

DIARY OF NAZARETH OF THE YEAR 1779.

Memorabilia of Nazareth of the year 1779.

Summary Repetition of the Whole.

Into the congregation on Nazareth have come from other congregations	11,
From us have been transferred to other congregations.....	12,
From us have gone away by their own choice.....	3,
Into the congregation have been received:.....	3,
Admitted to Holy Communion	6,
Born and baptized are.....	1,
Died have.....	5,

Our congregation on Nazareth consists at present of:

Married people.....	78	persons,
Widowers.....	9	"
Widows.....	6	"
Single brethren, youths and boys.....	88	"
Single sisters and big girls,.....	28	"
Children.....	17	"

A total of: 226 persons

9 less than last year.

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January 3d 1780. To-day the funeral of our Br. Otto should take place, but on account of the deep snow and the severe storm nobody could venture to go out from the house.

January 4th 1780. To-day it was made possible, after those in Old Nazareth and the brethren in New Nazareth had made a path to the Hutberg, to have the funeral. At 1 o'clock most of the brethren and sisters from Old and New Nazareth, had come together in the Hall, where Br. Lembke spoke of

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the daily text of December 31st, the day, when Br. Otto had died. After the personalia was read, the coffin was put into a sledge and taken to the Hutberg, where under the litany it was put into the grave. Friedrich Otto, who had died December 31st in the evening at 6 o'clock, was born August 9th 1712 in the town Meiningen, in Saxony, Germany. His father, Joh. Bernhard Otto was a surgeon, and his mother was Christina, born Carlin, who had died 2 years ago, when she was 93 years old. In his first years was Br. Otto a very weak child, so that one did prepare for his burrial, but he recovered against all supposition, and he was sent to church and school, which he liked very much. In school he profited so much, that he had the desire to study. When the time came that he should go to a higher school, he chose to become a doctor. He went to the University in Jena and studied there three years. Then he went home and remained one year with his parents. There he studied diligently, and then he went to the second University in Halle, wher he continued his studies for one year and a half. There he received the doctor-degree. In the year 1740 he came home again, and then he came in contact with the brethren, who visited in Meiningen the awakened people. Bro. Otto then had the desire to go to the Brethren's congregation, and after his father had died, which was caused by a heavy fall, he got ready and left his people and went first to Herrenhaag, and after a year he went to Herrnhut and from there to Gnadeck or Burau, a castle of the late Count Balthasar von Fromnitz in Silesia. There he was received into the congregation June 20th 1743. On August 17th he was married with the single sister Anna Maria Weber from Frankfurt am Main. In September 7th in the same year he went with his wife over Marienborn to Holland and travelled with a good number of Brethren and sisters to America and came to Bethlehem in December 6th, where he for the first time went with the congregation to Holy Communion on January 1st 1744. In this first marriage he had a son, our Br. Joseph Otto, who is a doctor here, and a daughter, Anna Theodora, who

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had died long before he had. He lived to see a grandchild of his son's marriage. In April 4th 1749 his first wife died, and in the next year,, June 25th he married a second time with the widow Sister Maria Magdalena Judith Bruce, born Benezet, who is now again a widow. In the year 1754 in August 18th he was consecrated as a Diaconus of the brethren's church. In 1760 in October he was transferred to Lititz, to serve the congregation there, as in Bethlehem, as Doctor. In 1763 he was transferred from Lititz to Nazareth with the same purpose. Later he was relieved by his Son Joseph and he went to take his rest. But because he was an active man, he could not be idle, and therefore he himself found various kind of activities. He accepted the office as a Diener in Old Nazareth. He liked so much to have a talk with the brethren about spiritual things, and thereby to profit for his own soul. December 26th he began to feel sick; he had an inflammatory fever on his chest. He liked to pray for the congregation, for the Mission in the heathen-country, for the Diaspora; and he liked to talk about his own heart, about the Lord and many other useful things. In his phantasie he talked nice things, and December 31st in the evening at 6 o'clock he fell asleep gently and happily.

January 20th 1780. These days it is so severe cold, that we could not have any services. This happened several times.

March 14th 1780. In the afternoon at 1,30 was the funeral of the single brother Jahnn Biefel from Christian Spring, who had died on the 11th of this month. Br. Reichel held a sermon about the daily text of the 11th, the day, when he died. He spoke about: "Who will separate us from the love of God." Br. Biefel was born in Nazareth on December 31st 1746. He had been educated in the institutes in Bethlehem and Nazareth, and was received into the boy's choir in the year 1758 and was transferred to Christian Spring, where he was working in the economy. When he was 14 years old, he was received into the congregation. The year after, he was admitted to Holy Communion and came to the single brethren's choir, He

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He was a skilled and diligent man, and especilay he understood carriages. He had some inner conflict, which was brought in order by his Lord. His sickness started 3 years ago, when he had lifted something very heavy and drank then some cold water and after this he had hemorrhage, and later he had hoarseness of the throat with coughing. He tried everything, but nothing did help. He was happy, when after 4 years he was permitted, to partake at Holy Communion, the first time. He was taken to the sick-room two weeks ago, because he was so weak. It was a pleasure to be around him and to talk to him. On the 11th the cough stopped, and he was not able to bring up anything more, and the rattling on the chest increased, so, that one could not understand anything, what he said. He tried with all strength to say the verse: "When my lips will grow pale", and he wanted to say it twice. Then he was blessed of his going home, and when a song was sung, his breath came to a stand still. Br. Lembke held the funeral. Br. Biefel had reached an age of 34 years.

March 17th 1780. Bro. and Sister Wichmann came from the Hope with her child to Gnadenthal.

March 18th 1780. The boy Wilhelm Mueller has been taken to Bethlehem this morning, where he will work in the shoemaker's shop of the single brethren.

March 20th 1780. Bro. and Sr. Brunner with their children moved from Gnadenthal over to Nazareth into the habitation and plantation of the late Br. Schulze.

March 30th 1780. We learned to know through Br. Jacob Christ, that our dear European brethren and sisters have been seen and greeted in Easton. This was not only mentioned to the Communicants, but they also did pray for them, that they may be protected and be guided by the Lord.

April 8th 1780. In the forenoon we had a delightful visit by Br. Seppa Nielsen, accompanied by the brethren Simon and Friedrich Peter, who at the same time visited their parents here. They came yesterday from Bethlehem to Christian Spring, where they return to-day again.

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April 24th 1780. The single Bro. Kern came here accompanied by his brother in-law David Tanneberger, to stay here.

April 25th 1780. The single brother Johannes Clewell has been married with the single sister Hanna Klein in Schoeneck.

May 7th 1780. Bro. and Sr. Zeisberger went to Bethlehem, accompanied by Br. Peter and Br. Lembke, where they attended the consecration of Br. Zeisberger as a presbyter of the Brethren's church, and where they were also consecrated for Diakons (deacons). Br. Peter's son, Simon, was also consecrated for a diakon. Many brethren and sisters of Nazareth went to Bethlehem, to attend that ceremony. They all returned again to Nazareth after the ceremony was over.

May 9th 1780. The single brother Johannes Reiz went from here to Bethlehem on his journey to the Wachau.

May 22nd 1780. To-day the Gnadenthal waggon took the sisters and children from Gnadenuhuetten, who had fled here, back to their place.

May 23d 1780. Br. and Sr. Zahm went from Gnadenthal to Bethlehem, where they had been called.

May 24th 1780. In the forenoon went Br. and Sr. Peter from Nazareth to Gnadenthal, where he will be the liturgus for the house.

May 26th 1780. Yesterday and to-day was swept and scoured the side of the Hall by the single sisters here, where the single sisters will be living.

May 31st 1780. From Bethlehem came ^{/in the forenoon} to-day/Bro. and Sr. Nathanael with Br. Muenster and Sister Esther. In the afternoon at 2 o'clock arrived as a little virgin-choir 12 single sisters, 9 from Bethlehem, and 3 from Lititz, appointed to live in the Hall for the time being, escorted by their choir-helper Sister Susel von Gersdorf by all rain, which continued the whole day after we had for 4 weeks dry weather. The names of the sisters are: Elizabeth Leimbach, the laborer; Magdalena Peizel, the cook for the sisters; Anna Tanneberger, Elizabeth Partsch, Anna Gambold, Christiane

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Richter, A. Marie Levering, A. Rosina Miksch, A. Maria Segner, Sabine Schrop, A. Rosina Kremser, A. Rosina Werner,

June 1st 1780. In the afternoon at 2 o'clock the single sisters, who had come yesterday here in order to live in Nazareth, were received with a lovefeast in the presence of the Elder-Conference, the village-committee, the Hall-Diener and Dienerinnen (servants), as also the brethren, who had served the sisters with their teams. Br. Nathanael announced^{/at} first that 9 sisters from Bethlehem and 3 from Lititz had come here, to form a small Choir, of which they had been thinking long, and which had not been forgotten. But^{/to} the Lord be thanks and praise, that after so long a time and especially in these hard times, it has been materialized, and in that manner the Ortsgemeine (village-congregation) Nazareth has received its proper form. We thought also of the sister Juliana Weckler, who has served in all faithfulness the single sisters in Nazareth and who is now sick and ready to "go home". We prayed to the Lord, that he will bless that sister. Then in the Choir a psalm was rendered accompanied by music, and everybody joined in it. Then a hymn of welcome was sung in the name of the congregation in Nazareth. Br. Nathanael also blessed Sister Elizabeth Leimbach as the laborer of the choir. She also was then introduced to the Elder-Conference, which gathered together at the end of the service and talked over many things, which concern the outer service of the single sisters for the congregation here. ----In the evening, before the single Sisters went to bed, the dormitory, which was adapted for the single sisters, was dedicated and blessed by Sister Susel von Gersdorf, and hymns were sung and a prayer was offered. -- At midnight died Sister Juliana Weckler, after she had been blessed ("eingesegnet") by Sister Susel von Gersdorf.

June 5th 1780. The funeral of Sister Juliana Weckler took place. The single sisters Liesel Seidlitz, Gerhard and Bischoff had come from Bethlehem and attended the funeral at 1 o'clock with many others.

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June 6th 1780. In the forenoon Sister Tanneberger commenced school with the girls in the Hall.

June 20th 1780. In the evening we received from Christian Spring the news that Bro. Lemmert had died. He was burried on the 22nd of June.

August 5th 1780. In the forenoon came Mr. Jones with his family from Bethlehem for a visit of several days here,; they visited also in the Hall. Sister Lindemeyer returned to Bethlehem, after she had been here with her sister for several days.

August 14th 1780. The single Sister Elizabeth Frey, who had served the Bro. and Sr. Ljungberg, moved to the single sisters in the Hall.

August 17th 1780. In the morning came Sister Susel von Gersdorf with some other sisters for a visit of the sick sister Richter. --Our girls had with those of Schoeneck, about 12 or 14 in number, their festival.

August 19th 1780. Our single sisters went on a waggon to Bethlehem for a visit; Sister Susel von Gersdorf returned there also.

August 29th 1780. The three youths, Jöh. Hirt, Jacob Schnall and Joh. Heinrich Mueller/^{from Christian Spring}were received into the choir.

September 7th 1780. In the morning came sister Anna Marschall with 2 ~~at~~ other single sisters, the daughters of the widow Partsch, and fetched here the 3d daughter, in order to see once more their sick mother in Hope, who is sick to death.

September 10th 1780. From Bro. and Sr. Huebner, who are going to Schoeneck, to baptize there an adult, the sad news, that Br. Seppe Niesser had died. --- Br. Lembke had announced to the brethren and sisters the arrival of Br. Grube from his visitation of the Indians on the Muskingum; he had also brought along letters from Br. Zeisberger, Heckewaelder and Senseman.

September 17th 1780. In the early morning came Br. Leimbach in a chaise and fetched the oldest daughter of the widow Partsch in Hope, who wishes to see her daughter before she dies.

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October 9th 1780. The single Sister Rosina Werner moved from the choir~~h~~ house to the bro. and Sr. Ljungberg in order to serve in their household.

October 16th 1780. In our village began Br. Joh. Michael Kern to ~~form~~ pots on his potter's wheel; many of the brethren were looking at it.

October 17th 1780. From Christian Spring went the single sister Anna Merz, where she had been a help for the married sisters for a good while, to Bethlehem to her choir.

October 21st 1780. This week has been finished the repairs in the saw- and flour-mill in Christian Spring.

November 17th 1780. To-day moved the single Br. Matth. Zahm from Christian Spring to the brethren's house here, to work in the shoemaker-shop.

November 10th 1780. The big girl, Mary, the negress, youngest daughter of our negro-brother and sister in Christian Spring, has been received into the congregation.

November 26th 1780. Sunday. In the afternoon at 1 o'clock had the Elder-Conference in the presence of the Committee here a meeting, regarding the disorder, ^{/with the animals,} which has gained ground in our Gemein-Ort. The brethren of the Elder-Conference had a cordial talk with the house-fathers, and asked especially to remedy the inconvenience of the village, where the cattle and sheep are running around.

November 27th 1780. In the afternoon we had the pleasure to greet our Br. Huebner on his return tour from Hope to Bethlehem. ---- The village-Committee has Bro. and Sr. Eyerle with them, in order to talk with them about their intention of building a house in the village.

November 30th 1780. In the evening was a special meeting of the communicants of Nazareth on account of considerable reasons, because here in ~~kk~~ the village a trespass has occurred. Those persons, who given the offence, have been removed from the congregation. Br. Zeisberger after a sad and grievous talk made known to the Brethren and sisters the sorry occurrence

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with the purpose, that they should know, that partly the Gemein-Direction (direction of the congregation), partly some single persons, have warned the bro. and Sr., in whose house the mischief has happened. And therefore, instead that the brethren and sisters were grumbling, they should have prayed to the Lord and asked him, to keep away from our village, which is hallowed, such a shame.

December 7th 1780. The entire congregation gathered together at 9,30 in the forenoon, in order to celebrate Thanksgiving-and Prayer-Day, which has been ordered by the government.

December 8th 1780. From Christian Spring came the brethren Paul Muenster and Dencke for a visit. They had lodged over night in Christian Spring.

December 9th 1780. Sister Gerhard brought two single sisters from Bethlehem, Molly Edmonds and Juliana Mueller to the Choirhouse here, in order to stay here. Sister Partsch went with Sister Gerhard to Bethlehem to the choir-house there.

December 16th 1780. With the Gnadenthal waggon we received to-day from Bethlehem, the printed textbooks for the year 1781, which had been printed in Philadelphia.

December 18th 1780. We had to-day such a thick and dark fog, that we could not have any evening-services.

December 21st 1780. Br. Kern opened his oven(?) to see his earthen wares, which he wanted to sell; but his first burning had not come^{/ according} to his wish, although the brethren and sisters and strangers had almost bought all what he had finished.

December 24th 1780. In the service we had many strangers from the neighborhood, who listened and looked at the celebration.

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Into the congregation were received, 3 boys: David Peter, Nathanael Rasmus, and Abraham Loesch.

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Admitted to Holy Communion have been: The youth Joh. Hirt.

To the boy's choir have been transferred from the Children's choir: Fried. Diel, Nathanael Payne and Jacob Hancke.

To the Youth's choir have been transferred 2 boys: Peter Waarbass and Johannes Schaefer.

Into the single brethren's choir have been received: Joh. Hirt, Jacob Schnall, and Joh. Heinrich Mueller.

To Christian Spring have been transferred: Jacob Steiner from Schoeneck, Renatus Kaske from Hope. From Europe: Joh. Mich. Kern to Nazareth as a potter for the congregation.

To other congregations have gone: To the Wachau: Joh. Reiz and Carl Opitz; to Bethlehem: 3 boys, Wilhelm Mueller, Joseph Fuehrer and Nathanael Rasmus; and the single brother Samuel Schneider. The boy Nathanael Payne took the mother along to New England.

Transferred have been from Old Nazareth to the choirhouse in the village, the boy Jacob Schulze; from Christian Spring the two brethren Matth. Zahm and Wilhelm Henry as gun-smiths, and the boy Johannes Loesch to his father in Friedensthal. From Nazareth to Christian Spring the single brother Joh. Heinr. Mueller.

Died have: The brethren Joseph Lemmert and Johann Biefel.

The choir consists at present of: Single brethren, youths and boys: 85. Of these are living in Christian Spring: 50 brethren and 5 boys; in Nazareth: 20 single brethren, 2 youths and 7 boys.

The single Sisters Choir. 2 of our big girls: Rosina Fritsch and Dorothea Gold have been received into the virgin-Choir. May 31st 12 single sisters moved as a beginning of a choir from Bethlehem to the Hall, until they will have their own Choir-house. Sister Elizabeth Leimbach has been consecrated in June 1st as a Choir-helper. On the 2nd of the month died Sr. Juliana Weckler, who had served with all faithfulness for 15 years the

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the single sister's and big girl's choir here. To Bethlehem to the Choir-house have moved 4 sisters: Maria Klotz, Anna Merz, Agnes Peter and Elizabeth Partsch. From Bethlehem to the Choir-house here have moved: The 2 sisters Molly Edmonds and Juliana Mueller, and from the village the single Sister Elizabeth Frey. A big-girl Maria, the moor, has been received into the congregation. The Choir consists at the end of the year of: 26 Communicant sisters, 5 received, and 1 not received into the congregation. A total of 37 persons.

The Children's-Choir on Nazareth consists of 21 children; 7 boys and 14 girls, mostly in Nazareth, with the exception of 4, who are with their parents in Gnadenthal and Christian Spring. But we count also the 4 children of our friends and guests, who are from Philadelphia and who make a stay here.

Summary repetition of the whole.

To our congregation on Nazareth have come from other congregations: 21,
 From us transferred to other congregations:..... 12,
 Received into the congregation are:..... 4,
 Admitted to Holy Communion:..... 1,
 The fortune to live in the congregation has forfeited:..... 1,
 Children who are born and baptized, are:..... 5,
 Died have:..... 3,

The congregation on Nazareth consists of:

Married people:.....	82	persons,
Widowers:.....	9	"
Widows:.....	6	"
Single brethren and big boys:.....	85	"
Single sisters and big girls:.....	37	"
Children:.....	21	"
A total of:.....		240 persons.
14 more than in the previous year.		

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Diary of the SINGLE BRETHREN in NAZARETH of the year 1780.

February 27th 1780. Br. Peter Muecke in Christian Spring went to Holy communion for the first time after many years. Heinrich Mueller could not be admitted because he does not leave his ways.

March 4th 1780. Br. Jacon van Vleck was called to a Quaker in order to baptize his daughter, who is 12 years old, and who had the desire to be baptized. The girl is sick. Br. Van Vleck went and baptized the girl, about which the sick daughter was so happy. The next day the girl died.

March 8th 1780. From Bethlehem came Bro. and Sr. Reichel to us. We received the glad news, that Bro. and Sr. Huebner together with the other party have arrived safely in New York in February 27th.

March 18th 1780. The boy Wilhelm Mueller was taken to Bethlehem to Br. Steiner.

March 21st 1780. The boy Jacob Schulze was taken to Br. Melchior Christ for apprenticeship, and he will live in the boy's room.

March 23d 1780. Br. Gottfried Schulze, who since the 1st of June had been helping his mother in the economy, went again to Bethlehem.

March 27th 1780. The 3 boys: David Peter, Nathanael Rasmus and Abraham Loesch were received into the congregation.

March 30th 1780. Bro. and Sr. Huebner, David Zeisberger, Jeppe Nilsen, and Andrea Kern and the sister Marten arrived in Bethlehem.

April 21st 1780. Br. Jacob Steiner moved from Schoeneck to Christian Spring in order to help there with the carriages.

April 24th 1780. Br. David came here as helper in the congregation.

June 21st 1780. Br. Kern laid the foundation-stone for his shop.

July 11th 1780. With our children, boys and girls, a children's hour was commenced, which shall be every week. Also Br. Jacob van Vleck together with Br. Wilhelm Lembke began a piano-school, which he also will do with David Peter. With each one he will give school weekly.

July 28th 1780. There was an extraordinary Committee, in which Br. William Henry received permission to settle here in the village.

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August 1st 1780. Br. William Henry moved from Christian Spring to Nazareth into the Choir-house, to Br. Meyer's room.

August 9th 1780. The two brethren William Henry and Joh. Mich. Kern signed the statutes of the congregation and civil agreement.

August 25th 1780. Br. William Henry did set up his shop.

October 16th 1780. Because Waarbass had behaved badly, he was taken out from the liturgy with the understanding, that he would not be allowed to go there again, if he would not truly change his conduct.

October 29th 1780. In the middle of the night Br. Simon Meyer had a sudden attack with a pressure on his chest, by which he awakened, and when he felt his pulse, he did not feel anything, and then it did beat again a few times, and again it did beat vehemently. He got up and he felt very miserable, and the cold sweat broke out. Bleeding was done, and after this the stinging pain under his ribs and the pressure on his chest was removed. After a few days a fever broke out and suffered with this for 2 weeks and a half.

November 18th 1780. Matth. Zahm from Christian Spring moved to Br. Meyer into the Choirhouse.

November 20th 1780. Matth. Hanke moved as cook to the kitchen.

November 24th 1780. The boy Jacob Schulz was joined to his master Melchior Christ by contract.

November 27th 1780. Johannes Hanke mover from the kitchen and entered again in his former business by the boys and otherwise.

December 7th 1780. The single brethren had a conference about the table. Because it is not possible to exist and because in Bethlehem nothing has been regulated, the brethren agreed to it, that when their masters would pay every day 2 pence for the table, they would be satisfied with the wages until in Bethlehem a thorough regulation will be made; and this was soon carried through.

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December 29th 1780. Br. Simon Meyer had again an attack in the middle of the night with much pressure on the heart, for which he let do some bleeding again, but the blood would not flow on account of its thickness, and it had a black color. After some days a change took place. A few days after this happening another attack came with fever, and this weakened him so much, that he had to stay in bed. Br. David had then to speak the brethren for Holy Communion. Br. Meyer received Holy Communion in his room.

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January 6th 1781. Samuel Flex moved from our house to Christian Spring.

January 8th 1781. Bro. Joh. Mich. Kern was ^{engaged} ~~married~~ with the ¹ single sister Anna Marie Holl in Bethlehem; and on the 17th he was married with that sister.

February 25th 1781. Br. Owen Rice came from Bethlehem to Br. Lischer, in order to help him in his profession. ** In a house-conference it was made known, that in the future 100 Contin. Gold should be equal to one hard Gold. *** Also all the brethren agreed to it, because there is lack of space in our house, it should be resolved, that half a house should be built at the front towards the square.

February 11th 1781. Heinrich Mueller and Jacob Schulz were received into the congregation.

February 14th 1781. Br. Chr. Demuth was married with sister Stolz in Bethlehem, and is going to Hope. Br. Witke has taken his place on the 9th of this month. Br. Heinrich Beck will take the place of Br. Witke.

February 20th 1781. Heinrich Beck moved to Christian Spring to Br. Ruch in the brewery.

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February 28th 1781. Br. Fritsche from Bethlehem moved to the choirhouse in Nazareth.

April 4th 1781. Br. Jacob Ruessler in Christian Spring died. And on the 6th Br. Reichel burried him.

May 10th 1781. Br. Nathanel Miksch was engaged with sister Fritsch, and Matth. Krause with the sister Bartsch in Bethlehem.

May 11th 1781. Owen Rice was engaged with sister Eyerle in Nazareth. -- Yesterday, Br. David Zeisberger, senior, came for a visit to Nazareth.

May 15th 1781. The above mentioned 3 engaged couples were married in the afternoon at 2 o'clock.

May 25th 1781. Because the committee was charged, to tell their opinion about Brueckers' settling here in Nazareth, the Committee desired, that this matter should be left to the Lord for a decision, and therefore it was according to the Lord's instruction omitted. ***** Also Azariah Schmid had asked for settling here, but because he had wished, that the Lord should decide, so that he could know, where he ~~is~~ was, the matter was postponed for the 11th of June.

June 11th 1781. The matter concerning Azariah Schmid's settling here in Nazareth, was brought up in the Elder-Conference, and the Lord instructed us, that he approbates, that Azariah should settle here.

July 4th 1781. Br. Jacob van Vleck received a call from the Provincial Helper-Conference to Bethlehem as choir-helper of the single brethren there. Br. ~~Busch~~ ^{Busse} received a call to Christian Spring as Choir-helper there.

July 21st 1781. Br. Reichel came with Br. Busse to Christian Spring and introduced him to the choir as their future Choir-helper. In the evening came Br. and Sr. Reichel and Br. Nathanael to Nazareth.

August 6th 1781. Br. and Sr. Reichel left Bethlehem in order to travel to Germany.

August 14th 1781. Johann Jungmann came to Br. Kern to work there.

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/from Salem

September 21st 1781. Br. Biebighausen/visited here, and went away again.

October 15th 1781. Br. Delps came back from Bethlehem, where he had helped Br. Zahm for 10 weeks. Also the boy Friedrich Ziegler was taken to Br. Kern on probation.

November 9th 1781. Br. Jacob Loesch from Christian Spring travelled to Salem in the Wachau.

November 17th 1781. Br. William Henry has been engaged with the single sister Sabina Schrop. They were married on the 22nd of November.

December 6th 1781. Br. and Sr. Nathanael came here for a visit. They visited all the rooms in the house as well as all houses in the village.

December 23d 1781. All the brethren were gathered together, and they resolved, that they would arrange a poor-box among themselves, and when brethren are poor and sick, they could get aid. It was resolved, that every brother should give every week a copper-piece. Gottlob Jung was un-animously elected as treasurer. ---- Further it was said, that one would have to think, that we would build. It was then resolved, that one should procure money in the year 1782 and in the year 1783 one should begin to build. Some brethren offered themselves to loan some money without any interest, until the building is finished. With that loaned money one could purchase boards and shingles. Others offered themselves to dig gratis. It was really pleasant to listen to the brethren.

December 29th 1781. The boy Friedrich Ziegler moved into the choirhouse.

In the Memorabilia of the year 1781 is said in regard to the changes in this year, that they are found in the little church-book.

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Diary of the single brethren in Nazareth of the year 1782.

January 13th 1782. 10,45 in the forenoon Br. Lembke held in the brethren's house a Choir-Talk, after which 6 boys were received/into the Youth's Choir, namely: David Peter, Heinrich M_ueller, Nathanael Michler, Abraham Loesch, Joseph Schweishaupt, and Nathanael Weber.

February 13th 1782. Friedrich Ziegler was given to Br. Kern by his father under contract; he shall learn the potter-profession there.

March 4th 1782. Johann Steip from Bethlehem came to Nazareth in order to learn the mason-trade, but he will remain an inhabitant of Bethlehem.

April 4th 1782. In the conference it was mentioned that one should think of Bruecker's marriage. Because Christian Spring has now another shoemaker, the conference resolved, to propose it to Br. Phil. Meyer. On April 8th it was proposed to Bruecker by Br. David Meyer and Lischer, but he refused it.

April 26th 1782. Steip went again to Bethlehem, because he got sick a day before. He had a high fever.

May 22nd 1782. In the committee there was spoken much about Jacob Ettwein's behaviour. Br. Detmer advised to write to his master, that he should call him away from here, for he is hurtful.

May 24th 1782. Br. Meyer himself wrote to Br. Jacob van Vleck and reported to him about Ettwein's conduct.

May 29th 1782. Because Kern and the boy Ziegler were separated on account of an expression, which the boy had made, when during the sickness of his parents, he had permission from Kern to see them for 14 days. The boy had asked his parents, to help him, that he does not need to go/^{again} to Kern's shop. Kern also was tired of the boy, and did not want the boy back in his shop. The boy and Kern had to go to the Committee and things were arranged in the following manner: The boy had to ask/^{his master} pardon, and also had to ask him, whether he would take him back to work; the boy promised his master entire obedience, and the master resolved to take the boy back

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and the same day the boy moved to Kern.

May 30th 1782. The desire of / Johannes Hanke to settle here, was put before the Lord and it was decided for three times negative.

June 7th 1782. Johannes Hancke moved to Christian Spring as shoemaker.

June 9th 1782. Br. Meyer received a letter from Jacob Ettwein, in which he asked for pardon for his bad behaviour, and at the same time he asked for permission to work here.

