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### FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

C. N. Hostetter, Sr., Washington Boro, Pa., R. 1, Chairman, 1941.
R. I. Witter, Navarre, Kansas, Asst. Chairman, 1941.
Irvin W. Musser, Mt. Joy, Pa., Secretary, 1942.
I. C. Engle, Clayton, Ohio, Asst. Secretary, 1940.
Graybill Wolgemuth, Messiah Home, 2001 Paxton St., Harrisburg, Pa., Treasurer, 1940.
William Charlton, Stevensville, Ont., Canadian Treas., 1940.
Hiram Alderfer, Baker Ave., Upland, Calif., 1942.

### FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

The respective dates indicate when furlough to America is due.

### AFRICA

**Bishop H. H. Brubaker, Superintendent**

Matopo Mission, Bulawayo, South Rhodesia, So. Africa.

Bish. and Sr. H. H. Brubaker, 1939.
Elder and Sr. L. B. Steckley, 1938.
Elder and Sr. J. Elwood Hershey, 1943.
Elder and Sr. Chas. Eshelman, 1946.
Elizabeth Engle, 1942.
Kathryn Wengert, 1944.
Edna Lehman, 1946.

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Elder and Sr. W. O. Winger, 1943.
Mary Breneman, 1946.
Mrs. Emma Frey, 1937.
Sadie Book, 1937.
Martha Kauffman, 1939.
Mabel Frey, 1943.

Elder and Sr. J. Paul George, 1944.

Macha Mission, Choma, N. Rhodesia, So. Africa.
Elder and Sr. Elmer Eyer, 1943.
Anna R. Engle, 1942.
Verda Moyer, 1940.

Sikalongo Mission, Choma, N. Rhodesia, So. Africa.
Bro. and Sr. Roy H. Mann, 1939 and 1943.
Annie Winger, 1938.
Mary Kreider, 1940.

INDIA

BISHOP A. D. M. DICK, Superintendent

Saharsa Mission, Saharsa, B. N. W. Ry., Bhagalpur Dist., India.
Bishop and Sr. A. D. M. Dick, 1943.
Anna M. Steckley, 1943.
Esther Buckwalter, 1943.
Leora Yoder, 1944.
B. Ella Gayman, 1945.

Supaul Mission, Supaul, B. N. W. Ry., Bhagalpur Dist., India.
Elder and Sr. George Paulus, 1942.
M. Effie Rohrer, 1939.

Madhipura Mission—Dauram, B. N. W. Ry., India.
Elder and Sr. Charles E. Engle, 1946.

Missionaries on Furlough:
Bro. and Sr. D. B. Hall, Upland, Calif.
Naomi Lady, Morrill, Kansas.
Anna M. Eyster, Upland, Calif.
Anna Wolgemuth, Lawn, Pa.
Bro. and Sr. Cecil Cullen, Houghton Mission, Tillsonburg, Ont., Canada.

Missionaries on Extended Furlough:
Elder and Sr. J. A. Climenhaga, Stowe, Pa.
Elder and Sr. J. Lester Myers, Greencastle, Pa.
Bro. and Sr. C. A. Winger, Upland, Calif.

Missionaries Retired:
Grace Steigerwald Keeports, 2001 Paxton St., Harrisburg, Pa.
Mary Heisey, 2001 Paxton St., Harrisburg, Pa.
Adda Taylor, Grantham, Pa.
Sallie K. Doner, Campbellstown, Pa.
FOREIGN MISSION PROGRAM
GENERAL CONFERENCE

Auditorium—Afternoon
From the speakers:
Bro. E. J. Swalm—“It is more important to practice what we believe than to argue what we believe.”
Sr. Naomi Lady—“When one door was closed, He opened another. Increased interest is due to evangelism.”
Mark Winger spoke on “Why Missionaries’ Children are sent to Boarding School.”
Beth Winger on “Our Lonely Days” and Bert Winger on “All for Christ.”
Bro. C. N. Hostetter, Jr.—“ ‘Go Ye’ remains as long as there are those who are unevangelized.”

Tent—Afternoon
J. A. Climenhaga spoke on the “Challenge of the Gospel Call at Home and Abroad.”
Anna Eyster, “Experiences in Africa”; Leoda Buckwalter, “Memories of India’s Need”; Allen Buckwalter, “The Call to India”; and V. L. Stump, “The Place the Mission Program Holds in a Non-resistant Church.”

Auditorium—Evening
Bro. Cecil Cullen paid tribute to two ambassadors who have given supreme service to their King, Bro. Taylor and Bro. Frey.
Anna Eyster on the subject “Results of Our Labors” said, “The work is not finished, one soweth and another reapeth.”
Sallie Doner speaking on “Reminiscence” recalled incidents of her first trip to Matopo Mission.

Naomi Lady made the statement “If Christ had not been lifted up on the cross there would be no foreign missions.”
Arthur Climenhaga: “Why must the Gospel be told? Why Christianity?” “If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, no other religion can offer such a change of life.”
I. C. Engle: “The hour is late and our responsibility is great.” Foreign Mission Offering $1,000.00.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD REPORT

Financial

Graybill Wolgemuth, Treas.

Contributions from April 1, 1938 to April 1, 1939

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Total: $23,197.54

Overdraft April 1, 1938: $284.25

Total: $22,913.29

Disbursements

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Car fare paid for Missionaries .................. 67.86
Printing by E. V. Publishing House ................ 8.04

$23,030.95
Overdrawn April 1, 1939 .......................... 117.66

$22,913.29

African School Fund
Certificate of deposit Mt. Joy First National Bank... $ 1,158.39
Promissory note at 4% ................................. 1,000.00

$ 2,158.39

Annuity Fund Investment
Certificate of deposit Mt. Joy National Bank ... $ 2,770.00
Rec'd through the year ............................... 1,000.00

$ 3,770.00

This is to certify that the above statements of Receipts and Disbursements are found correct.
E. M. Bomberger.

In presenting this report to General Conference, we are again reminded of the great debt of gratitude which we owe to our dear Heavenly Father for His continued blessing upon the work of the Foreign Mission Board during the past Conference year. There was an increase in offerings above last year of $638.37 which shows an active interest in the promulgation throughout the Conference year.

With regret we have failed to mention in last year's conference report the release of the $3,000.00 Annuity Bond from Brother and Sister Joseph M. Eshelman, Sedgewick, Kansas. We are very grateful to our Brother and Sister Eshelman for this liberal and thoughtful contribution to the Foreign Mission Board.

On June 24th our dear Brother Alfred Rotz who is a regular contributor to Foreign Missions sent in an Annuity of $1,000.00. And on December 24th our aged Brother and Sister H. L. Trump donated a $1,000.00 U. S. Government Bond which when put to market brought $1,050.00. On February 10th a donation of $500.00 was received with no name attached and no evidence of the donor more than, a friend of the Mission Cause, Abilene, Kansas.

The United Christian Brethren made their annual contribution of $500.00. The United Zion Children also sent in the designated annual amount of $500.00 for the support of their African Missionary.

We appreciate the splendid response by the church at large and want to express our appreciation to all of our contributors. The glorious Gospel challenges us to give our best for the lost of earth.

Canadian Contributions to the Foreign Mission Board
April 1, 1938 to April 1, 1939

Bank balance April 1st, 1938......................... $ .66
Contributions to April 1st, 1939 ............... 2,661.99

Total ................. $ 2,662.65

Disbursements
Maintenance to Africa ....................... $ 2,244.92
Specials to Africa ......................... 125.00
Specials to India ......................... 288.01

Total Disbursements ....................... $ 2,657.93
Bank Balance April 1st, 1939 ................ $ 4.72

Wm. Charlton, Can. Treasurer.

To Whom it May Concern:—

This is to certify that I have examined the books of Wm. Charlton, Treasurer of Brethren in Christ Foreign Missions and find them to be as follows:

Balance in Bank April 1st, 1938 ............... $ .66
Receipts during year ending April 1, 1939 .... 2,661.65

Total ................. $ 2,662.65
Total Disbursements for year ending April 1......$ 2,647.93
Balance in Bank April 1st, 1939.................$  14.72

A cheque in the amount of $10.00, Payable George Paulus is outstanding on the above date.
Yours truly,
R. W. Ferguson, Manager.

Furloughed Missionary Trustee’s Report

Through the year the blessing of God has been upon the Home.
It is being kept in good repair and a number of necessary improvements were made the last year. We feel very thankful to Brother Pote who lives close by and who takes an active part in the upkeep in and around the Home.
At present there is a balance in the treasury of $177.28.

Graybill Wolgemuth, Trustee.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD
General Report
I. W. Musser, Sec’y.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”
Matt. 28:19, 20.

In obedience to this divine command the Brethren in Christ Church has extended her borders to Africa and India, and herewith we present a brief report of the activities of this Board for another Conference year.

Evangelistic efforts, visitation, educational, medical and industrial work have again been carried on as a means to an end, even the advancement of His Kingdom here on earth, and the salvation of precious never-dying souls.
These efforts have again resulted in a number of church accessions, and the deepening of the spiritual life of many others.
To those engaged in this noble work, it is indeed a source of encouragement to know “that our labors are not in vain in the Lord.”

With several exceptions the health of our Foreign Mission staff has been quite good during the last year. Of these exceptions Sisters Abbie Winger and Verda Moyer have been the most outstanding.
Latest information received from the field indicate that Sister Winger’s health is much improved, and in a recent examination the doctors have pronounced Sister Moyer free from the malignant disease with which she was afflicted, even though she has not yet regained normal strength.

During this Conference year, Brother and Sister Charles Engle and two daughters, and Sister Ella Gayman have returned to India. Brother and Sister Charles Eshelman and family, and Sister Mary Breneman have returned to Africa. Sister Martha Shenk was the only new worker to reach the field this year. Sister Edna Lehman is taking nine month’s medical training in London, and is expected to sail for Africa the latter part of July. Brother and Sister Allen Buckwalter are expected to sail for India this coming fall.
Sisters Naomi Lady and Anna Eyster have returned to the homeland on furlough during the year.
Our present active staff consists of 29 Missionaries in
Africa, 11 in India, 4 in the homeland on furlough, and 1 in medical training in London.

To date 70 of our dear brethren and sisters have labored under the auspices of this Board in Africa, and 24 in India, or a total of 94 in all.

As has been noted by reports in the Evangelical Visitor, and those that will appear in the Annual reports from India Field, it has become necessary to vacate the Supaul Mission because of erosion caused by the floods that have changed the course of the Kosi River.

Through the providence of God, the Supaul Missionaries have been able to rent a suitable place temporarily, until definite plans for relocation have been made.

The buildings were torn down and salvaged, when it became evident that they would be destroyed. The bricks were sold locally, and other material was taken to Madhipura, where they were used in the building operations there.

Recognizing the importance of any advance steps taken in this emergency, and not wishing to assume this responsibility, the India workers appealed to the Board to send a deputation to India at once.

In view of the urgency of this appeal, but not being authorized to comply with the request, the General Executive Board was appealed to, and a joint meeting of the Pennsylvania members of both Boards was held at the home of Bishop C. N. Hostetter.

The matter was prayerfully considered from the various angles. Being faced with the fact that the granting of this request would require the sanction of the General Executive Board, which would have necessitated full Board meetings of both Boards, and

Whereas, This would have delayed matters to the extent that the full purpose of this emergency request could not have been realized, it was decided to defer the matter until General Conference.

As in the days when our Lord was here upon earth, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: Pray ye therefore that the Lord of the Harvest may send laborers into his harvest."

The Board has been appealed to for more workers, but more funds are necessary if our staff is to be enlarged. Shall we accept the challenge?

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

Section 1.

Whereas, The General Conference of 1938 authorized the Young People's Society to solicit funds to send a deputation to our Mission Fields, and

Whereas, India Mission Council had adopted a resolution requesting such deputation to be on the field by January 1940, therefore

Resolved, That General Conference give expression to this request.

And because of the tremendous responsibility of such an undertaking, we therefore

Recommend that the General Executive Board (and a representative of the Board for Y. P. Work) share responsibility with the Foreign Mission Board in making this selection, and be it further

Resolved, That the F. M. Board with the General Executive Board by Private ballot select the man from the Board for Young People's Work who shall represent that Board.

Section 2.

The Foreign Mission Board petitions General Conference to confirm the following:
Whereas, In all our rulings inscribed on our Conference Minute records relative to the education of missionaries' children, no provision is included for the children who remain in the homeland, when parents have returned to their field of labor, and

Whereas, In a joint meeting with the Beneficiary Board, relative to Sec. 7, Page 63, Constitution and By-Laws, we have agreed mutually to give an allowance annually of $200.00 for maintenance or educational purposes to all children of our missionaries left in the homeland from the age of 10 to 16 years, parents of said children to appoint a custodian for the fund.

Section 3. A NEW MISSION SITE FOR INDIA.

In one of the early issues of the E. V. of 1939, the Foreign Mission Board in part described the disaster which overtook the Supaul Mission Station caused by erosion through the change of the river course, temporary arrangements were then made for the caring for the years of effort put forth, and maintain a continued supervision of the results obtained, and

Whereas, Former appeals from India for a new Mission station having received recognition by General Conference, but never acted upon by the Board, nor the Mission staff of the field, and

Whereas, A recommendation from the India Council presented to the F. M. B. request this matter to be presented to General Conference for approval, and

Whereas, General Conference of 1927 approved a resolution authorizing the F. M. B. to attempt to realize the sum of $5,000.00 for a new Station, and

Whereas, The situation arising out of the changed river course excludes all hope of repossessing the abandoned station of Supaul, therefore be it

Resolved, That General Conference authorize the Foreign Mission Board to make an immediate effort to raise by private or public solicitation, the amount requested.

Section 4.

Whereas, Bro. and Sr. Albert Breneman of Pleasant Hill, Ohio, have been accepted as Missionaries to Africa, and Sr. Naomi Brubaker of Grantham, Pa., as a missionary to India, be it therefore

Resolved, That General Conference confirm their appointment.

Section 5.

Whereas, For a number of years there has been a conviction with many that a doctor would be a great asset to our Mission work in Africa and India, and

Whereas, This need has been presented to several previous Conferences, but up to this time no one was available who was prepared to fill this need, and

Whereas, This question is still a live one on both fields, and

Inasmuch as there have been and now are applicants who would be willing to take the required training to qualify as Medical Doctors, but have thus far been hindered because of lack of funds for such training, and

Whereas, Bro. Paul Lenhart of Arcanum, Ohio, has contributed $100.00 to such a fund, and has offered to contribute this amount annually if definite steps are taken in this matter, be it therefore

Resolved, That this Conference express appreciation of this generous offer and encourage liberal support of this worthy project, and be it further

Resolved, That any applicant for Foreign Mission work who would be willing to take such training, should make it known to the Foreign Mission Board.
Section 1. Approved.
Elders Graybill Wolgemuth and Henry N. Hostetter were chosen by ballot as personnel of deputation.
Conference confirmed this selection and request by Board that Bro. J.H. Hoffman, Maytown, Pa., shall act as Foreign Mission Board Treasurer in Brother Wolgemuth’s stead to become effective July 1st, 1939, was granted.
Section 2. Approved.
Section 3. Approved, and privilege given to make an immediate appeal which resulted in raising $3,500.00 in Cash and Pledges for this need.
Section 4 and 5. Approved.

AFRICAN GENERAL REPORT, 1938

To the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Church:
The passing of time has brought us to another stage in the journey of life and we bring to you another Yearly Report. We wish it were possible to give in detail some of the experiences of the past year. Generally reports are intended to give summaries of and trends in the work reported upon and so detail must be kept to a minimum.

