Extract from the first beginning of Nazareth from the Diary of Bethlehem of the years 1740 to 1742.

November 1st 1740. 1740 in Spring left the remaining brethren and sisters Georgia, namely Br. Anton Seifert, Peter Boehler, Martin Mack, David Zeisberger and his wife Rosina, as well as their son David. With them also came a single sister, Hanna Huemmel from the Netherlands, who in Purisburg became acquainted with the brethren and had joined them and went with them to Savannah. Later in the year 1742 she got married with the Brother Johann Boehner and on the voyage to St. Thomas died with her husband on sea. At the same time also came 2 indentured boys, Benjamin Summers and James. They came at the same time with Mr. George Whitefield on his sloop to Philadelphia.

At that time Mr. Seward, Mr. Whitefield's travelling companion, had bought a piece of land of about 5000 acres in the forks of the Delaware, which was named Nazareth and on which a school for Negroes should be built. The brethren were commissioned to build this school. They accepted this work and they together moved on the land to the forks of the Delaware. The following people were the first settlers: Anton Seifert, Peter Boehler, Martin Mack, David Zeisberger and his wife Rosina with their son David. Also Johann Boehner, Mattias Seybold, Hannah Huemmel and the two boys.

First they built in the wilderness a dwelling house and then started the building of the mentioned schoolhouse with many difficulties. Over this work they spent the summer. Because Mr. Whitefield on his return to Georgia through the cause of Mr. Hagen on account of the article of the unconditional rejection (election of grace) they fell out, and Mr. Whitefield was prejudiced against the brethren. By his return to Pennsylvania, at the end of 1740 he did not want to tolerate them any longer on that land and they were therefore compelled to move away from ______ and go to the country, whereupon Bethlehem is now built.

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Br. Peter Boehler had received through Br. David Hittelman from the conference in Lembern a call back to Europe. According to this Br. Boehler took leave from the brethren in the forks of the Delaware in the middle of January 1741 and went via New York to Bristol.

In the beginning of March the brethren in Nazareth (there must have been some brethren there) received a visit of some Ephrata people, who according to their statement had been interested in the brethren’s pain-stakings and their being satisfied with the poor circumstances at that time.

June 16th/27th 1741. - The brethren came from Nazareth, where they had had their residence and shelter, and went down on the land, where the present Bethlehem is standing. They purchased the land and moved near to the Lecha (Lehigh) and there they then dwelt together in a small house that they had built in the spring.

September 4th/15th 1741. - He received news of the purchase of the land in Nazareth, which the brethren in Europe had made.

March 11th/22nd 1742. - In the first meeting of the 4th conference of religion in Germantown was regarding Nazareth Br. Heinrich Antes commissioned to inspect and to put off the errors about the savages, who are still living in the country.

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March 26th/June 6th 1742. - From Europe came Br. Boehler with brethren of the so-called co-congregation and arrived in Philadelphia.

June 10th/31st 1742. - The congregation arrived in Bethlehem on the first Sunday in July in 1742. It happened that they received that the brethren of the "Orts-Congregation" should build a house every half an hour distance on the road to Nazareth for the winter, so that the members of the heathen could prepare themselves for their loneliness.

June 25th 1742. - Br. Ludvig, Br. Anna, Landina, Anton and Brun were the whole day in Nazareth. In Bethlehem they had arrangement of the
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July 2nd, new style, 1742.— Johannes the Indian, Christian Kauch, and some other brethren went to Nazareth.

July 3rd, new style, 1742.— We received news from Fr. Irish, Justice, of an order of the High Governor regarding the arrangement of the Indians in Nazareth, whereupon on this afternoon the brethren Brandsmueller and Friesius as deputies of the Community in Bethlehem, wrote a letter of acknowledgement to the Justice with the following request and reservation:

"If the Government can convince the Indians at Nazareth, called Captain John, that the land, which has been purchased and warranted to us, is the honourable Proprietor, we are willing that the said Captain continue his habitation on our land, and that he enjoy the use of all the land he has hitherto cleared. We will also consider him as our tenant, but without any payment of rent to us, because the said place has been a settlement of his forefathers and we will not drive anybody from such a right, when it was only a simple imagination. Signed for the Commons at Nazareth and Bethlehem."

July 5th, 1742.— The brethren John, Powell and David Zeisberger, junior, came instead of the brethren, who had gone to Nazareth on the 2nd.

July 24th, 1742.— In the afternoon the Community met in Bethlehem. The English brethren and sisters, who should be arranged as a community, sat with their elder, who had been rejected by the "lot", in the middle. Bro. Ludwig indicated to them, that they would now constitute the Community in Nazareth. Their elders and manager were at the same time introduced to them. They were: Dr. David Brauss as Elder, Johanna Hagen as manager. Sister Elizabeth Schnert as Elder together with some helpers. They were consecrated ("eingesegnet") by brother Anton Seifert and by Sister Rosina Kitzchman. After this began Bro. Ludwig his journey to the heathen under
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the accompaniment of Anton Seifert, Bruce, E. Boehler, Gehert, Reinung, Fr. Martin, Sisters A. Boehler, Gehert and Hagen. They went to-day as far as to Nazareth.

July 27th 1742. - Bruce, Sister Gehert and others returned from Nazareth.

July 28th 1742. - Dr. Ludwig wrote to the Congregation in Bethlehem, dated Nazareth July 27th 1742, the following lines: "Oh dear hearts! Your Sister Nazareth (for which I wrote on its door: "we have nothing to do, but to be happy") mourns and waits very nicely, physically and spiritually. Make with my brethren and sisters strong resolutions to promote their building and everything else in the best manner, and even if it should be done with some disadvantage. Do not say "no" to that, what they want to do. The Saviour will help, that you can do abundantly."

July 31st 1742. - Most of the English brethren, among them were the brethren Bruce, Gambold, Gurrel, Turner, went to day to Nazareth in order to arrange their habitation.

August 2nd 1742. - To-day moved the still remaining English Brethren, the Yarrels, Stussey... etc. to Nazareth. Br. Boehler, Bishop Mitschman, Anton Seifert, Rosina Mitschman, Benigna, and Senseman accompanied them and introduced them.

August 5th 1742. - Some brethren and sisters came from Nazareth with Br. Boehler to Holy Communion to Bethlehem.

September 10th 1742. - A council of the Community was held by Br. Ludwig and in his presence the following was talked about in regard to the community in Nazareth: "According to all appearance, Nazareth would become the real place of the "Gemein-Platz" (place of Community) and Bethlehem should remain the place for the "Kinder-Anstalt" (Children's Institute), because the English Brethren were not able to stand alone by themselves as a separate congregation. It would be unpractical that a congregation should be arranged after a national plan. Br. Yarrel and
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his wife should therefore go to the Skulkill in Br. Shaw's place. Turner and Owen Rice should go to Philadelphia and the Hussey's should be taken in service here. --- Because Bethlehem has no own jurisdiction our community in Nazareth will make its own laws according to the plan of our congregation.

October 8th 1742. - The English brethren, who till now have lived in Nazareth, as: Bruce, Joseph Powela, Turner,(Br. Gambold excepted, who abides with the congregation in Bethlehem), went to-day to Philadelphia.

October 16th 1742. - Matthias Seybold with his wife moved to Nazareth and took over the outer administration there.

October 30th 1742. - Michael Miksch with his wife went there (Nazareth) on account of certain business.

December 26th 1742. - To-day it came to a formal agreement with the Indian, so called Captain John in Nazareth, who until now had always made a great claim to our land in Nazareth, and he determined on account of a certain compensation for his work, which he had done on the land, to withdraw and to move away.

1743.

The diary of this year after the departure of the late count de Linzendorf and of the faithful service of George Neisser, has been carried on by various brethren in an irregular and incomplete manner and it contains until the end of the year very little about Nazareth, except the notifications of brethren and sisters, who from here (Bethlehem) partly went up there (Nazareth) on a visit or partly went there to help in the economy.

July 14th 1743. - In a council of the community it was resolved, that the boys Jacob Vetter, Franz Bluha, Hartman, Gottlieb Demuth and Glozen should have a school in Nazareth. Br. Franke and Br. Heine as assistants would accept it. The girls should have a similar institute in Bethlehem.

July 18th 1743. - Br. Franke moved with 10 boys to Nazareth, and Anton,
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Boehler, and Seidel went with them in order to arrange a Boy's school or Institute.

October 8th 1743. - The brethren Anton, Kitzchman, Boehler and Eschenbach went out to the Nazareth Land, in order to see where the brethren and sisters, who were to be expected, could settle, because at present the springs, which have not always water, are dry and one can also see, where in fall lack of water will be. They found 6 places, where now some water is still there, and there it would be suitable for cultivation.

October 14th 1743. - Our carpenters went to-day to Nazareth, in order to finish the building and the roof so that when our brethren and sisters whom we expect to arrive every day, can find a place, where they can live.

Notice! The month of November in the Diary is wanting.

December 5th 1743. - We received news, that the little "STRENGTH" had arrived in New York with 120 brethren and sisters. Captain Garrison had guided them.


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Also young Hentsch, junior, arrived.

**December 9th 1743.** - Our brethren, 20 by number, went to Nazareth, in order to work there.

**December 10th 1743.** - In the Elders' Conference in Bethlehem the new commers, and especially those of Nazareth, were spoken to. They were all happy and willing to go to their plan, except Mozer, who rather liked to stay in Bethlehem. Regarding Partsch we were doubtful, whether he should from the beginning go along to Nazareth.

**December 14th 1743.** - The carpenters and joiners, which had been sent to Nazareth in order to finish the big house, where the newly arrived brethren and sisters should live, came back to Bethlehem. But on the 16th they went there (Nazareth) again.

**December 28th 1743.** - Anton Nitschman and Boehler came to Nazareth in order to see, whether the brethren and sisters could soon move in.

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**January 2nd 1744.** - Those brethren and sisters who were appointed for Nazareth came together in the Hall (Bethlehem). It was told to them, that the time was here, that they should move to Nazareth. They were gently warned of all ("Vernunftfeley") rationalism and admonished them forcibly to obtain the mind of a child. Br. Meyer would be given to them as administrator according to Br. L.'s order. And Br. Franke should be his assistant in all such things. - In external affairs they would be directed to Hartman. - After some kind wishes, which caused to fill all eyes with tears and moved the hearts, they went and every one took up a piece of bread along on the way. The brethren went ahead with Br. Hager. They had axes in their hands in order to make a new road to Nazareth. The sisters followed after with some brethren. The brethren Boehler, Anton, Seidel and Nitschman went also after them and welcomed them up there in Nazareth. They consecrated the Hall with the special and sui-
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suitable text of the day John 15, 13. The first foundation, on which you were standing, that was the inclination to Thy walk to death.

1744.

January 31 1744. — Today arrangements were made in Nazareth regarding the hours.

