

Diary of the Single Brethren in NAZARETH of the year 1786.

January 12th 1786. Br. Joh. Jacob Eyerle was married with the single sister Anna Maria Frey.

February 5th 1786. James Gill was received into the congregation.

July 19th 1786. In the night went ^{/ away} Joh. Weissern from Christian Spring as a rogue. First he had borrowed money everywhere, also a watch he borrowed, and then he went away with it.

August 30th 1786. To-day visited us the brethren, who had arrived from Europe with Br. Jacob (van Vleck). They were: Joh. George Bittig, Joh. Kepke, Johann Friedrich Kuschke, Heinrich Bickel, Ludwig Gottfried von Redecke, Joh. Friedrich Itogenitz, Hans Petersen. They dined with us at noon and in the afternoon they were in the Hall as guests. Afterwards they went to Christian Spring.

September 27th 1786. We had a visit from George Andersen-Ising from Holstein; 28 years old; Franz Joseph Ludwig, 20 years; Johann Christoph Koenig, 41 years old; Gottfried Hennig, 41 years old; George Proske, 38 years old; with Danielson.

November 1st 1786. Br. Joh. Flex went to Hope into the Mill.

December 14th 1786. ^{/ heard the mind of the Lord} In the E. Conference ~~was~~ in the Gemeinrat about the votes of a single brother. James Gill had 07 votes, but it was No; Joseph Stoz had 5 votes, but it was No; Nath. Eggert had 4 votes, but it was NO; Johann Kremser had 1 vote and it was YES.

December 18th 1786. Abraham Henry went with his brother to Lancaster, where his father had died.

December 27th 1786. At 1 o'clock was the funeral of the married sister Rosina Micksch of Gnadenthal. -- To-day the parties in our brethren's house were formed. Here are the PARTIES (Gesellschaften) of the brethren:

1) On the shoemaker's room:

George Mueller,
Franz Seiffert,
Johann Kremser,

2) On the weaving-room:

Michel Jung,
Detlef Delps,
Friedrich Schaefer

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Parties of the single brethren continued:

Heinrich Mueller,
James Gill,
Martin Hirt,
Joseph Stoz. Total: 7.

Nathanael Michler,
Jacob Schulz,
David Peter,
Jesse Walton. Total: 8.

Parties of the boys:

1) Communicants and Candidates:

George Hartmann,
Johannes Myrtetus,
Friedrich Boeckel,
Thomas Horsefield,
Wilhelm Horsefield,
Johann Christ,
Christoph Fertig,
David Dumpler. Total: 8.

2) Received and not received:

John Wright,
John Koelle,
Joseph Erd,
Harry van Vleck,
Christ. Hauser,
Franc. Weiss,
Ludwig Roth, Total: 7.

The boy's parties were held on Br. Kramsch's room and on the boy's room by Br. Kramsch and Matth. Eggert. The first one had this time No. 1 and the latter one had No. 2.

The single brethren's choir consists at the end of the year 1786 of:

Brethren in Nazareth:.....	20 persons,	
Brethren in Christian Spring, Old Nazareth, Schoeneck:.....	42	"
Youths and boys in Nazareth:.....	15	"
In Christian Spring: 1 and in Schoeneck: 2.....	3	"
Boys in Nazareth, Christian Spring, Old Nazareth, Friedensthal	44	"

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February 6th 1787. The brother Gottfried Hennig moved to the choirhouse to work there in the linen-we^aving shop as journeyman. - Br. Schulz moved from the weaving-room to the shoemaker's room.

March 19th 1787. Martin Hirt was taken by Br. Lister for $\frac{1}{4}$ year for work. He shall work in the garden and in the inn.

March 28th 1787. Yesterday and to-day the fence in our garden was changed and extended, because we had received from Br. Worbass some land and together with the empty lots it is a good piece of land.

The following changes have taken place in the single brethren's choir in Christian Spring and Nazareth from August 29th 1786 to August 29th 1787.

1. From us have gone to other congregations and posts: Br. Simon Meyer, who had served in the choir in Nazareth many years as choir-helper. Mich. Jung for serving among the Indians. - Joh. Harke as house-servant in Salem. --- George Weiss for the service of the boys in the school in Bethlehem. --- Detlef Delps, Johann Flex and Jacob Schnall to Bethlehem. Abraham Henry to Lancaster and Kaske to Salem.

2. Into the married choir were transferred, 4 brethren:

Joh. Schaefer and Joseph Demuth for Nazareth. - Joseph Levering for Christian Spring and James Gill for Emmaus.

3. To us have come from other congregations: Samuel Kramsch from Bethlehem as choir-helper for Nazareth. ----- Joh. Oehme as house-servant to Christian Spring. --- Joseph Kaepke, Hans Petersen, G. Bittich and Gottf. Hennig from Europe. --- George Prosky, Joseph Till, Samuel Schulz, Will. Mueller To Bethlehem.

4. Into the choir have been received: 3. Joh. Dav. Wright, Christ. Fertig and George Hartmann.

5. By Baptism has been received into the congregation: 1 brother: Jesse Samuel Walton.

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6. To Holy Communion have been admitted: 3 brethren: James Gill, Jesse Samuel Walton, John David Wright.

The entire choir consists of 66 brethren, of which are living in Christian Spring 41, in Nazareth 20 and in Schoeneck 5. A total of 66 persons. October 12th 1787. Edward Warner from Gnadenhuetten moved to the inn in Nazareth, where he will be used, but he has no permission to the congregation as yet.

October 18th 1787. Br. Kramsch went in certain business to the Weissenburg township on account of a minister Schumacher, who had died.

November 5th 1787. A young man, a cartwright by trade, came from New London in the state of Connecticut and visited Br. Kramsch. He told him, how he by passing through ^{/Salem} had learned to know the brethren, and especially the Br. Benzien, and how it is his anxious desire, to stay with the brethren, and to be more certain of his soul's salvation. Br. Kramsch gave him a letter to Br. Jac. van Vleck, wherewith he went on the 6th to Bethlehem.

November 25th 1787. The brethren G. Mueller, David Peter and H. Mueller went on request of the Minister Ernst, to his church, 10 miles from here, in order to make music for the anniversary sermon of the late lutheran Minister Muehlenberg.

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Diary of the Single brethren in Nazareth of the year 1788.

boarding school here. Br. Huebner began to-day to keep school in the Paedagogium.

The choir consists at the end of the year 1788 without those of Schoeneck and Christian Spring of: 19 brethren, 14 boys and 44 little boys, or a total of 77 persons.

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Diary of the single brethren in Nazareth of the year 1789.

January 19th 1789. The boy David Roth had in his head this morning, on his master's room, Br. Hennig, to play with gunpowder, and by his carelessness the powder with the horn exploded and flew into the air, by which a great accident could have happened. When Br. Hennig scolded him and told him, that he should go to Br. Zeisberger and should tell him his tricks, he, instead of going to Br. Zeisberger, ran away to his father in Emmaus. The father took his son to Br. Huber in Bethlehem and let him learn there the blacksmith's trade, against which we had nothing to say.

January 21st 1789. From Bethlehem came Br. Wilh. Boehler with his son Johannes, 16 years old, who had an injury on his jaw-bone, and the father asked us, that we should take the boy into our house and give him a place and feed him too, because the father wanted to give his son into the cure of a Doctor Ewrit, who was staying in the house of Br. Belling, which we could not deny him. The boy will live with Br. Henning in the weaving, and will get food in the kitchen according as he can stand it.

January 25th 1789. Br. Huebner went with some students of the paedagogium to Bethlehem, and preached there about the gospel of the day.

March 27th 1789. From Lititz came the boy Heinrich Albrecht in order to learn with Br. W. Henry the joiner's trade.

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June 8th 1789. It was revealed to-day, that Georg Hartmann, who for a long time had behaved in such a way, that we were sorry and grieved about it, and that for some time he has had a correspondence, which was not allowed, with the single Rebecca Walton, servant girl at Br. Ljungberg, and was there yesterday during the time of Holy Communion, and had proposed to her, that he would marry her. Several brethren, who knew about it, where called together and very seriously it was spoken to them about it. At this occasion all the things, which had happened last year at Gottlob Jung's shop; and other things, which which were sneaking about in the dark, had been brought to the light.

June 18th 1789. Joseph Till is the author of a lampoon letter to Br. Melch. Christ, which had caused some time ago a great excitement in the congregation in Nazareth. Till is sorry about his former behaviour.

July 9th 1789. In the helper-conference it was agreed to, that Hartmann shall be sent away from here, and Joseph Till shall be put under church-disciplin. But because Hartmann is not free as yet, Br. Eyerle will have to take him away; ^{/ because} but this could not be done immediately, the brethren Huebner and Lister were charged, together with the brethren Stoz and Seifert as members of the Overseer-Committee, to announce to Hartmann, that he should abstain from entering our house, and that he should ask his master for a place to stay. He should also pray to the Lord for forgiveness of all his sins.

July 11th 1789. It was announced to the congregation, that Joseph Till had to be put under church disciplin because he written that letter and had lead ~~given~~ an offensive conduct.

November 22dn 1789. Sunday. Br. Huebner held his first english Sermon about Col. 1, 13 and 14.

To the Paedagogium have been sent: 9. Christian Ludwig Schnepf, Johann Fr. Wollé from St. Thomas, Carl Heinr. von Schweinitz, (Bethlehem), Joh. Palmer from the neighborhood, Jac. Weiss from Gpadenhuetten, Nathaniel Green,

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White Matlak, Johann and Archibald Turner from New York. ----- For wor-
ship have been admitted: 3 boys, Carl Reichel, Samuel Krause and Daniel
Ernst.

Died have: The boy Christian Ludwig Schnepf.

The number of the boys are all in all: 52.

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Diary of the single brethren in Nazareth of the year 1790.

January 6th 1790. In Christian Spring died our old brother Andr. Broksch,

January 7th 1790. Brother Michael Ruch died.

January 10th 1790. In the afternoon was the funeral of Br. Andreas Broksch, who reached an age Of 88 years, and the funeral of Michael Ruch, who was 72 years old,

January 17th 1790. Sunday. Br. ettwein and his daughter with the following single brethren came for a visit: Hoeber, Tierling, Luck, Strohle and Hueter. Of these brethren moved Br. Luck to Christian Spring as cook, and Br. Strohle moved into the paedagogium. The other brethren returned again with Br. Ettwein to Bethlehem, after they had had a welcome's meal, which Br. Ettwein had given them.

January 20th 1790. Br. Hoeber came here to stay, and was in the evening in the quarter-hour by Br. Seiftberger introduced to the choir here as their choir-helper, and was then consecrated to the office and a lovefeast was held. At the same time it was announced, that Br. Huebener (Ludwig†
remain
would ~~be~~ assistant helper in this choir, ~~would be~~ and as Choir-helper he would take care also of the boys and children in the Paedagogium.

January 21st 1790. Br. Huebener moved from the brethren's house into the paedagogium.

February 13th 1790. Br. Michler here and Br. Kremser in Christian Spring
/called
had been/by the direction of the Lord, and the first one should go to Christian Spring as house-servant and the latter one should go to the inn in Nazareth.

March 14th 1790. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock was married the single Bro. Joh. Kremser with the single sister Anna Maria Peischen by Br. Reichel. Br. Horsefield went on a visit to Bethlehem.

March 15th 1790. Some time ago was proposed by Br. Mueller in Lititz a man by name of Ludwig for our saw-mill and house-economy, and we and the E.C. had decided to take him. The E. C. here had written to the E.C.