June 10th 1782. Joh. Fuehrer moved from Bethlehem to Christian Spring.

June 12th 1782. Br. Meyer answered Jacob Ettwein and told him, that in regard of the pardon, it would no be any trouble, when he would be sorry in his heart. And when he would change his mind, and his laborers could give him the evidence, that it is true, then he would not only have permission to work here, but we would all be glad to see his change with our own eyes.

June 26th 1782. Br. John Gambold from Bethlehem came here to the choir-house, in order to work by Br. Christ as a companion.

June 28th 1782. Br. Meyer introduced to the boys Br. Gambold as future boy's brother in Br. Lembke's place,

June 29th 1782. Jungmann went to Bethlehem to see whether he could find work with Br. Schindler, because Kern had no work for him. He found work at Schindler.

July 1st 1782. In Christian Spring in the 6th hour Br. Daniel Kamm has died, and he was burried on the 2nd of July.

July 10th 1782. Renatus Lembke moved to Bethlehem as hatmaker's master in the brethren's house there.

July 14th 1782. Eyerle and Mueller had to be suspended from Holy Communion because they had badly behaved when they were bathing.

August 28th 1782. The two youths, Paul Miksch from Christian Spring by Br. Busse and Christian Wilhelm Lembke by Br. Simon Meyer, were consecrated and received into the Choir.

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October 1st 1782. In Christian Spring died the single brother Samuel Flex, and was burried on October 3d 1782.

October 12th 1782. The single brother Bruecker has been married with the widow Sister Demuth in Bethlehem.

October 20th 1782. Br. david spoke to the single brethren, who went on the 7th and 14th to the "Exercieren" (to be drilled). And the last time they went against having been remindd and asked, this time not to go and not to do it. Br. David ^{/had received} ~~wrote~~ concerning this matter a ^{/serious} letter from Br. Ettwein. But the brethren were persisting and asserted, that it is not against the conscience nor is there any danger connected with it.

October 19th 1782. The brother Azariah was engaged with the single sister Eschly in Bethlehem.

November 1st 1782. Br. Belling from Bethlehem came here to live. He moved to the brethren's house until he will get married. --- Br. Azariah moved into his newly built house.

November 5th 1782. To-day Br. Azariah was married with sister Eschly.

November 19th 1782. To-day was battalion-day. Although the brethren on October 20th were persistent in regard to the drilling, yet they did not go the last two times, nor did they go on battalion-day. But everyone received 12 shillings and 6 pennies contribution.

November 17th 1782. The boy Nathanael Weber in Christian Spring was received into the congregation.

November 20th 1782. Heinrich Walter, who had been sent away from Salem in North Carolina, came to Christian Spring, with the petition, to have mercy with him and to accept him. In the Conference one did think of him, but the Lord did not approbate it, that it should be asked about him now. He will remain at the present in Christian Spring until the matter is cleared up.

November 24th 1782. Br. Belling was married with sister Rosina Kremser.

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November 25th 1782. In the last Elder-Conference it was mentioned, that Peter Waarbass had told the innkeeper's boy, that there are no gosts and there is no hell. Therefore Br. David and Br. Meyer were commissioned to by conference, to talk with the boy to-day. And so it was. Br. David reprimanted the boy of such action. But because Br. Meyer was not quite satisfied about this matter, Br. David undertook it to speak with his father about this affair.

November 29th 1782. Our dear Brother Philip Meyer died in the afternoon at 2,30.

December 1st 1782. Br. Meyer was burried to-day. His former apprentices and room-brethren were the bearers.

December 3d 1782. Br. Gottfried Belling and Sister Rosina Kremser were married.

December 22nd 1782. Joh. Eggert from Schoeneck had asked again to live in the congregation here, therefore the Lord was asked about it, and he directed us, that at present it could not be thought of as yet.

December 23d 1782. Ph. Jacob Hoeger from Hope came to Christian Spring.

December 30th 1782. Christoph Schmidt went from Christian Spring to Bethlehem as tailor's master.

The Choir consists at the end of the year 1782 as follows:

Single brethren in Christian Spring.....	47	persons,
Single brethren in Nazareth.....	17	"

Total:.....64 persons.

Youths and boys in Christian Spring.....	6	"
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Youths and boys in Nazareth:.....	8	"
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Total:..... 14.

Or all in all are:.....64 and 14 --- 78 persons.

There are 4 less than in the previous year.

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January 2nd 1781. Mrs. Ross from New York, who lived for three weeks with Sister Kemode in Nazareth, and was an awakened person, although she did not understand any German, yet she visited our services diligently, and especially the watch-night service, ^{and} left us and travelled over Easton to Jersey to her son. She bade us all farewell.

January 4th 1781. On account of the thick fog and rain we could not have any services.

January 17th 1781. Before noon Bro. and Sr. Stoll came up from Bethlehem with Sister Esther, her oldest daughter Anna Maria, who has been engaged with Br. Kern. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Br. Joh. Michael Kern was married with the single sister Anna Maria Stoll before the gathered congregation by Br. Lembke. After the marriage-ceremony gathered the married couple with the parents and relatives and the brethren of our Village-Committee for a lovefeast. After this Bro and Sr. Stoll and the sister Esther returned again to Bethlehem.

January 22nd 1781. In the forenoon moved Bro. and Sr. Kern to their House. In the evening on account of the heavy snow-weather no service could be held.

January 27th 1781. In the afternoon it rained on the snow and it continued until night, when the everything turned into ice and nobody could go out from the houses, and have service.

January 28th 1781. In the afternoon Holy Communion was taken to 33 sick people.

February 7th 1781. The lately married couple, Bro. and Sr. Ebert, came from Bethlehem on a sledge to Nazareth.

February 8th 1781. The young Bro. and Sr. Joh. Weiss together with the old Br. Henrich van Vleck with his daughter and some other sisters came to us.

February 10th 1781. It had snowed the whole day and by a strong wind,

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the road was all covered with deep snow, so that we could not have any service.

February 11th 1781. To our brethren and sisters a report of our brethren on the Nicobar island Nancawer~~h~~ was read.

February 12th 1781. In the afternoon Bro. and Sr. Lembke made a visit in Friedensthal on a sledge, which was just going there.

February 24th 1781. From Bethlehem came the single brother Owen Rice to Nazareth in order to help Br. Lister in his tailor-shop.

March 4th 1781. In the afternoon Bro. and Sr. Lembke went to Schoeneck, where he in the presence of many brethren and sisters from all the places baptized the 18 years old daughter of Br. Weinert. She received the names Susanna Margaretha.

March 5th 1781. On account of bad and foggy weather we could not have any evening service. This weather continued for some days, and evening services could not be held.

March 9th 1781. Bro. and Sr. Reichel went yesterday with Bro. and Sr. Nathanael to Philadelphia, on a visitation tour there and in Oldman's Creek. ~~Br. Christian Demuth~~, who has been house-servant for the single brethren has received a call to Hope, which he has accepted, and Br. Witke has been called to take the place of Br. Demuth.

March 18th 1781. The single brother Hofmann has been sent to Christian Spring in the economy on probation to serve there.

March 19th 1781. In the forenoon in a covered aggon our sick Brother Kern was taken to Bethlehem for a cure in a bath. He was taken to his father in law, Br. Stoll.

March 20th 1781. The single brother Christian Heinrich Beck from the choir-house here was sent to Christian Spring to the Brewery in Br. Witke's place, who shall be house-servant there. In the same place the Lord averted the danger of fire, when in the kitchen Chimney by strong wind fire broke out, which by the help of the brethren, was soon extinguished.

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March 23d 1781. To-day came Br. Bonn, who had been called to the court in Easton, back from there.

April 6th 1781. In the afternoon at 1 o'clock gathered the congregation and also many strangers, because here in the Tavern was appeal-day, for the funeral of Br. Rissler. He had died April 4th in the morning about 6 o'clock in Christian Spring. He was born September 30th 1714 in Cassel, Germany, and has had a good education from his parents. His father read often to him from the Bible. With his cousin he learned the baker's trade. In the year 1732 he went to Amsterdam, where his late father's talks followed him, and in his heart he was restless. After two years he went to London where he found work in the sugar works with German people. He came in contact with the late Br. Richter, a ^{former} merchant in Stralsund, from whom he learned, that this brother's experience was similar to his. Then he met also Br. Piesch, who had returned from St. Thomas, and who became a great blessing for him. Br. Rissler went then in the year 1749 to Herrendyk, where he received permission to the church. He went to Marienborn, Herrenhaag. There he worked in the bakery of Br. Wagner. 1742 he was received into the Congregation. In August 1750 he received a call to Pennsylvania. In Bethlehem he was working in the kitchen and in the bakery. In the year 1757 he came to Christian Spring, and served in the kitchen. He served there for 23 years and has experienced the Lord's help. He was a true and faithful laborer, and very punctual and particular. When he died, he was 66 years, 6 months and 3 days old.

April 13th 1781. This forenoon died Sister Fritsch. On Sunday, April 15th in the afternoon at 2 o'clock the funeral took place. Sister Fritsch, who was a Voigt, before she married, was born in February 22nd 1723 in Holstein, and was brought up in the Lutheran faith. She came in February 1743 to Herrenhaag and was soon received into the congregation. In Marienborn she was married with Br. Christian Fritsche. With the first party they

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came over to America. They moved over to Nazareth, where they have lived the longest time. They had 7 children, of which only two daughters are still alive, and one is in the Litiz' sisters' house and the other is in the Nazareth Sister's house. She married as a widow August 23^d 1761 with Br. Heinrich Fritsch, who was also a widower, and they had 2 children. She died when she was 58 years, 1 month and 3 weeks old.

April 23^d 1781. /The single /Richter
Sister Johanna Christina/died at midnight at 12 o'clock in our house. April 26th she was burried. She was born in Nazareth on March 2nd 1756. When she was 2 years old, she was sent to the Nursery, and in her 4th year she was sent with other children to Bethlehem in the Insitute. In the year 1768, March 25th she was received into the big girl's choir. In December 26th 1770 she was received into the congregation. On June 10th 1773 she partook for the first time Holy Communion. On May 4th 1774 she came to the single sister's choir. She often did show, where in the Cemetery her body would be burried. She suffered with cough and had an hemorrhage. When she died, she had reached an age of 25 years, 1 month and 3 weeks.

May 1st 1781. In the afternoon had Br. Lembke a nice visit by a lutheran Minister Ernst of Easton. Also the bro. and Sr. Reizenbach and Bro. and Sr. Franz Boehler visited us and stayed over night with us. Br. Reizenbach went to his parents, Brother and Sister Spohn, and Bro. and Sr. Boehler went to Christian Spring.

May 10th 1781. To day and to-morrow visited us and the Nazareth's brethren and Sisters our dear Brother David Zeisberger, senior, from the Ohio. They stayed in the Hall overnight and on the 12th they went from Christian Spring to Bethlehem. ---- Br. Owen Rice was engaged with the single Sister Marie Elizabeth Eyerle; her parents were also present. Also the engagement of the two brethren Nathanael Miksch and Matth. Krause, which had taken place in Bethlehem, was announced to the congregation.

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May 13th 1781. Br. Hartmann from Hope, brought his motherless child to Sister Eyerle for care.

May 15th 1781. In the afternoon at 2 o'clock the following couples were married by Bro. Lembke: Nathanael Miksch with the single sister Anna Marie Fritsch, Br. Matth. Krause with the single sister A. Benigma Partsch, Br. Owen Rice with the single sister Marie Elizabeth Eyerle. The brethren Peter and Zeisberger were assisting at the wedding. After the marriage had the three couples a nice and blessed Lovefeast with the Elder-Conference, the Committee, the parents and the nearest relatives.

May 21st 1781. To-day moved Bro. and Sr. Hermann Loesch with their 3 grown-up children from the Friedensthal Mill to Bethlehem, to operate the mill there. Bro. and Sr. Nathanael Miksch moved to Friedensthal, where he will be the miller.

June 4th 1781. Bro. and Sr. Doeling moved with their children from Bethlehem to Old Nazareth.

June 8th 1781. This forenoon came the newly married two pairs Bro. and Sr. Hækewaelder and Warner for Bethlehem for a visit, and in another wagon came 8 single sisters partly for a visit of their relatives and partly for a visit of the single sisters here.

June 19th 1781. Br. Ettwein brought some gentlemen from South Carolina to Nazareth, who looked around in the village and saw also the Gemeinhouse, and we lead them around in the old and New Nazareth.

June 23d 1781. We had a visit from Br. Blickensdoerfer, senior, and Bro. and Sister Michler from Lititz.

July 16th 1781. This forenoon we received the news, that Br. Spohn[?], who complained last Friday of being sick, had died this morning.

July 17th 1781. On account of the hot weather we were compelled to bury the body of Br. Spohn to day. Br. Matthæus Spohr was born in March 1st 1711 in Wuerttemberg, Germany. He was brought up in the Lutheran faith.

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In the year 1736 he was married with the virgin Lucia Biezeri, with which he had 6 children, 2 sons and 4 daughters. Two daughters are still here, whilst the others went ahead of the father. The one daughter is Anna Maria and is married with Br. Hornig. The other daughter Marie Elizabeth is married with Br. Philip Jacob Reizenbach, who is in the service of the Lord in a country congregation in Heidelberg. In the year 1750 he and his wife/^{and children}came over to Bethlehem in December 25th but they did not stay there long, when they were sent to Nazareth, where he served in the economy for some years. In the year 1752 November 13th they were received into the congregation and in 1754 in May 17th they were admitted to Holy Communion in Bethlehem. He was a true follower of the Lord. He reached an age of 70 years, 4 months and 15 days.

July 22nd 1781. Br. Reichel came here to bid farewell to the congregation in Nazareth. Br. and Sr. Reichel after they had kissed most of the brethren and sisters, went accompanied by the brethren Nathanael, Matthaeus, and Jacob van Vleck and good wishes of the brethren and sisters, to Bethlehem.

August 4th 1781. In the forenoon came Bro. and Sr. Kern, after he had recovered to health again, so that he can work in his pottery, and can move to his house again. He has been with his father in law since March 19th.

August 14th 1781. From Bethlehem came the single brother Jungmann as an assistant to Br. Kern in his pottery.

August 23d 1781. From Bethlehem came here for a visit Br. Heinrich Miller, the former printer.

August 29th 1781. The two youths Joh. Schaefer and Peter Waarbass have been received into the brethren's choir.

September 5th 1781. In the forenoon came from Bethlehem Sister Catharina Huber with her daughter and her children for a visit to Nazareth.

September 13th 1781. In Gnadenthal died Br. Flex in the morning after 6 o'clock.

September 14th 1781. The single sister Mary Edmonds came from Gnadenhuetten to Nazareth in order to stay here.

September 15th 1781. In the afternoon at 1 o'clock the funeral of Br. Flex took place. Br. Elias Flex was born August 9th 1713 in the Upper-Lausitz in Germany. May 16th 1742 he came to Herrnhut and in the same year he was received into the congregation. In the year 1749 he came with a large party under the leadership of Bro. and Sister Joh. Nitschman to Bethlehem, where he in July 15th got married with the single sister Catharina Renner, and came after this to Nazareth, where he was serving in the economy. When he died he was 68 years, 4 weeks and 3 days, old.

September 21st 1781 To-day came with the Father-in-law Henry van Vleck his daughter-in-law, Abraham's widow, to look at her future lodging in Nazareth.

September 22nd 1781. Br. Biebighausen from the Wachau was here for a visit. In the evening they had their prayer-meeting.

September 23d 1781. Br. Luckenbach with his wife came here for a visit.

September 28th 1781. In the forenoon was Br. Dencke here and brought us a very unpleasant sad news in a letter from a man in Pittsburg about our white and brown brethren on the Muskingum. We communicated this news to the brethren and sisters in the hope, that it may not be so as it is written in the letter, because an Indian woman brought it to Pittsburg.

September 29th 1781. From Christian Spring we received the news, that the Negro-brother Joseph has died in the forenoon at 11 o'clock.

October 1st 1781. In the afternoon was the funeral of the Negro-Brother Joseph. He was born about 1715, for he was a boy of 12 years, when he together with 300 negroes was brought from Guinea to Charlestown in South Carlina, where they were sold. But this boy, being a special nice negro-boy, was taken by his Captain to England. That was the same year, when

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Georg II. came to the English Crown, in the year 1727. There the boy was until 1732, when he was sent to the West-Indien Islands, and after half a year he came with a new Master and 10 other negros to America. That time he came to Durham-Furnace in Pennsylvania. From there moved his master to his purchased land on the Lecha, from whom the brethren, when Bethlehem was built, purchased 500 acres. Because this place was situated only 2 miles below Bethlehem, and because the brethren in the beginning often went there, it was the opportunity, that he, especially through the late Brother Christian Froehlich, who with the boy together at that time had served a master in London, in the sugar-works, heard the first word about Jesus, and the boy had then a desire to follow him and to be saved. He married later a negress, who was serving by the next neighbor, and afterwards moved with the entire Yselsteinischen family to Bethlehem. But he had to move again to a furnace in Jersey. But when his master saw the negro's displeasure, to be so far away from his wife, the master in his anger sent him still further away, to Maryland, where the negro served for two years. It then happened, that the master came to Bethlehem, where he saw little John and the mother, the negro's wife. He was then moved by compassion about the little poor child, and he of his own accord promised the boy to send to him his father. The master kept his word and did send the father of the child to Jersey, from where he could go from time to time to Bethlehem and could see his wife. During these visits he was touched by the word of God and he longed for the baptism, which his wife had received already. In the year 1752 when he did not know it, on the 6th of January, on the heathen-festival, he came to Bethlehem and he asked imploringly for Baptism. One would have granted his desire, if one only would have had his master's consent. Later the master was asked, but he had no objection to it. In May 16th 1752 Br. Joseph was baptized in Bethlehem, and later he was admitted to Holy Com-

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in order to make their compliment in the name of the brethren. Afterwards the President and the ladies were lead to the Hall, where they looked around with pleasure, and after this they were lead to dinner.

October 23d 1781. Bro. and Sr. Lembke went in the forenoon to Schoeneck in order to marry in the presence of some laborers and many Brethren and Sisters from Nazareth and Gnadenthal and the brethren and sisters of Schoeneck, the single Jghannes Clewell, the son of Br. Georg Clwell, with the single sister Christina Weinland.

October 27th 1781. Bro. and Sr. Kern went for some weeks to Bethlehem to their parents, because he found out, that he could not use his hands as yet in the pottery. In the meanwhile is his helper, Br. Jungmann working in the pottery.

October 28th 1781. Br. Lembke read a letter from Br. Reichel from New York of October 1st to all of our congregations as a last greeting. Our all prayer is, that the Lord may take them safely to Europe.

October 29th 1781. In the evening-service were read to the brethren and sisters of Nazareth the fine and remarkable personalias of Br. Garrison,^{sen.} who died lately in Bethlehem.

November 3d 1781. Today came Br. William Henry with his younger brother Abraham, who shall learn by him to become a stocker. They came from Lancaster, where he had visited his parents.

November 6th 1781. This morning came from Bethlehem the old Sister Garrison with some single sisters for a visit; in the afternoon they visited also the laborers here and returned to Bethlehem over Gnadenthal and Christian¹ Spring.

November 7th 1781. Br. Matthaeus Otto with his family came here for a visit and returned to Bethlehem, going to the other places too.

November 17th 1781. In the afternoon in the presence of the married brethren and sisters and the Elder Conference, Br. William Henry was engaged

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with the single sister Sabina Schrop, accompanied with joyful singing and good wishes.

November 27th 1781. To-day we received from Gnadenthal the sad news, that yesterday the old Brother Zeisberger had died.

November 29th 1781. In the afternoon at 1 o'clock the old Brother George Zeisberger was burried. He was born in 1688 in April in Zauchtenthal in Moravia. He was reared by his parents after the fashion of the old brethren. In the beginning of this century, the meetings of the brethren continued with the idea, that the honest nature among them should be kept up, and they comforted their people with the hope, that a renewal of the brethren's church is beforethem. Br. George took possession of his father's big and rich estate and then he married.....On a certain day and hour he was summoned to court, where he should take the oath of religion. Then they moved away at that time with empty hands and with their children. One carried the child on the shoulder, the other child on the back, and the wife carried the third child on her arms, and so they came in the year 1726 to Herrnhut, where they soon became participants of the grace of the congregation. After some time they moved to Berthelsdorf, where he became administrator of the manorial estate. There also his first wife died. After his time as a widower had passed, he married in Herrnhut the single sister Anna Boehm from Kunerswalde in Moravia. He had two daughters with his second wife, of which one is still alive and is in the single sister's house in Herrnhut. Finally he received a call to America. They came with a party to Bethlehem, and the following year they went to the uncultivated plantation Gnadenthal, where he stayed until he died. Never one could hear a word from his mouth, by which he could have shown his regret, that he had to leave his large and rich estate in Moravia, for the Saviour ^{/and his congregation} was his joy. We esteemed him also as a servant of the Lord. In the year 1758 died his wife in Gnadenthal, and as

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a widower still he helped in the plantation and in the bush as long as he could move.

December 27th 1781. In the afternoon moved the single brother Friedrich Schaefer from Christian Spring to Nazareth into the brethren's house, in order to learn by Br. Schenck the mason-profession. In the evening one could not come together on account of the rain and glazed frost.

Memorabilia of the congregation on Nazareth
of the year 1781.

Summary Repetition of the Whole.

In the Congregation on Nazareth have come from other congregations and otherwise.....21 persons,

From us into other congregations have been transferred:...10 "

To our congregation have been added by reception: 9 "

By baptism: 7 "

Admitted to Holy Communion: 10 "

One child born and baptized. 1 "

Died have: 7 "

The Congregation on Nazareth consists at the end of the year of:

Married couples: 92 persons,

Widowers: 8 "

Widows: 2 "

Single brethren, Youths and Boys: 87 "

Single sisters, big girls: 35 "

Children, boys 11, Girls 17, 28 "

Total: 252 persons.

12 more than in the year before.

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January 8th 1782. Since we have not had clear days since Sunday, 6th, but only thick fog and unhealthy warm days until this noon, the sky became clear, and the sun, which we had not seen since Sunday, did shine, and the North-West which rose, did revive us again.---- Br. Zeisberger went in the forenoon to Christian Spring to gather the collection for the heathen-Mission.

January 13th 1782. 6 boys were received into the youth's choir: Abraham Loesch, Nathanael Weber, Schweishaupt from Christian Spring; Heinrich Mueller, Nathanael Michler, and David Peter, from Nazareth.

January 16th 1782. When in the evening we were about to go to the meeting we received to our joy/a copy of a letter from Bethlehem, which was sent by Br. Ettwein from Lititz, dated January 13th, telling about the present good circumstances of our white brethren and sisters together with the 3 Indian congregations on the Sandusky Creek, where they will remain over winter; but in the spring they can have land where, and as much as they want. This news was at once communicated to our brethren and sisters, who rejoiced and everybody was full of thanks towards the Lord.

January 29th 1782. To-day was such a piercing cold weather, as we have not had it throughout the whole winter. The evening-services had to be omitted.

February 13th 1782. In the forenoon in our committee the boy Ziegler was joined to his master, Br. Kern, as apprentice by contract. --- Bro. and Sr. Lembke and Sister Zeisberger and Eyerle were taken by waggon to Easton to Colonel Weisser, that Br. Lembke could baptize the little son, which was born on the 4th of this month.

February 28th 1782. Br. Detmer celebrated to-day his 65th anniversary.

March 4th 1782. To-day came the single Joh. Steup from Bethlehem to the choir-house of the single brethren, in order to learn by Br. Schenck the mason-profession.

March 9th 1782. Br. Warner fetched his wife, who ~~was~~ had recovered ^{/her health} /up

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here, in a waggon from Gnadenthal. Br. Lembke held the prayer-meeting.
March 11th 1782. We had almost the whole day snow-weather and towards evening we had rain, which hindered us in our services.

March 13th 1782. From Bethlehem was ^{/Joh.} Br./Schrop here, to bis us and his parents in Schoeneck, Bro. and Sr. Michler, farewell, before he is going to Lititz as choir-servant of the ~~single~~ brethren there.

March 22nd 1782. Bro. and Sr. Seyfried, the younger one, moved to-day to their father from Bethlehem in Friedensthal for the service in the plantation there.

April 4th 1782. In the forenoon we had our Elder-Conference, which was also attended by Br. Nathanael, who had come yesterday evening from Bethlehem to Christian Spring. In the afternoon came Br. Leinbach from Hope and brought for Br. Nathanael a very grieved Story, which he had been told in particular by a few men, who had lately returned from Pittsburg to Jersey. A large party of our Indian-brethren and-sisters, who came from Sandusky to Schoenbrunn, in order to get from there their stock of provisions and other things, which they had put into the ground. And a strong party of volunteers on horseback attacked the Indians and massacred them. This news moved Br. Nathanael as soon as possible to go to Gnadenthal and Christian Spring and to notify this sad story to the brethren and sisters there. Also here the brethren and sisters were notified, and the whole matter was put on the heart of the Lord, and for protection of the other Indians on Sandusky-Creek was asked.

April 15th 1782. To-day the girl's school was commenced. In the evening on account of the heavy rain, no service could be held.

April 22nd 1782. This afternoon visited us the single brother Schober with his father from Salem in the Wachau.

April 24th 1782. Br. Rudolph Christ from Salem in the Wachau came here for a visit of his brethren here.

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April 26th 1782. About noon came the Governor from the low counties on the Delaware with his wife and daughter to Nazareth. In the afternoon they looked around in the Hall and in the village; they also stayed over night.

April 27th 1782. The same gentleman with his party visited in Christian Spring. In the afternoon we had a visit of those sisters, who visited in Bethlehem, Dickert and Demuth from Lancaster. In the afternoon we had much rain, so that the evening service could not be held.

April 29th 1782. In the afternoon we had a kind visit from Mr. Steiner, printer in Philadelphia, who was accompanied by Mr. Arndt, senior. They looked around in the house and in the village.

May 1st 1782. The former Governor of Pennsylvania, John Penn, and his wife with another gentleman and lady came here and looked around in the Hall and in the village, and they were very kind. After they eaten in the inn. they went to Christian Spring, where also towards noon Br. Huebner and von Schweinitz from Bethlehem had come for a short visit.

May 3d 1782. In the afternoon visited us here Br. Goes from Philadelphia accompanied by Br. Fries.

May 6th 1782. Bro. and Sr. Peter from Gnadenthal went on their journey to Lititz for a visit, and of our single sisters Anna Tanneberger went with them.

May 10th 1782. Many men from South Carolina were here and looked around in the Hall and in the village.

May 12th 1782. In the morning at 3 o'clock died our Brother Lischer, who suffered with Eleuresie.

May 14th 1782. To-day was the funeral of Br. Lischer. --- He was born in November 28th 1719 in the county Witgenstein. His parents were Mennonites. In his 14th year his father died and in the next year he came with his mother to Pennsylvania. In the year 1742 he got acquainted with the

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brethren, who showed me the way to salvation. In the year 1743 in Oley I was baptized by Andreas Eschenbach, and in December 14th in the same year I went to Bethlehem to stay there. In the Year 1744 I was received into the congregation. In May 10th I was admitted to Holy Communion. In February 7th 1746 I was received to Acoluthie. Two times he was in the Wachau in North Carolina to serve the brethren there. In the year 1753 he travelled there with the first party of single brethren, and he was a faithful helper. After he came back from his second journey there, he was married in Bethlehem April 16th 1759 with the single sister Maria Catharina Loesch, and they had 4 children. He served in the inn over the Lecha for some years. Then they moved to the Rose in the inn there. Later they came to the village Nazareth and there in the inn they served until they moved into their own house, which he had let built for himself and his family in the year 1774, and which they could enter a year later.

There he had his own economy, but later he was also taking care of God's acre, and he had taken care ^{/of the places of rest} of many brethren and sisters, who had died. He did his work faithfully. Before he died, he blessed his children as a true father and bade farewell to his wife. He died quietly and happily. He reached an age of 62 years, 5 months and 14 days.