Workers: European and African
There were a few changes in the Mission Staffs last year. Brother and Sister Cullen and family left for Canada on furlough early in the year. Sister Lady was relieved for furlough at our Conference and left a few weeks later for America. Sisters Anna and Elizabeth Engle went on short furlough during the latter part of the year.
The health of the missionaries was generally quite good with the exception of Sister Moyer who had to go to Johannesburg for a serious operation in April. She only returned to her duties in the latter part of July. She does not even at this time appear to have fully regained her normal health.
Brother Hershey and Sister Lexow were united in marriage at Matopo Mission during the month of April.
The number of African workers remained about the same throughout the year. We seek to use Native workers as much as possible so that Missionaries might be free for supervision and other work which the Natives cannot do. All the Outstation work is directly in charge of Native workers. The Native Overseers make quarterly visits to these centers thus relieving the Missionaries of much of the detail responsibility of the work. The Missionary in charge of the district also visits each centre at least four times a year. William Muchangani was elected deacon in the Macha North District in the place of Lundu. There are many Native teachers and Village scene at Macha during a little service. Kwalu, a deacon is speaking and God meets with us in such places.
workers who have been giving faithful service day by day and who would be greatly missed should they not be there to carry on their duties.

**Educational**

The school work continues much as previously. The attendance at our Kraal Schools in Southern Rhodesia increased and the average daily attendance is steadily improving. Unfortunately the same is not true of Northern Rhodesia. The people there do not have much of a desire for education and it is with real difficulty that enough pupils are gathered in to keep the schools going. The result is that there is also difficulty to get an active church established. As mentioned in previous reports our schools give us the opportunity to touch the lives of many boys and girls and influence them for God. We are glad for those who are thus won for Christ.

Beginning 1939 the teacher training course will be post standard six. This will mean that all candidates for teacher training will have to pass standard six before entering the course. This new arrangement should result in better trained teachers but it will lay additional work upon our teaching staff.

**Building and Improvements**

It is not necessary for me to mention more than a few items here. An additional European dwelling house is nearing completion at Matopo Mission. The new church which was begun at Macha is nearing completion. A building to be used as a store room and grinding room was built at Sikalongo.

**Spiritual**

We are glad that God's spirit is still active amongst us. There were a number of baptismal services held at different places throughout the year. There was a net gain of 135 in Church membership. The
number of Church Members is now 1686 and the Class Members now number 1956. This gives a total of 3642 adherents in Rhodesia.

The Biblical Primer has been translated into Sindebele and is being used in our Enquirers Class meetings. At our last Conference we decided to take a yearly offering in support of a Tract Fund. We hope by this means to be able to distribute suitable tracts among the Native Christians and others.

The contributions from the Native Church were good notwithstanding the poor crops. All the Kraal School Funds, with one exception, show a credit balance.

General

As we review the work of the past year we find many things for which to be thankful. God has been good to us in many ways. But the task is not yet complete. The most casual observer will realize that much must be done before the Native tribes of Africa can be called Christian, in fact this may never happen. We are told there are more non-christians in Africa today than there were when the first Christian missionary arrived in the country. Questions are asked concerning the needed qualifications of missionaries on the Field. It is obviously impossible to lay down qualifications which will enable the prospective worker to be fully prepared to meet every task of the missionary enterprise. There are, however, certain general qualifications of all missionaries and these coupled with a “right spirit” should give those qualities required for successful effort on the mission field. In regard to the academic qualifications required on the African Field we shall be glad to give any enquiring one such information as may be available.

In closing we are thankful to God for His help. We appreciate the support of the Home Church. We gratefully recognize the devoted effort of our co-labourers. There is much uncertainty and fear in the world. We do not know what the future may hold for us, but in the midst of all this we know “He abides.”

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. Brubaker, General Superintendent.

To the Foreign Mission Board and Church at Large:—

Greeting in the name of Jesus:

We bring to you again a brief account of the activities of this center. We would in the first place express our gratitude to God for His many blessings to us. The details of the work would be of far greater interest, but it would require much space to give much. We shall touch only those points which were of outstanding interest to us and we trust that they may also be of interest to the reader and serve to give a glimpse of the work.

The months of January and February were spent in Capetown on furlough. We as a family enjoyed these months of rest and refreshing. We received help physically and Spiritually and came back better fitted to carry on our work. We enjoyed the privilege of fellowshipping with a number of fellow-missionaries.

The activities of the home place are not so many as we have no school nor do we have any direct responsibility at the near-by Matopo Mission. There are a number of Natives calling and matters to discuss which take up much of our time. Then we have the correspondence and other office work to deal with. A great deal of our time is spent away from home visiting the various Mission Stations and Outstations. We plan to visit those places under our immediate charge at least four times a year. Sister Brubaker accompanies me whenever possible. She is teaching our son Ronald at home. We completed some of the work left on the building. There is very little left to do and we are glad.

The work in the Kraal Schools under our charge continued very much as previously. A new church building of Kimberley brick was built at Nymbane. A second smaller school room was built at Silobi for the use of the assistant teacher. The increase in attendance at Silobi and Nymbane made it necessary to appoint an assistant teacher at each of these places. There are now four out of the seven schools employing two teachers. The attendance at the schools as a whole remained about the same as for 1937, although the average attendance
trict during the year from other centers. The offering given by the Native Church shows an increase of £ 4-6-2 over the past year. On the other side, nine church members had to be expelled because of sin. The cause was immorality. This continues to be the chief cause of failure among the Christians. The weakness handed down to posterity by generations given over to sexual excesses and irregularities should serve as a warning to the more enlightened nations. Evangelistic services were held as previously by the appointed Evangelists. The response was good and we feel sure souls were helped.

In closing we wish to thank all who have contributed to the success of the work either by prayers or by giving of their means. We appreciate this co-operation and ask that during the coming year we may also share in this great work.

H. H. and Grace Brubaker.

REPORT OF AFRICAN EVANGELISTIC WORK, 1938

To the United Christian Church and Foreign Mission Board:

"Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me."

Jesus Christ realized that there was more required of the disciples than giving mere lip service to the new Gospel which he preached. It was His wish that his followers should not be misunderstanding the true position and hence He addressed them as He did. There was the necessity of cross-bearing, self-denial and separation from former associations. All these and many other hard problems had to be met and overcome if the new experience was to outlive its first glow of enthusiasm.

Just so must the convert in Rhodesia be prepared to stand true and live a life of self-denial and victory over the former life.

The activities of the regularly appointed Evangelists continued as during the previous years. There were five men in the evangelistic field during the year. The meetings are usually held during the dry season. Josiah Ncube was not engaged in the work as he was under discipline for the year. It is hoped to use him in 1939.

Here is a glimpse of heathendom. A native African, Siampande with nine of his ten wives and family, Zambezi Valley. (One of his daughters is a member of the church).

We give the following facts gathered from the records of the meetings held. There were services held at 45 different places in Southern Rhodesia. The total number of attendances at these services was 16,229. Nearly every day evening prayers were held at some near-by village where anywhere from 10 to 20 persons attended. Those definitely professing repentance numbered 565. There was an additional group numbering 781 who asked special prayer for some heart need. According to figures supplied by the Evangelists they visited some 440
villages seeking to bring the knowledge of Christ to those who do not attend services. The above figures do not include the three evangelistic services held at Matopo and Mtshabezi Missions.

The following facts are gleaned from the reports of the work in Northern Rhodesia. Over 8,000 souls were preached to by the Evangelist in the Macha area. Of this number 130 confessed Christ and many others raised their hands for prayer. The Evangelist has a deep interest in the Spiritual Welfare of the people. We quote from the Report of the Superintendent of Macha Mission, “Our difficulty has been to get people to realize that some day they must give an account of the deeds done here in the body whether good or evil. They have listened well and thanked us for the truth but still remain in their sins. Our Evangelist just told me the other day that some are very hard in their hearts; others listen but do not heed. Then he smiled, ‘but others listen and take in the Word and accept it.’ So you can see we are dealing with three classes of people. In dealing with these we must not be discouraged. Our duty is to keep on bringing to them the Word for it is quick and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword.”

Industrial Building at Mtshabezi from rear. One wing is thatched, middle wing is in process of being thatched, third wing is practically ready to be thatched. Rafters are made from eucalyptus trees grown at the mission for building purposes. The building has the following rooms: two for laundry, one for store room and office, three for classrooms (needle work, basketry, etc.) Completed in 1937.

Sikalongo Church, Northern Rhodesia, built by Cecil I. Cullen, 1937-38.

Joshua continued in the Sikalongo area. There were 5331 persons who attended his services. Of this number 61 professed repentance. The majority of his services were held at places where there is a school and regular preaching services. He spent some time preaching in villages where there are no regular services. Joshua has expressed a desire to leave the Evangelistic work at the close of the year and so it is likely that this will be his last year.
In a closing paragraph we wish to thank those who are remembering the work in their prayers and by their means. God is blessing these efforts and souls are being saved from the dark night of sin. May the work have a continual interest in your prayers. Remember the Evangelists as they go from place to place.

H. H. Brubaker.

MTSHABEZI MISSION ANNUAL REPORT

To the Foreign Mission Board and General Conference of 1939, Greetings:

Again we come with a yearly report, which would be much the same as last year were it not for the increased enrollment and attendance in the schools. This also brings a better attendance to our Lord’s Services, where the people hear the Gospel which we have crossed the seas to bring to them, to give out that Word which does not return void.

When we consider our Church Fathers in the past and the effort that they put forth to give Christian and Bible schools to the young people, we must feel that we are not far from the well beaten path. Twenty-two were baptized during the year, and several were expelled from school and church. We would be glad if we could report one hundred per cent success, but with the heathen background and in this transition period when Western Civilization with the Euroean sins are presented to these primitive people, we feel thankful that as many choose the right as do.

Again, if we were out to give glowing reports, we could baptize all who come and ask for it from our schools, as many do when we go out among the Natives; but experienced Missionaries have found that careful preaching and a very thorough examination for applicants is most necessary. These young Christians need a lot of following up and teaching if real Christian Characters are to be developed.

We have been experiencing a real shortage of young people to stand by in teaching and preaching. Far too many have been attracted by money, causing them to take up other work. However we are thankful for those who do heed the Master’s Call, and we hope that the number will increase who see that the people’s greatest need is the Gospel of the One who died on Calvary’s Cross to save them, and that Righteousness exalteth a Nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

Yes, our field is very large, there are people and villages all about us, and outschools if we go further afield, where they will not only stop their drinking in the service while you give a Gospel message and welcome you, but will thank you for coming, and ask you to come again.

There are also a number of mines within fifteen miles of us where they need the Gospel. This work presents a real problem and our Native men become discouraged as they try to hold services among these mine people. Here there are so many who have so little regard for decency, not speaking of morals, and Christian living, and to add to their confusion such people as the “Watch Tower” are trying to win the people over to them. It makes one pray that there may be the needed help so that we can get out more among these very needy mine people; also at the villages without neglecting the work at the Mission. If we had two men here, one could be out most every Lord’s Day to look after the meeting places about us.

We thank God for the degree of health and other blessings enjoyed during 1938. Owing to drought and other conditions it was a very hard year financially, but
in this the Father helped. About the usual amount of improvements in building, etc., were put thru.

In closing we want you to know that we do appreciate your prayers. One reason that you do not hear from some of the workers more often is that the work is becoming heavier year after year. We are glad to believe that some of our readers know that the constant pull on the worker, in the school room or any part of an organized and established work, where you must fit in with every part of the program day by day, year in and year out is harder on the worker, than to go about visiting, holding services without any definite plan for developing the work and helping to establish a Native Church.

May we ask your special prayers that as much as in us is we shall give the whole Gospel in the power of the Holy Ghost to those who are about us daily, to those who come to our services, to those at the mines, and to all with whom we come in contact.

Yours for souls until Jesus comes,

W. O. Winger.

OUTSCHOOLS OF MTSHABEZI CIRCUIT — 1938

Under the blessing of God twenty-two schools were in session throughout the year. Although Wove was closed because of lack of interest, Lumane School was reopened with renewed interest, and a new school was opened at Malundi. A dedication service was held at the latter place to set apart the church building to God’s service. A new building at Sibona School was also dedicated to God during the year.

We are thankful to report that Wove School, mentioned previously, will be reopened next year as a new building has been completed there. The brick walls of a vacated store were kindly donated by a European trader to be used for a school and church building. By setting one wall out and putting a grass-thatched roof over the whole we now have a serviceable building at this place.

The new Land Apportionment Act which has to do with the removal of natives from privately owned farms to the Reserves and Native Areas, may mean the closing of two schools next year. Many natives have already

left the Buntule district, including a number of church members. It is regrettable that not all of these have been able to move into districts occupied by us thus causing a loss in church membership. So although there were a goodly number of church accessions during the year the numerical gain appears small. Let us pray that as these Christians scatter to different places they may be like the early disciples described in Acts,
"Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word."

Death claimed four members during the year, all of whom we trust went to meet their Lord in peace. The removal of these does not grieve our hearts like the removing of some names from the church roll because of sin. We desire your earnest prayers in behalf of all such and for revival blessings upon the Lord's work in this part of His vineyard.

WANEZI MISSION REPORT — 1938

In bringing this our first report to you from Africa we are impressed with several things, first the swiftness of time. It hardly seems possible that we have been in Africa one year, however we know that this is true. We also thank God for the wonderful way in which He has been with us and has helped in getting adjusted to our new work and the people among whom we live.

During the year there were twenty-one out-schools in session the entire year. The four regular visits were made to these schools. Sr. George accompanied me when it was convenient. In these twenty-one schools we had an enrollment of 1655 children. The average attendance for the year was 1225 children in the schools daily. This shows a small increase in enrollment and in average daily attendance over last year. During the year one new church was dedicated. One new school building was finished with work on four more. One new school was opened in a small lean-to for shelter from the sun and rain. These are the people who have finished the new building.

We thank the Lord for those who have remained for prayer at the close of the services during the year. Approximately one hundred in all. We trust that many of these will go forward in the things of God. Revival meetings were held at most all of the schools by our native evangelist, Masotsha Sibanda. We are certain that these meetings were times of refreshing to those who are following the Lord, and an incentive for those who are in sin to repent and forsake the ways of darkness. Two love feasts were held in this district during the year. Thirty-eight were baptized and several returned to church fellowship. We are glad to report an increase in membership the past year, in both the church and the Enquirer's class. Several members have passed away during the year. Two were buried in the cemetery here at the Mission. One was the mother of our native overseer, Manhlenhle Kumalo. Her presence is keenly missed in the services, as well as her definite testimony for the Lord.

The medical work has gone forward the past year under the supervision of Sr. George. Many people coming from a distance for treatment and for medicine. The
people appreciate the medicines that come from the medicine box on the veldt trips. It is a common sight to see the people gather around the motor car for medicine when the service is finished. One small child was brought by his mother and grandmother to the Mission to receive treatment for a very severe burn. He with those who brought him lived in the small huts provided for sick for almost three months or until he was able to be taken home again. We trust that by administering to the physical needs we shall also be able to help them find Jesus Christ who will heal the soul if they will ask Him.

Our crops were not quite as good as last year because of insufficient rain fall. However with the sale of other farm produce we have been able to make the Mission self-supporting. For this we are very thankful. As we close the year we feel like the prophet Samuel who said “Hither to hath the Lord helped us.” Continue to pray that the work may continue to go forward among these people for many of them are yet without God.

J. Paul and Esther George.

MACHA MISSION REPORT — 1938

To-day finds us facing a new year. Just what it holds for us we do not know. Last year at this time we did not know what the year would bring forth either, however as the days came and went we found God’s grace sufficient.

We passed thru many dark days of suspense at times and then there were many others in which we saw the hand of God working and they were days of real blessing.

