DIARY OF THE NAZARETH MORAVIAN CONGREGATION 1840

January

Jan. 12 - Evening communion, 1st in years, well attended.

February

Feb. 4 - Members of Provincial Conference arrived by sleigh. Counsel with Elders Conference here concerning Economie of Sisters House. Sr. Catharina Hoeck has asked to be relieved of her duties, and no successor is available. It was decided that the Principal of the Hall for the present should rent the kitchen farm with its buildings for the use of the Hall. The sisters will be provided their meals from the Hall in future, but will have to do their laundry work at their own expense.

Feb. 9 - Baptism of Edward Eugene, s. of Br. and Sr. Chr. Hoeber.

" " Olivia Rosanna, d. of Br. and Sr. Dan. Scheierman, at grandparents' home.

Feb. 16 - The Brn. Francis Hagen, Benj. Clewell, and Ren. Clewell made a beginning of a choir for the new church by starting to teach 7 single sisters and big girls to sing from notes.

Feb. 23 - Unusually mild. Much smoke in mountains from fires.

Feb. 28 - Beginning made to dig basement for church.

March

Mar. 12 - Marriage of s. br., Edmund Ricksecker and s. sr., Olivia Augusta Miksch.

Mar. 15 - Baptism of Edward Lewis, s. of Br. Francis and Sr. Elfrida Miksch.

Mar. 28 - Br. and Sr. A. W. Senft of Bethlehem arrive for a visit.

April

Apr. 12 - Palm Sunday. Confirmation of 18 persons: Jac. Andrew Miksch, Jacob Ludw. Moeller, David Alex. Protzman, Jacob
April


In afternoon, severe thunder storm with hail and hurricane-like wind, causing much damage in country around Nazareth, to homes, barns, fruit and forest trees, fences, etc.

Apr. 30 - Sr. and Sr. Christian Lichtenthaeler, of Lititz, come here from Bethlehem, where they were received into Acoluthie. He was ordained May 3rd in Bethlehem. They have received a call into mission service at St. Kitts.

May

May 11 - Received into single sisters choir: Louisa Lisette Clewell, Sarah Sophia Cassler, Elise Char. Beck, Henriette Louisa Beck, Angelica Louisa Miksch.
Received into big girls choir: Seraphine Charlotte Wilhelm, and Maria Louisa Bute.

May 17 - Corner stone laying at new church. The marble stone, weighing
May 17 -n 120 lb., had been laid by the workmen on southeasterly corner of foundation, 10 to 12 feet above the ground, and had the number 1840 engraved on it. Planks had been laid on walls of foundation, and the communion table and benches placed on them, with a canopy over the seats of the ministers.

At 10 o'clock, as the trombones played, these brethren left the parsonage and marched in a procession to the building site:
the Brn. Andreas Benade, John G. Herman, Phillip H. Goepp, John G. Kummer, and Charles A. Van Vleck, of Bethlehem; the Lutheran Pastor Fuchs, of Bath; Br. Sylvester Wolfe, of Schoeneck; and the Brn. Samuel Reinke, G. W. Kluge, G. F. Troeger, and the retired missionary, Johannes Maehr, of Nazareth.

First, there was an address by Bishop Benade. Then the articles were displayed which were to be placed in the corner stone in a leaden box: (1) a sealed glass bottle containing a parchment document which was inscribed with the record of the consecration service (of which Br. Reinke read a copy out aloud to the assembled congregation immediately afterwards); (2) a paper with the names of the congregational members, 408, including 256 communicants; (3) a hymn book; (4) a textbook for 1840; (5) an instruction book and catechism; (6) and a copy of the psalm used on this occasion.

Then Br. Reinke carried the box to the stone and laid it into the prepared space, and the Brn. Benade and Goepp placed a flat marble slab on the opening as Br. Benade said: "Thus we lay the corner stone for this new church, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost". Then each pastor present hit the stone with a hammer three times, after which Br. Benade made
May 17 - prayer, which was followed by a congregational hymn from the
psalm, and address by Br. Herman on 1 Cor. 3:11, and then the English
hymn: Thou great foundation of Thy church, during the collection was
received. This for both services amounted to $68.00. A choir piece,
the Lord's Prayer, and benediction ended this service.
In the afternoon, the Lutheran Pastor Fuchs preached on Acts 4:11, 12.
It was very much regretted that the Lutheran Pastor Hecht and the Re-
formed Pastor Wolf, of Easton, and the Reformed Pastor Hofeditz of
Mount Bethel, all of whom had been invited, were unable to come.
The weather was unusually fine, but the sun very hot, all day.
There were over 1000 out-of-town strangers present, all very quiet
and reverent.
In the evening, there was a musical thanksgiving service at the build-
ing site, conducted by Br. Kluge. The three choir pieces at this, as
well as the other services, were accompanied by musicians from Beth-
leham and Schoeneck.
Baptism, at home, of Francis Henry Wenhold, born May 7th, died Sep. 4th, 1841, buried Sep. 5th,
May 21 - Marriage, at church, of s. br., Charles Sellers and s. sr., Caro-
line Louise Bardill.
May 24 - Baptism of Emma Elisabeth Kern, b. May 3rd, died Dec. 15, 1840,
May 25 - Funeral of child, Edwin Samuel Kichline, baptized May 23rd,
died May 24th, 17 days old.
May 31 - Lovefeast of Female Missionary Society. Election of officers,
President, Br. Reinke; Collectors, Srs. A. M. Brunner, H. C. Busse,
Elis. Miksich, and Susan Danke.
June 15 - Funeral of wid. sr., Juliane Stotz, nee Eigenbrod, aged 74 yr.,
4 mo., 1 da. Born Feb. 12, 1766, near Graceham, Md., moved to Lit-
itz, June 6, 1783. Married Dec. 15, 1796 to Br. Joseph Stotz, Three
sons and 2 daughters survive, besides 23 grandchildren and 2
great grandchildren. Her husband died Jan. 4, 1825. She suffered
a stroke about 2 years ago, but recovered somewhat. She moved to
her children, Br. and Sr. George Beitel, in Schoeneck. There she
departed June 13th.

June 16 - Hall exams.

June 21 - It was announced that old Mother Joh. S. Hoeber, after 25 years
of service, is retiring from her office as widows pflegerin,
and Sr. Reinke will take her place.


July

July 6 - The youths, A.A. and E.E. Reinke started on a hike for Hopedale,
to visit the Lamberts.

July 9 - Funeral in Bath, of child of Wm. Harrison Wind, aged 2 months.

July 29 - Br. Goepp of Bethlehem and Br. Sam. Reinke drove to Hopedale in
the Beech Woods, held 4 services and visited different members,
also Br. and Sr. Wm. Henry at Stroudsburg, and returned Aug. 4th.

August

Aug. 19 - Baptism at home of Br. Charles Moore at the Bushkill, of his
d., Agnes Emilie.

Aug. 23 - Baptism of Henriette Wilhelmine, d. of Br. and Sr. Thom. Clewell.

Aug. 30 - Admitted to single brethrens choir: Henry Abram. Steiner,
Herman Chrn. Kern, John Wm. Beiler, Jacob Andr. Miksch, Jacob
Ludwig Moeller, and David Alex. Protzman.
August

Aug. 31 - Church Council decides to have builder place an ornamental railing around bottom floor of steeple, and also, that a 600 lb. brass bell should be purchased in Philadelphia, and brought here as soon as possible.

September

Sept. 10 - Br. Sam. Reinke has his first English funeral service, at county home, in Gnadenthal.


Sept. 29 - Funeral of oldest member of congregation, the wid. br., John Beitel, dep. Sept. 27th, aged 99 yr., 9 mo., 7 da. Born Dec. 21, 1740, at Pilgerhut, near the Berbice River, Surinam, his parents, Heinr. and Elisab. Beitel being missionaries there among the Indians. At the age of 5 he came to N. America in charge of Br. Joh. Kaske, to the boarding school at Friedrichstown, Montgomery County. Then this school was discontinued in 1750, he moved to Macungie (now Emmaus) for 2 years. On Mar. 14, 1752, he came to Bethlehem and learned the tailoring trade until his 16th year. He attended the corner stone laying of Nazareth Hall May 3, 1755, also the consecration of this building, Nov. 13, 1756. In this year he moved to Christianspring, where he lived for 17 years. In 1757 he returned to Bethlehem, where he was employed in the Oeconomie until he returned to Christianspring in 1764. He became a member in Bethlehem, 1758, partook of his first communion June 15, 1771. In 1776 he moved into the Brethren's House here, and served in the kitchen for half a year, after which he made his living as a day laborer,
September

Sept. 29 - Feb. 7, 1779, he married the s.sr., Juliana Miksch, from which union 2 sons and 2 daughters survive, also 22 of his 27 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. After a happy married life of 45 years his wife departed Feb. 15, 1824, since when he has lived with his children, Br. and Sr. Joh. Beitel. He was in good health until very recently, and able to hear and see well until the very end, a happy and agreeable and undemanding old Christian member of his family and a friend to all.

October


November

Nov. 13 - Funeral, at Bath, of youngest daughter of Luth. Pastor Fuchs, by Br. R.

December

Dec. 6 - Sunday. No services, on account of severe blizzard.

Dec. 23 - After 4 hours of strenuous labor, the 660 lb. brass bell was pulled up, outside, to bottom floor of steeple, lifted inside, and fastened in its place, without any damage or accident. It was rung for a while, after being fastened.

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve service.

Closing services on 31st.
Jan. 1 - Blizzard.


Jan. 31 - Br. Reinke's last regular service in old church, with a record of historical events.

Since consecration of cemetery, Feb. 14, 1756, during 85 years, 519 bodies have been interred there. 644 children have been born and baptized. Nazareth Hall, consecrated Nov. 13, 1756; school began there, June 6, 1759, with 90 children; June, 1785, steeple, weather vane, bell, ball, and lightning rod on old church, and close by, dead house erected; 1796, a balcony on both sides of steeple attached, and in 1800, a town clock installed; 1793, a 10-register organ, built by Br. Tanneberger of Lititz; Oct. 3, 1785, Boarding School for Boys was begun with 11 pupils. 17 of brethren and sisters who served congregation during those years, still living.

February

Feb. 3 - Funeral, in old church, of married non-member, Christian Benjamin Whitesell, of Newark, N.J., s. of Andreas Whitesell. Born Jan. 14, 1804, in Plainfield, baptized Jan. 24th by Br. Paul Weiss of Schoeneck. At age of 17 moved to Bethlehem and learned the cobbler's trade, and was confirmed there. About 1839, married to a
February

Feb. 3 - young woman by name of Wade, by whom 1 son is living, was married to her in New York. He was widowed, and remarried, July 30, 1833, to Catharina Leibert of Emmaus, who survives him with 1 son. He was hit by a train and departed the next day, Jan. 31st, at Newark, aged 37 yr., 17 da.