May 17th 1782. In the afternoon came an express messenger from Bethlehem with the sad news, that our dear Brother NATHANAEL, the true and approved servant of the Lord had died a few hours ago, which news had touched us all very much.

May 19th 1782. We had received at the vesper-time the news, that the body of the late Br. Nathanael in Bethlehem could not be kept until to-morrow, and therefore Br. Zeisberger and many brethren went along with him, partly on foot and partly on horse-back. -----

/of Br. Nathanael
Note:- No personalia/is to be found in the diary.

June 1st 1782. In the afternoon came br. Ettwein for a few hours' visit

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to us. He came from Justice Arndt, where he acted as executor of the testament of the late Bro. Nathanael, with some other brethren as witnesses from Bethlehem. He went from here to Christian Spring together with the brethren from Bethlehem, to return there.

June 3d 1782. Bro. and Sr. Kreiter from Lititz came here and visited us in the Gemeinhouse.

June 12th 1782. Br. Heckewaelder from Bethlehem brought a few gentlemen, who are Quakers, together with some ladies to Nazareth, who were looking around in the village and the Hall.

June 14th 1782. In the afternoon an English Presbyterian Minister with his lady and children came here, and they were lead around in the village and in the Hall.

June 17th 1782. To-day came a few merchants from Philadelphia with their ladies, who Br. Ljungberg lead around.

June 19th 1782. From Bethlehem over Christian Spring came Br. Abraham Reineke with the single brother Cruikshank to us for a visit; also Bro. and Sr. Reizenbach, who are from Heidelberg for a visit in Bethlehem.

June 26th 1782. The single brother John Gambold will take the place of Br. Renatus Lembke by Br. Jacob Christ as hatmaker.

July 1st 1782. In the morning between 5 and 6 o'clock died Br. Daniel Kamm, the nurse of the single brethren in Christian Spring, on consumption. On the 2nd the brother Kamm was burried. Br. Kamm was born in January 19th 1715 in a little town in Wuerttemberg, Germany. In 1730 he came to a master, where he should learn the shoemaker's profession. He had it very nice in the master's house and was counted as the child of the house. Because the master and his wife were pretty old and ^{/had} only one daughter, they offered to me that I should become their heir of their property, which I did like very much; for I thought through this offer I could become a very happy man in the world. But because I was still young, I should

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like first to go wandering and learn more in my trade. In the year 1736 I came to Frankfort on Main, where I soon heard about the meetings, which the late count/^{von}Zinzendorf there was holding. But to go there, I was too timid and strange and instead of that I was lead astray by my comrades, especially I was induced to play cards, which made me forget everything nice and blessed, what I had heard about the Lord, and for two years I did not go to Holy Communion. In the year 1738 I had a cold fever and at that time I had opportunity, to think of myself, of my heart, and the consequence was, that I repented and found comfort. After some time I got acquainted with the brethren, and I asked the Lord, to help me to come nearer to the brethren. At the end of December 1738 I made up my mind, to go to Marienborn and to stay there only over the new year. But I was so seized by what I heard, that I could not go away again, and I rather let go everything, even the splendid offer of good luck in Canstadt. In Marienborn on November 13th 1739 I was received into the congregation, and in April 16th 1740 I was admitted to Holy Communion. In August 1741 I came to Herrenhaag, where I lived and had a wonderful and blessed time. 1743 I was received into the brethren's choir. 1745 I came to Marienborn. In February 46 I received a call to Berbice. I travelled to Zeist, Holland, where in the Synode I was received to Acoluthie. On the 7th of January 1747 I went with Niels Clarup from Amsterdam to Berbice, where we arrived in April 8th in Pilgerhut. In the year 1748 were the first Indians baptized, and from there on until 1753 was a wonderful time. The Gospel did its work in the hearts of the Indians there. But the outer work was too hard for me and I felt sick, and although I had the desire, to work there for some years, I left and went to Bethlehem, where I arrived in July 1756. In the year 1759 I received again a call to Suriname, and I travelled with Bro. and Sr. Meisser in June 1760 from New York to Suriname, and I received a post in Sharon. There I found everything in

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in a bad condition, and my only comfort was, that the Lord would be with me. In January 25th 1761 was the known attack of the negroes, and because I was the first, whom they saw, a shouting of murder and 6 shots were meant for me. And another shot was fired, and in a moment 50 negroes were surrounding me, and still more came. Because I was grazed on the neck I fled, and because I saw, that nothing could be done there, I went away in March 27th, and in May I went to sea, and came over New England and on the 2nd of July I arrived in Bethlehem, where I was received with much love by the brethren and sisters there. In 1762 in March 22nd I moved to the sick-room as nurse, which service he has done among the single brethren in Bethlehem and later in Christian Spring among the single brethren there, where he moved in October 10th 1770. In both choires he was a loved and legitimated brother. For several years he was thinking of death, and when he got so weak, that he could not go out much, he put all his things in order. The last Holy Communion he received on his sick-bed, and from day to day he grew weaker and weaker, until on July 1st he quietly fell asleep for good. He reached his age of 67 years, 5 months and 11 days.

July 3d 1782. Br. Edmonds brought in the forenoon a few men and women from Philadelphia into our house, where they looked around.

July 4th 1782. We had a kind visit from Colonel Broadhead and some other men and ladies. The Colonel was a true friend of our white and brown brethren on the Muskingum, as long as he was Officer in Pittsburg.

July 5th 1782. The Colonel came in the forenoon again into the Gemein-house and brought another man and some ladies along. In the afternoon came Br. Hasse and his wife from Bethlehem with a man and a lady from Philadelphia.

July 6th 1782. From Bethlehem over Christian Spring came Sister Thomas, to visit her husband, who is working here, and brought also Sr. Nitschman with a young Reed from Philadelphia, who is lodging with her, along.

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July 10th 1782. Yesterday brought Sister Kembole with her daughter Weiss from Easton her little son, John, 5 months old, that had died yesterday between 3 and 4 here, and in the evening at 7 o'clock was the little body buried, when Br. Frieda, who came here for a visit, gave a short talk in English in the Hall, because some strangers from Easton were here. He held also the funeral-liturgy on the God's acre. --- The single brother Joh. Renatus Lembke moved to the choir-house in Bethlehem as master of the single brethren's hatmaker's shop.

July 17th 1782. Br. Lindemeyer visited us and his brother in-law, Br. Otto
/and Sr.

July 22nd 1782. In the forenoon came Br. Ettwein to Christian Spring and brought Br. Loether from Lititz as the future Choir-servant of the single brethren there, along.

July 24th 1782. In the forenoon came from Bethlehem with the little wagon the widow sister Gammern and Hussey, for a visit of the widows here.

July 26th 1782. The single Betty Hoes from Easton, who left her service with our friends, and came to us and the next day she went to Br. and Sr. Otto to serve there.

July 27th 1782. The single brother Matth. Wittke, who was hitherto house-servant, bade us farewell, and to go to Bethlehem to the brethren's house as beer-brewer.

August 7th 1782. In the afternoon came from Philadelphia over Bethlehem Br. Myrtetus with his son-in-law Br. Rotter to Nazareth and had a talk with the laborers on account of his moving here.

August 9th 1782. In the morning went Br. Myrtetus with his son-in-law to Bethlehem, where they will go back to Philadelphia. He heard yesterday the announcement, that the Lord has given him the permission to move into the congregation, with much thanks and more with tears than with words.

August 16th 1782. Br. Edmonds as executor of the testament of the late

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Heinrich Mueller brought a nice shroud for our widowed brethren and sisters, which can also be used for the married choir.

August 22nd 1782. Br. and Sr. Horsefield with their son and Br. Elert came here for a visit.

August 25th 1782. To-day the Commissioners were here to seel the land of these people, who did not pay their taxes, by auction in the inn.-- Mr. Bertow with his whole family was here from Bethlehem.

September 8th 1782. In the afternoon we had a delightful visit from Br. Sennef with his wife from Philadelphia.

September 15th 1782. In Gnadenenthal was engaged the widowed Brother Davis Kunz with the widowed Sister Maria Schulz in the presence of the married laborers. --- Sunday, September 22nd they were married by Br. Lembke. - We received the sad news of the death of Br. Graf in Salem in the Wachau, where he died in August 29th.

September 23d 1782. Towards evening came Bro. Kornmann from Philadelphia with his wife and children from Bethlehem over Easton to Nazareth.

September 24th 1782. The single brother Strehle from the Wachau visited us in Nazareth.

September 25th 1782. The single brethren Joseph Gambold and Kreiter from Lititz visited us here and in Christian Spring.

September 26th 1782. From Sichern in New England came the old Br. Smith, the father of Br. Azarias, for a visit. --- Sister Kunz, who was married the other day, moved from Nazareth to Gnadenenthal to her husband.

September 27th 1782. On Br. Doeling's newly built house in the village the rafters were put up.

October 2nd 1782. From Christian Spring we received the news, that last night about 7 o'clock, the single brother Samuel Flex had died.

October 3d 1782. In the afternoon at 1 o'clock the funeral of Br. Flex took place. --- Br. Flex was born in January 30th 1751 in Nazareth, When

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he was 12 years old he was received in the boy's choir. --In April 9th 1763 he moved to Christian Spring. In his 17th years he was received in the congregation. May 18th 1774 he moved with 14 brethren to Nazareth into the choirhouse. But after 6 weeks he moved back to Christian Spring, where he lived about one year, then he went back to Nazareth. He got sick and had to give up his weaving-work. He went back to Christian Spring and did there all kinds of work, which he could do. He became then nurse and served the sick brother Kamm in all faithfulness to his end. When Br. Flex died, he was 31 years old.

October 11th 1782. To-day arrived here Sister Myrtetus with her little son and her belongings from Philadelphia and was quartered at Bro. and Sr. Beutel.

October 12th 1782. From Lititz came Br. Matth. Muecke, who was married last Sunday with the single Sister Blieckensdoefer, to live in Christian Spring.

October 17th 1782. In the evening arrived here Br. Myrtetus from Philadelphia with his other belongings, to live here.

October 21st 1782. On the afternoon brought Br. Henry van Vleck a Congress member and at the same time a Virginian Colonel from Bethlehem to Nazareth. He looked around here and was very kind.

October 27th 1782. It was announced to the congregation the engagement of Br. Azarias Smith with the single sister Elizabeth Ashley yesterday in Bethlehem.

October 28th 1782. In the forenoon came Br. Belling, who had received permission, to build a tannery here, before the Committee, where he should inquire about his outer circumstances, and to receive good advice about his building, after which was assigned to him his building-ground over-against Br. Kern.

November 4th 1782. In the service were communicated letters of our Brethren in East-India and also from Br. Hoecker from Cairo.

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November 5th 1782. The single Brother Azarias Smith was married with the single sister Elizabeth Aschley by Br. Lembke.

November 7th 1782. In the afternoon we received from a man, 8 to 10 miles from here, the news, that Br. Jacob Loesch, who wanted to ride to Hope, had had a bad accident by a fall from the horse. A waggon should be sent there and Br. Loesch should be brought here. Br. Otto, the Doctor, rode accompanied by Br. Doeling, there. But nobody returned this night from there.

November 8th 1782. This forenoon brought us Br. Otto and Bro. Doeling the sad news, that Br. Loesch in the house, near where he was fallen from the horse, in the night about 12 o'clock while the brethren were singing, had died. -- In the afternoon they brought the body of Br. Jacob Loesch, which Sister Kembole took into her parlor.

(Sunday.)
November 10th 1782. /The funeral of Br. Loesch, which should have been held in the forenoon, could not be held until about 12 o'clock, because the good people, in which house Br. Loesch had died, let us know, that they should like to take part in the funeral. Many people, brethren and sisters and others gathered together in the Hall, but not all could find place there. And so Br. Loesch was burried in the God's acre.

November 16th 1782. Br. von Schweinitz installed Br. Golkovsky in Br. Loesch's place, who shall take care of the work in Old Nazareth from Christian Spring.

November 24th 1782. In the evening Br. Belling was engaged with the single sister Anna Rosine Kremser.

November 29th 1782. In the afternoon about half past 2 died in the brethren's house the first and dear bother Philip Jacob Meyer, shoemaker-master.

December 1st 1782. To-day our Br. Philip Jacob Meyer was burried, by Br. Lembke. --- Br. Philip Jacob Meyer was born in November 2nd 1722 in St. Georgem in Wuerttemberg, where his father was shoemaker, and where also the son learned the same trade, when he was grown up. In Strassburg he

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was working for two years as shoemaker, and there he enlisted for military service and had to go with his company to Flandern, and then to the Rhine. But soon he was tired of being a soldier and he went away secretly, but wherever he went, he could not stay long there, because he had to fear, that he might be betrayed and be delivered. He went finally to Colmar, then Upper-Alsace, and from there he wanted to go to Switzerland. But he met Br. Reinhold, who was in the congregation there. He told Br. Meyer that it was plain, that the hand of the heavenly father was upon him and had protected him. In Colmar I was working as shoemaker and met there several brethren, who spoke to me and showed me the road to salvation. I met also Br. Heinzmann, and after I had gone to Bale, he came there too and we travelled to Herrenhaag in April 12th 1748. I received permission to stay there. On the 15th of September with 16 other single brethren I was received into the congregation. Later I left Herrenhaag and travelled to Zeist and Amsterdam and London and came to America and to Bethlehem, where I remained until February 3d 1752, when I was sent to Macungie in the children's institute there. 1753 I came back to Bethlehem to the Brethren's shoemaker-shop. In October 7th 1755 I came to the younger boys and in September 28th 1757 I moved with the boys to Christian Spring. There he was in the shoemaker's shop until May 18th 1774, when he with the other brethren, the helpers and apprentices moved into the new brethren's house in Nazareth. There he has served for more than 8 years as a faithful servant. He was then appointed as master in the shoemaker's shop. All the brethren, single and married ones, liked him very much. He served also the congregation as "Saaldiener" with a willing heart. He had caught a bad cold, when he went to the funeral of Br. Nathanael, and he had to cough plenty, especially in the night. On the 29th visited him a brother in the forenoon at 10 o'clock. Br. Meyer was then so happy and pointed with his finger to a place and said: "Look,

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there is standing the Saviour, oh how nice." He even wanted to get up from his chair and walk to Jesus. And in the afternoon the same thing occurred and he was so happy, that his whole body was shaking. In the afternoon at 2,30 he fell asleep quietly accompanied by the blessing of the Choir and of the congregation. He reached an age of 60 years and 27 days.

December 15th 1782. Sunday. Late in the evening we received through a brother from Nazareth the news, that Br. Schnall, who went to bed 14 days ago with inflammation of the chest, had died.

December 17th 1782. From Gnadenenthal we received the news, that the old mother Loesch had died in the forenoon at 11 o'clock.

December 19th 1782. In the afternoon at 1 o'clock was the funeral of Br. Schnall and mother Loesch.--- Br. Joh. Georg Schnall was born in January 4th 1713 in a village in a french country. When he had grown up, he learned the profession of a linnen-weaver. In Nuernberg he went to the meetings and after much struggle he made up his mind, to follow the Lord. He spoke one day with Br. Jonas Paul Weiss, that he had the desire, to go to Herrnhut. In the year 1739 he travelled from Nuernberg to Herrnhut, where he arrived safely, August 20th. He earned his bread by working as a day-laborer. He helped to build a house for the Director Mueller. One day, when he was tired and sat at the window after he had come from work, and was thinking, that probably the brethren in Herrnhut might send him away, he was called to Br. Jacob Till and Henr. Nitschmann, and they told him, after a few questions, that he should be received into the congregation. The next day, May 20th 1740 he was received into the congregation. He was so filled with joy and happiness, that he never would forget it again. Soon he also went to Holy Communion. He earned then his bread with weaving. Then he came to Abraham von Gersdorf as a servant, and he had to travel with him to Silesia, and later he accompanied him

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to Marienborn, from where Br. von Gersdorf travelled with the Pilgrim's congregation to Switzerland, and Schnall had to go to the brethren's house in Herrenhaag and live there for the present time. In the year 1741 was he called to Marienborn, where he was married with the single sister Anna Helena Hentsch. At the time, when they were married, 13 other couples were married too. They both went to Buedingen, where Br. Schnall helped with the children in the school there. In the year 1742 they were called to Herrenhaag, where they lived over three years. Later they went again to Marienborn, and Herrenhaag and England. In the Lindsey-House in Chelsea he was watchman at the gate. Later he was sent to Yorkshire, where he worked on his weaving-profession. In February 12th 1766 he was called to Jamaica in the West-Indies. March 10th in the same year, Br. Schnall was consecrated as Diakonus of the Brethren's church. April 11th they went to Sea and in August 13th 1766 they arrived in Kingston in Jamaica. In the year 1771 they came to Bethlehem, and after six weeks they went to Nazareth, where he worked as weaver, until November 30th, when he suffered with fever on his chest. In December 15th in the evening at 6 o'clock he died quietly. He has reached an age of 70 years less one month.

Christina Loesch was born in the year 1700 in Wiesbaden in Germany. When she was 10 years old, they came over to New York. In the year 1725 she was married with George Loesch in Schogery. In the year 1728 she came with her husband and child to Tulpehocking, where they had a hard time, because the place was a real wilderness. There was also nobody who was preaching the gospel there. In the year 1735 came then from Schippach an awakened preacher by name of Leybacker, who preached in a church 4 miles away from us. But Sister Loesch did not understand much of that sermon. Later this preacher Leybacker came to their place in order to live among them. Sister Loesch made one day a nice experience, when she became hap-

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when she became happy. She learned to know also Br. Spangenberg⁸, who lived for some time in Shippach. Later, when the preacher Lybecker, who had stayed in her house for 3 years, had died, Br. Spangenberg held the funeral, and after this he came to their house, and then she could talk to him and pour out her heart. In the year 1745 she was received with her husband into the congregation, and she and her husband went to Heidelberg to Holy Communion. She had 11 children, 5 sons and 6 daughters, and 50 grandchildren and also some great grand-children. She was always willing, to help the brethren and sisters, who travelled through Tulpehockin. When brethren and sisters were still in Shomokin, she thought, that they might have trouble and are in need, and she told to her husband, to get a good horseload of provisions ready and take the same to those brethren and sisters in Shomokin, which was always a great help for those friends. One day Br. Loesch went there again, when he found all the brethren there sick and Br. Hagen was lying there dead and nobody was there, who could make a coffin. Br. Loesch took then care of that and made a coffin and helped also to bury that brother. When she got old, she liked to be here in one of the places. And she came then also with her husband to Gnaden-thal, where she was loved and liked by everybody, and she was respected as a venerable mother. When she heard the fearful news of her son in November 7th that he had fallen from the horse, when he was on his way to Hope and was killed, her sickness got worse and on the 17th of December she fell asleep and passed away. She reached an age of 82 years, 4 months and 22 days.

December 20th 1782. In the forenoon we had the joy to meet Sister Anna Johanna, who came with Br. Henry van Vleck and his daughter from Bethlehem. In the evening we had service, in which was read from the Idea fidei to the brethren and sisters.

December 24th 1782. To-day died Br. Heine Fritschs in Nazareth.

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December 26th 1782. To-day we had such cloudy and rainy weather, so that we could not go out from the house and could not burry Br. Fritsche.

December 27th 1782. To-day at 1 o'clock we burried Br. Heinrich Fritsche. Br. Fritsche was born in January 8th 1715 in Silesia. He learned the tailor-profession. In 1742 he went to Herrnhut and in the same year in June 22nd he was received into the congregation. In the year 1749 he travelled with Bro. and Sr. Joh. Nitschman and a party to Pennsylvania, where they arrived in May in Bethlehem. In July 15th in the same year he was married with the single sister Catharina Helena Wenzel, also from Silesia, and they had 2 sons and 1 daughter. In September 26th 1758 his wife died. In the year 1761 he married the second time with the widow of Br. Christ. Fritsche, Anna Margaretha, who was a born Voigt. He had with the second wife 1 son and 1 daughter. In April 13th two years ago his second wife died. Br. Fritsche was serving the children and helped also the brethren with various work. He died with inflammation of the chest. He reached the age of 68 years less 16 days.

Memorabilia of the congregation on Nazareth
of the year 1782.

Summary Repetition of the Whole.

In to the congregation have come from other congregations.....	14	persons
From us have gone to other congregations.....	8	"
Received into the congregation.....	2	"
Admitted to Holy Communion.....	3	"
Children born and baptized.....	9	"
Died: 2 children, 8 adults.....	10	"

The Congregation on Nazareth consists at present of:

Married people .47 couples.....	94	persons,
Widowers.....	7	"
Widows.....	10	"
Single brethren, Youths and boys.....	78	"
Single sisters and big girls.....	36	"
Children, boys 15, girls 17.....	32	"

Total: 257 persons.
5 more than in the year before.

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January 19th 1783. Our Sunday-Services we could only have with the brethren and sisters from Nazareth on account of the thawing-weather the road had been so bad.

January 29th 1783. The single brother Samuel Schneider from Bethlehem was engaged to the single sister Catharina Schmidt in the afternoon, and this was announced to the brethren and sisters in the evening-service.

February 4th 1783. Br. Samuel Schneider and Sister Catharina Schmidt were married.

February 5th 1783. There is thawing-weather and thick fog and therefore there could not be any service in the evening.

February 11th 1783. Bro. and Sr. Schindler visited us to-day.

March 17th 1783. In the forenoon was Br. Lembke in Gnadenthal and collected after dinner from the brethren and sisters voluntary gifts for the Gemein-Musik (congregational music).

March 25th 1783. This morning we received from Old Nazareth the news, that Sister Schaefer had died, and everybody was perplexed about this news.

March 26th 1783. At 1 o'clock Sister Schaefer was buried. Br. Lembke held the funeral sermon. ---Sister Johanna Schaefer was born in April 16th 1728 in Albany, New York-Government. Her parents lived for some years over the Lecha, not far from Bethlehem. When her father died, she went with her mother to Bethlehem, in the year 1744, November 22nd. In the next year 1745 she was received into the congregation there. In the year 1746 she was married for the second time with Br. Nicolaus Schaefer. They had 3 daughters and 2 sons, of which 2 daughters died. She was obliging and serviceable, and she was a qualified and careful midwife, and she was in demand by the sisters in the congregations and outside. She had the fortune and grace in the congregation as well as outside of it to bring 130 children to the light of the world. She was a dear and venerable sister and leaves behind her husband and three children. She has reached an age of 55 years less 3 weeks and one day.

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April 1st 1783. The single sister Marie Rauschenberger, who had served several years in the inn by Sister Moehring, has moved to the single sisters in the Hall.

April 3d 1783. Thursday. This week Br. Belling's dwelling-house at the end of the village has been blocked up.

April 12th 1783. Late in the night on the old street between Old and New Nazareth an accident had happened. The tax-Collector Naumann, while he was drunk, fell from the waggon and was driven over by the same and killed instantly.

April 15th 1783. Br. Samuel Stoz, who had come yesterday to Christian Spring came to us for a visit. He had come from the Wachau.

April 16th 1783. In the afternoon came Br. Schlosser with his daughter from Philadelphia over Bethlehem here, to visit his children Jacob Christ.

April 30th 1783. We thought of Br. Matthaeus, who celebrated his 79th anniversary.

May 6th 1783. We heard that a brother had found Br. Mordick in Gnadenthal who had been driving wood yesterday the whole day, and had eaten heartily in the evening, and the morning at 8 o'clock dead in bed.

May 8th 1783. To-day the funeral of Br. Mordick took place. --- Br. Peter Mordick was born in February 17th 1716 in Horst in Holstein. He came to Herrenhaag and was received into the congregation there. He was in Marienborn as driver and as coachman in the service of the late Countess von Zinzenforf. In the year 1749 he came with a large party to Bethlehem in May and in July 15th he was married with the late Magdalena Schwarz from Neukirch in the Upper-Lausitz. But she died in March 13th 1777 in Gnadenthal. He had with her 3 sons and 1 daughter, who all have died. As long as he has been wandering in this life, he has been in the common household, and has been helping in the field and economy. He has been for a short time in Gnadenhuetten and Friedensthal. He has also been in Nazareth, but the longest time he was in Gnadenthal. When

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he often had an attack of asthma, one did not think, that he would die now, for on the 5th he had been driving wood the whole day and had also eaten his supper, and in the morning at 8 o'clock he was found dead in his bed with folded hands, closed mouth and eyes sleeping a sound sleep, his face was shining as if he was laughing. He reached an age of 67 years, 2 months and 4 days.

May 12th 1783. The single sister Rosina Schmidt, who had since helped her parents in Old Nazareth, moved into the Hall to the single sisters there.

May 19th 1783. In the afternoon we had the joy to see Br. Ettwein here. He came from Easton, where he had accompanied Br. Shebosh, who with his companion travelled to our Indian Brethren and sisters on Lake Erie via Albany. He visited also in Gnadenthal and stayed over night in Christian Spring, where he held an evening-service for the brethren and sisters there.

May 22nd 1783. This morning started the brethren Edmonds and Ljungberg with the widow van Vleck and sister Schloesser on their journey to New York.

May 23d 1783. We had a strong thunderstorm and rain so that we could not get together.

May 26th 1783. Br. Adam Schneider from Saucon visited us here and in Gnadenthal.

June 3d 1783. Bro. and Sr. Israel Horsefield from Newport in Rhode Island visited us. They came from Bethlehem for a visit of their Brother and Sister Otto.

June 12th 1783. In the afternoon brought Br. Ettwein from Bethlehem Mr. Gardiner with his son from St. Kitts, a true friend and benefactor of the Mission there for a visit here. They looked all around and remained over night here.

June 13th 1783. After breakfast went Mr. Gardiner on his journey to Boston, and Br. Ettwein accompanied him to Easton.

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June 14th 1783. Mr. Benezet, junior, with his Brother John's widowed wife, and a few gentlemen and ladies from Philadelphia visited here on account of Holy Communion, which shall take place to-morrow.

June 19th 1783. Toward evening came Br. Edmonds from his business, which he as Executor had to perform in Heinrich Mueller's inheritance, in Philadelphia.

June 23d 1783. Bro. and Sr. Schloesser left here early for Philadelphia in order to purchase articles for his saddler's shop.

June 26th 1783. Bro. and Sr. Doeling from Old Nazareth moved into their newly built house in the village. ---- Also Br. Giersch brought his house in the village under roof. ----- The masons began to-day to lay the foundation stones of Br. Myrtetus' house.

June 28th 1783. Br. Ljungberg returned from his business in Philadelphia. In the evening also Bro. and Sr. Schloesser returned from there.

July 1st 1783. The single shoemaker Matth. Zahm left with his things for Lancaster, to work there in the single brethren's shoemaker-shop.

July 24th 1783. From Senectady in Albany came on his instant request Henry Feldhausen with his wife and his things here, in order to live as Guest in Old Nazareth.

August 7th 1783. In the afternoon was Br. Myrtetus' new house in the village put under roof.

August 22nd 1783. In the afternoon visited us here Br. Moeller from Salem in the Wachau on his journey to Hope.

August 23d 1783. We had to-day a terrible heat, which continued during the night; we have seldom had such a heat during the summer. Only a few people came to the prayer-meeting on account of that heat.

August 29th 1783. The four youths: Jacob Schulze, Joh. Heinrich Mueller, Johannes Schweishaupt, and Abraham Loesch have been received into the brethren's choir. The brethren: Ludwig Biefel, David Beutel, Joh. Fuehrer and Heinr. Mueller have been re-admitted.

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September 2st 1783. This morning moved the single brother Kremser from Bethlehem to the single Brethren's house to the shoemaker's shop there.

September 11th 1783. Br. Edmonds, executor of the inheritance of / the late Br. Mueller, printer, came here. He told us, that after everything is put in order, that there is a legate, which is appointed for the Poor here in Nazareth, and for which we are very thankful.

September 15th 1783. A strange man brought us the sad news, that our Brother Azarias Smith on his way to Justice Härtmann has had a bad fall from the horse. Therefore Dr. Otto and Br. Doeling got soon ready to go and bring him help.

September 16th 1783. In the afternoon brought our brethren with the other brethren, who had also gone there, where the brother, who had fallen from the horse, was lying. They put him on a hand-barrow, and with two horses in the front and two horses behind; they brought the brother home alive, but without /taking any notice of what was going on. Also Br. Matth. Otto from Bethlehem came to help the poor brother.