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caused a sensation, had some time ago applied to the E. C. and had asked, that they should help him to establish himself, and he would like to stick to the Schoeneck congregation. The E. C. let him understand, that his conduct had been against the rules and regulations of the congregation, and then for some years he had had some sick attacks, about which one does not know, whether they will not come back, and therefore they could not meddle with his plans. He then asked, whether they could not send him to another congregation, he would then sell his property, land and house, if he only could have some hope, that they would help him to establish himself. After some consideration, one offered him some plans, which he all denied, and one could see plainly, that he liked his own plan the most. Because Martin Hirt would in the future request the performance of his plan. Br. Hoeber and Br. Lister were commissioned by the E.C., to talk with him and to get a plain explanation from him, and it was put before him again, that he should think it over twice, before he is doing something and probably loose ^(forfeit) his connection with the congregation, and the grace of God. He then declared, that he is intend to help himself and soon he would leave our house. Martin Hirt was then asked by the brethren, to leave the house as soon as possible, for he would not be considered as a member of this congregation nor as an inhabitant of this village.

November 9th 1790. Martin Hirt moved away from us and went to Plainfield, into his house.

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January 27th 1791. Jacob Diemer went from our house in quietness, without notifying anybody, and because for some time already he had not shown a good conduct and no sign of improvement was to be seen, nobody had anything against it, that he went.

February 7th 1791. Br. Schnall in Christian Spring received a call as manager and house-liturgus in Gnadenthal, which he accepted in the faith of the Lord.

March 16th 1791. The engagement of Br. Jöh. Schnall with the single sister Cath. Hasing. They were married on March 27th 1791.

March 22nd 1791. In Christian Spring died the single brother Christoph Hepner.

May 1st 1791. To-day was the funeral of Herman Renatus Reichel.

May 4th 1791. The militia came here together and formed a battalion. For that reason the choir-festival of the single sisters could not be celebrated.

May 26th 1791. In the E.C. in Bethlehem they had asked for Br. Joseph Till for their shoemaker-shop in the brethren's house, which was proposed to him to-day, but he want to think it over. On the 6th of June he went to Bethlehem, in order to work in the brethren's house there.

June 6th 1791. William Mueller at several times had been guilty of an offense conduct, because he had sought acquaintance with a strange servant girl in Old Nazareth. The brethren Zeisberger, Dencke and Hoeber had been asked, to go to that woman and to speak to her in a kind and serious way about this matter, because it has happened so often already. It would be better, if Mueller would leave us or would change his mind. Mueller asked for time to think it over.

June 7th 1791. Mueller came then to Br. Hoeber and asked, that the brethren should have patience with him once more, and that he had made the resolution, to deliver himself to the Lord, and to the Congregation. And his heart seemed to be very soft.

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July 9th 1791. 4 boys, Thom. Otto, Benjamin Kolp, Jacob Rauschenberger from Nazareth, and Joh. Any from Schoeneck, have been received into the Choir.

July 22nd 1791. William Mueller had an attack of colic, which troubled him very much. Because there is no infirmary, he had to move to the little hall, and the morning- and evening-prayers had to be omitted for that reason.

August 1st 1791. Br. Gottl. Braun came back from his visit in Bethlehem, and he brought a letter along from Samuel Bader addressed to Br. David Peter, in which it was said, that he would like to report it to the right place, that he had made up his mind, to go to Philadelphia and not to go back to Nazareth. He did not want to tell it, because he had feared, difficulties might arise, and therefore he had chosen the easier way and had written. The brethren were excited about it, and it will cause great sensation among the boys and especially among the bigger boys, in which room he has been the overseer. One had not expected such an action from him. Although he himself had felt it, that he had not had the right position in his heart. Because we had to fill his place, Br. Reichel went

August 2nd 1791, to Bethlehem to the Helper-Conference, and in the evening he offered to Br. Jos. Schweishaupt in Christian Spring, that he had been approbated by the Lord, to take the place of Samuel Bader by the children in the Hall; and he moved there the next day. ---- The E.C. in Bethlehem had thought for some time, to place our brother Gott. Braun into their wool-spinning, and because we needed a master for our weaving, the E.C. proposed to us Br. Chr. Foerster, who is willing to accept it on his own account.

August 7th 1791. Br. Foerster came to look at the weaving-establishment.

August 8th 1791. Because for several reasons he could not make up his mind, he asked, that it should be put before the Lord for a decision, which was done, and the Lord approbated it.

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August 12th 1791. Br. Chr. Foerster came here to stay and he accepted the weaving on his own account and Br. Gott. Braun went with the waggon to Bethlehem, to stay there.

August 14th 1791. Johan Heckedorf was received into the congregation.

August 29th 1791. To-day is the Jubilee of the choir here. In the morning at 5,30 by the sound of the trumbones from our house was announced with some chorals our jubilee. The same was then done from the steeple of the Hall. At 6,30 we had our festival morning-prayer. We started our choir 50 years ago with 12 single brethren. After we had congratulated each other, we noticed, that a spirit of joy and sympathy was with us, and that we shall have a special blessing on this day. In the 9th hour went the brethren partly on foot and partly on waggon to Christian Spring, where we had a festival homily at 9,30 in the forenoon. Br. Reichel held it. 3 youths, John Christ, Heinrich Albrecht from Nazareth, and John Heckedorf from Christian Spring, had been received into the Choir. Then we had a meeting, in which a historical essay about the first arrangements among the single brethren and about the foundation of our choir, was read. Then we went back to Nazareth, and the brethren from Christian Spring followed us partly by foot and partly by a waggon, and there in the Hall we had our festival lovefeast, which was held at 2 o'clock in the Hall. The single sisters had arranged everything nice in the Hall, while the single brethren were in Christian Spring. The big table was decorated with nice flowers. The daily text was in big letters on a place, where it could be read, and a nice wreath was put around the text. There were exactly 50 flowers, which signified the 50 years of the Choir. Around the wreath were 12 bouquets of red carnations, which should remind of the 12 brethren, who had founded this choir. Above were on all^{/4} corners nice bouquets of nice carnations, roses and other flowers. Also flowers were on the left and right side of the table.

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The single brethren were sitting in the middle of the hall, and behind them the bigger boys, and at the right hand were the guests of the brethren, and before them the boys of the institute and of the village, at the left were sitting the sisters in the same manner, and the girls of the village before them. Everything was arranged in the best order. At 4 o'clock they had Holy Communion, where also the brethren from Christian Spring were present. After that they went home. In the evening at 8 o'clock we had Gemein-hour. There again the sisters had arranged things beautifully with flowers and candles. The music did their share too. When the congregation went home, the trumbone choir was sounding forth the chorals from the steeple, and the single sisters were singing before their house and in that quiet night everything was heard so plainly, and we closed then with a hymn of praise.

October 10th 1791. The boy Benjamin Roth from the paedagogium came to Br. Schmick for probation, to learn there the saddler's trade.

October 16th 1791. The youth Jacob Wootring from Graceham came here, in order to learn by Br. Lister the tailor's trade.

October 19th 1791. Br. Joh. Friedr. Frueauf received a call as Choir-helper of the single brethren to Lititz in the place of Br. George Mueller, who had received a call to Bethlehem for the same service.

October 24th 1791. Br. Benjamin Mortimer from Bedford in England, had received from the U.A.C. a call for the service in the Paedagogium. He arrived after a safe voyage to-day in Nazareth. He was accompanied by Bro. and Sr. Peter from Fulneck with two single sisters, who are appointed for the service in the boardingschool in Bethlehem.

November 23d 1791. The boy Jacob Rauschenberger came to Br. Hoeber on probation, in order to learn there the shoemaker's trade.

November 26th 1791. The boy Chr. Brunner from Christian Spring came to Br. Wm. Henry on probation, to learn there the joiner's trade.

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November 28th 1791. The brother Niels Tilofsen, who lately came from Irland, and arrived after a long and difficult sea-voyage in Bethlehem, came here for a visit. In the evening he held the evening-prayer.

December 5th 1791. The boy Edward Warner, who for some time had been with Br. Belling to learn there the tanner's trade, and who had been before that one year in the inn, came to our house.

The following changes have taken place in our choir in Nazareth.

1. From other congregations have come to us: Thomas Schnall from Bethlehem; Benjamin Mortimer from Bedford in England; Chr. William Lembke from Lititz. All three have come for the service in the Paedagogium. --- Chr. Foerster from Bethlehem; the youth Joh. Christ from Hope; Jacob Wootring from Graceham. Also the Br. Jgs. Schweishaupt from Christian Spring has moved to Nazareth for the service in the Paedagogium.

2. From us have gone to other congregations: The brethren: Joh. Friedrich Frueauf as choir-helper, and Matthaeus Eggert as Choir-servant to Lititz; Jos. Gill and Gott. Braun went both to Bethlehem.

3. In the congregation has been received: The boy Heinrich Kukseker.

4. Youths have been received into the brethren's house: Joh. Christ, Heinrich Albrecht, and Joh. Heckedorn from Christian Spring.

5. From the children's choir have been recieved into the boy's choir: Thomas Otto, Benjamin Roth and Jacob Rauschenberger.

6. Boys have come for the first time to worship: Gott. Reichel, Joseph Giersch, Joseph Rice (Reis?), Franz Dencke, Christian Kern.

7. Boys born: Friedrich David Kern, Johann Kremser, Jacob Ferdinand Beck, in Christian Spring.

8. Died have the boys: Renatus Reichel, Friedrich David Kern.

9. By their own choice have left the congregation: Jacob Diemer, Samuel Bader, and Johannes Myrtetus.

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At the end of the year 1791 consists the single brethren's choir of:

Single brethren:..... 20 persons,

Big boys without the strangers in the Paedagogium:..... 14 "

Boys:..... 53 "

Total number; 87 persons.

3 more than in the year before.

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January 4th 1792. The boy Jacob Rauschenberger got the small pox. He is learning with Br. Hoeber. Since one month several of the children in the village have the small pox. And because we have no infirmary, the children had to be lodged in the little hall. Br. Hoeber is the nurse, and Jacob Wootring is the night nurse and is sleeping with the boys.

January 5th 1792. With sorrow we heard, that William Mueller on the last second Christmas day, had been in an inn, 3 miles away from here, on the Fuolitz(?), and had let him persuade to get acquainted with a notorious (Weibsmensch) woman. He was talked to by Br. Hober and Lister, and in the name of the conference he was advised to move from here.

January 15th 1792. To-day came the boy Andreas Weitzel from Hope, in order to learn the trade of a tin-smith(?) and gun-smith.

January 16th 1792. William Mueller went away from here and moved to Martin Hart. He will often work for Br. Hoeber as journeyman.

January 23d 1792. The boy Jacob Rauschenberger had recovered from the small-pox so far, that he could work again on his profession.

February 3d 1792. Bro. Nathanael Braun from Bethlehem came according to his call as assistant helper of the single brethren^{/boys} and children and at the same time for the service in the paedagogium. Br. David Peter moved to Bethlehem, in order to accept the management in the hatmaker-shop for himself.

February 7th 1792. Among the boys here in the house was^{/planned} in the secret a revolt against the overseers and superiors, which was discovered before it broke out. The instigator is Heinrich Renatus Coelln., which was sent away from the house, and he had to lodge with his master.

February 8th 1792. This matter with the boys, who were to revolt, was taken before the overseer-committee and there it was thoroughly examined and then it was reported to the E.C. Br. Belling was also informed about the instigator and seducer, that he had to be removed from the congrega-

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tion, and he himself had to take care of his future, but because he was not tied by a contract, his father in Lititz will have to find a strange Master for his son.

