addition to, or amendment, or other alteration of the By-laws of the Church of the Brethren in Christ shall become a permanent part thereof until it shall have stood a satisfactory test of five years, and further

Resolved, that this action cover all new Boards and rulings passed since the latest revision of Constitution and By-laws.

Section 6. Church Statistics

Whereas, the matter of Church Statistics is becoming more and more important from year to year because of the following reasons:

(a) The Bureau of Census of Washington, D. C. urgently requests congregational statistics, even to the extent that some of our elders, who failed to fill in their blanks had telegrams from the Bureau.

(b) Because of the fact that each congregation could more readily submit its statistical report to the Secretary of the General Executive Board, than can be done by the District.

(c) It will more fully present the status of each congregation and its system of working.

Therefore, *Resolved*, that this Board recommend to General

Conference that a committee of three be appointed and authorized to procure suitable report blanks for the various congregations and mail them to the various bishops and overseers, who in turn will hand them to whom he deems proper, living nearest by the congregation. A tentative statistical tabulated report of every district will be left at the book stand for inspection, and action will be taken at a later session.

Section 7.

Whereas, the term of office of the General Conference Secretary expires with this Conference, therefore

Resolved, that this Board request General Conference to fill this vacancy.

Section 8.

Since the workings of the various General Church Boards are becoming more complex and far-reaching from year to year and since the clerical part of the work is apt to become quite burdensome to those who are supposed to perform it, and since it frequently occurs that the secretaries of these various Boards do not feel justified to sacrifice both their time and their traveling expenses to attend General Conference: and since the presence at General Conference of the secretaries of these various General Church Boards becomes almost imperative therefore,

Resolved, that we recommend to this Conference, that each General Church Board be authorized to pay the traveling expenses of its secretary out of the treasury of the respective Board whenever the majority of said Board shall deem the secretary's presence at General Conference advisable, with the further provision, that no secretary of a General Church Board, accepting this provision, shall serve as a delegate to General Conference for any Church District.

Action—Approved, and committee appointed for section 6, B. M. Books, Ezra Wolgemuth, Jesse Wenger.

Section 7, Bishop O. B. Ulery elected General Conference Secretary.

ARTICLE XV.

**GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS
TO GENERAL CONFERENCE**

Whereas, there seems to exist among the Brotherhood a spirit of negligence and indifference in complying with the request of the Conference secretary, concerning the timely mailing of reports of Conference committees, and,

Whereas, this practice makes it very difficult for the Conference Secretary to tabulate the work for Conference, Resolved, therefore

Section 1.

That we recommend this Conference to definitely instruct all Conference Committees to send in their reports to the Conference Secretary on or before April 15th of each and every year, thus affording the secretary ample time to tabulate and print the programs.

Section 2.

Whereas, in the Revised form of Examination Blanks as adopted by General Conference of 1926, the questionnaire requires a direct expression on the teaching of the "Gift of Tongues," and

Whereas, General Conference has rendered an expression on this question in a former Conference; We therefore

Recommend that Conference of 1927 reaffirm and reproduce upon its minutes the expression as contained in Art. 16, Sec. 19, Item a, Page 47, Conference Minutes of 1913, as hereby submitted.

"We as a Church, believe in the gift of tongues, but do not place an emphasis on that gift as the only evidence of the baptism of the Spirit, or that souls should seek for that gift.

Such teaching is erroneous, and has led to much confusion and even fanaticism.

We expect all of our members to steer clear from such error, which always results in division and rupture.

If any receive the gift of tongues, we find direction in I Cor. 12-14; how to use the gift and not abuse it.

We must put the emphasis on repentance and conversion; consecration and sanctification which covers, (1) Regeneration, (2) The baptism of the Holy Ghost; the gifts are then distributed as the Holy Spirit wills, whether gifts of healing, prophecy, teaching, or tongues, etc."

Whereas, in view of the demands which may be made on the General Executive Treasury by virtue of the action of General Conference, therefore

Resolved, that we recommend an assessment of fifteen cents per member for this Conference year to be paid in the Treasury not later than Oct. 1, 1927.

Action—Approved.

ARTICLE XVI.

GENERAL REPORT OF EXAMINING BOARD

Greeting:

Under the blessing of God the work of the Board has been pursued as usual during the past year. The responsibilities developing upon the Board with reference to protecting the accepted doctrine of the Church is becoming greater as we approach more closely the days of final apostacy.

During the year about 75 percent of the bishops, 50 per cent of the elders, and most of our Home and Foreign Missionaries have responded to the call to examination. Now, while we appreciate this extent of co-operation, we feel that the Board could more thoroughly fulfill the expectation of General Conference if all those concerned would more punctually respond in the matter of examination.

I. In this connection the Examination Board petitions General Conference to empower them to appoint all or any executives as examination overseers for all examinees under their jurisdiction, viz,

That each Bishop be supplied by the Board with sufficient examination blanks for all examinees under his jurisdiction, and he shall see that all such persons prepare their examinations and return them to him for forwarding by him to the Chairman of the Board. This rule shall apply in like manner to all Boards having examinees under their jurisdiction.

II. We also petition General Conference to instruct the Board as to how long to suffer delinquency, and what course to pursue with persistent delinquency.

It is the purpose of the Board to more thoroughly exercise the authority vested in it by General Conference, duly recognizing the necessity of wise and prayerful, but firm attention to anything that may partake of undue deviation from Biblical truth as understood by the Church.

Several of our ministers were called to higher service during the year while several new ministers were ordained, thus keeping the rank complete. It was also our privilege to issue ministerial licenses to several brethren. We are glad to see this inclination on the part of our young brethren to step into the ranks, insuring the continued growth and influence of the Church.

May we all studiously strive to still more thoroughly establish our power and influence as a people, co-operating through and with the Holy Ghost in the disseminating of the Gospel throughout the world until He comes.

Financial Report

Received from Treas. of Executive Board	\$32.55
Spent for postage, etc.	32.55

Action—Conference appointed a committee which reported the following:

It is the opinion of your committee that in view of the privilege accorded the Examining Board to appoint executives as examining overseers, a great deal of the former delinquency of examinees will be avoided, since it appears that most of the delinquency has been more a matter of neglect than of intent.

However, since it is possible that some may persist in their delinquency we recommend that an initial time limit of two months be allowed for examinees to return their papers to their overseers.

If for any reason they fail to do so, the overseer shall report their delinquency to the Examining Board, who shall remind the delinquent of his duty and allow him one month grace in which to report his examination to his overseer.

Physical incapacitation or any other legitimate reason for failure to report should be recognized and duly considered by the Examining Board.

However, in the event of failure to report during the month of grace without any legitimate reason, we recommend that the Examining Board be privileged to report the names of such delinquents to General Conference for such action as may be deemed advisable.

ARTICLE XVII.

REPORT OF BENEFICIARY BOARD

By D. R. Eyster, Treas.
Financial

BALANCE RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand, April 15, 1927	\$ 4842.49
Assessment Fund	2668.91
General Fund	2343.33
Interest on money loaned	150.00
Total	10004.73

EXPENDITURES

General Fund	1986.87
Special	350.00
Total	2336.87
Total Balance on hand, April 15, 1927	7667.86
Balance on hand in Special Fund, April 15, 1926	706.58
20 percent of total Receipts	435.60
Total	1142.18
Expense for the year	350.00
Balance on hand in special fund	792.18
Balance on hand in General Fund	6875.68

The Assessment Fund of \$2833.56 has been loaned out on Real Estate, First Mortgage Security.

Audited by E. N. Engle.

GENERAL

J. B. Funk, Secretary

In behalf of the worthy poor we desire to express appreciation and gratefulness to the Church in general for her liberal support of this noble cause. As the years pass on the need increases. This is readily seen by the Treasurer's report. There were more applications for assistance this year, and also more granted than any previous year.

Past experiences seem to testify to the fact that the duties and responsibilities of the Beneficiary Board are not clearly understood by a number of districts. We should like to call attention to the fact that the officials of each district constitute a board in conjunction with the Beneficiary Board, who shall constitute the guardians and directors of the disbursements of the funds contributed to this work.

The response to the support of the Trust Fund which was established by last year's Conference, was rather weak, if the enthusiasm under which it was passed is taken into consideration. A number of districts have failed to contribute anything, which is hardly fair to those who have sent in a large percentage of their quota.

During this Conference year three beneficiaries were added to the roll. Two died and one was dropped, leaving at present nine on the roll, who are receiving each from five to twenty dollars monthly. Two of these are drawing from the Special Fund. Two burial allowances were issued. Carfare was refunded to some of the Mt. Carmel Orphanage workers. The workers of this Orphanage were granted twenty dollars each quarter or eighty dollars a year for their personal use. Supplying consecrated workers for this place has been quite a serious problem this past year. There were times when consecrated help was lacking, so it had to be hired at commercial value, and this was quite a drain on the funds. The Beneficiary Board was called upon to assist in financing which we did to an amount over and above the sum which was donated at last year's Conference especially for this place.

We hope and trust that in the future there will be a more liberal response to the call for workers at these benevolent institutions.

ARTICLE XVIII.
REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

FINANCIAL

By S. G. Engle, Treas.

The following report closes May 1, 1927.

Receipts

Offerings to General Fund	\$24439.03
Special Offerings	2698.85
Offering to School Fund	2304.87
Cash Balance, 1926	3088.91
 Total	 \$32531.66

Expenditures

Maintenance and Special	24567.75
School Fund (In Savings Account)	2304.87
Balance in General Treasury	5659.04
 Total	 32531.66

Treasury's Total Reserve

Endowment Fund	\$ 5587.50
Cash Balance	5659.04
Total	\$11246.54

The undersigned, having examined the above report, find the amount of balance as set forth correct.

Wm. J. Kelly

The analysis of the above report is not the best that could be wished for the Foreign Mission work. While the year's balance shows a gain, it is due to the fact that the Board's expenses were \$2878.96 less this year than in 1926. Fewer home coming missionaries and a less number on the field has been the cause for this less expenditure. The year's receipts were \$467.16 less than in 1926.

In the light of Conference of 1926 exhorting to prayer and a renewing of interest and effort toward the Foreign Mission needs, both at home and abroad, this work has not crystalized as it should, since this work is the heart and life of our people. While new interests have become operative because of last year's rulings, evidently other contributions have decreased. The Board is looking forward in hope that the depleted ranks will be filled, and additional help will be sent. Judging by the past, there is

great hopes for the future Church that it will stand with renewed effort, and with uplifted heads look forward to the ripened fields that are being harvested.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

With the passing of another Conference year, we once more have the privilege of reporting that the work in the Foreign Mission Field has been progressing in about the usual way; some phases of the work showing an increasing interest, while others are not so encouraging.

A number have been received into church by baptism at the various missions for which we are made glad. On the other hand, it is apparent that Satan, too, is busy, as some have again fallen into sin and are backslidden.

The work has been greatly handicapped because of shortage of workers at the various mission stations during the year. Because some are on furlough, and others health failing it has become necessary for others to assume added responsibilities.

We especially call attention to Bishop H. P. Steigerwald, who during the last year has suffered considerable because of heart attacks, which were quite severe and have necessitated one of the other workers in the person of Bro. Mann to come and assist in the work at Wanazi. Many fervent prayers have ascended in their behalf and from late information received, we are thankful to report improvement in his physical condition.