We started the year with just four workers, having given up one when so many furloughs were due. In the last days of February we were shocked with the news of Sr. Moyer’s condition. However, in due time she underwent an operation. These were anxious days of waiting but we were trusting that God would bring her back to us. She returned to us again in July. To God we give all the praise. The latter part of the year
Sr. Engle took her short holiday to the Coast. During the absence of Sr. Moyer, Sr. Lady came to help us and while Sr. Engle was away Sr. Winger was here. Thus we found help in our times of need. We are very grateful to the Executive Board for these arrangements.

Notwithstanding our changes of staff and being short a worker we finished a year in which we believe the Mission can call a record. We had the largest enrollment in the village schools and on the Mission Station. By thus having such a large enrollment we found many more to minister unto the Word of Life. We also carried on a very large building program throughout the year. The building of the Church still goes on and we hope to have it completed within the next few months. We have run out of grass but will improve our time by working on the other parts of the building until we can get more grass.

The Gospel work has been very encouraging. While not as many have turned to God as we would have liked to have seen, we are glad that there has been a spirit of conviction among the people. God met with us in many of the meetings and there were those present that were led to Christ. Satan also was busy and as some would not follow Christ as they should have, they fell by the wayside.

Since the new hospital and huts for out-patients have been completed we have been able to minister unto the sick in a much better way. We have treated many more patients than any previous time. As we try to help them bodily we also try to help them by giving them the Word of God.

As we enter the new year we all feel that the Church needs to have more of a spirit of Unity and the need of realizing the importance of giving the Gospel to their own people. We ask you to help us pray to this end?

MACHA OUTSCHOOL REPORT — 1938

We are glad again to submit a report for the out-stations at Macha. We have had only 6 of our schools open for the year, have not been able to get enough teachers.

Even though the number of schools were small the interest has shown an increase. This has not only occurred in the Villages where the schools are now located but also in the other villages. They not only have had an interest in the school part but are willing to aid us financially in order that they can get a teacher. This attitude makes the problem much easier for us.

The school we opened last year is being continued. The interest is very keen on the part of the scholars and the older people. A very good spirit is prevailing there. While building the various buildings the people worked together nicely.

We have had a very hard year in that the crops over very much of our area have been poor. Many have been buying food. This is very rare as the average Native always raise enough for his food. In this case this year where the crops were a failure the children of some
were not able to pay school fees or buy the necessary books. Those where the need was great and the child a worthy one we have had to show leniency. This fact has also caused our offerings to fall below that which they should have been. However, we have been able to finish the year without a deficit.

As we look into the new year we are hoping to open a few new schools. We have been able to obtain a couple good teachers which will be a great help to the work. We feel the need for a few more out-stations as we find they are a great means in promulgating the work of God. They draw in the children and the older ones of the Village as well.

Pray for these teachers that they may be strong in the things of the Lord and retain their desire for the lost of the earth.

SIKALONGO MISSION ANNUAL REPORT — 1938

Esteemed co-workers in the Homeland:

It is our happy privilege to again bring you a report of the work at Sikalongo. We were glad that we were permitted to again lift up the gospel of Christ for another year. Yes, our experiences have been many and varied.

There have been a few changes in the staff during the year. Bro. and Sr. Mann came in March to relieve Bro. and Sr. Cullen for their furlough home. Sr. Winger helped out at Macha for several months during the latter part of the year. It seems as though these changes are necessary in order that furloughs which are due and past due may be taken.

The spiritual part of the work has had its times of testings but we praise God for the victories won. There have been those who have exchanged their cross for a crown. We are just now reminded of Jobe who had been a faithful member for years in fact since the early years of the work. He had been a constant member since the time he first started. We are sure he will be among those that are Blood washed when we meet on the other side.

During the year we had two series of revival meetings in which the interest was quite good. Bro. Mann held one and Jesse the deacon had the other one. There also were two love feast and baptismal services. Thirty-four united with the church and many have been added to the Enquirers Class, many of which have been school boys. It is very interesting and makes one rejoice in watching their spiritual growth.

The fore part of the year we had around 100 boys in our boarding school but there were those who dropped out or had to be expelled for various reasons. Our high-
est aim is to teach them their need of a Saviour, and their secular education is only secondary. We know the Lord does go with many of them as they go back to their villages and helps them let their light shine. We are sorry that many of the old people are against sending their children especially the girls to the early morning school, but we are glad for those who do come.

By the help of the boys the new church was finished and dedicated May 8. We appreciate the church very much as the old one was in very bad condition. A combined grinding room and store room were also built. In this way the boys learn better methods of building which will help them later when they build villages of their own.

We thank you all for your prayers and may we all be faithful in the place to which God has called us.

Yours in His glad service,

R. H. Mann and workers.

Sikalongo boys with school in the background.

TEACHERS AT SIKALONGO

Muchindu Mono
Arthur Kutywayo
Laban Mudenda
Nathan Munsaka
All but Arthur Kutywayo spent years in school at Sikalongo.
SIKALONGO MISSION OUTSCHOOL REPORT, 1938

Some of the villages in the Sikalongo district seem to be rather hard and indifferent to spiritual things which also includes the educational part. It seems that when people are awakened educationally they are also awakened spiritually.

We are glad for the six schools which were in session during most of the year. At some of the schools the work is very encouraging but then at other places the people are quite indifferent. At one school Nzeze, which is in the Zambezi Valley, the teacher had been quite sick for some time so therefore the school had to be closed. It will be open again this next year. We are also expecting to open two new schools this next year.

Revival meetings were held by Joshua, the native evangelist at all the schools. Regular meetings have been carried on at several large villages where no schools have been placed.

We have endeavored to make regular visits to all of these places during the year which we believe have been a help to them.

The teachers of these village schools need our prayers, because as they shepherd the flock besides teaching the children, they indeed have a great responsibility.

Yours in His glad service,

R. H. Mann.

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BALANCE SHEET OF GENERAL FUND
FOR F. M. B. — U. S. A.

January 1, to December 31, 1938

Receipts

F. M. B. Treas. ........................................... £2275-7-4
Spec. for Missions and Missionaries .................. 90-4-6
Spec. to Gen. Fund ...................................... 5213-9
Return of Loan—Sik. Bookroom ....................... 16-6-3
Dec. 31, Deficit ......................................... 82-4-0

Total Receipts ........................................... £2506-15-10

Expenditures

Jan. 1, Deficit ........................................... £398-14-1
Mission Maintenance .................................... 540-0-0
Personal Allowance ..................................... 558-0-0
Furloughs .................................................. 311-8-0
Children’s Allowance ................................... 140-10-0
Train Fares ............................................... 41-4-6
Spec. to Missions and Missionaries .................. 78-4-6
Outschools ................................................. 252-17-6
Building .................................................... 50-0-0
Children’s Ed. Fund ..................................... 87-9-0
Missionary Conf. Fees .................................. 6-4-9
Hospital Expenses—Personal ........................... 9-0-0
Offering Envelopes ...................................... 1-13-11
Native Evangelists ....................................... 30-0-0
Bank Charges ............................................. 1-14-4

Total Expenditures ..................................... £2506-15-10

NATIVE EVANGELISTS’ FUND, S. & N. RHODESIA
FINANCIAL REPORT, 1938

Receipts

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1938 ......................... £10-17-6
From the Home Church ................................ 30-0-0
Offerings taken at the close of each meeting in S. Rhodesia .................. 10-7-2

Total Receipts ........................................... £51-4-8
### NATIVE EDUCATION FUND

#### Financial Report, 1938

**Receipts**
- Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1938: £75-10-7
- Paid back by students helped: 25-17-6
- Gift to Fund from M. Kumalo as thanks for assistance given his sons: 1-0-0

**Expenditures**
- Paid school fees to students in school and incidental expenses: £32-9-3

**Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1938:** £69-18-10

**Total:** £102-8-1

### BULAWAYO CIRCUIT OUTSTATIONS

#### Financial Statement, 1938

**Receipts**
- From Field Treasurer: £13-5-0
- Government Grant—in Aid: 106-3-3
- School Fees: 29-18-9
- Native Contributions: £42-18-2
  - Outstations
  - Matopo Congregation: 24-2-8
- S. Book, toward Dhlodhlo's wages: 15-0-0
- Special Donation: 5-18-10

**Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1938:** £5-17-9

**Total:** £243-3-8

### MACHA OUTSCHOOL REPORT

#### Financial, 1938

**Receipts**
- Balance on Hand: £42-10-9
- General Fund: 22-6-2
- Teacher's Grant: 4-8-0
- School fees: 18-3-0

**Offerings:**
- £120-2-1
- £62-11-0
- £222-11-9
- £1938 46-17-6

**Balance 1937:** £16-6-9

**Total:** £503-18-1

**Expenditures**
- Teachers' wages: £470-15-3
- Moving teachers: 22-15-0
- School leases: 8-0-0
- Bicycle repairs: 7-0
- Balance Jan. 1, 1939: 22-0-10

**Total:** £93-7-5

**Equipment:** £85-8-3

**Total:** £6-2-6
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THE INDIA GENERAL REPORT

“All things work together for good to them that love the Lord, and are the called according to his purpose.”

Many times these words are quoted without much that as to the far-reaching applications of them that may be possible. During this past year they have been much remembered by us on the India field, and much quoted to us as well; and our experiences have proven their intense meaning, and explored their vast import as never before.

When the Mission was started twenty-five years ago at Saur Bazar and Madhipura, there were no floods, with all their attendant loss and anxiety, in the territory occupied by the Mission. There were annual floods east of us, where at the time the Kosi river was flowing. Being unacquainted with the previous activities of this river, and seeing the teeming population in this field, it was not to be expected that our pioneers should have allowed the opportunity to inaugurate the work here, to pass by. At that time the river was flowing about thirty miles east of Saharsa, straight south from its exit from the Himalayan ranges to its union with the Ganges on our southern border. (Now it is flowing eight miles west of Saharsa). During the rainy seasons, however, even at Madhipura, fourteen miles east of Saharsa, water from the Kosi began to invade the town and vicinity almost immediately after the Mission was opened.

So rapid became the westward swing of the river, that within several years the railway line was breached two miles west of Madhipura, and in 1922 railway communication with Madhipura was permanently severed, to remain so until March 4, 1938. In 1926 the old bungalow at Madhipura was razed.

In 1917 a missionary who had established a station at
Supaul, seventeen miles north of Saharsa, and whose society was working in western India, was ordered to close down the work in Supaul and join the main body in the west. This afforded us an opportunity to acquire his mission site and start work in Supaul. This site is on the north edge of the town, just west of the railway. If I were to go into details in describing the growth of the Mission Station there, it would require too much space,—suffice to say that a very nice mission plant was established, with bungalow, church, schoolhouse, boy's orphanage buildings, quarters for the Indian staff, and out-buildings.

The western trend of the Kosi would no doubt in time have affected our Supaul property, although as a matter of fact none of us really anticipated such a thing. When the visiting delegation was here in 1922 the question of disposing of the Supaul property and re-locating somewhere else, was discussed, and it was the general feeling that we should retain Supaul, and this was the final decision.

But the earthquake in 1934 greatly altered the entire aspect of the countryside by leveling off the surface of the ground. Our mission compound was considerably lowered, while the potential river channels all around were raised. This accelerated the encroachment of the Kosi to all sections west of its course at that time.

Accordingly, since 1934 the situation at Supaul became increasingly alarming, so that during the rainy season of 1938 the Gajana, a distributary of the Kosi bifurcating from the main stream several miles northeast of Supaul, cut its way right into our Mission Compound. At times the erosion was as much as 75 feet in twenty-four hours, then again it would almost cease.

At the end of the rains in September, 1938, the situation was such that it was unwise to presume to remain in the mission buildings. Fortunately erosion practical-
ly ceased at that time, when the river had come within 25-30 feet of the bungalow and church.

In the providence of God a fine bungalow in Supaul just opposite the railway station on the east side, was available for rental at that time, and this property has been rented up to April 15, 1940. After the missionaries moved into this building, the mission bungalow was dismantled. Several outbuildings had already been dismantled and their sites had gone into the river, before this. The church building was later also razed.

In the meanwhile, the Government having moved their local headquarters back to Madhipura, we felt it wise and safe, as well as necessary in the circumstances, to rebuild there also. So all the removeable materials usable in Madhipura have been shipped there from Supaul, and the new bungalow at Madhipura is now under roof. By Conference time, D. V., Bro. and Sr. Engle expect to be occupying the Madhipura Mission Station. The river situation at Madhipura promises to be safe for a considerable time. This condition obtains right northward as well, even beyond our Khap Dumaria property, 20 miles east of Supaul and 23 miles north from Madhipura.

In view of this fact, we are reopening, or to state it more explicitly, developing the work there, which was arrested by the Kosi encroachments sixteen years ago. So we hope to be able to list the Barjora Mission Station by the end of another year. We have acquired a plot of ground at this place on a site never flooded by the river, about one and one-half miles from the old Dumaria property, at the rate of about $15.00 per acre. There are about seven acres in this plot. Here we plan to locate the boy’s orphanage along with an evangelistic station. It is just close to this place where we are helping some of our young families to get started on the land.

Because of the westward vacillation of the Kosi, a great portion of the population is moving eastward. Fifteen miles east of Madhipura, at Murligunj, many new villages are springing up; and also since this town is on the railway head, and a very large commercial center, we have decided to endeavor to establish a station there as soon as possible. Aside from these reasons for exploring this eastern extremity of our field is the fact that at present it seems obvious that before many years pass by, the whole western half of our field will be put off from railway communications over the old routes. In this event Murligunj would serve as a base station for the convenience of the more interior stations in the west and northwest.

We are decidedly of the opinion that our future policy in India should be that of establishing MANY MORE and MUCH SMALLER stations than heretofore,—thus covering our field more thoroughly without exposing ourselves to the possibility of a great loss at any one
place in the event of flood encroachments. We believe that the Board and the Church will endorse this policy.

It would be useful to mention at this juncture that as far as actual loss of cash values is concerned, there has not been any at Supaul, beyond that of the difference between erected buildings and the salvaged materials. Enough heavy material has been sold locally to meet the cost of demolition, and nearly all the rest has been utilized at Madhipura in the new buildings.

Thanks to the liberal response in 1934 to our appeal for funds to repair earthquake damage, we will have enough left from that fund to complete the Madhipura buildings, and to get a nice start on the Barjora buildings, without having to approach you on this subject. Had we not been conservative to a degree in holding the repairs in 1934 down to an almost impossible minimum, this would not now be the case.

In this connection we desire to call your attention to the fact that in view of the decision of General Conference in 1927 granting the raising of $5,000.00 for a station in India, we are taking the liberty to ask our Board to lay this matter before the Church with an appeal to contribute to this fund to enable us to go ahead with the plans we feel the Lord has set before us, as outlined above.

This is the more necessary in view of the fact that we may not be able to continue to rent the bungalow at Supaul after 1940, and the more urgent fact that we will have to get the boy’s orphanage out of Supaul in any case. So we feel justified in pressing the importance of giving consideration to these needs, and humbly requesting you to respond as God may direct.

As I look at the situation in both long and short perspective, I am convinced that we have never faced a more opportune moment for expansion than right now.

If you stand by us from now on as nobly as you have stood by us heretofore, what has seemed like a grievous wound at Supaul will turn out to be the means of great blessing in our work, and mark a new epoch in this mission.

We have been heartened by the return of our fur-loughed missionaries, Sr. Ella Gayman, and the Engle family on April 8, 1939, and we are looking forward to the coming of new recruits ere this year passes out. With some of us the fight has been carried right to our persons in physical conditions that have been a constant drawback, but the stiffer the fight put up by the devil, the stronger our opposition must be, and we are assured that he will be defeated, even though we may have to suffer
what appears at the moment to be loss. Was it not thus also long ago on Calvary?