February 10th 1792. The youth Johann Plattenberger in Schoeneck died. x He was burried on the 12th of February.

February 15th 1792. Br. K̄laus Coelln from Lititz came in order to take his son home .

February 17th 1792. In the evening had Br. Lister the misfortune to fall on the glazed frost, when he was to go to the meeting, and he was injured so much on the left hip, that he had to be carried by 4 brethren in a blanket. We all participated with him, that he had to meet such an accident in his old age, (he is 77 years old). He was recommended to the brethren and sisters for intercession.

February 24th 1792. Br. John Bonn in Christian Spring received a call as choir-servant of the single brethren in Bethlehem, and Br. G. Golkovsky received a call as manager in Br. Bonn's place.

February 28th 1792. To-day we had the farewell lovefeast for Br. Joh. Bonn with the house-congregation in Christian Spring. The entire E.C. was invited and fetched with sleighs. After this was Bro. George Golkovsky introduced as manager and was blessed for his service.

March 8th 1792. In the evening came about 51 Indians and chiefs of the 6 Nations and/were passing through here on their way to Philadelphia. They lodged in the inn over night. The kind reception, which they received here, caused much joy among them, and it was a pleasure for some brethren and sisters here, who had never before seen Indians. Their behaviour was quiet and kind.

March 9th 1792. The Indians were lead around in the village and then they were taken to the little hall, where apples, pipes and tobacco and other articles were distributed among them. After that they went to the big Hall,

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where some musical pieces and melodies were played for them. They listened with great attention and stillness. Their Missionary Mr. Kerkland was with them as their guide. He let some of the believers sing some Indian hymns, which he had taught them. A 70 years old chief stood up and gave a talk to all, who were present, and he thanked for the kind and warm reception, which they received here, and he further told, that they will tell it their brethren, women and children. Then he told also, that in this place is a good spirit and that one can feel the God, who has redeemed the whole world. Then he went around and shook hands with all the children, and the others followed his example and did the same. This old chief, who is called Gus Pitter, has the testimony from his missionary, that he is a true child of God and is honoured/^{loved} and respected by the entire nation. On their way back from the Hall, the trumbones from our house were heard, and the Indians heard it with amazement and astonishment. At 1 o'clock they were taken in sledges to Bethlehem.

April 18th 1792. The negro-brother Peter from Bethlehem was engaged with the negro-sister Maria.

May 8th 1792. Br. Thomas Horsefield came accompanied by Br. George Mueller for the service in the paedagogium, after which Br. Wilhelm Lembke, whom he had relieved, went from here to Graceham, in order to start a store there.

May 12th 1792. Those, who had had the small pox in December of last year assembled for a thanksgiving lovefeast. Present were 4 boys, 35 little boys, 18 little girls and 40 children from Schoeneck, or a total of 97. Two little girls had died with the small pox.

June 9th 1792. Br. Reichel went on request to Chestnuthill over the Blue Mountains, in order to preach there.

July 15th 1792. In the evening in the Gemein-hour was the single brother Jacob Wootring received into the congregation.

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July 20th 1792. Br. David Dimpler travelled to Hope, because he had heard the sad news, that his cousin has had the accident to capsize in a boat on the Delaware river and to drown. --- In the afternoon our new stable was raised and the rafters were put up, which was done without any harm, and we were thankful to the Lord for his kind protection.

July 23d 1792. Br. Wootring had to go for some time in the kitchen, to assist Br. Hennig, who had a wound on his finger, and it turned so bad, that his entire arm began to swell and therefore he was unable to do any work in the kitchen.

August 6th 1792. Br. Franz Seifert was troubled with such awful pains of the gout, that he had to lie in bed and for some days he had to use the crutches.

August 7th 1792. The boy Benjamin Roth ran away from his master, Br. Schmidt and went to his mother in Bethlehem, but from there he was sent back, because he had spread so many untruths. He had to apologize before his master and had to revoke the untruths by writing.

August 8th 1792. a letter from Br. Hoeber arrived, which he had written in Lititz, and in which he told the touching story, that Brother Joh. Ludwig Strohle on the Lancaster road, 4 miles from Lititz, had the misfortune, to fall from the horse when it was running away with him. He had fallen on his head, but had no hole in it. One had tried to put him on a waggon and to take him to Lititz, but one came only $\frac{1}{2}$ mile far. He was so weak, that one did fear his end would be near. We had to leave him in a farmer's house. The next day he was taken on a stretcher, carried by two horses and taken to Lititz. His recovery was doubtful according to the Doctor's, Br. Damhart, words. He is very careful and he believes, that some bloodvessels in the head have been burst, which will be seen in a few days.

August 16th 1792. Br. Hoeber returned again from his visit in Lititz, and

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brought the pleasant news along, that Br. Strohle is in the best hope of recovery, and the Doctor, Br. Dumhart, believes, that no unfavourable consequences will be noticed. --- In the afternoon went Br. Hoeber to Christian Spring, in order to propose to Br. Joh. Fuehrer to go to the kitchen during Br. Hennig's sickness, which he accepted for a trial.

August 26th 1792. Br. Reichel went over the Blue Mountains to preach.

August 28th 1792. The boy Ludwig Giering from Emmaus came to Nazareth to Br. Jacob Christ on probation, in order to learn the Hatmaker's trade.

August 30th 1792. The boy Thomas Otto from Nazareth went to Bethlehem, to learn there in the store the trade.

October 8th 1792. The boy Jacob Rauschenberger was joined to Br. Hoeber by contract by his father, in order to learn the shoemaker's trade.

October 11th 1792. The boy Friedrich Kunkler was sent to Bethlehem, where he shall learn the trade of a stocking-weaver.

October 31st 1792. Br. Joh. Steiner from Schoeneck was engaged with the single sister Giering. ---

November 27th 1792. Br. Joh. Steiner from Schoeneck was married in Emmaus with the single sister Giering in Emmaus.

December 7th 1792. We received the touching news, that Br. Joseph in the U.A.C. had died in September 18th. This was announced towards evening to the congregation by the sound of the trumbones. In the meeting we thanked the Lord for this faithful servant and for his great work, which he has done in the entire Brethren's Unity.

December 10th 1792. Gottlieb Staube, who had been dismissed some time ago in Salem and since that time had been in Philadelphia, came here with a recommendation of the E.C. in Bethlehem, and with the request, to accept him again, because in the world he could not get on with his heart. The E.C. resolved to allow the man to stay here under the condition that he observes punctually the rules and regulations of our congregation, which

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he also promised to do. Br. W. Henry was then asked to take Staube into his workshop and to give him work. Staube went then to Philadelphia in order to put his things in order.

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The following changes have taken place in the year 1792.

1. From other congregations have come to us: Br. Nath. Braun as assistant helper of the single brethren, boys and children and for the service in the paedagogium. Br. Thomas Horsefield for the service in the Paedagogium. Both of them are from Bethlehem. The two boys Ludwig Giering from Emmaus and Andreas Weitzel from Hope.
 2. To other congregations have been transferred: The brethren David Peter to Bethlehem. -- Chr. Wilhelm Lembke to Graceham. -- The youth Heinrich Albrecht to Lititz. -- Joh. David Damphler to Hope. -- The two boys Thom. Otto and Friedr. Kunkler to Bethlehem.
 3. Received into the congregation have been: The single brother Jacob Wootring, and the five big boys: Andreas Weitzel, Jacob Rauschenberger, Edward Warner, Ludwig David von Schweinitz, and Joh. Friedr. Danke.
 4. From the youth's choir have been transferred to the brethren's choir: Joh. Ludwig Roth, Joh. von Erd, and Christ. Ernst.
 5. From the children's choir have been transferred to the boy's choir: Christian Friedrich Beutel, - Johannes Friedrich Danke, - Daniel Ernst, - Jacob Christ, - Johannes Friedrich Kunkler, - Ludwig David von Schweinitz.
 6. Married have been: The negro-brother Petrus Titus from Bethlehem with the negro-sister Maria from here, for Gnadenthal.
 7. From the congregation have been dismissed: The single Wilson Mueller and the youth Heindr. Renatus Coelln.
- At the end of the year the choir consists of: 20 single brethren, 15 youth and boys. A total of 35 persons, 1 more than in the year before.

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February 8th 1793. Bro. Hoeber had to talk to Gottl. Staube, commissioned by the E. C. Staube, who was working by William Henry, and who also had his board there, had made several bad impressions upon others with his bad behaviour. It was told to him, that when he would not submit to our rules and regulations, he better should leave us. As he could not decide immediately, it was left to him, to give his answer to Br. Hoeber later.

February 14th 1793. Br. Hoeber asked Gottlieb Staude, who had not slept in the house, to come to him, in order to hear from him, how he had decided. Staude decided rather to leave and go somewhere else, when the weather is permitting it. Nobody had anything against this.

February 16th 1793. The children from the Hall went to Bethlehem on sledges.

April 2nd 1793. Bro. Gottfried Hennig, who had recovered from his sickness moved to Christian Spring, where he intends to live. There he will be overseer in the new arranged boy's room. Br. Friedr. Rauschenberger from Hope brought his two sons (twins) Johann and Michael to Christian Spring to stay there.

April 7th 1793. The boy Jos. Stansbury from the Hall went to his parents in Philadelphia.

May 13th 1793. On account of being sick, Br. Foerster, because we have no sick-room, had to move to the little hall, and the choir-meetings had to be held in Br. Hoeber's room.

June 3d 1793. Br. Christoph Reich from Salem in Carolina passed through here on a visit in Pennsylvania.

June 9th 1793. Br. Nils Tillofsen, who was laborer in Schoeneck until now, received a call to Nazareth as Gemein-Diener, in the place of Br. Denke, and accepted it.

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July 27th 1793. In Schoeneck they had come so far with the building of the Gemein-Saal, that they could put up the frame, at which also many Brethren from our house were helping.

August 19th 1793. We received the news, that the long expected company of 7 single brethren from Europe, had landed safely in Philadelphia on August 14th.

August 21st 1793. The brethren Chr. Foerster, Thomas Schnall from here and Jacob Luch from Christian Spring had been accepted as new members of the S. P. G. -To-day they had their annual meeting of the same Society in Bethlehem.

September 3d 1793. The brethren Zeisberger and Reichel went to Bethlehem to the E.C. Br. Hoeber went there also in the hope, to get one of the new arrived brethren one for our kitchen and house-economy. The new brethren had arrived in Bethlehem on August 21st. and had visited here and in the other places on the 25th.- We received Bro. Joh. Heinr. Gottfried Heine from Ebersdorf, and in the evening came with Br. Hoeber from Bethlehem Br. Chr. Heinse from Christiansfeld, who will be placed as house-servant to Christian Spring. - From Lititz came Br. Adolph Lichtenthaeler

September 9th 1793. Br. John Fuehrer, who had been manager of our kitchen for 13 months, moved to Christian Spring and received his former business.

September 15th 1793. The boy Chr. Friedr. Denke went to Christian Spring to live there.

November 12th 1793. We had the pleasure to see our new Organ from Lititz arriving. Br. Tanneberger, who had built it, came with his son-in-law Bachmann, in order to put it up.

December 8th 1793. Because our new organ one is so far, that it can be played, and therefore the boy Jacob Rauschenberger was appointed as bellows-blower.

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December 18th 1793. Jacob Woodring from here was discharged, after he had released his brother by writing from his guardianship. He had forfeited his privilege as a member of our congregation, and we were glad, to get rid of him.