Feb. 7 - Consecration of new church. 2 trombone choirs of Nazareth and Bethlehem announce festival from church steeple. 69 persons, from Nazareth, Bethlehem, and Schoeneck, assisted with music during 2 days. These pastors and workers were present at part or all of the dedication services: from Bethlehem, Brn., and Srs. A. Benade, Herman, P.H. Goepp, J. Gottfr. Kummer, C.A.V. Vleck, J.C. Brickenstein, and Br. C.F. Seidel; from Lititz, Br. Peter Wolle; from Philadelphia, Br. David Bigler; from Emmaus, Br., and Sr. Levin Reichel; from Schoeneck, Br. and Sr. Sylvester Wolle; the Lutheran ministers, J.F. Hecht from Easton and A. Fuchs from Bath; the Reformed minister, Theod. Hoffeditz from Mount Bethel; and from Nazareth, Brn., and Srs. Reinke, C.W. Kluge, Troeger, and the retired Br. Emanuel Rondthaler.

At 10 o'clock the ministers and their wives walked in a procession from the parsonage to the new church, which was crowded with those of the thousands who had come and could get in, many having to be turned away for lack of space. The weather was fine, with excellent sleighing.

As the ministers entered the church auditorium, the choir sang: Enter his gates with praise. Congr. sang the hymn, announced by Br. Reinke: Lord, our Head, we praise Thee. Then Bishop Benade made the entrance address. Hymn: God is present. Consecration ceremony by Bishop Benade. Congr. sang 1 verse, Say to our prayers, Amen.
February

Feb. 7 - Then the Brn. Benade, Herman, Reinke, and Wolle, stepped up on pulpit platform, and Br. Wolle preached on 1 Kings 8:29 - My name shall be there. Choir: Loud through the world's sounds. Congr., Let us praise our Lord, Hymn No. 1604, 1, 2. Benediction by Br. Wolle.

At close of each service there was a collection, totaling $202.9.

2:30 p.m. English service. Choir: Behold the heavens of heavens cannot contain thee. Congr., Before Jehovah's awful throne, No. 893. Pastor Hecht preached on Gen. 23:17 - This is none other than the house of God. German prayer by Pastor Hoffeditz, with closing prayer by Pastor Hecht. Choir: Father, we adore thee. Congr., Jesus, where'er thy people meet. No. 895, 3 verses. Benediction.

7 p.m. German service. Choir: Holy One, look down with mercy. Congr., Go, exalt his majesty, No. 1609, 1, 3. Prayer by Br. Herman. Br. Goepp, sermon on Luke 19:9 - This day is salvation come to this house, and also led in closing prayer. Choir: Jehovah, in thy name. Congr., We will all, as we are, pledge loyalty to our Head. 1058. Benediction by Br. Goepp.


2:30 p.m. Lovefeast, with psalm prepared especially for this day by Br. Reinke. Conducted by Br. Herman, while other pastors
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February

Feb. 8 - sat in back of him, in front of pulpit.

7 p.m. Closing English service. Choir: External God, Almighty Power. Congr., Where two or three with sweet accord, No. 301. Prayer, and sermon, by Br. D. Bigler, on Matth. 18:20 - Where two or three are gathered in my name, German address by Br. Reinke, in which he thanked everyone who had in any way helped in the services, and in the work on the church, and prayer by him. Choir: Amen, Praise, and Honor. Congr., Amen, and may it last forever. Benediction by Bishop Menade.

Deep reverence was displayed at all the services, and the behavior on the streets and in the hotels was very quiet and orderly.

Feb. 9 - The Provincial Elders Conference held at the parsonage. Decided during this year to renovate and improve the Hall, purchased by congregational diaconic from Sustentation Diaconie for $3000.00, and to erect at northeast corner, a 2-story brick church. Present preparatory class to be transferred to Bethlehem this summer, and a new class started, and to give positions to those theological students who have completed their course.

Feb. 28 - Br. Troeger held a Mennonite funeral at Mount Bethel, and at their earnest request, as they have no pastor since death of Pastor Gottschalk, promised to try and visit there regularly every 4 weeks.

March

Mar. 10 - Sr. Fr. Boehler, worker in charge of our single sisters choir, has sent in her resignation, but will serve until a successor is found.

Mar. 16 - First marriage in new
March

Mar. 16 - First marriage in new church, of s. br., Edwin Fayette Clewell and s. sr., Juliana Emilie Danke, whose birthday is today. He is a member at Schoeneck.

Mar. 23 - Diener lovefeast. Decided in future to have those who serve with music, partake of this lovefeast.

April

Apr. 4 - Baptism of Agnes Rosalia, d. of Br. and Sr. Fradeneck.

Apr. 11 - Easter. Early service in church, ground covered with snow.

Apr. 18 - Memorial service in honor of departed President, Wm. H. Harrison, whose death occurred Apr. 4th. Both bells tolled ½ hour in morning, and before service. Service began with trombones and other instruments and choir music. English service in evening.

May

May 2 - Rain in morning, turned into snowstorm in afternoon, ground frozen hard, probably all of this year's fruit killed.

May 9 - Baptism at home, of Levin Francis Leibfried.

May 14 - Day of Repentance and Prayer ordered by Pres. Tyler, 2 services.

May 20 - Ascension Day. Female Missionary Meeting. Letter of thanks read from Br. P. Ricksecker, and voted to send him $50.00 from treasury for needy negroes at St. Kitts.

May 26 - Exams at little girls school. Then they went up into steeple and sang, after which they bid farewell to Sr. Boehler, one of their former teachers, who is leaving for Bethlehem, day after tomorrow. Br. Peter Wolle also was at the lovefeast.

May 30 - Baptism of Joseph Oliver Schaefer.

June

June 6 - Admitted to single XXXXXX choir:
June

June 1 - Admitted to single sisters choir: Mariette Elise Staut.
Admitted to large girls choir: Maria Lucinda Walter, Cornelia Eis, Hoeber, Maria Wolle, Emma Aurelia Seyfried, Louisa Albright.
At 10 p.m. the trombones played a number of chorals from the steeple.

June 8 - The members of the Provincial Elders Conference were here for a session with our Elders Conference. After much weighty deliberation, it was decided to combine single sisters choir diaconie with congregational diaconie, and the supervision of the remaining oeconome of choir house to be placed in charge of Br. Troeger; the oversight of single female choirs to be done by wife of pastor, Sr. Reinke, while the former choir attendant, Sr. Anna Maria Brunner, is to look after Sisters House.

June 18 - Heavy rains. Funeral at Dryland Church of 2 yr. old Daniel Andrew Shortz, of Lutheran parentage.

June 20 - Baptism of Catharina Elis Sellers.

June 30 - Infants School exams.

July

July 4 - Independence Memorial Services.

July 18 - In past week, famous Indian chief, John Ross and his party visited Nazareth.

July 31 - Heavy rains. Funeral at Dryland Church of 19 year-old Abraham Roeder.

August

Aug. 1 - Baptism of sick child, Ellen Jane Vogtitz.

August

Aug. 7 - Br. Reinke conducted the funeral of 78 year-old Widow Kaske in Schoeneck.

Aug. 8 - Br. Reinke drove to county home with Br. Gideon Cassler, to baptize little son of latter's departed sister, also 3 other children.

Aug. 15 - Funeral at Dryland Church, of 83 year-old Mother Schorcz.

Aug. 22 - Baptism of Sarah Louisa Scheierman.

Aug. 29 - 100th jubilee of single brethrens choir. Church decorated with flowers and garlands. Admitted to choir: Owen Sylvester Hillman. Entire congregation present at lovefeast, and portion of Jubilee Psalm, sent from Herrnhut, used. This evening, in Bethlehem, ordination of the Brethren Edward Rondthaler, Henry Seidel, and Wm. Benade, as deacons.

Aug. 31 - Funeral at Forks Township Church, of 4 year-old Caecilia Whitesell.

September

Sept. 8 - A learned Swiss, Wm. Gottschall, called on Br. Reinke, and told him various facts about his native city Arau, and of the family of his pastor there, Hunzigker, who are relatives of Sr. Reinke. He hopes, through the negotiations of the Swiss Consul in New York, to be enabled to return to his native country, as he has not been able to make a living here.


Sept. 15 - Br. and Sr. Ambrose Rondthaler of Graceham, and single Brother Edward Rondthaler, of Schoeneck, participated in jubilee celebration of Cup of Covenant.

Sept. 27 - Funeral at Dryland Church, of the child, Wm. Edwin Craig.
October

Oct. 17 - Baptism of Cornelia Louisa Wolle, d. of Francis.


Oct. 29 - Funeral of married sr., Jacobina Friederica Miller, née Christ, dep. Oct. 27th. Born Sept. 29, 1772. Oct. 27, 1787 became communicant member. Dec. 13, 1795 was married to s. br., Heinr. Chr. Miller. There were no children. He departed Sept. 17, 1833, and then she moved into the home where she died. Aged 69 yr., 29 da.

Oct. 31 - Reformation Day. Baptism of Charles Boller, s. of Br. and Sr. Jacob R. Senseman.

November

Nov. 7 - Br. Perkin held his first children's meeting, in English.

Nov. 19 - After old school building of Nazareth Hall had, during past year, been repaired and renovated, inside and outside, today the newly gilded ball and weather vane were fastened to top of steeple, on which a new spire has been put.

December


Dec. 24th and 31st, usual sermons.
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January

Jan. 8 - A school opened by Br. Reinke for all young men in town, to be held every Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon, in Diener Room of new church, teachers, - Andrew G. Kern, Jnr., and Francis Hagen. 21 students present at first session.

Jan. 9 - At 2 o'clock, A Sunday School opened by Br. Reinke for small and large girls in Sisters House. Teachers, Lisette Luckenbach, Elisabeth Schmick, Matilda Kern, and Eliza Staudt.

Jan. 16 - Received as members, s. br., Matthaeus Cassler and big girl, Friederika Wilhelmina Hartman.


Jan. 30 - Baptism, at Dr. Walter's home, of Emma Elisabeth Walter, and of Hannah Maria Albright.

February

Feb. 3 - Snowstorm.

Feb. 16 - Funeral of wid. Sr., Maria Magdalena Hessler, nee Kochler, Dep. Feb. 14th, aged 90 yr., 4 mo., 24 da. Born Sept. 21, 1751 at Kecungie near Emmaus. Moved to Bethlehem July 24, 1765, then to Heidelberg, later to Lititz, and finally to Lebanon to take care of her widowed old father. Here, at end of year 1794, she married the widowed brother, Mr. Hessler, of Hope, N.J., where they lived until 1808, and then moved to Old Nazareth. He departed Dec. 22, 1834. She was a faithful mother to her stepchildren.