Referring to spiritual conditions, we have had occasion here to know that the enemy is active. Several of our best workers in their departments have been caught in sin and our hearts have been sorely distressed. There is too much spiritual lethargy in the church, and not enough of aggressive christianity. Not that there is no sign of God’s presence, for there are such signs and evidences, but we would see more fruitful manifestations of his presence. We greatly need the help of your prayers to this end. There have been some baptisms, several deaths, and a number of weddings in the mission this past year.

Over the end of April and the 1st of May we are planning to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the entering of this field by our pioneer group, and we are hoping to see some results in the special services to be held. Early in November next, we hope to hold our fall revival meetings. The speaker will be a missionary from a neig-

boring mission, and we earnestly request you to begin praying at once for these meetings.

India is ripe for the harvest now, as she has never been before, and we want, by all godly means, to gather in as many sheaves as possible ere the portentous events of the day lead up to the time when it will be impossible to carry on mission work, or ere the Lord himself appears.

We look forward with great pleasure to the visit of the delegation proposed to be sent to the fields after the Conference of 1940. May God direct in sending the right men.

Will you accept our hearty thanks in Jesus’ name, for all your splendid co-operation, prayers, and gifts, and allow us to ask you to increasingly remember and support the cause here,—that we might have special wisdom and foresight in planning for the future of the work,—as well as that God might be greatly honored in the increase of his kingdom and power in the hearts of many.

A. D. M. Dick, Supt.
Greetings:

This past year has been an unusually busy one, indeed. Our group has been enlarged in the return of Sister Gayman, and Brother and Sister Engle and family. Bro. Dick has been away much of the time looking after the building work at Madhipura. Sr. Dick has been occupied with the widows and the general housekeeping. Sr. Steckley has been at her old post in the girl's orphanage. Sr. Buckwalter has been visiting the homes in the bazar and the surrounding villages, with the Bible women. Sr. Yoder has taken up the work of the dispensary and its attendant calls. Sr. Gayman has been out in camp quite a lot this winter, with Sr. Rohrer. Bro. and Sr. Engle, having just recently returned from the homeland, are getting settled down a bit after getting the little girls off to school in Darjeeling. Within the next month they will be moving to Madhipura to take up their new appointment there.

A general review of the work here this past year is not without its satisfactions, and also not without its disappointments. Several Indian workers have had to be disciplined because of moral lapses, which is to be regretted. Others are testifying to a call to definite evangelistic work, which is gratifying. Then there are the "middlers"—too many of them—who are neither hot nor cold. There has been no open antagonism this year, although as usual there have been instances of petty annoyances; but generally speaking, the attitude of the public has been favorable. Especially was this the case in the touring camp established near Murligunj, about thirty miles east of here.

There has been no serious sickness at the station this year, although there has been very severe illness in the villages. In this section, and on east from here there has not been enough water to produce good crops, while west of here most of the crops were drowned out by the floods; and disease gets a better hold on under-nourished bodies.

All the regular routine work has been carried on...
throughout the year, in the various phases of mission activities and local services. About eighteen members of the congregation read their Bibles through during the last year, and a goodly number of the members of the Sunday School passed in the All-India Sunday School Examinations.

We seem almost compelled to provide separate quarters for our girls' teachers, and room for an outside office, apart from the bungalow; although we would prefer to not enlarge the mission plant just now. There are eighteen buildings on the compound now, and it requires a lot of time and attention to keep them up; but even then we seem to need more room.

We would not want to close our report without extending our most heartfelt thanks to you all for your co-operation and help this past year, nor without intimating that we sincerely hope to enjoy your continued interest in prayer and other helpfulness, as the Lord may direct.

A. D. M. Dick and workers.

April 25, 1939.

SUPAUL STATION GENERAL REPORT

Greetings to the Home Church. We undertake now to submit a brief report of the past year's experiences here at Supaul. First we praise God for His unlimited love and mercy which we daily realized. In His name is all greatness and grace, and His Word is continually the guide of our lives.

It may be in order to begin with a short description of the disaster which took our Mission Station from us during the past flood season. In the first week in June the flood water began coming in force. For a few days the bank on the Mission side eroded at the rate of 75 feet per day. Then the erosion slowed up and the river worked its way toward us more gradually, but very surely. By the first week in September the river had cut into the edge of the Compound and by mid-October the currents were flowing within 25 feet of the bungalow.

Needless to say, during this time we who were living in the Station were kept under a continual mental strain. There was no telling when rapid erosion would begin again. Furthermore, in case vacating should become...

Sr. Dick and her newest widow. She has been at the mission several months and is beginning to get a bit of flesh on her bones. We have not yet found a supporter for her. She is an interesting little woman and loves singing.

Going into the villages by ox cart, in India.
necessary there was no place ready for occupancy. However, through the Lord’s intervention, after some negotiations we were able to secure a Sugar Company’s bungalow at a very reasonable rental. This did indeed ease the tension and we gave thanks to God. We moved into this house on the 13th of October. As for the Indian Workers and others, houses were rented for them as need arose.

The dismantling of the out-buildings and the bungalow was done as the river’s progress necessitated, and at this writing is still going on. Most of the salvaged materials are being used at Madhipura where a new Mission bungalow is being erected. Because of excessive hauling charges the bricks could not be moved. But fortunately there was a demand for them locally. Therefore they are being sold, which at least defrays the cost of wrecking. There are a few buildings still standing. As yet only a part of the Compound has been eroded away. But there is only slight hope that it will not be completely destroyed next flood season.

One may wonder though, why the destruction of that which was the gift of God’s people to the cause of Missions. But there must be a lesson in it for us somewhere. If it is any consolation, one may point out that floods have done this same thing to Mission properties in other parts of India. In China much valuable Mission property has recently been destroyed. This testing of faith has in most cases proved the zeal of the Church for Missions.

During the past year the Orphanage boys received the same sort of care and training as in former years. In spite of having had to live in a damp and mosquito-infested place the boys kept good health. For this we thank the Lord. However, from Oct. 13th to Mar. 1st they had to remain at the old place and to be cared for
them under better management. The expectation is to locate the boy’s orphanage permanently at Barjora on the new Mission site recently purchased. To say the least, when this happens a long-felt-need will have been met. The Lord willing, within a year the necessary buildings will be ready to house both the boys and missionary overseers.

Our school work this year was somewhat handicapped. Floods cut off access for outside boys. Also of late a number of other schools have been opened in Supaul. Therefore the enrollment could not be kept up to standard. Furthermore, for part of the time classes had to be conducted in temporary quarters. But the present outlook gives hope for better things.

The Evangelistic phase of the work we may report to be quite encouraging. When our Mission Station was in process of destruction we were given an excellent opportunity both to gauge the people’s attitude toward the Mission and to witness for Christ. Practically every day for three months local residents and others from afar came to talk. For the most-part all showed a sympathetic attitude. Not a few, who had previously held aloof became quite friendly. Knowing as we do the general Hindu and Mohammedan inner opposition to us as preachers of Christianity, it often caused us to stop in surprise to note that after all, even though we may not see it, the leaven of the Gospel is slowly working.

The preachers and Bible-women kept at work witnessing among the people of the villages and in the zenanas. There are two preachers, one book-seller and three Bible-women at Supaul. At Barjora, the outstation, there were two preachers and one Bible-woman. In these days open conversions are not frequent, which is one of our hardest tests in this Mission Field. One Mohammedan gentleman has been attending services. In January he came forward and made an open confession of his faith. He has not yet asked for baptism. The reason is that he wants to persuade his wife to follow with him. May God’s people earnestly pray for this soul.

Part of our Staff spent some time in Touring work. Three districts were entered and one large Mela was attended. This was done during last cool season. Opposition was met with one or two times. But on the whole the Gospel message was well listened to wherever the tents were pitched. It usually happened that the people would beg the folk to stay longer or to return again. At one place the villagers urged the missionaries to come and build a Mission Station among them. We hope this may materialize.

The Dispensary work was not as heavy this year as last. There was less sickness in the community for one thing, and then not so much time could be devoted to it. But the poor people, who mostly come, are always grateful for what help they can get.

Of the four young men whom the Mission had set up on small farms at Dumeria, we are sorry to state that one found farm-life too difficult and left. This was disappointing to us. The young man afterwards regretted his act, but as, in the meantime he got badly tangled in a marriage affair, his way for returning was made very hard. Of the others, two were recently married, which made their lives on the farm much more congenial. On the whole these young
folk are doing well. They like their farms. This coming year will give them opportunity to get properly on their feet. To this one prays for a good rainy season.

The Church and Sunday School services are well attended. We must say the Indian Christians seem happy to go to church. The spirituality of the Church is encouraging. In January Bro. Moses of Calcutta came to hold our yearly revival. His messages were very inspiring. Two boys were baptized later. One was George Paulus Jr. and the other was Joel Francis.

Now that we are entering the new year of service for the Master, may we ask the prayers and support of the Home Church. As was the case up to now so may it be during the coming days, that the Home Church and the Mission Workers be one in the battle against sin.

Yours in Christ, The Supaul Workers.

Sr. Dick and Bible Women ready to go to villages to preach. Notice driver in back.
Educational Work ........................................... 1545-05-00
Boy’s Orphanage support .................................... 1604-08-00
Evangelistic Work ........................................... 2720-04-00
Touring and Mela work ....................................... 120-12-03
Girl’s Orphanage support .................................... 2532-08-00
Prapulit Kaleb support ....................................... 66-00-00
Net balances Dec. 31st, 1938 ................................. 2134-03-10

Rs. 12296-01-01

Building and Land Funds
Receipts
Net balances Jan. 1st, 1938...Rs. 12661-07-06
Girl’s Orph. Dormitory offer.. 1146-12-03
Interest and proceeds ..........23-07-09

Rs. 13831-11-06

Expenses
Madhipura Station construction ..........Rs. 1082-00-00
Gloven, rents & wages .......... 167-09-00
Net balances Dec. 31st, 1938 .......... 12582-02-06

Rs. 13831-11-06

Signed:  George E. Paulus, Treasurer.

SAHARSA FINANCIAL REPORT
General Maintenance Accounts
Receipts
Balances, 1-1-38 ...........Rs. 253-08-09
From Treasurer .......... 1789-02-00
Other receipts .......... 577-13-09

Rs. 2620-08-06

Expenses
Bldg. Repairs labor ..........Rs. 239-10-00
Bldg. Repairs material .......... 236-11-06
Stores .......... 481-03-00
Upkeep wage & labor .......... 293-09-09
Adm. exp., office, wage .......... 330-08-00

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Minor repairs, replace .................. 112-13-09
Feed, etc ........... 170-05-00
Language study .................. 156-04-00
Supt. expense ........... 68-10-06
Rents & Taxes .................. 113-15-00
Balances, 1-1-1939 ........... 415-14-00

Rs. 2620-08-06

Propagation Accounts
Receipts
Balances, 1-1-38 ...........Rs. 838-08-00
From Treasurer .......... 6260-00-03
Other receipts .......... 668-07-06
Literature invent. 1-1-39 .......... 35-05-06

Rs. 7802-05-03

Expenses
Literature inventory .......... Rs. 2-05-06
Evangelistic work .......... 1562-14-00
Girl’s Orphanage .......... 2659-09-03
Medical work .......... 749-02-06
Widow’s Home .......... 618-11-03
Educational .......... 834-03-00
Poor and Charity .......... 296-00-00
Orph. Fees to Treasurer .......... 67-08-00
Literature purchased .......... 131-04-03
Balances, 1-1-39 .......... 890-11-06

Rs. 7802-05-03

Land and Building Accounts
Receipts
Balances, 1-1-38 ...........Rs. 368-14-06
From Treasurer .......... 1082-00-00
Other receipts .......... 82-01-00

Rs. 1532-15-06

Expenses
Rents and taxes .......... Rs. 91-00-00
Expenses .......... 8-09-00

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Repairs, Madhipura .................................................. 46-03-00
New Bldgs, Madhipura .............................................. 1082-00-00
Balances, 1-1-39 ..................................................... 305-03-06

Rs. 1532-15-06

Local Accounts

Receipts
Balances, 1-1-38 ..................................................... Rs. 754-03-09
Tithes ................................................................. 35-05-00
Church offerings ..................................................... 75-02-06
Sunday School offerings ............................................. 104-14-03
Prep Sabbath offerings .............................................. 37-14-00
Special, Pequea ..................................................... 101-09-00
Sales, etc. .............................................................. 29-15-00
Dr. balance, 1-1-39 ................................................. 7-04-03

Rs. 1146-03-09

Receipts
Dr. balance, 1-1-38 ..................................................... Rs. 14-03-03
Loans to farmers ...................................................... 32-04-00
To sexton .............................................................. 60-00-00
Special donations ..................................................... 53-07-03
Support of Preacher .................................................. 150-00-00
Mela evangelistic work ............................................. 56-01-09
Local expenses, special ............................................. 198-14-06
Supplies, etc. .......................................................... 29-12-09
Balances, 1-1-39 ..................................................... 551-08-03

Rs. 1146-03-09

HOME MISSION BOARD

M. G. Engle, Abilene, Kansas, Chairman.
Wilbur Snider, New Carlisle, Ohio, Ass't Chairman.
C. N. Hostetler, Jr., Grantham, Penna., Secretary.
Carl G. Stump, New Paris, Indiana, Ass't Secretary.
Abner Martin, Elizabethtown, Penna., Treasurer.
John Nigh, Hagersville, Ontario.
Alvin Burkholder, Upland, Calif.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION BOARD

Brethren-in-Christ Church
(Financial)
Abner Martin, Treasurer

Balance on hand beginning of fiscal year April 1, '38 $640.97

Receipts
Sunday Schools ...................................................... $2,439.20
Individuals ......................................................... 1,759.50
Congregations ....................................................... 1,639.80
1938 General Conference Offering (cash) .................. 313.72
Young People's Christian League, Calif. .............. 40.00
Vacation Bible School, Cross Roads, Pa. .......... 17.25
Rent ................................................................. 29.42
Canadian Account, (Total Receipts) ....... 1,211.68 $7,451.17

Disbursements
Workers' Allowances in United States $4,880.36
Traveling Expenses ................................. 355.92
Evangelistic Service ........................................ 191.99

$8,092.14
Rents .............................. 548.36
Annuity Interest ................. 144.00
E. V. Publishing House .......... 25.20
Furnishings for Mission Stations 272.25
Fire Insurance and Tax .......... 65.01
Specials .......................... 98.64
Canadian Account (Total Disburse-
ments)—Including Workers' Allowances 1,528.50  $8,110.23

Deficit Close of Fiscal Year April 1, 1939 ........ $  18.09

We hereby certify that the totals in the above statement of Receipts and Disbursements and the status of this account both at the beginning and close of the fiscal year, April 1, 1938-April 1, 1939, correspond with the books of this Bank.


Jno. E. Lebo, Asst, Cashier.

May 23, 1939

Investments

Orlando Church Property, Florida .......... $1,278.00
Garlin Parsonage, Kentucky .................  850.00
Home Evangel Mission Property, Kentucky 560.00
Iron Springs Church, Pennsylvania .......... 192.51

$2,880.51

HOMr MISSION BOARD REPORT

General

C. N. Hostetter, Jr., Secretary

A general survey of the activities under the direction of the Home Mission Board reveals that forty-five preaching appointments have been maintained throughout the year. Between six and seven hundred professions have been reported. A number of stations report an encouraging number of church accessions. The largest number received into church fellowship for any one particular station is reported as twenty-one.

Thirty-six weekly prayer meetings are maintained. Our mission stations average seven calls weekly in people's homes. Only such calls where prayer is offered in the home are included in this number. Twenty Vacation Bible Schools were conducted during the past year with an average attendance of forty in each school.