December 26th 1793. The boy Heinrich Rixeker ran away from here quietly, because it was made public, that he had a not allowed connection with a big girl, and after the Christmas-vigil with her on the "Place" by Myrtetus he was impudent to her, and by her father he had been addressed in a conspicuous and threatening manner. One had reason to suppose, that he would not take his refuge to his parents but to his friends in Graceham, and therefore it was resolved, him as a bound apprentice to Br. Jos. Stoz, to send him there. Br. Stoz went after him and because he could not find any trace of the boy as far as to Allentown, on the 27th of December, he returned from there without success on the 28th of December. Later Br. Hoeber and Lister were sent to Hope, to the parents of the boy, to see whether the boy would be there. And he was found with his parents. The boy had gone there under the pretext, that he wanted to visit his parents. The true facts were then told to the parents, and they were not little astonished to hear the true story of the boy's behaviour. The boy confessed then everything, and with tears he asked for pardon; the parents did the same, and the boy was permitted to go back on probation. Br. Hoeber returned from there on the 30th.

Memorabiliae of the year 1793.

The following changes have occurred in the year 1793.

1. From other congregations have come to us:

Gottfried Sebastian Oppelt from Herrnhut for the service in the paedagogium; Joh. Heinr. Gottfried Heine from Ebersdorf. --- Joh. Schnell and Philip Ronke(?) from Lititz.

2. From here have been transferred to other congregations:

Joh. Ludwig Strohle as choir-helper of the single brethren in Lititz.

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The boy William Hasse to Bethlehem.

3. Received into the congregation have been: The boy Ludwig Giering.

4. Admitted to Holy Communion have been: The boys Jacob Rauschenberger,
? Ludwig David von Schweinitz, and Christian Friedrich Donke. (Danke).

5. From Nazareth have been transferred to Christian Spring:

The 3 brethren: Joh. Fuehrer, Gottf. Hennig, and Benjamin Anders. - The
4 boys: Joh. Jac. Christ, Chr. Friedr. Danke, Fried. Beutel, Joh. Dea-
ling.

6. From the children's choir have been received into the boy's choir:

Joh. Jac. Christ and Johann dealing.

There have been born:

Christian Belling, Johannes Christian Miksch.

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Joh. Seifert, Christian Belling.

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Diary of the Single brethren in Nazareth of the year 1794.

January 1st 1794. The boy Heinrich Rixeker came back from Hope, and was accepted on probation, after he had asked / his master pardon for his running away and otherwise bad behaviour.

January 16th and 17th 1794. The children from the Hall went by sledge to Bethlehem.

January 18th 1794. The boy William Hasse went to Bethlehem, to stay there, because his master Br. William Henry could not keep him any longer.

June 2nd 1794. Gottlieb Staube, who had gone away last year, came back and showed repentance about all, what he had done, when he was here. He asked to be received as a member of the congregation in Schoeneck, but according to the decision of the E. C. he was advised, to go to another country- or town-congregation, and he was also advised to go first to Salem, and to get reconciled there, from where he was discharged, before one could bother with him. One had reason for this, because it had been remarked, that impure intentions were on the bottom of this.

July 28th 1794. There was a gathering of all the masters and house-fathers concerning the improvement of the streets.

August 4th 1794. We had the grief, that Ludwig Roth, whose apprenticeship by his master Br. Jacob Eyerle had been finished and who had reached his 21st years, left our congregation according to his own choice and which was caused by greediness and the desire to get rich. All presentations to stop him, did not help, and he went 60 miles on the other side of Wilksbury to a place, where a new french town should be founded, which plan he had made long ago with a man from there.

November 22nd 1794. An unpleasant dispute between Sister Moehring and Br. Foerster was settled. It was about a piece of cloth, which should have been woven by a different yarn. The over-seer committee did choose two wevers, which had to examined the cloth, and it was found, that Sister Moehring had done wrong to Br. Foerster. Br. Hoeber had advised the

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husband of Sister Moehring, to settle the matter amicably, but the wife of Br. Moehring tried to entangle Br. Hoeber also in this affair, and therefore Br. Hoeber had the opportunity to give Sister Moehring for her unbecoming conduct towards Br. Foerster a severe reprimant.

November 23d 1794. When Bro. Hoeber and Br. Mortimer went to Lower Smithfield to preach there, Br. Mortimer on the way home, had the misfortune, to fall from the horse and to break his right arm near the hand. His horse got shy, when he was riding over a Ressgraben (ditch?), where the bridge was formed by boards, which were laid over the water. The horse went too far on the one side, by which the one board tilted over and therefore the horse got frightened and Br. Mortimer was thrown off and fell with the head between a heap of pined stones, where he could have lost his life immediately.

Memorabiliae of the Single brethren's choir of the year 1794.

1. From other congregations came to us: Christian Hauser from Hope, and Christ. Heinrich Mueller from Bethlehem.

2. Transferred to other congregations:

Br. Thomas Horsefield to Philadelphia for the continuation of his medical studies. The boys William Hasse and Johannes Beutel to Bethlehem. Christian Hauser to Hope.

3. Received into the congregation: 6 boys.

Joh. Jac. Christ, Benjamin Roth, Christian David Sensemann, Carl Heinrich von Schweinitz, Friedrich Miksch and Christian Hornig.

4. Youths received into the brethren's choir: Christian Denke and Heinrich Rixeker.

5. Received into the boy's choir: 8 little boys:

Christian David Sensemann, Christian Hornig, Johannes Jacob Schmidt, Johannes Jacob Kummer, Carl Heinrich von Schweinitz, Friedrich Miksch, Samuel Krause, Johannes Beutel.

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6. Married have been: Br. William Horsefield with the single sister Rebecca Weiss.

7. There have been born:

Johann Eyerly, Johannes Bollinger, William Henry.

To Worship have come: 5 boys.

Samuel Rudolph Reichel, Albrecht Reinke, Jacob Schmidt, Jacob Wolle, Johann Samuel Haman.

The congregation has left by own choice: Ludwig Roth.

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Diary of the single Brethren in Nazareth of the year 1795.

January 20th 1795. Br. Hoeber had to talk with a few young people seriously on account of night-revelling, and they promised to do better.

January 25th 1795. The boy Jacob Weiss returned to his parents in Ford Ellen.

February 12th 1795. Br. Mortimer went over the Blue Mountains to visit Mr. Fulton, who was very sick, on his own request. He returned again on the 16th of February.

February 19th 1795. We celebrated Thanksgiving- and Prayer-Day, which had been appointed by the President of the United States.

February 22nd 1795. We had Gemein-day. In the evening 2 boys, Joh. Jac. Schmidt and Joh. Jacob Kummer were received into the congregation.

February 23d 1795. We received the news, that Mr. Joh. Fulton, in which house, some time ago had been preached, had died. The request was sent that some brethren should hold the funeral. Therefore the brethren Hoeber and Br. Mortimer went on the 24th on the sledge to Mr. Fulton's place. On the 25th was the funeral. To many people was preached in the German and English language. On the 26th the brethren returned from there. It was very cold and deep snow, and the brethren were glad, when they were home again.

March 30th 1795 The married brother Chr. Miksch in Christian Spring moved to Nazareth to live there. Our number in our house has increased by the apprentice of Br. Miksch, Joh. Steinman, who will live in our house and will get his noon-meals as well.

May 4th 1795. Br. Christian Foerster, who for some time had suffered with a hectic cough and who is getting worse, had to lay down his office as manager of the weaving and had to retire for the time being. On the 15th he made his testament and put everything in order, because he was convinced, that only a few days more he would be living. Because we had no sick room, we arranged the little Hall for him. But he was always on

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his legs until noon of the 18th, then he had to lie in bed, and on the 19th one could see, that he was about to depart. He was glad, that the Lord would soon take him home. He was full of expectation, so that he scarcely could wait. At 12 o'clock he was still eating dinner, and he was conscious to the last minute. Half an hour after 12 he departed quietly. He reached an age of 48 years, 7 months and 18 days.

May 21st 1795. To-day was the funeral of the late Bro. Christian Foerster.

May 25th 1795. The second festival day of Pentecost. In Mount Bethel, 8 miles from here, a church was dedicated and Br. Reichel, who had been invited, held the sermon there. Several other brethren went there too. Br. Heinrich Mueller accepted the management of the weaving on his own account.

May 26th 1795. The brethren Hoeber and Seyfried were appointed as executors of the inheritance of the late Bro. Christ. Foerster.

June 21st 1795. The boy Philip Seyfried of Schoeneck was received into the congregation.

July 1st 1795. In the evening at 9 o'clock died suddenly our dear Brother Franz Seyfert with apoplexy. In the afternoon he had gone still for a walk and had eaten with a good appetite his supper. Because he was such hot weather we could not keep him long and therefore we buried him on the 3d in the evening at 5 o'clock. After the funeral had the entire choir a lovefeast, which Br. Seyfert had put down in his testament. His death touched us very much. He had such a good heart and loved his Saviour. For many years he had been the manager of the weaving for the Choir-Diacony and he was very faithful in his work. On account of his weak lungs he had to retire from his work and he lived for over 8 years from his own property. In his testament he had intended his property to give to the Choir-Diacony.

July 10th 1795. Br. Benjamin Mortimer was elected a member of the Over-

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seer committee in the place of the late Br. Christian Foerster, and had been also approbated by the Lord.

July 11th 1795. A single young man by name of Heinrich Alfeis, who had been recommended to Bethlehem by Br. Meder in Philadelphia and had the desire, to live in the congregation of the brethren, and who is by trade a baker and weaver. Weaving did not agree with his health and for a baker there was no work, therefore he had been recommended to Nazareth. But also here we had no work for a baker. But one had doubts about the purity of his heart. However one did want to try him. Therefore daywork in the garden was assigned to him, but soon one did find out that he was troubled with laziness. The next day he went with the pretext, that he wanted to get his things, away, and never came back, for which we were glad.

July 27th 1795. Br. Joh. Schnell went to Lititz to live there.

August 8th 1795. The boy Christian David Sensemann came to Br. W. Horsefield, there to learn the trade. The same day he brought his things from the Hall to our house.

August 10th 1795. Br. Hoeber got sick and the next day it showed, that he had the bloody flux, which sickness several had here in the village. He was attacked by it severely.

August 11th 1795. In Christian Spring died the old single brother Nicolaus Funk, and was buried on the 13th. -- Br. Hoeber's sickness had improved, but on the 19th he had a bad throat and inflammation in the abdomen. In the evening he got so weak, that one did doubt, whether he would get up again. Two brethren had to watch at his bedside. The next morning Bro. Otto found it necessary to fetch by an express messenger Doctor Freitag from Bethlehem, who also came at noon. Br. Hoeber's sickness was declared to be on the highest climax, but one had some hope for his improvement.

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August 21st 1795. Most of the members of the S. P. G. went to Bethlehem for the annual meeting. Br. Braun and Bro. Otto remained with Br. Hoeber for his nursing.

August 22nd 1795. Br. Hoeber's sickness was broken and one believed, that he is now without danger, and he begins to improve.

August 27th 1795. Br. Hoeber tried by the warm weather to walk around in the garden for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour.

August 28th 1795. Br. Hoeber, who had improved considerably, but who was still too weak to go along to Christian Spring, concluded the Choir's year in his room with Br. Lister.

August 29th 1795. To-day on the Choir-festival the following youths had been received into the choir of the single brethren: Edward Werner, Christian Brunner, Johannes Knaus, Abraham Clewell, Johannes Demuth, Thomas Wies. The latter one is no member, and he does not intend to stay here, yet he was added to the choir.

