Minutes of the OVER-SEER COMMITTEE of the congregation in Nazareth, begun in March 16th 1785; Recorder: Joh. Youngberg.

Introduction: Until the month of March 1785 the congregation in Nazareth had no Overseer Committee since the year 1779, when Br. Reithel was here on a visitation. Then we had only a committee, which took care of the external affairs of the new village. At the visitation of our Brother Johannes 1785 gave the Lord in a Helper-Conference at large, which was held in Nazareth, and where besides Br. Johannes, the brethren Ettwein, Huebner and Schweinitz from Bethlehem, and David Zeisberger and Gotthold Reichel from Nazareth had been present, the instruction, that the arrangement of the congregational conference in Nazareth according to the synod should be carried through. As members for the OVER-SEER COMMITTEE should belong only members from Nazareth and the wardens from Gnadenthal and appointed and elected by the Christian Spring. On the 11th and 12th of March was in the presence of Br. Johannes the new Over-seer Committee according to the order of the synod. The members are:

I. For the sake of office:
1. Johannes Schropp, Servant of the congregation, Curator of the widows;
2. Johannes Brown, Warden in Christian Spring;
3. William Lister, choir-servant of the single brethren in Nazareth;
4. Chr. Fr. Steimann, Warden in Gnadenthal;
5. Jacob Christ, Curator of the single sisters;

II. By election and approval by the Lord:
a) from the married choir:
b) from the single brethren's choir:

These 10 brethren had in March 16th, in the forenoon at 9 o'clock, their first meeting, in the presence of Br. Johannes and the brethren of the E. C. in Nazareth.

First Session.

March 16th 1785, in the forenoon from 9 to 10 o'clock.
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Brother Johannes opened the meeting with the singing of a verse, and after that he lead into prayer and recommended this conference to the Lord for guidance. Br. Johannes announced, that so long as no other president of this over-seer committee has been called by the Lord, the Gemeindiener (Minister) for the sake of his office, can be president. Br. Schropp is then for the time being president.

As recorder has been proposed Br. Youngberg, who had been also proposed by the E.C. He is willing to do this work. In case that he should be hindered by some business to be present in the committee, then Br. William Henry has been found willing to take his place.

Concerning the time, when the committee shall come together, it was decided, that it shall be every week on Wednesday, in winter in the forenoon at 8 o'clock and in Summer at 7,30. Because on Thursday the E.C. has its meetings, the minutes of the Over-seer committee will be read there, and after it had been read and revised, then it will be entered into the book.

It was then recommended, that kind love and unity with the E.C. and discretion should be practiced. It was then announced, that the Instruction of the Over-seer Committee will be delivered by the E.C.

1. Br. Johannes announced then to the Committee, that the resolution, which was made several years ago about the land, which belongs to Old Nazareth and Schoeneck, shall by the Unity's Administration be delivered to the Nazareth Diaconie of the congregation, and shall be carried out, and at the end of May the delivery shall take place. The conditions were put down summary.

4. It was thought necessary, that more professions in Nazareth, partly in the brethren's house, partly in the village, should be put on, as: cartwright, tinker, lock-smith, stocking-weaver, and dyer. The cartwright
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seems to be the most necessary one, and Br. Johannes wants to take this matter for further consideration to the Helper-Conference at large. The meeting was closed with the singing of a hymn. Br. Gotthold Reichel was the recorder.

5th Session. April 20th 1785. from 8 to 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

3. Most of the brethren were in favour, that the dead-house should be vaulted with bricks, because this would not cost much more than a frame-roof. And such a roof - frame - would be subject to putridity and to frequent repairs, and after all, it would cost more than a vaulted brick roof.

6th Session. April 27th 1785. 3. the dead-house should have the size of 18 feet deep, 20 feet long, and the door should be 6 feet wide with 7 window-panes, which should be above. And no other window would be necessary. Under the roof could be a space, where the tools for the God's acre could be put, and where they could be found easily and where they would be kept safely too.

May 4th 1785. 7th Session. 2. It was announced, that Br. Fortney from Lancaster had a desire to live in Nazareth. The E. C. would consider this matter if the over-seer committee had no objection. But nobody had an objection, on the contrary they were glad, that a tinsmith would come to Nazareth to live, and he should have permission for that.