September 23d 1783. The old Br. Azarias Smith came with Bro. Warner from Gnadenhuetten over Bethlehem, and he found his son in his last breath. In the night at 10 o'clock he died under the blessing of his Choir and of the congregation.

September 25th 1783. In the afternoon was the funeral of Br. Azarias & Smith, junior. Many people were present. Br. Azarias Smith was born in December 17th 1742 in Lebanon in New Foundland. He was received into the Congregation and was admitted to Holy Communion. In the year 1767 he came to the Hall as over-seer of the boys. Later he moved into the brethren's house, where he cleaned clocks and served also in the hall of the congregation. November 5th 1782 he was married with the single sister Johanna Elizabeth Ashley. This couple lived in love and peace in that short time and they lived for the edification of others. Br. Azarias had a little

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trade with tobacco and with other little things. He was a faithful and true christian. On Tuesday 23d he was taken to his house to his wife, where she took good care of him together with the Doctor. One did all, what one could think of, in order to help him up again; for there was no arm and no foot broken, but the head was badly injured, and it may be, that the brain was injured. He did not speak much. When the wife told him some hymns, he took notice of it and he made his wife understand, that he was happy in his heart. Then on the same day, Tuesday, 23d in the night at 10 o'clock he passed away quietly. He has lived here for 41 years less a few months. --- In the morning Br. Ettwein had come from Bethlehem and with him came also Sister von Erd with her children, who came for the funeral of her brother-in-law. To the funeral many brethren ^{/from the other places had come} and sisters, even from outside strangers came. And on account of the many English-speaking people, Br. Ettwein held in the Hall an English service. October 16th 1783. In the afternoon came Br. Michel Jung, who had travelled to the congregation from our Indians on the Huron River with Br. Weigand. He came to visit us in Nazareth.

November 14th 1783. In the morning went Br. Zeisberger to Bethlehem to the Helper-Conference as well, as for the greeting of the Brethren and Sisters, who have arrived the-day-before yesterday from Europe. He brought along Br. Moehring in the evening, who is visiting his brother here.

November 15th 1783. Br. Moehring, who visited in the afternoon Christian Spring, held for the house-congregation there a blessed evening-service.

November 18th 1783. To-day we had the pleasure to greet the brethren and sisters, who had arrived in Bethlehem last week: Br. and Sister Meder, Br. Klingsohr, and the single sister Lewis, who were accompanied by Sister Susel von Gersdorf and Br. Ettwein. They had first visited in Christian Spring and Gnadenenthal the brethren and sisters there. They visited also here in Old and New Nazareth the brethren and sisters and then they returned again to Bethlehem.

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November 19th 1783. We had much rain with storm, which continued the whole night. We could not have any evening service.

November 21st 1783. Br. Jacob van Vleck brought to Christian Spring 2 single brothers Kramsch and Lewis, who had come from Europe.

November 20th 1783. The same two brethren Kramsch and Lewis came to Nazareth and visited the brethren and sisters in Old and New Nazareth, and in the afternoon they went back to Christian Spring, and the day after they went with their companion to Bethlehem.

November 24th 1783. This forenoon came from Bethlehem our bro. and Sr. Schaukirch for a visit here, before they leave for the West-Indies. They were accompanied by Br. Huebner. After they visited everywhere, they went to Gnadenhal and Christian Spring and from there they went to Bethlehem. In the evening a report of Br. Jorde and his journey to Suriname and also his imprisonment was communicated to the brethren and sisters.

November 25th 1783. In the afternoon the first stones for the building of the single Sister's choir-house were driven here. ---In these days was the single brother Martin Hirt, who had served for 8 years as soldier in the American Army, on his instant request taken into the brethren's house here on probation. ---To-day moved Bro. and Sr. Myrtetus from their house, which they had rent, into their newly built house in the Hall-Lane.

November 26th 1783. In the afternoon moved the widow Azarias Smith from her late husband's house for rent into the widow Lischer's house.

November 29th 1783. In the night about 11 o'clock we felt here and in this section an earth-quake, but it was not so strong.

December 1st 1783. In the evening it was read to the brethren and sisters the report of Br. Antes' hard treatment in Cairo in 1780, and everybody was moved with compassion.

December 14th 1783. Br. Klingsohr held to-day on Sunday an impressive talk to the congregation about the daily text. He went from Here to Gnadenhal and Christian Spring, where he spoke in the evening.

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December 30th 1783. In the afternoon it started to snow and it continued all night through. The next day the children had to be taken by sledges to church.

Memorabilia of the congregation on Nazareth
of the year 1783.

Summary Repetition of the Whole.

In the congregation here have come from other congregations and from
somewhere lese: 6 persons,
 From us have been transferred to other congregations: 2 "
 Received into the congregation:..... 4 "
 Admitted to Holy Communion:..... 2 "
 Children born and baptized are;..... 5 "
 Died have: 3 adults and 1 child..... 4 "

The congregation on Nazareth consists at present of:

Married people, together with our guests:.....96 persons.
 Widowers..... 7 "
 Widows.....10 "
 Single brethren, youths and boys..... 77 "
 Single sisters and big girls..... 38 "
 Children.....16.boys.and.18.girls..... 34 "

A total of 262 persons.

Note: In the sum of 262 are not included the 5 children of our guests. With the children of our guests is the total amount 267. ----- At the end of the year 1784 amounts the sum of.296 the guests included. In the year 1784 is then an increase of 29 persons.

Translations of selected entries from the Nazareth Diary. Original diary in Moravian Archives, Bethlehem, PA.

Diary of the Single Brethren in Nazareth of the year 1783.

Translations of selected entries from the Nazareth Diary. Original diary in Moravian Archives, Bethlehem, PA.

April 21st 1783. Three of our brethren went to Easton without notifying the helper. Therefore one did speak to them very seriously, and they acknowledged it, that they had not done rightly. - Mueller and Waarbass had been riding to Easton without notifying anybody. Mueller had it done it on purpose, and for that reason it was told him, that he will be excluded from Holy Communion. But later one did hear, that Waarbass and Mueller had entered at Seip, and Waarbass got drunk.; Waarbass' behaviour had been so, that he should have been sent away long ago.

April 24th 1783. In the Elder-Conference it was resolved, that Waarbass should not be held any longer here. The Committee notified him, that his time here is now over. One did expect, that he will show a better conduct.

April 29th 1783. Waarbass went to Bethlehem, to see, whether he could find there some work. But because the people there have such kind of people plenty, they had no place for Waarbass. He therefore resolved to go to Philadelphia, and see that he could find work there,

May 7th 1783. Joh. Schaefer fell from the roof of a barn and had a bad fall, so that he could have been dead. After a long time he began to breathe again, and it seems, that it passed by without any great injury to his head or neck.

May 18th 1783. We had Holy Communion, but Oesterlin and Schaefer had to stay away, because they went both to Easton without notifying the helper.

September 7th 1783. Br. Joh. Kremser from Bethlehem came to our shoemaker-shop here.

At the end of the year 1783 the choir consists of: 48 brethren, in Christian Spring; 19 in Nazareth; 3 boys in Christian Spring, and 7 boys in Nazareth. A total of 77 persons, one less than in the year before.

End of the Diary of the Single Brethren in Nazareth of the year 1783.

Diary of the Single Brethren in Nazareth of the year 1784.

January 9th 1784. On account of indecent behaviour was Heinrich Fritsch discharged.

January 11th 1784. Abraham Henry could not be transferred to the Youth's choir on account of having chopped his leg.

January 14th 1784. In Christian Spring died Br. Joh. George Kriegbaum. He was burried on the 16th of this month.

January 24th 1784. In the Conference the Lord was asked, whether he permits, that Martin Hirt shall be received in Nazareth, and the answer was: Yes. Martin Hirt was then informed about it.

April 13th 1784. In Bethlehem was Peter Muecke engaged with Sister Opitz, in order to go to Hope.

April 14th 1784. Abraham Loesch from Christian Spring came to Br. Schenk to learn there the mason-profession. He moved into our house.

April 18th 1784. Daniel Klotz from Bethlehem came here, in order to instruct Br. Moehring better in making tobacco.

April 20th 1784. ~~April~~ Br. Lewis was engaged with Sister Catharina Elizabeth Lembke.

April 23d 1784. Br. Martin Hirt moved to the inn here.

April 27th 1784. Br. John Lewis was married with Sister Lembke.

May 22nd 1784. Br. Chr. Friedr. Steinman was engaged with the single Sister Maria Magdalena Peizel,

May 23d 1784. Nathanael Richter came from Bethlehem to Nazareth, in order to work at Br. Billy Henry as joiner-fellow.

May 31st 1784. Br. Steinman was married with Sister Peizel.

June 25th 1784. On request of the Bethlehem Overseer-committee, Bro. Kremser went to Bethlehem in order to teach the young Kraus chimney sweeping.

June 27th 1784. Br. David received a letter from Br. Ettwein of the contents, that Br. Matth. Hanke had been proposed to the Lord, to be used

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as innkeeper in Lititz, which the Lord had approbated. In the evening Br. Meyer told it to Br. Hanke, and he accepted it without any long consideration.

July 13th 1784. From Bethlehem we received the news, that they have offered Br. Michael Jung, to work in our kitchen in the place of Matth. Hanke, as cook. He accepted it.

July 28th 1784. Matth. Hanke was engaged with the single sister Elizabeth Huber in Bethlehem. August 2nd he was married with that sister in Bethlehem.

September 19th 1784. Friedrich Schaefer came as assistant over-seer into the shoemaker's room and was admitted in the House-Conference. --To-day began Michler and Peter to eat at home.

October 17th 1784. The boy Hartman was received into the Congregation.

October 26th 1784. Our dear brother Johannes came for a visitation here.

November 22nd 1784. It was proposed to Friedrich Ziegler, that he should go to Hope to his cousin Moeller to be bound apprentice as potter. Ziegler will go there on probation. November 29th the boy went to Hope, to see, whether he would like it to stay with Br. Moeller. In December 2nd the boy returned from Hope and told, that he does like it, and he will go there again, after his cousin has got another potter's wheel.

December 8th 1784. Paul Suess came from Monocassie to Nazareth, to work as journey-man by Br. Lischer.

December 10th 1784. The boy Joh. Myrtetus was joined to Br. Jacob Christ by contract.

December 14th 1784. Joh. Popplewell received permission, because he had the desire, again to be re-admitted into the congregation, to move into the house on probation. ---In the evening broke Br. Simon Meyer his leg.

December 16th 1784. Br. George Mueller came here and moved to the boy's room in the brethren's house. --- Because Br. Meyer has broken his leg,

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May 14th 1785. Br. George Clewell went for the first time in Schoeneck to Holy Communion.

May 17th 1785. Friedrich Tiel in Christian Spring was joined by contract to Br. Blum in Hope, to learn the tanner-profession there.

May 27th 1785. John Wright came with his master Br. Bruecker from Hope in Jersey to Nazareth.

June 21st 1785. James Gill received permission by Conference, to come to this congregation, into the store. He came in Br. Lischer's room.

July 21st 1785. In Christian Spring died Br. Lorenz Nilsen. The next day he was burried.

July 23d 1785. To the Lovefeast came Br. Hagen from Philadelphia and a ship's captain Loxly and some other gentlemen.

September 3d 1785. Balthasar Christman from North Carolina came here as driver, to fetch Br. Johannes.

September 15th 1785. To-day moved Br. Wilh. Lembke to Bethlehem.

October 3d 1785. From Bethlehem came Br. Huebner and with him came: Thomas Horsefield, Christian Hauser, Ludwig Rothe, Francis Weiss, Friedr. Boeckel, Friedr. Leinbach, Joh. Boecker, Joh. David Rothe, Christ. Friedr. Denke, Heinr. Wilhelm Hesse, Johan Benj. Rothe, and so the Paedagogium was begun.

October 5th 1785. The schools were arranged. After noon Br. Kramsch went home again. --- Because some young brethren had been seduced to go for military drill, Br. Ettwein at the order of the conference held them a serious talk in the hope, that they may give it up, but Schulz went in spite of it.

October 16th 1785. John Christ was received into the congregation.

October 26th 1785. Schools were begun with the boys in the evening. Br. Gill held on Tuesday and Thursday english reading and writing school. - Br. Eyerle held on Wednesdays German writing school and Br. Meyer held on

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Saturdays arithmetic.

December 6th 1785. From the Wachau came Martin Schneider with Br. David. Br. David brought the news along, that in the Wachau they had decided, that if we had nothing against it, Loesch should go with Schneider there. Br. Ettwein told it to him.

The following changes have been made during this year:

Under the boys have been placed: Mohan Christ, January 9th.

Into the congregation have been received: Paul Suess in February 6th; Johan Christ, October 6th; Johan Christ. Fertig and Johan Koelln, December 26th.

From us have gone to other places: Johan Gambold to Bethlehem, February 16th; Friedrich Tiel from Christian Spring to Hope, May 18th; Chr. Wilh. Lembke to Bethlehem, September 15th; Daniel Klotz to Hops, December 14th; Abraham Loesch to the Wachau, December 19th.

To us have come: Wilh. Horsefield from Bethlehem, March 31st; John Wright from Hope, May 25th; James Gill from Oldman's Creek, June 23d; David Dumbler from Bethlehem, July 8th; Joseph von Erd, November 20th; and 11 children with Br. Huebner, October 3d.

From us have gone: Paul Suess, June 29th. Joh. Schnall has been made Choir-helper in Christian Spring, September 14th; and Br. George Gottfried Mueller has become Br. Meyer's helper with the boys. Br. Busse has been married, and has been appointed as Married Choir-helper in Nazareth, September 9th and has moved to Gnadenthal.

Died have: In Christian Spring: Christian Schmidt, April 12th; Joh. Schueffer, July 1st; Lorenze Nielsen, July 21st.

The entire Choir consists at the present of: 61 brethren, 13 youths, and boys. Of these are in Christian Spring: 40 brethren, 2 youths and 1 boy. In Nazareth: 21 brethren, 1 youth, and 9 boys. A total of: 74 persons.

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January 6th 1784. Yesterday we had much fog, then it rained and it formed glazed frost, and no service could be held. --- But to-day it got worse, the fog became so thick, that one could not see the next houses. Then it lightened and thundered and a heavy rain fell. Again we could not have any service.

January 10th 1784. The single Elizabeth Frevel, who since some time has served in the inn on probation, was according to her earnest desire, the permission given, to stay in the congregation, about which she was con-founded.

January 12th 1784. To-day we began to bring strong stones for the building of the single sister's house. Many cart-loads were driven there.

January 16th 1784. To-day the funeral of Br. George Kriegbaum took place. He was born in February 13th 1713 in Brandenburg, Germany. His parents were very pious people. With 16 years he learned the shoemaker-profession. In Fuerth he learned to know the brethren Conrad Lange and Waeckler. In the year 1743 in June he went to Herrenhaag, and later he was in Nesalz. 1755 he came with Br. Pezold's party to Pennsylvania, and he worked in Bethlehem as shoemaker. In the year 1759 he came to Nazareth into the Hall and served there the children. Then he was for 2 years cook in the brethren's house. At the end of the year 1779 he went to Christian Spring and worked there on his profession, and also in the plantation. Then he was working in the kitchen there. He served with faithfulness until he got sick. When he died he was 71 years old.

January 27th 1784. We had strong snow-weather and drifting, and the air was so thick, that one could not see the other houses. In the evening no service could be held.

February 15th 1784. Sunday. On account of the great cold weather, which continues for a long time, we had in the forenoon service with the congregation of Nazareth and Friedensthal. The other brethren and sisters

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had their service at home in their houses. From Bethlehem visited us a few single brethren, among which was Renatus Lembke.

February 16th 1784. Small-pox spread not only among our children in the village, but also in Old Nazareth, in Gnadenthal and Christian Spring more and more.

February 24th 1784. From Hope came Br. Meder on his way to Bethlehem to us and greeted us heartily.

March 4th 1784. In the night fell thick snow with drifting. Altogether it was a severe winter, as we have not had it. No service could be held.

March 4th 1784. In the morning the widow Azarias Smith gave birth to a dead son, which was burried on the 6th.

March 11th 1784. We heard from a brother from Lititz, that a ship with Moravians has arrived in Savannah in Georgia without mast and without sails. And we suppose, that Br. Johannes is on it. -- We heard also, that the inn in the Wachau, in Salem, shall have burned down.

March 19th 1784. Bro. and Sr. Moehring on their request were dismissed from their service, which they had till now in our inn, and we were thankful to them for their work, which they had done. They will ^{take possession} ~~take possession~~ of the business, which the late Azarias Smith had, and to-day they moved into the house of Azarias Smith near the Hall. In their place, Bro. and Sister Owen Rice will do the work in the inn, into which they moved to-day.

March 22nd 1784. In the forenoon we received the glad news through Br. Haller in Gnadenthal, that Sister Jag there has been delivered from her offspring. Not only Br. Matth. Otto, but especially Br. Lewis with great cautiousness have done their services. Sister Jag has had trouble since the 19th of this month. The two doctors have successfully and with most possible conservation of the mother accomplished this great work. The child of course had been dead for some time. --- The next day, some brethren took the little daughter from Gnadenthal and brought it to the Hut-

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berg, where by a little liturgy, the body was put into the grave.

March 29th 1784. In the forenoon moved the single sister Salome Scherer, who has served in Old Nazareth the brethren and sisters, for many years, to the single sisters in the Hall.

April 3d 1784. We had a copy of a letter from our dear Brother Johannes, written on sea on January 22nd, where they had endured very much; he also reported, what had happened to their ship, and that they were willing, to sail into St. Thomas. We thanked the Lord, that we could hear from them and that they are still alive.

April 5th 1784. Bro. and Sr. Rubel from Schoeneck moved to Old Nazareth.

April 9th 1784, Goodfriday. We read to the congregation the touching news of the ship-wreck, which the ship "Neutrality", on which our Brother Johannes and his party was, near Barbuda(?) not far from Antigua, had suffered. This news we received from the newspaper. In our pain, which we felt about this event, nothing more could comfort us, but that all our brethren and sisters have been kept alive.

April 10th 1784. Great Sabbath. We were delighted to have received a letter from Br. Johannes d. d. St Johns in Antigua, March 9th. We were grateful to the Lord for his kind protection.

April 12th 1784. Easter-Monday. In the afternoon we had all our children from all places, who had been recovered from small-pox, 32 in number and 2 single sisters with their parents, together in the presence of the Elder Conference, for a nice thanksgiving-lovefeast.

April 18th 1784. To-day came Br. Reuz(?) from Salem in the Wachau to visit us. In the evening we closed with an evening-prayer.

April 25th 1784. Sunday. In the second service all adults of all the places had gathered together and there a writing with scriptural admonition and warning from the U.E. Conference about the misuse of strong drinks was communicated to the brethren and sisters.

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April 27th 1784. In the afternoon at 1 o'clock Br. John Lewis, physician and surgeon, destined for the Wachau, was married with the single Sister Catharina Elizabeth Lembke by her father, Br. Lenbke. After the marriage the couple had with the Elder Conference and other brethren and sisters a delightful lovefeast, at which the musicians in the choir rendered a little Cantate accompanied by music.

May 5th 1784. Sister Huebner with the single Sister Anna von Marshall came for a visit to Nazareth, and they brought bro. and Sr. Lewis to their parents.

May 7th 1784. With the Gnadenthal waggon came Br. Klingsohr and Br. Moehring to Christian Spring, where in the afternoon Bro. and Sr. Lembke with their children Lewis also visited.

May 12th 1784. In the morning went Br. Lewis about his things to Bethlehem.

May 18th 1784. In the afternoon moved the single sister Rahel Frevel from Bro. and Sr. Doeling, where she had served, to the single sisters here. The single brethren had in commemoration of their moving into the Choir-house, 10 years ago, had the cup of gratitude.

May 22nd 1784. Br. Horn from Lititz came to-day to Christian Spring over Bethlehem for a visit.

May 25th 1784. Br. David Zeisberger celebrated to-day his 55th anniversary. To-day at the single sisters' house building they layed the first timber work. - In the night between 9 and 10 a heavy thunderstorm rose, that one could hear already in the evening, with strong thunder and lightning, and in the night we heard two claps of thunder in the near neighborhood, of which the second clap struck the storehouse. The chimney-pipe towards north was thrown away, the lightning went into the store and into the room next to it. Yea, it went even into the cellar. Window-glasses were broken, articles of iron and steel were thrown down,

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also the Hall-Mirror was thrown from its place. A stove was smashed, which was in a room next to the store. The greatest fortune was, that the flash was not inflammable, and was only breaking and splitting things towards the north, where the lightning went. The maid in the house was half dead on account of fright and horror. She had to have to bleed. We were glad and grateful to the Lord, that the brethren, who were called for help, were searching in the house, whether fire was burning. But they could not find anything. And nobody in the house was injured.

May 26th 1784. To-day the store was visited by the natives and strangers, to see, what the lightning had done and what direction it went in the house.

May 30th 1784. From Bethlehem came an express messenger with the glad news, that our Br. Johannes with his travelling party had arrived from Antigua safely in Philadelphia.

June 2nd 1784. In the morning went Br. Detmer to Bethlehem, in order to greet the arriving Br. Johannes there. --- The single sisters Rosina Frevel, who had served until now by Jacob Christ, moved to the single sisters in the Hall. In her place entered the single sister Anna Maria Gold.

June 3d 1784. In the afternoon went bro. and Sr. Lembke with sister Zeisberger and some other sisters to Bethlehem to greet Br. Johannes. - Br. Zeisberger had gone in the morning already.

June 5th 1784. In the forenoon was Christian Spring in the delightful position, to receive Br. Johannes and his Benigma as visitors. With them Bro. and Sr. Koehler and also Br. Matthaues from Lititz came along with them. They looked around in the place, ate dinner there, and after that Br. Johannes gave a talk to the house-congregation about the daily text. Then they went to Gnadenenthal, where the party stayed a while, and where Br. Johannes gave a talk to the brethren and sisters there. -Then

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Then they went to Nazareth accompanied by Br. Ettwein and in the Hall they were heartily welcomed and greeted by the laborers, who are living there. When they had visited the village, they had supper with the brethren and sisters. In the evening let Br. Johannes gather together the brethren and sisters from the village and greeted them all and held for them a service, in which he spoke about the daily text.

June 6th 1784. Sunday. We had blessed services and especially a welcome-service, where all the brethren and sisters, children and all, greeted Br. Johannes. We had a lovefeast, where Br. Johannes told his experience of their voyage and their circumstances. At 4 o'clock went the travelers away and went to Bethlehem.

June 23d 1784. In the afternoon moved the negro-bro. and -Sister, who had been with bro. and Sr. van Vleck and had served them, and had been till now in Bethlehem, to Old Nazareth, into the quarter, which had been assigned to them.

June 24th 1784. In the night between 9 and 10 o'clock died the single sister Molly Edmonds, who had suffered for some time with consumption.

June 26th 1784. In the afternoon at 5 o'clock was buried the single sister Marie (?) Edmonds. --- Maria Edmonds was born in October 11th 1744 on Long Island. Her father, who was especially interested in her spiritual life, took her, when she had received permission, to Nazareth into the Institute, in the year 1748. Soon after that she was transferred with some other children to Germantown. Most of the time she was sick. Then she was sent to Macungie to the institute there. Later she came to Nazareth and in the year 1756 she went to Bethlehem, and there she was received into the big girl's choir. In October 14th 1758 she was received into the congregation. December 1761 she was admitted to Holy Communion. In May 4th 1764 she was received into the choir of the single sisters. Because she was always sick, she asked for permission to go to Bethlehem into the

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choir-house, which was granted to her in July 1779. There she was happy and well, until she received the offer, to go with a number of single sisters to Nazareth, which did cost her much, but she went with an humble heart December 9th 1780. There she was overseer of the room. All what was entrusted to her, she fulfilled with faithfulness and punctuality, as long as her strength did permit. In November 1783 she had an hemorrhage and she believed, that her time had come to depart. In May 16th 1784 she was for the last time in the Hall and partook in Holy Communion. On the 29th she had to move to the sick room. She had several hemorrhages and the last and most severe one took her away from this world. Her age was 39 years, 8 months and 13 days.

July 6th 1784. To-day the carpenters laid on the building of the sisters' house the third timber work.

July 7th 1784. From Bethlehem came Br. Abraham Reinecke and Br. Hobsch from Lititz for a visit. Towards evening they went to Christian Spring for a visit of their choir-relations there.

July 15th 1784. To-day we thought of Br. Joseph, who celebrates his 81st birthday.

July 25th 1784. Bro. and Sr. Jansen brought the widow Jacobsen with her children from Staaten Island here for a visit, and in the afternoon they went to Christian Spring and Gnadenthal.

July 26th 1784. Br. Michael Jung from Bethlehem moved into the single Brethren's house here, in the kitchen, in the place of Br. Matth. Hanke, who has been called to Lititz as innkeeper.

July 28th 1784. Br. Matth. Hanke has been engaged with the single sister Elizabeth Huber of Bethlehem.

July 29th 1784. To-day and the following days the rafters and roof of the single sisters' house was put up.

July 30th 1784. The congregation was encouraged to give thanks to the

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Lord for the kind protection and help during the erection of the building of the single sisters' house, which has been done without the least harm or injury.

August 16th 1784. From Bethlehem came the single brother Born, to work by Br. Bill Henry as joiner in his shop as long as he has to do with the building of the single sister's house.

September 1st 1784. Br. Ettwein brought our friend, Mr. Lawrenz together with his son and two other men and one lady from Bethlehem to Nazareth, who looked around with satisfaction. --- Also Bro. and Sr. Thorp with their 2 daughters visited us before they leave for Staaten Island. --- We read the writing of the UDC, in which they call away the brethren in Cairo. We read also the report of Br. Gottwald in St. Kitts about the talk with the french Governor on the same Island, Count Dillon.

September 14th 1784. Br. Jacob van Vleck had been asked by an Irish woman, that he should baptize her 11 days old child, which he also did in the afternoon in the parents' house not far from Christian Spring. After this he visited in Nazareth.

October 2nd 1784. In the forenoon came from Lititz over Bethlehem Bro. ■ and Sister Schrop, who are to take Bro. and Sr. Detmer's place. They were received with warm love.

October 4th 1784. Br. and Sr. Grube, who came from Lititz, took the place of Br. and Sister Peter in Gnadenthal, where he shall be House-liturgus.

October 23d 1784. Towards noon came our Br. Johannes with his Benigma and Br. von Schweinitz from Bethlehem over Christian Spring and Gnadenthal, where they had made a short visit, to Nazareth. After dinner went this party to Schoeneck and over Br. Dorst Allemands to Friedensthal, in order to see and to greet the brethren and sisters in both places.

November 2nd 1784. At noon we received by an express messenger from Bethlehem the news, that Br. George Neisser in Philadelphia had died, which news was communicated to the congregation.

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November 9th 1784. In the forenoon came from Bethlehem sister von Schweinitz with her children, to greet their Grand-Papa and Grand-Mama. With her came also Sister Susel von Gersdorf with her belongings, to stay here in the single sisters' choir as helper.

November 12th 1784. Br. Leschinsky from Bethlehem came here and brought the news that Sister Boehler in Oldman's Creek has died.

November 19th 1784. In the afternoon at 4 o'clock came Br. Johannes from Bethlehem to us and held in the evening some services.

November 24th 1784. Br. Lembke went around in Old and New Nazareth with the collection-box to collect money for the congregational music.

November 30th 1784. Br. Birnbaum, whose wife had died lately in Bethlehem, had come to visit his friends here.--- Also Br. Friedrich Moehring with his wife, who had been in Bethlehem for a visit of some days, had returned here; in the morning they are leaving for their post in Gnadenhuetten.

December 3d 1784. In the afternoon came Br. Johannes with his Benigma and Br. Joseph Neisser from Bethlehem to us in New-Nazareth. In the evening at 6 o'clock he held us a blessed service.

December 4th 1784. We were delighted to hear the news, which Br. William Henry, who had returned from Philadelphia, brought along from there, that the Bro. and Sr. Gotthold Reichel, Boehler's and Br. Muecke, who are destined for Nazareth, have arrived there safely. We also heard of the death of Br. Melch. Schmidt on the danish Island St. Croix.