September 1st 1795. In the evening came Br. Heller, who had come from St. Thomas for recovery of his health and for retirement. He had served /for many years
in the Mission in St. Thomas and before that in Suriname, with faithfulness and for the blessing of many. He came here for a visit.

September 4th 1795. Br. Hoeber and Br. Heller went together to Gnadenthal and stayed over night in Christian Spring, and the next morning they returned from there very weak.

September 5th 1795. Because so often they had wished to remedy the lack of a real dwelling-room for brethren, it was resolved, that Br. Mueller, who uses only one weaver's loom, should take the joiner's shop from Gottlieb Jung, which had been empty for almost 7 years, and use it for his weaving. And the former weaving-room, which comprises the one half of the lower floor of the south-side, which has a partition in the middle, and of which the one half can serve Br. Lister as tailor's room, and the other

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half serves as Warden's room, and can be used for visiting brethren, who want to lodge here, and can serve also in want of a servant's room. Br. Lister's room could be used for a dwelling-room for brethren. These changes were begun the next day.

September 9th 1795. 5 young brethren moved to Br. Lister's former room, which shall in the future be used as dwelling-room for brethren. But we needed an overseer. Br. Hoeber, who is living on the other side, will, when things are going on too badly, he will have to look to the right and turn in.

September 14th 1795. The boy Benjamin Roth, who had since been an apprentice at Br. Jacob Schmidt, but who did not want to stay any longer there, moved to-day to Bethlehem to live there and to finish learning his trade by Br. Lange.

September 24th 1795. Br. Thom. Schnall received the call to Heidelberg, to keep school there, and at first he should go there alone on trial.

October 11th 1795. Br. Thom. Schnall left to-day for Heidelberg and went over Lititz there.

October 12th 1795. The boy W. Corny from Christian Spring came to Br. Miksch, there to learn the trade of a black-smith.

October 20th 1795. Br. Hoeber received the boy Joh. Danke, to learn the shoemaker's trade.

October 29th 1795. The brother Balthesar Vogeritz from Bethlehem came/in /for the service in the paedagogium the mean time in the place of Br. Thom. Schnall.

November 17th 1795. We received the pleasant news, that the bro. and Sister Schaf with their company of 9 single brethren had safely arrived in Philadelphia on their voyage from Europe, and that the two brethren And. Benade and David Moritz ~~Heilich~~ *Michael* had been appointed for the service in the paedagogium.

November 22nd 1795. Br. Hoeber went to Bethlehem on a visit and to wel-

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come the German brethren. In the evening some of them came for a visit to Nazareth, the others stayed in Christian Spring over night. The next day Br. Hoeber went with them around in the village and in the other places.

November 29th 1795. The two boys, Johannes Clewell and Gottfried Belling had been received into the congregation.

December 1st 1795. In the evening came with Bro. Zeisberger and Br. Reichel, who had gone to Bethlehem, from there the two brethren And. Benade and David Moritz Michael for the paedagogium. At the same time we received the news, that the brother Joh. Gottfried Fietsch, one of the same company, has been appointed for our kitchen and house-economy, for which purpose he arrived the next day here.

December 3d 1795. Br. Hoeber had received from the Helper-conference for the whole, the order, to assist Br. W. Lister in his old age in the Warden's business in everything, and was recommended to the brethren for prayer.

December 4th 1795. Br. Pietsch accepted the work in the kitchen and in the house-economy, and was introduced to it. Br. J. G. Heine was then according to his repeated desire dismissed, and now he can go to Lititz, and can see, whether he will find there, what he had wished to see.

December 6th 1795. Br. Heine travelled to Lititz and with him also Philip Ranke, who had finished his apprentice-ship with Br. Hoeber. He is going first to his parents there.

December 10th 1795. The single brother Christoph Lobach, who had come with the company from Europe and who is assigned for Salem, will stay in Christian Spring in the mean time until an opportunity for Salem will be. He attended Holy Communion as candidate.

December 13th 1795. Br. Ettwein came with Bro. and Sister Schaf, who had lately come from Europe, and who shall be appointed for Schoeneck and in-

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ad interim, was Brother Schaf in the afternoon by Br. Ettwein ordained as a Diacon of the Brethren's church, in the presence of the Schoeneck's brethren and sisters, and was also introduced to them. - Bro. and Sister Reizenbach came to Bethlehem for rest.

December 14th 1795. Br. David Moritz Michael had brought along his own brother Chr. Samuel, who does not belong to us, but who had had in Europe much intercourse with the brethren in Barby and Gnadau, and now he wishes, because he knows nothing else but music, to learn a trade in the congregation. Because he has a good character, Br. Henry with the permission of the E. C. took him for 2 years as apprentice, and he will board with Brother Heinrich Mueller and will sleep there too,

The following changes have been made in the choir of the
Single brethren.

1. From other congregations have come to us: 3 brethren.

Andreas Benade and David Moritz Michael from Niesky, Germany. Johann Gottfried Pietsch from Herrnhut.

2. To other congregations have been transferred: 4 brethren and 2 boys.

Thomas Schnall as teacher to Heidelberg. -- Joh. Schnell, Gottfried Heine and Philip Ranke to Lititz. --- The boys Benjamin Roth and Christian Hornig to Bethlehem.

3. Into the congregation have been received: 4 boys.

Joh. Jacob Schmidt, Joh. Jacob Kummer, Johannes Clewell, Gottfried Belling.

4. Admitted to Holy Communion: 3 boys.

Joh. Jacob Schmidt, Joh. Jacob Kummer, and Chr. David Sensemann.

5. Into the brethren's choir have been received: 3 youths.

Edward Warner, Christian Brunner, and Ludwig Giering.

6. Into the boy's choir have been received: 5 little boys.

Johannes Clewell, Johannes Danke, Gottfried Belling, Carl Friedrich Reichel, Johannes Schneider.

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7. Married have been:

Christian Heinrich Mueller with the single Sister Jacobine Christ.

8. Boys have come to worship: 3.

Christian David Busse, Joseph Clewell and Ludwig Gist.

9. There have been born:

Daniel Schmick,Miksch, Noth's son.

10. Died have: 2 brethren and 4 boys.

Christian Foerster, Franz Seyfert; the boys: Jacob Schmick, Heinrich

Daniel Schmick, Miksch Noth's son, Miksch Christian's son.

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January 10th 1796. The boy John Dealing, who had been put into the kitchen to Br. Pietsch on probation, had through disobedience, refractoriness, especially offended the overseers, so that one^{/ was} obliged on account of his stubbornness, for the example of others, to send him back to his mother and to forbid him to stay here.

January 24th 1796. In the evening in the meeting the boy Carl Friedrich Reichel was received into the congregation.

January 27th 1796. On account of the cold weather the choir-meeting had to be omitted.

February 9th 1796. A shoemaker by name of Mueller came here, who had come into this country 4 weeks ago, and now he came to Br. Hoeber and asked for work. He pretended, that he was looking for such people, as we are. And he wished to get more acquainted with us. Br. Hoeber gave him work, but he was put on a place near Schoeneck, until Br. Hoeber learns to know him better. The man had been recommended by his brother, whom Br. Hoeber knows, and who had been teacher in Plainfield.

February 10th 1796. Br. Christoph Lobach, who had been in Christian Spring since November, travelled according to his appointment with the Carolina waggon to Salem.

February 13th 1796. Br. Hoeber got sick again and he had to let bring his bed to the room.

February 16th 1796. All the brethren of the helper-conference for the whole assembled here for a conference. The brethren Ettwein and von Schweinitz stayed here until the 17th, then they went to Christian Spring and made there the necessary arrangements for the future changes in the economy.

February 18th 1796. It showed that Br. Hoeber had the measles, after he had been sick for some days and now has to stay in bed altogether. Some time ago he had gone to a place, where somebody was sick with the meas-

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measles, and Br. Hoeber did not know, whether he ever had had them.

February 19th 1796. It was announced the resolution of the helper-conference for the whole regarding the future change in Christian Spring, which consists in abolishing the single brethren's economy according to the direction of the Lord. At first a trial shall be made. The two brethren George Kaske and Jacob Luch shall receive each 100 acres. Br. Matth. Schulz shall be appointed for the economy, and Br. Paul Miksch as warden, house-father and house-liturgicus, and he shall also be manager of the other part of the plantation, as he did before. Some other single brethren will receive their appointment later. Also some brethren, who are unable to work, will stay there in Christian Spring to take their ease. They will be served by the Nazareth Choir-laborers.

March 25th 1796. Good-Friday. Br. Hoeber got sick again and had attacks of fever and had to lie in bed.

March 29th 1796. The old single brother Heinrich Loether from Christian Spring moved to Nazareth into the choir-house and received the room of the late Br. Franz Seyfert, to live there, and he will work on his trade with Br. Hoeber, and during his absence, he will have the inspection in the shop.

March 31st 1796. The two single brethren from Christian Spring, Br. Joh. Kaske with the widowed sister Schulz, and the single Brother Matth. Schulz with the single sister Rachel Frevel were engaged.

April 3d 1796. To-day was the wedding of the brethren Joh. Kaske with the widowed Sister Schulz, and Matth. Schulz with the single sister Rachel Frevel.

April 9th 1796. Br. Benade held in the Moorstownship church a funeral.

April 10th 1796. Br. Hoeber went out for a walk after his sickness.

April 18th 1796. The two boys Joh. Jac. Schmidt and Joh. Jac. Kummer left the paedagogium and the first one went to Br. Hoeber to learn the shoe-

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maker's trade, and the latter one went for the time being to Br. Lister to learn there the tailor's trade.

April 20th 1796. Br. Hoeber spoke to the single brethren in Christian Spring. Some of them could not find their way in the new arrangement.

April 25th 1796. The doctors had advised Br. Hoeber for his recreation a health-journey, and therefore he travelled to-day for a visit to Lititz via Bethel and Hebron. Br. Braun took care of the choir-meetings during Br. Hoeber's absence.

May 12th 1796. Br. Hoeber returned from his visit in Lititz, Bethel, Hebron, Lancaster and Emmaus. He had recovered nicely, and he hoped, that he had reached the purpose of his travelling.

June 29th 1796. It has to be remarked, that last week David Roth, junior, had come from Bethlehem to Christian Spring and has accepted the smithy for one year.

July 11th 1796. Br. Peter Christ took his son Jacob, who had lived for 2 years in Christian Spring, to Br. Franz Thomas in Bethlehem, where he shall learn the joiner's trade.

July 27th 1796. We received the glad news, that Bro. and Sister Cunow together with their travelling-company had safely arrived in Philadelphia. Among the brethren are 2 single brethren, one of them is a tailor by name of Joh. Christ. Ebbecke from Niesky and is appointed for the choir-house in Nazareth.

August 18th 1796. There was Gemeinrat (council of the congregation), in which among other things was mentioned the necessity of building a new brethren's house.

September 10th 1796. Br. Lister delivered the tailor's shop to Br. Ebbecke, but for his pastime, Br. Lister can still work in the tailor's shop. Because the room is so small and for other inconveniences, Br. Lister had wished to get back his former room, which was granted to him and the change

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change was made to-day, and Br. Lister moved again into his old room opposite of Br. Hoeber. -- Br. Joseph Schweishaupt, who had been 5 years in the Paedagogium in the service among the children, moved into the Brethren's house and he will work as tailor by Br. Ebbecke. -- In the afternoon Br. Hoeber accompanied Br. And. Benade to behind the Blue Mountain, where he had to preach, and they returned the next day.