3. At this occasion it was told, that it was necessary, to have a house for 4 families built, on account of the congregation. In the middle it could be divided, and it could be arranged in such a way, that one family could live down and the others could live above comfortably. It could be built on some lots, where the gardens in the back could be extended, without changing the ground-plan.
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4. The committee believed, that Feldhausen's habitation would be partly more fit for Br. Bruecker than Weinert's house, partly because it would be good, when Feldhausen would have a house for themselves alone, because always scrabbles happen between them and the Oesterleins. The committee is pleased to have Feldhausen here on account of his sickness, and the members hope, that his stay here will be a blessing for his soul. The committee believed, that after Feldhausen's departure, his wife may not stay here, but may go away from us.

5. In the next Gemein-council it should be recommended to the brethren and sisters, that they make a pavement on their roads before the houses, and that they keep it in good order and at the same time clean the ditches.

6. The committee finds it necessary, that the water-stock by Worbass should be moved nearer to the Water-ditch, because it stands too far out near the street. By removing it, the road would get its natural breadth.

8. It was proposed, that the piece of land, which is open near the Inn, should be put inside the fence with the Nazareth-field, because the street, which then would lead at the Inn, would not be much round about, and besides this the old street would be used very seldom.

June 8th 1785. 11th Session. - 9. In the committee was spoken about the improvement of bricks. How one could give the bricks lasting goodness and a better appearance. One thought, that when better lime could be discovered, the bricks would become more lasting and better looking.

July 13th 1785. 15th session. Bro. Schropp told, that the congregation had accepted 1800 acres of land; 108 acres allowance for the road have not been counted. The former 600 acres have been included. Another piece of land had been offered, a little more than 66 acres, which had not been accepted because it is too far away.
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August 10th 1785. 18th session. It was stated, that the water-stock in the square by lack of water belongs to every inhabitant, because it had been put up by the inhabitants and it is to be supported by the inhabitants.

October 5th 1785. 23d session. Because Wenzel Bernhardt could not any longer take care of the bakery in the village, a new baker had to be found. Wenzel Bernhardt is now widower and old, and cannot do the work anymore so, as it ought to be done. Br. Joachim Wiegman was then appointed as baker in the village on probation. In the committee it was said, that one should tell Br. Wenzel, what one does expect from him. The four following points were put up for the baker: a) there should not be baked too much bread at one time, but rather it should be baked more oftener, so that the bread does not get too old. - b) The bread should be ready at the ordinary breakfast-time, as it is in other places. c) When the choir-houses or the innkeeper need bread or cake, they should take it by the ounce, because it is cheaper and one gets one over and above. One should consider this. d) The baker should not use any snuff-tobacco when he is preparing for the baking, because it would frighten away the customers.

3. The brethren Born, William Henry and Worbass had been asked to estimate Br. Bernhardt's house, because one does not know as yet, whether Br. Wiegmann or the Diaconie of the congregation will accept it. Now the estimate could be made more impartial.

October 12th 1785. 24th Session. 1. Bro. Schropp announced, that one had talked with Br. Joachim Wiegmann regarding taking over the bakery. It had been made plain to him, what the brethren expect from him as future baker. Wiegmann promised to do his best in order to satisfy the brethren. Br. Wenzel Bernhardt is also willing to stay with Wiegmann 14 days, and to teach him and show him everything in the bakery. He had been reminded, in
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that the love-feast breads had been sometimes sour, and at other times bitter, because the dough had been fermented too long, and because they had used leaven instead of yeast. This must be avoided in the future, and the lovefeast breads must be made as good as possible. About the regular price the brethren wanted to inquire in Bethlehem.

2. Br. Eyerle was permitted besides the work in the community-store he could sell steel, because he could get it in greater quantities much cheaper, and sometimes he would get some, which he could not use for his purpose. He only should not go too deep into this business.

October 26th 1785. 25th Session. It was announced in the committee, that Br. Wiegmann had received from the Lord in the E. C. the permission, to be an owner of a house in this congregation, and that he therefore will accept the house from Br. Wenzel Bernhardt on lease.

January 4th 1786. - 32nd Session. - 5. The brethren of the committee understood, that Br. Hirte on account of his sickness, could not stay much longer in the INN, because some difficulties would arise. And as he may often be obliged to take a drink with some friends, it may be poison for his sickness. But we do not know, whom we shall put into his place. It should be an older composed brother, or a younger person from the neighborhood, which could not be for a long time anyhow.