Rain storm.

February


March

Mar. 4 - Funeral of s.sr., Maria Salome Clewell, dep. Mar. 3rd, aged 74 yr., 10 mo. Born May 3, 1767, in Plainfield Township. Communicant at Schoeneck, July 16, 1780. Moved to Sisters House June 8, 1809. Became house attendant in 1828, and, later, had charge of big girls, which duty she had until to end of her life. Very much beloved by relatives and all who knew her, for her gentle, loving, and unselfish manner.


Mar. 25 - Good Friday. So dark, just before heavy thunder shower, that it was always almost impossible to read service.

Mar. 27 - Easter. Beautiful weather for early service.

Mar. 28 - Baptism of Angelica Lisette, d. of Br. and Sr. A.C. Kern.
March

Mar. 29 - Lutheran Pastor Bernheim, a converted Jew, working in Armstrong Co., Pa., here to collect subscriptions for Lutheran church paper.

April

Apr. 10 - Presbyterian Pastor Thomas P. Hunt, of Wilkes Barre, preached in morning and gave a temperance address in evening. Although latter service lasted 1½ hours, the large audience listened very attentively. His text, Isaiah 5:11.

Apr. 11 - Funeral of non-member, a little boy, Jacob Samuel Kram, s. of John and Rebecca Kram, born July 13, 1841. Became violently ill last Tuesday while parents were moving here, departed Apr. 9th, aged 9 months, less 4 days.

Apr. 17 - Br. Robert v. Schweinitz preached in English. Br. Troeger has asked to be relieved from office, and Br. Emil A. v. Schweinitz will be his successor as pastor and elder here.


May


May 23 - Funeral of little child, Anna Maria Schleppe, d. of Abrm. and Elis. Schleppe, nee Giersch, taken by Br. and Sr. David Michael into their
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May

May 23 - home as a poor little orphan, Oct. 13th. Of consumption, not quite a year old.


May 29 - At meeting of Female Missionary Society, it was decided to give Br. Peter Ricksecker $20.00 for his work at St. Kitts, and $20.00 to Westfield.

June

June 5 - Baptism, at home, of Levin Samuel Seyfried, s. of Br. Jos. and Sr. Antoinette Seyfried.

It has been very cool all spring.

June 9 - Cold enough for fires. Thunder storm on 10th, which made it still cooler. Snow near Blue Mountain on 11th.

June 14 - Exams at little girls school.

June 19 - Baptism of Henriette Louisa von Fradeneck.

June 26 - Br. Lambert preached here, because other brethren were attending 100th jubilee of Bethlehem congregation.

July

July 3 - Baptism of James Christian Beitel, s. of Joseph.

July 10 - Evening sermon by neighbor, Lutheran Pastor Jeremias Schindel.

July 23 - Funeral of mission pupil, Martin Klose, b. June 29, 1833, at Saron, Barbadoes, where his parents were missionaries. Came to Hall Nov. 9, 1841. Dep. July 21st, aged 9 yr., 22 da.

July 24 - Baptism of Esther Elisabeth, d. of Br. and Sr. David Michael.

In evening, by Bishop Benade, ordination of Br. Emil Adolf von Schweinitz as deacon. His wife, Sr. Sophia v. Schweinitz, received into Acoluthie the next day.

It was unusually cold, the last 2 days of this month.

July 31 - Br. v. Schweinitz held his service here.

August

Aug. 2 - Funeral of wid. sr., Anna Johanna Clewell, nee Knauss, dep. Aug. 1st. Born Mar. 31, 1765 at Emmaus, became member there Dec. 18, 1792, and a Communicand, Oct. 7, 1791. Married at Schoeneck, Apr. 13, 1788 to s. br., Georg Clewell. 2 sons and 3 daughters survive, also 25 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Her husband died Mar. 17, 1816. Jan. 17, 1825, she moved to her daughter Elisabeth. She was a Christian mother and widow, esteemed and loved by all who knew her. Her age was 77 yr., 4 mo., 1 da.


Aug. 21 - Baptism of Clara Amalia Hagen, b. Aug. 3rd.


September

Sept. 4 - Baptism of Adeline Olivia Beck, at home.

October

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November

Nov. 6 - Harvest Festival.

December

Dec. 11 - Funeral of married br., Joseph Schweishaupt, dep. Dec. 8th. Born May 30, 1764, during flight of his parents probably from Heidelberg, to Lititz on account of Indian raids. Brought as a little child to boarding school at Ephrata, later went to Hall. After that he learned the tailoring trade at Christianspring, then lived at Brothers House at Nazareth, from where he was called as a teacher to the Hall. Apr. 8, 1784 he became a communicant. June 5, 1797 he married s.,サー., Rosina Busch of Lititz. 1 daughter of their 4 children survives, with 4 grandchildren. He has been a very useful member of the congregation, serving as leader of music, and as musician and composer, also for many years as a trustee, and as a justice of the peace. Unfortunately he retired and withdrew entirely from all public and congregational offices some years ago, so that very few of present generation knew of all his work and talents. He had made some unpleasant experiences, which caused him to be rather untrustful of others, and very critical of church members. But towards his end he became very patient. Was 78 yr., 6 mo., 2 da. old.

Dec. 24 About 100 present at Christmas Eve service, most of whom were served with lovefeast. Usual closing services, Dec. 31st.

Congregation consists of: 126 married members, 6 widows, 12 widowers, 35 single brethren, 25 big boys, 46 single sisters, 15 big girls, 61 little boys, 76 little girls, 402 persons in all.

At Hall, including congregational children, 47 boarders.
January


Jan. 25 - Northwest chimney at Hall entirely burned out, at 9 p.m.

February

Some snow during early part of month.

Feb. 25 - Funeral of wid. br., Christian Heinrich Beck, dep. Feb. 23rd, aged 85 yr., 7 mo., 4 da. Born July 17, 1757, in Bethlehem and baptized. At age of 1½ years, placed in nursery at Ehrata, later attended Hall. Then lived in Brethren House and learned cobbler trade. At age of 19, a communicand, Aug. 29, 1776. After finishing his apprenticeship, he went to Christianspring to learn the brewery business with his brother-in-law, Michael Ruch. Sept. 26, 1790, married to s. sr., Anna Christina Eyerle, and is survived by 1 son and 4 daughters. Of 42 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild, 33 are living. He served for 6 years with his wife in the Oeconomie at Christianspring. In 1800, he built a home near Nazareth and conducted a brewery and butchering business. In 1805, he was elected Curator of Single Sisters and a trustee, and served for 20 years in this capacity faithfully. In 1815, he was very ill with fever. May 31, 1831, moved in...
February

Feb. 25 - into present home, where his wife died Nov. 21, 1833. His favorite expression was: "That God does, is well done."

March

Mar. 5 - Baptism of Franz Benjamin's, of Br. and Sr. Jacob Stelzenbach. During this month, a very bright comet each evening in southwest, extending sky for 20 degrees. After an unusually mild January, very cold this month, with heavy frost and snow.


April


Apr. 16 - Easter. Early service in chapel, as fog and bad walking made it impossible to go to cemetery.

Apr. 19 - Funeral, at Dryland Church, of 62 year-old Christian Brown, who had suffered from melancholia and had hung himself in horse stable, Apr. 17th.

Apr. 21 - Funeral, at Dryland Church, of 5½ year-old Elisabeth Jansen, who had drowned on her father's mill-race, 4 miles from Nazareth.

May

May 7 - Br. Francis Hagen preached his first sermon.

Admitted to big girls choir: Carolina Maria Statz, Lucinda Henriette Clewell, Matilda Henri. Bute, Carolina Sophia Hoeber, Priscilla Antoinette Moeller.

May 16 - Funeral of Emma Carolina Florenchuetz, 1 year old.

In evening, report read of big earthquake, Antigua and St. Kitts, Feb. 19.
May

May 28 - Lovefeast of Female Missionary Society, Collection $19.25.
Elected collectors: Srs. Marg. Bute, Elisabeth Schmick, Sarah Kern, Sophia Staut. Decided to send $40.00 to Antigua, and $10.00 to Westfield.

May 31 - Funeral of wid. Sr. Johanna Sophia Hoeber, nee Lehmansdep. May 29th, aged 32 yr., 1 mo., 11 da. Born Apr. 13, 1761, at Neukirchen, Niederlausitz, baptized in Lutheran Church, confirmed by Pastor C.R. Reichel. At age of 25, received permission to join at Herrnhut, became a member, Oct. 15, 1783, at Neusalz. After 8 years' stay, came to America with Sr. and Sr. Joh. Gebhard Cunow, and worked for them in Bethlehem. Married, Feb. 14, 1799, to s. br. Nic. Elias Hoeber, of their children, 1 son and 6 grandchildren survive. She first served with her husband at Hebron. 1803 they came to Bethlehem, 1808, to Nazareth, where he served as director of Congregation. After his death, Aug. 4, 1830, she lived with her children, and continued as Pflegerin of widows, working in this capacity from 1815 to 1841. She suffered much in her last years from rheumatism, was a selfless and affectionate Christian servant, loved by many.

June

First days of month very cold, with heavy frost. Necessary to heat rooms.
June 13 - Exams at Girls School and June 21st, at Infants School.
June 25 - Baptism of Frances Cornelia, d. of Br. and Sr. C.F. Kluge.
June 28 - Agent of American Tract Society, Rev. Hollie Read, for 6 years a missionary in East Indies, made interesting address on behalf of his work, distribution of German tracts. Collection, $10.13.

July
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July

July 2 - Thermometer, 104 degrees above 0.

July 4 - 2nd meeting of brethren's prayer circle at home of Br. Francis Hagen.

July 5 - Evening sermon by Methodist minister, Hesser, member of Albrecht sect.


July 27 - Br. and Sr. Clauder, of Staten Island, placed son, Amos Comenius in Hall.

August

Aug. 7 - In this week a camp meeting of the Albrecht Methodists was conducted near their church, 1½ miles away along Moore Township Road. Much excitement there, and disturbance in neighborhood.

Aug. 14 - Funeral of colored wid. br., Peter Titus, dep. at County Home, Aug. 12th, aged 73 yr., 4 mo., 15 days. His memoirs, dictated by him to Br. Edwin Senseman, are on file in House Archives.


September

Sept. 11 - Funeral of little Adeline Olivia Beck, dep. Aug. 9th. Held jointly with service for Brunswald child. Very large attendance.