December 6th 1784. Br. and Sr. Rubel moved to-day to Bethlehem from Old Nazareth to their assigned business there. -- Also Br. Lorenz Bage from Bethlehem came here to take the place of Br. Grube in Gnadenthal.

December 8th 1784. In the afternoon arrived here the single Brother Paul Suess from Monocassie, after a long received permission, to enter the Chorhouse as tailor-fellow.

December 9th 1784. Br. Matth. Hanke came from Lititz to visit his sick father in Gnadenthal. He visited also in Christian Spring and Nazareth.

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December 10th 1784. The big girl Eva Maria came from her father Adam Schneider over the Lecha with her things to Nazareth, because she had received permission, to live with the single sisters here.

December 14th 1784. At 9 o'clock was our Elder-Conference with Br. Johannes. After dinner he went with his Benigma accompanied by the Brethren Gotthold Reichel and Joseph Neiser to Bethlehem. Also 3 waggons full of single sisters went back to Bethlehem.

December 16th 1784. Bro. and Sr. Lembke went from the Gemeinhaus to Old Nazareth, in order to make room for Bro. and Sr. Gotthold Reichel. In the afternoon brought the Christian Spring waggon from Bethlehem a part of Br. Gotthold Reichel's things to Nazareth; on it came also Br. Mueller and moved into the single brethren's house in order to keep school for the boys, because their school teacher Br. Simon Meyer had the misfortune to break his leg the day-before yesterday.

Note: With this ends the writing of Br. Lembke of the Diary of Nazareth. And it is taken up by Br. Gotthold Reichel, who is writing the Diary of Nazareth in the future.

December 18th 1784. In the afternoon at 4 o'clock came Br. Johannes from Bethlehem to us and brought Bro. and Sr. Gotthold Reichel to Nazareth. They also brought along Sister Eva Lanus from Bethlehem for some time for the service by her children.

December 19th 1784. At 9,30 in the forenoon was a meeting for all brethren and Sisters who are living on Nazareth. Br. Johannes showed first of all, how the UAC in the synodal committee about the North-American congregations by consideration on account of the future service of the congregation on Nazareth, has been obliged to think of a relief of our dear Br. Lembke in his high age. --- Then one does think it necessary and useful, that for the benefit of the North-American Congregation, which as a request has ^{been} given along with her Deputy to the Synod, that here in America

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a paedagogium should be opened. That also Nazareth if the best place for such an institute. The minister of the congregation could then be charged with the inspection of the same. The whole matter was laid before the Lord and he approbated it, that Br. Gotthold Reichel should become the minister of the congregation in Nazareth, and that he should get the inspection of the paedagogium. Br. Johannes asked then the congregation, to thank the Lord for all the good, that they have enjoyed through the faithful service of almost 30 years of Br. Lembke. Further was the entire congregation asked, to receive in Love, Br. Gotthold Reichel and his wife, who will be used by the sisters as helper and will be a member. The congregation should also remember bro. and Sr. Reichel in their prayers and should by this support them. --- Br. Johannes then told the congregation about the purpose and necessity of a paedagogium here, and he asked the members to pray for that institute. Br. Johannes also announced, that the final purpose of the coming here of Br. Gottfried George Mueller and Br. Gott. Reichel was, that they should serve the paedagogium. And first of all he should take care of the boy's school here, until the paedagogium has come into existence. Br. Johannes told then also, that the helper-conference had made proposals, which had been approved by the Elder Conference, that the services in the congregation should be changed. It was the wish of the congregation, that on Sunday forenoon a public sermon should be delivered, not only in Nazareth but in all other brethren's congregation. Even several strangers had uttered this desire. After this meeting was the first public sermon, which was delivered by Br. Gotthold Reichel about John 3,16. After the sermon came the communicants and expressed their gratitude to Br. Lembke for all the good and blessings, which they had received and then with Br. and Sr. Reichel they partook in the cup of covenant. In the afternoon, Sunday, at 1 o'clock Br. Johannes left here and went back to Bethlehem, after he had dined with the brethen and sisters Zeisberger, Lembke, Reichel and Schropp.

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At 2 o'clock in the afternoon Br. Zeisberger read the house-rules to the single sisters. At 3 o'clock Br. Reichel held the Gemeinstunde. And in the evening sang Br. Zeisberger with the congregation the liturgy about the Holy Ghost.

December 20th 1784. Bro. and Sr. Reichel visited accompanied by Bro. and Sr. Zeisberger, the married people in the village and in Old Nazareth in their houses.

December 21st 1784. Bro. and Sr. Reichel visited in the afternoon the Sister's house and looked around there.

December 23d 1784. The young Friedr. Zeigler had to move from Nazareth and had to go to Hope, where he will stay.

December 24th 1784. Because we had fine weather and a nice path for ~~six~~ sleighs, all the brethren and sisters from the other places had arrived in Nazareth for Christmas-eve vigil. Also many strangers had come; among which was the lutheran minister, Ernst, from Easton.

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In July we had a strong thunder-weather with a heavy rain, which caused high floods, whereby our brethren and sisters in all places, but especially in Christian Spring and Gnadenthal had great distress and great damage was caused. But not one of our brethren and sisters have had any harm on their bodies. We were thankful to the Lord for his kindness and help and that he had kept us from greater harm and damage. -----

On the 13th of November we received many blessings, when we celebrated the Elder-Festival, and when Br. Schropp was ordained as a diaconus of the Brethren's church.

A special matter of sympathy and prayer was the building of a choir-house for the single sisters, for which was laid the foundation stone on the 19th of April. It was consecrated in December 13th and the sisters could move in. We had then a consecration lovefeast, and the choir of the

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single sisters as well as the entire congregation and many guests from Bethlehem were present. Among the guests from Bethlehem were also the brethren and sisters, who had come lately from Europe.

Br. Peter and his wife, who had served over 20 years as married choir-helper in Nazareth, and had also served for some years in Gnadenthal as House-Liturgus, received in September a call to Bethlehem for the service in the congregation there. -----

Bro. and Sr. Grube from Lititz received in December a call to Philadelphia to serve in the congregation for some time.

Br. Lorenz Bage received the order to serve the brethren and sisters in Gnadenthal as house-liturgus.

Br. Detmer, who had served here over 12 years as Gemein-Diener in faithfulness, received in September a call for the same purpose to Lititz, and travelled there in October 5th with his wife. In his place came Br. Schrop from Lititz to Nazareth in October 2nd. ----- Bro. and Sr. Lembke moved to Old Nazareth, where he shall serve the brethren and sisters there as House-Liturgus.

The congregation in Nazareth has had in the past year the following increase:

Born are:	2 boys and 4 girls,.....	6 persons.
From other congregations have come to us:.....	36	"
By permission have come to us:.....	3	"
	Total:	45 persons.

The congregation has had the following decrease:

Died have: 2 children, before they born, and 2 adults.....	4 persons.
To other congregations have gone:.....	11 "
Discharged from the congregation:.....	1 "
	Total: 16 persons.

There remains an increase of 29 persons.

Married have been:.....	2 couples,
Received into the congregation:.....	5 persons,
Admitted to Holy Communion:.....	5 persons.

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At the end of the year 1784 the congregation on Nazareth consists of:

98 married people, of which ^{/live} in the new village 44, in Old Nazareth 24,
 in Christian Spring 10, in Gnadenthal 14, in Friedensthal 6.
 8 widowers, in the new village 1, in Old Nazareth 1, in Christian Spring
 2, in Gnadenthal 4.
 11 widows, in the new village 4, Old Nazareth 4, in Christian Spring 2.
 69 single brethren, 23 in New village, 1 in Old Nazareth, 45 in Christian Spring.
 8 youths, and boys, 5 in New Village, 3 in Christian Spring;
 39 single sisters, 30 in New Village, 5 in Old Nazareth, 2 in Christian Spring, 2 in Gnadenthal.
 7 big girls, 3 in New Village, 4 in Old Nazareth, / (2 in Friedensthal
 22 boys, 13 in New Village, 5 in Old Nazareth, 2 in Christian Spring, /
 27 girls, 13 in New Village, 6 in Old Nazareth, 2 in Christian Spring,
 3 in Gnadenthal, 3 in Friedensthal.

289 in total. 136 in the New Village, 50 in Old Nazareth, 67 in Christian Spring, 25 in Gnadenthal, 11 in Friedensthal.

To this are to be added 2 married couples and 3 children, who are as guests in Old Nazareth, 7, which makes a total of 296 persons. In the past year the total amount of the persons living on Nazareth with the guests was 267 persons. In this year we have an increase of 29 persons.

Note: The guests are Weiss with 3 children and Feldhausen. Because the widow van Vleck has not been counted last year among the guests, therefore her two children have not been counted among the guests at the end of 1784.

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January 2nd 1785. Because of plenty of rain and glazed frost there could not be held any service.

January 3d 1785. In the morning at 8 o'clock we received the news, that Br. Matth. Hanke had died last night after 7 o'clock. In the night it had continued to rain and then it froze very severely, so that the entire surface of the ground was covered with an ice crust. All houses, all trees were covered with an ice crust. The tender branches of the trees,

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the grasshalms and stubbles on the meadows and in the fields had to the ice-crust, which surrounded them, had the same proportion as the wick in an island of candles to the tallow, which surrounds them. Large big branches and whole trees were breaking on account of the heavy burden of the ice. No inhabitant of Nazareth could remember to have seen such a thick ice-crust.

January 4th 1785. In the early morning we received news from Bethlehem, that Br. Renatus Lembke there was so sick, that they expected everyhour his departure. By hearing this news, Sr. Lembke with her son Wilhelm went at once to Bethlehem. ----In the afternoon went the brethren Zeisberger and Reichel to Christian Spring. They found in the bush, not far from the road, a strong oaktree, which stem had more than 2 feet in diameter, and which by the weight of the ice was broken down below at the trunk, and was lying on the ground. -- In the evening we received the news, that Br. Lembke had departed. We sympathised with the parents in their grief and felt the loss, which the single brethren's choir in Bethlehem has by the being called away of such a young and useful brother, who was so promising in the service of the Lord.

January 7th 1785. Sister Lembke with her son Wilhelm and Br. Mueller went to Bethlehem for the funeral of the late Br. Renatus Lembke.

January 8th 1785. In the afternoon at 1 O'clock the married brethren and sisters from the village and from Old Nazareth came together, to consider how the salary of the male-teacher and female-teacher in the congregation here could be raised. First of all was read from the Synodal-Verlass (minutes) of 1782, what was established in that synode regarding the salary of the male-and female-teacher. One came to the agreement, that a brother, who teaches in school and who devotes himself entirely to this work, should receive per week not less than 15 shillings or 2 spanish dollars. And a sister should not receive less than 1 spanish dollar, which would amount in a week to 23 or 25 shillings; and this amount we would have to raise.

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It was proposed to raise the amount in the following way: Every boy should pay every week 1 shilling instead of 9 pennies, supposed the parents can afford it.--- Then those parents, who have no children, should be encouraged, to pay a voluntary contribution for the school. --- The balance of the sum, should, according to the Synodal-report of 1782, be paid by the Gemein-Diakonie, (congregation-treasury). ----- Not only the most of the present parents, who have children, but also those parents, who have no children, were willing to take an interest in the paying of the expenses. We encouraged the matter to engage with united strength and in full confidence in the Lord and his help. It was also agreed upon, that the Gemein-Diener (Servant of the congregation) should go around and talk with every single pair, how much each pair is willing to pay for the School. At the same time he was commissioned, that he should collect the school-tax as he collects the other necessities of the congregation. Then it was also proposed, that the teachers should receive their salary every 4 weeks.

January 13th 1785. In the forenoon went Bro. and Sr. Zeisberger to Christian Spring, where they collected the contributions for the heathen-work.

January 15th 1785. On account of the heavy snow-weather we could not have any evening-service.

January 16th 1785. Bro. and Sr. Schenck and Sister Moehring were added to the Saal-Diener (Servants in the Hall). --- Br. Ljungberg was found ^{to accept} willing, /the office of a guide for the strangers. --- Br. Reichel was willing to accept the office of a director of the congregational-music. Then was read from the Synodal-report of 1775 the nice description of an Organist of the congregation, and ^{/to} our organists, of which we have here in Nazareth four, namely: the brethren, David Peter, Georg Mueller, Eyerle and Wilhelm Lembke, and in Christian Spring, Br. Joh. George Weiss, it was recommended for observance in the best manner. Br. George Mueller

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was then elected unanimously as choir-leader and servant of the choir-music of Nazareth. Regarding the four organists here in Nazareth, the arrangement was made, that each organist should in the future take one week, in which he would be responsible for playing the organ. For private practice will they have here in Nazareth twice the week, Tuesday and Friday evening, and besides that once a week all together in Christian Spring, namely on Sunday in the afternoon, they shall hold a board of musicians. One of their chief desires is, that they in time should get a trumbone-choir for Nazareth.

January 18th 1785. In the forenoon visited Br. Reichel the girl's school for the first time. --- To-day we had foggy weather, and the roads were slippery.

January 21st 1785. In the evening sang Br. Reichel with the congregation for the first time the liturgy: "O head so full of bruises". It was the first time, that the choir and the congregation sang this liturgy alternately. The brethren and sisters enjoyed it very much.

January 23d 1785. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock there was a meeting with the "Saaldiener and Saaldienerinnen" (male- and female-servants in the Hall). There were ^{/male-}7/servants: the brethren, Melchior and Jacob Christ, August Schloesser, William Henry, Martin Schenck, Christian Myrtetus (on account of being unwell, he was not there), and the single brother Delps. There were 4 female-servants: the married sister Marie Barbara Christ, Anna Marie Schenck, Elizabeth Moehring, and the single sister Anna Tanneberger. It was agreed upon, that the female-servants of the Hall should, as it is done with the brethren-servants, that every female-servant should have her week.

January 28th 1785. The brethren Ljungberg, Dealing and Owen Rice went to Bethlehem for the funeral of Br. Henry van Vleck.

February 1st 1785. It snowed so hard accompanied by heavy wind, that we could not have any service.

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February 2nd 1785. We had such deep snow, as we have not had the entire winter.

February 6th 1785. The single brother Paul Suess and the big girl Cath. Elizabeth Loesch were received into the congregation.

February 7th 1785. A number of Englishmen looked to-day at our Gemein-Saal (meeting-hall), and especially they looked at the pictures there, and they inquired, whether here will be preached in English, and whether the school, of which they had heard, shall be established in this house, and whether it had commenced already.

February 15th 1785. At 1,30 p.m. was the engagement of the single Brother Elert Coortsen from Bethlehem with the single sister Anna Tanneberg in the presence of the married brethren and sisters of the Elder's conference here with a lovefeast. ---- The lutheran Preacher Ernst, who is living about 14 miles from here in the Jersey and who has to serve about 6 churches in Jersey and Pennsylvania, paid us a kind visit by the brethren Lembke and Reichel. He talked with Br. Reichel about the brethren's Church and especially about the IDEA FIDEI FRATRUM, which book Br. Lembke had loaned to him. He said among other things, that if the IDEA FIDEI had been published 40 or 50 years earlier, many disputes between the Lutherans and the brethren would not certainly have taken place. He also showed his delight about the public sermons here in Nazareth, and that many of his congregation are attending the sermons, from which he does not hinder them, but rather he does encourage them to go. He also assured us, that nothing more is lying on his heart ~~than~~ as the spreading of God's kingdom in this land.

February 17th 1785. Br. Gambold, who has worked for several years in the hatmaker-shop of Br. Jacob Christ and has been used also as overseer by the boys here, went to-day to Bethlehem to stay there and to manage the hatmaker-shop in the single brethren's house as master.

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February 23d 1785. In the afternoon at 1,30 was the marriage of the single brother Elert Coortsen from Bethlehem with the single sister Anna Tanneberg in a meeting where the entire congregation was present. Br. G. Reichel held the sermon. After the wedding had the Elder-Conference with the married couple a lovefeast. At that occasion was announced, that Br. Elert Coortsen had served uninterruptedly 37 years in the service among the children; he was 8 years in Europe, then 3 years in Bethlehem, then 3 years in the Nazareth Hall and at last 23 years one after another.

February 24th 1785. On account of the heavy snow-drifting there could not be any service.

March 3d 1785. At 8 o'clock was the helper-conference, in which with Br. Schrop there was thought/^{various things} about the delivery of the land, which belongs to Old Nazareth and Schoeneck, from the Unity-Administration to the Gemein-Diakonie in Nazareth. At 9 o'clock gathered together the Elder-Conference of Nazareth with the brethren, who had come from Bethlehem. Br. Johannes showed the Elder-Conference for the whole, concerning the Congregation in Nazareth, and especially the arrangement of the Congregation-Conference according of the manner of synode. It was also mentioned the paedagogium, which should be established here. The delivery of the land, which belongs to Old Nazareth and Schoeneck, to the Gemein-diaconie in Nazareth. In the afternoon was considered the future serving of the congregation in Schoeneck. Br. Michler of Schoeneck was present too. It was also stated in that conference, that the Lord had given very distinct and plain information about the paedagogium and its arrangement. Then it was said, that the Paedagogium should be commenced in the fall. Nazareth should now received a quite synodal moderate arrangement of an Orts-Gemeine, and next week the election and establishment of the congregational council (Gemeinrat), the overseer committee, the great helper-conference, shall be undertaken. Br. Johannes recommended everything for further con-

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sideration and for serious prayer, so that everything will be successful, and that He, who is the beginning, middle and end, may direct everything in the right way.

March 10th 1785. In the afternoon at 2 o'clock assembled the Elder-Conference in order to get from the Lord instructions, for how many members every Choir will have to give stones to the council of the congregation. It was told, that Br. G. Reichel was approbated by the Lord as member of the Helper-Conference. It was also announced in the Helper-Conference, that to the Helper-Conference brethren and sisters can attend from all the places. To the overseer-committee (collegium) can come only members from Nazareth (Old Nazareth included), and also the Vorsteher (manager or warden) from Gnadenthal and Christian Spring; and the Gemeinrat can only be elected for Nazareth. Then it was announced, that the Lord had shown in the Elder-Conference here, that the married Choir and Widow-Choir together should give stones for 3 persons. from these two choirs. We have only 2 widows here: one in Nazareth and one in Old Nazareth. The single brethren shall give stones for 4 persons, the widowers for 1 and the single sisters for 5 persons.

March 11th 1785. In the forenoon visited Br. Jöhanne the boy's school. At 11 o'clock he held the children's hour, and announced to them, that he would speak to everyone individually to-morrow.

March 12th 1785. Br. Johannes announced that 2 married couples are needed for St. Thomas from North America, and if there are some, they should write a letter to the Helper-Conference and inform them.

March 15th 1785. Br. Jöhanne announced, that the congregation in Schoeneck would come in close connection with Nazareth. Schoeneck shall remain a country-congregation, but it shall be put under the Elder-Conference in Nazareth. The members therefore should attend the services in the week and on Sundays mostly in Nazareth. ---- The land, which belongs to

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Old Nazareth and Schoeneck shall be executed end of May, when the land shall be delivered from the Unity-Administration to the Gemein-Diaconie.

March 19th 1785. In the helper-Conference of ¹⁸March 2nd it was resolved, that at the beginning of the paedagogium here, the institute of Bethlehem shall be transferred to Nazareth. There should be opened a boarding-school for bigger and smaller boys on the base of Christiansfeld and Neuwied, here in Nazareth. But the girl's institute should be on the same base and should remain in Bethlehem.

March 27th 1785. Easter-Sunday. The brethren and sisters went to Church at 5 o'clock in the morning, and the second part of the service was held on the God's acre, where by the nice weather and plenty snow, many strangers had come. Germans, and English were present. The english people came then to the Hall and looked at the pictures there. And they asked also, that somebody might explain the pictures. Br. G. Reichel did it as good as he could in the english language.

March 28th 1785. In these days came an Englishman and walked through here, and when he met with a brother, who knew little of the brethren, he had a long conversation with his. This English man was concerned about his soul. When he went away, he said, that in his religion he is a Presbyterian, but in his heart he is a Moravian.

March 30th 1785. We had to-day plenty of rain and thawing-weather, and many cellars under the houses were filled with water. In the souterrain (basement) of the single sister's house, not only the cellar, but also the kitchen, kitchen-room and dining-hall were overflowed, because in the north-east corner of the house there opened a few strong springs were opening, of which one had not noticed anything a year ago, when the foundation was digged. One was obliged to make a way for the water by an outlet, for it was not possible to scoop out the water.

April 2nd 1785. In the afternoon at 4 o'clock was the engagement of Br. Peter Muecke from Christian Spring and Sister Elizabeth Klotz from Gnaden-thal.

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April 4th 1785. In the morning at 8 o'clock went Br. Johannes and Sister Benigma and the brethren Zeisberger and Reichel to Gnadenthal, where they had a conference with Br. Haller and Bro. and Sr. Steinmann concerning the wardenship in Gnadenthal. At 9 o'clock we had a lovefeast with the house-congregation. Br. Johannes thanked Br. Haller for his faithful service as warden of Gnadenthal, and also Sr. Weinland, who on account of the sickness of Sr. Haller, has all the time executed the office of a house-mother, although she herself has been weak and sickly. She also had done the female work at the warden-office. Bro. and Sister Steinman were then introduced as Warden, and he asked the brethren and sisters that they should receive them with love and help them to facilitate their businesses. Br. Johannes asked everybody to try that everything may be carried out in an orderly and honest way before God and man. Br. Johannes also at this occasion told the brethren and sisters about the purpose of the economic house-hold in Gnadenthal, and how it can be begun and continued for the best of God's cause in the brethren's unity, and how especially all the brethren and sisters, who are in it, and of whom are many, who are old and unable, can do much. It is expected, that everybody is faithful and is concerned about the best of the house-hold, and that everybody may try to further it. Some old rules and regulations were renewed, and the bro. and Sr. Steinman were recommended to treat all brethren and sisters with love and cordiality and with a fatherly and motherly mind, and they should do all, what is in their power. The brethren and sisters, who are appointed by this house-hold, their service shall be made as delightful, pleasant and easy as it possibly can be done. The brethren and sisters received all with pleasure and all are willing to do what is recommended to them. Br. Johannes also announced, that Br. Kropstrup will go to Gnadenthal as House-liturgus and will be a member of the E.-C. in Nazareth.

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April 4th 1785. In the evening there was a meeting in Nazareth for the Communicants, in which Br. Johannes gave a detailed and plain exhibition of the economic condition of the Unity, of the debts, of its origin, and of the need of voluntary contribution for the annual interests, which have to be raised. Then the brethren and sisters were cordially and urgently encouraged ^{/with joy and willingness} to participate/in the need of the Unity, as it had also been recommended in the last Synode; everyone shall do as he has, and not as he has not.

April 6th 1785. Br. Reichel began school with the youth, and first he began with the boys. In the E.C. here it was found advisable that it should be held every week, one week with the boys and one week with the girls, the third week with the boys and in the fourth week with the bigger girls. To-day Bro. and Sister Steinman moved from Christian Spring to Gnadenthal.

April 7th 1785. Sister Kempel has received permission to become an inhabitant of the village of Nazareth. Also the negress Mary, who was baptised by Br. Reichel on his visitation in the year 1779 and who attends Holy Communion for several years, has also received permission to become an inhabitant of the village. Sister Anna Johanna announced this news in the afternoon to Sister Kempel, which received this news with thanks and tears of joy. At 8 o'clock the council of the congregation assembled and an old resolution was put before the council. This year we should build westward of the Hallsa little house for a dead-room, which we were lacking till now. Two proposals were made, namely, this house should have either only one room, as it is in Bethlehem, or it should have two rooms, one for the brethren and one for the sisters. The two proposals were well considered, and the votes were collected and most of the brethren voted on account of the expenses, for the house with one dead-room. For defraying of the cost, which might amount to 100 pounds,

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was proposed the way of Subscription, which was approved by the council of the congregation. It was also announced to the council, that after the E.C. and over-seer committee in Nazareth have approved of it, and after the Lord has approbated it, there shall be done some necessary repairs in our Gemeinhouse (Hall), and this year a steeple shall be put on it, and behind the house there shall be built a shed.

April 11th 1785. Br. Reichel collected to-day in Christian Spring the children's collection.

April 12th 1785. Towards evening departed Br. Christian Schmidt.

April 13th 1785. To-day moved Bro. and Sr. Jag from Gnadenthal to Christian Spring.

April 15th 1785. At 1 o'clock was the funeral of Br. Christian Schmidt. After the funeral had the brethren of the E.C., the musicians, the bearers and some other brethren a lovefeast, in which was told, that the Br. Christian Schmidt is the oldest single brother in the North-American congregations, and perhaps he was the oldest single brother in the entire Unity, for he was ^{over} 88 years old.

April 22nd 1785. In the meetings there was a single man, by name Hoest, who had come from Ireland some years ago, and who has here in Nazareth a natural sister. This man was first full of prejudice against the brethren's church and he came here with the intention, to persuade his sister to go away from here. He thought, as he said, to do with this God a favour, and he was to take her to a place, where the pure word of God she could hear. He is a presbyterian and is living in Cumberland-County in Pennsylvania, not far away from the town Carlisle.

April 26th 1785. Br. G. Reichel went to-day for a visit to Hope in the company of Bro. Johannes and his Benigma, with whom he met in Easton. Br. and Sr. Ellert Coortsen, who have served for 7 weeks the house-congregation in Gnadenthal, moved to Schoeneck, where they had been called.

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Bro. and Sr. Michler left Schoeneck and started their journey to Hebron over Bethlehem. Br. Coortsen held in Nazareth the children's hour.

April 28th 1785. In the forenoon came the brethren Ettwein, von Schweinitz, Schrop, Bonn and Golkovsky in order to look for the borderline between the Old Nazareth and Friedensthal land and to renew it. In the afternoon returned the brethren Ettwein and von Schweinitz to Bethlehem.

May 9th 1785. The widowed Sr. van Vleck, who had resided for some years in Old Nazareth, went to-day with her 4 children to New York.

May 21st 1785. The single brother Flex in Christian Spring, who has lived there in the hope, that he could move into the congregation here, and who was there on probation, received the permission to move here. Also the single Maria Witmer, who had served in the farm and had asked for permission to move into the congregation in Nazareth, was granted her desire. Maria Witmer came from the New York state on the Mohawk. Some time ago she came with her family from there to Shamoki, and from there she came last fall with her oldest sister to Easton, and from there she came soon to Gnadenthal. Her sister is still living in Gnadenthal.

May 25th 1785. Br. Reichel held to-day the first english children's hour and spoke about the vers: "Now take my heart, and all what ees I am" which the children had learned before. Many adult brethren and sisters were present. This english children's hour will be held in the future every week once, on Wednesday at 11 o'clock. The children in the school will have to learn every week an english verse, about which will be spoken in the next children's hour.

May 27th 1785. Bro. and Sr. Bruecker from Hope arrived here. For a long time they had the desire to move to Nazareth, but because they could not find a suitable lodging, they moved first to Old Nazareth until they will find a lodging in the village.

June 4th 1785. In the afternoon we had the first thunderstorm in this

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year with a much refreshing rain. The entire month of May was cool and wet, but without any frost in the night.

June 13th 1785. Sister Lembke moved to-day from Old Nazareth to the village. The brethren Bonn and Edmonds, bro. and Sr. Ruch and the sister Anna Johanna Grube travelled to-day to Philadelphia.

June 16th 1785. In the afternoon the beginning was made, to put a spire on our Gemein-Saal. (Meeting-Hall).

June 20th 1785. Br. Reichel had a visit from the lutheran preacher Ernst, who had a full and pleasant talk with him.

June 25th 1785. Br. Reichel announced in the meeting that yesterday in Bethlehem in the evening at 8 o'clock in the festival of the congregation Br. Schaukirch, who came in 15 days from St. Thomas to New York, arrived yesterday morning in Bethlehem, and was consecrated as Bishop of the Brethren's church by the brethren Johannes and Ettwein.