September 6th 1786. --- 58th Session. --- 1. Br. Schropp announced, that Br. Peter Christ had accepted the offer, to serve in the INN.

October 18th 1786. -- 61st Session. --- It was taken in consideration, that Br. Worbass should give up from his lot one third to the single brethren, and one thought, that 5/6 as a third of his ground-rent would be taken off, it would be so much, as he could expect, especially when the brethren would give him a present of money, to make him more willing, to give up of his property.
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December 27th 1786. ----69th Session. ----2. Br. Schropp reported, that the building of a house for brother and sister Danke next summer, had been approved.

January 10th 1787. --70th Session. ---2. The brethren Bonn, Steinman had been ordered at the end of the session, to look at the place for the farm-family-house, as well as at the place, where the farmyard near the Hall shall be made. The brethren Reichel, Zeisberger and Danke were also present. It was agreed to, that the farm-family-house with its front should be in one line with the west-gable of the Hall and the new shed; the stable and the barn on the other side over-against, where also the well will be dug.

3. The brethren Jacob Christ and Schenk had been appointed in the following week to look into the houses in New and Old Nazareth after the fireplaces, to see whether everything is in order.

4. A new proposal of Mr. Jacob Weiss regarding the Wyoming-road, was read and recommended for subscription, because this proposal harmonizes with our proposal, and it concerns the best and nearest road to Nazareth.

5. Because Br. J. Eyerle, junior, shall give his apprentices to the Brethren's house for boarding, and had complained about the price, that 7½ pence for dinner is too much, Br. Lister laid down the following prices; for boarding and house-expenses. Dinner 7½ pence; Breakfast and dessert for the boys 4 pence; house-rent for 4 weeks 1 shilling; light 3 pence; sweeping house 4 pence, to the room-treasury 8 pence. It was added, that Br. Lister might be able to give in the future the dinner for 7 pence, although in the kitchen as kitchen there has not been any profit. As nobody had any objection, it was an established fact, that dinner would be served for 7 pence, and the other expenses will be as it has been specified above.
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January 17th 1787. — 71st Session. —— 2. Concerning the Wyoming-Road the proposals for subscription for the new Wyoming-Road it was said, that it was necessary, to talk with Mr. Jacob Weiss in detail, and that he in the mentioned writing it should be stated plainly, which course the road should take.

6. The committee reminded the brethren, that it is necessary, to have better lights in the Hall of the congregation, especially when there is a lovefeast or other solemnities, and when strangers are present.

January 24th 1787. —— 72nd Session. —— 2. Because next Monday will be by Mr. Jonas Hertz-lan an election of a justice, the Committee thought it wise, that some brethren from here should be present and should give their votes; also for an assistant assessor by laying down the taxes, who should be elected on the same day in the same place.

January 31st 1787. —— 73rd Session. —— 3. Br. Christ reported, that he with Br. Schenck had seen the fire-places, and that all was in order, with the exception of the Brethren Weinert, Schaefer, and Krause. Br. Schropp had partly done something and will do still the rest, to prevent any misfortune.

4. It was thought it necessary, that in the next Gemein-council all the Masters and housefathers should be present, when it would be announced, that nobody should use the fire-ladder, before he had not consulted Br. Jacob Christ, who has the inspection over it. And whoever uses the fire-ladder, should, when he has finished with the use of it, be compelled, to put it back in its place, so that the ladder does not stand unnecessarily at the houses and is exposed to all kinds of weather.

February 7th 1787. —— 74th Session. —— The Committee had some doubts about the last justice-election. Br. David Zeisberger told, that the brethren in Bethlehem recommended, that in similar cases, the committee should
propose the brethren, who should go to the election; and they should be such brethren, who have the character of true brethren and who should deal as such. Such brethren should not be too busy with unnecessary disputes, and they should not put any shame on the brethren. And if other brethren, who have not been appointed by the committee, should like to go to such an election, they should first notify the Gemein-council. Br. David Zeisberger recommended also to the Committee, that they should influence the brethren, that none of us is mingling with politics, and that every brother should behave as a true brother. No brother should strive to get a political office, for if the worldly affairs would gain to much influence upon us, certainly our chief-calling would suffer by it.