August 30th 1744. — In the afternoon the Communicants were spoken to in Bethlehem. Br. Bochler spoke to the brethren and Sister Huber had the "speaking" with the sisters. — Br. Meyer rode soon to Nazareth. In the evening came also Pyrleus and the other brethren and sisters. Br. Pyrleus held communion for the sick in Br. Hartman's house. In the singing hour he baptized Br. Hartman's child in the death of Jesus. The child received the name John Adolph. Br. Pyrleus spoke about the daily text of the glory of the Church. It was an important and blessed baptism. The Godparents of the child were: the brethren Meyer, Weinung, Franke, Schaaf, Hessler, Zeiss and Biefel. After the baptism had those brethren a lovefeast with Br. Hartman.

September 12th 1744. — From Bethlehem came to Nazareth for a visit Demuth, Neupert, and Schober. In the evening after the singing hour was a lovefeast of 19 brethren and sisters. Sister Schober celebrated her birthday.

September 13th 1744. — The brethren and sisters Schober, Neupert and Demuth went back to Bethlehem together with several of our brethren and sisters for the Prayer-day. Br. Meyer rode their too and immediately he went to Philadelphia.

September 20th 1744. — Br. Meyer kept the "hour". Br. Paul "the Great" was also here for a visit. In the evening after the singing hour held Br. Meyer a Conference with the servants of the classes. They had a lovefeast, and it was decided, because the days are getting shorter, the time should be well used.
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Nazareth Diary, September 26th 1744. - Most of the brethren and sisters went to Bethlehem for Holy Communion, which took place in the evening between 5 and 6 o'clock, after which was a lovefeast. Br. Boehler reminded us of the Brother David Kitschman and the sister, which had been attacked on sea by Spaniards and were arrested, and then were safely landed in England. After this they had the Quarter-Hour. There Br. Boehler spoke earnestly about the married people, and told how such a state has to be led in the light and what a failure it would be, when the married state in the congregation would not be conducted purely and holy. - After this they had washing of feet, and it was talked about the blessing of it. - Holy Communion that night was very blessed.

Bro. Hartman went for the first time to Holy Communion.

Nazareth Diary, September 27th 1744. - Br. Boehler after he had held a German and English Sermon, spoke, after we had eaten, the brethren and sister Huber spoke to the sisters, after which the brethren and sisters returned to Nazareth. Some of the brethren and sisters, which could not travel so well, stayed over night in Bethlehem. Br. Meyer held Holy Communion for the sick in Br. Hartman's house. In the evening he held a blessed evening hour.

Nazareth Diary, October 4th 1744. - In the community council the brethren and sisters were reminded, that everyone should behave at the table and in other places quietly and orderly. The meetings ("hours") and Quarter-hours were laid upon the heart of the brethren and sisters, for they had been attended badly. At this time it was announced, that in the morning Bible-meetings would begin again. It was also told, that breakfast should be eaten first before one would go to work. In the evening all kinds of work should be done and the time should be well used. - In the afternoon had the farmers a lovefeast, because they had finished this week with sewing the grain.
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Nazareth Diary, October 16th 1744. - The brethren Kohn and Leinbach went back to Bethlehem. Br. Anton and Br. Boehler came to Nazareth, where they staked out the farm-building and then rode back to Bethlehem.

October 18th 1744. - In the community council it was decided which of the brethren should dig the cellar for the farm-building. Bro. and Sister Goetge were given charge of the cattle instead of Krause.

October 23rd 1744. - Br. Huber came and held in the evening conference.
- Br. Meyer held in the evening the singing-hour. The brethren and sister's names of those who were about to go to Holy Communion, were read.

October 24th 1744. - At noon most the brethren and sisters went to Bethlehem. Holy Communion, lovefeast and the quarterly hour were held still by daylight. Foot washing was also held in time. The lamb's blood could be strongly felt in the souls.

October 25th 1744. - In the morning after rising speaking was held. Br. Boehler had the brethren for speaking and sister Huber had the sisters. Some of the folks went right after the speaking to Nazareth, and the others stayed until noon. They all returned well and happily to their home. In the evening held Br. Reinung Holy Communion for the sick, and then they had the singing hour.

November 22nd 1744. - To-day and the other days the brethren and sisters went to Bethlehem, where they had lovefeast, choir-quarter hour, foot washing and Holy Communion. Br. Meyer was the speaker.

November 26th 1744. - Br. Boehler and Dr. Seidel came from Bethlehem to Nazareth, and Br. Boehler performed there a baptism.

December 1st 1744. - Br. and Sister Spangenber, Dr. Anton, Br. Boehler and sister Huber, and War. Brandari came from Bethlehem to Nazareth.

December 2nd 1744. - Br. Boehler held the Bible-lesson, Br. Spangenberg the noon-quarter hour. Sister Spangenberg held a blessed quarter-
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quarter-hour for the pregnant sisters.

December 30th 1744. In the evening came Br. Bruce with 5 others from the Blue Mountain and stayed over night in Nazareth. Br. Bruce held the singing hour.

December 31st 1744. Br. Bruce went with his company to Bethlehem. In the afternoon went as many of our brethren and sisters as possibly could to Bethlehem, in order to partake in the celebration of the closing of the old year.

1745.

January 2nd 1745. In the evening had the brethren and sisters, who were staying in Nazareth, a lovefeast. Being one year that we had come here, we remembered the faithfulness and grace of the Saviour, which we had enjoyed from our lamb. We had also the grace, to see ourselves as we were and we were ashamed of all our shortcomings and we asked for His grace and favour for the future and we united for receiving many more blessings in the future.

January 4th 1745. Several persons, who had come from the Blue Mountain and had visited in Bethlehem, returned there. They stayed one night with us and they visited our Children's Institute. It made a good impression upon them to see the children, who in their testimony showed, that they were quite different from their own children. One person said, that he had punished his children with blows, but he could not succeed to bring them so far as the children in the institute are. He also said, that he can see, that even the smallest children, who cannot speak very well, can with their voice testify that, what the bigger children can sing with clearness of the blood and wounds.

January 5th 1745. According to the rules of this country we celebrated the Memorial Day, when Jesus was a child and was placed into a manger.
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Nazareth Diary, January 7th 1741. - Bro. and Sister Spangenberg and Dr. Anton visited us and we were glad and comforted. The sisters Parsch and Hilde had their birthdays, but they are sick and have been visited by Sister Spangenberg. Some brethren and sisters were called together and they together prayed for the sick ones. - Dr. Lenseman visited us too.

The same brethren, which will make the beginning with the building of the house in Unadenthal, stay with us over night, and in the future they will also be with us over night until their house will be finished. The brethren Spangenberg, Anton, and Lenseman went therefore with the brethren to the new place and gave them advice regarding the most convenient place for building the house and preparing the field. That place was to be cleared and there the house should be built.

January 10th 1741. - The brethren of Bethlehem, who are working in Unadenthal came here happy and joyful, and they possessed the right courage to trouble themselves at the work out in Unadenthal.

January 13th 1741. - We had pleasant visitors. Bro. and Sister Spangenberg, Dr. Harrison, Bro. Coble and Bro. George Heissner came here. We all went to Unadenthal to visit the brethren there. We found the brethren there very happy and industrious. Bro. and Sister Spangenberg prepared a love-feast. Tables and benches were made from blocks and of a piece of a fallen tree, but one could sit on it very comfortably, one only had to watch, if one wanted to get up from the bench, that the other person did not fall down. One did forget everything by the thought of the work of our Lord in our hearts as well as also the building of a new place of grace. On our way back we looked at the situation of this land and it was so pleasant to look at. In the afternoon went this company of brethren together with Sister Spangenberg back to Bethlehem, and they recommended us to the Lord and his friends.

January 23d 1741. - Br. Spangenberg and Bro. Leyer had a little conference.
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Nazareth Diary, January 23d 1745,

which was blessed. Spangenberg, Meyer, Abraham and Lischl visited Gnaden- thal in order to see the brethren and their work. The diligence of the brethren there was great and important to us.

February 2d 1745. - The landmark of the Nazareth Manor was sought to-day by some brethren and anew marked out.

February 5th 1745. - Br. Meyer and Br. Franke had a talk with each other regarding the children's institute here and its management.

February 6th 1745. - It was our second Sabbath. The brethren Anton, Roehl- ler, Lachonbach and Bonzet came here for the very purpose. The approaching departure of our brethren and sisters to Europe was announced. To them it was also talked about writing letters to Europe and some remembrances and advice was given how it would be done best. - Taking care of the Brother and sister Meinung on their new plan to Gley was also made known to the brethren and sisters. In the place of brother and sister Meinung was put Bro. Neisser.

February 8th 1745. - The Gnadenthal brethren, who came from Bethlehem in order to go again to their work in Gnadenthal, passed through here, but hurried soon to their hut of grace with happy hearts.

February 24th 1745. - Together with Br. Kreyer came Bro. Enter, Br. Kashe and Bemper from Suriname, who came to Nazareth for a visit. Br. Seidel and Hansch came also from Gnadenthal and increased our pleasure. These brethren and sisters had a cordial joy and pleasure with each other at their mutual supper.

February 25th 1745. - The brethren Spangenberg, Bemper, Kashe and Enter went with Br. Seidel this morning to Gnadenthal. Brother Spangenberg followed them accompanied by Br. Kreyer. Together they had some blessed talks about the plan of Nazareth.
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Nazareth Diary. - After Bro. and Sister Spangenberg had seen and blessed Gnadenenthal, they came with their company to Nazareth, where a close Conference was held with them regarding several circumstances. After this they had a lovefeast in behalf of Sister Meyer and Weisser, who had moved to Nazareth. - Br. and Sister Spangenberg referred in their talk to the moving of the two sisters to this place and spoke also about their being married lately. Br. Spangenberg spoke at the close of the lovefeast, that it is the duty of the disciples of Jesus through their conduct to convince others and to show the mind of Jesus in all their various activities at home in the house as well as outside of the house. By doing this they could be an example of the first apostolic Congregation and would according to the admonition of the Apostle Paul do their share. After this Bro. and Sister Spangenberg opened a weekly Conference for the MARRIED PEOPLE. Various new arrangements in the matter of Matrimony and education of children were talked about and the married people should give their opinion about this.

February 26th 1745. - This morning before Br. Spangenberg was about to leave an economical and building conference was held in regard to the Nazareth Plan on the whole and in regard to various arrangements in the outer community, then a formal resolution was passed. After supper an alteration of the conference for married people was announced. Every Sabbath there should be held a quarter hour for the married people.

February 28th 1745. - The children's quarter hour was held to-day for the first time, when the little, middle-sized and larger classes were present. - Also Choir quarter hours for the men and women were held separately.

March 8th 1745. - At the Noon quarter hour a letter was read to the assembly, which in the name of the Community here should be sent to the
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**March 13th, 1745.** - In the evening about 8 o'clock came Bro. Ann Sister Nick with their child, Sister Buettner and lost with their children, also a single brother from Checomoco. We all were glad to meet each other. We closed the day with the litany of our congregation.

**March 15th, 1745.** - The children in the institute had this evening a lovefeast on account of the little Daniel Vetter's birthday. The brethren Weir and Weisser were also present.