Then, too, Sister Mary Heisey has been afflicted to the extent that at times she was entirely incapacitated for her duties, while at other times she was able to assist some in the work.

We regret very much that it has become necessary for Sr. Mary Dick to return to the homeland because of her physical condition when on the field, but we are glad to know that her health is greatly improved since leaving the field.

As reported through the columns of the Evangelical Visitor, Bro. and Sr. Myron Taylor expected to leave for their field of labor early this year, but have been hindered thus far because of Bro. Taylor's physical condition. He too reports some improvement the last few weeks.

May all continue to pray for their complete recovery, as they are greatly needed on the field. Only one new worker has been sent to the field during the year, that in the person of Sr. Anna R. Engle, who in company with Sr. Mary Heisey sailed from New York on June 23rd, 1926.

Several of the African workers have had their short furloughs.

By permission of the Board, and themselves bearing the additional expense, Bro. and Sr. J. A. Climenhaga have spent their short furlough in a visit to India, where Sr. Climenhaga's brother, the late Elder H. L. Smith has laid down his life in the interest of India's lost.

Of those on furlough in the homeland, Elder H. J. Frey expects to sail for the field leaving New York on July 2, Sister Frey expecting to go at some future date, feeling that her services for the present are required in the homeland in behalf of their family.

Bro. and Sr. A. D. M. Dick expect to sail for India late in August and Elder and Sr. Myron Taylor are longing to go as soon as Bro. Taylor's health permits. Also sister Anna Steckley is going to India.

Because of the crying need for additional workers, efforts have been made by private correspondence and through the columns of the Evangelical Visitor to secure the same. So far the efforts have been fruitless. There are a number of applicants but some are not ready, others did not qualify, while still others physical condition was such that it was not deemed advisable to send them. We hope to be able to secure some one in the near future, especially since a number of the worker's furloughs are past due and reinforcements are needed to make it possible for them to leave the work.

Itinerary work was done by the Missionaries on furlough with encouraging results in most cases, while in others a greater degree of co-operation could be desired.

In accord with the Conference decision of last year, Bro. S. B. Stoner has made a tour of parts of the Brotherhood in the interests of the proposed school in Africa for Missionaries' children. This effort has been quite successful thus far, and of the five thousand dollars asked for this project approximately three thousand has been subscribed. We hope that the balance may be forth coming by the time the solicitation is completed.

In considering the advance steps in their out going to take up the work on the field, Bro. and Sr. Stoner have decided that, for the present, Sr. Stoner will remain with the family in the home land. However, their daughter, Mary, has volunteered to accompany her father and assist him in this work, sacrificing even to the extent of offering to pay her own way to the field. May the Lord help us to see the spirit of sacrifice that our workers are making, moving us to greater sacrifice and thus enabling the

Board to send additional workers to lighten the burden of the present staff on both mission fields.

We trust that all may be deeply interested in the reports from the various mission stations, bringing to us a greater vision of the needs as they really exist, and stirring us to more consecrated prayer and giving.

Action—Approved.

ARTICLE XIX.

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD

FINANCIAL

Abner Martin, Treas.

Receipts

Balance on hand, April 1, 1926	\$ 3938.93
Congregations and Sunday Schools	3320.88
Individuals	1236.51
Tent offerings	1097.03
General Conference offerings, cash	588.00
Bequests and Specials	680.00
Interest	248.37
 Total	 \$11109.72

Expenditures

Quarterly Allowance	3040.66
Evangelists and Tent Workers	1484.65
Deficits to Missions	343.39
Publishing House	162.47
Car Fare	1239.52
Interest	71.50
Workers Auto Expense	147.59
Tent Transportation	214.75
Taxes	60.21
Loan for building Church at Orlando, Florida	2500.00
Chairs for Tent	58.33
Repairs at Phila. Mission	122.23
Balance on Hand, April 1, 1927	1664.42
 Total	 \$11109.72

The above account was audited by the First National Bank and Trust Co., Elizabethtown, Pa., May 4, 1927.

A. H. Martin, Cashier

GENERAL REPORT

C. N. Hostetter, Jr., Secretary

Greetings to General Conference: We submit a brief review of the Board's activities throughout the year. Detailed reports from the Home Mission Stations will again be published in the Handbook of Missions and we encourage a careful reading of same.

Tent meetings were held under the auspices of the General Board at several places: two tents were in operation in Canada, with Elders Ray Witter and Chas. Eshelman in charge: one in Virginia with Elder Albert Engle in charge; one in Pennsylvania with M. B. C. Students in charge; and one in Florida with Bishop D. R. Eyster in charge. Other tent meetings in Pennsylvania, Kansas, Ohio and elsewhere were conducted by state mission boards and districts.

The work in Florida has made some forward steps. The tent meetings held in September and October at Orlando and Arcadia were attended with encouraging results. At Arcadia a class of nine was taken into church fellowship. Following the meetings at both places, council action on the part of these two congregations resulted in steps being taken toward the erection of church buildings. These churches have been erected and dedicated. Bishop C. N. Hostetter had charge of the dedication services and also conducted short evangelistic services at each church following the dedication. The work at Arcadia has been in charge of Elder W. E. Bilby and since a minister was not available to be stationed at Orlando, two of the brethren from the congregation have been conducting the preaching services. Elder Allen Brubaker, from Pa., spent several months in the Florida field assisting in the work. Considerable indebtedness remains to be liquidated on the church buildings erected.

An offer to donate a plot of ground for the erection of a church building at Sebring, Florida, was tendered to the Home Mission Board sometime after General Conference of last year. A committee investigated this generous offer. However, in view of the fact that the church has two new places of work started in the state of Florida—namely Orlando and Arcadia—and since the church does not have any members residing permanently at Sebring, it was deemed advisable not to accept the offer at the present time.

The Kentucky field has been under the oversight of Bishop

Wilber Snider. Bro. Snider and others have visited the field during the year. This needy field has been without a resident pastor for two years, but we are glad to report a minister to be stationed there for the coming year. Elder Albert Engle and wife have consented to take charge of the work in this field. They expect to move into the field shortly after Conference. May God richly bless them.

At Boston S. H. Ameralian has continued to conduct services under the auspices of the church in his own home. At Iron Springs the work has continued with brethren from the Messiah Bible College filling the appointments. Sister Iola Dixon, whose home is at this place, has borne much of the responsibility in the carrying on of the work—especially the Sunday School.

The Home Mission Board was requested to supply a summer tent campaign for South Dakota. In view of conditions attending the work in South Dakota the Home Mission Board requested the co-operation of the Church Extension Board in investigating the needs at this place. A member of the Church Extension Board was chosen to accompany the chairman of the Home Mission Board in visiting this field. They reported a needy field and recommended that a tent campaign be supplied. This recommendation was endorsed by the Home Mission Board and the outfit has been purchased, and evangelistic meetings are now in progress.

A number of brethren have been licensed as ministers. Some of these have been active in Evangelistic work, others filling appointments here and there as needed.

Several changes in our staff of workers have been made during the Conference year. Emanuel C. Haas and wife have been placed in charge of the Lancaster Mission.

The expansion of our work at home is urgently needed. Church Extension has been commanding the interest of the church at large. Doors of opportunity are open, but to enter these open doors will test the consecration of the church, and test the ability of our workers. We pray that the Brethren in Christ Church might fill that part in the program of God which His sovereign will desires.

Action—Approved.

ARTICLE XX.

EVANGELICAL VISITOR PUBLISHING HOUSE REPORT

FINANCIAL

By V. L. Stump

Operating Statement

March 31, 1926 to March 31, 1927

Job Department

Total receipts in Job Department	36592.58
Inventory of paper, ink, etc.	
April 1, 1926	3750.11
Purchases during year	12613.46
	16363.57
Less inventory March 31, 1927	3087.44
	13276.13
Paid out for labor	10670.32
Total cost of Job business	23946.45
Gross Profit in Job Department	12646.13
<i>Book Department</i>	
Total receipts in Book Department	9617.30
Inventory of books, Bibles, mottoes, pens, etc. March 31, 1926	2366.81
Purchases during year	7381.78
	9748.59
Less inventory March 31, 1927	2561.42
	7187.17
Cost of printing and mailing catalog	993.85
Total cost of Book business	8181.02
Gross Profit in Book Department	1436.28
<i>Evangelical Visitor</i>	
Total receipts from subscriptions, in- cluding interest on Life subscriptions	2987.88
Cost of printing and mailing	2740.07
Surplus on Visitor	247.81

Sunday School Papers

Total receipts	2758.91
Cost of printing and mailing	2522.12
Surplus on S. S. papers	236.79
Total	14567.01
<i>Orphanage Advocate</i>	
Total cost of printing and mailing	259.28
Total receipts	132.01
Deficit on Advocate	127.27
Gross Operating Profit	14439.74
Gross Operating Profit	14439.74
<i>Expense</i>	
Advertising	\$ 188.80
Advertising service	94.98
Audit and Appraisal Expense	60.00
Board Meeting Expense	97.70
Building Maintenance	5.53
Cash Discount	89.91
Conference Trip Expense	40.00
Dunn's Credit Service	75.00
Freight	984.17
Fuel	290.84
General Expense	333.13
Interest	1464.16
Interest figured on Life Subscriptions and credited to Visitor	240.00
Insurance	440.35
Light and Power	834.75
Office Postage	130.27
Office Help	771.98
Salaries	3025.00
Shop Expense and Machinery Repair	485.84
Commission to Salesmen	993.30
Tax	164.46
Telephone and Telegraph	213.68
Outside selling, and Service Expense	550.61
Total Expense	11574.46
Net Operating Profit	2865.28
Doubtful Accounts since April 1924	

charged to Profit and Loss	1816.15
Balance transferred to Capital Account	1049.13

27.68
10.7051

Balance Sheet

March 31, 1927

ASSETS

<i>Current Assets</i>	<i>Capital</i>
Cash in Office	Capital March 31, 1926
127.65	18259.22
Cash in Bank	Less Thos. Ditzon loan to
113.83	Bldg. assumed
Accounts Receivable	by House 100.00
6830.31	
Notes Receivable	
826.30	
Work in Process	
295.00	
Job Inventory	
3087.44	
Book Inventory	
2561.42	
	18159.22

Total Current Assets 13941.95

Fixed Assets

Machinery and Equip.	36619.97
Office Equipment	2620.16
Mailing List	250.00
Unused postage deposit	.46
Real Est. and Building	16677.80
Total Fixed Assets	56168.39
Total Current Assets	13941.95
	70110.34

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	8468.09
Notes Payable	21423.18
Depreciation Reserve	815.34

Publication Board,
Brethren in Christ Church

Dear Sirs:

I hereby certify that I have conducted a detailed Audit of the books and records of the E. V. Publishing House, Nappanee, Indiana, as of the close of business March 31, 1927; and that, in my opinion, the attached condensed Balance Sheet correctly reflects the position of the said Publishing House as at March 31, 1927.