3. Some brethren were asked to advise and help Br. Kern, so that he in the future could get free from the taxes.

February 21st 1787. --- 75th Session. --- I. It was announced, that Br. Moeller from the Hope again had sent a load of earthen-ware for Brother Hoeger in Christian Spring, to whom he owes some money, and who has given that earthen-ware to Bro. Frank in Schoeneck, to sell it. Br. Kern, whose sale is so little already, was grieved about it. The Committee thought, that it is necessary, that they should write to Hope and should prevent such happenings in the future.

February 28th 1787. --- 76th Session. --- The appraisement and inventory of Br. Sealing's inheritance had been presented to the committee. It was found, that after the deduction of all known debts, about 451 pounds, the house included, besides 250 acres of land, not included, remain over to the estate.

6. It had been proposed, because sister Lisher is soon moving to Bethlehem, that she should arrange it, that she should sell her house to Bro.
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and sister Moehringer, because the situation of his present habitation to his business is rather distant and unfavourable, and also Sister Kimbel through this could attend the meetings more comfortably.

7. Because Br. Michael Young probably would be the last time in the Committee-meeting, the brethren of the Committee assured him of their love and wished him God's blessing and prosperity, and asked him also, to remember them in love. Then they bade farewell to him.

March 7th 1787. --- 77th Session. --- 2. The single brethren are obliged to have a new stable and hay-barn and to make preparations this year for the next. They desired the lot of Br. Worbass' garden, so that they can more quietly move this building to their garden, and that they also can use the good ground and move it to the other piece, which is very meagre now. They also will give some work to Br. Worbass.

March 14th 1787. --- 78th Session. --- 2. Br. Worbass had made up his mind and had promised, to give the lot of his garden to the single brethren this spring, for which the single brethren will pay in the future the annual rent of 5/6 with their rent together to the Servant of the congregation, and Br. Worbass will have a credit, when he is paying his rent.

Br. Henry was ordered to make an agreement in this regard, as also regarding of the turning off of the water, which comes from the cellar of Br. Worbass, and which has its outlet to the above mentioned piece of lot. Br. Henry should see to it, that everything is in order.

5. Because next Saturday there will be a new election for the Road-Inspector and guardian for the poor for Bethlehem Township at Jonas Hertzel, it was necessary, that besides our Road-Inspector, Br. Jacob Christ and some other brethren should be there. The brethren Henry and Youngberg had been appointed for this.

4. Br. Schropp reported, that Br. Grube' regarding Br. Kern's affair had answered, that Br. Moeller had sent the earthen-ware to Br. Hoeger, be-
because the latter one would not accept Jersey-paper-money, and that he will not do it again. The brethren in Hope also will not permit it, that earthen-ware is taken out from there to Nazareth.

7. Br. Schropp announced, that Br. Kern had written in a letter to the E. C., that he is no more able, to raise his interest in his profession. Br. Kern therefore wishes that another business may be found for him.

That said letter has been sent to Bethlehem, because the committee believes, that some business may be found in Bethlehem for Br. Kern. And if there in Bethlehem cannot be found any work for Br. Kern, the brethren of the committee would not know at the present time, where they could occupy the brother.

March 28th 1787. --- 79th Session. --- The agreement between the single Brethren and Br. Worbass regarding the garden-lot, which the single brethren requested from Br. Worbass, was read and no objection was made.

5. Because brethren from Nazareth had served for the second time at the Grand Jury, considerations had been made, and the question was asked, whether by a proper presentation this could not be refused. The brethren feared, that brethren through this mingling too much with politics the main-point of a true brother may suffer by it. This affair gave therefore cause to the following declaration. It depends entirely on the Sheriff of the County, whom he according to his oath and conscience will take, because generally he will gather from the most Townships those people, of whom he believes, that they are intelligent, sober and conscientious people. And those people, when they are called by a summons, cannot refuse it. And if they cannot go this time and have no sufficient excuse, they have to pay 3 pounds fine. It also would be look/ed at as a withdrawal from the trouble complained of the county, if the brethren would withdraw from it entirely. Perhaps one could/buy an early presentation by the Sheriff, that he should
exempt the brethren altogether, which a single brother, which had been ordered, could not do, without being accused of unwillingness to serve the country. However, our Parliament acts are no more valid with us here, and it would be good, if the brethren would be delivered from the service of the Traves Jury on the Supreme Court, where is passed sentence not about life and death. Who has served on the Grand Jury once, can, according to new law, be asked to serve again in one year.