**April 1st, 1745.** - In the evening came Brother and sister Spangenberg and Br. Meyer, which we had expected for so long. - In Nazareth a prayer-meeting was begun. - We find it necessary in every sister's room to place an over-seer, who should watch the behaviour of the sisters, and should take care of order and prosperity.

**April 7th, 1745.** - An examination of the members should take place before prayer-meeting would be held, and by the help of this it would be found out, who is worthy and who should be excluded from the prayer-meeting. And whoever has not been found worthy, would later be admitted, when a change has taken place. We also spoke about the kind and purpose of the classes and that they should be held as it is done in Bethlehem.

**April 11th, 1745.** - The first holy communion was held in Nazareth. Br. Konner as ordained Pastor administered it. - The morning quarter-hour and the sermon were held by Br. Seisser. - In the afternoon the three quarter-hours of the children were held. - After this was lovefeast, then the communicant's quarter-hour, foot washing and Holy Communion were held with 59 communicants.

Yesterday, April 10th, it was announced to the congregation that Br. Konner should be the future D.L.Com. (Deacon) of the Nazareth Congre-
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Nazareth Diary. ------ Congregation and that he with his wife should live in Nazareth. -- Bro. and Sister Schaaf should go to Friedrichtown with Bro. and sister Francke and should take over the school there.

-- Br. Meyer went to Bethlehem for the Communion and patients' sake. -- Br. Bruce came from Kennissing and passed through Nazareth and went to Bethlehem in order to partake at Holy Communion.

April 11th (March 31st) 1745. - The following announcement was made in relation to the first Holy Communion held in Nazareth, April 11th 1745, and was administered by Bro. Konner, our future Ordinario (ordained Minister). The brethren and sisters of Nazareth in regard to the next Holy Communion have been thoroughly spoken to two by two by Br. Adolph Meyer, and in the worker's conference they have been mutually consulted and also have been examined in the Elder's conference in Bethlehem. - It was agreed upon that the communion service together with the other meetings should be held in the following order: 1. Lovefeast; 2. the quarter-hour; 3. The Catherismus classes in the following order: a) the workers' class; b) Hoepfner's class; c) Schaaf's class; d) Hessler's class; and Neisser's class; e) Biefe's class; f) Muecké's class.

4. Holy Communion. -- 5. Worshipping: 1. the men; 2. the women. -- 2. In regard to the ritus eucharisticus: the minister or ordinarius should for convenience' sake and because the circumstances require it, carry around bread and wine this time and Br. Schaaf as Sub-Diaconus (sub-deacon) should assist by carrying around. ---- 3. In regard to the foot washing it was appointed, that the brethren, when their feet have been washed, should wash their sisters' feet in the presence of the workers. And this should be done in the class-room. ---- 4. Sister Wilson, Sister Krause and Sister Hirte shall stay away. During the Conference came Kunkler, who after a thorough examination of her health...
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Translation of selected entries from the Nazareth Diary, heart's condition found it best to stay away.

5. Br. Hessler, who had learned to feel about a certain offence, about which Br. Meyer and Dr. Neisser had spoken to him and who had asked him to thoroughly search his heart, had written to the Brethren in a sinners and heart letter and had shown a bent and grateful mind and had evinced his hunger and thirst after strengthening in the sacrament of Holy Communion, which was imparted to the Conference. --- 6. The members of the body and blood-fellowship of Jesus were arranged in the following classes:

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5th Class:

Br. Biefel and his wife,
Br. Fisher and his wife,
Br. Fritsche and his wife,
Br. Anders and his wife,

6th Class:

Br. Mücke and his wife,
Br. Kremser and his wife,
Br. Mueller and his wife,
Br. Goetze and his wife.

A total of 59 persons.

Order was given of the opportunities and meetings, which were connected with the supper.

The Love feast.

The same commenced at 2 o'clock p.m. And it began with the Agapen-hymn: "Selig's Volk der Zeugenwolke etc." (Blessed people of the cloud of witnesses.) By the words of the 7th verse: "Ehre sei'n begnadigt Weib" etc. (Honour his pardoned wife), the bread was fetched, and by the verse: "Esst ihn, esst an diesem Fest" ("Eat him, eat on this feast") the servants distributed the bread. Then for a while a blessed silence was kept, sometimes a verse was sung and at the close of the lovefeast the names of communicants were read out publicly. After this was the Quarter-hour,

of the Communicants, which meeting Br. Meyer kept under a special feeling of grace, in which he presented with anointed words the only fellowship and connection of Jesus with his congregation, and he reminded the congregation of the great blessing. At the close of the lovefeast the order, according to which they should come to the footwashing, was announced.

Then the Footwashing

was held in the order, which had been given, and it was held in the classroom. The workers washed first the feet among one another, and
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Nazareth Diary; and then their sisters' feet. Sister Francke washed the feet of Judith. They united closely with bent hearts anew in the perceptible presence of God's lamb in their midst and held each other with much love and a new enjoyment of grace and strength with a feeling of a sinner and with a holy kiss they renewed their fellowship.

Then the other classes one after the other in their order followed, then the workers: Meyer, Neisser, Konner, Francke and Schaal washed the feet of those brothers, and when they had finished washing, then every brother washed the feet of his sister in every class in the presence of the workers mentioned before and in the presence of Sister Judith. It was a special grace to see by this absolving bath, that it was a new blessing for their hearts and homes, and one could read in everybody's face shame and humiliation. After the footwashing the necessary preparations were made for Holy Communion, Holy Supper.

The Communicants were then called together. The Hall looked like adorned with all the united brethren and sisters, who have come as hungry and thirsty sinners and who were longing for Jesus blood and flesh, and we could rejoice over it. - The service was opened by singing some verses about the Redeemer's love for man and for sinners, then Br. Konner spoke about the daily words: "He has been killed after the flesh". Then the congregation sang a hymn, after which the bread and wine was consecrated. Then the minister took first the bread and then the wine to the Communicants in their places.

Our hearts were filled with the power of Jesus' death and life and we were filled with thanks and praise for this great gift. At the close of the holy act we kissed each other to the honour of the lamb of God. - The brethren and sisters separated for a while, and then the gathered again for Worship in two divisions.
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Nazareth Diary. — I) The brethren. We fell down before the Lord, our hearts filled with love, dissolved in humiliation about His tender fellowship with us poor sinners and being refreshed through His Blood.

II) The Sisters. They humbled themselves, when they drank from the wounds of Jesus. And so they closed this holy Paschal feast with hearts full of gratitude. — After this the workers' class had still a special happy gathering and lovefeast with bread and a little wine and Br. Reisser (or Nieger) remembered his birthday to-day, when he is 30 years old, and when a year ago he had also a blessed Holy Communion and he was thankful to the Lord for his great Love.

April 12th 1745. — Br. Ricc came from Bethlehem in order to survey accurately the Orchard. 6 brethren were planting the apple trees.

April 14th 1745. — Br. Petzold came from Bethlehem to go with Bro. Johann Joseph to the Blue Mountain. Br. Reisser, Father Nitschman and Libsch went to Grafenthal in order to assign the chosen place for the future farm there and then he returned to Nazareth.

April 16th 1745. — Early the brethren and sisters gathered in the Hall and then went together in the usual order to the Cemetery, formed a circle, read the litany and sang several hymns.

May 2d 1745. — A new street was marked out in Nazareth.

May 23d 1745. — It was made known to the congregation that brother and sister Francke and Schaaf shall move with the Children's Institute in Nazareth to Friedrich's town to the country school there. Francke has made all the preparations for moving. —— Brother Spangenberg and his wife are about to travel to Orandagio, and the brethren and sisters were asked to pray for them and for their plan. —— One spoke about the plan of the brethren here to bless the work in the field after the manner of the patriarchs. The brethren showed their willingness and
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Nazareth Diary. — and liveliness about the cultivation of the new large field, which had been begun. The sisters undertook the weeding of the flax with willing minds. All brethren and sisters were admonished and blessed in undertaking faithfully their duties. ------ They had a community council, in which some alterations were made known. 8 couples were appointed to move into the new house. --- The girls' school in Bethlehem will be transferred to Nazareth and Sister Geisser will take over the office as a mother among the girls.

May 24th, 1745. — All the sisters went to weed flax and with their children they arranged it in such a way, that in every room one sister was staying with the children by turns. To-day the sisters accomplished one piece with weeding. ------ From here 5 brethren with 10 horses went to Gnadenau in order to help cultivate the field there.

May 27th, 1745. — This forenoon the boys' school with their baggage and boddings and with the brethren and sisters Francke, Schaf and Dr. Heine went on the Nazareth waggon to Bethlehem. The children were all lively and happy. Our blessing and good wishes accompanied them. The brethren Matthew and Frocke came still late from Gnadenau and made nice music on their bugle-horns near Nazareth in the stillness of the night. It was for us all encouraging. The brethren stayed with us over night.

May 30th, 1745. — The Institute of the little girls arrived here with their baggage etc. together with Sister Huber, Regina, Hansch, Krummer and Schaefer. We welcomed them with love and put them for the present in the rooms, which were the boys' institute until their 2 rooms in the house will be finished. The rooms for the girls and the dormitory for the maids will be prepared for them.

May 30th, 1745. — In the afternoon at 1 o'clock began the Community day.
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Nazareth Diary: -- Several Diaries were read, also several letters from different brothers. For instance a letter from Bro. Christian Rauch was read. He was just about to start on his voyage to St. Thomas.

June 22nd 1745. -- Br. Neisser began to-day a German school with the single English sisters. Every forenoon will be occupied with writing and the afternoon with reading for half an hour.

July 11th 1745. -- To-day we had community-council. Bro. Schropp was chosen deacon (servant) in Neisser's place. Bro. Hozer was chosen in Br. Schaaf's place as General servant. They were blessed by the congregation and a verse was sung for them. The sisters for the children had this evening until 12 o'clock a blessed conversation among themselves about various things, which had occurred among them.

July 21st 1745. -- The sisters were to-day put into the rooms, because they had no children to take care of.

July 25th 1745. -- Late in the night came from Bethlehem quite unexpected the Indian Brother Gottlieb. Hastely he was welcomed by the Chochenho brethren as the first booty of the lamb from among the Delaware Indians. They kissed each other heartily with many tears in their eyes and showed them their love and courtesy as brethren in many ways. Then they went to sleep they took Gottlieb into their midst and conversed together until late in the night on their beds from the fulness of their hearts.

July 27th 1745. -- Bro. Fisher went to-day to Bethlehem and received there in the name of a judge Collegii from Heinrich Antoa and Jasper Payne the Consilium abundi, which Br. Joseph notified in a letter to our congregation in the prayer-meeting of this day.

July 30th 1745. -- At noon we had a general lovefeast, that should have been for the reapers and flax-pickers, but the whole congregation was
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Nazareth Diary: -- was admitted, and it was a thanksgiving day for all the work, which had been done in the farm. Our father has protected us from all harm and has given us a rich blessing on our fields. We are very thankful for all the blessings.