June 27th 1785. In the afternoon at 2 o'clock was erected on our new spire the ball and the vane. When everything was ready to be pulled up, rose suddenly in the north a heavy thunderstorm, but the ball and the vane were up already and could be fastened together with the conductor, just when a heavy rain-storm arose. We were thankful, that none of the laborers had had an injury. We had since 14 days and more almost daily heavy thunderstorms and rain, which have hindered the building of the spire and ~~by~~ the re-covering of the roof of the Hall and has given us much difficulties. In the evening in the meeting was read to the congregation the inscription, which was in german and english language, and which was put inside of the ball on our spire.

June 29th 1785. Mr. Jones from Burlington and Mr. Morris from Philadelphia were here with their families and looked at our village.

June 30th 1785. In our Elder-Conferecne approbated the Lord, that Br. George Mueller shall be used for the preching. --- Our dear Br. Lembke was yesterday and to-day pretty weak. In this month was ^{/made} the delivery of

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of the Old Nazareth land from the Unity-Administration to the Gemein-Diaconie in Nazareth performed, and therefore the agreement between the Unity-Administration and Gemein-Diaconie was signed. The Land, which was ~~taken from~~ ^{ceded by} the Unity-Administration, to the Gemein-Diaconie against payment of an annual interest. Included are 1200 acres of land with all the buildings, which are on the land; so that the Gemein-Diaconie in Nazareth has to pay interest to the Unity-Administration in all ^{/for} 1800 acres of land. The hay-harvest in this year will be extraordinarily rich as it has not been ~~for~~ many years. Also all other field-, garden-, and tree-fruits are promis^sing a rich harvest.

July 1st 1785. In the forenoon at 10 o'clock departed in Christian Spring the single brother Johann Schuerger.

July 11th 1785. In the evening fell asleep our dear Brother Franz Christian Lembke.

July 12th 1785. In the morning at 7 o'clock was announced to the congregation the departure of Br. Lembke by the trumbone-choir, which was just ready to blow for the first time at this occasion. In the evening in the meeting Br. Reichel announced the departure of Br. Lembke to the congregation and he asked the brethren and sisters to be thankful for ~~xxxx~~ everything, what they had received through the 30 years service of the late brother; to thank the Lord for all the good things, which they had enjoyed through those many years. The congregation was also asked by Br. Reichel, that they should pray to the Lord for true and faithful servants in the congregation. Then a hymn was sung for the Brother Lembke.

July 13th 1785. In the afternoon at 4 o'clock gathered together the brethren and sisters from all the places, also most of those brethren and sisters, who belong to the Schoeneck congregation, for the funeral of Br. Franz Christian Lembke. First of all was sung: "Lembke, our friend, sleeps." Then Br. Reichel spoke about the daily text. Br. Lembke had reached the age of 81 years. After the reading of the career of the Brother,

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which he had written himself, the choir sang. Then the entire congregation went in an extraordinary procession to the God's acre. From Bethlehem had come the brethren Huebner, von Schweinitz, Sister Ettwein, Bro. and Sister Sensemann with her child, Sister Jungmann and many other brethren and sisters, also several strangers from the neighborhood were present.

July 18th 1785. From Philadelphia came some gentlemen, among whom were: Mr. Iwanuick and daughter.

July 19th 1785. One of our next neighbours, by name Veyock, who did in the new village some day-labor work, asked somebody to baptize his child, which was born on the 19th. Br. Zeisberger with Menzel Bernhart, Jacob Eyerle went there. Br. Zeisberger baptised the child and gave the name Johann Michael, and the two brethren were the godfathers.

July 20th 1785. Br. Müller held for the children english singing hour.

July 21st 1785. In the evening about 6 o'clock died in Christian Spring the single brother Lorenz Nielsen.

July 22nd 1785. In the evening at 6,30 was the funeral of Br. Lorenz Nielsen. From Bethlehem came Br. Leschinsky; in his company was Br. Hagen from Philadelphia and the Captain Loxley, who had brought the brethren and sisters Gregor, Lorenz and von Schweinitz from London to Philadelphia.

July 23d 1785. In the afternoon came Mr. Logan, a doctor and a Miss, a cousin of the President Dickinson from Philadelphia, and they lodged in Nazareth over night.

July 28th 1785. The single sister Nancy Walker in Hope has received permission to live in the congregation in Nazareth. On the hearty request of Br. and Sister Rauschenberger, who are living 4 miles behind Schoeneck towards the Blue Mountains, Br. David Zeisberger went there with his wife and Bro. and Sister Coortsen in the afternoon there and baptised in the house of Rauschenberger's the child, which was born on Sunday and gave it the name of Joseph.

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August 4th 1785. To-day God prevented an accident, that was one of the brethren from Bethlehem, who were working at the spire, the Bro. Born, very near. The scaffolding at the foot of the spire, on which Br. Born was, gave way and fell^{/partly} down with the brother. If he had not seized the dormer-window, when he fell, he would have fallen with the boards and a scaffold-trestle from the roof down on the ground, and by the great height of the house, he would scarcely have saved his life.

August 7th 1785. Sunday. In the afternoon at 1 o'clock had the brethren Zeisberger, Reichel and Schrop a conference in Old-Nazareth with the house-fathers concerning the management of the plantation there, the abolishing of certain disorders, the peaceful living-together and the mutual helping assistance.

August 9th 1785. We received to-day the sad news, that our dear brother Johann Ludwig Watteville had died in July of last year.

August 10th 1785. When in the evening was read from the diary of Lichtenau in Greenland of the year 1783, 2 gentlemen from Philadelphia were present. They are from the University there, and both are named James Davidson. One of them is a teacher at the University in Philadelphia.- There was also a man from Minnesink by name of Tom Rosenkranz. He belongs to a company of people in Minnesink, who keep together and seek the salvation of their soul in common. This man could not look at the pictures in the Hall without shedding tears.

August 12th 1785. From Philadelphia was here for a visit Mr. Speakman, a Quaker with his family, and Mr. John Heart, also a Quaker with another man from Philadelphia. These last two attended the Friday's liturgy.

August 13th 1785. Captain Loxley, who came here from Philadelphia, will stay here for some time for his health's sake. He attended several meetings.

August 20th 1785. To-day was a man by name of Esra Trovender, who lives

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behind the Blue Mountains, with his delightful sister here. Both seem to be awakened and have a deep Idea about Jesus. The sister, who is still single, was especially happy, when she was lead around in the sisters' house. A Baptise preacher behind the Blue Mountains is the cause, that some people are awakened.

August 25th 1785. Sister Lembke moved to-day from Old-Nazareth into the village.

September 4th 1785. Sunday. In the sermon were 2 gentlemen from Philadelphia, Mr. Rudd and Mr. Du Roi and two ladies, who afterwards looked around in the sister's house with delight and in the afternoon they were in Christian Spring and looked around there also.

September 5th 1785. Br. Busse received a call to the service of the married choir in Nazareth and as house-liturgus in Gnadenhal, and in his place was called Br. Johannes Schnall as Choir-assistent of the single brethren in Christian Spring. ---Bro. and Sr. Cornmann from Philadelphia visited us with their family. Also bro. and Sr. Moehring and Warner from Gnadenhuetten were here.

September 12th 1785. Sister Rosina Bernhard after a long sick-bed departed joyfully. -- Because our hall has been cleaned and white-washed, no meetings will be held there.

September 13th 1785. At 1 o'clock was the funeral of Br. Joh. ^{ea} Döling, who died on the 10th of September in the afternoon at 5 o'clock. Br. Ettwein held the sermon in German and then in English, because many were there, who speak English.

September 14th 1785. In the afternoon was the funeral of sister Rosina Bernhard. Br. Johannes with his Benigma came from Bethlehem, and they also brought Bro. and Sr. Busse, who were married in Bethlehem on the 11th, along. Br. George Mueller was appointed as asistant in the choir-helper office and by the ~~many~~ single brethren in Nazareth and especially by the boys.

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September 15th 1785. Br. Jghannes announced that in October the Paedagogium should begin and for that purpose should the boy's institute in Bethlehem be moved to Nazareth. Br. Johannes said, that it would have been a special pleasure for him, if he could be present, when the paedagogium would be opened, but it cannot be. And therefore he will remember that work before the Lord.

September 16th 1785. To-day went the single brother Wilhelm Lembke, who has been many years in the store here, to Bethlehem, to stay there. He will help there in that store.

September 25th 1785. Sunday. The sermon held Br. van Vleck, who had come to us for that purpose. On the way here, 2 miles away from Christian Spring he had baptised in an english house a child. The man in that house said, that the brethren had not done well, when they gave up their former plan, to go around and to preach the gospel. It would have been better, if they had kept that plan. He also uttered the wish, that in Nazareth often english would be preached, as it has been done already, especially at the time, when Br. ^{es} Dölling was burried and Br. Ettwein had then preached in English. This has pleased the english neighbours very much.

October 16th 1785. Br. Reichel held a funeral on request of a woman, 8 miles from here near the Blue Mountains. He preached there in a church to a great number of people. The deacon of the church had invited Br. Reichel and the oldest of the men lead Br. Reichel into the church and opened the pulpit for him. This church is situated very close to the Blue Mountains and is a reformed church, in which also the Lutherans hold their services. It was the first time, that a brother from Nazareth had the opportunity to stand in a pulpit in the neighborhood and preach there Jesus. There were about 300 or 400 people present. Everything went in the nicest order and quietness. The people had gone first to the house, where the dead body was, a good mile from the church. There we sang some hymns.

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Then the whole procession went in good order and in silence to the Church. First went the schoolchildren, then the coffin followed, and after this about 200 people on foot and about 200 people on horseback followed. The coffin was then put into the grave, while some verses were sung. After this the sermon was held in the church. The relatives as well as the church-elders were thankful for the service, and they asked for permission, in similar cases often to apply in Nazareth for service.

October 17th 1785. In Gnadenthal died at 1 o'clock the widowed Br. Wohlson and was buried on the 19th of October.

October 30th 1785. From Lititz came Sister Michler to stay here in Nazareth. Br. Ettwein spoke about the daily text.

November 15th 1785. The brethren Ettwein and von Schweinitz looked in the forenoon at the Friedensthal land, which at present has been offered for SALE in the News-Papers. The brethren wanted to change this and that in the stipulation of the purchase. In the afternoon those two brethren were together with Br. Reichel and they spoke about this and that on account of Br. Reichenbach and Friedensthal.

November 20th 1785. Sunday. Br. Von Erth from Bethlehem brought his son Joseph von Erth to Nazareth, who will learn by Br. Schloesser the saddler profession.

December 14th 1785. The single brother Daniel Klotz went to-day from here to Hope, where he will stay.

December 18th 1785. Sunday. Br. Reichel held the service in Schoeneck, and here in Nazareth Hall held Br. George Mueller the sermon. -- From Bethlehem we received the sad news of the death of Sister Langaard.

December 19th 1785. The single brother Loesch went to-day with Br. M. Schneider to the Wachau, where he will remain. Br. Till of Bethlehem brought the child Philip Wilson from New-York, 10 years old, to us in the Paedagogium.

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December 20th 1785. Some brethren and sisters went to Bethlehem for the funeral of Sister Langaard.

December 23th 1785. Because to-day a deep snow had fallen, the brethren and sisters could come from the other places by sleighs.

December 25th 1785. In the evening in the single brethren's house in the 4 windows on the lower floor towards the street there were beautifully illuminated the following words: "Praise Jerusalem the Lord, praise thy God oh Zion." These texts were sung in the house accompanied by music to the pleasure of all the inhabitants of the village, who by quiet and mild weather in proper order were looking at the illumination outside of the House.

Memorabilia of the congregation on Nazareth of the year 1785.

Born and baptized have been: 8 children. 5 sons: Joseph Giersch, Johan Christian Kern, Franz Christian Dancke, Joseph Rice and Gotthold Benjamin Reichel; and 3 daughters: Anna Rosina Brunner, Anna Sophia Christ, Johanna Elizabeth Schrop.

Departed have (died): 10 persons. The married brethren: Franz Christian Lembke, Matthaeus Hanke, John Dealing; the married sister Rosina Bernhard, the widower George Stephan Wohlson, the single Brethren: Christian Schmidt, Johannes Schuerger, and Lorenz Nielsen; the big girl Susanna Ari, and the little girl Anna Rosina Brunner.

Married have been: 2 pairs. the single brother Ellert Coortsen from Bethlehem with the single sister Anna Tanneberg from the choir-house here, for the service in Schoeneck. ---The widowed Br. Peter Muecke with the widowed Sister Elizabeth Klotz, a born Haller.

In the congregation have been received: 8 persons. The single Brother Paul Süss, the boys Jghann Christ, Christoph Fertig and Johann Coelln; and the big girls Catharina Ernst, Susanna Loesch, Susanna Ari and Anna Elizabeth Ruch.

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To Holy Communion have been admitted: 5 persons. The single sister Catharina Salome Scherer and Rachel Frevel; and the bog girls: Anna Rosina Ernst, Eva Schneider and Susi Ari.

From the ^{children's} ~~boys~~/choir have been transferred to the boy's choir: Johann Christ, and into the girl's choir: Elizabeth Ruch, Jacobina Frederica Christ and Elizabeth Giersch.

To us have come for living here, 40 Persons: Bro. and Sr. Bader from Bethlehem, Bro. and Sr. Bruecker from Hopa, Bro. and Sr. Peter Christ from Lititz, the widowed brethren: Otto Christian Kropstrup from Bethlehem and Peter Muecke from Hope; the widowed Sister Anna Maria Michler from Hebron; the single Br. James Gill from Old man's creek to the congregation in Nazareth, for which he received permission; Ludwig Huebner from Bethlehem; the single Br. Flex, who had come to Christian Spring from the Wachau last year and received permission to the congregation here this year; the boys William Horsefield, David Dympler, Joseph von Erd from Bethlehem, John Wright from Hope, George Schaffler from the neighborhood to Christian Spring. The last two have not yet received permission to the congregation. The single sisters: Maria Schrop, Sarah Kunkler, Rosina Gold, Saloma Clewell and Eleonora Bader from Bethlehem, the single Sister Anna Walker from Hope and Maria Witwer from Chomokin; both received permission to the congregation here; the big girls Justina Bader from Bethlehem, Elizabeth Frey from Lititz and Hannah Rye from Schoeneck. The latter one had not had permission to the congregation as yet. The boys: Francis Weiss, Thomas Horsefield, Christian Hauser, Joh. Ludwig Roth, George Friedrich Boeckel, Johann Friedrich Leimbach, Johann Leonhard Becker, Johann David Roth, Christian Friedrich Dencke, Wilhelm Hasse and Johann Benjamin Roth from Bethlehem; Philip Wilson from New York, Jacob Christ from Lititz and the girl Anna Juliana Christ from Lititz.

From us went away: 21 persons: Bro. and Sr. Matthaeus Krause, the widowed

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Brethren: Lorenz Page and Otto Christian Kropstrup; the single brethren John Gambold and Wilhelm Lembke to Bethlehem; Paul Suess to his parents on his own choice; Daniel Klotz to Hope, Abraham Loesch to the Wachau; the boy Friedrich Diehl to Hope; the single sisters Anna Tanneberg after her marriage with Br. Ellert Coortsen, to Schoeneck; Maria Witmer to her parents by her own choice; the little Samuel Krauss with his parents to Hope, and the girl Elizabeth Rutter(?) to her parents to Philadelphia. In this year also have moved the Societaet-brother and-Sister Jacou and Elizabeth Weiss from Philadelphia, who have lived for some years in Old Nazareth, with 2 of their children, Rebecca and Jacob, to Gnadenhuetten. Also the widowed Sister Elizabeth van Vleckm who also has lived for some time in Old Nazareth, has moved with her two children, Judith and Elizabeth, to New York.

In the village Nazareth have moved in this year from Old Nazareth: the widowed Sister Catharina Lembke, the widowed Sister Elizabeth Kempel, after she had received permission to the congregation on Nazareth, with her grandchild Thomas Weiss, and her negress Mary; from Gnadenthal Bro. and Sister Wigmann with their 3 daughters, and from Christian Spring the big girl Anna Elizabeth Ruch. Br. and Sr. Wigmann took possession of Br. Wenzel Bernhard's house and Bakery, and Br. Wenzel Bernhard moved then to Christian Spring to live there. From Christian Spring have moved to Gnadenthal Br. and Sr. Steinmann, where Br. Steinmann took over the office of a warden from Br. Haller in Gnadenthal. The widowed Br. Peter Muecke after his marriage with sister Klotz moved from Christian Spring to Gnadenthal. Bro. and Sr. Jag moved from Gnadenthal to Christian Spring.

The congregation consists at the end of the Year 1785 of:

Married couples.....	98 persons,
Widowers.....	7 "
Widows.....	13 "

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Single brethren.....	61 persons,
Youths and boys.....	13 "
Single sisters.....	44 "
big girls.....	12 "
Boys.....	40 "
Girls.....	24 "
Total:.....	<u>312 persons.</u>

/them are
Among/224 communicants, ~~xxx~~ 16 received, 8 are not received and 64 children. In Nazareth are living 169, and in Old Nazareth 53, in Christian Spring 59, in Gnadenthal 20, in Friedensthal 11, A total of 312 persons.

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January 3d 1786. In the night it had rained very much and then it did freeze , so that the roads were very icy.

January 5th 1786. To-day our sister Catharina Lembke went to Bethlehem, to follow her call.

January 12th 1786. In Christian Spring died the single Brother Samuel Lauck (?). The funeral took place in January 15th.

January 20th 1786. In the afternoon at 1 o'clock was the funeral of Br. Andreas Klein in Schoeneck, who had died on the 17th.

February 2nd 1786. In the evening at 8 o'clock there was council of the Congregation, in which was presented the bill of the expenses of the dead-room, and the receipts, which had come in by subscription. It was also resolved, that every house-owner should possess 2 fire-buckets and the Choir-houses and other public buildings should have 4 to 6 fire-buckets. In Nazareth should be made the beginning with these preparations for any fire.

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February 17th 1786. In the afternoon died in Christian Spring the married Brother Johann Schmidt. The funeral was on the 19th of this month.

February 23d 1786. We had now the best sledge-road in this winter.

February 27th 1786. By the nice sledge-road the children and boys of the paedagogium here made a visit to Bethlehem, accompanied by their brethren, and also the brethren Reichel and Bonn, for the delight of themselves and the children in Bethlehem. --- In the evening came Br. Moehring and two brethren from Gnadenhuetten to us, because they had some business with the orphan-father John Arndt in our neighborhood.

March 1st 1786. The widowed sister Dorothea Schmidt moved to-day from Christian Spring to Bethlehem to stay.

March 6th 1786. In the afternoon at 5 o'clock the single Br. Christian Muecksch of Christian Spring was engaged with the single sister Philippine
/Of Old Nazareth
Loesch/in the presence of the married brethren and sisters of the E.C. and of the old father and the mother Loesch, and in March 19th they were married.

March 22nd 1786. From Hope came Br. Matth. Krausse to live here. His family arrived here already on the 18th.

March 26th 1786. In the afternoon at 2 o'clock we had children's conference, in which we were talking about the inoculation of small-pox, because in Easton they have at this time the small-pox already. One agreed to it, that all the parents should act according to their understanding, and the parents who do not want to let inoculate their children now, and the parents who have the inclination, to let them be inoculated, should not be hindered. In this conference was also made the beginning, to repeat the principle, concerning the education of the children, from the Synodal-Report. The 10 principles of the Synode in the year 1769 were read, which caused some pleasant discussions. The following brethren and Sisters, who have been approbated in the last E.C. conference as members,

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were present at the conference for the first time: Sister Philippine ~~Mueek~~ Muecksch, who was married with Br. Christian Muecksch 8 days ago, the widowed sister Michler, Bro. and Sr. Jag, and the single brother David Muecksch, of which are the last three from Christian Spring.

March 29th 1786. The single brother Joh. Weissern, who had asked for permission to the congregation here, received the approbation of the Lord. He was born in Denmark and has been sailing for many years on the sea, and by that occasion he has been also in Tranquebar, Nicobar, Bengal and in other places in East-India. 12 years ago he came to North-America and in the last war he had travelled through a great part of the United States. At the end of last year he came to Bethlehem, in order to look for work, and soon he received the permission to the congregation, but not in Bethlehem, but in Nazareth. He is in Christian Spring in the Mill working. He moved there from Bethlehem in March 27th.

April 3d 1786. In the second hour in the morning died the widowed sister Anna Maria Michler, and was burried on the 5th of April.

April 13th 1786. Br. Bader had after Holy Communion the misfortune, when he was leaving the Hall and was searching for his stick, fell down the cellar-steps in the Gemeinhouse, about 15 steps, and by falling against a barril in the cellar, he obtained two large wounds on the head. We were thankful, that by such a heavy fall he was not injured still more, and it was really a miracle, that he was not dead on the spot. He was at once raised by some brethren and lead to Br. Otto, who dressed his wounds. The wounds, which had bled very much were examined and it was seen, that they were not dangerous.

April 15th 1786. Great Sabbath, Saturday. For the conclusion of this Sabbath quiet ~~week~~ (Passion-week) the music-band played on the square and in the streets.

April 16th 1786. Easter-Sunday. At 10 o'clock in the sermon were many

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strangers and also from the Irish settlement. During the sermon an impudent beggar broke open with force the back-door in the stone house in Old Nazareth. There were three sisters in the house, who by the making of the noise and the threatening of this bad and drunk man at the back-door, retreated through the front-door out of the house, and because beside the sick folks in Old Nazareth no Brother was at home, ^{/a Sister,} one of them, ran into the village and fetched a brother from the inn for help. In the meanwhile had the tramp broken open the door in the back of the house and had taken from a room some old clothing and provisions. But soon after the sermon some brethren came and took away from the tramp, what he had stolen.

April 24th 1786. In the children's hour was announced to all children and boys who go to school in the paedagogium, by Br. Reichel, how the schools will be arranged for this half year. They were also encouraged to be diligent and faithful by learning. Besides the instruction of reading, writing, arithmetic, german, english and latin languages, history, geography, piano and singing, they should receive in this half year still instruction in french, geometry, drawing and on violine.

April 30th 1786. Br. Reichel announced at the end of the sermon, that Heinrich Feldhausen, who had been a member of this congregation, but on account of some offences he had to be discharged, and now since three years, where he has been married, while he was away from the congregation, they have lived in Old Nazareth as guests, and he is sorry for all, what he has done and he repents now. His wife, who is anxious to find peace for her soul, and he who is also anxious to come back to the congregation, have asked for acception and admission in our congregation. He has also written a letter, in which he asks for pardon and for rehabilitation.

May 4th 1786. The 3 big girls Maria Elizabeth Schmid, Rosina Ernst, and Justina Bader have been received into the single sister's choir.

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Also the big girls from Schoeneck, Juliana Clewell and Anna Elizabeth Kleinig have been received into the choir of the single sisters. They all were recommended in prayer to the Lord.

May 8th 1786. A battalion militia assembled here and were operating near by our village. They behaved mostly quietly and orderly. There were over 600 men.

May 17th 1786. In the morning at 8 o'clock died in Old Nazareth the married brother Friedrich Ziegler. He was buried on May 19th.

May 18th 1786. Br. Reichel had been asked to bury a man by name Joh. Barthold, who had belonged to the reformed congregation in Moore township. Because the reformed preacher of that congregation was not at home, but in Philadelphia by the Synode or Coetus, which is held every year, Br. Reichel accepted the offer and he had occasion to preach in the Mooretown church to a very attentive gathering about the living hope of eternal life. John 6, 40. This church is situated about 4 miles west of Nazareth and belongs to the reformed and lutheran together. The church has been built about 12 years ago. Close to the church a nice schoolhouse has been built one year ago. The teacher was kind and cordial.

May 28th 1786. The single brother Johann Weissern and the married Sister Beata Feldhausen have been received into the congregation.

May 30th 1786. In the afternoon died in Gnadenthal the widowed brother Michel Muecke and was buried June 1st.

June 5th 1786. Towards noon came the Swedish Consul in the United States, Mr. Oederstroehm and a preacher of the Episcopal church, Mr. Moore and a party of ladies, all from New York, looked around in the Hall, in the paedagogium and in the single sistershouse with delight. At 8 o'clock came Bro. Johannes and his Benigma and Br. Praezel; Br. Johannes held the evening-service and told something about his journey to the Wachau and its arrangements there.

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June 6th 1786. Br. Johannes showed his joy about the beginning of the Paedagogium here, which had been established during his absence, and he wished all the children here in Nazareth much blessing and prosperity.

June 10th 1786. The child Johannes Locker in the paedagogium swallowed to-day 2 coppers, which passed again on the 13th.

June 17th 1786. To-day it was announced, that Br. Johannes according to the direction of the Lord, will stay still this year in America and will return to Europe in the year 1787.

June 22nd 1786. In the afternoon died Sister Juliana Christ in Old Nazareth during the birth of her child, before it was born.

June 23d 1786. In the evening at 6 o'clock was the funeral of Sister Juliana Christ. Br. Schrop held the liturgy. --- The Hollandish ambassador in the United States, Mr. van Berkel, Mr. Lean, a delegate by the Congress from South-Carolina, were here. 2 merchants from New York and 2 merchants from London were here, accompanied by Br. Ettwein, and looked around in Christian Spring, and then in the paedagogium and in the sisters-House.

June 24th 1786. Br. Reichel held behind the Blue Mountains in Chestnut-Hill township, 22 miles from here, the funeral of the old Philip Sirras on his plantation, where about in the year 1760 an Indian Congregation was, which is known from the brethren's history under the name Wechquetank. This Philip Sirvas was born in the year 1711 in the dukedom Zweibruecken. 1739 he came with his wife to Pennsylvania. At the first beginning of a brethren's congregation in Philadelphia he became a member of it. He also helped at the building of the church there. In the year 1750 he moved with his family behind the Blue Mountains. Several times they had to flee from there on account of the Indians. He remained constantly a true friend of the brethren and often he had wished, that in his section a brethren church may have been started. He had also already a place on

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his plantation a place for a meeting-house and a place for a God's acre. In the year 1778, when he had to flee with his family for the last time, he lived with his family in the neighborhood of Nazareth, and that time he asked for a dwelling-place in Old Nazareth, but several conditions did not permit it. His wife and oldest son, who has been educated in the Institutes of the brethren and like his other children, have been baptized by the brethren, told, that the father had died with the belief in the Saviour. He has 11 children and over 40 grandchildren and several great grandchildren. He had wished very much in his sickness, that a brother might visit him. But as that could not be done, he had asked, that a brother from Nazareth might burry him. At his funeral many people had come together from the neighborhood; some came from places, which were 7 miles and even 18 miles far. In a big barn gathered the people and Br. Reichel held a service about Romans 14. All the people were very attentive, and they were all thankful for that opportunity to have heard God's Word. They even asked, if it is possible, that every 4 or 6 weeks, a brother might come there and preach to them, for they were without God's word, and they were living like the Indians, and they were convinced, that for their own soul's and for the children soul's sake it could not be carried on in this way any longer. After the funeral baptized Br. Reichel still a child, which was $\frac{1}{2}$ year old, the grandchild of Philip Servas, on the request of the parent and grandmother in the presence of the people, who attended the funeral.

June 30th 1786. At the single sister's house one found this morning in several places traces of a trial to lift out the shutters during the night, and to break into the house through the windows at the kitchen and at the room of the Warden.

July 1st 1786. Towards noon came 3 children, Christian David Sensemann, who was born in the Indian Country on the Muskingum, Johann Jacob Schmidt

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and Johan Jacob Kummer from the West-Indies, 4 years old, from Bethlehem to us and with them the single brother Matthaeus Eggert from Bethlehem, for the service of these children in our institute. Br. Kramsch had taken special care of these children in the 6 weeks of their stay in Bethlehem, and had proven his faithfulness with them, and he had accompanied those 3 children and 4 others from Bethlehem to Nazareth. At 2 o'clock those children, who had arrived were welcomed by the children and boys in the paedagogium. The brethren Zeisberger, Schrop and Kramsch and the 4 children from Bethlehem were also present.

July 23d 1786. Sunday. The sermon attended an Italian count Cavliliona and an Italian merchant from Philadelphia. Br. Ettwein had accompanied these men from Bethlehem to Nazareth.