Sept. 18 - Weekly prayer meetings started, at request of many members, to help counteract after effects of summer cottage prayer meetings at which Methodists prevailed with their excitement.

October

Br. Reinke left on 4th, returning on 14th (with Br. Ambrose Rondthaler of Graceham), for a visit with relatives at Lititz. Went by way of Philadelphia and Lancaster.
October

Oct. 20 - Brethren and sisters of Elders Conference and many other members attend 50th anniversary of consecration of Schoeneck Church.


Oct. 29 - Funeral of married br. Ludwig Ferdinand Lambert, dep. Oct. 25th, aged 62 yr., 7 mo., 19 da. Born Mar. 6, 1781, at Soldin, in Prussia. Baptized in Lutheran church, confirmed at age of 14. Studied the weaver's trade, and later, the making of ribbons. Finished at age of 17, was about to start his traveling course, when he was compelled to enter the king's army, first as a drummer, then as fife player, then as haut-boy player. Became converted in 20th year and had to endure much from his fellow soldiers on account of stand he took. In 1804, he first became acquainted with Brethren Church and obtained permission to attend meetings held by Br. Jahn in Vartebruch, Nov., 1806, after surrender of fortress at Gross Glogau, was made prisoner by the French. But he escaped with 2 of his fellow captives, and reached Neusalz. From there he went, Dec., 1806, to Niesky, and later, to Kleinwelka. In Feb., 1807, received permission to live at Gnadenau, and was admitted as a member, Dec. 26, 1808. Aug. 10, 1810, he was put in charge of the big boys there. Aug. 9, 1811, he took charge of the children in the boarding school at Gnadenfeld. May 19, 1813, he was given the same office in the school at Niesky. Mar., 1815, he received a call into the Diaspora work, in and around Brunswick, where he served, with many inner and outer difficulties, for 2 years. He was recalled to Herrnhut for 11 months, then called to Ebersdorf to have charge of the children there. In the spring of 1822.
Oct. 29 - In the spring of 1822 he sailed from Bremen for America, arriving at Baltimore May 22nd. He came to Bethlehem, and there received a call to Schoeneck. Married July 3, 1822, to a sr., Anna Charlotte Bechler. Of 8 children, 3 survive. Ordained a deacon Aug. 4, 1822, by Bishop Hoeffel. Served at Schoeneck 13 years, then at Hebron, near Lebanon, 2 years. Next was in Bethlehem and Nazareth a while before going to Hopedale Oct. 11, 1838, where he and Sr. Lambert underwent various experiences, until they retired, 1842. Came to their own home in Nazareth, where he departed as a result of paralysis of the lungs.

November

Nov. 5 - Harvest Festival. Finished reading of memoirs of Br. Lambert.

Confirmation of young colored sister, Sabina Jones, born near Quakertown, working for Dr. Walter's family.

Nov. 19 - Funeral of Clara Amalia Hagen, age 15 mo. 13 da., a lovely child.

December

Dec. 3 - Baptism of Cornelia Elis Hillman at parents' home.

Dec. 21 - A Day of Thanksgiving, at request of Gov. Porter, of Pa., with morning service and evening musicale.

Usual services, Dec. 24th and 31st.

Mission collection for month, $21.56, which included a gift of $2.00 from our friend, Charles West.
January

Jan. 1 - Clear weather and dry roads. Very cold on 28th.

February

Feb. 14 - Funeral of wid.,sr., Anna Maria Bauer, nee Romig, dep. Feb. 11th, aged 80 yr., 11 mo., 5 da. Born Mar. 7, 1763, at Allen Township. 1770, moved to Emmaus with parents, where, later, she married s., br., Gottlieb Bauer. 5 sons and 4 daughters survive, and she had 43 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. 1801, she moved with her family to Bushkill Township. Her husband died June 22, 1811, and she stayed there 16 more years. 1833 she moved to Nazareth. She was a real Christian widow, always caring for her family's welfare, and visiting the sick and those in trouble. Contracted her final illness, a fever, from visiting someone who was ill, and immediately felt it would end her days.

Feb. 28 - Brn. F.F. Hagen and Gideon Cassler, with consent of Church Council, made first trip into neighborhood to give out tracts and sell Bibles, and were almost everywhere, even in hotels and inns, so felt they felt very happy over the result of their first venture.

March

Mar. 3 - Br. Francis Wolle preached his first sermon, in English.

Mar. 10 - Funeral of married br., Friedrich Wolle, dep. Mar. 7th, aged 29 yr., 5 mo. Born Sept. 21, 1814, at Jacobsburg, Bushkill Township, and baptized several weeks later. 1821, moved to Nazareth with his parents, and in 1825, to Bethlehem, where he was confirmed at age of 15. He learned the tinsmith trade and moved to New York, where he married, Oct. 16, 1836, s., sr., Carolina Lucinda Helwig. They have 3 daughters. The depression forced him to leave New York, and he brought
March

Mar. 10 - his family here, and worked hard to support them. He was converted about 9 months ago, and very much concerned in the welfare of his and others' souls. Jan. 23rd he fell sick of a lung fever, of which there was an epidemic prevailing, and this developed into consumption. He was a very patient sufferer, ready to depart.

Mar. 24 - An address by Br. Wm. Warner, visiting missionary from St. Croix.

Mar. 25 - Brethren of Provincial Elders Conference here, to examine Economic of Hall. They also received s. br., Amadeus Abm. Reinke into Acoluthie, he having accepted a call as mission- and school-helper to Jamaica. Left for Philadelphia Apr. 6th, and sailed from there Apr. 11th.

Marriage of s. br., Mattheus Cassler and s. sr., Harriet Cecilia Beck.


April

Apr. 7 - Easter. End of early service was held on cemetery. Moderately cold.

Apr. 11 - Single brother Edwin Ebenezer Reinke, brother of Amadeus and a student at Theological Seminary, received call to become a teacher at Hall, and enters there Apr. 13th.

Apr. 14 - Baptism of Freidrich Lucian, s. of dep. Br. Friedrich Wolle and his wife, Carolina Lucinda, nee Helwig.

Baptism at parents' home, of Emma Carol Beck, d. of Br. Jacob F. Beck and wife, Carolina Lisette, nee Stauber.
April

Apr. 17 - Farewell and welcoming lovefeast at girls school in Sisters House, in honor of retiring teacher, (First teacher), Sister Clarissa Marietta Kern, and new teacher, Sister Angelica Louisa Miksch. Most of children were in tears during this service, at the thought of parting from their much-loved teacher.

Apr. 29 - Br. William H. Warner preached to big congregation, including Judge Banks and a number of men from the County Home.

May

May 3 - Destructive hailstorm in our vicinity, breaking many window panes and seriously damaging grain fields. In Nazareth, chimney of Charles Whitesell's home struck by lightning, but did not ignite.

May 4 - Admitted to single sisters choir: Friederica Christina Straub, Seraphine Charl. Wilhelm, Maria Louise Bute, Maria Wolle, and in Bethlehem, Sarah Elis. Clewell; to big girls choir: Charlotte Elis. Protzman, Sophia Cornelia Clewell, Sophia Catharina Miksch, Louisa Carolina Michael.

May 7 - In English, marriage of s. br., Wm. H. Warner, missionary from St. Croix, and s. sr., Clarissa Marietta Kern, until recently First Teacher at school.

May 8 - Br. Reinke had charge of 2 funerals at County Home, one that of a scoffing man who had committed suicide by slashing his throat, the other that of a German boy who had drowned in the Lehigh.

May 12 - Collection, Female Missionary Society, $22.50. Collectors elected, Srs. Mary Bute, Elis. Schmick, Sophia Staut, and Friederika Danke. Address by Br. Wm. Warner, to whom $30.00 were given for his old and needy colored people, and $34.00 sent to Br. Lorenz Oertel in Barbadoes for the building of a cistern.
May

May 13 - Single br., Edwin Reinke received call as missionary to Jamaica. Admitted to Acolumbic in Bethlehem, June 6th, from where he will leave for Philadelphia to make use of first sailing opportunity for Jamaica.

May 16 - A number of members attend corner stone laying of German Methodist meeting house, 1½ miles from here.

May 19 - At Principal’s Home, married Sister Clarissa M. Warner and Sr. Caroline Warner, received into Acolumbic. At 3 o’clock, ordination of married br., Wm. H. Warner as a deacon, by Bishop Benade. Br. and Sr. Warner left June 3rd.

May 26 - Announced that Br. and Sr. John Chr. Jacobson of Salem, will succeed Br. and Sr. Kluge at Hall, and Br. John G. Herman in Bethlehem has been called as a member of U.A.C., in Mission Dept.

June

June 11 - Funeral of married sr., Maria Bauer, nee Cassler, dep. June 10th, aged 40 yr., 7 mo. Born Dec. 9, 1803, in Plainfield. Baptized by Lutheran minister, Niemeier, and confirmed at Dryland Church by Reformed minister, Pomp, then, later, joined our church. Sept. 22, 1833, married to s. br., Carl Ludwig Bauer. Leaves 1 son and 4 daughters. Taken ill with inflammation of bowels, June 2nd.

June 12 - Brn. Reinke and F. F. Hagen went to Hopedale, where former conducted on 13th, the funeral of the pastor, Br. Henry August Seidel, aged 25, who had died of consumption. They returned June 14th.

June 16 - Baptism of Amanda Sophia, d. of Br. and Sr. Reinke.

" " Susanna Friederica, d. of Br. and Sr. Hagen.

In evening, address by Rev. Hollis Reed, agent for American Tract Society. Collection, $7.00.
June 13 - Exams at Girls School, and June 26th, at Infants School

June 26 - Funeral, at Dryland Church, of 9 year-old Mary Ann Haas, d. of John and Elis Haas, died June 26th of croup.

July 5 - Funeral of little Sarah Emma Cassler, d. of our friends Joseph and Savannah Cassler, died, less than 1 year old, of consumption.

July 8 - Br. and Sr. Chr. Jacobson and little Eugene arrived here, and on July 11th, Br. and Sr. Chas. Kluge and 5 children left for Salem, where he will have office of Administrator.

July 14 - Br. and Sr. Jacobson introduced.


July 21 - Announced that Br. and Sr. Reinke had accepted a call to Bethlehem, to succeed Br. and Sr. Herman. Br. and Sr. Levin Reichel of Emmaus will come to Nazareth.

August

Aug. 4 - Br. Jacobson preached his introductory sermon.

Aug. 6 - Sr. Levin Reichel appointed Pflegerin for single sisters in Nazareth.