August 23rd 1745. -- To-day we had a small conference regarding the matter of clothing. We noticed the deficiency of the clothing of the brethren and sisters with compassion and we asked the dear father, who knows our need, that he may bless the little that is in our hands so that it may reach for those who need it most were supplied with new shirts.

August 12th 1745. -- Br. Meyer went to-day to Br. Hess in Bethlehem, whose foot is getting worse. In the afternoon he returned and through him we received a letter from Br. Hubor with 30 objects for prayer, which were read hastily in the prayer-meeting to-day. It was for all brethren and sisters an important matter to take part in the work of the Lord by remembrance and supplication.

August 18th 1745. -- About 20 brethren went from here to Bethlehem to the Synod. The brethren of the stable and Br. Weiss remained here with all the sisters. Br. Meyer departed also to-day for Friedrich township.

August 27th 1745. -- A new road to Gradenthal behind the large field was cleared to-day.

September 2nd 1745. -- Among other things it was resolved, that those brethren who have the night-watch, should notify the workers, who would sometimes charge them with something and would have to remind them of it. It was also spoken about the love among the brethren and sisters, whether it has increased. Some gave the answer, that to love is now more natural to them than before. It was said, that with love it is: a circulating affair, with loving somebody it is as if it is going out and coming in, and coming home and lasting to all eternity. To love is a part
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Nazareth Diary: -- part of our bliss and happiness, by which everything is made easy what for other people would be hard. The more one would love somebody the happier, the more cheerful and enlightened one would be.

It shall be one of the first effect of being pardoned after St. John to know, that we have passed from death, because we love the brethren.

Regarding our Nazareth plan of cultivating the land we testify to the inhabitants here, how one can live a godly life in the way we do and be satisfied as the Apostle says: "when we have food and raiment etc." and we are working without self-interest and show to others, that there is possibility before the Lord to live such a life. ---- Then it was also shown, that we have an advantage by living together, which others do not have and who wish to live as we do. It would be an offence towards the Saviour, if one would not make use of the opportunities of the fellowship according to the desire of the Saviour. We had been reminded that one should attend the meetings and classes, which are a means for our edification. ---- There had to be blamed some indecencies and unfruitful soul conversation by which such a heart cannot stand in the light, and the brethren and sisters were reminded of the words of the Apostle, who warns us to watch our conversation.

September 6th 1745. - In a meeting much was said about honesty which one should have towards the other members; it was also said, that one should be openhearted, sincere towards the workers (minister).

September 24th 1745. - The noon quarter-hour should be suspended, because the brethren and sisters seem no more to be interested in it. - Later, November 8th they started them again.

October 28th 1745. - The brethren Joseph and Adolph were looking for a place in order to build on it an Inn on the Nazareth District.

November 2nd 1745. - At 11 o'clock we began our helper conference. It was
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Nazareth Diary: was referred to the lodging of strangers. When such arrive, at once they should be asked: Who are you? - Where do you come from? -- And where are you going? -- And the manager should be informed about it immediately. The forage, which they need for their horses must be paid every time according to the current price. -- To their bread either cheese or butter shall be given. For the food nothing shall be charged. Regarding to their boarding and other items one should deal with them differently.

November 12th 1745. -- Bro. and Sister Blum arrived with Zeisberger, both happy and in a blessed mood. We received them with great joy. - At Noon we had Adolph, Justine and Cathrine and Hartman and we had a lovefeast. -- Bro. Reissner held the Bible-meeting and bade farewell to the congregation. He accompanied him. -- The children had their lovefeast, which Sister Rice gave. The Saviour was with us.

November 13th 1745. -- Sabbath (Saturday). Sister Frenhin of Philadelphia gave the single sisters a lovefeast. It was a very blessed time. -- Bro. and Sister Zeisberger went to Shadenthal. -- Bro. and Sister Klotzen came to Nazareth ad are living in Hartman's room. -- The Helper's Conference had lovefeast with Bro. and Sister Bluhmen. God's lamb was in our midst.

November 14th 1745. -- Dr. Huber held prayer-meeting and announced at the same time that Mother Spangenberg, who is sick to death, should not be held back, but it should be left to the Saviour, when he wants to take her to him. The congregation listened with many tears and accepted it.

November 15th 1745. -- We picked carrots. Bro. Franz was with the brethren and his wife was with the sisters. In our affairs we felt special attention. -- We began our Helper-Conference with the singing of the verse: "Wir fassen uns im Geiste an." (In the Spirit we hold each other.)
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A letter was read by Mr. Barner of St. Thomas, addressed to Bro. Adolph, which was very refreshing, because it ran over with blood and with the sound. We are very busy with picking carrots and the single sisters helped along.

November 16th, 1745. Adolph had many a talk with Mr. Frantz and he showed him the agricultural work in the field and what the most necessary work is now in the field to be done. Then they both came home. Adolph had a lovefeast with Bro. Frantz. Our class was blessed. Especially it was the blood-matter (materia), about which our hearts were rejoicing. The brethren and sisters began to work, to spin, to new, to darn and to make buttons. It looks very pleasant. We hope, that the favour will give us more and more the mind of a child.

In our Helper-conference happened various external things. Bro. Frantz showed his willingness, also Catherine, to give a helping hand in the arrangement with the brethren and sisters.

November 16th, 1745. In the morning Mr. Shaw went away joyfully to Conn-ning to his plan. The patient, who had broken the arm came back for dressing it. In Hosseler's class we were very busy darning, sewing, spinning. Mr. Grabe left the class and got something to spin. In his heart he is ashamed about his former conduct.

November 16th, 1745. Our carriage went to Bethlehem. The dear precious brethren Martin Beek had to pass through Nazareth with Conrad Reissner's Philip to Checomoos. From Contenental arrived, also Bro. Abraham Reiske from Bethlehem came. In Mr. Reissner's class was it very lively and the matter, which happened made the heart glad.

The little girl in the school was entrusted to him for going to bed. Then he had finished, all who were standing around him showed him their affection by caressing him.

Abraham held service. Then Adolph, Abra-
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NAZARETH DIARY.---Abraham, Weiss, Catharine, Justina and Regina had love-feast.

November 19th 1745.---Bro. Pyrleus and Bro. Thomas and Br. Benjamin returned from the Indians in Puchkepuchky and brought glad news. --- Br. Biesel's class was so happily gathered together, that they said, they would stay together the whole night and it would not be too long and tedious for them. They spoke about marriage. The Bießels confessed their enmity towards Br. Meyer. They prayed to the Saviour and many tears were shed. Adolph and Abraham sang a solo to the Congregation and all were refreshed and inspired.

November 20th 1745.---Thomas Crack, a Hollander, whose throat Brother Adolph had cured, came on a visit.

November 24th 1745.---In a congregational meeting the congregation was notified, that Bro. and Sister Blumer will take over the work of the garden, which Br. Andrew had done before. --- Br. Adolph was riding to Bethlehem. --- The Brethren and sisters were very pious, for they held morning-prayer, service at noon and in the night also.

November 22nd 1745.---D. Langerfeld, a Lutheran minister, came to Nazareth from Bethlehem and he had lost his road and finally arrived in Nazareth. He was delighted to find in Br. Adolph a landsman. The visitor made the remark, that he thinks, Bethlehem is something like the Franke's Institutes in Halle, Germany. But there is the difference, that in Bethlehem there is more love and Unity. In New York this minister was called "Moravian". Then he went away from Nazareth, he said, that he is no Moravian, but that he was one with us. --- Br. Adolph went to Unadnant on a visit. --- Br. Meyer wanted to find a place, where one could find good stones for rolling stones.

November 24th 1745.---6 single sisters went to Unadnant to pick in
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Nazareth Diary: --- in the field carrots. --- Zeisberger came from Gnadenthal in order to get bread.

November 25th 1745. --- Daniel Mueller and Jacob Kohn went again to their work in Gnadenthal and in the evening they will return. --- 10 sisters were occupied with the flax. --- In the hourly prayer we were specially thinking of the folks who were destined for the colony in Gnadenthal, as George Zeisberger, Friedrich, Post, Liebsch, Schulze, Spitzen, Christoph, Demuth.

November 26th 1745. --- To-day we put under roof our heifers and fattened cattle. --- Dr. Kohn and Dr. Daniel Mueller finished putting up 2 stoves in farm-houses. --- Michael Moore's son was here. --- Dr. Hirte rode with Michael Moore's son to the Blue Mountain, in order to find the place, where the rolling stones could be had.

November 27th 1745. --- Michel Bernert told, that he had heard many evil reports about the Brethren, but he found it quite different, when he came to Bethlehem. His wife had believed all the lies and he convinced his wife, to come with him in order to see for herself. He wondered, that so many people could live together in love and unity. Bernerts live 3 to 4 miles apart near the Blue Mountain and they constantly are living in quarrel and wrangles. He even has the desire, to live here with us, but after the sermon he was moved and with tears in his eyes he went back to his place again.

November 29th 1745. --- The sisters have finished with the flax. Christine Trolich came from Puchkepuchty with the inheritance of the Indian, who died recently, and brought his 2 wives and 6 children.

November 30th 1745. --- Br. Mack came back from Checomeco with Phil. Weisser very happily and he made us happy with his news, specially with the news, that the Indian brothers and sisters had received them with much love.
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Nazareth Diary: December 1st, 1745. - Opitz came from Gnadenstadt to help us to butcher a bull. --- Bro. Jorde was sent to Gnadenstadt in order to help the brethren there building their rooms. Also Brother Adolph went there in order to visit the brethren and sisters there, and to make necessary arrangements for drawing up the room. - Libisch was here to-day and brought the bedsteads for the children and took along a wagon full of straw to Gnadenstadt. - Augustin, brother and sister Demuth went to Gnadenstadt, where Dr. Zeisberger was introduced to them as house-father, Dr. Christian Demuth as teacher and the other brethren and sisters for the work, for which Dr. Zeisberger would from time to time need them badly.

December 2nd, 1745. - Brother Adolph, who had gone to Gnadenstadt, arranged there the hours as in Nazareth.

December 3rd, 1745. - The single Brother Werner cleaned the chimneys. - Opitz from Gnadenstadt came again in order to butcher. --- Father Hanitz brought his wife to Nazareth in order to let Bro. Adolph cure her arm. --- Bro. Rauch came with Jonathan from Shomers in order to go further to Lancaster to the Synod.

December 10th, 1745. - Bro. Opitz and Schitze got eggs and took straw on the ox-wagon to Gnadenstadt.

December 16th, 1745. - Abraham Heincke went to Gnadenstadt in order to baptize Bro. and Sister Libisch's little Hannah, and then he went with or Baker John Bater to the Blue Mountain, 24 miles from here in order to baptize Bater's child. --- Dr. Anders moved here to the house and Sister Krausse moved over to the farm-house.