July 24th 1786. Br. Reichel burried to-day on Johann Sobers plantation about 5 miles from here, in Mooretownship a young man of about 25 years old, a son of the old Sober, who had not lived a good life, but who had turned to the Lord in his sickness. After the funeral Br. Reichel preached to a numerous meeting, where also most of the brethren and sisters from Schoeneck were present.

August 7th 1786. Most of the citizens here in the village as well as also some of the other brethren from here, from Old Nazareth and Christian Spring ^{swore} ~~said~~ to-day before the Justice Hartmann, who came here, ^{xxxx} /homage to the State, according to a law of our assembly, in a prescribed manner, and by this we enter into the rights of the free citizen of the Republic Pennsylvania.

August 13th 1786. In the night at about 11 o'clock died the married Brother /Daniel Oesterlein in Old Nazareth. He was burried on the 15th at 3 o'clock.

August 30th 1786. To-day visited 7 single brethren, who had come lately from Europe, accompanied by Br. Jacob van Vleck, in Nazareth, Christian Spring and Gnadenthal.

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September 4th 1786. Br. Ettwein came from Bethlehem to us and read in the afternoon at 12,30 to all the brethren from here and from Old Nazareth the petition, which will be send in by the united brethren to the Assembly on account of the relief in matters of the militia, and which petition was signed by everybody. The same was then done also in Schoeneck, Gnadenenthal, and Christian Spring. In that same place had arrived in the evening the three single brethren Bittich, Kopke and Nils Petersen, who had lately arrived from Europe, for the service in the economic household ~~the~~ there.

September 15th 1786. In the evening at 7 o'clock died the widowed Brother William Edmonds.

September 17th 1786. The single sister Anna Walker and the big girl Elizabeth Brunner were received into the Congregation.

September 18th 1786. In the afternoon was the funeral of Br. W. Edmonds, to which his daughter Judith had come from Bethlehem, and his son John from Gnadenhuetten.

October 9th 1786. Mr. John Waldron, a ship's captain from New York, came from Bethlehem and brought his nephew William Walton Tenbrook, a child of 9 years, who is the oldest son of the bro. and Sr. Henry and Jane Tenbrook in New York, to Nazareth to the paedagogium for education. Mr. Waldron intends in a short time to go with his ship to France, he hurried home and stayed here only for a short time, in which time he looked around in the paedagogium and the sisters' house. The house-fathers and masters had a conference in the village, in which they agreed, that the apprentices should have during the winter-months school in the evenings. They should have schools three evenings, on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, from 7,30 to 8,30 in the evening. All the masters had the desire, that the boys should learn the english language.

October 10th 1786. A number of our brethren were to-day in Easton by the

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election of the members of the council of the Assembly and other official persons for the next year.

October 15th 1786. Bro. and Sr. Reichel and Br. and Sr. Busse were in Bethlehem, where in the afternoon an ordination took place, and where also Sister Busse and An. Bor. Reichel were consecrated for nurses.

October 19th 1786 Br. Nathan Michler from the single brethren's house in Nazareth, who was approbated in Br. Ludwig Huebner's place for the service in the paedagogium here, moved to-day into the institute.

October 22nd 1786. We had a talk with the brethren, who are serving with the music. Because we have received lately a trumbone-choir for Nazareth, it is necessary that we get new blowers, but because we have so few single brethren in Nazareth, it seems, we will not succeed in getting some.

October 31st 1786. Br. Kuschke came from Bethlehem to Christian Spring, in order to preside over the shoemaker's shop there for some time.

November 5th 1786. In the afternoon was the engagement of the single Br. Franz Cleweal from Schoeneck (Franz' son) and the single sister Elizabeth Weinland from Gnadenthal in the presence of the married members of the E.C. and the parents of the two, who were engaged. They had a lovefeast.

November 6th 1786. To-day the school for the boys in the brethren's house during the winter was begun for three evenings. The brethren Kramsch, James Gill and David Peter will be the teachers.

November 13th 1786. In the afternoon at 1,30 we had the festival lovefeast. Br. Reichel reminded the brethren and sisters of some remarkable circumstances of the congregation of Nazareth. The arrival of the first brethren, namely Br. Petrus Boehler and Anton Seiffert on the Nazareth land, May 7th 1740. The tree, under which they had slept the first night, is still standing, with the initial letters of their names: P.B. and A.S., which they have engraved into the bark of the tree. The purchase of the Nazareth Land by George Whitfield in the year 1741; the consecration of

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every 14 days 1 quart of brandy. And those brethren, whom one could not believe they were capable of taking care of so much, should go every day at a certain time once into the cellar, where the cellar-master would give them their portion. It will also be necessary, that one on account of the different size of the bottels, every brother should receive a measured quart. ----- The proposal was also made, that outside of the house a lamp should be put there, because thw road from the house to the toilet in the dark is rather dangerous to walk.

December 9th 1786. We had such a snow-weather and drifts, that one could not get out from the house.

December 15th 1786. The brethren Till and Strehle brought the news from Bethlehem, that Br. Simon Christoph Meyer had died on the 13th of this month. Br. Kramsch held the children's hour.

December 25th 1786. In Gnadenthal died the married sister Rosina Muecksch.

December 27th 1786. In the afternoon was the funeral of the same sister,

December 30th 1786. To-day was a certain Man Mr. Milson here, who had come with another man from Pittsburg and went towards New York. He told, that at the end of November, he had been in Cayahaga by the Indians. He told, that Br. David Zeisberger had recovered from his illness and that he is now well and lively, but that Br. Edwards is still sick. He told also, that the Indians have enough to eat and do not suffer, because their welshcorn had ripened, and in the place there is a good hunting ground. That is the reason, why the Indians like that place better,, than along the Huron-River. The Indians, Br. Samuel and Br. Thomas, accompanied Mr. Wilson as far as to Fort Pitt. He would have brought letters along, if he had thought, that he would have come this winter still to Nazareth. He also told, that General Butler, the Superintendent over the Indian Affairs, had invited our Indians, to come to the mouth of the Muskingum.

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Joh. Jac. Schmidt and Joh. Jac. Kummer from the West-Indies, and the single sister Philippine Eybin from Lititz. Bro. and Sr. Heinrich and Beate Feldhausen, who had received permission to the congregation, had lived here several years, but they were only guests.

From us moved away: 21 persons. The widowed sister Catharina Lembke, Dorothea Schmidt and Anna Loesch to Bethlehem; the brethren and sisters Philip and Catharina Seyfried, Nicolaus and Susanna Seyfried, the latter ones with their 3 children Joh. Philip, Catharina and Anna Maria to Schoeneck; the single brethren Simon Christoph Meyer and Daniel Oesterlein to Bethlehem, Ludwig Huebner to Lititz, Johannes Flex to Hope, and Johannes Hanke and Renatus Kaske to the Wachau; the single Johann Weisser, who had left the congregation, the single Sister Elizabeth Weinland to Schoeneck, the big girls Hannah Rye and Susanna Loesch to Bethlehem, and the child Mary Broadhead to her parents.

The congregation in Nazareth consists at the end of the year 1786 of:

Married brethren and sisters:.....	92	persons,
Widowers:.....	7	"
Widows:.....	12	"
Single brethren:.....	64	"
Youths and boys:.....	16	"
Single sisters:.....	45	"
Big girls:.....	8	"
Boys:.....	44	"
Girls:.....	23	"
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Total:.....	311	persons or 1 less than last year.

Among them are 223 Communion-members, 15 have been received, 6 are not received and 67 children. A Total of 311.

In Nazareth are living 177, in Old Nazareth 50, in Christian Spring 62, in Gnadenthal 17, in Friedensthal 5. A total of: 311.

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February 22nd 1787. Br. Reichel had to-day a pleasant visit by the preacher of the reformed church in Easton, Mr. Herrmann.

February 26th 1787. One of our neighbors, Ulrich Knecht, had asked for some time for an opportunity, to send his two sons to our school in order that they could learn the English language. The father was especially inspired to do so, because he had read in a German newspaper, how the parents were asked, to send their children better to school, than they have done before. The E.C. thought the matter over and one could not deny him, to send the children for a trial, and the father brought to-day his two sons, George and Jonathan, 12 and 9 years old, and Br. Reichel introduced them to the teacher. Every morning they will go to school and after school, they will walk home again.

March 3d 1787. To-day went Br. Michel Jung with Br. Johann Weigard, who had come yesterday here, in order to bid farewell to his parents, Bro. and Sister Weigard, to Bethlehem, from where they will follow ^{/together} a call to the Indians. From Bethlehem will accompany them Br. Heckewaelder to Pittsburg. Our prayers and good wishes are following them. Br. Michel Jung had lived here for some time and during that time he has served ^{/ of the brethren's house} in the kitchen with special faithfulness and under the blessing of God; he has also been a member of the Conferences, which began in March 1785 here. He has been a member of the Overseer-Committee and in the entire congregation he was loved and respected.

March 4th 1787. On account of the heavy snow, nobody could come to us from the other places. Br. Reichel baptized in the afternoon on a plantation near by in Plainfield a daughter of a man, who is working in Gnadenhal. Yesterday the single brother George Proske from Bethlehem moved to Christian Spring, where he will stay.

March 11th 1787. Sunday. Br. David Zeisberger held the litany and Br. Kramsch preached the sermon, after which a collection for the new Church

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in Old man's creek was taken in at the doors of the Hall.

March 12th 1787. A son of a neighbor, Adam Stocher, by name of John, 14 years old, came here in order to go to school and to learn the English language, for which he ^{/had} asked. and he will go to school in the same way as Ulrich Knecht's sons go.

March 28th 1787. Br. Coelln from Lititz brought to-day his son Renatus to Nazareth, where he will stay and will learn by Br. Belling the tanner-profession.

April 4th 1787. The single Johann Schaefer in Old Nazareth moved in these days from us to the neighborhood, after which he had according to his own choice married a person, who does not belong to us, namely Brigitte Opiz, who was serving in Old Nazareth and they have been married by a Justice.

April 10th 1787. To-day was the lutheran preacher Ernst with his daughter here.

April 11th 1787. In the evening read Br. Reichel the latest Diary of our Indian Congregation on the Cayahaga; and Br. David Zeisberger, who has to-day his birthday, was recommended to the congregation, and some verses were sung for him by the congregation.

April 19th 1787. Sister Anna Strubel, who has been appointed as an assistant servant of the choir, arrived here from Lititz, accompanied by Sister Mary Tippet and Elizabeth Henry.

April 25th 1787. From Bethlehem came the single brethren Joseph Till and Wilhelm Mueller to Nazareth, to stay here. Br. Joseph Till will be the master in the shoemaker's shop in the single brethren's house, and Br. Wilhelm Mueller as journeyman (Geselle).

April 29th 1787. In the afternoon at 1,30 held Br. Johannes, who had come with his Benigma from Bethlehem in the forenoon, a choir-meeting for the single sisters. Sister Anna Strubel was introduced as assistant helper of the choir, and then she was consecrated for that office. Sister Stru-

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Sister Strubel together with Sister Elizabeth Leimbach, who beside the office of a choir-helper, had the office of a ^{/ Choir*} servant, and will attend to it also in the future. The choir was then recommended for hearty love. April 30th 1787. Br. Johannes held the children's hour. Then the E.C. assembled, and Sister Anna Strubel was introduced by Br. Johannes and at the same opportunity she was received to the Acoluthie. After this visited Br. Johannes with his Benigma Gnadenthal and Christian Spring, and held there for the house-congregation a meeting, after which they returned again to Bethlehem.

May 5th 1787. Bro. and ^{/ Dealing} Sr. from New York came here for a visit, also Br. Ludwig Boehler and some others from Bethlehem. On account of a heavy thunderstorm, the prayer-meeting had to be omitted.

May 13th 1787. In the afternoon was the engagement of the single brother Fr. Schaefer with the single sister Anna Rosina Gold. On the 20th of May they were married by Bro. Reichel.

May 25th 1787. General Broadhead, who was in the last war Commandant in Pittsburg, and who has been during that time very kind towards the brethren, was here for a visit.

May 26th 1787. Some time ago from here and from our neighbors ^{/had been} ~~were~~ sent a petition to the Court in Easton, in which they had asked, that the former Street near Old Nazareth, which had still been used beside the street through the village, might be abolished. 6 men, which were appointed by the court, had come here and investigated the matter in the presence of some brethren from the village, and they voted unanimously in favor, that the old street should not be considered any longer as a public street, which should ~~not~~ be kept in good condition, but should be abolished., so that the big street from Philadelphia, Bethlehem to the Blue Mountains through the Windgap should lead through our village.

May 27th 1787. Sunday. In the forenoon at 10 o'clock we had the sermon by

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Br. Reichel. There were so many strangers present as there had not been all the year together. Among them was a Baptist teacher from Providence in Rhode Island, Mr. Menning, who is teaching in the College in Providence, and who has been some years as a member of the Congress and was in the Committee, ^{/ was resolved} in which/the reservation of the land on the Muskingum for our Indians.

May 31st 1787. In the last days of this month we had often hoar-frosts and real frosts, which spoiled many pot-herbs.

June 2nd 1787. This night it had again strong hoar-frost for the disadvantage of the gardens.

June 20th 1787. The largest room of the paedagogium took to-day a walk behind the Blue Mountains, 10 miles from here, to a Lake.

June 27th 1787. Br. Reichel baptized in the afternoon in Plainfield on Roeder's plantation, $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles from here, a sick child, 10 days old, on the request of the parents. --- Br. Busse some days ago had done the same for the neighbor Faever near Christian Spring, where he baptized on the request of the parents, a child.

July 2nd 1787. The thermometer rose to-day to 89 degrees of Fahrenheit. The next day it rose to 92 fahrenheit.

July 4th 1787. Bro. and Sr. von Schweinitz came from Bethlehem to Nazareth with their three children, and they took their son Ludwig David von Schweinitz for education to the institute here. In the afternoon he was introduced to his room, the second one. Then they went over Gnadenthal and Christian Spring back to Bethlehem.

July 7th 1787. Mr. William Shaw, a merchant from Philadelphia, a Quaker, came to Nazareth accompanied by a sea-captain, Mr. Peter, and brought his son Joseph Shaw, 12 years old, for education for some time to the paedagogium. He shall especially learn the German language. The boy was taken in the afternoon to the largest room, and his father together with the other man went back to Bethlehem.

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July 15th 1787. In the helper-conference was communicated some things about our Indians on Lake Erie; also something was read from a letter of Esra Stiles, the president of the University in New-Haven in Connecticut to Br. Fr. Schmidt in Newport. We remembered also our Brother Joseph on his birthday. In the evening, when also the brethren and sisters from Old Nazareth were present, there was read ^{/by Br. Reichel} the writing of the U.A.C. of February 6th 1787 regarding the vice of slandering the congregation. The same was done in the afternoon in Christian Spring.

July 24th 1787. To-day was the engagement of the single brother Joseph Levering with the widowed sister Elizabeth Smith.

July 26th 1787. Br. James Gill went to Bethlehem, in order to get married there with the single Sister Mary Dickert, and after that to move to Emmaus. --Mr. Condy, a young man of 16 years, who had studied jurisprudence, and who is a son of a maker of mathematical Instruments in Philadelphia, came to-day from Philadelphia to Nazareth, with the intention, to remain here for some weeks, in order to profit in the German Language.

July 29th 1787. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock was the wedding of the single brother Joseph Levering with the widowed Sister Elizabeth Smith.

August 4th 1787. Mr. Blackley from Baltimore, whose daughter is in this institute, came with a Miss Blanch also in her company. They attended the children's hour, which was held with German and English singing. Also some musical pieces were presented.

August 6th 1787. Br. Zeisberger announced the engagement of the single Brother Joseph Demuth with the single sister Maria Magdalena Schnall in Bethlehem. It took place to-day.

August 12th 1787. In the helper-conference ^{/was} brought up the wish, that ~~xxx~~ also around Nazareth might be places, where the gospel could be preached, as around Bethlehem, Saxona, Springfield and Nokamitson, and now also near Lititz on the Muddy Creek. One believes, that especially behind the Blue

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such a place could be found, and it was recommended to the brethren and sisters, to be attentive, where perhaps an appearance of something could be seen.

August 14th 1787. In the evening a letter from Br. Esra Stiles, President of the University in Newhaven to Br. Fr. Schmidt in Newport, was read.

August 15th 1787. To-day took place the wedding of the single brother Joseph Demuth with the single sister Maria Magdalena Schnall, who came here this forenoon accompanied by Sister Anna Marschall, Sister Demuth and by her brother Jacob Schnall.

September 15th 1787. Towards noon caught the one chimney in the Hall fire, /given
But by the/signal of the bell many brethren were running towards the Hall, and by the slide-bar and by water pouring down the chimney from the top was soon the flame, which by the fresh North-East Wind/^{was} pretty big, extinguished, for which we all were thankful to the Lord. --- Mr. Condy from Philadelphia, who has been here for 7 weeks, and also Br. Rutter, who has been here for a few days, went to-day back to Philadelphia.

September 16th 1787. To-day was communicated to the brethren and sisters the news, that Bro. Johannes with his company had arrived safely in England.

September 21st 1787. All the brethren of the A.C. here, went to Bethlehem in order to arrange and open a Society for the furtherance of the Gospel among the Heathen in North-America.

September 22nd 1787. Mrs. Priar from Philadelphia came to us.

September 27th 1787. Last night was thrown/^{through the window} a stone into the room, where Bro. and Sr. Ljungberg were sleeping. The stone fell on the bed of Br. Ljungberg, just between his legs without touching them. The Stone was over a pound heavy. Bro. and Sr. Ljungberg were thankful for the kind protection.

October 1st 1787. Br. Reichel held the wedding of the widowed Brother Peter Christ with the single sister Sarah Kunkler.

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October 3d 1787. In the paedagogium moved two years ago 11 children, and now there 13 boys more, who have moved into the institute; 3 of the children have again left the institute. At present are in 2 rooms under the supervision of 3 brethren 21 children. 18 children come from outside to school. --- From Bethlehem came to-day the single sister Christine Hoeff to stay for service foteh sister Anna Johanna.

October 4th 1787. Br. Reichel held a funeral and preached then in the Moorstown church to a nice gathering of attentive listeners.

October 6th 1787. From Philadelphia came George Washington Morgan, a boy of 12 years old, whose father Colonel Jacob Morgan in Philadelphia, had sent the boy for education for some time to the paedagogium. Br. Reichel lead the boy to the biggest room.

October 9th 1787. A number of brethren went to Easton for the election of the representatives in the Assembly and other official persons for the coming year.

October 11th 1787. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon assembles the council of the community, in which were regulated the prices for the splitting of wood, the daily wages, and the wages for the journey-man. Also the danger of fire in the brethren's house was talked about.

October 19th 1787. Br. Kramsch went over Bethlehem and Emmaus to Weissenburg's township in business matters.

November 2nd 1787. In the evening at 8 o'clock all the grown-up brethren above 21 years assembled in the Hall. Br. Reichel in the name of the Gemein-Direction announced to them, that in view of the election of the official persons, a better order and an arrangement, which is according to our rules and regulations, should be found. And for that purpose, the helper-conference for the whole, the Gemein-Direction of Bethlehem and Nazareth have found it advisable, that before every election, the over-seer Committee in every congregation should appoint a number of brethren, who

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should be requested on account of the congregation, to go to the election, and who besides this should think it necessary to go to the election, x should several days prior to the election, notify the Gemein-Diener of the choir-laborer. And if there are reasons, that one should dissuade a brother, then he should be willing to stay at home. ---- Further would/ / agree the Over-seer committee in Bethlehem and in Nazareth before every election, about the persons, for which from our side would be voted, and those persons, for which should be voted, would be announced to the brethren who are going to the election, one day before; this shall be done, so that we also in this affair maintain our character a one Unity, and that we avoid all party-spirit and especially all appearance, as if we among ourselves are working against each other. Then/ / were read the names of the brethren, who who have been requested by the Over-seer Committee here and by the Gemein-Direction to go next Tuesday, November 6th, to the election. The delegates of a Convention of this state will be elected, therefrom those of a General-Convention of the states proposed new Constitution of the United States shall be put before them for acceptation and Ratification. Then the brethren, who were requested to go to the election and those brethren, who should like to report still otherwise, were requested to assemble next Monday, evening at 8 o'clock in the little hall.

November 4th 1787. In the afternoon at 4 o'clock was Helper-Conference. In the conference was recommended the kind and friendly behaviour towards the neighbours and strangers, and especially towards these in want.

November 6th 1787. A number of brethren had been in Easton for the election of 4 deputies from this county for a States' Convention.

November 13th 1787. Two brethren from Staaten Island, John Dorset and Stillwell were here for a visit. They attended the lovefeast and Gemeinstunde.

November 18th 1787. In the afternoon was at 4 o'clock a children's conference, in which it was found advisable, to read from Br. Layriz's book

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about the education of children, the 3d and 4th chapter about education, and the children from the 2nd to the 14th year should read it together. To-day the beginning was made with this reading.

November 21st 1787. In the night about 3 o'clock we had a kind of a hurricane from the south-east, but without any damage.

November 27th 1787. Two boys from the paedagogium, Joseph Shaw and G. Morgan made an attempt to escape, but they were brought back in time.

November 29th 1787. The two boys, J. Shaw and G. Morgan went back to Philadelphia, accompanied by Br. Kramsch.

December 7th 1787. In the evening we received from Bethlehem the news of the death of Br. Matthaeus Hohl in Lititz on the 4th of this month. -- In the evening died the married sister Anna Dorothea Weinert in Old Nazareth. In the evening at 8 o'clock the Gemein-Rat assembled, in which was read a petition to the court in Easton regarding seperation of Bethlehem Township in Bethlehem and Nazareth Township.

December 16th 1787. To-day we received news, that by the Convention of this State the new form of government for the United States, which had been designed by the General Convention of the States this summer, had been ratified.

December 18th 1787. Br. W. Henry, who had been for some weeks in Philadelphia and New York in business affairs, returned home again.

December 24th 1787. In the evening we began Christmas vigil with thanksgiving, prayer and a lovefeast. The nice singing of the singers, and especially that of the children made the feeling of joy/^{of}this blessed night more lively.

December 26th 1787. Br. Fried from Bethlehem held the^{/english} sermon.

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January 5th 1788. Fahrenheit's thermometer showed this morning 4 below 0.

January 10th 1788. This morning the thermometer showed 8 below zero.

January 13th 1788. Our youths and boys celebrated their choir-festival.

5 children from the paedagogium, Johann Leonhard Becker, David Roth, Carl Friedrich and Samuel Benjamin Bage and Chr. Fr. Dencke were received into their choir. From Schoeneck were received into the choir: Joseph Demuth, and from Gnadenhuetten Edward Warner, who is at present in the inn, was also received into the choir. There are all in all 18 from Nazareth Congregation and with those from Schoeneck and Gnadenhuetten are 23 youths and boys.

January 15th 1788. To-day came from Gnadenhuetten the single sister Hannel Davis, in order to serve for the time by Brother and Sister Muecksch in Friedensthal. - Among several strangers from Easton came here Mr. de Haas, a Ships-Captain from the ship "North-America". Also Mr. Krake from Philadelphia. They looked around in the paedagogium and in the sisters' house. Also Mr. Trail, member of the supreme council of this state, who also attended the lovefeast of the boys, and was thankful and delighted.

January 25th 1788. A man in Morristown in Jersey, ^{/owner} of the iron-works there, by name Johann Jacob Faesch, a born Swiss, attended with his wife the children's hour. They had come yesterday already with the intention, to get acquainted with the paedagogium here, because in spring they want to send two sons to the institute. The stormy weather forced them to stay here still to-day. In the evening no meeting could be held.

January 31st 1788. Br. William Henry, who had by a Justice Election for Bethlehem Township in December, received the most votes, received to-day from Mr. John Arndt the commission from the Supreme Council as Justice of peace and common pleas, and William Henry was received by the latter one for this office under obligation. We wished him for this office wisdom and grace.

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February 7th 1788. In the evening in the 10th hour died in Old Nazareth the widowed sister Magdalena Bruecker. On the 10th she was burried.

February 19th 1788. From Bethlehem came Bro. and Sister Cruickshank and some others. for a visit.

February 23d 1788. Br. Reichel announced, that according to the instruction of the Lord, there shall be elected for the new Gemein-Rat 4 brethren from the married choir, 4 brethren from the single brethren's choir, from the widow's choir 1 and from the single sisters' choir 5.

February 24th 1788. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon was the helper-conference, which had till now operated, assembled for the last time.

February 25th 1788. A man from Buck's county came here with his son of 15 years old, who wanted to put his son to school for 2 or 3 months, in order to learn the German language. But because the boy has passed the age, which is put down in the plan of the paedagogium, and because the time for his learning German is too short, so that it would be of no use and purpose, his desire could not be granted.

February 26th 1788. Our neighbor Fayok found to-day ^{/dead} the sister of his wife, who had not her full sense and had had often epileptic attacks, in the forrest on the Gnadenthal land, close by our old God's acre, ~~readx~~ She had left the house 8 days ago, and was to go to Nazareth, and probably on the way there she has had an epileptic attack and had died in the snow, where she was frozen to death. Through a Justice a jury of 12 men was appointed, partly from the village and partly from the neighborhood, who went out to the place, and announced, that the epileptic attack was the cause of her death. Her brother in Law asked then for the permission, to burry her in the old cemetry, but one thought, for the consequences sake, that several neighbors, who are living near the old cemetry, and who would request that God's acre for their people as their own burrial place, that it was not good to allow it. The brother in-law burried then the dead body quietly on his own land.

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March 11th 1788. The brethren of the newly established over-seer Committee had to-day their first meeting in the presence of the brethren of the E.C.

March 12th 1788. In Christian Spring died the little Matthaëus Muecke, and was burried on the 14th of M^orch.

March 13th 1788. The boy Johann Bernhard Becker from the Paedagogium went to-day with Br. Blickensdoerfer from Lititz there, where the boy will stay with his parents. - The brethren Heckewaelder and Franz Thomas from Bethlehem brought us a pleasant news from our Indian Congregation on the Huron-River.

March 16th 1788. The single sister Hannah Davis from Gnadenhuetten, and who is at present in Friedensthal, and who will go on Maundy Thursday the first time to Holy Communion, received the blessing of Confirmation by Br. Reichel. The speech and prayer were in the German language, and the address to the confirmant and the confirmation-act were in the english language. This was the first time, that it was done in this manner in Nazareth.

March 31st 1788. The boy Joh. David Roth moved to-day from the paedagogium into the Brethren's house, there to wash the linen in the linen-weaving factory, and at the same time to go for a few hours to school in the paedagogium.

April 4th 1788. At 8 o'clock assembled for the first time the newly elected Gemeinrat. In the same was resolved, that for Nazareth and for the other places, which belong to it, a fire-engine should be procured. And at the same time a large water-cistern in the middle of the village, near the well, should be laid out. The fire-engine should be paid by subscription. It was also agreed, that strangers or people, who travel though Nazareth, in case they die, should not be burried on the old God's acre, but on the present cemetry. Nobody should be burried anymore on the old

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cemetery, but because it was the burrial ground of the congregation on Nazareth, it should be kept in good order and should be still esteemed. At the beginning it was announced, that Br. Jacob Eyerle, junior, has been found willing to keep the records of the Gemeinrat. It was further announced, that the Gemeinrat will in the future be held instead of Thurs^d day on Friday, in the evening at 8 o'clock, and it will be held regularly every 8 weeks.

April 5th 1788. In the prayer-meeting the sick ones were especially remembered, among which is the sister Anna Johanna, who has to suffer much with dropsy and who is longing for her dissolution.

April 10th 1788. In Gnaden^thal died this afternoon the widowed br. Heinrich Haller, who was burried on the 12th.

April 11th 1788. In the evening in the 11th hour died Sister Anna Johanna Seidel.

April 13th 1788. In Schoeneck was the wedding of the single brother George Clewell with the single sister Anna Johanna Knauss from Emmaus. All the memeb^rs of the E.C. were present.

April 14th 1788. In the afternoon at 1 o'clock was the funeral of Sister Anna Johanna Seidel, where many brethren and sisters from Bethlehem were present.