Yours very truly, F. Slabaugh

**COMPARATIVE
OPERATING STATEMENT**

March, 31, 1926, 1927

	1926	1927	
<i>Job Department</i>			
Gross Receipts	\$24,463.43	\$36,592.58	
Cost of Sales	14,818.53	23,948.45	
Gross Profits		\$12,644.13	
<i>Book Department</i>			
Gross Receipts	7,292.44	9,617.30	
Cost of Sales	5,977.77	8,181.02	
Gross Profits		1,316.67	
<i>Visitor Department</i>			
Gross Receipts	2,568.15	2,987.88	
Cost of Printing	2,839.96	2,740.07	
Gross Profit or Loss		271.81	
<i>Sunday School Papers</i>			
Gross Receipts	2,483.61	2,758.91	
Cost of Printing	2,203.75	2,522.12	
Gross Profit		279.86	
<i>Orphanage Advocate</i>			
Gross Receipts	160.65	132.01	
Cost of Printing	108.77	259.28	
Gross Profit or Loss		51.88	127.27

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS

March 31, 1926, 1927

Current Assets:

Cash in office	\$ 181.70	\$ 227.65
Cash in bank	460.24	113.83
Accounts Receivable ..	5,913.44	6,830.31
Notes Receivable	344.36	826.30
Coal Inventory	35.00	
Work in Process	431.25	295.00
Job Dept. Inventory ..	3,750.11	3,087.44
Book Inventory	2,366.81	2,561.42
Total Current Assets	\$13,482.91	\$13,941.95

Fixed Assets:

Machinery and Equip.	29,687.30	36,619.97
Office Equipment	1,957.65	2,620.16
Mailing Lists	250.00	250.00
Unused Post. Deposit	34.12	.46
Real Estate and Bldg.		16,677.80
Total Fixed Assets	31,929.07	56,168.39
	45,411.98	70,110.34

LIABILITIES AND INVESTMENT

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	\$6,376.16	8,468.09
Notes Payable	19,961.26	21,423.18
Total Current Liabilities	26,337.42	29,891.27
Depreciation Reserve	815.34	815.34
	18,259.22	39,403.73
Investment Account	45,411.98	70,110.34

BUILDING REPORT E. V. PUBLISHING HOUSE

To General Conference of 1927 Greeting:

We herewith submit the following report covering the building of the E. V. PUBLISHING HOUSE. This work was undertaken in the Fall of 1925, and due to the fact that inclement weather prevailed during the early fall months the work, of course, could not proceed as rapidly and as cheaply as under favorable weather conditions and a number of things had to be held over to be completed in the spring of 1926.

A number of changes were found necessary and a few en-

largements on the original plan of building which of course materially increased the cost of same. We have, however, a very commodious and well built structure and well adapted to our needs. We do not, however, have more room than we need at the present time.

We sincerely wish to express our grateful appreciation to all who made the building of a permanent home for our publications possible.

Reports

Building Site	\$ 2207.75
Material	11584.77
Plumbing and Heating	2304.01
Interest on money borrowed during construction	60.59
Coal used during Construction	128.44

Total Cost of Real Estate and Building Proper	16285.56
Office Equipment and Linoleum	650.78
Building Sidewalks—Filling in—Grading	392.24
Seeding Lawn and Shrubbery	182.50
Moving	224.10
Traveling expense Connected with Publishing	3550.82
House Drive, etc.	30.72
To E. V. Capital Acct.	33.35
Cash in Bank	5064.51
Cash on Hand	21,350.07
Total	_____

General

To General Conference of 1927, Greeting:

In offering our report to Conference of this year, we wish to acknowledge with grateful thanks the kind co-operation of the Brotherhood in our work for the past year, and also wish to express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His infinite blessing and love.

The condition of the Publishing House is reflected in the financial reports which are herewith submitted. There has been a small profit in the Evangelical Visitor and Sunday School Paper Departments, but as you will notice the subscriptions paid for Orphanage Advocate did not meet the expense of printing and mailing same.

There are at present over twenty-three hundred names on our

Evangelical Visitor list, some of which are special subscribers as forwarded by the various Sunday Schools of the Brotherhood. We are mailing fifty-one copies to missions and institutions in the United States and Canada, and thirty-three copies to foreign countries.

While we are grateful for the above showing, we are not yet satisfied that we have reached our goal in getting the Church Paper into the homes of all the members of our Brotherhood, and would be pleased if some method of co-operation could be devised to create a greater interest in our Church publications.

We also wish to report that there have been about ten thousand names added to our mailing list for Book and Bible Catalogs and Circulars. The results thus far have shown a considerably larger percentage of orders come from those outside the Brotherhood than from those within which indicates that our people are not heavy buyers of religious books. This is given, not as a matter of criticism, but rather as an encouragement to further patronage of the Publishing House in the purchase of Bibles and religious books of unquestionable value.

ARTICLE XXI.

CONFERENCE REPORT OF PUBLICATION BOARD

In presenting this report to General Conference we again wish to recognize our Heavenly Father for the way in which he has helped in the work during the past conference year, we also appreciate the hearty co-operation of the Brotherhood in general in the problems which we have had to meet, and herewith present the following recommendation:

Section 1.

We again wish to express our appreciation of the untiring and self sacrificing labors of our Editor, Bishop O. B. Ulery, also of Eld. V. L. Stump, manager of the Publishing House and Bro. Clarence Boyer, Sec.-Treas. of the Publishing House work with other workers at the Publishing House. We would not be unmindful of the prompt and efficient Editorship of the Foreign Missionary Department of the Evangelical Visitor by Sister H. Francis Davidson.

Section 2.

Whereas, the call or demand which brought about the Publishing of the Orphanage Advocate does not seem to be sufficiently strong to justify its continuation and,

Whereas, the publication of the Orphanage Advocate has been a losing proposition financially,

Resolved that the publishing of this periodical be discontinued, unless it is found upon investigation that there are very strong reasons for its continuation.

Section 3.

Resolved, that General Conference confirm the names as our staff of workers for the coming year.

For editor of the Evangelical Visitor and Sunday School Papers, and Manager of E. V. Publishing House, V. L. Stump. For Editor of the Foreign Missionary Department, Sister H. Francis Davidson. Associate Editors, Enos H. Hess, Wm. Boyer, E. J. Swalm. Contributing Staff Regular, P. J. Weibe, C. B. Eavey, Earl Sider Sec.-Treas. at Pub. House, C. W. Boyer.

Section 4.

We especially urge that the Church at large forward all Missionary news and articles for publication promptly to Sr. Frances Davidson, Grantham, Pa., in order that the Church in general may be more quickly and properly informed.

Section 5.

Whereas in the promulgation of the Publication work of the church and the spreading of Tracts and Gospel literature it is desirable that funds be supplied to forward same and be it therefore

Resolved, that freewill offerings and annuities be solicited from time to time for same.

Section 6.

Whereas, it is desirable that every family in the Brotherhood receive the Evangelical Visitor and Whereas it would greatly facilitate this accomplishment if the names of each family were furnished the E. V. Publishing House, therefore be it,

Resolved, that suitable blanks be furnished each district, the same to be filled out and returned to E. V. Publishing House.

ARTICLE XXII.

REPORT OF GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

William Page, Treasurer and Secretary

FINANCIAL

1926	Receipts	\$156.39
May 31	By Balance	

1927

Feb.	7	Free Grace, S. S. Pa., by A. B. Lauver	5.00
"	21	Mechanicsburg, S.S. Pa., by D.B. Brubaker	5.00
"	21	Lancaster S. S. Pa., by J. H. Martin	1.00
"	28	Zion Mission S. S. Pa., by John A. Byers	2.00
Mar.	7	Grantham S. S. Pa., by I. F. Graybill	2.50
"	7	Abilene S. S. Kansas, by J. A. Kauffman	5.00
"	12	Rosebank S. S. Kan., by C. S. Sollenberger	3.00
"	21	Upland S. S. Calif., by Alvin Gish	5.00
"	24	Palmyra S. S. Pa., by Ira J. Zeiders	2.50
"	29	Mt. Rock S. S. Pa., by David H. Wenger	2.00
Apr.	11	Waukena, S S. Calif., by J. J. Meyer	2.50
May	3	Fairview S. S. Can., by David Hilts	6.00
"	9	Oak Park S. S. Iowa, by Frank Cram	1.00
"	16	Bethel S. S. Kansas, by Charles Winger	5.00
"	16	John M. Byer, Calif., by	3.00
		Total	206.89

1926 *Expenditures*

May	31	Secretary's Fare to General Conference	77.10
1927			
Jan.	8	Reflector Printing Co., Printing blanks	5.75
Feb.	5	100 Stamped envelopes	2.26
Feb.	26	Record book	.80
Apr.	15	Printing and Postage	3.08
"	30	Stamped envelopes	.80
May	11	Reflector Printing Co., Printing programs	5.00
"	14	Postage	.10
		Total	94.89
May	31	By Balance	112.00
			206.89

The above report has been audited and found correct by

A. P. ROGERS,

*Vice Pres. The Abilene Nat'l. Bank,
Abilene, Kansas.*

General

William Page, Secretary

"Say not ye, 'There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both

he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." John 4:35-36.

We are glad to report that the Sunday School work in our Church is on the forward march. Several new schools have been organized during the past year, while a few have been on the decline.

We are also glad that there is coming to the church a vision of greater possibilities in better equipment for and adaptation to, the various activities of the S. S. thereby achieving greater results.

The Home Department and Cradle Roll present to us an opportunity for active service such as we have not known heretofore.

May we consecrate ourselves anew to the work so that by our prayers and devotion, the coming year may indeed be a great harvest of precious souls. We have no new methods to suggest, but may we put to practice our former motto, "A Sunday School in Every Church on Every Sunday, for Everybody, and Everybody in the Sunday School."

ARTICLE XXIII.

REPORT OF GENERAL EDUCATIONAL BOARD

Section 1.

Whereas, The varied interests of the church necessitates an increasing amount of financial support, and

Whereas, The school effort opens up such large fields of possibility in expansion and development beyond the ability of the church to properly finance the courses offered or equipment and building required which might otherwise be desirable, Therefore be it

Resolved, That the schools as accepted by the church, limit the amount of work they offer to the public so as not to involve themselves or the church beyond a reasonable expectation to be able to supply the requirements from funds at hand or reasonably to be expected, and,

Resolved, That the trustees of the several institutions be held responsible to see that these principles be carried out.

Section 3.

Resolved, That in the employment of teachers the schools shall so far as possible secure qualified teachers within the church. Where this is not possible the prospective teacher before employment shall agree to teach nothing in opposition to the articles of

faith outlined in General Conference Minutes 1925, Art. 14, Sec. 6, Page 27.

Section 4.

Resolved, That Sec. 4, No. 1, Page 33, Conference minutes 1926 repealed and substitute the following:

"There shall be a Board of Trustees composed of seven members one of whom shall be elected every year at the joint council of the Brethren in Christ of the Pacific Coast by ballot for a term of seven years, the same to be confirmed by General Conference.

Section 7.

In order that the Educational Board may properly function in its field it is necessary that it has some available funds, Therefore the Board prays General Conference to grant an allowance of \$200.00 from the General Executive Board Treasury or be allowed to take an offering at the Educational Meeting of the next General Conference.