Through the efforts of Elder Harry Fink and George Earl Hann a new appointment has been opened at Blandburg, Cambria County, Pennsylvania. A revival service was conducted during August and September and on November 6th, 1938 a Sunday School was organized at that place and two weeks later eighteen persons were baptized. The work is being conducted with an encouraging interest but suffered a severe shock in the sudden death of the pastor in charge, George E. Hann. Blandburg is a town of 2100 people in the soft coal area of central Pennsylvania. Only three other churches are located in the town. Here is a needy field with a promising outlook.

The workers assigned at last year's General Conference served during the year with the following changes or additions to staff. Following the withdrawal of Brother Albert Breneman and wife from Home Evangel, Brother and Sister Eli Hostetler served for a brief period of time. From October to the convening of this Conference Elder Isaac Engle and wife have devotedly given themselves to the work at that place. A new church building is near completion located adjacent to the Home Evangel Mission Home.

Dorcas Slagenweit and Ruth Freisen have given service during the latter part of the year in the Kentucky
field and Miss Emma Raser assisted the workers at Gladwin, Michigan. On account of the pressure of other duties Elder J. Lester Myers resigned charge of the Clear Creek Mission pastorate in November. Since that time the work has been in the care of Elder William Asper. Maurice Moore took charge of the work at Monteville, Ontario, about January 1st.

It is the expectation of the Home Mission Board to assign workers for re-opening the church at Waynesboro at this General Conference. A number of urgent requests for ministers are pressed upon us and we hope in the near future to be able to send additional workers into the vineyard of the Lord. In order to adequately meet some of the requests presented it will be necessary for some of the districts to release ministers for the use of the church in new and needy fields in harmony with the action of General Conference of 1938. Let us work together for the spread of the Gospel and the upbuilding of the kingdom of God.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF HOME MISSION BOARD

Section 1

The scriptures ask that, “We shall esteem very highly in love for their work’s sake,” I Thess. 5:13, those who have rendered service in the vineyard of the Lord. Therefore, the Home Mission Board especially presents this honorary recognition to workers who have been serving under the auspices of the Board during the recent past and who following this Conference are retiring either for a given period of time or are discontinuing their services under the auspices of the Board.

We gratefully recognize the service of Bishop Jonathan Lyons and wife who for nine years have labored devotedly at Welland, and the service of their daughter, Mary, who is also retiring in order to assist in providing for the future comfort of her parents. We gratefully acknowledge the services of Barbara E. Hitz who has labored at Philadelphia for sixteen years and who is being given one year leave of absence for rest. We further acknowledge the services of Elder and Sister Isaac C. Engle both at the Detroit Mission and at Home Evangel, Kentucky during the past year. Feeling that the claims of the work are too strenuous for their age, we are acceding to their request to relieve them from present responsibilities. To all of these the Home Mission Board feels the church owes a debt of appreciation and we pray they may be graciously blessed of God for every service rendered in our Master’s name.

Section 2

We recommend confirmation of the following assignment of workers:

CITY MISSIONS

Altoona, 613 Fourth Avenue, Altoona, Pa.
Herman G. and Laura Miller

Buffalo, 25 Hawley St., Buffalo, N. Y.
Earl C. and Myrtle Bossert

Chicago, 6039 Halsted St., Chicago, Ill.
Sarah Bert, Supt., C. J. Carlson, Pastor and Ass’t Supt; Avas Carlson; Harriet Gough; Alice K. Albright; Rosa Eyster.

Dayton, 601 Taylor St., Dayton, Ohio
W. H. and Susie Boyer; Eva Dick; Angeline Cox

Detroit, 1524 Third St., Detroit, Mich.
William and Willa Lewis; Janna Goins, Ida Eckman
Harrisburg, 1175 Bailey St., Harrisburg, Pa.
  John L. Minter, Pastor; Naomi Wolgemuth; Anna Wolgemuth

  Jesse and Esther Hoover; Emma Crider

San Francisco, 311 Scott St., San Francisco, Calif.
  Walter and Sadie Reighard; Grace Plum; Ruth Bowers

Welland, 36 Elizabeth St., Welland, Ont.
  Edward and Emma Gilmore

RURAL MISSIONS

Section 3

Canoe Creek, Williamsburg, Pa.
  Elwood and Ethel Flewelling

Gladwin, Michigan
  Mount Carmel—Charles and Myrtle Nye
  Oak Grove—Melvin Stauffer

Houghton, Tillsonburg, Ontario
  Cecil I. and Janie Cullen

Kentucky—Albert H. Engle, Supt.
  Fairview, Ella, Ky.—Hershey and Dalta Gramm
  Garlin—Albert and Margie Engle; Imogene Snider; Ruth Freisen
  Home Evangel, Knifley, Ky.—Harold and Alice Wolgemuth

North Star Mission, Meath Park Station, Saskatchewan
  Albert and Geneva Cober; Martha Sentz; Ruth McWilliams

Stowe, Pennsylvania
  John A. and Emma L. Climenhaga; Anna Mae Stauffer

Section 4

MISSION PASTORATES

Blandburg, Penna.
  Harry Fink and wife

Clear Creek, Ray's Cove, and Rainesburg, Penna.
  Oscar and Rosa Raser

Franklin Corners, Morrison, Ill.
  Leroy and Cora Walters

Granville, Pennsylvania
  Allen and Frances Brubaker; Elizabeth Brubaker

Clay Center, Kansas
  Donald L. and Constance Heer

Orlando, Florida
  Floyd M. and Carrie Wingert

Saxton, Sherman Valley, and Riddlesburg, Penna.
  Roscoe Ebersole and wife; Assistants—Ross Morningstar, S. Iola Dixon, Bertha Wingert

Sylivan cus, Virginia
  D. E. and Marie Jennings

Valley Chapel, Canton, Ohio
  Henry P. and Lela Heisey

Waynesboro, Pennsylvania
  Samuel F. and Grace Wolgemuth

Section 5

LICENSED MINISTERS

George C. Alvis, Geary, Oklahoma
  Walter Blackstone, Williamsburg, Pa., R. D. 1
  Earl D. Brechbill, Sandusky, Michigan
Albert Breneman, Pleasant Hill, Ohio, Box 26
Amos Buckwalter, Upland, Calif., 338 Sixth Ave.
Marshall Clark, Everett, Pa., R. D. 2
Carlie J. Cox, Clarence, N. Y.
Hiram H. Engle, Abilene, Kansas
Elwood Flewelling, Hollidaysburg, Pa.
Edgar Giles, Ella, Kentucky
Hershey Gramm, Ella, Kentucky
Fleming Haas, 28 Steiner St., San Francisco, Calif.
Donald L. Heer, Green, Kansas
Harry Hock, Dallas Center, Iowa
William Hoke, Pleasant Hill, Ohio
Kenneth Hoover, Thomas, Oklahoma
Isaac S. Kanode, Martinsburg, Pa.
Ross Morningstar, Saxton, Pa.
Jesse W. Myers, Mechanicsburg, Pa., R. D. 5
Charles Nye, Gladwin, Mich.
John Thomas Payne, Springfield, Ohio, R. D. 7
Oscar Raser, Everett, Pa.
Lewis Sider, Upland, Calif.
Clarence Slates, Three Springs, Pa.
Barton M. Starr, Chambersburg, Pa., R. D. 1
Melvin Stauffer, Gladwin, Mich.
George Traver, Wellandport, Ontario
Leroy B. Walters, Morrison, Illinois
Alonza Vanatter, Tillsonburg, Ontario
Haden R. Walls, Williamsburg, Pa.
Bert Winger, Grantham, Pa.
Mark Winger, Grantham, Pa.
Carlton O. Wittlinger, Clarence Center, N. Y.
Harold M. Wolgemuth, Knifley, Kentucky, R. D.
Samuel F. Wolgemuth, Waynesboro, Pa.

Section 6
Whereas, The duties and responsibilities of a licensed minister are of such nature as to demand caution and discrimination in approving applications, therefore, we recommend that congregations or districts or persons signing approval for such applications shall carefully consider the case, and
Whereas, Brethren applying for license who are enrolled in our church schools are sometimes far removed from the district wherein they hold their church membership, and
Whereas, This condition has given rise to misunderstanding as to the proper method of procedure,
Resolved, That any student in a church school desiring ministerial license shall first secure a proper recommendation from the congregation or district in which he holds membership, secondly, shall secure the approval of the school or College administrative officers at the institution in which he is in attendance. This course of procedure to apply when initially securing the license and when renewals are sought.

Section 7
Resolved, That the following trustees whose respective terms of office shall expire upon the dates following their name be confirmed as custodians of the Buffalo Mission Church Property.

Henry Troast, 1944; Charles Monkelbaan, 1945; Wesley Hexamer, 1946.

Section 8
Resolved, That the following trustees whose respective terms of office shall expire upon the dates following
their name be confirmed as custodians of the Kentucky church at Grassy Springs.
Albert H. Engle, 1940; Elmer Goodin, 1941; Curtis Redmon, 1942.

Section 9
Whereas, A large amount of money has been expended for the paying of rent to provide living quarters for mission workers over a period of years at the San Francisco Mission, and,
Whereas, The need of a permanent mission home owned by the church was felt, definite action was taken to accomplish this by the San Francisco mission group, and
Whereas, The Home Mission Board appointed a committee to find a suitable location, a Home was found on 311 Scott Street at a cost of $3,500.00, and,
Whereas, The San Francisco Mission contributed $1,500 toward the purchase of this Home,
We therefore humbly petition General Conference for the approval of this mission home project, and, be it further
Resolved, That General Conference grant the Home Mission Board the privilege to make solicitation from the church at large for funds toward this project.

Section 10
Resolved, That the following trustees be confirmed as custodians of the San Francisco Mission Church Property whose respective terms of office shall expire upon the dates following their name.
W. L. Reighard, 1942; Sr. Rhoda Wingert, 1943; Alvin C. Burkholder, 1944.

Section 11
Inasmuch as the approximate sum of $800.00 already has been contributed for the purpose of providing a residence for the mission workers at Stowe, Pa., Therefore
Resolved, That a parsonage committee be named in the person of Abner Martin, J. A. Climenhaga, and Harvey Buckwalter who are hereby authorized to continue solicitation for the aforesaid purpose and that they be further authorized to purchase or erect a residence whenever deemed advisable by the committee.

Section 12
Whereas, The Center, Clinton and Lycoming District have applied to the Home Mission Board for a minister in the Lycoming County area and inasmuch as the Board is unable to assign a minister to that field at this Conference, Therefore,
Resolved, That the Board be authorized to endeavor to fill the vacancy during the Conference year.

Vacation Bible School held at Vester Schoolhouse near Garlin, Ky. This school had an enrollment of about one hundred. A number of mothers enrolled in the Bible Class. The gentleman at the right is a representative of the American S. S. Union, visiting the school.
ALTOONA, MISSION, PA.

Herman G. and Laura Miller

We greet you all with this precious scripture found in Jude, “Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.”

In the days of unrest that we are living in, when nations are seeking after worldly power, it is very clearly to be seen as we behold the alarming conditions both nationally and spiritually that we are nearing the end of this present age and the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and the appearing of the Antichrist to set up his dreadful kingdom for a short time. Let us as children of God be true and faithful and make haste to reach those in sin that they may be saved before the door of mercy is closed and the night cometh wherein man’s work is done.

We are again coming to you with another yearly report. While we would like to come to you and say that multitudes had been saved and filled with the love of God, nevertheless, we are glad for what God has done and for souls that have gotten help and blessed, and for the way he has cared for us both spiritually and temporally.

It was our privilege to have Bishop D. R. Eyster from Oklahoma with us for a three weeks revival who fearlessly preached the Word of God under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. We were glad for the heart searching messages. While a number came to the altar to be saved, some to get back to God, others to be sanctified, and some for healing, we are glad that God met the honest hearts.

May God bless Brother Eyster and give him precious souls for his hire.

Our jail services have been good the past year as God has been giving us souls. A few weeks ago in our Blair County jail services a young man came to the altar and prayed through till God blessed his soul. Another man came to the altar and a few weeks later got out of jail. He and his wife and little girl are coming to Sunday School and Church. We started a Sunday School in the jail while the ones that are saved are carrying it on. Will you help us pray that God may continue to bless these services and that many may get saved and stand true.

We express our thanks to all those who have stood with us with their means and also their prayers. We are conscious that we need the help and prayers of God’s people that the work of God may go on and earnestly ask you to continue to remember us and the work here at this place in your prayers.

BETHHEL MISSION, VIRGINIA

Denny and Marie Jennings

Greetings of victory in the name of Jesus:

It seems the best way to tell you of the work in Virginia is to compare it to the following:

Parents came into a new country to be of real help to the community. A beautiful child was born; it grew and was developing into manhood. Many came to see it; many gave it help and encouragement. It had many to nurse and care for it. But—all of a sudden a terrible disease came through the country devouring many, leaving others crippled, bruised and broken with life seemingly extinct. This disease struck this beautiful child: nurses left it; it was left to die. Parents alone remained to nourish and care for it. They had to labor hard to
make a living, had little time to care for the child as it should have been cared for, but they loved it. They could not give up hope. They had cared for it in the beginning; it had been begotten through suffering, sorrow and anguish. They now held on against all odds with anxious care, tearful prayers, anguish of soul. Their only source was God. He was yet with them. Night and day care was given the child, the best they could give under the trying circumstances; at last a movement was noticed; life was yet there. Hope revived; the child began to look, sit up, stand, move, walk and grow again. Praise God he had heard and answered prayer!

This, dear ones, is an illustration of the work here. It was begun through the cost of leaving all for Jesus. It was encouraged by loved ones of like faith. It grew, was developing beautifully for God's glory, and although false doctrines swept through, killing many, wounding others, and leaving others so bruised and broken, it seemed life was extinct. Encouragement seemed withdrawn; criticism was thrust in; the battle was apparently a losing one; but God Almighty took hold of the work. Souls were revived; others have been born again; believers have been sanctified wholly and are growing in grace. Will there again be that interest shown by the dear ones of like faith coming to this field and encouraging the work and workers that means growth to a work? We trust it will be so and we remain, laboring on against all odds, declaring the truth, standing for the doctrine of the church to which God led us, and needing the co-operation and help of God's children to bring about results in God's vineyard here in Virginia for His glory.

We wish to thank all who so loyally supported the work here. May the rich blessing of the Lord rest abundantly on all and may He keep us true till He comes.

BUFFALO MISSION, N. Y.

E. C. and Myrtle Bossert

"The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad." We are also reminded of the words of Moses, "If thy presence go not with us, carry me not up hence." He knows how helpless we are without Him, and has taught us to wait on Him and realize the Divine will triumph over every other power.

In viewing the work of the year just passed, we are made to believe that the door to the Gentiles is rapidly closing. This is especially true of city work. However, we are reminded of the text, "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." Some who formerly attended are absent, but we thank God for others who seem interested in their eternal welfare. There are those who are surely growing in grace. It is most gratifying to see some of the dear brethren and sisters, who each year are going deeper in the Lord, being interested in souls. We appreciate the group who will sacrifice time and money to help others through to victory. They will tarry for hours, if necessary, at an altar of prayer that the powers of darkness might be defeated and peace come to hungry hearts.

The order and number of services are unchanged. The attendance at Sunday School has not increased as we had hoped. The community surrounding the Mission is chiefly Roman Catholic, and, although some come for a while, they may not continue. Some of the outside families bring their children as far as eight miles to Sunday School. Because of unfavorable industrial conditions a very faithful family of six was compelled to move away.

It has been apparent for a number of years that some change must be made to the outside of the building. The
paint scaled soon after it was put on. Then we saw that it would require several hundred feet of siding to replace that which had become defective. After consulting several builders, it was decided to cover it with wood shingles. Brother Urban of Clarence Center, who is a builder, purchased the material for us at contractor’s price. This was a substantial saving. The shingles then were treated with creosote. Brother Urban managed the work of putting the shingles on the building. We wish to thank him and the local brethren who assisted in the work. These repairs have greatly improved the appearance of the place and the building is now well-preserved.