December 17th, 1745. - The garden was laid out and a place for the horse-stable was found. --- In the dwelling room a partition was planned. --- It was decided that Gottlieb and Marie should get a little house here.
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Nazareth Diary:-- here in Nazareth and should entertain the strange Indians, when they come here. -- Br. Kauch was sent to Gradenthal as worker among the Indians, from where he also should occasionally visit in Puchkupuchky. -- Abraham returned from the Blue Mountain, where he had baptized Susanna Baker into the death of Jesus. John Baker accompanied him to Nazareth. On the 18th he went home again happy and humbled. -- Our children in the girls' Institute have moved to the new dormitory. -- Br. Josef showed to Gottlieb the place, where the home for the Indian should be built, namely down at the fence on the road to Bethlehem. He rejoiced over it and said, that his father had lived there too.

December 16th 1745. -- Marie kept everything for the sister so nice in the house as well as in the farm-houses, and Br. Josef spoke with all Brethren, that everything was to his satisfaction. -- After this a congregation-meeting was held, in which all the brethren and sisters were asked, not to heat the rooms too much, in order to prevent diseases, which might be caused by such heat. At the same time the brethren and sister were notified that Sister Weissner would assist her husband in the house-keeping, and for that purpose the time after breakfast and the time in the twilight was established.

December 20th 1745. -- The brethren finished the fence around the farm-house. -- Sarah introduced the single sisters in the smithy. -- Br. Abraham Heincke began school with the girls in the institute. -- Sister Weiss did assist her husband in the economy and it was very important for her.

December 21st 1745. -- The brethren started to fell logs for the Indian house, that they are about to build. -- The brethren Jenezen and Jonathan came from Bethlehem to go to Chéneico. -- The brethren began to make
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**Nazareth Diary** - make a gutter for the water near the washhouse. --- Sarah held a lovefeast for the sisters in the farmhouse in order to arouse their diligence at the spinning.

**December 24th 1745.** - The brethren put a gutter so that the water could run again into the laundryhouse. - They finished also with the garden where the clothes are to be hanged out and they built a fence around. Opitz and Schuetze went to Gnadenthal to get straw. --- The day before yesterday it was just 2 years that our brethren and sisters had moved to Nazareth. We had for that purpose a lovefeast. --- Sister Huber visited in Gnadenthal and brought along with her blue ribbons for the sisters there for which they were thankful, especially for that reason they were thankful, that they saw from that that the Mother was thinking of them. -- One interesting point during the year 1745 is, that Br. Adolph and also other brethren, sometimes also sisters, travelled a great deal to and fro to Gnadenthal, Bethlehem on visiting.

**December 25th 1745.** - Abraham held a Bible-meeting for the girls in the institute. Catherine spoke to the children, to the poor and to the single sisters. Abraham held speaking for the men and Sarah for the women. --- House-visited. - Abraham and Sarah visited after the devotional meeting the brethren and sisters in other houses, about which the people were delighted. --- Discipline. Sister Catherine spoke to Sister Biesel about her and Ohneberg's indecent connection with Weiss.

**December 27th 1745.** - Weiss was again with us in the Helper-Conference and was very much ashamed to come to us. --- Opitz was here from Gnadenthal and helped us to butcher. -- A man came with a lame arm to have it treated.

**December 28th 1745.** - Kirbe commenced to make a partition for Franz
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Nazareth Diary: -- Franz Bluhm in his large room. -- We had a special conference about various things, which had been decided in Bethlehem, namely that the classes should be held only on Sabbaths and Sundays. We can put 3 classes together on account of Catharine Bluhm, who shall be taken out from the girls' institute here and be sent to Zeisberger's wife. -- In regard to the spinning it was decided, because so many brethren can spin, that they should be enabled to do so. -- Br. Adolph visited Unenthal and spoke with Father Demuth and Br. Zeisberger about their newly built workshop.

December 29th, 1745. -- Plenty of snow was falling especially in the brethren's sleeping hall, and it snowed so much, that the brethren were compelled to rise before the time. This heavy snowfall gave us otherwise plenty of work. -- Opitz finished here butchering and he proved to be very active and industrious in this work. -- The brethren, who could not work outside on account of the snow, did shell corn inside. -- One person spoke to Sister Biefel regarding her work in the laundry and milk-house and she was content about it. -- Little Polly Price got sick and she said to the other children, that she wanted to be sick only for two days, then she would like to go to the Saviour. One day she said: "My mother is very poor, she has not got a husband and then she prayed to the Saviour, to give her a husband." -- The Lord did protect Dr. Biefel in the barn from a great accident, which could have happened to him, when the flail flew in his face. He could have lost his eyes.

December 31st (January 12th, 1746), 1745. -- The old style of the calendar was begun again and 11 days were added. -- Our New Year's watchnight began at 10 o'clock and lasted until 3 o'clock in the morning. We had
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We had such a nice time and rich blessings we received, so that we did not know, where the time had gone.

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January 2/13 1746. - 11 single sisters together with Bluma, Alotz and Jorde returned very happy and blessed from the Bethlehem's night-watch. - Br. Horn, who had enjoyed his visit with our brethren and sisters, returned to Bethlehem via Gnadenthal in order to visit also there the brethren and sisters and also the Indians. -- Sister Krause got very sick, but the Lord blessed the applications of Sister Regina Lemuth. --- Br. Franke from Philadelphia came here for a visit of his little Margaret. She rejoiced over her father, squeezed him and loved him but with tears, because she was afraid, that he would take her along with him. She old send greetings to her mother and to her brother and sister. After this Br. Franke went away.

January 3/14 1746. - Br. Opitz came from Gnadenthal from where he fetched a horse for Br. Thomas in order to take him, who had gone yesterday with Br. Roth to the Indians there for a visit, back to Bethlehem.

January 4/15th 1746. - The little Marie Hirt and Elizabeth Partch were vested by their mothers, and for that purpose a verse was sung for them. "Lord Jesus, bless Thou the branch with sweet rest; Anoint them with Thy oil in their spirit and body and soul. The blood of the holy wounds may go through them all hours." --- Sister Justine's 25th birthday was celebrated with a lovefeast, which the "workers" held with her. Br. Abraham composed a hymn for her.

January 5/16th 1746. - Abraham held the morning-prayer for the congregation. --- Sarah, Regina Hanitsch and Regina Lemuth went together to Gnadenthal for a visit. --- Fevro, our neighbor came to the sermon with his wife and 2 daughters and an old woman, his neighbor. They were very confident and familiar. So let them attend our Choir-festival, which was a blessing for them.

January 6/17th 1746. - Br. Gran-mueller for a visit to us.
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January 7th 1746. — Br. Brandmuller returned to Bethlehem very happy.
--- After he had left came Pyrleus with Br. Dham and a Francis Jones, in order to go over the Blue Mountain and to baptize a child. --- Br. Adolph visited Gnadenenthal and held there a singhour for the brethren and sisters there.

January 8th/19th 1746. — The land for Br. Gottlieb, the Indian, was surveyed and marked out: 20 perches broad, 45 perches long. A total of 5 acres and 60 perches farmland, ½ an acre meadowland, and for building the house a lot of 30 feet long and 20 feet wide. --- Br. Seichart was ordered in Christ's place to cut the straw and to help his wife with the cattle. --- Br. Christ was ordered to go to the barn in the place of Fritzsche, who will be employed with splitting wood. The brethren accepted willingly their work. ---- Solomon Jennings was here with two others. They all were highly astonished about the order in our stables. --- We had children's conference.

January 10th (21st) 1746. — Br. Adolph, who had gone yesterday to Bethlehem, returned again and with him came Br. Petzold. The same had accompanied Br. Seidel on his journey to Shacomaco as far as to the district. --- Br. Petzold left us and then Br. Pyrleus came back from the Blue Mountain, where he was to baptize a child, which he had found dead since 8 days. But the people there were appreciative for his going there. --- Our thrashers have thrashed this week 71 bushels of wheat and have cleaned it too. Since the beginning of the year a marked diligence.

January 11th (22nd) 1746. — Sister Krause got sick again, but Br. Adolph gave her medicine.

January 12th (23rd) 1746. — Br. Antes came from Bethlehem via Gnadenenthal, where he held a quarter-hour for the brethren and sisters. After
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he had looked over the marked out land for the Indians, he rode back to Bethlehem and Br. Adolph accompanied him. —— After the talk of Br. Adolph with Sister Krause and having applied the medicine, a better effect was obtained. —— Abraham and Sarah took care of the choir-quarter-hours during Br. Adolph's absence.

January 13th (24th) 1746. — 1. Some brethren began to build a chicken-house. —— 2. Our Helper-conference was important for us. In that conference things were talked over, especially how dangerous it is, when Brethren do something for themselves, and even if it would be the best thing. —— 4. In the afternoon came Brother Meining from Bethlehem in order to go to his post in Gradenthal. —— 7. Br. Adolph went with Br. Abraham Meining to Gradenthal, where according to the order of the congregation in Bethlehem Br. Abraham was introduced as their future worker, and then he held a meeting for the brethren and sisters there. —— 10. In the prayer-meeting (hourly-prayer) was recommended for prayer Br. Joseph's departure to Tulepholkin, Luehlbach in important business of the congregation, Br. and Sister Meining's plan in Gradenthal, and Br. and Sister Demuth's plan in Saucora and Macungie.

January 14th (25th) 1746. — 3. Br. George Schneider came quite happily from Bethlehem in order to stay for some time with us and to be introduced in his future marriage. 5. Br. Anders cut himself by splitting wood a new shoe through with a sharp hatchet, but he did not injure his foot. We were thankful for this kind protection.

January 17th (28th) 1746. — 2. Our thrashers have thrashed out this week 83 bushels grain. — 3. With our two carpenters Hrte and Jorde we had a lovefeast. In the heart of the latter one many things had to be cleared away, which could not be done on account of his emotionless heart.
January 18th (29th) 1746. -- 2. Sister Kunkler's little child fell down the steps on account of carelessness of the mother. But it did not suffer the least injury. We all were thankful to the Lord for this kind protection.

January 19th (30th) 1746. --- 3. In the council of the congregation the experience of the little Kunkler was put before the sisters as warning for their children, which they should take good care of in the future.

--- 5. Our neighbor, a Hollander, Jasper Bogert, who had come yesterday to Nazareth already for the sake of the sermon, went home again to-day.

Jorde came and asked for pardon for his offence with tears in his eyes.

January 20th (31st) 1746. - 2. A German family of 8 persons arrived here from Albany in order to move to the Susquehannah. They told, that French Indians had invaded the country and had robbed their belongings and they then fled. We gave them something to eat and also fed their horses and let them move on.

January 21st (February 1st) 1746. - 1. Sister Regine Hanitsch brought the little Blum (Cathrine), who had been in the girls' institute to Gradenthal, where she in the care of Sister Meining shall be urged little by little to some out-door work. -- 3. In the afternoon came Brother Senseman with Johannes very tired from Schenecoe and they were glad, that the Lord had brought them safely back. Then later he went still to Bethlehem. -- 5. Br. Adolph came back again and he reported of Br. Joseph's safe return from Heidelberg, mud-creek, Tulpchokin and Kuchelbach.