September

Sept. 1 - Admitted to single brethrens choir: Henry Samuel Krause, Joseph Oliver Miksch, Richard Emil Hillman, Calvin Gustav Beitel, Aquila Oliver Miksch. Br. Herman, who had been here for several days' visit, preached and took part in these services, and at end, bade farewell to Nazareth congregation. As it was exceptionally dry and hot during this month, so that our 2 springs became very low, it was decided to look for additional water, and in 3rd week of this month, 2 new
September

springs were located, near to our original supply. Many volunteers from the town worked busily to enlarge our water supply works and connect them with the new springs. In the surrounding country, many springs and creeks are quite dry, on this side of the Alleghany Mountains.

Sept. 23 - Many present to hear Br. Reinke's farewell sermon, in spite of rainy weather, which changed into snow flurries during afternoon.

October

Oct. 1 - Br. and Sr. Reinke, with 3 children and the s. Sr., Theodora Seyfried, left for Bethlehem.

Oct. 3 - Br. and Sr. Levin Reichel with 3 daughters arrived from Emmaus. They were introduced to congregation Oct. 6th, when Br. Reichel preached his introductory sermon.


Oct. 27 - At request of Young Men's Union, a society of single brethren, Br. Reichel begins readings of Brethren's History.

Oct. 30 - First snowfall.

November

Nov. 3 - Harvest Festival. First part of following week very cold and stormy, then several summer-like days.

Nov. 10 - Baptism of Johanna Ellen, d. of Br. and Sr. D. Sellers.

" " Richard Oliver, s. of Br. and Sr. Jos. Beitel.
November

Nov. 21 - Marriage of s.br., Jacob Henry Brunner and s.sr., Henriette Louisa Beck.

Nov. 24 - Cold and stormy. Total eclipse of moon.
Semi-annual mission collection, over $20.00.

December

Dec. 4 - Baptism of Henry Arthur, s.of Br. and Sr. J.C. Jacobson.

Dec. 15 - At 9 a.m., Br. Reichel introduced Br. Georg F. Troeger to Schoen- eck congregation as their new pastor.

Dec. 25 - In afternoon, in small chapel under church auditorium, the town girls gave a one hour's program in front of a Christmas Putz for their parents and some friends.

Dec. 27 - Blizzard.
Usual services for 24th and 31st, except that it was decided to read Memorabilia at 8, instead of at 9 p.m.
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January

Jan. 1 - Unusually mild and beautiful weather. Christmas program by girls repeated, for benefit of those who could not get into little hall the first time, for lack of space.


Jan. 5 - Beginning made of including litany in same service with sermon.

Jan. 7 - Sleighing.


Jan. 21 - Rain.

Jan. 30 - Funeral of married br., Henry Albright, dep. Jan. 27th, aged 72 yr., 6 mo., 22 da. Born Aug. 5, 1722, at Lititz. Learnt trade of gun-maker, and later, in Nazareth, that of cabinet-maker. 1795, settled at Lancaster and married Barbara Schibly, then lived at Chambersburg, Shippensburg, Gnadenhuetten, Ohio, and in 1816 came to Nazareth. Became a widower in 1830. In 1831, married the widow, Catharine Louise Beck, nee Clewell. Had 10 children by first wife, and 4 by second. 30 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Of all these, 7 children and 8 grandchildren have died. Was ailing for some time, and confined to bed since New Year's Day with a wasting but painless cough. Many present at funeral, especially from Moore Township, where departed has lived several times.

In evening, public concert by local choral society.

Jan. 31 - At Hall, lecture on phrenology and magnetism.

February

Feb. 2 - Very cold. Feb. 4 - Heavy snow with storm, many roads drifted shut.

Slewing poor, spoiled by thaw, Feb. 9th.
February

Feb. 23 - Much disturbance on account of Methodists. Dr. John Serenson, for a number of years working at Hall, gave notice to Dr. Macbean, but very repentant, returned after a few days.

March

Mar. 2 - Very spring-like weather caused a number of people to begin garden work at end of week.

Mar. 9 - Baptism of Henry Jacob, s. of Br. and Sr. Jos. Seyfried.

Raw and stormy. Very cold, with snow.


Mar. 20 - Maunday Thursday. 139 partake of communion, and 9, on Good Friday.

Mar. 23 - Easter. Sun rose as we entered cemetery.

Mar. 27 - Marriage of s. br., Gideon Casseler and s. sr., Emma Fahn.

Mar. 30 - Very spring weather by end of week. Everybody busy in gardens.

Mar. 30 - 78 degrees Fahrenheit. At Dieners lovefeast, special thanks expressed to s. sr., Anna Johanna Ary, for her 20 years' faithful service in preparing lovefeast coffee.

Mar. 31 - Single sister, Friederica Danke resigned as teacher of town school, and Srs. Cornelia Rondthal and Louise Bute were appointed teachers.

April

Apr. 8 - Dr. Jacobson celebrated his 50th birthday. Hall illuminated.

Very cold.

Apr. 13 - Marriage of Sophia, d. of Br. and Sr. Jac. Beck, to a stranger.

Baptism of Edward Cornelius, s. of Br. and Sr. A. G. Kern.

Apr. 15 - For several days, air filled with smoke, as the great drought prevailing in all parts of the country had caused the spreading of the forests' fires usually occurring at this time.
April

Apr. 15 - Gentle showers at end of week relieved situation.

Apr. 20 - Funeral of child, Ellen Hortensia Schaefer, dep. Apr. 15th, age 9 mo.

Apr. 24 - Public concert. Thunder storm at night, and again next day.

Apr. 29 - Marriage of s. br., Richard Miksch and s. sr., Cecilia Clewell.

May

May 3 - Baptism of Bunsett Edwin, s. of Br. and Sr. Edwin S. Wolle.
Buried Nov. 25, 1847, aged 2 yr. 7 mo. 3 da.

May 4 - Admitted to single sisters choir: Aurora Augusta Clewell, Maria Lucinda Walter, Cornelia Elisabeth Hoeber; to big girls choir: Mariane Sybille Schmidt, Lucinde Friederica Schmidt, Louise Mariette Beck, Caroline Soph. Clewell.

May 12 - After some very warm days, became cool enough to have fires in stoves.

May 15 - Marriage of s. br., Richard Benj. Christ to s. sr., Anna Maria Danke.

May 18 - At Female Missionary Society Meeting, collectors elected: Srs. Elis. Schmick, Mary Bute, Louisa Miksch, Sophia v. Schweinitz. Collection, $12.00. Decided to send $25.00 for building of church at Bethesda, St. Kitts, and $40.00 to support needy natives in Greenland.

May 25 - Baptism of Eugene Alexander, s. of Br. and Sr. Jac. Clewell, dep.

July 16th of summer complaint.


May 31 - Heavy frost. Much damage to gardens.

June

June 6 - Baptism of William Henry, s. of Br. and Sr. Thomas Clewell.

92 degrees Fahrenheit.

June 20 - Exams at Girls School. June 24th, at Infants School, and on 27th, at Hall.
June

June 29 - Funeral of William Cornelius Kluge, s. of wid. br., Peter Kluge, dep. June 27th, aged 9 yr., 8 mo., 11 da. A bright pupil at Hall.

July

At first so cool, fires were necessary. July 7th to 16th, very warm, from 96 degrees to over 100 above zero. Continuous drought hard on gardens, but wheat and rye harvest very abundant.

July 6 - Baptism of Mathilda Louisa, d. of Sr. and Sr. Lewis Gerlach.

July 13 - Funeral of non-member, little Susan Peck, dep. July 12th, of scarlet fever, aged 5 yr., 9 mo., 14 da.

July 20 - Baptism of Anna Olivia, d. of Sr. and Sr. Edmund Ricksecker.

Some light, insufficient showers.

July 24 - Both town schools re-open.

August

Weather less hot, with some rains.

Aug. 3 - Baptism, at Dr. Walter's home, of Henry Clay, s. of Br. and Sr. Jos. Albright.

Aug. 15 to 19th - Admitted to congregation, Niemeiers at Christiansspring, Chr. Seyfrieds of Nazareth; married sr., Mathilde Kern, Stockertown.

Aug. 31 - Admitted to single brethren choir: Henry Bardill, Fill, Staut.

September

Sept. 11 - S.P.G. Meeting.

Sept. 16 - Single sister, Lydia Bauer, ill of smallpox.

Sept. 19 - Many of our members heard an interesting talk, given by a converted Seminole Indian, Demo, at neighboring Methodist Church.

October

Oct. 5 - Funeral of wid. br., John Bardill, dep. Oct. 1st, aged 37 yr., 10 mo., 15 da. Born Nov. 17, 1757, at Finau, Graubuenden. Became a soldier to get away from home where he was unhappy after his father's death.
Oct. 15 - Did not like soldier's life, and after discharge, came to Neuwied, 1777, and learned soap-making trade. Worked at his trade from 1778 to 1786 at Gnadau. Received call to mission service at Antigua, Aug. 19, 1787, married s. s., Anna Barbara Mettlerin. They had 1 son and 1 daughter, 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. In 1799, on account of his wife's health, they came to Pennsylvania, where he served as pastor from 1801 to 1807, at Emmaus, New York, and again at Emmaus. 1807 they came to Nazareth, where he has lived since, with the exception of a year during his work with Indian congregation at Gosen, Ohio, in 1821. His wife died Mar. 14, 1831. He was an active worker until his end.

Oct. 8 - Private funeral of married br., Peter Staudt, dep. Oct. 7th, of smallpox, aged 62 yr., 11 mo., 14 da. Born Oct. 24, 1782, in Saucon Township. Joined at Bethlehem, 1809. Married Sept. 3, 1810 to s. s., Anna Rebecca Miksch of Nazareth, and settled here as a weaver. There are 2 sons and 5 daughters. He served for many years as grave-digger, up to his sickness. Coffin was borne to cemetery on a wagon, followed by his widow and her brother, Nathaniel Miksch and 1 son, William, the other children being away from home. Pall bearers were the Brn. John S. Haman, Chr. D. Busse, Franz C. Danke, Joseph Clewell, Andrew G. Kern. In evening, funeral sermon was preached at church.

October


Oct. 31 - Very dry and warm towards end of month, water scarcity in a number of places, some wells dried up.

November

Nov. 2 - Very rainy, warm in middle of month.

Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving Day services, as requested by Gov. Shunk.

Nov. 30 - Snow all day. Sleighing to end of year.

December

Dec. 10 - S. br. Joseph Mark of Christiansfield enters Hall as teacher.


Dec. 24 - Only disturbance at Christmas Eve service, as in last few years, was caused by those who rattled their money in empty lovefeast mugs.


In afternoon, for their mothers. After liturgy, for fathers.