~~Action—Sections 1, 3, 4 and 7. Approved, Sections 2 and 5—stricken off. Section 6, indefinitely tabled. Conference ordered Sec. 2 of Educational Board Report of 1926 stricken off.~~

ARTICLE XXIV.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

(Financial)

Receipts

General	\$125.00
Church building fund	281.22
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Total	\$406.22
Expenditures	\$378.70
Balance on hand May 1, 1927	\$ 27.52

(General)

To General Conference of 1927, Greeting:—

The Church Extension Board, in its initial effort for this Conference year, agreed that no aggressive steps would be taken during the year toward raising a separate fund for the Extension Board, but would be open to contributions for the work that might be called for. By consulting with members of the Home Mission Board, it was agreed that any finances that would be needed should be forthcoming from the Home Mission Board and that any expenses incurred which would not be provided for with funds at hand, should be considered at the next General Conference. The

Treasurer's report will show that we did not make any expenditures beyond that for which we had funds at hand to meet.

The activities of the Board for the Conference year were as follows:—

1st. The Board made an effort to further the work of the church at Howick, Ontario. An effort was made to have additional help locate in the district. Thus far the brother appealed to has not seen his way open to relocate, but is having the matter under advisement.

2nd. A request of the Rosebank Church in Kansas for a pastor. This need was temporarily supplied by Elder Ray Witter serving the Congregation for the past Conference year.

3rd. A request from the Carland, Michigan, congregation, through Bishop Jonathan Lyons. No one has thus far been found available for the place.

4th. The Board co-operated with the Home Mission Board in placing Elder Allen Brubaker in Florida to serve jointly the congregations of Orlando and Arcadia, for the winter season of 1926-27.

5th. A request for assistance at Mattawana, Pa., was not by co-operation with the General Home Mission Board, the Pennsylvania State Home Mission Board and the bishop in charge of the region. Steps are in progress for the erection of a house of worship and supplying a minister.

6th. An indirect request from Waterloo District, Ontario, Canada, per Elder Simon Cober, in the Evangelical Visitor of April 11, 1927. This need has not been met.

7th. A request from Sippo, Ohio, congregation, per Bishop W. J. Myers, for an assistant pastor, has not been supplied up to this time.

8th. Request of Elder F. D. Breckbill, Avilla, Indiana, for an assistant pastor, has not thus far been met.

9th. A request for an investigational tour to South Dakota was met by sending Bro. Enos N. Engle, who represented the Extension Board, in company with Bishop M. G. Engle, who, while a member of the Church Extension Board, also represented the Home Mission Board in the investigation.

10th. The Board co-operated with the Home Mission Board in securing and placing Elder Albert H. Engle in the Kentucky field.

The Board recommends to General Conference for consideration the following:—

1st. If there shall be a continuation of the work of the Extension Board, the experience of the past year would vindicate the wisdom of having the personnel of the Board made up of members

of the already existing church boards. Until the proper field of activity of the Church Extension Board can be more definitely outlined, so as not to interfere with the activities of the other boards, the present inter-relation would, in our judgment, be for the best.

2nd. Since there are already so many church funds, we recommend that General Conference authorize the General Executive Board to become the financial factor of Section 7, Article 8, Conference Minutes of 1926, and in no case accepted shall the assistance given to the building of church houses, etc., be more than one-third of the cost of such building, and there shall be no advancement of the same until the other two-thirds has been locally met.

3rd. The most serious problem involved in church extension is, we believe a proper distribution and use of the talent of the church. There are sections and districts that apparently have a surplus of available talent, while others have a lack. A careful survey of the church, in which a study of this matter could be made, and a plan and method to re-locate the surplus talent of one district to another district, is much needed. We would kindly ask Conference to consider a plan or method by which the equalization could be carried out.

Action—First and second recommendation approved, third disapproved.

ARTICLE XXV.

CALIFORNIA STATE COUNCIL TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Whereas, In answer to General Conference resolution of 1926, relative to a forward movement in Foreign Missions, while there is evidence in some districts of a renewed interest and activity for which we are thankful, there are still too many districts where there is but little change;

Whereas, We believe that progressive and aggressive mission work not only works to the salvation of the heathen, but is also a great stimulus to the work of the Church in the homeland;

Whereas, We have reason to believe that our people in practically every district of the Brotherhood are sympathetic to greater and more aggressive work in extending the cause of our Saviour to the uttermost parts of the earth; but

Whereas, It is also evident that the best results cannot be achieved without still greater systematic effort in keeping the question a live one in every district in order that our people might all come up fully to their privilege as well as their duty by way of giving, praying, and going,

Resolved, Therefore, that General Conference devise a plan whereby this important work of the Church may be more systematically kept before our people in such a way that greater results may be obtained.

Conference appointed a committee who rendered the following report.

Resolved, That General Conference authorize the foreign Mission Board to choose and support a full-time field representative whose duty it shall be to keep in close touch with the missionaries on the field, and with every district of the brotherhood; to take the initiative in conferring with the bishops or overseers, in arranging for missionary meetings, in planning for the raising of funds and in appealing for workers; to arrange for and establish Missionary prayer and study circles; and to publish also from time to time a Missionary news bulletin giving plans, statistics, missionary news and subjects for unnecessary prayer.

Resolved, That resolution be spread on Conference minutes for one year for further consideration.

ARTICLE XXVI.

CANADA JOINT COUNCIL TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Inasmuch as we are not in favor of the obligation imposed on the Church in reference to Art. 7, Page 11, Conference Minutes of 1926; therefore

Resolved, That we petition General Conference to reconsider this matter.

Action—Resolved that the Resolutions under Art. VII, Page 10, General Conference Minutes of 1926 shall stand, and further

Resolved, That the action enjoining the special assessment of 25c per month, per member for the Beneficiary Fund be rescinded, and the Fund already accumulated be held intact for future disposal by Conference.

ARTICLE XXVII.

ELKHART DISTRICT, INDIANA, TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

Whereas, General Conference has been urging all districts of the Brotherhood to enter the General Church Organization as incorporated under the laws of the state of Pennsylvania and, inasmuch as the statutes of some states require that all money derived from the sale of Church property be held in trust and used in the state where such sale occurs, and

Whereas, The present status of our Church Constitution and

By-Laws require the Treasurer of the General Executive Board to hold in trust such money, therefore be it

Resolved, That General Conference make provision to eliminate this conflict,

Action—Resolved that whenever the laws of the state conflict with the church rules, the trustees shall hold the funds in charge.

ARTICLE XXVIII.

FROM OHIO STATE COUNCIL TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Inasmuch as the great commission is "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Luke 15:16, and since there are many places in the homeland where our doctrine has never been heard, and,

Whereas, The Church has talented young brethren and sisters whom the Lord would call into Mission work if they had the vision of the need, and,

Whereas, The Home Mission Board is the avenue of the Church to encourage Home Mission activities, therefore, be it

Resolved, To petition General Conference, to grant the Home Mission Board the privilege to send those having a call to new fields in the home land, including the United States and Canada, into the various Church districts, to give public addresses in the interest of said work, so that hearts may be made sensible of the need of prayer, donations, and calls to Home Mission work.

Action—Approved.

ARTICLE XXIX.

KANSAS STATE COUNCIL TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Kansas State Council prays General Conference to consider the suggested changes with reference to Art. VIII, Conference Minutes of 1926.

Whereas, The work of the Church Extension Board is comparatively new to the church, and

Whereas, This Board is to be composed of one member from each of the seven Boards, excluding the General Executive Board, and,

Whereas, Each Board will be best qualified to judge which of its members could best serve on the Church Extension Board, therefore be it,

Resolved, That the Nominating Committee choose this Board from names recommended to it by and from each of the seven boards before mentioned, each one of which shall recommend not more than two names.

Action—Approved.

ARTICLE XXX.

OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

School Question

Oklahoma State Council petitions General Conference to grant the school at Thomas, Oklahoma, an equal basis of recognition with the other Church schools.

Action—**Whereas**, The original Charter of the Jabbok Orphanage required the operation of the same under the name of Orphanage, School or a printing establishment, and

Whereas, General Conference of 1924 consented that, because of the intricate condition of the Orphanage Work, it shall cease to operate under that title, and

Whereas, There is positively no need of a printing establishment, and

Whereas, To legally hold said bequest it is necessary that the same be operated under the title of school, therefore be it

Resolved, That Conference grant the Jabbok School to continue to operate in the standard High School Work, and the Church in Oklahoma to assume the financial obligation.

Action—Approved.

ARTICLE XXXI.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE COUNCIL TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

Appeals for Funds Through Church Paper

Whereas, The columns of the Evangelical Visitor have been used from time to time for making appeals for financial assistance for the support of individuals and local Church work; and,

Whereas, These appeals tend to divert the offerings of the Church at large into such channels where the advisability of supplying funds from outside sources is questionable; and,

Whereas, These frequent promiscuous appeals for finances have a tendency to diminish the contributions to other more needy and more important places, therefore,

Resolved, That no appeals for funds be made through the columns of the Evangelical Visitor, without an authorization from General Conference, with the exception of such appeals which may be issued by the General Church Boards, and be it further

Resolved, that whenever a general appeal is made through the columns of the Evangelical Visitor for the purchase or the erection of house of worship, that by virtue of such appeals said property becomes general church property.

Resolution sustained.

ARTICLE XXXII.

KANSAS STATE COUNCIL TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Kansas State Council petitions General Conference to confirm

R. L. Eshelman as permanent transportation agent for the state of Kansas.

The above petition, considered jointly with the investigation of the Home Mission Board in relation to Sec. 5, Art. 41, Page 73, Conference Minutes of 1926, which reads as follows:

Upon investigation the Home Mission Board has found that the term deaconess can properly be applied to our Home Mission workers: however since nearly all of our Home Mission workers qualify for clergy by applying for same as a Home Mission worker it is a question in the mind of this board if clergys could be more easily secured if applied for under the deaconess ruling, and

Whereas, Some of our Mission workers are opposed to being designated by the term deaconess; therefore we recommend that, in order to assist persons having difficulty in securing clergy rates, a transportation agent be appointed by General Conference for each Conference District, and all applications for clergy certificates in the several Conference districts be made through these respective transportation agents.

Action—Approved and the following names confirmed as Conference District transportation agents.

Eastern—C. N. Hostetter, Sr., Chairman.

Central—O. B. Ulery.

Western—R. L. Eshelman.

Canada—Bert Sherk.

ARTICLE XXXIII.

IOWA STATE COUNCIL TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Whereas, It is understood that the Churches of the state of Iowa are not included in the incorporation of the brotherhood, Be it therefore

Resolved, That we petition General Conference that Iowa be included in the incorporation of the Church.

Action—Petition granted.

ARTICLE XXXIV.

OVERSEERS APPOINTED.

Bishop D. R. Eyster of Thomas, Okla., for Arcadia and Orlando, Florida.

Bishop M. G. Engle of Abilene, Kans., for Des Moines and Dallas Center, Iowa.

Bishop H. K. Kreider of Campbellstown, Pa., for Morrison Cove Dist., Pa.

Bishop H. K. Kreider of Campbellstown, Pa., for Lykens Valley Dist., Pa.