January 22nd (February 2nd) 1746. - 3. Br. Adolph upon the urgent request of a man had fallen and had broken the ribs, want to travel to a place, 14 miles from here. - 6. Br. Shaw from Minnissing with 5 of
his people came here in order to go to Bethlehem to the Synod. They looked around in our stables, and they admired the diligence of our brethren, which they use on our cattle. They said, that some people blamed our brethren, that they do not work much, but now they have seen, that our brethren work more during the night, than others work in the day-time. — 7. After the evening quarter-hour entered quite unexpectedly through the door our dear heart Nathanael Seydel, and he made glad our hearts with the news, which he told about dear Shecomeco.

**January 23rd (February 3rd) 1746.** — 1/ In the morning about 2 o'clock came the two Indian brethren Isaac and Nathan from Shecomeco, and they looked so bright and happy like a pair of candles. — 3. Br. Seydel went with the two Indian brethren to Bethlehem. — 5. Br. Adolph returned from that sick man quite wet. He had seen the polish disorder in the bush and was glad, that he could live in a place, where order was found in the congregation. — 6. The single sisters went all, with the exception of 5, to Bethlehem to the Synod.

**January 24th (February 4th) 1746.** — 4. Towards evening came 3 English men from Jersey. One of them was Molly Water's brother and he inquired very much about his sister. One of them went away again today. The other two were very quiet, and we showed them all kindness.

**January 25th (February 5th) 1746.** — 2. Molly Water's brother went together with his companions to Bethlehem in order that he could see his sister there and could talk with her. They testified, that they had found the brethren as it had been described to them by the people. — 3. Dr. David Keichard had been sent to Bethlehem as express messenger in order to notify the brethren there about the coming of the English men and the purpose of their going there.

**January 27th (February 7th) 1746.** — The brethren begin to split rails
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Rails for the fence for our God's acre. - 2. Sister Cremer, Sister Anna Margarethe Nieth and Liesel Blum returned from the Synod very happily.

January 29th (February 9th) 1746. - 1. Abraham and Sarah returned quite wet but happy from the Synod, where they had received so many blessings. 2. They brought also Brother and Sister Schneider, Brother and Sister Witte and Brother and Sister Gesterlin. - 3. In the evening arrived Br. Horsefield.

January 30th 1746. (February 10th). - Bro. and Sister Shaw came from Bethlehem, and after they had breakfasted Br. Horsefield went to New York and Bro. and Sister Shaw went to Wallpack to their work.

February 1st (February 12th) 1746. - In the singing-meeting it was spoken of the misfortune to be one's own master and of the great blessing to have the Lord as his master.

February 2nd (February 13th) 1746. - 4. Sarah held quarter-hour for the children in the institute, for the single sisters and for the married sisters; Abraham held the same for the farm-children and the for the men. 5. - After this they visited the brethren and sisters in the Farm-house. There they spoke especially to the sick folks. - 9. After all the meetings had Abraham and Schneider a respectable discourse about the matrimonial intercourse.

February 3rd (February 14th) 1746. - 6. Br. Shaw returned from Wallpack all wet and sick, but he was happy. - 10. The little Polly Noble fell into the fire-place but so, that she burned only her hand.

February 4th 1746. - (February 15th). - 4. Br. Mack came from Bethlehem with 4 Indians, Isaac, Nathanael, Thomas and Esther, who are about to go to Shecomeco. - 6. We had a nice lovefeast with the 4 Indians, who were happy.
February 5th 1746. (February 16th). - 3. After we had sung for the
4 Indian brethren and sisters and had prayed for them, we let them
so in piece their way and Dr. Shaw went with them one and a half days'
journey, in order to take them over the High Creek with his horses.
- 5. The most time we passed with conferences regarding the outer and
inner affairs, how they could be managed during Dr. Adolph's absence.
February 6th 1746. (17th February). - 2. To-day we finished the fence
around our God's acre. - 9. Sister Schropp was appointed as servant in
the Hall on the sister's side, which she accepted.
February 7th 1746. (18th February). - 1. Our dear Brother Adolph came
with his Justine in order to bid farewell to Nazareth. - 3. Dr. Maxill
came from the Blue Mountain in order to buy some medicine from Brother
Adolph. - 4. Several visitors from Bethlehem came. Antes and his wife,
both of the Huber's, Br. Joseph, Noble, Hagen, Bruecker and Pyreus.
They came to arrange some important things. They visited Gnadenthal and
returned to Nazareth. - 7. In the prayer-meeting announced Br. Joseph,
that the Lord had called Br. Adolph as pilgrim's eldest, and that he
would have to move to Bethlehem on account of the much work there. It
was told in the meeting, that in the congregation one does not get an
office for the honour's sake, but because it is a necessity, and it is
nothing else than like a horse before a cart, which has to pull.
February 8th 1746. (February 19th). - 4. In an elder-conference it was
agreed upon, that Dr. Schropp and Br. Ohnesorge should be used for hold-
ing meetings. - 5. Molly Watters should be the elder of the single Sis-
ters; Anna Antes should be warden, and Nancy Evans and Cathy Karney
should act as helpers and Sarah as mother. - 7. Br. Schropp was ap-
pointed as Warden of the married people and Br. Ohnesorge as assistant
helper in the same choir.
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February 21st 1746. (March 4th). - 6. Our carpenters finished the new weaver's loom and put it up in the brethren's room. The old loom was taken away from the single sisters' house.

February 25th 1746. (March 8th). - 3. Herman Loesch came from Tulpehocken to visit his sister Philippine and bring her some things. - 5. Our carpenters began to put up the Indian house.

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February 28th 1746. (March 11th). -- Our carpenters finished today blocking up the Indian house.

March 2nd 1746. (March 13th). -- 5. A certain Gentleman, Le Hughes from Long Island, presumably a former Presbyterian Minister, came to us for a visit. He was touched by our singing, by the sight of so many happy faces as well as by the preaching of the blood and wounds, of which he may not have understood much but only the word blood, yea he was so much touched, that he shed bitter tears. 6. Of our neighbors we present some of Le Fevre's people, who had also been touched and being exceedingly happy, they went away. -- 8. Br. Blum lead around in Nazareth that gentleman, who was astonished about the order and he rejoiced over it. -- 11. We had asked the English Gentleman to accept a dish of pap and a good drink of water. He was surprised about this, for he had supposed, that the minister would have something better to eat than the others. He told, that he had a burden on his heart and he had tried in several ways, to get rid of that burden, and now he did not want to go away. Abraham told him something about the wounds.

March 3d 1746. (March 14th). -- 2. Abraham had Le Hughes with him for breakfast, and at that occasion he read to him some juicy English hymns by which he again was touched and finally he recommended himself to the Brethren as a poor dead creature, for which they should pray. He went
then satisfied to Bethlehem. - 5. Dr. Schaub came from Bethlehem in order to make shingles for us. "Dr. Jorde was given him as help so that the shingles might be soon finished.

March 6th 1746. - (March 17th). - 1. Dr. Abraham and Dr. Schropp were singing through the entire house, and the brethren and sisters felt as if a great festival was about.

March 7th 1746. - (March 18th). - 3. Sarah would have liked to have a bodice for the little Anna Bryzelnia, who had been brought to us by Dr. Pyrleus from Bethlehem yesterday. And because Betsy Horsefield has one, which is too small for her, and when Sarah asked her, whether she would like to give it to her for a present, she said, oh yes, gladly.

Then the other children came also and wanted to present her something too. Polly Noble brought a silk scarf, and because Sarah did not want to accept it, she began to weep, and said then, "If you do not want it for the others, take it for yourself. And because Sarah did not want to do that, Polly Noble said then, take it and give it to your husband; and she was sad, when she said that. - 4. When the children one day went out for a walk, they came to the little lambs, and it was a wonderful sight, to see the children among the lambs, hugging and squeezing them. - 5. Dr. Schaub finished making shingles and he went back to Bethlehem joyfully, for he had not expected so much love here in Nazareth, as he really experienced. - 9. During the singing-meeting came Dr. Shaw from Bethlehem with the English Gentleman McCluske, who was so happy about Bethlehem, that he could not describe it, and he said: He thinks, that he could live there in Bethlehem very well with water and bread.

March 8th 1746. (March 19th). - 5. We had McCluske for breakfast. His heart and mouth was running over of Bethlehem and of the love, which had been shown to him there, especially by Dr. Joseph, and about all what he had heard. He never had been so happy.
as now in Bethlehem and Nazareth. He only had the desire to obtain the 7 speeches about the Divinity of Christ by Br. Ludwig, which Abraham got for him, and for which he was very grateful. - 6. Br. Christian Froehlich had come from Bethlehem and cupped Sister Jorda, Fritesch, Michel, Fritesch and Kunkler. Also Bro. Grabs cupped Br. Christ and Klotz. — 13. He had Mr. McCulhes for Supper with us and we had a nice conversation with him about things what concern the inner life.

He attended also the class and he could not wonder enough about our love to each other.

March 9th 1746. — (March 20th 1746). Sunday. — 2. Mr. McCulles was with us for breakfast and he could not tell enough about it, how happy he was in our midst. He wrote to his friend, and told in his letter that he has been an atheist, but now he is a man who has been washed in Jesus' blood and he is now our brother, and he told also in that letter about our doctrine and love. — 9. Mr. McCulles we took to the Brethren's table to his satisfaction, although we had nothing else but pop, bread and salt. — 10. We took him also along to the class, and he always wondered why we could be so happy, because he had thought, that Christianity makes people poor. — 12. In the evening at the close of the day we had prayer-meeting on our knees and Mr. McCulles wept bitterly.

March 11th 1746. — (March 21st). — 3. Mr. McCulles left us with many tears and a touched heart and he was very thankful for all the blessings, which he had received.

On the other hand he was afraid to go back to the world, because he might loose all, what he had gained here and he asked for prayer and promised to let hear something of him.

March 12th 1746. — (March 22nd). — Br. Hessler could have broken his legs and could have scaldd his body, but the Lord prevented it.

March 13th 1746. (March 24th). — 7. We had a garden-conference, so that we could start our garden and use it in the right manner.

March 14th 1746. (March 25th). — 1. Soon after the morning-prayer went Br. Fenz Blum to James Kees, 9 miles from here, in order to fetch them straw for the cattle. — 2. At the same time Br. Kremaer drove to Bethlehem to fetch there stones for our new baking-oven, and in the evening he returned with 450 stones. — 3. Towards
noon brought us Br. Michart 300 bricks from Bethlehem and he took a waggon full of ashes along.

March 17th 1746. (March 28th). - 2. Crenser and Boehmer drove to Bethlehem in order to fetch the balance of the bricks for our new baking oven. - 3. Br. Zehn came for a visit with 2 from Shippach, Abraham Heidiger, a Schenckfeldian, from Silesia, Br. Joseph's old acquaintance, and Conrad Seber, whose father had been blessed so much on the last Synod in Bethlehem. - 6. Abraham lead around the two men from Shippach and they wondered about our order and arrangements, and thankful they went away.