April 19th 1788. We had great heat yesterday and to-day, The thermometer showed 75 degrees. In the evening we had a strong thunderstorm with showers of rain.

April 20th 1788. Sunday. The new established helper-conference assembled for the first time in the afternoon, at 4 o'clock. The widowed sister Fischer, who has been for weeks in Gnaden^thal for nursing her sick sister and her old father, was advised that she should remain in Gnaden^thal, and she will from to-day on be considered as an inhabitant of Nazareth.

April 28th 1788. After the children's hour were announced the schools in the paedagogium for the summer halfyear ~~announced~~ and many a good order were remembered. 4 children, J_ohann Beutel, Joh. Dencke and C. F. Reichel from here, and J. Fr. Muecksch from Friedensthal will be added to the number of the scholars. The latter one came on the 29th and is living with Bro. and Sister Demuth in Old Nazareth.

April 30th 1788. To-day was near the Plainfield Church the funeral of J_ohann Opitz, a man, who is well known in this neighborhood, and whose mother belongs to the Schoeneck church. He died on the 28th after a sickness of 14 days. He reached the age of 37 years, which has not been edifying. Br. Ellert Coortsen had visited him in his sickness several times. Several neighbors have shown him much love and kindness in his sickness and some have been with him whole nights, and he has been comforted by this. Many people were present at his funeral, also several brethren from Nazareth, and a good number from Schoeneck. -- Br. Reichel held also the funeral of the child Martin Frey, which was baptized by Br. Reichel the day before yesterday, and which died soon after he was baptized. After the funeral Br. Reichel preached in the church about the words: What must I do to be saved?

May 2nd 1788. Bro. and Sister Mich. Ruch moved to-day with their daughter from Christian Spring to Old Nazareth to live there.

May 7th 1788. Bro. and Sister Muenster and Br. von Schweinitz, who had been executors of the testament of the late sister Anna Johanna, and had stayed here for a few days, returned again to Bethlehem.

May 12th 1788. The boy Carl Friedrich Bage was received in to the congregation.

May 15th 1788. Br. N_eth. Brunn from Bethlehem brought the boy Gratianus Hart, 12 years old, from Antigua to our paedagogium. His father Mr. Barry Hart is in Antigua a friend and patron of the brethren and of our mission.

May 23d 1788. The brethren Zeisberger, Dencke, and Reichel were in the

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helper-conference in Bethlehem, in which the Lord directed, that Br. Ettwein should go to the Synode in Herrnhut in the year 1789.

May 26th 1788. Br. Abr. Reinecke and brother and sister Lanius from Yorktown visited us.

May 28th 1788. Mrs. Cox from Baltimore, who has a daughter in the boarding school in Bethlehem, was here with the daughter and some other children from Baltimore.

May 30th 1788. Sister Mary Edmonds, who had gone to Gnadenhuetten on the 27th for a visit, came back accompanied by her Brother Peter Edmonds. She went there in company of Mrs. Weiss, who had stayed here for some weeks. The boy Francis Weiss, her son, went to Philadelphia, after he had been here for some days. He will learn the art of printing by his uncle.

June 9th 1788. Sister Dealing of Nazareth gave her youngest son Johann Adreas to the institute for education.

June 14th 1788. Br. Ettwein was here with 2 men, one of them was from Bath in England and the other one from Philadelphia for a visit.

June 15th 1788. The french ambassador Mr. Moustier with his son and sister, a Marquise de Brehan and her son, went to-day on their way from Bethlehem to New York through here, and they looked around a little in the village.

June 20th 1788. All the house-fathers and grown up brethren assembled and talked about the water-pipes in the village, which will have to be laid anew. They also talked about the distribution of the water. --Mr. Pryan from Philadelphia, who had been living here for 5 weeks for his health's sake, went back to Philadelphia. Two ladies came from there with the same intention.

June 24th 1788. The number of all the boys in Nazareth is 42 and in Schoeneck 30, or a total of 72. --- Mrs. Schingel and her daughter from Philadelphia attended the lovefeast and Gemein-hour.

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July 2nd 1788. Br. Abr. Wilson from New York came for a visit.

August 8th 1788. This night at 2 o'clock died in Old Nazareth the negress Mary, Br. Peter's wife. Br. Gottlob Jung, who has lived in Nazareth for 17 years, moved to-day to Bethlehem.

August 9th 1788. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon was the funeral of the negress Mary.

August 16th 1788. The boy Joseph von Erdt went from here to Bethlehem, because a change was necessary for him.

August 26th 1788. Mr. Paleski, a German merchant from Philadelphia, attended the meeting here.

August 30th 1788. Br. Reichel held the english sermon. A woman from Mennesing had walked over 20 miles to Nazareth, in order to hear once an english sermon, but she came too late. She wept very much, because she had not met it better.

September 10th 1788. Br. Reichel communicated to the congregation the latest ordinance of the Congress regarding the land on the Muskingum, which shall be surveyed soon.

September 11th 1788. Br. Warner from Gnadenhuetten came with his son and daughter.

September 20th 1788. Br. Schlosser went to-day with his daughter Sibylla, who had been here for some months on account of her health, to Philadelphia.

September 23d 1788. The single Brother Jacob Schulz went to day to the Wachau.

October 1st 1788. Br. Reichel together with Br. O. Rice made a visit with the lutheran Preacher Friedr. Ernst in the Jersey and had with him a pleasant talk.-- They visited also in Easton the reformed preacher Herman, and he wished more blessing for the preaching of the gospel.

October 11th 1788. From Bethlehem came the four brethren, who together

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with Br. Fruehauf had come lately from Europe. Br. Martin Beck came ~~ax~~ along with them. -- In the evening attended the young Mr. Drinker and some other Quakers, who passed through here and who intend to atart a settlement in the northern part of this state, in Luzerne County, the evening-meeting, for which they had asked.

October 17th 1788. Br. Joh. Fr. Fruehauf was appointed for the service in the Paedagogium and Br. Prisert for the service in Christian Spring. The next day, Br. Fruehauf was lead to the biggest room and was there introduced to the boys as their teacher and over-seer.

October 22nd 1788. Br. Kramsch, who had been 2 years in Nazareth as choir-helper of the single brethren and who had served also in the Paedagogium, bade farewell and started out on his journey to the Wachau. The boys in the paedagogium and the brethren Fruehauf and Eggert accompanied him to Bethlehem. --- The evening-service was attended by two German men. One of them, Mr. Bollman, was from St. Thomas, where he knows our brethren well. He was glad, to find in the paedagogium some children from the West-Indies, whose parents he partly knew. He had the desire, to see the congregations and places of the brethren, of whom he had heard so much in St. Thomas.

October 27th 1788. Br. Reichel held the singing-hour in the english and german language.

October 30th 1788. Br. Reichel burried in the afternoon a little son of Bro. and Sr. Krause, which was born dead and was only $6\frac{1}{2}$ months old. -- In the afternoon at $4\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock was the engagement of the single bro. Erdman Oehme from Christian Spring with the single sister Elizabeth Frevel from the sistershouse here. They were married November 6th.

November 5th 1788. Br. Huebner, who had arrived at noon, was introduced to the single brethren as their choir-helper.

November 6th 1788. Br. George Mueller, who almost had served by the youth, /4 years

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and was for 2 years assistant in the Choir-helper-office in the single brethren's choir here, and had given much pleasure and enjoyment to the congregation with his wonderful talent for singing and music, went to-day from us to Lititz, and he was accompanied by our blessing.

November 7th 1788. This forenoon came accompanied by Br. van Vleck from Bethlehem Major William Crane from Elizabethtown in Jersey and brought his son Joseph Crane, 6 years old, to our paedagogium for education. The father went still to-day back to Bethlehem.

November 9th 1788. Sunday. In the first meeting the news, which just had been received from Herrnhut, was announced. Br. Paul Eugenius Layriz, Bishop of the Brethren's church, had died. -- Then a remarkable diary of MOSKAU was read.

November 10th 1788. Br. Reichel read a letter from Copenhagen and a letter of the E.C. in the brethren's garden in Tranquebar, India.

November 12th 1788. Br. Reichel held to-day in the girl's school examination in the presence of his wife, Sister Liesel Leinbach and Anna Strubel.

November 18th 1788. From Bethlehem came the single sister Rebecca Walton for service of the Bro. and Sr. Ljungberg. -- Br. Fruehauf held to-day for the first time the children's hour.

November 19th 1788. Br. Reichel announced, that Br. Jacob van Vleck had received from the U.A.C. a call to attend the coming Synode in Herrnhut, and that Br. Friedrich Peter, assistant of the helper of the congregation in Bethlehem, has been approbated by the Lord as a member of the helper-conference for the whole.

November 26th 1788. A number of brethren had been to-day in Easton by the election of 8 representatives of this state for the Congress.

December 4th 1788. This morning at 8 o'clock died in Nazareth the widowed sister Anna Christ and in Old Nazareth the married sister Anna

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Margaretha Boehmer at 9 o'clock. On the 7th they were both burried.

December 8th 1788. Our dear sister Bader in Old Nazareth got suddenly sick this morning, and all remedies, which were used, were fruitless. In the evening at 6 o'clock she died. Br. Reichel read a nice report of Br. Montgomery's visit in Tobago.

December 11th 1788. In the afternoon at 1 o'clock was the funeral of Sister Justina Juliana Bader. Br. Reichel held it.

December 15th 1788. The single brother Johannes Merk went to-day to Bethlehem to stay there.

December 20th 1788. Br. Schnall is lying in bed with an injury on his knee and suffers much pain.

December 27th 1788. The brethren Bartow and Haga from Philadelphia came here for a visit.

December 28th 1788. Sunday. On account of gravel and ice-rain there was no service in the forenoon. In the afternoon was at 3 o'clock Gemeinstunde, which Br. Reichel held.

December 30th 1788. The brethren Zeisberger and Reichel went to-day to Bethlehem, where for the last time helper-conference for the whole took place, before the deputies for the Synode will travel.

December 31st 1788. In the evening there was a prayer-meeting, where one did pray for the entire Brethen's Unity and especially for the next Synode, which will be held in the new year. Because in the christmas-vigil strangers in the inn had behaved unbecoming, one was obliged and intelligent neighbors themselves had advised it, that it should be made known, that no strangers should be admitted in the watch-night. Therefore it was very quiet and undisturbed.

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January 1st 1789. The brethren Schropp, Bonn, Huebner, Ljungberg and W. Henry went in the afternoon to Bethlehem, in order to see and greet the brethren, who are going to the Synode. There went also the brethren M. Ruch and Peter from Old Nazareth, who will accompany the brethren as far as to New York.

January 7th 1789. A number of brethren were to-day in Easton by the election of those persons, who will elect next month the president and Vice-president of the United States, after the new constitution.

January 9th 1789. In the evening came from New York Mr. Abraham Beach, a minister of the Episcopal Church there, and brought his son Abraham, 14 years old, for education in the Paedagogium, where he will be on probation.

January 10th 1789. The english Minister Mr. Beach went back to New York. Through him we received some letters from Br. Ettwein.

January 11th 1789. Sunday. To-day held Br. Fruehauf the sermon for the first time.

January 12th 1789. In the forenoon at 10 o'clock died our sister Elizabeth Lembke after a short sickness. In the evening read Br. Reichel a short report of the present regulation of the Indian Congregation on the Petquotting, which had been prepared by Br. David Zeisberger in October 1788.

January 13th 1789. The brethren Till, Hartman and Luckenbach, who had come from Hope yesterday, went to-day to Bethlehem.

January 14th 1789. Br. Reichel held in the afternoon the funeral of Sister Elizabeth Lembke. Several sisters came from Bethlehem. Also Mr. Weiss from Gnadenhuetten had come with his children for the funeral. Br. Moehring, who rode yesterday from here to Gnadenhuetten as an express messenger, had the misfortune by dismounting from the horse on the fireline to get stuck with one foot in the stirrup, and was dragged by the horse down the hill, and was badly wounded on the head. We were

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thankful, that his life had been spared and that God had prevented a greater harm.

January 17th 1789. In the afternoon came Colonel Samuel Ogden, who is living on the Delaware, on the other side of Trenton, and who has there iron-works, was here with his wife, and had brought their son, David Ogden, 13 years old, and another boy Abraham Hunt from Trenton in the same age. They shall for some time stay in the paedagogium and shall learn especially the German Language. They went to-day to Bethlehem.

January 21st 1789. Bro. and Sr. Reichel went with their children and with various boys and children from the paedagogium and had a nice ride in the sleigh, for we have had a wonderful sleigh-path this month, and all little by little had this pleasure of sleigh-riding. Also children from the boarding-school in Bethlehem visited here.

January 22nd 1789. On account of the heavy snow-weather there was no meeting in the evening.

January 27th 1789. The boy Beach, who 14 days ago was brought by his father from New York for a trial in the paedagogium, had behaved in such a way, that one had to fear misfortune and danger for others, and he himself insisted, to go back to New York. He was sent back to his father under the escort of Br. Jacob Eyerle, junior.

February 2nd 1789. The thermometer showed 8 below zero. there was no children's hour. Br. Jacob Eyerle, junior, returned from New York.

March 8th 1789. In the afternoon was the marriage of ^{/the widowed} Br. David Bruecker with the single sister Elizabeth Schneider, who had come from Hope, on the 4th of this month.

March 17th 1789. Br. Reichel held the funeral of a man, by name Johann Jacob Hohn, who died with consumption. He had asked before he died, that he would like to be burried by us. Plenty of people were present. Br. Reichel preached in the Moorstown church about Hebrews 2, 14 and 15.

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March 21st 1789. Br. Reichel spoke about the daily text, and he told the congregation, that we should love each other, as Jesus has loved us, and we should not have anything bad in our hearts against our brother. He told also, that not long ago somebody had written a letter to a brother without any name, and by doing so, much dissension, suspicion and bitterness had been created. Therefore it was announced to the Communicants in the name of the E.C., that such a method could not/^{at all}be allowed, and everybody was warned earnestly of letters without any name, and at the same time it was announced, that that person, who had written that letter without any signature, should for the appeasing of its own heart, ~~show~~ report it to the Gemein-helper.

March 25th 1789. The big girls celebrated to-day their choir-festival. In this choir some grievous things had happened. The number of the big girls in Nazareth are at present 9 and in Schoeneck 5.

March 26th 1789. The single brother Jesse Samuel Walton went to-day to Gnadenhuetten, where he will stay.

March 30th 1789. The widowed sister Anna Catharina Ziegler went to Bethlehem, where she intends to stay.

April 4th 1789. In the evening bro. Reichel announced to the prayer-meeting, that Br. Samuel Steup in Christian Spring had received a call to the mission in Antigua, and he had accepted it. This news was also published in Christian Spring and Gnadenenthal.

April 15th 1789. Several brethren and sisters went to Bethlehem to the funeral of Br. Timothy Horsefield.

April 17th 1789. Br. Greenburry from Lititz, went to-day with the boy Chr. Fr. Dencke to Lititz again. The boy was going to see his sick mother there. Br. ^{/Friedrich}Fruehauf went to Lititz and Lancaster on a visit.

April 20th 1789 Br. Schneckenburger from Antigua came in the evening to us and was accompanied by Br. M. Beck.

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April 21st 1789. Br. Schneckenberger held the english children's hour. After that he went with the brethren Beck and Steup to Bethlehem.

April 25th 1789. In the prayer-meeting Br. Reichel announced the engagement of Br. Samuel Steup with Sister Anna Krogstrup and of Br. Schneckenberger with Sister Anna Maria Heckedorn.

April 29th 1789. Bro. and Sr. Im, Nietschmann and sister Sulam. Nyberg came from Bethlehem and visited here.

May 7th 1789. Br. Reichel held the funeral of Hans Jacob Hubler, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles away from here in Plainfield. He had died the day before yesterday. Br. Reichel held the sermon in a barn. Many people were present. The departed one was born in Switzerland, in the Canton Bern in the year 1711 and came to this land in the year 1737. He was already in Schippach and got acquainted with Br. Joseph and other brethren. He had visited the congregation in Nazareth and Schoeneck and had listened to the sermons there. He had read the IDEA FIDEI FRATRUM before he died with pleasure. And he had liked it so much, that he asked Br. E. Coortsen, who had loaned his book to him, to purchase one copy of this book from Bethlehem, and it arrived on the day, when he died.

May 18th 1789. Captain John Waldron, who took his niece Sarah Tenbrook with several children from New York yesterday to Bethlehem to the institute there, visited us here with Sarah Tenbrook, and he took the boy Philip Wilson, who had been in the paedagogium for over 3 years and had finished his term, along with him to New York to his parents. - In the evening heard the congregation a letter from Br. Ettwein of February 28th from Amsterdam.

May 24th 1789. Mr. H. Walther Nichols from New York, who had come here with his son George Nichols, attended the meeting in the evening.

May 27th 1789 In the morning ~~went~~ Mr. Walther Nichols, who had stayed here for three days with delight, and who had often had a talk with Br.

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Reichel about the doctrine and constitution of the Brethren's Unity, and also who had talked about his heart and his opinion in detail and with confidence, and also had spoken nicely and plainly about the purpose, why he had brought his son just to Nazareth, and how he anxiously wishes, that his may become a true lover and follower of Jesus, after a cordial farewell, went back to New York,

May 30th 1789. In the afternoon at 1 o'clock was the funeral of Sister Maria Agnetta Weygand, who had died on the 28th.

June 3d 1789. Br. Traugott Bagge from Salem came here with his wife and a daughter, in order to stay here for some time. - Mrs. Elizabeth Weiss from Gnadenhuetten, who had come yesterday, gave her youngest son Jacob of 8 years to the paedagogium for education.

June 4th 1789. In the forenoon came Bro. and Sr. Johann Kummer, who had lately come from St. Thomas and had arrived in Bethlehem, to Nazareth and brought a son of the Bro. and Sr. Schnepf in Niesky on St. Thomas, the little Chr. Ludwig Schnepf, 4 years old, and the little Johann Friedrich Wolle, 4 years old, son of the Br. and Sr. Wolle in New Herrnhut in St. Thomas, to the Institute here. The children, with whom those boys from St. Thomas will live together, received them with a lovefeast and with hearty love, and they were at home right away. Bro. and Sr. Kummer went with the negro-brother Anton, who had accompanied the children to Nazareth, back to Bethlehem.

June 5th 1789. In the afternoon brought Mr. George Palmer, Surveyor in Northampton County, his son John, 11 years old, to the paedagogium for education.

June 11th 1789. Br. Abraham Levering came to-day from Bethlehem for the service in the Paedagogium. He moved to the first room and Br. Michler to the second room.

June 13th 1789. From Bethlehem came Bro. and Sr. Kummer, sister Beck

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and her daughter for a visit. From Elizabethtown came Major Crane, who has a son here in the institute.

June 14th 1789. In the helper-conference Br. Kummer told many things of the work of the Lord in the danish islands.

June 15th 1789. Major Crane after a pleasant visit went home again. From Bethlehem came Bro. and Sr. Kliest and a party of men and ladies from Philadelphia and Buck's county.

June 16th 1789. From New York came this morning Mr. Matlack, a Quaker, with his son and daughter and Mrs. Moncriet with her 2 grandchildren, and they delivered those three boys, White Matlack, 10 years, John and Archibald Turner of 7 and 9 years, to the paedagogium for education. Mr. Matlack and his daughter and Mrs. Montcriet went this afternoon back to New York. Also a few men from Trenton were here for a visit.

June 17th 1789. Mr. Furman from Trenton and 2 men from New York visited here and requested to see the paedagogium, in which they were lead around.

June 21st 1789. The thermometer showed to-day 92 Fahrenheit.

June 27th 1789. In the morning at 2 o'clock died the married sister Rosina Belling. From letters written by Br. David Zeisberger it was shown, that the brethren Heckewaelder and Steiner have come back from the Muskingum and Petquotting, without that anything could have been done on account of the land-waters.

June 28th 1789. In the afternoon at 4 o'clock was the funeral of Sister/^{/Anna} Rosina Belling, where many strangers were present. -- The brethren L. Huebner and Schnall went behind the Blue Mountains, in Chestnut township, where Br. Huebner was preaching in the church there.

July 8th 1789. In the afternoon we received the message from the death of our dear Sister Martha Spangenberg.

July 11th 1789. Br. Zeisberger held in the evening the prayer-meeting, in which were present the grown up communicants. It was announced, that se-

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several bad things in our congregation had been hidden, which have been brought to the light, and that we have the pain about 3 persons from the village of the congregation, who have sinned against the Lord and the congregation, namely the single George Härtmann and the single Rebecca Walton, for whom we propose, that they will have to be removed from here. The single Joseph Till, whom we for the time being cannot regard as brother and as belonging to us. Then the brethren and sisters were seriously reminded of the unnecessary visits from the choir-houses to the families, and from the families to the choir-houses, of which evil consequences one has had proofs already lately. In prayer these things were put to the Lord.

July 29th 1789. Mr. Hilsheimer from Philadelphia was here with his wife and daughter for a visit.

August 4th 1789. In the paedagogium are 11 children sick with the measles.

August 6th 1789. Br. Zeisberger announced in the congregation, that our beloved Sister Benigma von Watteville was called home in May 11th in Herrnhut. This dear sister followed her husband soon.

August 18th 1789. Dr. Attwood from New York was here with his wife and son also Mr. Faesch from Jersey with his ~~sister~~-in-law. Dr. Attwood requested that his son, who is 16 years old, could be taken for some time into the paedagogium, where he shall learn especially the German language, but according to the plan, that no scholars should be taken in, who are above 12 years old, we could not grant his request.

August 21st 1789. The brethren Friedrich Fruehauf, Michael Moehring and Joseph Stoz have been elected as members of the S.P.G., which they accepted with pleasure.

August 22nd 1789. The single ~~sisters~~ Rebecca Walton and Hannah Davis, who both belong to the congregation in Gnadenhuetten, and who have served here for some time, went back to Gnadenhuetten.

August 28th 1789. From New York visited here Mr. John Turner, who has 2 sons

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in the school here, and Mr. Robinson, who looked around in the Institute. They went from here to Bethlehem.

August 30th 1789. From New York were here for a visit Bro. and Sr. Campells and the sisters Tenbrook and Bieninger with several children.

September 8th 1789. A number of men and women from Philadelphia, New York, Charlestown and Albany came here and looked around in the village.

September 15th 1789. Mr. Magens from St. Thomas accompanied by a ship's Captain from Philadelphia looked around ^{/in the village} in the forenoon. In the afternoon Mr. Leffert from New York with his wife and Mrs. Brickenhoff with her daughter came here and stayed over night.

September 24th 1789. Mr. Kip from New York visited us to-day.

September 29th 1789. At the lovefeast attended a french Mr. Du Pont, Mr. William Craig and Mr. Sitgrave with his wife. The latter three were from Easton. They had requested to partake at the lovefeast. In the evening-meeting was a man from Virginia ^{/ Griffin} present. Br. and Sr. Fritz, who stayed for some weeks with their relatives in Gnadenthal, received a call from the synode to the Missionfield in Barbadoes in Bro. and Sr. Montgomery's place, who have received a call to Tabago. Bro. and Sr. Fritz accepted the call with a willing heart. And we all were happy over it.

October 3d 1789. This week was in the paedagogium the half-yearly examination, by which could be seen, that our scholars in all 4 classes have been industrious and have used their time well. To-day it was 4 years, that we began the paedagogium. The children were given an opportunity to do some exercises and some public reading before a numerous gathering. The various brethren of the helper-conference for the whole, the brethren of the E.C. and the over-seer committee, the fathers, who were presnet and some other brethren had been invited for this gathering. At 9 o'clock in the forenoon 44 scholars of the age of 4 to 15 years, of which are 26 in the Paedagogium, with their teachers and the most invited guests, gathered in

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the big Hall in Nazareth. Some hymns were sung, and then Br. Reichel gave a talk, and then the teachers let their scholars of every class in order from the biggest to the smallest, read a piece from the Bible and from the reading books, first in German, then in English and in the first class also in french. Then the scholars of the first and second class had conversations in the German, English and French language, about the stuff, what they had had in the last half year, as in History, Geographie and Mathematik. All these things were discussed. In the afternoon at 1 o'clock recited various scholars of the first and second class short speeches, and a other poetic and prosaic pieces from classical writers, which they had learned by heart, in the German and English languages. And from the 3d and 4th classes some said the christian creed and the prayer of the Lord, and other verses also in both languages. At 2 o'clock was a joyful lovefeast, at which also the sisters of the E.C. were present, which was entertained with lovely singing and music of our children and boys. Also specimen in drawing and geometrie, and the writing books of all the scholars were presented to the guests. At the close read Br. Reichel the daily text and made applications for the scholars and they were encouraged to be faithful and industrious, and to grow also in all, what is good, and in the knowledge of Jesus. Bro. and Sr. Huebner and Br. Hasse, who were present at the festivity, returned again to Bethlehem. Br. Jeremias Dencke went to Lititz, after they had stayed here for some days to our delight. All the present guests showed their pleasure and satisfaction with the progress of our scholars, and they took an interest in the scholars's welfare. - In the evening brought Br. Zeisberger the paedagogium to the remembrance of the congregation. Then the brethren, who are serving in the paedagogium and the brethren of the E.C. gathered around the cup of covenant. They renewed their promise, to serve faithfully the youth and educate them in the right way. The number of the scholars, who have lived in the paedagogium in these 4

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years, is: 41. Of those are 15 who have gone away gradually, and at present are still 26 here.

October 6th 1789. Mr. Ferress and Van Home from New York were here with their wives and looked around here. The scholars of the largest room in the paedagogium went to day to Bethlehem.

October 7th 1789. Major Crane and his wife came from Elizabeth Point for a visit and left us again on the 9th for Bethlehem.

October 17th 1789. Mrs. Greene, the widow of the deceased General Greene, was here for a visit. She was accompanied by her 2 daughters from Bethlehem and a relative Mr. Ward from New England. She gave her son Nathanael of 9 years to the paedagogium for some time for education. The party went to Bethlehem to-day.

October 31st 1789. To-day was the examination of the girls in the presence of all the sisters and the married brethren of the E.C. who all enjoyed the progress of the little schollgirls. There at present 12 girls here. The teacher, Sister Theodora Mack, took great care of the scholars. At the close of the examination they had a lovefeast.

November 19th 1789. The negro-brother Peter, a widower, who had lived as a member of this congregation in Old Nazareth, moved ^{/close} to New York, where he can better make both ends meet than here. We gave him a letter of recommendation to Br. Birkby.

November 20th 1789. It was announced, that in the future our literature can be had here in our store for the same price as in the Bethlehem bookstore. It was also recommended to the brethren and sisters, that they should make good use of the new brethren's hymnbook, the German as well as the English one.

November 26th 1789. The present day was appointed by the President of the United States for a thanksgiving and prayer-day, in this land.

December 4th 1789. In the evening returned Br. William Henry, who had been in Philadelphia in business-affairs, from there.

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December 9th 1789. Mr. George Logan of the Philadelphia county was here to-day and inquired from Br. Reichel about the schools here. He is a member of the Society for the promotion of the agriculture and inland manufactures of the Philadelphia county. He attended in the evening the singing-hour, which was held in the German and English language by Br. Reichel. The next day he was lead around in the paedagogium.

December 14th 1789. To-day was the meeting of the Gemein-Rat, where all the house-fathers were gathered. It was talked about the care with fire, about the sweeping of the chimneys and cleaning of the stoves in the rooms and about other things.

December 24th 1789. It was found necessary, that placards had to be posted up, that on account of lack of place, and also on account of the disorder in previous years on this day, no strangers should be admitted.

December 26th 1789. Br. L. Huebner was fetched in the afternoon to the Moorstown Church, where he had to preach a Christmas-sermon and to hold a funeral. Their minister had in the morning, when he wanted to ride to church, the misfortune to fall from the horse and to wound his head, and the people wanted to hear a minister. And therefore Br. Huebner preached to a great number of people. About 200 people were gathered in the church. Many had gone home again, because they did not know, whether a minister would come. - Br. Reichel held the service in the afternoon in Christian Spring and in the evening in Nazareth.

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