Bishop O. B. Ulery of Springfield, Ohio, for Miami District, O. Bishop H. B. Hoffer of Manheim, Pa., for Juniata and Mifflin Dist., Pa.

Bishop C. C. Burkholder of Upland, Calif., for Pasadena, Calif.

Bishop L. O. Musser, of Florin, Pa., in conjunction with the General Executive Board for Clinton, Center and Lycoming Co., District Pennsylvania.

Bishops H. K. Kreider, H. B. Hoffer and C. N. Hostetter and Deacons, Irvin Heisey and Jacob Kuhns consist of a committee for Cumberland Dist., Pa.

ARTICLE XXXV.

TRUSTEES CONFIRMED.

Pennsylvania

Fairland Church—Thereon Books and Daniel Wenger.

Fairland Cemetery—Elmer Books and John Bomberger.

Lykens Valley Church—J. W. Romberger.

Carlisle Church—Abram Lehman, Roy Wenger.

Ohio

Fairview Church—Charles Kneisley.

Illinois

Franklin Corners Church—A. S. McCulloh.

California

Tulare Church—J. J. Meyer, Grant Balmer.

Pasadena Church—A. L. Eisenhower.

Upland District—H. S. Engle.

Beulah College—J. P. Bert, term expires, 1928; B. F. Engle, term expires, 1929; A. L. Eshelman term expires, 1930; J. H. Wagaman term expires, 1931; H. C. Trautwein term expires, 1932; W. B. Eyer term expires 1933; J. R. Eyster term expires 1934.

Florida

Orlando Church—C. E. Snone, E. E. Kilmore, J. O. Lehman.

Kansas

Newbern Church—A. H. Shetter.

ARTICLE XXXVI.

INVITATION FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Committee of Bishops, of the Western Conference District in U. S. unanimously invite General Conference to convene at Thomas, Oklahoma, in 1928.

ARTICLE XXXVII.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MESSIAH BIBLE COLLEGE, GRANTHAM, PA.

To General Conference of 1927, Greeting:

Another year has passed into history, and while much is left to be accomplished, yet we feel grateful for that which has been realized in respect to the interests and work of the Messiah Bible College.

Section 1. Extension Work.

The Extension Department has had an increased enrollment and a continued interest in the various courses offered in Bible, high school and college subjects. The enrollment for the year was 150. The majority of these were studying in organized classes. Many more, we believe, could avail themselves of this opportunity of home study in Bible and secular lines.

Section 2. General Maintenance

The net maintenance indebtedness as of May 1, 1926, was \$5,750.00. This was offset by the Bills Receivable account to the amount of \$3,534.47, making a net indebtedness of \$2,215.53. On May 1, 1927, the maintenance indebtedness was \$6,150.00. This account is offset by Bills Receivable amounting to \$6,274.66, which makes a net credit of \$124.66. There is also a real estate indebtedness of \$6,100.00, the same as last year. The effort which was begun on December 4, 1925, to liquidate the maintenance indebtedness, supply the needed extensions and repairs amounting to \$8,500.00, and raise an additional endowment of \$25,000.00, was continued during the year. On May 1, 1926, the amount paid in was \$3,217.92, and \$7,878.92 subscribed. The total amount on May 1, 1927, was \$7,432.67 paid in and \$7,531.92 subscribed, or a total of \$14,964.59, which leaves a balance unprovided for of \$18,535.41. The increase in the amount paid in and subscribed for the past Conference year was \$3,867.75.

Pennsylvania State Council of 1927 ruled that each Sunday School in the state should take up one offering a year for the general maintenance of the school, and it is our hope and prayer that the Sunday Schools in other states and provinces will recognize the school work in like manner.

There was \$283.59 allowed in missionary tuition concessions. The total missionary tuition concession outstanding at present is \$2,588.83. This amount is represented by notes held by the school,

which will be cancelled in due time, as students engage in active mission work.

\$273.59 was granted by the school to students toward traveling expenses. Several of the districts in Pennsylvania took up special offerings to assist the school in meeting this concession to students.

Section 3. Endowments, May 1, 1927.

Invested funds, interest bearing	\$53,167.53
Unpaid pledges, interest bearing:	

Manor-Pequea District	\$ 1,425.00
Donegal District	2,765.00
Rapho District	1,825.00
Dauphin-Lebanon District	1,188.00
Cumberland District	520.00
North Franklin District	1,267.00
South Franklin District	315.00
Philadelphia District	1,537.45
Ringgold District	10.00
Morrison's Cove District	715.00
Montgomery and Bucks Counties	230.00
Grantham District and School Faculty	560.00
Canadian Bonds	5,000.00
Student Body Pledges	1,379.00
Total	\$71,903.98

Unpaid pledges, non-interest bearing:

Manor-Pequea District	276.00
Donegal District	1,850.00
Rapho District	500.00
Cumberland District	195.00
North Franklin District	600.00
South Franklin District	10.00
Morrison's Cove District	325.00
Montgomery and Bucks Counties	225.00
Grantham District and School Faculty	560.00
Canadian Pledges	4,140.00
Other Pledges	2,500.00
Total	\$11,181.00

Special Endowments:

John K. Landis Trust Fund	\$ 1,000.00
H. C. Lady Memorial Library Endowment	200.00

Student Aid Scholarship	1,000.00
J. C. Cassel Scholarship Accruing Annual Income of	50.00
Annuities on which interest is paid by the school	8,900.00
East-West Special Endowment Fund:	
Interest bearing funds held by J. G. Engle, Hope, Kans.	1,112.40
Pledges, interest bearing	1,600.00
Pledges, non-interest bearing	770.00
 Total East-West Endowment Fund	\$ 3,482.40
Interest on Endowment May 1, 1926, to May 1, 1927	\$ 3,456.79
Donations applied to Maintenance Account,	
May 1, 1926, to May 1, 1927	\$ 4,736.48
Donations applied to Endowment,	
May 1, 1926, to May 1, 1927	\$ 4,472.37

Section 4.

Faculty

There were only a few changes in the Faculty staff during the year. There was the same devotion and consecrated effort on the part of the teaching staff to impart efficient instruction and exemplify worthy ideals as in previous years. It was with reluctance that Elder Albert H. Engle was released the coming year in order to take up mission work in the Kentucky field. However, the school work is so closely associated with church extension and missionary effort that of necessity we become willing to lend assistance by releasing some of our teaching staff, with the hope that others will fill up the ranks.

Section 5. Educational Standards.

We have been able to maintain our educational standards, with increased recognition in some of the higher institutions. There is no longer any question raised with regard to the standing of our academic or high school courses, but our college work is not fully recognized in official school circles. Four of our former students who took three years of college work with us were enabled by taking one year of additional work to graduate and secure their bachelor degrees. We believe that the partial handicap in full recognition of work taken with us is more than offset by an environment which helps to strengthen rather than destroy one's faith in the eternal verities of God's Word and his revelation to man through Jesus Christ.

Section 6.

Needs.

First, a fuller recognition and appreciation on the part of the church in general; that the school effort is a legitimate and consis-

tent endeavor of the church in order to foster and perpetuate the spreading of the Gospel to the uttermost part of the earth. To this end we recognize the necessity of stressing the spiritual side of the student life, and only as there is genuine conversion and consecration to the work of the Lord by the student can this ideal be accomplished.

Second. With proper interest on the part of the church there will also be constructive criticism in the operation and conduct of the institution, which will enable those who have immediate charge of the work to more fully meet the expectations of those who have given the school fostering care.

Third. Specific demand or request for additional funds at this time would presumably be inopportune. However, the institution cannot develop and grow and function in the best sense without a continued liberality and additional funds for the varied needs of the work.

Action—Approved.

ARTICLE XXXVIII.

REPORT OF BEULAH COLLEGE

Section 1.

(Financial)

Ernest M. Frey

Receipts

Balance on hand, June 8, 1926	\$ 55.97
Basement	3,413.55
Bookroom	1,631.31
Dormitories	860.15
Library	150.25
Tuition	3,116.47
Donations	2,864.76
General	3,744.51
 Total	\$15,836.97

Expenditures

Basement	\$ 2,651.87
Bookroom	1,496.88
Dormitories	1,134.96
Library	102.88
Teachers	6,218.76
Equipment	458.40
General	3,720.69
Cash	51.53
 Total	\$15,836.97

Accounts Receivable.	
Students' Accounts (Interest Bearing)	\$ 1,350.91
Unpaid pledges (Non-interest bearing)	275.50
 Total	 \$ 1,608.41
Net Deficit	813.90
Accounts Payable	
Notes	1,600.00
Current Accounts	822.31
 Total	 \$ 2,422.31

Herman Trautwein, Auditor.

At the close of the seventh year of the work of Beulah College, with sincere gratitude to all who have assisted in any way in the promotion and maintenance of the school and with a deep thankfulness to our heavenly Father for His manifest blessing in the past, we wish to humbly submit the following report:

Section 2. Enrollment.

The total enrollment for the year, which is eighty-two, is twenty-five per cent higher than the highest former enrollment. Of this total which includes some special students, twenty-five are in the College. Approximately sixty per cent of the students are residents of Upland and immediate vicinity. Kansas and Iowa furnish a considerable part of our student body. Besides, nine other states and foreign countries are represented here.

Section 3. Buildings and Equipment.

The building of the Upland Church with its roomy auditorium, offices, class rooms, library, and basement equipment as dining room and kitchen is the present home of Beulah College. The increase in attendance the past year required the addition of some new equipment in class room furnishings, and necessitated a careful adjustment of classes to our present facilities.

Dormitories have been provided by the rental of comfortable and well equipped private homes near the school. Both the boys' and girls' dormitories were filled to overflowing this year with a splendid group of Christian students who found dormitory life, educational and happy. More ample provisions are being made for the coming year's needs on this line.

Section 4. Faculty and Instruction.

The Faculty consisting of six full-time teachers, assisted by eight part-time teachers, has carried on the class room instruction

and administration of school matters in a creditable manner. Special interest was shown by students in several courses of study which were introduced during this school year.

We are pleased to have some of our Junior College graduates given Junior standing in Pomona College and University of California at Los Angeles.

Our scholastic standards are being raised year after year, as it is our aim to give our students thorough training on educational lines.

Section 5. Religious Life.

We consider the religious life of Beulah College to be of prime importance. A wholesome, serene, joyous and inspirational spiritual atmosphere is sought and fostered by the regular church services of the Upland Church, the revival meetings held during the year and the religious activities of the school, including the Student prayer meetings and noon prayer circles. These various means of grace have brought much instruction, conviction and victory to the students. A number who entered school as unsaved students last fall have been converted and others have been sanctified. We appreciate the victories of the revival meetings held during the year and are particularly glad to see students seeking the Lord even when no special revival effort is being conducted. We believe a spirit of revival should be ever-present in a wide-awake holiness school.

While the building of strong well-established Christian character is not accomplished in a day, yet as Christian principles and the Word of God are taught "line upon line and precept upon precept" and the Holy Spirit continues His work, definite results crown the sincere efforts that are put forth for the glory of God.

Section 6. Christian Service.