October 3d 1796. Because we were in perplexity with our little agriculture regarding the tilling at the right time, we came to the conclusion, because Br. Kepke was willing to do the agricultural work, to buy a horse and to put it together with Br. Kremser's horse and to use his plough, and to work our land at the right time ourselves. In order that the horse may not stand idle, we made the request for a cart, and we will lent it out for riding, by which it would pay for it.

November 5th 1796. The boy Joh. Carny, who was with Br. Pietsch in the kitchen, went to Bethlehem, in order to learn there by Br. Paulus the shoemaker's trade.

November 15th 1796. Br. Levering's apprentice, Andreas Weitzel, ran away secretly to his father in Hope, who brought him back to his master, because he demanded it.

December 1st 1796. David Roth from Christian Spring had to be discharged on account of illicit ^uacquaintance with a strange maid in Gnadenhal.

December 12th 1796. Br. Joseph Stoz went on a visit to Lititz and on the 20th he was married with the single sister Juliana Eignbrod.

December 24th 1796. Heinrich Mueller from Christian Spring, who had in his drunkenness twice forfeited the chance to live in the congregation, had in the Nazareth inn in the week after Christmas been so much licentious, that he had to be discharged on the 28th of this month.

December 31st 1796. During the past year the following changes had been made in this year:

1. To us have come: Joh. Chr. Ebbecke from Niesky. - Heinrich Luether and Joachim Kepke from Christian Spring.

Heinrich Chr. Risecker to Hope.- Jacob Herman. - Martinus Rohleder.- Joh-
Hofman to Bethlehem. All three are from Christian Spring. -- Heinrich
Walther and Joh. Fuehrer to Lititz. --- The boys Jacob Christ, Johann
and Michael Rauschenberger from Christian Spring to Bethlehem.-- Johannes
Carny from here to Bethlehem.

2. Received into the congregation are: Carl Friedrich Reichel, William Carney, Johannes Danke, Samuel Krause, Johannes Ettwein, and Joh. Schneider.

4. Admitted to Holy Communion have been: Carl Heinrich von Schweinitz,
Carl Friedrich Reichel, Friedrich Mueksch, and Johannes Clewell.

5. Received into the boy's choir have been: Johannes Ettwein and Ludwig Cist.

6. Married have been: The brethren Paul Miksch, Johannes Kaske, Matthaeus Schulz, Jacob Luch, Friedrich Balthasar Vogenitz, Jacob Hanke, all from Christian Spring; Johannes Stoz from here.

D. Died have: Christian Matthiesen, Philip Jac. Hoeger in ChristianSpring.

8. Discharged have been: David Roth and Heinrich Mueller from Christian Spring.

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January 2nd 1797. Br. Hoeber went with 3 apprentices and also with Br. Braun and Benade with their room's children by sledge for a visit to Bethlehem.

January 4th 1797. Four of our young brethren, who to our grief, were guilty of fanatical debauches by driving in a sledge on New Year's day, so that it was even an offence to the world. All the brethren of the Over-seer committee had spoken to the brethren one by one, and in the evening at 7 o'clock those brethren had assembled in Br. Lister's room and at that opportunity very seriously was talked to them. They were all dejected and they promised, that it should not happen again.

January 18th 1797. The brethren Hoeber and Braun together with some other brethren went from here and from Christian Spring with sledges to Bethlehem to the funeral of Br. Johannes Bogn, who had died on the 15th of this month. He had been the choir-servant of the single brethren in Bethlehem. He had reached an age of 78 years.

February 8th 1797. Bro. David Moritz Michael was elected as a new member in the over-seer committee. He had been approbated by the Lord, and was then introduced. Br. Andr. Benade came in his place into the Gemeinrat.

February 9th 1797. Bro. Hoeber was obliged, on account of indecent behaviour of the boys in the evening-school, to reprimand them, because the brethren could not keep any more school for them.

February 12th 1797. Br. Nathanael Braun, who had been 5 years long in the paedagogium, and also the same length of time had been assistant helper in this choir, received from the U.A.C. a call for the service in the Mission among the negroes in Jamaica. We blessed him with our whole heart. This news was communicated to the congregation on the 16th.

February 15th 1797. The boy Stephan Bruce in Christian Spring, who had gone to his father on the 13th, or rather had run away, came back again and promised to do better in the future.

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February 20th 1797. The married brother Schmidt from Bethlehem, brought his son Johannes Renatus to Brother Jacob Christ to be bound apprentice and to learn the trade of a hatmaker.

February 22nd 1797. Bro. Chr. Heinze from Christian Spring moved for the time being to Bethlehem, where he will live, because his ^{/office as} house-servant had been abolished by the new arrangement, and no other suitable work could be found for him.

February 25th 1797. Br. Hoeber went over the Blue Mountains, to preach in Mr. Jacob Ewerit's house, and he returned the following day.

March 2nd 1797. In the afternoon Br. Hoeber was called to Br. Biefel/^{/in Christian Spring} hastily. He suffered since last fall already with consumption, and is now very weak, but this time it was passing the attack. Br. Hoeber stayed with him over night and was watching.

March 9th 1797. Br. Hoeber stayed again with Br. Biefel over night; he did that for many nights.

March 13th 1797. The single brother Ludwig Biefel died in the 9th hour in Christian Spring. On the 13th he was buried.

March 16th 1797. Br. Joachim Kepke got sick by chance. At once he was ~~xxx~~ bled and one did watch by him during the night.

March 17th 1797. Because we have no sick room, Br. Joachim Kepke had to move to the little hall and the evening-prayer had to be omitted for so long a time.

March 19th 1797. In the afternoon travelled Johannes Steinmann, whose apprenticeship by his master Christ. Miksch had been finished since 6 weeks, for a visit of his friends, to Salem in Carolina.

April 19th 1797. The brethren Gottfried Hennig and Joh. Brandmueller moved from Christian Spring to Bethlehem, to stay there.

April 27th 1797. As the preparations of our dear Brother Nath. Braun, to leave for his post, were made, he journeyed to Lititz in order to supply himself with a female-helper. (A wife.)

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May 2nd 1797. Br. Paulus Weiss from Bethlehem, who had received a call for the service in the paedagogium, arrived for that very purpose to-day. He will take the place of Br. Braun.

May 7th 1797. In the evening brought Bro. Reinke, who had come from Hope for a visit, the boy Jacob Schneider along, who for a trial shall learn the trade of a tailor by Br. Ebbecke.

May 9th 1797. One learned to know, that suspicious night-revelling of Thomas Weiss, an apprentice of Bro. Jacob Christ, had been discovered ^{/by many young brethren/}. After an inquiry one found enough reason, that the boy had a too close acquaintance with his master's second daughter. Therefore, according to the conclusion of the E. C., it was indicated to the master, that he had to discharge the boy as soon as possible. This could be done so much easier, because the boy does not belong to us at all, and according to his own explanation, he had to be here from the beginning against his own wish.

May 11th 1797. We received news from our Bro. Nath. Braun in Lititz, that he had been engaged there with the single sister Elizabeth Tshitty.

May 13th 1797. Thomas Weiss went away from here to his parents in Fort Allen without that he was willing to confess all, of which he was accused and of which so many evidences had been given. But it was good, that he went away for his low opinion's sake.

May 16th 1797. Br. Krause from Old Nazareth took his son Joh. Samuel to Br. George Weiss in Bethlehem, to learn a trade.

May 30th 1797. The single brother Joseph Schweishaupt was engaged with the single sister Ros. Bush.

June 5th 1797. In the evening was the wedding of the single brother Jos. Schweishaupt with the single sister Ros. Bush.

June 6th 1797. Bro. Nath. Braun came with his wife on a visit to Nazareth.

June 8th 1797. Bro. Frueauff came from Bethlehem and brought the news, that the ship, on which Bro. and Sister are travelling, will very soon

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sail, and that they have to be in Philadelphia on the 11th. Br. Hoeber went to Bethlehem on a visit.

/Nathanael

June 9th 1797. Bro. and sister/Braun, accompanied by our best wishes, left us to-day for their journey to Jamaica. Bro. Braun's service here will always be remembered.

June 24th 1797. The little boys had their choir-festival. Their number was 48.

June 25th 1797. The boys were assembled on the balcony of the Hall and were singing and praising the Lord.

July 9th 1797. The youths and boys had their choir-festival. 7 boys had been received into the Choir. They are the following: Joseph Giersch, Joh. Christ. Kern, Gotth. Benjamin Reichel, Franz Chr. Danke, Joh. Friedr. Wolle, Henning Gottfried Limberg, Friedrich Devue, Joh. Mich. Frey from Nazareth and Christian Spring; Adam Rotnock, Nathanael Ary, Joh. Kindig from Schoeneck.

July 16th 1797. The youth And. Weitzel, who by the death of his master, Br. Joseph Levering, according to the laws of the country has been set free, and he went to-day to his father near the Hope. It is uncertain, whether he will return to Nazareth again.

July 24th 1797. Br. Georg Golkovsky, who has served the last years as Warden of the single brethren's economy in Christian Spring, until the abolition of it, moved to Nazareth, where he will take his ease and will live with Br. Lister in one room. -- Because Br. Pietsch had desired, to be relieved from his service as cook, and because Br. Friedrich Schmidt in Christian Spring was willing, to accept this work, the latter one moved on the 29th of this month over to Nazareth and accepted on the 31st the housekeeping in the kitchen. Br. Pietsch will in the meanwhile have to look for work as a day-laborer, until something better will be found.

August 15th 1797. Br. Pietsch had asked, to learn the trade of a plumber

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and tinsmith, therefore a committee of the over-seer committee was talking the matter over and he shall try, whether Br. Anton Schmidt in Bethlehem will help him in this matter.

August 23d 1797. The brethren Hoeber and Golkovsky went to Bethlehem to the annual conference of the S. P. G. Br. Joh. Chr. Ebbecke had been recommended as a new member and it was granted.

August 29th 1797. The single brethren celebrated their choir-festival /with laying on of hands and the following 2 youths had been received into the choir:/Jacob Rauschenberger and Johannes Friedrich Danke.

August 30th 1797. Br. Edward Warner was introduced to the boys as their over-seer, and for that reason he moved from the brethren's room to the boy's room.

September 11th 1797. Br. Hoeber had been called hastily to Br. Nathanael Weber in Christian Spring, who since 5 days was sick with inflammation of the chest, without that he took notice of the danger, and this morning such a sudden change had taken place with him, that he was dying and could not speak anymore, although he was conscious and gave signs by his mien, that he was willing to die, and the blessing of the Lord was imparted to him, while his breath gently stopped. We are sorry for his loss, because he was a young, quiet, peaceful person, and he was a gifted man in writing, bookkeeping. In everything what he did, he manifested punctuality and faithfulness. --- On the 13th he was buried.

September 17th 1797. The young brother Jacob Rauschenberger was introduced as over-seer by the boys, and now we have three brethren for this matter. Bro. Joh. Christ, as a necessity, had to do this work for 9 months all alone.

September 24th 1797. Since some time, various young brethren had made a habit out of it, at all times for a pastime to make a stay in the Nazareth Inn. Therefore to-day an objection was made and they asked, in the future to avoid it.

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September 28th 1797. Br. Hoeber had the misfortune in Schoeneck in front of the schoolhouse, with a horse, that incautiously hit a block and fell from the horse and got stuck with the left foot in the stirrup, and when the people wanted to catch the horse, it ran away and dragged the brother a distance along to the horror of all the spectators. Finally the shoe-buckle were bent and the foot came loose. We all were thankful, that Br. Hoeber received a little injury on his left hip, which was healed in a few days. God had kept him from greater harm.