Next day, at 3 p.m., for other relatives and friends.

Dec. 31 - Usual closing services.
January

Jan. 9 - Very mild.
Jan. 15th - Rain and snow.
Jan. 19 - Started an evening school for large girls, at their request.
   Teachers: Srs. Cornelia Rendhaler and Angelica Mikesch.
   Spring-like weather, followed by more snow, and good sleighing, by 23rd.
Jan. 28 - Baptism of Cecilia Louisa, d. of Br. and Sr. Henry Brunner, at home.
Jan. 30 - Heavy rainfall.

February

Feb. 5 - Conference on Cenomene of Nazareth Diaconie, but definite action postponed for another year.
Feb. 15 - Blizzard during day. Feb. 18, 19th - Snow storm, deep snow, good sleighing.
Feb. 22 - At evening service, special mention of George Washington.

March

Mar. 8 - Thaw. Mar. 15th, rain.
Mar. 19 - Baptism of Anna Sophia, d. of Br. and Sr. C. Schmidt.
Mar. 20 - Funeral, at County Home, of Bethlehem member, s. br., Charles Luckenbach, dep. Mar. 18th, suffering, since his 20th year of melancholia, and for last 3 years in the infirmary, of a stroke, aged 46 yr., 12 days. Many sisters from Nazareth attended, because one of his sisters lives in our Sisters House. A very warm day.
April


On Maundy Thursday, several strangers by permission partook of communion with us, - Mr. and Mrs. Riegel, Peter Hofacker, and Mrs. Whitesell. Very pleasant weather all week.

Apr. 12 - Easter. Heavy rains prevented holding of service on cemetery.

Next day, snow and rain.

Apr. 19 - Br. Joseph Mark preached his first sermon here.

Sunday School was started in the church in afternoon, with 52 girls present. In the evening, a Ministerial Aid Society was formally organized, as a branch of the Bethlehem Society. President, Br. Reichel; Collectors, Sr. v. Schweinitz, Buse, and Bute.

Apr. 25 - Baptism, at home of grandparents, of Julius Alexander, of married sr., Matilda Kern.

Baptism

Apr. 26 - Baptism, at Christianspring, of Maria Elisabeth, d. of Br. and Sr. Niemeyer.

May

May 3 - Admitted to single sisters' choir: Emma A. Seyfried, Henriette Christina Busse, Ellen Auguste Beitel, Louise Henriette Stotz, Josephina Angelica Hillman. To big girls' choir: Maria Christina Beck.

Baptism of John Fredric, s. of Br. and Sr. Will. Beitel.

May 5 - Funeral of the non-Moravian German married Philip Haselberger,
May

May 5 - dep. May 3rd, aged 45 yr., 6 mo., 25 da.

May 10 - Sermon here by Reformed Pastor Hofeditz, while Br. Reichel preached at Forks in forenoon, and at Union Church, in afternoon.

May 18 - Funeral of s. sr., Juliane Clewell, dep. May 16th, aged 78 yr., 2 mo.

A daughter of Br. Franz and Sr. Salome Clewell, nee Kuechlein, 2 of charter members of Schoeneck congregation. Born Mar. 14, 1763, in Bushkill Township, 2nd youngest of 13 children. In her 13th year she had the misfortune to get her right crushed in cider-mill, and when Dr. Otto arrived from Bethlehem, gangrene had already set in, so that it had to be amputated. But she learned to manage well, and became skilful in knitting and other kinds of work. At the death of her father, in 1799, she moved to Old Nazareth with her mother, and later into the old Store, May 18, 1812. Then she moved into the Sisters House, where several of her sisters already lived. In 1831, she broke her left hand, which seriously handicapped her, as she had done a great deal of knitting to earn her living. She was always happy when there were children around her, and always helpful to all. In 1844, a stroke ended her good health, and after spending 3 weeks in the infirmary, Br. and Sr. Franz Mikesch took her into their home, where she required almost constant care in her extreme helplessness until her end.

May 21 - Ascension Day. Joint lovefeast of two female societies, 25th anniversary of missionary society. $20.00 for Church Building Fund, St. Kitts. $30.00 for colored school, Antigua. Present collectors, re-elected. 1st anniversary celebration of tract society, 101 members. In past 16 months have distributed 2471 tracts, mainly in town.
May

May 21 - In evening meeting, present collectors were also re-elected. At lovefeast, letters read, and address made by Br. Jesse Vogler, here on a visit after 13 years' service among the Indians. Rain at end of month.

June

June 11 - Marriage of s.br., Fr. Sylvester Belling and s.sr., Seraphine Charlotte Wilhelm.

June 14 - Baptism of Caroline Therese, d. of Br. and Sr./v. Pradeneck.

June 19 - Exams at Girls School, 39 pupils. At Hall, June 26th, At Infants School, June 30th.

June 21 - Baptism of Eugen Lucian, s. of Br. and Sr. Salomo Schaefer.

July


July 8 - In concert hall, very interesting lecture on electro-magnetism, by Mr. Burnell.

Very warm during last part of week, up to 97 degrees.

July 11 - Cottage prayer meeting at Br. George Bardill's home, at which Br. Reinke, Br. Chr. Lichtenhaeler, and Mr. Long spoke.

July 14th - to end of month, much rain, and cooler.

July 21 - Baptism, at home, of Ida Elizabeth, d. of Br. and Sr. Richard Miksa
July 

July 26 - Baptism of Henry David's, of Br. and Sr. David Michael.  
Buried June 27, 1847, aged 11 mos., 11 da.  
After morning service, funeral of 9 year-old boy who had drowned in the canal.

August  

Many rainy days, with some hot days in between.  
There were a number of cottage prayer meetings, at which the afore-mentioned brethren spoke at different times. Mr. Long is a distributor of tracts for the American Bible Society, and is staying here a while as a student of the German Reformed Church. Similar meetings are also taking place in Bethlehem.

Aug. 2 - Opening of a joint Sunday School for girls and boys, at the church. 70 children present.

Aug. 17 - Funeral of Samuel Friederich, youngest son of Br. and Sr. Sam. Reinke, dep. Aug. 16th, of a nerve fever. Had arrived at the Hall only 14 days ago.


September

Sept. 10 - S.P.C. Meeting.

Sept. 20 - Funeral of married sister, Juliane Miskch, nee Leinbach, dep.  
Sept. 18th, of fever, aged 57 yrs., 3 mos., less 1 day. Born June 19, 1799, in Graceham. In her 14th year she moved to the Sisters House at Lititz, and became a communicant Jan. 26, 1805.  
Married, Nov. 17, 1811, to s. br., Nathaniel Miskch, and came to Nazareth with him. They had 7 sons, 2 daughters, and 9 grandchildren, of whom 2 sons and 3 grandchildren have died. Since a severe illness a few years ago, she was often ailing.

Sept. 21 - Sr. and Br. Reichel travel to Newark and New York, return Oct. 5th.
September
Sept. 27 - Baptism of Louise Matilda, d. of Br. and Sr. Matth. Cassler.

October
Oct. 17 - Closing cottage prayer meeting, at home of Br. Gideon Cassler.

November
Nov. 10 - A protracted meeting at chapel of Methodists drew a number of our members, and even caused some of them to stay away from all services of our congregational festival.
Nov. 13 - Baptism, at home, of Eugen Benjamin, s. of Br. and Sr. Richard Christ.
Nov. 22 - Baptism of Charles Henry, s. of Br. and Sr. Josiah Beitel.
Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Day, as ordered by governor of state, observed with 2 services.

December
Dec. 6 - Baptism of John William, s. of Br. and Sr. Lewis Garlach.
Dec. 20 - Baptism of Owen Oliver, s. of Br. and Sr. Gotth. Michael.
Dec. 24 - Many strangers at Christmas Eve service, cause considerable disturbance.
Dec. 31 - Usual closing services.
 Translations of selected entries from the Nazareth Diary.  Original diary in Moravian Archives, Bethlehem, PA.

January


February

Feb. 3 - Delegates to Provincial Synod elected: George Bute, Chr. D. Busse, Edward Reichel.

Feb. 14 - The Albrecht Methodists held a protracted meeting last week, during which some members left us and joined them from Nazareth, Gideon Cassler and wife, the single colored girl Sibille Jones working at Dr. Walter's, the boys Christian Heman and Edward Michael; from Schoeneck, Theophilus Clewell.

Feb. 17 - The collection for the starving people of Ireland, taken in Nazareth and vicinity, amounted to $34.46.

March

Mar. 3 - G. Bardill joins the Methodists.

Mar. 14 - Baptism of Eugene Augustus, s. of Br. and Sr. H. Brunner.

Mar. 31 - Thunder storm during previous night, and in morning, everything white with snow. Very cold day.

April

Apr. 4 - Easter. Service on cemetery, though it was cloudy and cold.

Apr. 10 - Funeral of mar. sr., Maria Rosina Clewell, née Kreider, dep. Apr. 17th, aged 70 yr., 11 mo., 14 da., of consumption. Born May 3, 1778, in Lancaster County. As her parents had formerly been Mennonites, she was baptized at Lititz in her 12th year, and later confirmed. Moved into Single Sisters House, and from there to Sisters House in Nazareth. Dec. 9, 1798, married to s. br., Christian Clewell. Of 6 children, 4 sons and 1 daughter survive, besides 16 grandchildren. Her comfort was
April

Apr. 19 - the hymns she had learned in her youth.

Apr. 25 - Baptism of Ellen Rebecca, d. of Br. and Sr. Christian Seyfried.

Buried June 10th, aged 11 weeks.

Sermon by Presbyterian Rev. Snowden of Kingston, near Tylers Barre, agent of Protestant Association in New York. We spoke against the spread and the influence of the R. Catholics in our country.

Apr. 29 - Marriage of s. br. Urish Oliver Clewell of Schoeneck and s. sr., Maria Theresia Busse.

May

May 2 - Admitted to single sisters choir: Christina Schwalbe, Caroline Maria Stotz, Matilde Henriette Bute. To big girls choir: Augusta Octavia Kern, Emma Louisa Schmidt.

May 11th to 20th - Provincial Synod at Bethlehem. During this time, a number of brethren visited us, and took part in our services.

May 16 - Baptism of Mary Elizabeth, s. of Br. and Sr. J. C. Jacobson.


June

June 3 - It was decided to increase contribution towards Susten/donation fund. Some of our members became so heated on the subject that they were hardly in a proper frame of mind to attend communion.