6. Although Br. J. Eyerle is very much occupied with political affairs, and one had some considerations about it, one must give him the testimony that in the public life and business he has not given any cause to dishonour. We also believe, that through kind presentation, one could show him the right way, if there would be any reason for it.

7. It was reported, that Br. Peter Steiner in Bethlehem would be willing to start his cartwright work here in Nazareth, in case one did want him here. For that reason Br. Michael Young had written to Br. Welfe. It has been our wish for a long time, that we should have a cartwright in Nazareth, and we still have that desire.

8. Regarding to Br. Kern's affair it was said, that one could not do anything, until one has found somebody, who could do the work of his profession. Br. Schropp proposed, the interest of 50 pounds, which he has to pay to the Nazareth Gemein-Diakonie on the 31st, that one should give him as a present.

April 11th 1787. --- 30th Session. --- 3. The brethren in the Committee are in favour of having Br. Steiner as cartwright in Nazareth, especially now, where is at present no hope, to get a good potter here. Br. Kern, who through the sale of earthen-ware by the neighbour Qfr. Braun, has had again some damage, and he will not be able to get together his interest. The proposal was then made, whether Kern's house could not be used by a
cartwright, and one did believe, it would be a good idea.

4. Br. Demuth announced, that sister Steiner has taken over all the debts of Br. Gold to him and Br. Jos. Horsefield, and also the 3 acres of land. Gold had kept this land for himself in order to live there on it in the future. She took it over as security for that what is still wanting on the debts. In this manner the brethren are quiet about it, and the 3 acres of land cannot get into strange hands through the debts of Gold.

May 9th 1787. --- 83rd Session. --- 1. Br. Schropp reported, that Bro. Peter Steiner had been here and has looked around, to see, whether he could start in his profession as cartwright. We are awaiting his resolution.

2. The house of Sister Steiner in Schoeneck has been estimated by Bro.'s Bonn and a neighbour, J. Sober, at 115 pounds with all, what belongs to it. One hopes now, that Br. Omensetter will be satisfied with it.

May 23d 1787. --- 84th Session. --- 3. It was told, that one had heard, that last week a quantity of earthen-ware had been taken from Easton to Christian Spring. For that reason it shall be talked with Br. Bonn.

May 30th 1787. --- 85th Session. --- 1. It had been announced, that last Saturday the Jury had annulled the old road, which had been often mentioned, from the brick-works on to where the same road comes together with the new Nazareth and Schoeneck Road behind Dorst Alleman, as public street.

4. The Committee should be interested in Bro. D. Gold and should advise him, because it is feared, that the same will run with his building so much into debts, that he cannot get out of it again, and will cause for the brethren shame and ruin for himself.

June 13th 1787. --- 86th Session. --- On account of fear, that the 3 acres of Land of David Gold by the payment of the Mortgage might fall into the
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/ hands of strangers, it had been proposed, it should be moved, that the Nazareth Gemein-Diaconie may buy the same, and to give D. Gold a lease to build on the same.

3. Br. Schropp announced, that the bargain between Br. Omensetter and Sister Steiner, regarding her house and Lot and other things, by earnest-money and receipt had been established. In the month of April of next year Br. Omensetter intends to move to Schoeneck.

July 4th 1787. == 89th Session. 5. It had been reported, that in the night between the 30th of June and the 1st of July people had stolen cherries in the orchards of the citizens. Then they had broken into the house and had unhinged the doors and had put them up in the middle of the street. A placard was put up at the Inn, in which were offered 3 dollars for as-perpetrator signing the misdeed to the Justice of Peace.

6. The proposal was made, that the sour cherry trees in front and behind the Gemeinhouse should be divided among the inhabitants of the village, so that every tree has its owner and by this they should have the right, by the payment of 1 shilling, or 1 shilling and 6 pence, according to the size of the tree, to protect everyone his own tree against all nuisance of the strangers.

9. According to the last meeting of the Gemein-council, Br. Schropp is about to get up a list of those brethren, who on Sundays during the sermon and in the evening/Holy Communion should keep watch. That list should then be presented to the Committee.