November 4th 1797. Br. Hoeber went over the Blue Mountains and preached in Mr. Jacob Eweret's house and returned again on the 6th.

November 6th 1797. In the evening we had the pleasure, to meet the 4 brethren, who had come from Germany, and whom we had expected so long. The four single brethren came with the return-stage of Br. Mortimer from New York to Nazareth. We rejoiced with them the more, because they had had a difficult yet safe voyage of about 13 weeks. They were the Br. Stadiger, who is appointed choir-helper and choir-servant of the single brethren in Bethlehem. The other three are Br. Traeger, Br. Klauder and Br. Becker. The next morning they went to Bethlehem, because the brethren of the helper-conference for the whole had a meeting there.

November 15th 1797. The brethren Klauder, Becker and Traeger, who had come last week from Germany, came for a visit to Nazareth and looked at the places. The brethren Klauder and Becker are assigned for Salem, where Br. Klauder will be house-servant. Br. Traeger will go to Lititz as shoemaker's master. - On the 18th they returned again to Bethlehem.

November 26th 1797. In the afternoon in a special meeting it was announced, that Br. Christ. von Schweinitz in Bethlehem had received a call as a member in the U. A. C. in the Servant-department. ---In the evening-meeting the two boys, Franz Christian Danke and Joh. Christian Kern, had been received into the congregation.

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December 31st 1797. The services at the end of the year were held as in previous years.

The following changes have taken place in the year 1797.1. From other congregations have come to us:

The brethren Paul Weiss and Abraham Luckenbach from Bethlehem for the service in the Paedagogium.---- The brethren George Golkovsky and Friedrich Schmidt and Johannes Friedrich Danke from Christian Spring have come to Nazareth to live here. -- The boys Johannes Renatus Schmidt from Bethlehem and Johannes Jacob Schneider from Hope.

2. From us have been transferred to other congregations:

Br. Nathanael Braun, assistant helper of the single brethren here to the Service in the Mission in Jamaica. --- Christian Heinze and Gottfried Hennig and Johann Brandmueller from Christian Spring to Bethlehem. --- The boys Johann Schneider and Johann Samuel Krause to Bethlehem. The first one is from Christian Spring and the latter one from Nazareth. --- Johann Gottfried Pietsch to Bethlehem. --- Andreas Weitzel to Hope. --- Johannes Steinman to Salem in North Carolina.

3. Into the congregation have been received: 2 boys:

Franz Christian Danke and Johann Christian Kern.

4. Admitted to Holy Communion: 2 boys:

Johannes Danke, Johannes Ettwein.

5. Received into the brethren's choir: 2 youths:

Jacob Rauschenberger and Johannes Friedrich Danke.

6. Received into the boy's choir: 8 boys.

Joh. Christ. Kern, Franz Christian Danke, Joseph Giersch, Gotth. Benjamin Reichel, Joh. Friedrich Wollé, Henning Gottfried Limberg, Friedrich Devue, Johannes Michael Fey.

7. Married have been: Brother Joseph Schweishaupt with the single sister Ros. Bush.

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8. Born are: 4 boys,

Joh. Gottfried Kaske, Johannes Friedrich Hanke, Wilhelm Schmidt, Joannes Christian Bollinger.

9. died have: 2 brethren and 1 little boy,

The brethren Ludwig Biefel and Friedrich Nathanael Weber, both from Christian Spring; the little boy Renatus Belling.

10. There have been discharged:

The boy Stephan Bruce from Christian Spring. --- The youth Thomas Weiss, which both have not had any permission to the congregation.

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January 7th 1798. Br. Hoeber had a visit by a single man by name of Ludwig Werner, who had come lately from Germany and arrived yesterday in Christian Spring, in order to work there for 3 years and to serve for his passage. In Germany he had been among awakened people and he had also visited in the Upper Lausitz in the congregations. He has the desire, to get in closer connection with us. It was told to him, that when one has learned to know him better, and after it has been considered carefully, it might be possible, that he could stay.

January 12th 1798. Bro. Joh. Christ was, on his request to work the tin-work trade in the place of the late Br. Jos. Levering, given the permission.

February 9th 1798. With the choir-laborers was a conference concerning a new joiner-shop, which should be begun, but which needs the opinion of the helper-conference for the whole. Also it was talked much regarding /the building of
[a new brethren's house, because the place in the present brethren's house is too tight. But also in this respect the opinion of the brethren of the U.A.C. will have to^{/be} heard first.

February 16th 1798. The brethren of the Helper-conference for the whole came together for a conference. It was talked about the new joiner's shop in the brethren's house, which should be started, and for which first a new shop has to be built. But the opinion of the conference was, that for the time being one should leave it.

March 8th 1798. In the evening died the boy Joh. Meyer, 10 years old, who came from St. Croix and is the only child of his parents. He only was sick for three days.

April 7th 1798. On the Great Sabbath came in the afternoon the single Bro. Jac. Dealing from Bethlehem to Nazareth, where he will live. He will work on his trade by Br. Schmick.

April 22nd 1798. Christian Brunner, who last Christmas had finished his apprenticeship by Br. W. Henry, and who had no mind for the Lord and for

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the congregation, went early this morning quietly with a strange joiner-journey-man to Easton. He went with the intention to leave the congregation, but towards evening he came back, because he did not find the place, as he had expected. And he became restless and he asked humbly to accept him again. His parents as well as his natural sisters pressed him hard, and therefore he was accepted on probation.

May 31st 1798. The boy Joseph Giersch came to Br. Melchior Christ to learn the trade. - Bro. Wilhelm Elderige, who had accompanied the boy Joh. Daniel Koehler from Salem to Nazareth, showed himself inclined to go to Br. Ettwein to the Muskingum, and he received to-day through the brethren of the Helper-conference for the whole the commission, to go and to get ready for that purpose.

June 2nd 1798 To-day came the youth Joh. Dav. Fenner from Bethlehem in order to learn the joiner's trade at Br. W. Henry. Because he was already 18 years old, he was put on a brother's room to live there.

June 30th 1798. The two young brethren Jacob Rauschenberger and Edward Warner went to-day to Emmaus, to visit there the sick brother Ludwig Giering, and they returned the next day with the news, that his home-going was very near.

July 2nd 1798. We received the news, that the young brother Ludwig Giering, who had not finished his apprenticeship with bro. Jacob Christ, had had in March already hemorrhages, which returned more oftener, and he went then to his parents in Emmaus, with the hope, that he would recover from his sickness, but instead of this, he died. This news made upon the young people a deep impression, because he was one of the fickle boys, who did not care to listen to any advice. But through his sickness he had learned something better, and he even had written in a letter to Br. Hoeber that he was sorry for his having been so careless and frivolous, but he knew, that the Lord had forgiven him, and he is longing to go to see the Lord.

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That desire, to go to the Lord was so strong, that he scarcely could wait for the hour of his departure. He reached an age of 21 years.

August 30th 1798. The youth Joh. David Fenner, who had come in June to Br. W. Henry on probation, had meddled with bad company outside of our circle, and had partaken in doing bad things, and does not feel sorry about it either. Therefore he was sent with a letter from his master to-day back to his parents in Bethlehem.

September 27th 1798. Br. Wilhelm Lister celebrated to-day his 84th anniversary, to which we wished him God's blessing.

September 30th 1798. The boy Joseph Rice was received into the congregation.

November 7th 1798. It was clear to us, that no other master could be found for the shoemaker's shop in the place of Br. Hoeber, and because we were in need of one, the young brother Friedrich Danke was proposed by Br. Hoeber, to try to become the master of the shoemaker's shop. He accepted it willingly, and Bro. Hoeber instructed him in that line.

December 2nd 1798. It was announced in the choir and in the congregation, that the brother Conrad Kreiser in Hope had received a call as Choir-laborer of the single brethren in Nazareth in the place of Br. Hoeber and Br. Lister, which call he accepted.

December 31st 1798. We closed the old year in the usual way with thanksgiving for all received blessings in the entire year.

The following changes have occurred in the old year, 1798.

1. From other congregations have come to us:

Bro. Jacob Dealing and the youth Joh. D. Fenner from Bethlehem.

2. From have been transferred to other congregations:

Bro. Joh. von Erdt and the youth Joh. Dav. Fenner to Bethlehem. - The two youths Ludwig D. von Schweinitz and Carl Heinrich von Schweinitz to Europe. The first one to Niesky and the latter one to Barby. Also the boy Chr. Renatus von Schweinitz to Barby in Europe.

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3. Permission to the congregation have received:

The single brother Christian Samuel Michael.

4. Into the congregation have been received:-

Bro. Christian Samuel Michael. --- The 7 boys: Gotthold Benjamin Reichel, Joh. Friedrich Wolle, Joseph Giersch, Joh. Daniel Koehler, Joseph Rice, Nathanael Miksch, and Johann Heinrich Sensemann.

5. Admitted to Holy Communion have been:

Br. Christian Samuel Michael.

6. Added to the choir have been: The youth William Carny.

7. Boys have been received into the boy-choir: 7.

Joseph Henry, Nathanael Miksch, Joh. Heinrich Sensemann, Thomas Hecke-waelder, Friedrich Beutel, Andreas Belling, Samuel Schneider.

8. There have been born: Joh. Dav. Miksch, Philip Ludwig Belling, Carl Friedrich Kremser, Joh. Jacob Voegnitz, Joh. Matthaeus Miksch.

9. Died have: The single Brother Ludwig Giering in Emmaus, the 2 boys Joh. David Miksch and Joh. Meyer. The latter one a scholar of the pae-dagogium.

At the end of the year the choir consists of:

Single brethren.....	28 persons.
Youths and boys.....	30 "
Little boys.....	37 "

	Total:	95 persons.
To these are still to be added pensioners		12 "

Total:	107 persons.
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Note: The following diary is the Diary of Nazareth of the year 1799.

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January 14th 1799. Because the E. C. in Bethlehem had found it necessary to give the young brother Anton Huebner a change, he was transferred to Nazareth, and in his place was the young brother Jacob Rauschenberger sent to Bethlehem into the shoemaker's shop there, which was granted by the E. C. in Nazareth. Jacob Rauschenberger's apprenticeship had not been finished as yet, for he had to learn still for one and a half year, but he was set free and exchanged with the young Bro. Anton Huebner.

January 27th 1799. In the afternoon was a special meeting for the single brethren, youths and boys, and on account of lack of space in our choir-hall, it had to be held in the little hall in the Nazareth Hall. Br. Reichel introduced Br. Conrad Kreuser as their choir-helper in Br. Hoeber's place, and as Choir-servant in the place of the old brother W. Lister, who on account of his age and weakness had to be retired. Br. Conrad Kreuser by laying on of hands was consecrated for his new office. He was then recommended to the entire choir for their love and confidence.

January 31st 1799. The single brother Jacob Christ, who was learning by Brother Thomas in Bethlehem, the joiner's trade, came to-day with a letter from Br. Stadinger to Nazareth, because he had been discharged there in Bethlehem on account of having been seen on the farm sitting on the bed of a foreign maid. Jacob Christ was according to Br. Stadinger's report, repentant about his behaviour and he had asked, that one should not turn him away from the congregation. He was then sent by Br. Reichel for the present to his father, where he shall work with his father and shall also live there.