June 8 - Funeral of Mar. br., Emanuel Rondthaler, dep. June 6th, aged 32 yr. 10 mo. 9 da. from weakness of old age. Born July 27, 1764 in Ziering near Lauenburg, Pommerania, son of a Lutheran pastor. After confirmation in Tempelburg by a Lutheran min-
June

June 9 - ister, he entered the Brethren Church in 1788, at Neusalz. He was called to Herrnhut, 1791, for various duties. 1795 to 1805, served as Brüder Pfleger at Sarepta. 1806 came to America, as pastor at York. Jan., 1819 came to Nazareth, where he worked until his retirement, Sept., 1839. His first wife, Catharina Fuensch, dep. 1808, left 1 daughter, Eliza Troeger. His second wife was Maria Christina Toon, by whom 4 sons and 2 daughters survive him, also 2 grandchildren. His memory will always remain a blessing to us.


June 25 - Br. G. Herman, of U.A.C., on return from visitation of congregations in West Indies, arrived here for a visit of several weeks.

July

July 4 - Baptism of Adelaide Hedwig, of Br. and Sr. E. v. Schweinitz, by her grandfather, Br. Herman. Lovefeast of 2 female societies, at which Br. Herman gives a detailed report of his visit in West Indies. $25.00 given to colored school, Antigua. Collectors elected, Srs. E. Schmick, Eliza Troeger of Schoeneck, Mary Bute, Cornelia Rendthaler.

July 5 - Church Council decides to put Girls School under supervision of a school committee, consisting of 3 brethren of Elders Conference and 3 brethren elected by Council. Elected for this year, Br. J. C. Leibfried, Br. A. G. Kern, and Dr. Sellers. Also, it was decided that on Aug. 13th, there should be lovefeast for the communicants just before the communion, and at Married People's Festival, the children should be guests at lovefeast,
July

July 5 - while on Dec. 24th, there will be no Lovefeast.

July 6 - Br. W. Hollaie, of London, who came to America from the West Indies with Br. Herman, was here for a brief visit.

July 13 - Girls School re-opens with a new program.

July 26 - Br. Herman and Goepf start journey to Boston, from where they expect to sail for England Aug. 1st.

August


Aug. 15 - Funeral of wid. br. Christian Clewell of Miesky, dep. Aug. 13th, aged 76 yr., 9 mo., 12 da. A son of first members of Schoeneck, born Nov. 2, 1770, in Bushkill Township, baptized and confirmed in Schoeneck. Learned cabinet-maker's trade in Nazareth, and settled in Miesky, first as member at Schoeneck, then at Nazareth. 1793, married to s. sr., Maria Rosina Kreider, who departed Apr. 17th, this year, Halle to his old age, and a faithful, loving, Christian father to his children.


Aug. 28 - About 1 mile from Nazareth, camp meeting started by Albrecht Methodists.


A large number of vehicles of all descriptions drove through Nazareth to campmeeting near by, which closed the next day
August

Aug. 20 - with a great deal of noise, without any new members having been added to their party.

Aug. 31 - Sr. Bertha Troeger of Schoeneck succeeds Sr. Cornelia Rondthaler as teacher in Girls School.

September

Sept. 1 - Br. Thomas Clewell was awakened at midnight by cries of "fire". Found it was Peter Hofacker calling, who works for Br. Hillman. Hofacker had become unbalanced at Methodist camp meeting, and threw a book and stones at Br. Clewell, breaking the window. Then he ran and broke in several windows at Br. Hillman's house, and when they came out, started to go after them with a knife, shouting that he was going to kill them. He was caught and overpowered, and taken to County Home. When he had become sane, he disappeared from this neighborhood.

There were a number of missionary visitors this week: Br. and Sr. Hartwig, of the West Indies, Br. Tank, of Surinam, and the Lutheran missionary, Hoyer, of East Indies.

Sept. 7 - Ministerial Aid Society meets. Annual receipts, $10.00, sent to Bethlehem society.

Sept. 9 - S.P.G. Meeting.

Sept. 12 - Marriage of s. br., Calvin Gustav Beitel and the single Anna Drusilla Rieger, daughter of our hotel keeper.

Sept. 18 - Funeral of mar. br., Christian Heinrich Beitel, born Sept. 16th, aged 58 yr., 11 mo., 28 da. Born Sept. 22, 1788, in Bethlehem. Moved to Christianspring with his parents. Became a member here May 29, 1808, and a communicant Aug. 13, 1810. Apr. 4, 1811, married s. sr., Rosina Miksch. There are 4 daughters and 15 grandchildren. For 30 years, he and his wife worked one of
September

Sept. 18 - the Nazareth farms, until 6 years ago, when they moved to
their own little home and property. Ailing since last spring,
he developed galloping consumption, which suddenly caused his
unexpected end.

24th, aged 58 yr., 10 mo., 28 da. Born Oct. 26, 1788, in Upper Mil-
ford Township, Lehigh Co., baptized and confirmed in Lutheran
church. 1821, married to wid, br., Jacob Ehrenhard, Emmaus, and
became a member there. Sept., 1835, was widowed. 1837, moved with
daughter Kuschlein, near Nazareth.

October

Oct. 9 - Br., Reichel crossed Blue Mountain with Rev., Hofeditz, and preached
for his Hamilton congregation, in a schoolhouse, in a church,
and in Cherry Hollow.

Oct. 13 - Br., Will, Lennert has in past week collected $50.00 for his
Lebanon church building fund, in Nazareth.

Oct. 15th and 16th - The Brn., Seidel, Brickenstein, Jacobson, Reichel, Troeger,
and Lennert met to make an abbreviated German hymnbook.

Oct. 26 - Marriage of single La Fayette Albright and s.-br., Emilie Eliza
Christ, at her parents' home.

Oct. 30 - A sad accident. S.-br., William Walter was instantly killed by
the accidental discharge of his rifle as he was trying to climb
over fence in Pleasure Garden. His funeral took place Nov., 1st.
Born July 24, 1829, aged 18 yr., 3 mo., 6 da. After finishing school
and then doing different things, he studied for half a year
at Lafayette College, and had just begun the study of medicine
with his father.

November
November

Nov. 25 Official Thanksgiving Day observed.

December

Dec. 11 - Funeral of 23 day-old daughter of hotel keeper Riegel on our cemetery.


Dec. 15 - Church Council elects Br. Jacobson as delegate to synod at Herrnhut, for May 1848.

Dec. 24 - Large number present, no lovefeast.

Dec. 31 - Usual services. Very foggy.
January

Very foggy.

Jan. 23 - A great commotion in town as many people think that there are coal deposits on some of Nazareth land. It will have to be settled sometime this year.

Damp and mild all month, with snow and rain on 31st.

February

Feb. 6 - Boys' attendance at Sunday School has been so poor, and their behavior so annoying, that their classes were given up, and the girls' classes have been transferred to Sisters House.

Feb. 21 - Search for coal at Black Rock has begun.

Much stormy weather all month, but little snow.

March

Mar. 1 - Baptism, at home, of Lewis Oliver, s. of Br. and Sr. Richard Miksch.

Mar. 2 - Funeral of little Bertha Musselman.

Very cold during middle part of month.

Mar. 23 - Baptism, at Christianspring, of grandchildren of Br. and Sr. J. Warner, named Martha Elisabeth and William Henry.


Mar. 30 - Mild weather encourages garden work.

Mar. 31 - Sr. Cornelia Hoeber replaces Sr. Louisa Bute as teacher at Girls School.

April

Apr. 5 - Lutheran Rev. Wenzel made a funeral address in front of Br. Jos. Beitel's home, where a woman belonging to his congregation had died.

Many of our members present, and accompanied remains to Dry-land cemetery.
April

Apr. 5 - cemetery, where Sr. Reichel assisted at service.

Apr. 7 - Six preparatory students who had attended confirmation instruction here, have moved to Bethlehem Theological Seminary.


Apr. 11 - Marriage of non-Moravian single Lewis Halm and s. sr., Eliza Charlotte Beck.


Apr. 19 - Br. H. V. Vleck here on way from Salem to Germany, preached, evening.

Apr. 23 - Easter. Lovely weather for early service.

Apr. 28 - Br. Jacobson left for Boston, from where he expects to sail with other delegates. Br. Robert v. Schweinitz will act as principal at Hall during his absence.

May


Trombones played in front of church after evening service.

May 21 - Baptism of Henry Abraham, s. of Br. and Sr. Richard Christ.
May 23 - At a public service in church, marriage of s.br., Joseph Mark and s.sr., Maria Louisa Bute.

May 27 - 33 sisters cleaned all the gravestones in the cemetery.

A beginning was made with painting the outside of the church, very difficult at the steeple.

June 1 - Ascension Day. Lovefeast for 2 female societies. $40.00 for mission station at Montgomery, destroyed by hurricane. Collectors, Srs.F.Schmick, Bertha Troeger, L.Miksch, and A.Lambert.

Missionary Soc., 64 members. Tract Soc., 93 members.

June 2 - Exams at Girls School, in presence of committee, and close of school for vacation.

June 10 - Golden wedding of Br. and Sr.E.Tschudy, of Lititz, celebrated at Br.Kasch's home with a lovefeast.

June 11 - Pentecost. Baptism of Anna Cornelia, d.of Br. and Sr.Sal.Schafer.

June 19 - Br.Reichel attends sessions of Lutheran Synod at Easton, and the next day several Lutheran ministers call on him in Nazareth, and express their approval of our congregational institutions.

June 29 - Hall closes with an entertainment.

July 2 - Br.Peter Ricksecker, returned from mission service in Jamaica, conducts 2 of services.

July 12 - Thunder storm. Smallpox at Busses.

July 15 - Baptism of John Abraham, s.of Br. and Sr.Chr.Seyfried.

July 31 - Sr.Busse re-opens Infants School, which had to be closed for a time on account of smallpox in her home.

August

Aug. 7 - Hall re-opens.
August

Aug. 11 - First funeral of year, of mar. br., Theodor Ferdinand Grunewald, dep. Aug. 9th, aged 39 yr., 3 mo., 15 da. Born Apr. 24, 1809, in Gnadau, came to America in 1833, to Nazareth, where he learned the tin-smith's trade, and then established himself at this trade here. Oct. 6, 1836, married the s. sr., Emilie Eliza Bardill. 1 son survives of their 2 children. For a number of years he served as trustee, and for the last few years of his life as head Diener. Was a man of few words, but lived his convictions as a Christian. Died of consumption.


Aug. 20 - Outof doors evening service on Children's Day, for which they had learned hymns by heart. Many people present.


Aug. 29 - Marriage, at his parents' home, of s. br., Julius Alex. Moeller and the non-Moravian Eméline Schmerk.