Bishop Henry Schneider of Michigan very ably conducted a three-week’s revival under the direction of the Holy Spirit. He came with a deep concern for souls. Souls began to seek the Lord from the first week. A number prayed through in their homes. Several came to the house during the day. Some who had left came back and prayed through. Some who could not work for conviction took off and came for prayer. Several who were slaves to tobacco emptied their pockets at the altar and it was burned. A number of outside people were saved; those in the church who were out of victory were reclaimed; still others were sanctified. We are very thankful for the faithfulness of the Holy Spirit.

CANOE CREEK MISSION, WILLIAMSBURG, PA.
E. C. and Ethel Flewelling

"Labour not for the meat that perisheth, but for the meat which endureth unto everlasting life," John 6:27. It has given us much satisfaction throughout the last Conference year to labor for the master and to be able to say that God has blessed us both spiritually and temporally of which we are unworthy.

Tent meetings were conducted under the ministry of Brother John Martin of Pennsylvania which proved to be a blessing not only to the church but to the community at large. Fifteen souls received help during these services and nine of this number have united with the church. Most of these are standing true.

Since coming to Canoe Creek we have found it necessary to enlarge our church and to build living quarters as well. Up until this time Brother Shannon Oldhams very unselfishly shared their home until the building was completed. We enjoyed very much a comfortable warm home for the winter season. With the new addition to the church it gives us ample room to lengthen our cords and to take care of the Sunday School property. By building living quarters we can be close to our work, thus cutting down our car expenses and making it much more convenient for us.

Since becoming acquainted with the folks here, we have learned to love them and appreciate their self-sacrificing characteristics. The origin of our work here would be an interesting one to give but would be too lengthy to give in detail. Many times the work would have come to naught before the Brethren in Christ Church took it over, had it not been for the faithfulness of dear Brother Hayden Walls, who laboured with untiring zeal for the work of the master, but God moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. He plants his footsteps in the sea and rides upon the storm. We have a fertile field to work and realize our dependance upon God for wisdom. While folks appreciate the whole Gospel, it seems hard for them to launch out into the fulness of God’s love.

We ask an interest in your prayers that God may use us in the salvation of souls.
CHICAGO MISSION, ILL.
Sarah H. Bert, Supt.
C. J. and Avas Carlson; Harriet Cough; Alice K. Albright; Rosa Eyster

"Be not afraid but speak and hold not thy peace, for I am with thee . . . for I have much people in this city." (Acts 18:9-10). These words spoken to Paul in the night vision while in wicked Corinth come to us as we again send our report for the past Conference year. Centuries have passed since they were first spoken but they have often been before us as we too witness that men oppose themselves and blaspheme in opposition to the Gospel. Iniquity in this city is abounding, but lights are needed in dark places, and we know the gospel of Christ is still the power of God unto salvation to all who believe.

Our schedule of eight services weekly has continued uninterrupted during the year. Our attendance has been good, especially on Sunday. A mid-week singing class is maintained for young people. We have sought to maintain an evangelistic soul-winning atmosphere in each service and a number have responded and been saved. Open air services during the summer brought many interesting contacts with strangers as well as furnishing an opportunity of service for our own group. Many tracts and gospels were thus distributed. Since repeal many taverns have come into being with their unhealthy atmosphere, which is a challenge to us. One such evil place is only 100 feet from our door, as close as the law will allow them to come to a church. The presence of young people and women in them is tragic.

Calls for material help and food from transients have been many: both from those in the meetings and those at the door. However, our greater opportunity has been among families, young people and children. In addition to the Sunday School, which enrolls about 200, the mid-week classes with attendance of about 100 have given a fine chance for seed-sowing of God’s Word. We have sought not only to impart Biblical knowledge but to bring the young person to a definite experience of salvation, a knowledge of sins forgiven, and heart cleansing. We are happy to say that a number of children and young people testify and look forward to baptism. In addition to many duties connected with “keeping up” and “keeping clean” a building of this size, we have made many calls in homes and hospitals as well as assisting those who call at the Mission for prayer and counsel. Death visited our congregation in November in the sudden death of Brother Baldwin who often led the congregational singing and was a help in the work. The health of the Mission family has been good and our hearts are encouraged. We thank all who stood by the work with their means and prayers. We have appreciated the inspiration and fellowship of many missionaries and ministering brethren during the past year. Elder J. H. Byer of California has been with us for several weeks and his ministry and prayers have been a blessing. We close saying, “Brethren, pray for us.”

CLEAR CREEK & RAY’S COVE CONGREGATIONS
William M. Asper, Pastor

As we were only appointed as a supply pastor in November of 1938 for this field, our report may not be as complete as it might be. Since we have been on the field the work has been encouraging and the Lord’s blessing is vividly manifested on the work at both congregations.
Clear Creek services are very well attended. One Sunday evening there were from fifteen to twenty-five unsaved young people who attended the service. These young people are in the teen age and we covet them for God as the hope of the future Clear Creek Church. The Clear Creek congregation suffered the loss of one of its faithful members in the going home of Sister Minnie Melott in January of this year.

At the Ray's Cove Church the attendance has been on the upward turn. We are very thankful to our Heavenly Father for this as this place had suffered some very hard attacks from the enemy during the past. However, we see that God's hand is upon the work and it is slowly gaining ground. The Sunday School is gaining in numbers under the faithful service of Sister Elmer College, however, we are handicapped by the location of the church and the bad roads to get there during the winter months. There are thirteen pupils in the young people's class and as at Clear Creek the hope of the future church at Ray's Cove lies in this group of young people. We covet them for God and the Church.

DAYTON MISSION, OHIO

William H. and Susie Boyer
Eva Dick, Angeline Cox

We are glad for the privilege to submit another annual report of the work at the Dayton Mission. Through the marvelous kindness of our dear Lord who has given us grace and opportunity to labor for Him have we been able to serve at our God-given place one more year. As we think of the trying and distressing features, the awful deadly powers of destruction all over the world in this our day, and the great multitude of souls so carelessly traveling toward the solemn judgment to meet God unprepared, we are moved to press more anxiously onward proclaiming the holy word with greater determination and more concern for precious souls than in the days gone by, also to live such a faithful and victorious life over sin that we might be instrumental in saving some dear souls before the great day of the Lord shall come.

The experiences of the past year were many and varied. Some were of great joy and rejoicing, others of sorrow and heartaches. On July 6th we laid away one of our dear Mission sisters who was saved from the depths of sin and so wonderfully healed from an afflicted body. She was one of the first converts of the Mission and continued faithful with us until removed by the providential hand of death. Also, during the summer four of our dear Sunday School children left us to be with Jesus. Two of these children had been to the altar and had given bright testimonies of being saved.

Elder Ray Heisey of Pleasant Hill, Ohio, served us during our summer revival meeting laboring so faithfully with us proclaiming the word of God night after night. We were glad for the precious souls that were saved and others that received a deeper experience.

Our fall revival also proved a real success and blessing to the little Mission band. Our dear brother, Earl Sider of Cheapside, Ontario, brought forth stirring messages time after time from the holy scriptures under the power and inspiration of the Holy Ghost. The result was that a goodly number of dear souls were made to realize a need and sought the Lord for pardon, others for sanctification, and some for healing.

Our regular services are: Sunday School, Young People's Bible Study, and two preaching services each Lord's Day. Two weekly prayer meetings, an hour of
prayer each Wednesday afternoon, teachers’ meeting once each month, and children’s meeting on Friday afternoon are also conducted.

The attendance of our Sunday School and preaching services has been very gratifying. We are also much pleased with the attendance and interest of the young people in our prayer meetings. Two dear souls expressed themselves as being willing to become one with us in church fellowship by rite of baptism.

On Sunday evening, August 21st, we were very much favored with the presence of our dear brother, Bish. C. N. Hostetter, Jr., of Grantham, Pa., the faithful secretary of the Home Mission Board. He brought us a thrilling message from Matt. 7:13-14. May the Lord bless our brother and each member of our Home Mission Board for all they have so kindly done for us and meant to us.

May the Lord also richly bless and reward all who have made it possible that our needs could be supplied.

FRANKLIN CORNERS, MORRISON, ILLINOIS

Allen and Leoda Buckwalter

Greetings to all in the name of Jesus our Savior:

“He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.”

Among the many glorious promises of God’s Word this one shall ever shine out to those who are working in His harvest fields. We thank the Lord for His continued blessing upon our souls and upon the work.

The summer revival, mentioned in the last report, and held by Bish. Wilbur Snider of Ohio, brought inspiration and blessing to us. A number of the children sought for peace and pardon.

In the fall, three of our young people left us to attend our church schools. We miss them in our services but are glad to have them in the company of other spiritual young people. School days also brought new responsibility to “Sr. Leoda”—as she is known throughout the community. She has been teaching the Mt. Carmel Home School, thereby being able to work directly with the children.

This past year has seen the opening up of a new community known as White Pigeon. By contacting the people quite often we have won their confidence and have established a Home Department there in connection with our Sunday School work. Some of the people have attended our Sunday services and this encourages us greatly.

Due to an epidemic of flu and whooping cough which lasted nearly all winter, our attendance was cut considerably. But with the coming of spring the attendance is rising again.

We are greatly encouraged with the work here. It hasn’t abounded in great visible results, but the Lord has surely been working. The community is friendly towards the church and the Sunday School is growing. As our parting time draws near, we sincerely appreciate the privilege of working in this part of God’s harvest field. Our only regret is that we haven’t accomplished more for Him. We praise the Lord for all of His bountiful blessings and earnestly intreat your prayers for the work here at Franklin Corners.
At the close of this year our retrospective glance discovered four outstanding and interesting facts:

We have not lost an inch of ground in the matter of our business credit because God enabled us to keep up with our running expenses, besides, we have removed some of the deficit. Thank God for paid bills! No deficit was accumulated since last November. Before that time we kept up by using allowance money (when supply did not come through offerings) and now that loan is coming back. Thanks to our Heavenly Father and you dear supporters. In spite of the fact that it cost more, and that Brother Lewis had to go back to work in the factory we have proven the value of the usefulness of our added workers, Sr. Goins, and Sr. Eckman. In fact, we could use a few more such earnest Christians. Gospel work is always very expensive to operate because it is not planned to bring monetary gains. We know that by having Sr. Eckman placed on our staff last year we were able to make some gains that gold couldn’t buy. Thank God for a working plan, and the workers in it!

We also noticed that the nightly attendance has become more dependable and larger. During the past year we were pleased to hear different ones of our fellowship volunteer to tell us publicly that they received the call from God to attend God’s Love Mission and lend their support. The result of this has been a growing interest among us all to see the work go ahead and grow, which it is doing. It is important as well as interesting to have other Churches, and good saints here in Detroit become acquainted with our Mission and lend us their support. Also to have the community which we serve give us recognition is highly desirable. We are thankful as we notice how well God is working this out.

Furthermore, and perhaps the greatest fact to be mentioned, we can report that many precious souls have come to the Saviour for salvation. The Holy Ghost has graciously worked. Among our regular attendants, and the converts, a sifting has gone on, but a few have frequented the altar at nightly services or sought and found God’s help in special prayer meetings. Mighty has been some of our battles against spiritual darkness, which opposed these dear souls, but, wonderful has been the victories. Even when some dear converts lost faith and wandered again in old paths of drunkenness God tenderly brought them back and reclaimed them. Could you visit us surely you too would say, as you would see the unbelievable conditions of surrounding wickedness, that God is here pulling brands out of the fire. But, they shall shine forever in Glory!

Last September Rev. I. C. Engle and wife were removed from our staff to occupy at Home Evangel, Kentucky. This was a great loss to us which we took in
good grace believing that God's use of their devoted and Spirit-lit lives in that field was necessary to its success. Brother and Sister Engle created a spiritual support to God's Love Mission which we wish to thankfully acknowledge. And, they loved God and His cause so much that they were not chargeable either to the Church or us. Besides that they liberally supported every need. God shall reward them for such loyal and effective labor of love among us. We pray God's blessing upon them. The Brethren of our Michigan District again stood by

The present staff of workers at God's Love Mission. Reading from left to right, they are: Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Lewis, Ruth Eckman and Janna Goins.

us wonderfully with gifts of canned goods which amounted to an estimated value of more than fifty dollars. We have cherished the much needed backing of our brethren, which has come from Michigan and the four corners of the Church. We all humbly give thanks to you for the special kindness expressed by your gifts of personal offerings, the spiritual letters of sympathy, the boxes of supplies or fixtures for the mission hall and home, and your very effectual prayers, which show how God has made you partakers with us in evangelizing our own dear Home Land fields. God bless you all.

GRANVILLE, PA.
Allen G. Brubaker, Pastor

With another year in the past, we are made conscious of the frailty of life, the certainty of death, and the need of being on watch and guard. We see the need of putting forth strenuous efforts to snatch trophies from the power of the enemy to lay at the feet of Jesus. Surely as we see the trend of the times we feel to cry out:

Awake my soul to joyful lays,
And sing thy Great Redeemer's praise;
He justly claims a song from thee,
His loving kindness, Oh, how free.

We have appreciated the privilege to again assume the responsibility of the work at Granville, after a year's furlough. Brother and Sister Climenhaga had given their untiring services during this time.

We feel there is a great challenge to us in the work here, since Satan is arrayed against us, but glad to say with Joshua, "We are well able, because our God will fight for us."

We thank God for the encouragement of seeing souls stepping out for God and taking their place in the ranks against Satan.

In addition to the work here, we have advanced our interests into New Bloomfield, Perry Co. In the first four meetings held here, eighteen souls sought the Lord for His pardoning Grace. We feel that God is still on His throne and bids us go forward. We solicit your prayers for we must win in this conflict against sin.
HOUGHTON MISSION, ONTARIO

Edward and Emma Gilmore
Oscar and Rosa Raser; Idellus Sider

In looking back over the past year we feel to say with one of old, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." We praise God that our work is gradually finding a place in this community and the homes in general have open doors for our visitations. We are often called in times of sickness and death.

Our four regular preaching appointments and Sunday Schools have been served each Sunday. In attendance our four Sunday Schools average a total of one hundred fifty, and our total congregation for preaching each Sunday would average between one hundred seventy-five to two hundred.

During the summer Bish. D. R. Eyster served as evangelist in our tent meeting. These services were well attended and some thirty sought the Lord. Many of these were our members who received a deeper experience of divine grace. Fruit of that meeting still remains.

During the winter Elder Samuel Lady was our evangelist at our Bethel Church. We were blest with a gracious revival and a number found peace with God. Later in the winter Bish. Charles Byers came with us for a revival at Frogmore. Roads and sickness hindered some, but the meeting closed

The Church at Houghton Mission, Ont., Can.

The Workers at Houghton Mission. Rev. and Mrs. Edward Gilmore and Miss Idelus Sider.

Frogmore Church
with glorious victory. A number of the neighbors sought God and some real victories were won among our own members. The total number of souls that sought God for various needs was between sixty and seventy, and we feel that the spiritual status of our work has improved greatly during the past year.

We are also thankful for the financial support given locally and by the church at large. The hall and local offerings have increased about 27 per cent over last year while contributions from the church at large decreased slightly. One of our members gave the two mission families a fine, fat steer. This and many other kindnesses have helped in the expense problem.

By virtue of General Conference action of last year, Bro. and Sr. Flewelling were transferred to Canoe Creek and Bro. and Sr. Raser were sent here in their place. Brother Raser has served the Houghton Center Congregation and assisted at the other appointments. Sickness has visited the Mission family during the year but we are thankful for the present measure of health enjoyed by all. Sr. Florence Massacar's help during the last few months has been much appreciated.