We believe it is important that Christian young people should not only be definitely converted and filled with the Holy Spirit, but that they should also be active in the Lord's service, whether they have a definite call to Home or Foreign Mission work or not. Our students find such opportunities in the activities of the Upland Church, the religious life of the school, the Gospel team work and the Mexican work. The last is a particularly suitable experience for prospective missionaries. Moreover, we are happy to see some definite results in the conversion of some of the Mexicans.

One of the purposes for which Beulah College was founded was to prepare young people for the Lord's work. We are glad to labor

to that end and to see our students obeying God's call to the home and foreign work.

Section 7. Forward Steps.

Each year we endeavor to bring the school, its advantages and opportunities to the attention of an ever-increasing number of prospective students and friends, both in California and in various parts of the Brotherhood. We believe the young people of our Church and of our school communities should receive every encouragement to obtain a Christian education.

Our present forward step in financial matters is the solicitation for a permanent endowment fund in order to place the school upon a firm financial basis. There is a ready response from the Board of Trustees, Faculty, Student Body and Church of the Pacific Coast. We trust the Lord may lay this need upon the hearts of many of His saints that the work may go forward according to God's highest plan for Beulah College.

Action—Approved.

ARTICLE XXXIX.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF JABBOK BIBLE SCHOOL.

Section 1. For Year Ending April 1, 1927

By D. R. Eyster, Sec'y-Treas.

Receipts

Balance on hand, April 1, 1926	\$ 131.02
Income from farm and dairy	4,485.15
Board and Room	696.10
Accounts Receivable	235.00
Tuition	456.75
Offerings	337.93
Total	\$6,341.95

Payments

Teachers' wages and farm labor	\$3,087.01
Coal	182.60
Feed	420.33
Interest on will contract and endowment	575.00
Furnishings	353.28
Stock Bought	125.00
Dormitory Supplies	649.71
Accounts Payable	100.00
General and Incidental	637.63
Total	\$6,130.56

Balance on hand, April 1, 1927	76.39
Accounts Receivable	135.00
	\$6,341.95
	Audited by E. N. Engle.

Section 2. General

Hitherto hath the Lord helped us. These words come to our minds as we review the work of the past year. The work of the school has been continued under the blessing of God. School opened September 13, 1926, with an enrollment of 27 students. The number increased until 33 were enrolled. Early in November Bro. H. W. Landis was with us and God gave us a gracious revival, praise His holy name. At the close of the revival only one student was unconverted.

The work of the dairy has been continued successfully and profitably. Bro. and Sr. J. L. Eyster have had charge of that part of the work, while Bro. H. E. Horst had charge of the disposition of dairy products. The farm produced a bountiful crop.

Four orphans have been cared for during the year. They were in charge of Bro. and Sr. Eyster.

Four full time and two part time teachers were employed.

The Church in Oklahoma is unanimous in the work of the school and has nobly stood by it in donating both labor and money for its support. Fully \$2,500.00 was received in money, labor, and furnishings, including some donations from Kansas. This money was used to buy and repair another house which was moved on the place, and for necessary repairs, improvements, and furnishings which were needed to carry on the school.

Section 3. Faculty Report of Jabbok Bible School.

It is with a feeling of thankfulness that we bring this report of our school. During the year the following teachers were employed Bro. P. J. Wiebe, Bro. Elmer Steckley, Sr. Clara E. Stoner and Sr. Eunice Lady. Srs. Mary Lenhert and Imogene Snider were employed as part time teachers, and Sister Lillian Wiebe was preceptress.

We had a total enrollment of 33 students, four taking special work and the remainder high school work. During November Bro. H. W. Landis was with us and God gave us a gracious revival. Praise His holy name. It is a source of encouragement amid the tests and trials which we meet, to know that we are doing a work for the master. It shall always be our aim and object to glorify Him.

Action—Approved.

ARTICLE XL.

REPORT OF THE MESSIAH ORPHANAGE

Near Florin, Pa.

For the year beginning April 1, 1926, and ending March 31, 1927.

Section 1. Financial—General Account

E. H. Martin, Treasurer

Receipts

Balance in Treasury, March 31, 1926	\$ 15.98
Interest Endowment Fund	186.07
Interest Building Account	160.00
General Donations	1,264.13
Wages of Children	490.79
Board of Children	115.00
Release of Children	146.75
Sale of Potatoes, Eggs, Etc.	327.55
Rent, Boys' Orphanage Building	44.00
Provisions—Donated and valued at	413.73
Clothing, etc.—Donated and valued at	145.27
 Total	 \$3,309.27

Expenditures

Provisions and groceries (including donations)	\$ 869.54
Dry Goods, Shoes, Clothing, Etc. (Including Donations)	272.63
Fuel	372.71
Feed	199.88
Light	54.01
Power	36.46
Water	73.02
Telephone	7.95
Fertilizer	10.00
Medical Services and Supplies (Including Dentist Bills)	109.75
Insurance	32.70
Printing, Stationery, Etc.	15.00
Improvements	48.80
Repairs and Sundries	59.99
Salaries of Steward, Matron, and Helpers	593.00
Balance in Treasury, March 31, 1927	553.83
 Total	 \$3,309.27

Section 2. Parity Fund Account

Total amount in parity fund, March 31, 1926 \$2,333.65

Wages of children placed in parity fund during year	490.74
Accrued Interest added during year	95.65

Total

Paid to Mrs. Rosie Hahn	\$ 25.00
Paid to Mrs. John H. Gordon	25.00
Paid to Jessie L. Baker	66.25
Paid to Helen M. Dengler	115.00
Paid to Helen Houtz	70.00
Paid to Fay E. Rhoades	80.00
Paid to Mary Margaret Sanders	70.00
 Total	 \$ 451.25

Balance in Parity Fund, March 31, 1927 \$2,468.79

Section 3. Permanent Endowment Fund

A. B. Musser, Treasurer

Amount of fund as previously reported	\$25,692.00
Received toward Endowment Fund during year:	

Caroline Butt, Estate	\$100.00
Sara Wingert, Estate	90.00
Susan Beck, Estate	136.82 \$ 326.82

Total Amount of Endowment Fund \$26,018.82

Section 4.

Endowment Fund Invested as Follows:

Allison Hill Trust Co., Mortgage Bonds	\$ 3,000.00
Allison Hill Trust Co., Mortgage Bonds, only partly interest-bearing for Orphanage	3,000.00
Liberty Bonds—Par value	300.00
H. A. Garman and wife—Note	200.00
Albaugh Dover Bonds (Actual value not known) par value	400.00
Certificate of Deposit, Highland Bank and Trust Com- pany, Sebring, Florida	88.00
Certificates of Deposit, Florin Trust Company	5.82
Special Fund (Villee Bequest)	25.00
Special Fund (Of a Brother)	19,000.00
 Total	 \$26,018.82

Section 5. **Orphanage Building Account**

I. T. Ginder Treasurer

Receipts

Balance previously reported	\$ 5,756.76
Net Amount received from sale of Boys' Orphanage Property, Grantham, Pa.	1,796.50
Donations	
From Manor District	\$ 35.50
From Rapho District	10.00
From Donegal District	35.00
Special Donations	20.00
	\$ 100.50
Total	\$ 7,653.76

Expenditures

Nursery Stock for Orphanage Grounds	\$ 53.00
Balance in Treasury	7,600.76
Total	
Total	\$ 7,653.76
Building Account Invested as Follows:	
State Capitol Saving and Loan Association	\$ 1,100.00
East End Trust Company (Mortgage Bond)	1,000.00
Harrisburg Trust Company (Mortgage Bond)	1,500.00
Allison Hill Trust Co. (Mortgage Bond)	2,000.00
B. S. Brubaker (Note)	1,500.00
Florin Water Company (Bond)	500.00
Balance in Bank	.76
Total	\$ 7,600.76

Florin, Pa., May 25, 1927

We, the undersigned, having audited the accounts of the different Treasurers of the Messiah Orphanage, of Florin, Pa., hereby certify that the same were found to be correct.

John Hoffman, D. H. Martin, Auditors.

Section 6. **General Report**

By J. W. Wolgemuth, Secretary

As we again come to the time to prepare our report to General Conference, we take a retrospective view, and can remember many special blessings during the past year. While it was not all sunshine, and at times things looked rather dark, yet, taking the year as a whole, we must surely report a year of special help, special

care, and special attention, from a most gracious heavenly Father; for all of which we are very grateful and thankful, while trying to appreciate these blessings.

During the year we were somewhat hindered by not having the help we should have had. As stated in our last report, just at the close of our former year, our Steward and Matron, Brother and Sister Levi Martin, were very suddenly compelled to leave us thru the sudden passing away of their son-in-law, Brother Mellinger, as they felt it their duty (and in this the Board agreed) to help Sister Mellinger until she could get her affairs straightened out.

This, therefore, left us short of the help of a brother as Steward, and also short of the help of a sister; and, while we were unable to secure a Brother as Steward for the year, we were fortunate to be able to get some extra sisters' help; and in this way we were able to get along real nicely under the circumstances; but this was done only by all working together and, at times, all working very hard.

We are very glad to report, however, that just before the close of this year (our Orphanage year closing on March 31 of each year), we were able to secure the help of Brother and Sister Clarence Herr, as Steward and Matron, for the coming year. It therefore looks as though we will be supplied with the required help, unless something unforeseen should again occur.

We deem it a privilege to again commend the work of those who worked with us during the year, and especially since the work was handicapped by not always having the required amount of help, and by oftentimes not having much experienced help, so that sometimes the new workers were compelled to assume a great amount of responsibility.

Sister Anna Witmer, who worked with us so faithfully for many years, was with us for the greater part of the year; but because of ill health, she was compelled to hand in her resignation; and this resignation the Board accepted,—very reluctantly, however,—and relieved her about the first of January.

The other workers, who also worked very faithfully, were Sister Cora Miller (now Sister Yoder), Anna Myers, Sara Wolgemuth, and Mabel Ginder. Brother Henry Brubaker also helped us a few months during the summer, caring for the garden and lawn.

We are glad that we can again report a year of unusually good health among our children and workers, as at no time during the year were any of the children or workers seriously sick; only with such minor ailments as colds, coughs, etc. This is a blessing for

which we are truly grateful, and we want to be very thankful to our Heavenly Father for so abundantly caring for us, as good health always helps to lighten the burdens and cares of all connected with the work.

As to the spiritual help our children received during the year, it is impossible for us to give anything definite, as eternity alone will reveal what has been accomplished in this way; but we are pleased to report that at least some of our children are showing spiritual growth, and again a few have been saved.

During the year we accepted fifteen children into the Orphanage care: Four of these were adopted into the Orphanage, and eleven were taken in for an indefinite period, as boarding children, for which we are being paid board. These latter were taken in only because in each case the parent, or parents, were taken sick, and it was imperative to secure a home for the children very quickly, and they were shown to be very pathetic cases. There were exceptions to this, however, as three of the children taken in as boarding children were taken with a definite understanding with the mother that it shall be for a short time only, and if everything proves satisfactory, these shall be adopted into the Orphanage.

We secured new homes for nineteen children during the year. Some of these were moved from the Orphanage to homes, and some from one home to another, when the Board thought it advisable to make a change because of conditions that were shown to the Board.

Two children were released on age; and nine taken out of the Orphanage care by being released to the parents; and two children were legally adopted to foster parents.