February 2nd 1799. In regard to Jacob Christ's affair the conference had decided, that he should stay with his father on probation until further deliberation. It was also recommended, that he should not neglect the services in the choir. Jacob Christ stayed away from Holy Communion. To the 1st of February has to be added, that Br. Nicolaus Hoeber, who had

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been manager of the choir-shoemaker's shop for 9 years in faithfulness and profit, had delivered the shoemaker-shop to his successor Br. Friedrich Danke.

February 3d 1799. Br. Edward Warner and Br. John Christ went to Bethlehem. The first one went to the wedding of his sister, who got married with Br. Benjamin Mortimer, and the latter went there to visit some brethren in Bethlehem.

February 6th 1799. Br. Conrad Kreuser attended for the first time the over-seer committee, which member he was recommended for the future.

February 7th 1799. Jacob Christ shall be on probation for 3 months by his father, and shall work there in Old Nazareth, but he shall sleep in the brethren's house. --- Wether the boy Joseph Giersch shall as apprentice be with Melchior Christ or by his son John, will be settled by the over-seer committee in 4 weeks. --- It shall be reported to the over-seer committee, that the two boys Johann Jacob Schmied and Johannes Danke shall stay with the new shoemaker-master Friedrich Danke to their 19th / as apprentice year, according to an agreement with the mother of the latter one. With regard of Johann Jacob Schmied this agreement was talked over with Br. Reichel, who is the guardian of the boy. -- It was announced to the Over-seer Committee, that a written agreement between the shoemaker's master Friedrich Danke and the warden C. Kreuser with the necessary signatures and seal had been secured. Br. Hoeber and W. Lister as members of the oldest conference bade then farwell to the conference-members in a hearty manner.

February 9th 1799. To-day was the beginning made with a general inventory of all house-furnitures and the entire amount of the house, and Br. Gol- / from Br. William Lister kovsky made a fair copy and of the date the Warden-office/was transferred to his successor, Br. Conrad Kreuser.

February 10th 1799. Br. Hoeber went to Bethlehem in order to get engaged

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to the single sister Johanna Lehmann, who is from Neukirch in Saxony.

February 21st 1799. In the evening had Br. Kreuser special instruction
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for the youths, which he read to the/communicants Johann Jacob Schmied,
Jacob Kummer, Christian Sensemann and Johann Jacob Christ.

February 24th 1799. We made the beginning with reading of the Greenland's
history at the table. Johann Jacob Schmied and Jacob Kummer were appoin-
ted, to read for one week each. - In the evening introduced Br. Kreuser
/Christian
Br./Michael as boy-overseer in the place of Br. John Christ. After this
they had a love-feast with the boys.

March 6th 1799. Br. Kreuser reported to the Over-seer committee, that
/Friedrich Danke
between the shoemaker's master/and the warden an agreement had been made,
which had been signed by Br. Youngberg and Br. Jacob Christ as witnesses.
/Br.
Br. Reichel and Kreuser had to talk with/Edward Warner, and to order him,
to serve the children in the house, but after a long consideration, he
refused it.

March 29th 1799. The youth Wilhelm Cassler, who came from Lititz, shall
learn the trade of a stocker by Brother W. Henry, but he shall sleep in
the brethren's house.

April 3d 1799. In the over-seer Committtee was agreed upon, that the boys,
who sleep only in the house, shall pay 1 shilling per month. And those,
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who do not live in the house, shall pay for the room-expense 8 pennies
and for the house-expense 4 pennies.

April 15th 1799. Br. Reichel in the presence of Br. Kreuser made a pro-
posal to Br. Jacob Dealing commissioned by the helper-conference for
the whole and by the E. C. in Nazareth, that he should go to Hope and
work there in the store. After some days of consideration, he declared,
that he feared the place might offer an opportunity to drinking and
therefore he could not decide to accept the offer.

April 18th 1799. Bro. and Sister Reineke from Hope, brought their youn-

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youngest son Samuel to the school in Nazareth.

April 28th 1799. In the evening Br. Oppelt was ordained by Br. Ettwein for a deacon of the Br^ethren's church.

May 9th 1799. Shortly before the E. C. Christian Ebbeke delivered a sealed letter to Br. Kreuser, which was addressed to the E. C. He declared positively, that he had made a proposal to the widow Levering, whether she would marry him, after which she had declared, that she would live with him and die with him. The whole letter showed, how he under the disguise of a brotherly character had understood it excellently, to conceal the guilt of his heart for years. Ah, what is man, when he fosters crooked intentions in his heart, and is ruled by his own spirit.

May 14th 1799. This difficult affair was brought before the helper-conference for the whole. The decision of this conference agreed with our decision, that he could not live in Schoeneck nor in another country-congregation, and that he could not be married by a Minister of the Brethren's church.---The brethren Kreuser and Benade went with Br. Reichel to Bethlehem, there to attend the wedding of the Br. Reichel from the West-Indies with the single sister Beck. Br. G. Reichel of Nazareth married that couple.

May 15th 1799. In regard to the Ebbeke's affair an extraordinary Overseer committee was called together, and the resolution of this gathering was, that Ebbeke within 12 days from to-day should move with the woman from here. ---- It was agreed, that as long as no master is in the tailor's shop, Br. John Weber should come here every week and should cut up for the boys Kummer and Ettwein, whose boys declared, that they would be willing to hold out and work faithfully and diligently.

May 18th 1799. Br. Kreuser accepted the tailor's shop on account of the house. He also accepted the furnitures, which Ebbeke had purchased for the shop with his own money.

May 19th 1799. In the afternoon was married Ebbeke with the widow Le-

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Levering, by Michlar, Esq., and on the 20th of May Ebbeke and his wife moved with bag and baggage from the house and the village and on the same day Br. Kreuser and Ebbeke exchanged releases, that from that day not owes something to the other, and that in no way something could be requested. The boy Carl Schneider helped Ebbeke to move, and he stayed from Monday to Thursday with Ebbeke.

May 27th 1799. Br. Kreuser travelled to Hope, in order to be a witness by the Superior Court in Sussex County against the thief, who had broken in the house in the night from the 15th to the 16th of August 1798 and had stolen all the money from Br. Linebach. ---The boy Franz Christian Danke moved into the shoemaker's shop, in order to learn that profession. He was taken on probation for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year.

June 1st 1799. Br. Kreuser returned again safely from Hope. It has to be remarked, that the thief in the prison had invented a lie and by false witnesses, he wanted to put the blame of the stolen money. And it was brought so far, that 3 brethren had to be called from Hope and from the neighborhood, to prove the character of Br. Kreuser. But it all turned out to his honour and the thief was declared guilty and his sentence was; 20 years in the workhouse in Trantocon.

June 3th 1799. The boy Wilhelm Cassler went from here to Bethlehem and will try, whether he can find work as a stranger, and from there will he go to his father in Lititz.

June 12th 1799. Br. Jacob Dealing went to Bethlehem for 4 weeks for his health's sake.

June 22nd 1799. The boy John Beutel went again to Bethlehem, where he will stay and will work by Br. Boeckel on his stocking-weaver trade. -- The boy Jacob Schneider came back from Hope and has according to his own choice moved to Ebbeke with all of his things. He only requested, that it should be permitted, that he could go in and out in the brethren's

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house. But by the order of the E. C. it was told him, through Br. Kreuser, if he does not want to separate from the congregation, he should stick in the future to the Schoeneck congregation.

July 1st 1799. The boy Peter Rauschenberger came from Hope to Nazareth, and he told to his brother Jacob, that he should like to find a place around here. Br. Kreuser accepted him on account of compassion and took him on probation for half a year, and put him into the kitchen, where he shall have his work. The boy is 12 years old. In the E. C. on account of some founded reason, it was not found advisable to receive him into the choir. But he can enjoy the services in the choir.

July 11th 1799. Br. Jacob Dealing came back from Bethlehem, where he had been for 4 weeks on account of his health. He has recovered pretty much, but he does not feel well altogether.

July 21st 1799. Br. Benjamin Chity from Bethlehem had come to Br. William Henry to look at the stocker-manufactory, and he promised to return in 8 days and work for him. In the evening he returned again to Bethlehem.

July 29th 1799. Br. Kreuser travelled with ^{/ the married} Br. John Weber from Bethlehem with Heller's stage to Nazareth. In Hecktown a child of 16 months came under the horses, and the stage went over the child, which was not killed, and in the expectation, that it was not fatal, we continued our journey. But a few hours afterwards the child had died.

July 30th 1799. Mr. Heller came to Nazareth and asked Br. Kreuser to go with him to Hecktown and to attend the funeral of the child, and at the same time as an eye-witness to assure the parents, that Heller's son, who drove the stage, had not seen the child, and that therefore the accident had not be done by carelessness or wantonness, but the people did not believe it.

July 31st 1799. Br. Joseph Leinbach came from Lititz to Nazareth, declaring, that he had the desire and joy to accept the proposal as Mas-

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Master of the tailor's shop.

August 1st 1799. Jacob Christ, Peter's son, came to Br. Henry and take up work. The 2nd he started to work. Dinner and supper he will have in the house.

August 9th 1799. In the afternoon had Br. Kreuser and John Weber from Bethlehem to go before Br. Henry on account of the accident on the 29th of July with Heller's Stage.

August 10th 1799. Br. Anton Huebner went to Bethlehem, and will there work by Br. Paulus in the brethren's house on his shoemaker's profession.

September 4th 1799. Br. Jacob Kummer went to Bethlehem and will stay there for a few months in order to learn to cut out by Br. Lehnert.

September 10th 1799. In the afternoon we went to Henry's grind-mill in Plainfield. Michael and Denke went along.

September 30th 1799. The boy of Schneckenberger's from Bethlehem had been brought to school here.

October 5th 1799. Br. Johann Jacob Kummer came with his master and his master's wife from Bethlehem, Bro. and Sister Lehnert, to Nazareth. Br. Lehnert declared, that he knows, that he is the master for the tailor's shop in Nazareth. Br. Lehnert gave Br. Kummer the best evidences. Br. Kummer shall according to the E. C. be under the direction of the warden, Br. Christian Winkler, under which name and inspection the tailor's shop shall be managed.

October 10th 1799. The brethren Paul Weiss and Seman were asked by Br. Reichel, to teach the boys writing, reading and arithmetic, what they willingly promised to do.

October 20th 1799. Towards evening the brethren Kreuser and Benade went to Bethlehem in order to attend the wedding of Br. Reich.

October 22nd 1799. Br. Kreuser and Winkler spoke with the brethren Christian Brunner, Edward Warner, Christian Giersch, and Benjamin Chity and

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informed them, that they had no permission for being drilled, and inspite of this they went.

October 27th 1799. In the evening the 3 boys, Hennig Limberg from St. Crox, Abraham Reineke, Samuel Rudolph Reichel were received into the congregation.

November 5th 1799. Br. Winkler announced to the brethren Edward Warner and Johann Christ, who had gone to be drilled inspite of having forbidden them, not to go, that they would be suspended from Holy Communion.

November 14th 1799. Br. Reichel and Bro. Winkler had a good talk with Joh. Christ about his whole career and also about his hardening of his heart, of which he was sorry.

November 26th 1799. Br. Reichel and Bro. Winkler had on the request of E. C. a talk with Heinrich Mueller about his life and about being drilled. He promised to live for the Lord.

December 9th 1799. The boy Schneider, who want to learn the black smith profession by Br. Miksch, came to us for night quarters.

December 22nd 1799. The boy Schneller was received into the congregation.

At the end of the year the choir consists of:

Single brethren 33, Youths and boys 30, boys (little) 100 without the boarders.

End of the Diary of the Single Brethren in Nazareth of the

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After this follows the Diary of Nazareth of the year 1800.