8. Our institute's girls are spinning very diligently because they say, that they are spinning for the pilgrims.

March 16th 1746. (March 29th). - Br. sitke and Bro. Fischer found that it was necessary to take down the entire baking oven with the foundation, because the entire oven had sunk down. - 4. Br. Crenser and Bro. Boehmer came back with the balance of the bricks from Bethlehem and they brought the news, that Br. Joseph had left yesterday for Philadelphia and on the way he had laid the foundation for the school-house in Macungie. - Soon after that came Br. Hagen in order to go as messenger to Schoenwies. He also brought the news of Br. Herdinge drowning in the Lech (Lochich). We were perplexed, when we heard this sad news.

March 24th 1746. (April 4th). - 1. Br. sitke came in the night at 1 o'clock from Bethlehem to Nazareth in order to perfect our baking oven. - 2. The Indian house was finished until noon with the exception of plastering it. - 5. Br. Heinrich Antes brought us our dear mother Maria quite unexpectedly. They came via Snedenthal.

March 25th 1746. (April 5th). - Br. Heinrich Antes went with Abraham and Schrop to see the Indian house, and looked also for a place for the smithy, namely down by the spring in the corner in front of the barn near the milk-house towards the threshing-floor.

March 26th 1746. (April 6th). - 4. Our new baking oven was finished today. - 5. Br. sitke went joyfully back to Bethlehem.
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April 2nd 1746. (April 13th).—Yesterday and to-day we had a terrible bush-fire all around Nazareth. A strong wind was blowing and we feared some damage. The brethren worked two days to prevent the fire from coming nearer to Nazareth. The Lord helped and kept away all damage. Not more than 30 rails of our fence burned. —2. Br. Franz Blum began for the first time to saw. Abraham looked at him with much edification.

---3. From morning until we had with Br. Adolph Conference. We noticed, that among the Sisters still much love is lacking, and we found it necessary, that a change of their rooms should take place. The arrangement was made in the following manner:

---5. In the Helper-Conference suggested Br. Adolph, that it would be good, when both parts of the garden on the right and on the left of the house would only be used for the kitchen, and the balance of the garden would be used for the orchard and grain. Both parts of the orchard would have to have 2 square fences, so that the cattle from the orchard could not get in the other part. Then nice seat of turf and walks could be made for our children, which will increase in the future.

April 4th 1746. (April 15th).—3. In the helper-conference the matter was brought up, that nobody of the brethren and sisters should order anything from Bethlehem without first notifying the brethren in order to avoid confusion. And our dear mother might be burdened with things, which might not be necessary, if one would first investigate the matter. —5. Our dear Indian messenger Johannes Hagen came very happily back from Schuylers with scanty and sad news. He did rest for a few hours by us, and then he went on to Bethlehem.

April 5th 1746. (April 16th).—1. Br. Getron came from the Synod very happy, but presided only here in order to preach to-morrow by Br. Broadhead in Danbury. —3. Sister
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Cramer is improving but is still sick. — 6. Abraham and Sarah visited the single sisters’ house and they spoke with them about the sicknesses in the congregation, how one should look upon them. Sister Cramer has still the desire to go home (depart) them to recover again. — 7. Br. Abraham Keimung came quite unexpected from Bethlehem and brought a letter from the mother and reported in it, that she could not take the children all at one time. After a while Br. Abraham went then to Gnesental. — 8. Schobers came also for a visit.

April 6th 1746. (April 17th). — 1. Abraham and Sarah had schobers with them for breakfast, and he told about his departure from Moravia. — 3. Schobers went then to Bethlehem and had been very happy with us together. — 4. In the council of the Congregation was announced the change in the kitchen, that the two sisters Kunkler and Jorda should come in the kitchen here in the place of the Hasslers. Br. Kichler should come here from his shoemaker-shop and the finishing of the required shoes should be left to Br. Grab, who could make them occasionally. — 6. Br. Fischer went to Bethlehem to help the brethren there with mason work.

April 7th 1746. (April 18th). — 2. Abraham and schober visited the brethren and sisters all by their work. — 5. Br. Otto came to visit the sick folks.

April 8th 1746. — (April 19th). — 1. Sister Kunkler and Jorda entered in their new office in the kitchen with much pleasure. — 5. Five of the single sisters were today on the long meadow to clean the same. — 7. Abraham went on a visit to Gnesental. — 8. Br. Outrow came from the blue mountain in order to fetch his wife from Bethlehem.

April 10th 1746. (April 21st). — 2. Our dear Br. Francke came from Friedrichstorn quite unexpected. Abraham led him around in the village. Our brethren and sisters rejoiced very much about their visit. Our brethren and sisters, especially Schoof and Mueller, have a special inclination for Friedrichstorn. — 3. Br. Francke held for us an emotional noon quarter-hour and soon after this he returned again to his place. — 4. In Gnesental arrived a Syrian neighbor and asked for help against the
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bush-fire. The 4 brethren went there and helped him otherwise his house and everything else would have burned down.

April 11th 1746. (April 22nd). — 2. Our new cook is very happy by their cooking and they have commenced their work very nicely, they also prepare the food well and are clean, so that the brethren and sisters are well fed and they can be thankful to the Lord. — 3. In the conference with the Children's sisters (nurses) we looked over thoroughly. On one child one should have special interest, because it is a proud and seductive child. — 7. Two strangers came here, one a Doctor Thomas Steel and the other one Mr. Green from Georgia, we gave them night-lodging. The latter one would have liked to stay here and work for the food, but we did not trust him too much.

April 12th 1746. (April 23rd). — 1. Brosem and Schropp asked the brethren and sisters with very nice verses. — 4. Br. Fischer from Bethlehem come and brought us the news, that in St. Thomas recently seven brethren and sisters had died, namely: Bratke, Scheerbeck; Sister schur with her 2 children, and the sister Keber during child's birth with her child. — 10. In the night came our dear Dr. Mack and brought the message along, that the single sisters and especially Sister Punkt should come to Bethlehem tomorrow to the Communion. He told us some nice stories, which revived us again. — 12. With Bro. Martin Mack we had a good time until midnight and how happy we all were!

April 14th 1746. (April 25th). — 5. John Mack Michel's wife, who had been with Susanna Rey in Bethlehem, returned very happy and they could not tell enough how they had liked it in Bethlehem.

April 15th 1746. (April 26th). — 1. An English man by name of Elias Johnson, from behind New York travelled through Nazareth and went to Bethlehem, in order to find out whether it was really so as he had heard about it, and he had heard nice things about the brethren. He even had the desire to stay there, if they wanted him there. — 5. Br. Outrem came from Bethlehem in order to get his things from a package, for

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for he will move to Nazareth again and will be the manager of the tailor-shop.

April 16th 1746. (April 27th). — 2. The single sisters are singing the entire day and are very happy. — 4. An English man came from Brunswick over. He is sick with his leg and had the fever. He inquired about the Doctor. He was then directed to Bethlehem. — 5. We got ready for the bleach-works 162 yards of linen. — 6. Two young quiet people came here from far, in order to travel to Sopus, where they have purchased a plantation. — 7. Also two Indians came from Chocomeco. The old Indian Michel’s son with his wife, in order to visit Bethlehem. — 9. Bro. and Sister Rauch were with us and they rejoiced with us. He told us about his land-preaching tour. We lamented about Br. Lishy’s dangerous circumstances.

April 17th 1746. (April 28th). — 1. Br. Philippus came with his wife and 3 children from Chocomeco in order to visit Bethlehem. She is Thomas’ Sister and she looked happy. They have been on the way for 10 days and had lost themselves for 3 days. Also last night, because it was so dark, they had to stay near the creek in the woods, 3 miles away from here. — 3. Elias Johnsen got ready to go. But before he asked Br. Franz, whether he could not stay here, he would willingly work. He likes it so much here. But Br. Franz gave him the answer: We cannot accept any people, except it was decided in Bethlehem. — 4. Br. Rauch cupped Sarah. He also wanted to cup Cathrine Rieth, but he wanted to leave it until the increasing moon. — Then they went with the 7 Indians to Bethlehem.

April 18th 1746. (April 29th). — 4. Some brethren threshed out the balance of the wheatcorn, 45 bushels. — A whole carawen of people came from Bethlehem for a visit.


April 20th 1746. — (May 1st). — 11. To-day came again a crowd of Indians from Chocomeco. Peter, Zachaeus and the old Jephta together with 5 Indian sisters and 3 children. That was a great joy. ☀ See note on back of this sheet.

April 21st 1746. — (May 2nd). — Brother and Sister Beck and Br. Rohner started at 3 o’
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April 10 - The single sisters are singing the entire day and are very happy.

April 10 - Jonas and Jonas care with 5 Indian Sisters and 2 children very happy from Coosevoo.

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May 15 - In the evening late came our mill wagon and brought 3 nice Indian girls for our Inst.

June 5 - 1746 - Mr. Breadhead and his son, the surveyor, Solomon Jenney, John Mackintosh, George Pocht and somebody else with the negro came here from surveying the King's Street.
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either to make the street straight to Bethlehem, or to keep the old road from the
Indian field

June 21 - 1746 - Mr. David Bisseff came with Thorne and 5 other Indians from Checo.
We had great joy over their visit. They had lost themselves as far as to our Indian
house, then they found themselves again. In their country they are preparing for war on
account of the fear of the French people. Other Indians are preparing to come here too.
June 23 - 1746 - In the afternoon had the little seamstresses Maria Ross, Polly and
Sally Price, Betsy Homfield, Martha and Maria Spangenberg a happy lovefeast.
June 24 - 1746 - The children were along on the meadow and gathered clover-seed with
much pleasure. They also sang some hymns, while they were gathering.
June 25 - 1746 - The children had a singing meeting.

July 7 - 1746 - Towards evening brought the wagon several things, among them also a
little apothecary for Sarah with the instructions, how the medicine shall be used and
when it shall be used. - Our Indian single sister Anna and also Sister Anna Anton were
about getting the small pox and went to bed.
July 15 - 1746 Sarah got very sick with fever and was compelled to go to bed. The Lord
may heal her soon, for she has no time to be sick.
July 18 - 1746 - Mr. Ehrenberg came from the field and his face was badly swollen from the
sting of a wasp so that one did not recognize him. He felt bad inside and because one did
not know, whether he had taken up in his body of that poison of the wasps Abraham gave
him Therisa and laid down to bed, where he began to sweat and soon the swelling of the
face went down.
July 21 - 1746 - 6. Abraham and Sarah visited in Guadalual and Nathanael Seidel met
them and told them that next Thursday by the order of the Governor would be Thanksgiving
festival, because our King had beaten the pretender and his party.
August 6 - 1746 - Sr. Abraham hurried on his journey to Nazareth 2 children; one child,
the little Hanna Elizabeth Klotz, Ludwig's daughter, in the big swamp. In Bethlehem he
buried the little Joseph Cartes.
August 10 - 1746 - Three of our poor children got the small pox, namely the little children, Ann Nilsen, Thomas Fischer, and Ann Nilsen, Thomas Fischer.