May God bless the church at large who have so nobly stood by the work here and thus enabled us to carry on our present program. Let us all be faithful till Jesus comes.

IRON SPRINGS, PA.
Harold and Alice Wolgemoth

We would praise the Lord in the words of the Psalmist, "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!"

This "little white church in the valley" is located on Route 16, the road leading from Fairfield to Waynesboro.

In our past winter revival, Bro. Bert Winger served as evangelist. We are happy to report a good revival with visible results. Eleven souls sought the Lord at the altar of prayer; six of the eleven were for the first time. May God be praised!

We have our regular Sunday afternoon Sunday School followed by preaching service. Also, the organized Young People's Society renders a program every Sunday evening excepting the first Sunday of each month when the Gospel Team from the Messiah Bible College renders a service. The young people actively participate in the young people's services. Our regular Wednesday evening prayer meeting, followed by a singing class, is well attended.

As Sister Wolgemoth and myself are taking school work at M. B. C., we are living thirty-five miles from our field of labor. As much work needs to be done there and as the work is encouraging, we speak with the Iron Springs Congregation when we say, "If someone would live in the community instead of coming in from other districts, it would be an asset to all concerned."

We are praying that the way may open in the near future for a Pastor to live at Iron Springs. This work needs your prayers and interest.
With grateful hearts we present another annual report. We appreciate the blessing of the Lord both spiritually and temporally. In addition to victory in our own hearts and victory in our services, our needs were abundantly supplied and sickness has been reduced to a minimum.

This has been the most fruitful year in visible results that we have had for several years. Signs of going forward with the Lord's work are in evidence. We are trying to stimulate interest in our services in the communities where we have been working. The response was gratifying. In one community the Sunday School was doubled in a few month's time. This necessitated personal contact more frequently by one of our mission workers. The interest and attendance has increased in all of our Sunday Schools. The enrollment is nearly one thousand.

The prayer meetings are encouraging. In one community we had a bi-weekly cottage prayer meeting. The people desired to have the meeting every week. Homes were open for it. There are often sixty to seventy-five people who attend. Old time conviction has been on hearts and some meetings are like a revival service. In another community we meet with a small group of Christian women in a bi-weekly prayer meeting. This Spring these women decided to have a Sunday School in their community. There was no building available so with saw and hammer they fixed seats in a grove and there they organized a Sunday School. Each Sunday there is a little increase in attendance. For several years these women have prayed. God is working.

A new Sunday School was organized by the workers at Fairview Station. This was in a community where
there was no Sunday School for six years. There are calls from other communities that desire our services. Souls are hungry for the old-time Gospel that effects a change. They appreciate a clean church, but our schedule is full and we cannot answer the calls.

Other signs of going forward have been manifested in the erection of church buildings. The church building at Grassy Springs was almost completed and we began using it the latter part of the summer of 1938. We hope to have it completed and have the Dedication Service in the near future. The interest in the services has increased since we have this place of worship.

After the stirring tent meeting at Robinson Ridge, the community began to ask for a church building. Soon a meeting was called and initial steps were taken for it. A brother donated a very desirable plot of ground by the side of Home Evangel. Enough timber to frame the building and some labor was also donated. Some money was raised locally. Due to the greatly increased interest and attendance in the services which have been held in the schoolhouse, and also the central location of the church relative to the Home Evangel work, it was considered advisable to erect a good-sized building. Liberal donations of money by friends of the work outside of Kentucky enabled us to construct a building well suited to the need. The seating capacity is about four hundred fifty. There is a gallery and Sunday School rooms. The building will soon be completed. The services of my father, I. C. Engle, are very much appreciated both in the spiritual and material side of the work (especially the church building.) He has been stationed at Home Evangel since September.

We had four series of tent meetings during the summer of 1938. The first was on Robinson Ridge with the writer serving as evangelist. The Lord's blessing was on the service and twenty-nine professed. There was heavy conviction and much repenting and confessing. Some were delivered from the use of tobacco. Backsliders were reclaimed and believers sanctified. Several united with the church and three who had broken their church vows renewed them and came back in full fellowship.

The second tent meeting was held at Vester with Bishop E. J. Swalm as evangelist. We witnessed a mighty manifestation of old time revival power. Hundreds of people attended. Several nights it seemed nearly the entire audience was in tears; saints were under a burden for souls; sinners trembled; some went to the altar and prayed through to victory. There were fifty professions and nine united with the church.

The tent was then moved to the Miller Field's school grounds. The Ambassador's Quartette from Messiah Bible College, Grantham, Pa., labored with us there. Their services were very much appreciated. Their messages in song will not soon be forgotten. There were twenty-eight professions. One night the altar was lengthened to care for the seekers. A number of mothers were at the altar that night. Some were delivered from tobacco. One woman removed her jewelry. A few united with the church a few months later.

The last tent meeting was held at Spout Springs where there were eight professions.

Brother Marshall Winger was with us as evangelist last Fall. He conducted three short revival meetings—at Fairview, Grassy Springs, and Garlin. God blessed these services with a number of very definite victories for which we praise Him.

A short revival was conducted at Hovious schoolhouse in the winter. Brothers Edgar Giles and I. C. Engle served as evangelists. A few souls sought the Lord.
During the year there were 209 professions. We baptized 54 and received 21 into church fellowship. Another member, in the person of W. O. Corbin, has been added to our Board of Stewards.

Since the fiscal year ends in the midst of Vacation Bible School season, we include in this report a statement of all the schools held in the Spring of 1938. There were ten schools with a total enrollment of 441 and an average attendance of 321. There were 55 professions of Salvation. It rejoiced our hearts to see these children bow at an altar of prayer and weep and pray until the Lord saved them.

The workers at Garlin station with local members assisting conduct about 700 services in seven different communities per year. Home Evangel has about 340 services in six communities and Fairview workers about 300 in three communities per year. Our corps of workers have made over 1200 visits with prayer in the homes. In some of these visits people received definite help and encouragement in their spiritual life. There was quite a number of short visits made when prayer did not seem advisable.

Although it takes a great deal of work, we are continuing the publication of our Quarterly Bulletin. It has proven a valuable asset to our work.

Our financial report shows an increase of 24 per cent in local offerings for all purposes. The total for this year is $1039.76. We are grateful for the increasing interest in the financial needs of the work on the part of our local people; also for the liberal contributions from the church-at-large without which it would be impossible to carry on our program of work. May the Lord bless each one who is thus sharing in the work.

We gratefully acknowledge receipt from the church-at-large for four building projects during the current year. The offerings received according to the requests and consent of the donors were applied to the following:

- Replacement of Fairview Home ...... $26.33
- Grassy Springs Church Building ...... 94.39
- Addition to Garlin Home .............. 70.00
- Church Building on Robinson Ridge .. 496.03

MESSIAH LIGHTHOUSE CHAPEL
HARRISBURG, PA.

Naomi and Anna Wolgemuth

The doors of the Messiah Lighthouse Chapel have not been opened quite a year as yet, but not one word has failed of all his good promises since we are in the battle here.

Oswald Chambers has made this sublime statement: "Prayer does not fit us for the greater works; prayer is the greater works," and we have found prayer to be the greatest work in this field. We set aside Tuesday of each week as a day of prayer in which we sought God's help for power and victory for all our other Mission stations. A number of times some one came in who needed spiritual help and God truly met the need.

Regular evening services have been held each Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday night, with a cottage prayer meeting Friday night. Since the revival held in March another prayer meeting has been opened every Monday night in the poorer section of the city in the home of a sister who was saved the past winter. The Wednesday night prayer meeting held about as good attendance as the Sunday night service. We thank God for the Spiritual thermometer, although some of the members confessed a need of heart cleansing.
The evangelistic services were held in March with Bert Winger from Grantham as evangelist. These services were a means of spiritual blessing to our little group. The hearts of the children were specially touched during this time.

The children’s group which meets here every Sunday night is very interesting, the attendance reaching to seventy and eighty. The Young Ladies’ Class of the Elizabethtown congregation made it possible to enlarge a room in the basement for the Junior group. The Bible Kindergarten Class which we conducted weekly had an enrollment of thirty-five. A few children aged three years were among this number.

We called and gave tracts to over a hundred homes on the surrounding streets. We have the two races to deal with and, in regards to the children, we hardly know what method to take, but are praying definitely that God will give wisdom and sufficient help that the best plan can be followed for the best of the work in the future. “Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.” Will you pray for a greater manifestation of his power in the coming year?

MOUNT CARMEL, GLADWIN, MICHIGAN

Charles and Myrtle Nye, Emma Raser

Again it is our privilege to write for the Handbook of Missions. The year of 1938 was all too short but not so short that God forgot to bless. His blessings have been numberless and continually. We praise Him for all His benefits rendered to us.

With thankful hearts we take a retrospective view of the recent past. We see God’s hand dealing with His people and find that God has been faithful to those who accept and those who reject.

Brother John Raser of Iowa and the Arion Quartette spent several days with us in Evangelistic Work. The Quartette with Sr. John Raser conducted a Vacation Bible School. The boys and girls have asked for a Bible School for the coming summer. We are glad they appreciate these blessings and count them worthwhile. May God continue to make these people a blessing as they follow and obey Him. We pray also that God will go with Bro. and Sr. Raser to their new field of labor. Sr. Emma Raser was also a blessing in the tent campaign. She has been with us since that time, helping in the work here. The tent campaign with all its activities proved a great blessing to our community. We thank God for the young who are willing to give of their time and talents to further the cause of Christ.

There was much sickness in our community for the fall and winter months. The attendance of the Sunday School was lowered very much, but we are glad that since the sickness is less and the winter is past the Sunday School has doubled its attendance.

Brother Kenneth Starr of Michigan was our winter evangelist. We truly thank God for the gathering time. Even though the number may not be so great we are glad for the dozen, especially those who were never saved before. Bro. Starr came to us with a burning zeal for the lost. He brought the gospel in its purity and power. May God richly bless him for his labor of love with us.
Greetings to all the dear ones in Jesus:
We are glad to report that God has been with us since our last report and has done great things for us.
Last summer we had another six week’s tent campaign and Brother Oscar Raser and wife labored with us. Be-

tween thirty and forty sought the Lord; most of this number received a definite experience. Twenty-one were willing to go forward in the step of baptism. Most of these have remained true but as so often is the case some were shallow and cooled off during the cold winter months. It is so hard to keep up the appointments throughout the winter but we do say to the glory of God that He has done great things for us all along the way.

Especially here at Howard Creek the work is growing and the members and friends appreciate the services by attending regularly.
At Paddockwood there are seven members instead of just the one a year ago. There seems to be good interest there.
The work at Chesley is also more encouraging. The Sunday we cannot be there Brother Jones’s family carry on the work and have a Sunday School. Thus they have Sunday School every Sunday and a preaching appointment alternating Sundays.

Houghton Mission Home

North Star Mission, at Meath Park
We look forward to greater things. We hope to step out in a new venture this summer and have a Vacation Bible School here at Howard Creek. We also anticipate a gracious revival in our campaign of this summer. The community and even outsiders look forward to the tent meetings perhaps secretly hoping they too find the joy they see in the lives of others.

We trust God will send more workers as the field is ever increasing and the needs are scattered over a large area. The present staff is inadequate to meet the needs. Continue to pray that God may gather many from the North unto himself. Praise His Name!

OAK GROVE, GLADWIN, MICHIGAN
Melvin E. Stauffer

Once more there is gratitude in our hearts as this report of the Lord’s work is given. We can truly say, “Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.” What could man accomplish without the help of the Lord? With God we can do all things as He gives us our strength. We are glad to report that during the past year we trusted in the strong arm of the Lord.

As we recall the experiences of the past year, we are convinced that the services were not in vain. We have not had so many new seekers but our hearts rejoice in the fact that many have kept the victory. The struggle and fight has been hard, the battle long sometimes, but what a wonderful peace after victory has been won.

Very much sickness has been in the community this winter, but we are glad that at this writing we all can enjoy the beautiful sunshine and God’s great out-of-doors.

The attendance in our Sunday School has increased and the interest is growing. It was necessary to start another Sunday School Class and, of course, that means more work for the cause of Christ. The attendance at our cottage prayer meetings also is well attended. What a wonderful opportunity we have of bringing the Gospel into the homes.

During the winter a special revival was held at the Leatonville schoolhouse. The services were in charge of Brother Nye and the writer. Several knelt at the altar of prayer and there confessed their sins to a forgiving Lord.

We are looking forward to a special tent meeting in July. We need to rescue from sin and bring the wanderers home. Pray for this work that the Lord may give us another prosperous year for Him.

ORLANDO MISSION, FLORIDA
Floyd M. and Carrie Wingert

In reviewing the work and accomplishments of the past year in our annual report, we can say, “The Lord has not been slack concerning his promises.” “He has made us partakers and partners with him.” It is with deep gratitude and praise to our heavenly Father for good health and a spiritual interest in a promising field.

Having been able to continue our regular services during the year we tried a new order of morning worship. By having a twenty to thirty minute message before we take up the Sunday School period, we found the children more attentive and had fifty to seventy to speak to. This proved very satisfactory. The evening services are made up of three periods. The short question and answer period for the children; short Bible study for
the adults; and a short evening message compose the evening service.

Two special meetings of this past year stand out in our minds. The first was when Brother Enos Hess and the Grantham Male Quartette visited us in August. Their spiritual songs and testimonies in our mission as well as in neighboring churches were very inspiring and beneficial. We, with a certain Baptist pastor, were profoundly touched in seeing some twenty young people in a group of his church giving their lives to the Lord. It was a scene long to be remembered. We certainly thank God for such consecrated young men!

The other meeting of interest was the two week’s revival conducted by Brother Clayton Engle and his family. We shall never forget his zeal and spirit-filled messages. The last Sunday morning of the revival, we with over thirty or more commemorated Christ’s death and suffering in a most impressive service. These times of fellowship and association mean so much to our little group here at Orlando. After the close and dismissal of the last Sunday night service we could hardly part. Brother Engles and Bro. and Sr. Wagner from Palmyra, Pa., broke out in singing German songs for our aged German sister, and little did we think that in several weeks she would be called home to her future rest.

We have visited quite a number of homes in the community and especially the homes of the Sunday School children and have gained over a dozen. We have very good attendance and interest and a number have expressed their hunger for Salvation. Opportunity has opened in both white and colored churches for us to conduct services. We quite often join in special tent meeting efforts put forth by sister churches.

In all, we are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ and we are ready and eager to witness for Him in our daily work and as opportunity affords. Remember us in your prayers as we labour in God’s vineyard.

PHILADELPHIA MISSION, PA.

Barbara E. Hitz; Emma Crider

At the close of another Conference year we submit our yearly report in the name of Jesus, thanking God for His guiding and protecting hand over us and that we were blest above many who did not enjoy the presence and blessings of God as we did. Some were bereft of loved ones; others were void of the temporal things that were so much needed. But saddest of all are those who know not God and have never tasted of the good word of God. Those of us that know God can say, “Surely goodness and mercy have been our lot,” and so we thank, praise, and adore our Christ who gave himself for us and saved us and washed us in His own precious blood.

We had a three week’s Vacation Bible School with Sr. Wingert from Grantham to help us. The children as well as the teachers enjoyed this work and many were the thoughts given to the children both in word and book form.

Then we had our street meetings. These too are very helpful and those who listened always wished us back. The Rally Day services proved important as a reminder to strengthen the work of God in Sunday School and Church services.