September

Sept. 11 - Burial, on our cemetery, of a little child, Otto, s. of the F. Bolingers, she a sister-in-law of Br. Neumeyer, at Christian-spring. They arrived there a few days ago from Germany, and the child was born during their journey at Antwerp and baptized there. He died of dysentery. On Sept. 15th, his little twin
September

Sept. 11 - sister, Elizabeth Bolinger was also buried.

Sept. 14 - Very few from Nazareth attend S.P.C. Meeting.

Sept. 17 - Announced that Dr. Andreas Renada has resigned as President of P.H.C., and that Dr. P.M. Goepp will take charge temporarily.

Sept. 20 - An old woman of vicinity brought Dr. Reichel $3.00 she had saved in last 10 years, as a gift to the American Bible Society to be used in buying New Testaments for the heathen.

Sept. 24 - Baptism of Edward Henry, of Dr. and Sr. H. Brunner.

Sept. 27 - Dr. Reichel visited all members of congregation in past week, and sold about 100 copies of the shorter hymnal, which appears to meet with general approval.

October

Oct. 1 - First use of new hymnals.

Baptism of Herbert Williams, of Dr. and Sr. Edwin Wolle.

" " Emma Cordelia, d. of Dr. and Sr. Naumeyer.

Rainy weather.

Oct. 8 - Dr. P. Wolle here, on return trip from Europe.

Dr. David Michael resigned as Deiner, is attending the method-  ist meetings much oftener than those in our own church.

Oct. 16 - New catechisms arrive. Instruction of girls is begun.

Oct. 21 - Baptism of Henry Calvin, of Dr. P. Calvin Beitel.

Oct. 22 - Baptism in Miesky, of Oliver Lewis, of Dr. and Sr. Renatus Clewett.

Sunday School for girls meets at church again. 7 teachers, and often, 50 pupils.

Oct. 23 - Dr. N.V. VlecK of Salem, and Dr. Jacobson, return safely from Europe.

Latter made extensive report of Synod at service, Oct. 20th.
November

Nov. 1 - Br. and Sr. Lawrence Center of Lititz come here to live.

Nov. 5 - Baptism of Theodor Benjamin, of Br. and Sr. Reuch, at their home.

Nov. 10 - Br. Jacobson and Reichel visit Br. Benade, who is living with his son at the Forge in Bushkill Township.

Nov. 11 - First snow.

Nov. 13 - 100th Jubilee of American Brethrens Church solemnly observed. Baptism, at home, of Anna Rosanna, d. of Br. and Sr. Leibfried.

Heavy rain.

Nov. 19 - Baptist of Henry Benjamin, s. of Br. and Sr. L. Gerlach.

Baptism, at home, of Caroline Elizabeth, d. of Br. and Sr. Kuechlein.

Announced that Br. and Sr. Emil v. Schweinitz have accepted call to take charge of girls boarding school in Salem. Br. Theodore Roepper will come to Nazareth as Administrator.

Nov. 23 - Official Thanksgiving Day.

December

Dec. 4 - Funeral, at Bethlehem, of Br. Emanuel Rondthaler, dep. Nov. 20th, at Philadelphia.

Dec. 7 - Funeral of little Anna Cornelia Schaefer, dep. Dec. 8th.

Dec. 9 - Br. and Sr. E. v. Schweinitz leave for Salem, after his service here of 6 yr. 5 mo.

Dec. 10 - Baptism of Thomas Theophilus, s. of Br. and Sr. Thomas Clewell.

Dec. 14 - Br. and Sr. Roepper and 3 children arrive from Bethlehem, and are introduced to congregation Dec. 17th.

Dec. 24 - Church filled, but no lovefeast.

Dec. 26 - Entertainment by town girls at Hall, a cantata of solos and choruses, telling the Christmas story. Repeated on 26th.

December

Dec. 31 - Baptism of Anna Maria, d. of Br. and Sr. Jos Seyfried.

Usual closing services. Good attendance on account of excellent sleighing.
January

Much milder, in spite of snow, but followed by colder weather.


School girls enjoyed a sleighing party to Bethlehem.

Jan. 7 - Funeral of s.sr. Anna Walker, dep. Jan. 4th, aged 34 yr. As 13 year-old girl she fled from Indian raids on Wyoming to Orange City, N.Y., and came to Hope, N.J., with her parents. There, sick with measles, she was left behind with Br. and Sr. Hauser and stayed with them. Sept. 24, 1785, moved to Sisters House in Nazareth, where she remained to end of her life. During her 33 years' stay in it, she knew over 300 inmates and Pflegerinnen, and although her education had been somewhat neglected, served in many ways, sometimes nursing the sick. For about half a year she had been confined to the infirmary, was always glad to have callers. Looked forward to her departure into Eternity.

Jan. 26 - Baptism of Leonora Augusta, d. of Br. and Sr. Ricksecker.

February

Feb. 1 - Marriage of s.br., Owen Hillman and the single Matilda Riegel, who later became a member.

Feb. 6 - Baptism of Adelaide Sophia, d. of Br. and Sr. Reichel, at home.

Feb. 10 - Baptism of Lucian Augustus, s. of Br. and Sr. K. Casler.

Feb. 18 - Baptism of Henry Edwin Halm, grandson of Br. and Sr. Jacob Beck.

March

Mar. 1 - Re-admitted to congregation: Calvin Beitel and wife, and wife of Br. Owen Hillman.

Mar. 5 - In prayer meeting, supplication made for President Zachary Taylor on behalf of his inauguration.
March

Mar. 8 - Church Council. Three farms are to be sold, from increased income town treasury annually to receive $200.00 from congregational diaconie. Delegates elected for next synod: Andrew G. Kern, Josiah Beitel, and John Beitel (who did not accept).

Mar. 26 - Baptism of Charles Henry, s. of Br. and Sr. Frank Miksch.


Rainy weather.

Mar. 30 - School committee present at private exams, Girls School.

April

Apr. 1 - Palm Sunday.

Apr. 6 - Good Friday. Br. Reichel preaches at Monroe Townsh. Church, at consecration of new organ.

Apr. 8 - Easter. Lovely weather.

Apr. 9 - Funeral of feeble minded Lucinde Emilie, d. of Br. and Sr. Jacob F. Beck, dep. Apr. 9th at County Home, aged 29 yr., 5 mo. 4 da.

At end of week, Prof. Schaff of Mercersburg, visited here for several days.

Weekday services entirely discontinued.

Apr. 13 - Few services. Blizzard.

May


Continued rainy weather.
May

May 11 - United conference of boards, at which synodical delegates took part.

May 19 - Corner stone laying of new church building at Dryland. Old church, built in 1780, has been torn down. Br. Reichel participated.

May 29 - (Also June 1st). Church Council. Trustees suggest that property of congregational diaconie should be transferred to Sustentation diaconie, for $30,000, with some property valued at $10,000. Deciding action postponed until fall.

June

June 3 - Lovefeast of female societies. Br. David Schmidt, missionary to Cherokee Indians, made address, and sang some verses in the Indian language. $40.00 given to 4 Greenland stations. Election of some collectors.

June 6 to 20th - Provincial Synod at Bethlehem. Among visiting brethren attending it, Br. M. Clauder of Staten Island, and Br. Bahnsen of Lancaster, preached here.

Announced that Br. Jacobson was elected to P.M.C., Br. M. Tietze as pastor to Nazareth, and Br. Reichel as Principal of Nazareth Hall. A committee of citizens went to P.M.C. and protested against Br. Tietze's appointment, and asked for Br. Reinke instead.

June 26 - Close of Infants School, and June 30th, of Girls School, which which also ended Br. Reichel's work with them.

July

July 8 - Announced that Br. Willi. Lennert has been called here as pastor, and that Br. Reichel has taken over Principalship at Hall, as well as some pastoral duties.

July 18 - Sr. Jacobson and children move to Bethlehem, followed by Br. Jacobson a few days later.
July

July 23 - Reichels moved into Principal's House.

August

Aug. 2 - Br. and Sr. Lennert arrive from Lebanon, and stay with Kerns for a few days. He preached his introductory sermon Aug. 5th, and on 6th they moved into parsonage.

Aug. 3 - Day of Prayer and Fasting, as recommended by Pres. Taylor on account of the cholera.

Aug. 5 - Baptism of Adelaide Amanda, d. of Br. and Sr. George Schmidt.

Aug. 10 - Funeral of Anna Magdalena Beitel, nee Romig, deceased.

Aug. 9th, aged 57 yrs., 6 mos., 16 da. Born Feb. 22, 1792, 1 ½ miles from Emmaus in Macungie Township, Lehigh Co., where her parents, Friederich and Elisabeth Romig had a mill on the Little Lehigh. Her father died when she was 2 yrs. old, and in her 6th year she and her mother moved to Emmaus, where she became a member Apr. 13, 1806, and a communicant July 12, 1808. She was married Apr. 23, 1810, and leaves 3 sons and 3 daughters and 3 grandchildren. She was of a lovable and quiet disposition, loved by many friends. Had been ailing for more than a year.

Aug. 15 to 19th - Br. Lennert suffering from intermittent fever.


Cases of typhoid fever and dysentery prevalent.

September

Sept. 3 - Marriage of single Carl Anstatt, of New York and sr., Eliza Staudt, at her mother's home.

Announced that Br. L. Reichel has accepted his place as pastor in congregation.
September

Sept. 5 - Ministerial Aid Society here collects $8.25, and delivers it to Bethlehem society.

Sept. 9 - Married People’s Festival. In evening, some of the brethren and sisters sing from church steeple balcony.


Sept. 27 - Church Council. With vote of 31 negative, against 13 in favor, proposal made at meetings of May 20th and June 1st, was defeated. There was no debate, as Br. John Beitel declared, “We understand the matter, and are ready to vote. We are the bosses.”

October

Oct. 1 - Organization of Auxiliary Home Missionary Society, with 34 members.


November

First week, some rain, with 1 thunder storm. On 13th, very mild, beautiful weather.

Nov. 29 - General Thanksgiving Day, as announced by Gov. Johnson.

December

Dec. 3 - Snow and rain. Fire at Hall discovered in evening, before it spread very far. A glowing coal fell into box of charcoal, in front of stove and ignited, burning several holes in floor, and charring wall paneling and door.

Dec. 8 and 9th - Consecration of new Dryland Church at Heektown, Br.
December


Dec. 16 - Baptism of Joseph Daniel, s. of Br. and Sr. Owen Millman.

Dec. 20 - Examination of preparatory students, attended by the Brn. Wm. H. V. Vleck, J. C. Jacobson, Herm. A. Shultz, H. J. Tietze, of Bethlehem, and the Brn. Reichel, R_uepper, and Lennert of Nazareth. The next day the Preparatory class in Bethlehem had its examination.

Dec. 24th and 31st - Same services as last year.