At the close of the year, we had eight boys and seven girls in the Orphanage at Florin, Pa.; and thirty-four boys and twenty-seven girls in homes of foster parents throughout this and adjoining counties; making a total of seventy-six children being cared for by our institution; and we believe just seventy-six lives being made happier and the future brighter because our institution exists.

May we state right here that in placing children in homes to be cared for by foster parents, we find there seems to be such a vast difference in the motives which prompt such foster parents to apply for children. Some seem to want the children simply for the work they can do and for the help the children can give them, with very little thought of how much good they can do for the children. This, we believe, is not the best or right motive; but the first thought of each foster parent should be to help some less fortunate

person than themselves; and the help the children can give them should always be a secondary consideration. We are glad to report, however, that we have many of the better kind of homes for our children; and we wish we could impress upon all who have our children now, as well as children from other similar institutions; and upon all who may apply for children later; that the first aim and purpose should be **to help rather than to be helped.**

In conclusion, may we again express to each one who helped in the work our heartfelt thanks for the help given; and may we beg a continuance of your help and support, so that the work may continue and prosper. Above all, we crave an interest in your prayers, not that you should pray that our will may be done; but always that God's will may be done through us.

Action—Approved.

ARTICLE XLI.

REPORT OF MT. CARMEL HOME

Section 1.

(Financial)

By John DeHaan, Treasurer

Receipts

Balance on Hand, April 1, 1926	\$ 123.49
Received from County for care of Children	360.00
Received from General Public	1,123.95
Sale of Farm Produce	869.59
Received from Beneficiary Board	255.00
Borrowed from Bank	300.00
Total	\$3,032.03

Expenditures

Groceries	\$ 879.16
Labor	222.40
Dry Goods and Shoes	207.90
Fuel and light	209.38
School Supplies	56.55
Farm Supplies	546.84
Postage and Telephone	29.20
Gasoline and Oils	131.65
Motor Vehicle Supplies and Repairs	105.70
General Repairs	206.52
Taxes, Interest and Insurance	130.81
Equipment	230.92
Miscellaneous	75.00
Total	\$3,032.03

Section 2.**(General)**

By S. P. Stump, Secretary

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." In reviewing the work of the Mt. Carmel Home during the past year we can truly say that this has been true. If it were not so, indeed the work would not have survived many of the trying, difficult experiences of this year.

Owing to the fact that Bro. and Sr. Hoke felt they must leave the work due to Bro. Hoke's father's sickness and death, Sr. Katie Bollinger and her daughter Alma were left alone in the work for the greater part of the summer. With no man on the farm the burdens were very heavy and of course some of the work had to be left undone. Late in the summer Sr. Myrtle Zook came into the work and remained until Christmas.

In October Brother and Sister John DeHaan came to temporarily relieve the work until spring. Sr. DeHaan took charge of the school and Bro. DeHaan assumed the duties of the farm. This was a much appreciated help to the work. However, as they just came to help out temporarily, Bro. DeHaan left April 1st, and Sr. DeHaan will leave at the end of the school term.

At present the work is in charge of Sr. Katie Bollinger, Sup't. and Matron, and Sr. Ella Tennis who came into the work last November. However, Bro. and Sr. Gordon Mainland of Chicago, Ill., expect to enter the work about May 1st, for which we are very thankful, and pray the Lord to make them a blessing in this work.

The Home is at present caring for 17 children; 5 boys and 12 girls. Besides this number there are 4 in private homes, 1 girl and 3 boys, making a total of 21 under the care of this institution. It has been encouraging to see some of these children seek the Lord during the past year. We pray that there may yet be others to find Him precious to their souls.

The institution has installed a bathroom for the girls during the past year. This has met a long felt need as prior to this time there has been only one bathroom for all the inmates and workers. This has been rather inconvenient and has laid us open to severe criticism by the State Board of Public Welfare. We are surely thankful that we have been enabled to have this additional equipment.

Plans for the coming year include a small acreage of potatoes, tomatoes and other vegetables for house consumption and market; extensive poultry raising, and increased alfalfa acreage to make possible a more profitable dairy. These are mere material plans, but are necessary to the success of the work. We purpose, however, to make all these things subservient to the spiritual side of the work.

We wish to thank all those who have had a share in the work at Mt. Carmel by their prayers and means. Surely the Lord will bless you for your labor of love in his service. May we not lose interest in this important phase of our Church work, the foundation of which was laid in the blood of sacrifice and service of those who have begun this noble project. May we continue to pray for the work and permit our means to be used in its advancement, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus when He said "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

Action—Approved.

ARTICLE XLII.

REPORT OF THE MESSIAH RESCUE AND BENEVOLENT HOME OF HARRISBURG, PA.

Section 1.	Receipts
Donations	\$ 1,283.73
Paying Members	6,873.92
Interest	3,280.75
Deficit, May 4, 1927	1,801.28
 Total	 \$13,239.68
Expenditures	
Deficit—May 1, 1926	\$ 1,062.37
Groceries and Supplies	4,458.61
Sundries	342.19
Wages, Salaries and Labor	2,998.17
Interest on Notes	22.40
Interest on Annuities	382.00
Medical Aid	132.90
Burials	360.75
Repairs	2,196.79
Light and Telephone	71.63
Insurance	82.98
Fuel	1,128.89
 Total	 \$13,239.68
Maintenance Account Investments	
East End Trust Co., Hbg., Mortgage Bonds	\$16,300.00
Harrisburg Trust Co., Mortgage Bonds	20,000.00
Commonwealth Trust Co., Hbg., Mortgage Bonds	5,800.00
Allison Hill Trust Co., Hbg., Mortgage Bonds	19,000.00

Campbelltown Water Co., Notes	4,000.00
Liberty Loan Bonds	150.00
Total	\$65,250.00

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Hershey, Treasurer.

Audited by: J. W. Wolgemuth, A. W. Wolgemuth.

Section 2. General Report of the Messiah Home

Another year has passed since our report to General Conference and, with the passing of the year there are changes, as one may expect at such an institution.

However, comparatively few of the inmates have passed away, thus leaving quite a number who are advanced in age, making the work quite laborious. The general health of the inmates was fair, for which we feel grateful.

Our Stewart and Matron, as well as the workers have labored faithfully and were at times taxed almost beyond their physical strength, they deserve a word of commendation, and may the words of the Master; Inasmuch as ye have done this unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me, be a comfort to them.

Obtaining sufficient help has become quite a problem. Repeated appeals through the columns of the Evangelical Visitor failed to bring the desired results. As this report goes to General Conference we pray that the Lord will lay the work on the heart of some one who will answer, Here am I, send me.

It is worthy of note that some of the inmates donate quite liberally to the need of the table, etc.; also nearby districts send liberal donations of fruit and vegetables, as well as cash offerings, from harvest home services. The managers feel very grateful for all blessings.

We found it necessary to make some minor repairs on the building, this incurring quite an item of expenses.

The entire home family numbers about sixty including the workers. Quite a number of applicants could not be admitted during the year because of the lack of room. Our hearts are sometimes pained when we realize that some who are worthy cannot be admitted. Our prayers are that the divine blessings of God may continue to rest on this noble work, and that our beloved brotherhood may co-operate in making this institution a real comfort to the needy ones sheltered under its roof.

Religious services during the year as heretofore, with several revival efforts, and special Bible teachings.

May we all remember the word of Jesus; It is more blessed to give than to receive, throughout the coming year.

Amos Wolgemuth.

Action—approved.

ARTICLE XLIII.

REPORT OF KENMORE APARTMENTS

Section 1.

(Financial)

Balance on hand April 1, 1926	\$ 8.27
Total Income from Rentals	4,502.00
Total	\$4,510.27

Expenses

Running Expenses	\$2,658.70
Interest on Mortgage	498.75
From Building Fund	1,006.74
For Eastside and Oak Park Mission	340.00
Total	\$4,504.19

Balance on hand \$ 6.06

Committee:

Eld. W. C. Deemy, Chairman.

Eld. S. W. Landis, Assistant Chairman.

Eld. H. W. Landis, Sec'y and Treas.

Section 2.

(General)

We are glad to report that the Kenmore Apartment Building has been occupied, and the rentals received defrayed the running expenses of the apartment also kept the building in good repair, making necessary improvements to keep an up-to-date building for renting purposes. It also met the expenses of the Des Moines Mission Home. For two years previous it paid \$360.00 per year to the Home Mission Treasury, but in the last year the donations were so small that it took over one thousand dollars of this money to meet the running expenses of the Mission and make necessary improvements, so that we were unable to pay the interest of \$360.00 on \$6,000.00 to the Home Mission Treasury.

Since it seems important that the mortgage should be paid off and indebtedness in our building reduced, we petition General Conference to encourage offerings and donations to the Des Moines Mission.

We also petition General Conference to cancel the action of

1924, which required that the trustees pay to the Home Mission Treasury \$360.00, until said indebtedness on apartment is paid.

A committee of investigation was appointed by General Conference to investigate above report, and rendered the following.

We, your committee appointed to investigate the financial report of the Des Moines Mission property, known as the Kenmore Apartments, after consultation with the Home Mission Board present the following resolutions:

1st. **Resolved**, That Gen. Conf. relieve the Trustees of Des Moines Mission property from paying the annual sum of \$360.00 into the Treasury of the Home Mission Board.

2nd. **Resolved**, That the Trustees of the Des Moines mission property be asked to pay not less than the sum of \$860.00 annually against the principal of the mortgage (this amount being equivalent to the interest formerly paid to the Home Mission Board, plus \$500.00 the amount paid off by the Board of Trustees in the year 1924.)

3rd. **Resolved**, That the aforesaid Trustees be instructed to present a complete annual report disclosing the amount of indebtedness against the property and that said report be properly audited.

4th. **Resolved**, That the Home Mission Board be authorized to exercise a joint supervision with the trustees in the control of the finances.

Action—Report approved.

ARTICLE XLIV.

HOME MISSION BOARD CONFERENCE REPORT.

Section 1. Assignment of Workers

Altoona Mission, 613—4th Avenue, Altoona, Pa.

H. G. Miller and wife, Lizzie Brubaker.

Bethel Mission, Sylvatus, Va.

D. E. Jennings and wife.

Boston Mission, Boston, Mass.

S. H. Ameralian and wife.

Buffalo Mission, 25 Hawley St., Buffalo, N. Y.

E. C. Bossert and wife, Etta Putman.

Chicago Mission, 6039 Halstead St., Chicago, Ill.

Sarah Bert, Supt., C. J. Carlson, Pastor, Avas Carlson, Anna Bert, Harriet Gough.

Dayton Mission, 601 Taylor St., Dayton, Ohio.

W. H. and Susie Boyer, Eva Dick, Angeline Cox.

Des Moines Mission, 1194—14th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

H. W. Landis and wife, Anna Zook.

Kentucky Mission Field.

Albert Engle and wife.

Iron Springs, Pa.

Christian Sider and wife, Iola Dixon.

Mooretown Center Mission, Mooretown, Michigan.

Charles Engle and wife.

Mt. Carmel Mission, Gladwin, Michigan.

Henry P. Heisey and wife.