We have had several revival efforts. In the fall, Bro. Mark Winger came to us and gave us very good messages. We are glad for those of our young brethren who give themselves to the work of God to be used of him. In the spring, Bishop E. J. Swalm and wife came for a
series of meetings. We were indeed glad to have these dear ones with us as well as the simple message of the cross and the plain teaching our brother gave us. The messages were easy to be understood and those who had receptive hearts received the benefit. We also appreciated having Bro. and Sr. Victor Appleton here with us during this time. Their kindness in extending the use of their auto made transportation much more convenient for us. We trust that God will water the seed sown with the dews of His grace that in His own time and way it will bear fruit for His own glory, and as these servants of God go forth may many souls be won for Christ and His Kingdom.

We thank God for those who minister to us continually and with untiring effort are with us in sunshine and rain to feed the flock of God. May the Lord bless every effort whether with children, young people, or older people. He understands and knows the yearning and groans and sighs. May they all be blessed of God and may many yet be brought to the saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is our prayer.

RIDDLESBURG, PA.

S. Iola Dixon and Bertha J. Wingert

"Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." Ps. 27:14.

We thank the Lord for giving us good courage to go forth in His name. Many times we would have failed but for the strength and help that came from the Lord. The battle has at times been hard and many trying and difficult things have faced us, but the Lord has always given us courage to go on.

The interest is much better now than when we first came here. At first we had mostly children in our services, but now the older folks also attend. Many mothers and fathers attended regularly during our revival. Some of these do not go to any church while others belong to one or the other two churches in Riddlesburg. Some of the folks told us they were not saved.

One father came to the altar and prayed earnestly to be saved. He fell on the floor several times under the power of the Lord. Later he stood up and said, "I believe He's got me saved." This man had shot himself and is blind as the result. It was through this affliction that he began calling on the Lord.

Our little mission room was far too small during the revival meeting. God at different times blessed our souls and manifested Himself to the saints. Some of the sinners stood and wept under conviction; some came to the altar; but others turned away. Bro. R. K. Ebersole and others preached during the meeting.

During the fall and winter quite a lot of time was spent in house to house visitation. A number of new fields were entered during the past year.

We owe much to the kindness of Bro. and Sr. Glenn Dodson both in the work here at Riddlesburg and through the use of their car. By means of this auto we were enabled to reach needy hearts in at least ten different towns. We had prayer in approximately six hundred homes and spoke to many more about their soul's welfare. Some days when three of us were out visiting we could each report nine or ten homes that we were allowed to pray but we nearly always lost count of the many where for various reasons we could not pray.

This number does not include the places where Bro. Ebersole holds prayer meeting. There are open and
needy fields calling for the gospel. Some of these places we visited from house to house for the first time and may not get there more than once or twice a year. Many of the people begged us to come back.

We have been praying that we may soon be able to do more effective work in these towns. The Lord has provided a house car, which at this writing is nearly finished. We expect to take it in these towns and spend some time there; having Bible Schools, visiting among the people, and helping them find God. We need your earnest prayers that God may send conviction upon souls and in these last days and that many may find peace in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord has made it possible to close in a porch, thus giving us more Sunday School room and more kitchen room. Also, a fence has been provided for part of our lot. These things are answers to definite prayer. God still answers prayer. Some one has said that, "Those who go out in the expectation of faith will not stick in the mud of discouragement."

SAN FRANCISCO MISSION, CALIF.

Walter and Sadie Reighard; Grace Plum

Another year has gone into history and the Lord only knows the present and eternal results. The constant giving forth of the Word with a prayerful spirit will be rewarded.

We doubt if any worker is satisfied with the visible results, and often the burden becomes so heavy and the desire to see men delivered from the power of sin so great that we ask our Heavenly Father, "What can we do to encourage men to feel after God if happily they might be found of Him?" The Spirit is faithful nightly as the Word goes forth in song, testimony, and preaching.

As men and women pass our open air service, some laugh, swear, and want to fight; while others listen attentively and kindly accept a tract. Indifference is manifest in a marked degree the past year.

Our attendance has increased since we are serving food at the close of the service. We are favorably impressed with the type of young men coming into the hall. The order and interest are good and conviction is manifest. Hundreds of young men are walking the streets unable to find employment.

Many have knelt at the altar and some conversions have been evident. Three church accessions have come from this group. We cannot report great numbers but are thankful for the few who have yielded to the Lord and living clean and spiritual lives. Our courage is good to press the battle and with a greater determination to effectively cast the Life-Line to men drifting from God. It is appalling to see men and women in rags, unkempt and staggering under the influence of liquor. There were two men who knelt at the altar (with many others the past year) whom the Lord definitely sobered, but their environment drew them back.

We take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation to ALL who have remembered us in prayer and in a material way. God bless you all. Will you please remember us and our work as you pray?
SAXTON & SHERMAN'S VALLEY, PA.

Roscoe Ebersole and wife; Ross Morningstar

To the beloved and faithful Brethren in Christ; greetings in Jesus our Lord:

We again thank God for His blessings in every way which He so abundantly gives to His own and all that seek Him.

Saxton Mission

The work here is encouraging. The average attendance was sixty-eight at our regular preaching appointments this year. But greatest of all the Lord was in our midst in saving, keeping, and healing power. We enjoyed real fellowship of the saints in our congregations and with all the dear ones who came to worship God with us. Oh, how it encourages our hearts to have visiting brethren and sisters come in our midst.

We report a miraculous healing to the glory of God. A little girl from Williamsburg was brought in our midst for healing. Two years previous she had the fever which left her with abscesses in her head. She had a discharge from her ears leaving her that she could hardly hear. She was treated at the hospital but was no better. The Lord healed her and now her hearing is normal and her head is free from abscesses. Praise God! Many other experiences of healing could be told to the glory of God.

Sherman's Valley

The work here is not growing in numbers but the dear ones are receiving help for their souls. The average attendance for our worship is thirty. One preaching service is conducted per week. Some of these folks attend some of our other services at other appointments. The Sunday School here is encouraging in interest and attendance.

At Hesston we contact people of different denominations and those not affiliated with any church. These services are inspirational. The average attendance for the year was fourteen, and nearly all who attend are saved people.

The Cherrytown prayer meetings have also been beneficial with an average attendance of sixteen.

Here at Saxton we also contact homes of many people. We have invitations for prayer meetings from homes of six of our seven denominations in the town. The spiritual interest is good with an average attendance of twenty-one. Sometimes we have Bible study instead of testimonies.

Our dear Brother Byers gave us a three weeks' visit during the past year. His teachings and instructions were appreciated by all.

The prayer meeting at Three Springs started during the winter as a result of last year's Wood's Meeting. Good interest has been manifested in every way. A family started coming to this prayer meeting which received wonderful help. The mother has taken the old-fashioned way. The Lord showed her husband one evening a vision as he was coming to the house after dark. His wife was away at a meeting. The lamp was lit on the table. He saw a plain woman with a covering on. He thought they had company. He went into the house but saw no one; went out again; and there she stood. He went in again and turned the light brighter, moved it to another position on the table, went out and looked again. The woman was plainer than before. The Lord thus made His will plain to them. His wife was so willing to obey the Lord.
Runks Grove Woods Meeting

This place is located a few miles from Three Springs. This is Bro. Slate’s home community. We found hungry hearts at this place and large crowds attended the service.

This meeting lasted six weeks. Souls knelt at the altar for salvation crying and praying for mercy. Husbands and wives, church members of the neighboring church, an Elder’s wife, old and young received salvation at the same altar. The spiritual tide was high; also the enemy was on the job. The devil thought the church would be broken up.

The fifth week of the meeting was outstanding. One Sunday afternoon five prayed through to victory. Visiting ministers were Bish. O. B. Ulery, Bish. L. Shoals, Eld. Henry Musser, Eld. Herman Miller, Eld. J. H. Byer, and Eld. Harry Fink.

The sisters had children’s meeting several times with good attendance and interest. As a result of the presence of God and the mighty working of the Holy Spirit during this revival, twenty-seven had come out to the altar.

We praise God for all He has done during the years gone by and for the contacts we have made with souls and with the Lord. We have been made to feel like Paul of old, “Brethren, pray for us.”

STOWE MISSION

John and Emma Climenhaga

In reviewing the work of Stowe Mission during the last year we are reminded of the experiences of Nehemiah of old. “So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.” Neh. 4:6.

It might be preposterous to state that a half of the work of reconstructing what was at one time a very flourishing Church enterprise has been half completed, for to us it seems the work has just begun. However, we do feel that breaches have been repaired, souls encouraged and new hope placed within the group here. There still remains much to be done. The fact that the majority of the brethren and sisters whom we found true to the Church when we arrived, have had a mind to work has been very encouraging indeed.

Our services here started with a tent meeting during the fall of 1938. In addition to the co-operation of the Stowe people we were ably assisted in the work by the services of Sister Dorcas Slagenweit of Martinsburg, Pa., Sister Ruth Landis of Souderton, Pa., and Brother Tillman Burkholder of Harrisburg, Pa., during the three weeks of the tent meeting. A baptismal service was held at the close of the meeting in charge of Bishop Jacob K. Bowers of Trappe, Pa.

Before this year a Sunday School and preaching service were held each Lord’s Day afternoon and a week night prayer meeting every Thursday night. These services were retained and a Sunday night meeting each Sunday night was introduced. Also a cottage prayer meeting each Tuesday night was started during the year. These services have been fairly well attended. The Sunday night meeting has been made as evangelistic as possible and during these meetings different hands have been raised for prayer, and a number knelt at the altar.

There was not as much visitation done as we would like to have seen done. That which was done was the means of cementing interest in the work and creating fresh interest. To contact the people in their homes seems to be the thing necessary to advance the cause of Christ in this part of God’s moral vineyard. We are ex-
pecting that more of this type of work can be done during the coming year.

The assistance given by the other churches of Montgomery-Bucks District has been greatly appreciated. Other districts of Pennsylvania have sent offerings and given food and clothing for the work here. We are sure that God will bless all who are helping to make the work at Stowe a success.

To all the dear readers of the Handbook of Missions we would like to conclude by giving our motto to you:

Remember that Stowe on four twenty-two
Extends a cordial welcome to you.

VALLEY CHAPEL, CANTON, OHIO

Henry P. and Lela Fern Heisey

We bring our first greetings from Valley Chapel in the precious name of Jesus, our glorious Lord and coming King. “The Lord God is a sun and shield; no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.”

As this is the first report that appears from Valley Chapel, we will give a short survey of the work as it is now in progress. After being engaged in evangelistic and Daily Vacation Bible School work during the past summer, we were able to secure a house near Canton by the middle of September and at once assumed our duties in our new field.

Since no regular pastor was stationed here before we had come, the work was on a low ebb but we found a nucleus doing their best to hold the work together. We, therefore, are glad to say to the praise of our Great Captain, “The Lord of Glory,” all were ready to support our efforts of endeavoring to rebuild the walls of “Jerusalem” and not listen to the suggestion from the enemy.

Since formerly there was only preaching service after Sunday School when a minister was present, we added to the program a regular Sunday evening preaching service alternating with Bible Study, also a mid-week cottage prayer meeting in which we contact a number of unsaved people.

In mid-fall we conducted a three-week’s revival during which time God witnessed in some very definite ways. While we did not see accomplished all we anticipated, nevertheless, we praise God for the ground which was gained. However, two church accessions were added to our group.

We feel our greatest avenue of ministry at present is through and among our Sunday School children. Our enrollment at present is seventy-four. We solicit a deep interest in your prayers that our contacting of these boys and girls may be fruit-bearing for the Eternal Kingdom.

We had the grand privilege of entertaining the Ohio-Kentucky Joint Council the beginning of March which brought great spiritual refreshing showers, climaxing with two precious young people at the altar in the closing service. May we solicit your earnest prayers as we merge into another year of service for our Coming King.

WELLAND MISSION, ONTARIO

Jonathan Lyons and Wife
Elizabeth Brubaker; Mary Lyons

To all our dear co-laborers, Brethren and Sisters, we send greetings in the name of our dear Saviour.

As we look back over the past year, we are made to wonder when we find that the year has passed so rapidly. Surely, we must say, “Our days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle. They soon fly away and this life is over.”
But that is not all. There is a long eternity awaiting every one of us, and we must give an account of every moment of the past year.

We believe that as time is passing and world conditions are as they are, it is a challenge to every Christian to be at their very best. We are surely living in the falling away time spoken of in the Word. Material things are taking first place; the zeal for the house of the Lord is waning; and we often times ask ourselves the question, “Will we be able to live above the power of Satan?” When the apostles were undergoing a severe test of their faith, the word says, “Great grace was upon them all.” So we believe that under the tests of the last days His grace will be sufficient and we can be overcomers.

Through the past year we have found no place for less activity but a continual calling for workers in the great harvest for souls. Soon after last Conference we set up our tent with Bro. A. B. Williams of Altoona, Pa., as evangelist. We had two settings of the tent about a distance of ten miles apart where they called for the tent. The interest was quite good most of the time and quite a number bowed at the altar seeking help of the Lord, but we are sad to say that much of the seed seems to have fallen by the wayside or upon stony ground. We have tried to obey the Lord in sowing the seed and endeavoring to water it by visiting, praying and having prayer meeting in the home for the purpose of leading them deeper in the spiritual life. Only God knows what the harvest will be.

In our winter revival with Eld. E. J. Rohrer as evangelist a real good interest was manifest throughout the whole meeting and some very touching scenes were witnessed at the altar when some of our Hungarian Catholic friends came to the altar very hungry for Gospel light.

We had noticed deep conviction upon them and invited them to come and seek the Lord. They confessed that they did not know how, but they came and as they bowed at the altar the spirit of prayer fell and with tears they began to open their heart and call upon God for forgiveness. Soon they heard from heaven. Their countenance changed. Laying their hands upon their bosom they said that they were so happy. Such manifestations of God’s power and presence causes joy beyond expression. Praise the Lord! For quite some time through the winter months our congregations were smaller than usual on account of so much sickness, but at present our congregations and Sunday School are very encouraging. We very much appreciate the way our dear brethren and sisters have stood by the Lord’s work at this place making it possible to continue through this Conference year.

EVANGELISTIC REPORT

Harry A. Fink and Wife

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Another year has passed and we are glad God has been good to us and blest our work in many different ways. In July we helped Bro. Hann in a tent meeting in Bellwood, Pa., for two weeks. The Lord blessed the meeting. One old lady eighty years old, who had been a church member for a good many years, confessed that she didn’t know anything about being born again until she came to the meeting and got saved.

In August we went with Bro. Hann to Blandburg for another meeting in a mining town with lots of sin and wickedness. It took a little time to get the folks, but His Word says, “If we lift him up, he will draw all men un-
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### General Items

- **Highest Enrollment**
  - Breite, Ontario 335
  - Upland, Calif 298
- **Highest Average Attendance**
  - Dayton Mission, Ohio 70
  - Mechanicsburg, Pa 65
- **Highest Average Cradle Roll**
  - Dayton Mission, Ohio 53.5
  - Mechanicsburg, Pa 53.5
- **Highest Home Department**
  - Upland, Calif 104
  - Mechanicsburg, Pa 103
- **Highest Average Contribution per Person**
  - Dayton Mission, 0 383
  - Mechanicsburg, Pa 383
- **Highest Rating on Sunday School Standard**
  - Dayton Mission, 0 197
  - Mechanicsburg, Pa 197
There is no more critical moment than harvest time, for delay means disaster. It was our Lord Himself who said, “Lift up your eyes, look on the fields; they are white already to harvest.” In Palestine especially, if the grain is allowed to stand too long, without harvesting, it is nearly all wasted. The birds pick it out and the rest is lost in the attempt to gather it.

In many a harvest field that was ready for the harvest ten years ago, it is now too late to gather in the grain. There are many other places that are now ripe. Soon they will be beyond all hope. “The night cometh when no man can work.”

May our vision broaden to behold both the near-by fields and those on distant shores. May we indeed become so sensitive to the need that we will hasten to the reaping.