August 11 - 1746 - In the night between 11 and 12 o'clock died the little Sarah, Br. Nathanael's daughter.

August 12 - 1746 - Br. Rauch visited the sick folk. Also the little children, who have the small pox and found them improving, thanks God. -- All the children sick with small pox were up today.

August 13 - 1746 - Five of our poor children, Anna Nilsen, Gottlieb Anders, Thomas Fischer, Ludwig Weinert, Sarah Osenberg, are lying still in bed with the small pox. The little Ludwig has been the worst, and from the beginning the mother had felt as if the boy would go home, depart.

August 26 - 1746 - It is a sorry thing with our little Weinert. He cannot live and he cannot die. The little Nathanael Grabhs is also lying down with the small pox. 12. Because so many things were lying heavily upon our hearts, we called together the workers and had a blessed hour of prayer.

August 27 - 1746 - Our little Weinert is still lying there, and it is supposed that he has T. B. Also Sarah became so sick and dizzy that she had to go away from the Love feast and had to lie down.

August 29 - 1746 - We had a conference with the children's sisters by which we read the children's diary.

August 30 - 1746 - Between 12 and 1 o'clock died the little Nathanael Grabhs.

September 7 - 1746 - The little Eliza Klotz got the Gichter very strongly they were precursor of the small pox.

September 15 - 1746 - Towards evening became the little Catharin Mueller sick with fever, cough and rattling on the chest, that we thought she would die. But later it got better again.

October 21 - 1746 - After eating went Sarah with the bigger children to the long meadow to the Welsh-corn, and broke it entirely.
October 24 - 1746 - We had a blessed Conference with the sisters of the children. It is necessary that the sisters have an accurate feeling of all their children so that they can meet their desires and speak to them about the Lord. The sisters were then asked that they should ask from the Lord wisdom so that they know how to deal with the children.

November 28 - 1746 - Abraham brought also the news along that the little Anna Bookman would be tomorrow 4 weeks in Bethlehem Institute had died.

December 20 - 1746 - Today we began to fell timbers for the sawmill and for the Institute's building on Shadonehooche because it is the best time in the year to fell timbers. Also our wagon came from Bethlehem in order to fetch from here some wheat. That same wagon brought us a butched oxen along. — We hauled wood home for making shoe-lasts. The other brethren were busy with thrashing. Towards evening came Mr. Hubner from Beth. in order to put up a little oven in the little room.
January 4 - 1747 - Little Anna Pryselius has a bad tooth. Therefore Dr. Hessler was sent as express messenger to Bethlehem with the request for a Brother, who understands it, that he may come and look at the tooth.

January 5 - 1747 - (Trouble with Indians in Chocano and Pachgatgoth because of lies told by two wanen)

March 9 - The Indians in Chocano and Pachgatgoth are moved to come to the song. The Saviour has put the devil under his feet and he wants to teach us that we should lodge the Indians and should deal with them cordially and treat them according to the mind of the Saviour.

March 10 - Brandmuller goes to Swatara in order to preach the gospel there and to visit the people and especially to take interest in the children.

March 29 - Everybody was asked to remember that in our household love and wisdom should rule. At this occasion it was also shown that the property, or that what one does possess or what one wishes to possess has caused much mischief in the world, but from that has the Saviour redeemed us too.

Important events cont'd.

February 27 - Bro. and Sr. Nelson were chosen as stewards.

May 12 - Bro. Fischer was appointed as Diener (deacon) instead of Dr. Haecker's place.

May 18th - Came Br. Joseph to Nazareth together with Anton Schmidt in order to talk with the Brethren and Sisters of Nazareth in regard to the arrangement of a community or congregation. The text for the day was: "Here is nothing but God's house."

January 15 - The liturgy was for the first time offered.

October 24 - The classes were begun again.

End of the year 1747
April 3 — After Nathanael and Rebecca had seen the 10 Indian children here, they were glad and went on their way to Bethlehem where Dr. Hagen accompanied them.

April 8 — Today a wall in the little children's room was taken out and by doing so the room became much larger. Now the children have more room than before.

April 16 — Dr. Graba our shepherd for the sheep went the day before yesterday with his little sheep in the bush to feed them there. He found a nice place with fresh grass and he tried to drive the sheep there, but they did not want to go. After trying several times, he gave it up and thought, now I will follow the sheep, and instead of going ahead, they turned back where they came from. And they had scarcely walked 20 steps, when a big and dry tree fell down with tremendous noise on the same place where a few seconds before the little sheep were standing not willing to go ahead. If the Lord had not sent his angels which stood in the way of the sheep so that they should not go ahead they would have been killed. We thanked the Lord for his kind protection.

April 24 — Some modest German men arrived here who came from Sopus and wanted to go to Shippach. They did not dare to stay any longer in Sopus because all who were single and not wealthy were pressed. They told that the rumour of war would grow worse and when the English fleet would not soon arrive it would be bad for the English people, for the savages secretly side with the French and betray to them the white English people.

May 15 — 1747 — About 10 o'clock in the forenoon came 40 soldiers which behaved and were quiet. They ate 5 loaves of bread and went away gratefully. In the afternoon some companies of soldiers passed by and never stopped. They seemed to be timid and they told that they were called back by the governor. Dr. Fisher finished today our hall.

June 14 — Today we came together to celebrate the Lamb's supper the brethren and Sisters who went to Holy Communion were about 69 and they were all married people.

June 23 (July 4) — We had children's conference. The children read still one table and benches with a back. Mother promised to get a brother from Bethlehem who do the work and she also want to give the boards for that purpose.
June 30th - 1747  Towards evening came Captain John with his wife and 2 children and another Indian to stay with us overnight because it rained. He was hunting for us very diligently.

July 2 (15) - Immediately after the morning prayer the congregation remained sitting and Br. Reischart and Br. Nielsen went and fetched the sickles and distributed them among the brethren and sisters by reciting very juicy verses and we felt in our hearts, that the Lamb was with us in our joy. — made a real beginning with our harvest.

The next day in the evening they had a love feast with the reapers.

Jumia

July 6 (17) - After the breakfast came the single brethren from Bethlehem and we greatly rejoiced especially with their pleasant music. We gave them something to eat for breakfast and after this they went with us together to the "long meadow" by pleasant music and they began to reap our wheat in the name of our Lamb. The Saviour not only gave us very fine weather, but He has kept our hearts happy, "juicy" and sound.

On the 8th of July in the afternoon we had a lively and delighted love feast with the single brethren from Bethlehem out of gratefulness for their great and faithful help, which they have offered to us so willingly, then they went merrily and pleased with full music to Bethlehem.

TE DEUM LADAMUS - On one Sunday the brethren and sisters were singing the TE DEUM LADAMUS on their knees. — — — MUNDI ! They did that often.

August 12 - After the meal we had House Council by which we made known to the brethren and sister that it was in the past our rule or custom that when we took grains to the flour-mill, leather to the tanner, or something to the brandy-distillery, they who did the work for us, kept always a share of the material for themselves as payment.

December 31 - Some of the single sisters went on the sleigh to Gradenthal and from there to Bethlehem for the night watch.

Some dates of important events:

January 1 - 1747 - the dormitory in the house below has been consecrated.

March 24 - 1747 - Bro. Camerhoff and his wife visited us the first time.
June 4 - 1748 - After the quarter hour everybody, brethren and sisters, went to reap corn and all went with merry and delighted minds.

July 18 - Because the Lord has given us such fine weather we got very busy with bringing in our grains; but because our fields are far away from the house, we had to divide the workers. Our sisters were picking flax on the long meadow and very few people were at home and could not therefore have our noon quarter hour.

August 30 - Our kind Indians were very drunk today and they were shooting very much near our house that we had to live in fear they may in their foolishness hit some of our brethren and horses, which were working in the nearby field. But because we talked to the Indians, they soon stopped.

October 10 - Our wagon went this morning early to Bethlehem with sheaves and wheat chaff. Our sister Klotz came this morning from Gnadenhutten with the glad news that the little Lamb has presented the Bro. and Sister Werner with 2 little hearts, and both of them are sisters.

October 22 - Some of our Brethren and sisters went today to Gnadenhutten to visit sister Werner and especially also the 2 little hearts.

October 24 - - - Krausee drove away at noon to go to Philadelphia and get salt.

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May 4 - 1749 - In the afternoon about 4 o'clock came quite unexpected David Mitchtem, who had come from Europe to our all joy to us and stayed with us about nearly one hour and then went with his wife to Bethlehem where they are also very glad to see them.

May 7 - The dear Heart Nathanael came back from Bethlehem in the evening and brought the news along that of the European Hearts none had come as yet, and he brought also the information that this week our wagon should drive to Germantown and should fetch the children to Bethlehem.

May 8 - This morning went Mr. Krausee with our wagon to Germantown in order to take the remaining children who are still there to Bethlehem. He also took 2 children, Joseph Otto and Samuel Mixtorf (?), along to Bethlehem to the boys Institute there.

Frank drove along as far as to Bethlehem, also Cornelius, the Indian, and his wife.
May 6 Cont'd. - about 20 strong have arrived in Bethlehem.

May 12 - In the forenoon after 8 o'clock when Frank was just on the way to Bethlehem in order to inquire in Bethlehem whether it was possible that our brethren and sisters could go to Bethlehem for Pentecost came the dear brother Christian David with brother Edman (?) from Bethlehem to visit with us, which gave us all much joy and happiness.

— the brethren had arrived from Europe and could come to Nazareth, but not the sisters, because all the European Brethren and Sisters had come and also many strange people from the bush therefore there would be not much place to lodge. Christian David came back in the night with Nathaeus Schroff from Gradenthal. Christian David was very much pleased with Gradenthal especially the building of the mill.

May 16 - Meyer's were delighted in their children

May 24 - Towards noon came Bro. and Sr. Gerter to see their Johan Christian and after they had seen their son and had found him so well, they went very delighted and pleased back to Bethlehem.

May 28 - Bro. and Sr. Vetter came also from Beth. to us. They wanted to see their Nathanael and found him very lively and were delighted about him and were happy and in the afternoon at 3 o'clock they returned again to Beth.

May 31 - This forenoon came brother David Nitschman and Bro. and Sister Stach und der Sister Paulsen from Beth. They are on their way to Greenland. Nitschman accompanied them to New York, where they will go by a ship on their way.

End of 1749 Diary

1750

January 1 1750 - new style-Dec. 21st o. st. - Last night we had watch night and we remembered all what the good Lord had done for us in the old year and how He has carried out his love-plan with us. Brother Nathanael Seidel held the community hour (Gemeinshum

Monday January 5 - After 8 o'clock had those brethren and sisters which yesterday had to take care of the children and on account of other circumstances could not attend Holy Communion with us, had their absolution, then Holy Communion. For a visit came from Beth. Br. Friedrich Boehre(?) and Segner. The first one was visiting his little Marie in the Institute and the other one came along as messenger with a letter from