Philadelphia Mission, 3423 N. 2nd St., Phila, Pa.

Clyde Shirk and wife, Barbara Hitz, Mary Sentz.

San Francisco Mission, 3739—20th St., San Francisco, Cal.

Maggie Sollenberger, Rhoda F. Wingert, Ada Cauffman.

Welland Mission, Welland, Ont., Can.

L. B. Schell and wife, Pearl Swalm, Ethel Milne.

Lancaster Mission, 47 Caroline St., Lancaster, Pa.

Emanuel C. Haas and wife, Miriam Benner.

Section 2. Evangelists

Wm. M. Asper, Shippensburg, Pa., R. R. 5.

David L. Graybill, Filer, Idaho.

Henry W. Landis, Des Moines, Iowa.

Earnest J. Swalm, Dunroon, Ont., Canada.

L. Shoalts, Wellandport, Ont., Canada.

Section 3.

Resolved, That Eld. Walter Reighard be reassigned as Pastor of the Clearview Congregation, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Section 4. Workers to be Assigned at a Future Date.

Emma H. Frey, Washingtonboro, Pa.

Eva Hoover, Union, Ohio.

Geneva Zook, Abilene, Kansas.

Ruth Stump, New Paris, Indiana.

A. S. McCulloh, Morrison, Ill.

Section 5. Overseers

Boston—L. O. Musser.

San Francisco—C. C. Burkholder.

Chicago—John A. Stump.

Iron Springs, Pa.—Wilbur Snider.

Virginia and Kentucky—Wilbur Snider.

Section 6. **Licensed Ministers.**

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Joel E. Carlson, 6039 Halstead St., Chicago, Ill.
Paul Engle, Upland, Cal.
Samuel Lady, Abilene, Kans., R. R. 1.
Jesse Lady, Abilene, Kans., R. R. 1.
Cletas Naylor, 4120—11th St., St. Place, Des Moines, Iowa.
John Minter, Abilene, Kans.
Elmer Steckley, Thomas, Okla.
Harold Sheets, Detroit, Kans.
Henry H. Westheaffer, Arcadia, Fla.

Section 7.

We recommend the following as licensed ministers pending a satisfactory passing of doctrinal examination:

N. Eber Lehman, Orlando, Florida.
Floyd Wingert, Orlando, Florida.

Section 8.

Resolved, That Henry H. Westheaffer, A. B. Simmons and Earl Winger be confirmed as trustees of the Arcadia Church property in Florida.

Section 9. **Florida Church Indebtedness.**

Whereas, Considerable indebtedness remains to be liquidated on the Florida Church properties recently built at Orlando and Arcadia; and

Whereas, The Florida financial and industrial depression which has been prevalent in recent months has greatly affected our members and consequently reduced their contributions considerably below what was expected; and

Whereas, The church in the recent past has been giving assistance to places numerically weak in the erection and enlargement of their Church Buildings; Therefore

Resolved, That General Conference encourage the Church-at-large to come to the assistance of the needy condition of our two Florida congregations by making contributions to assist in liquidating the indebtedness on their church buildings; and

Whereas, The financial report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board disclosed the fact that \$2500.00 was granted as a loan for temporary assistance to the Orlando congregation; therefore

Resolved, That General Conference authorize the continuation of this loan on an interest free basis for the present time; but that said amount be returned to the Treasury of the Home Mission

Board at the earliest possible date, and be it further

Resolved, That said offerings be sent to the Treasurer of the General Executive Board, and that the Church Extension Board, in conjunction with the General Executive Board, shall make distribution of these funds in meeting the obligations of the Florida congregations as they deem proper.

Section 10.

South Dakota

We recommend that the oversight of the South Dakota Mission effort be placed in the hands of Bish. M. G. Engle, and

Whereas, Some desire for organization has been manifest in connection with the work in said field, therefore

Resolved, That a committee of Bishops, composed of M. G. Engle, C. C. Burkholder, and C. N. Hostetter visit said field and be authorized to proceed with organization if deemed proper; and

Whereas, Among those who might desire admission as members are elderly women, who for many years have worn a type of head covering, as a prayer covering, somewhat different from the form ordinarily worn by our sisters, and,

Whereas, They request information as to the church's requirements covering their present practice, we therefore

Recommend that this question be left to the discretion of the aforesaid bishops for decision; and

Whereas, The question of rebaptism has been raised particularly on the part of some who have been baptized by single immersion, therefore

We recommend that the Church's position on trine immersion, as a requirement for admission into church fellowship, be reaffirmed.

Section 11.

Whereas, In the expansion of our work, new fields are being opened from year to year, and

Whereas, This extension of our work at home and this addition of new mission stations is making more difficult the problem of supporting the stations, and

Whereas, It is a question in the minds of this Board if our present method of mission support is conducive to the best results and to the best development of the work in that local and self-support are not sufficiently fostered, therefore be it,

Resolved, That General Conference consider the adoption of the following in reversion of our present plan:

First—That there be a realignment of our stations by classifying our work under two different groups namely: Missions and

Mission Pastorates.

Second—That those places reclassified as missions, shall continue to receive support from the Church at large according to our present method now in effect.

Third—That with those reclassified as mission pastorates the plan of support be altered to conform to the following:

(a) Offerings from the church at large shall not be solicited nor encouraged for Mission pastorates.

(b) The names of such mission pastorates shall not appear on the columns of the E. V. and the workers shall be responsible for their own living expenses.

(c) We request that the local field or congregation comprising this mission pastorate give at least a monthly offering to their workers.

(d) The Home Mission Board shall grant to such ministers, serving in mission pastorates a suitable allowance, the amount to be determined by attending conditions and circumstances. The Home Mission Board recommends that the aforesaid be spread on conference minutes for general information and for the consideration of General Conference next year.

ARTICLE XLV.

CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

Sec. 1. Aid to Retired Missionaries and Missionary Children

Whereas, The work of the Foreign Mission Board is becoming more intricate year after year, and new conditions are arising which seek for a solution, many of the new conditions being worthy of our prayers and charities, and

Whereas, The Foreign Mission Board prays the Church to assist in encouraging and helping the retired missionaries and missionaries' children, and

Whereas, The Constitution and By-laws, Art. 12, Sec. 3, F. J. and K. clearly defines the duty of the Beneficiary Board, and

Inasmuch as a joint meeting was held by the Beneficiary Board and the Foreign Mission Board, it was mutually agreed that the Beneficiary Board look after the above named work, recommendation of such persons to be made by the Foreign Mission Board, be it therefore.

Resolved, That these Boards petition General Conference to exhort the Church to prayer, and encouragement in giving liberally to the Beneficiary Board toward this worthy cause and work, thereby increasing the activities of both Boards.

Sec. 2. Organization of Church in India

Whereas, The missionaries in India, joined by the native Christians have appealed to this Board in behalf of a full organization: the recognition and ordination of a bishop with full function in the interest of the Church Extension of the Brethren in Christ in India, and

Inasmuch, As the granting of such a request does not properly come within the province of this Board, and any attempt along this line would be irregular and run counter to the Constitution and By-Laws, wherein is outlined a definite course of procedure when such an organization is deemed desirable or necessary, and

Whereas, The Constitution and By-Laws make provision Art. 3, Sec. 2, Pg. 9, by which a regularly ordained minister may function in the capacity of a Bishop by the consent of the Church, and

Inasmuch, As Eld. A. D. M. Dick, the present superintendent of the India work, now on furlough, and present at this Conference, is the logical and worthy person to function in such capacity, therefore,

Resolved, That General Conference make provision for the appointment and authorization of Eld. A. D. M. Dick, according to the provision made in the Constitution and By-Laws in this respect, to function in the capacity of bishop in the interests of the Church in India.

Sec. 3. New Station in India

Whereas, An appeal for India for \$5,000.00 for opening a third mission station was presented to last years conference, but was not approved, and in as much, as this appeal has again come to the board, and

Whereas, The board is in sympathy with said appeal, realizing that a great need exists for the said station but can only act as the church is willing to respond to the appeal, we therefore, pray General Conference to consider the appeal.

Sec. 4.

Inasmuch, as approximately twenty thousand dollars are required for the year's maintenance, and

Whereas, About ten thousand dollars are required for outgoing missionaries and furloughs, and five thousand additional for the opening of a third station in India, therefore

Resolved, That a budget for thirty-five thousand dollars be provided for.

Sec. 5.

The division of Church Territory to the Committee of Arrangements is as follows:

Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois	I. C. Engle
All of Canada, including New York	D. W. Heise
Iowa, Kansas and Oklahoma	J. N. Engle
California	J. R. Eyster
Pennsylvania	Graybill Wolgemuth

All missionaries desiring information concerning Church Territory visitation, meetings, etc., should correspond with Chairman Isaac C. Engle, Clayton, Ohio, who will see that necessary arrangements are made, and after being made should be implicitly followed.

Action—Approved.

MISCELLANEOUS MEETING

The morning and afternoon sessions on Thursday were devoted to Sunday School instruction and teaching. The Beneficiary Board conducted the Thursday evening meeting. An offering of \$450.00 was given in response to a appeal for that work. Friday eveig,t was given to Home Mission Interests. An offering to carry on this work amounted to \$850.00.

General Conference adjourned at 3:30 P. M. Saturday, and a communion service was conducted in the evening.

Sunday morning exercises of worship in the church were of a diversified nature. There was a season of prayer and anointing for the bodily afflicted, followed by preaching. In the tent the service was devoted to the Ministerial cause. Helpful suggestions were given to those who fill that special office of the church.

Sunday afternoon and Evening were devoted to Foreign Missions. Missionaries on furlough from Africa and India endeavored to present the great need of the field and especially emphasized the need of workers. The offering for this work amounted to about \$1,500.

Monday evening was given to Ministerial Instruction. The Ministers' Responsibilities to God, the Church, the World, and his family were very well discussed.

Conference tendered the following vote of thanks to the Canadian Church.

Conference has again come to a close; the entertainment of Conference has for some years been a perplexing problem especially as looked forward to. However, the testimony of a number of places has been that in their effort in adequate preparation and

service, they have realized their own prosperity and blessing.

It would seem that in each succeeding Conference manifest improvement in method and quality of service has been noticed, so that we might think the different districts are vieing with one another to excell in entertainment.

We hear of international difficulties and problems; and might we not wish that representatives of both Canadian and the United States government could have witnessed the spirit of good-will, fellowship and love as manifested by our Canadian brethren in their gracious entertainment of so large a delegation from the United States. Hence, we who have been the recipients of this whole-hearted entertainment extend to our Dominion Brethren our heart-felt appreciation of their courteous entertainment and care of the attendants of Conference.

A vote of thanks was rendered to the retiring Conference Secretary.

Bishop J. N. Engle led in closing prayer and Conference adjourned.

Bishop C. C. Burkholder, Moderator.

Bishop H. K. Kreider, First Assistant Moderator.

Bishop L. O. Musser, Second Assistant Moderator.

Elder Ernest Swalm, Recording Secretary.

Elder B. M. Books, Assistant Recording Secretary.

Elder A. W. Climenhaga, Reading Clerk.

Elder E. J. Rohrer, Assistant Reading Clerk.

Bishop C. N. Hostetter, Conference Secretary.



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