Br. Seifert was welcomed by all the brethren in the Committee.

July 25th 1787. == 93d Session. Because Br. Belling had been promised by the establishment of his tannery to have a share in the surplus of the water near the Inn, the brethren proposed, to give to him on the water-stock at the street something like the third part, and the other 2/3
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should be left for the milk-cellar and suchlike, as also for pasture and lead the meadow for the INN. Br. Belling shall said third from the stock down the street, passing his corner-house, which he is to built in the future, and so to his lot, because one could not allow him to lead his water-conduit in the street between him and Br. Kern, for the repairs which has been made lately, would thereby suffer and to keep it up for the future, it would be hard, when pipes are lying there, which would have to be looked after, whether they are rotten or defect and whether new ones have to be laid.

August 22nd 1787. --- 95th Session. --- 2. Br. Schropp reported, that the old distillery has become so dilapidated, that it cannot be repaired anymore. He lets build a new one near the ciderhouse, where it is more handy and where also water can be lead there from the spring, which is inside the fence on the meadow, water through pipes, and where the water can run by itself into the cooling-vat without being pumped.

3. He is also willing, to let dig a well for the farm, somewhere about where now the lime-kiln is.

4. Because the water by the last heavy rain had washed out the street and not only had torn some away, it shall be looked after, where it has been stopped up, but it shall be made a ditch over the street from the corner-lot by Mytetus over to Br. Schlosser's corner, in order to divide it more. Also from Mechior Christ's house as far as to the INN a ditch should be made, so that the water does not run into the street and tear out the street.

September 5th 1787. --- 96th Session. --- 5. It had been proposed to Br. Demuth, that he should pay 4 pounds annual rent for the house. He was satisfied with it, and it remains by this.

September 19th 1787. --- 97th Session. --- Because it is necessary in case
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of a fire, that a brother is in charge of the preparations for the putting out of the fire, and that the others have to follow his orders, it was proposed, that either Br. William Henry or Br. Jacob Christ should be the fire-chief.

September 26th 1787. - 98th Session. -- 1. The committee thought it is time, that Br. Jacob Eyerle with his iron-trade for the future years should pay a certain amount to the Gemein-Diaconie. The brethren fixed the sum of 10 pounds, or at least 8 pounds. And because Br. Eyerle is trading with iron-rods, steel, stoves and sheet-iron, one thought, that he would be willing to pay the first mentioned sum, 10 pounds.

2. It was proposed, that Br. Peter Christ should pay 5 pounds house-rent for his future lodging in the Stone-house in Old Nazareth; namely for the big and small rooms, kitchen and vegetable-garden and for his work-shop in the yard, which latter one he has to keep in repairs. The brethren also hoped, that now and then he would let his neighbours bake or wash in there, when they could not help themselves otherwise.

3. The division of the cellar and vegetable-garden should soon be undertaken between Br. Peter Christ and the other inhabitants in the Stone-house.

4. In order to satisfy the future relatives of Br. Peter Christ, Br. Jacob Christ had been ordered, to propose to Br. Peter Christ and his future wife, the single sister Sarah Kunkler, a marriage-contrat.

NB. This contract has been executed and has been deposed in the Warden's office.

October 3d 1787. --- 99th Session. -- After the reading of the minutes were the following points brought to the Committee. The cause of this was the trade-conference yesterday. 1. It was proposed, that the prices for splitting wood in the village could be the following:
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Hickory-wood, split one time................3 shillings and 2 pence,
Hickory-wood, split twice....................4 Shill. 2 pence,
Oak-wood, split one time.....................2 " 8 "
Oak-wood, split two times...................3 " 4 "

The brethren were reminded, that the wood, which is brought, has to be put up, because it often happens, that a so-called cord contained only ③ of a cord, when it is measured over.

2. The price for the wood, which will be brought by strangers, should be for the next winter, one cord of Hickory 11 shillings, and for oak-wood 8 shillings; and this price should not be raised without much difficulty, especially when there is good sledge-road.

3. It was also proposed, that the day-wages on long days should be 2 sh. and 6 pence without board, and 3 sh. 10 pence without board. If the days are getting shorter, these sums should be lessened up to 3/4, and in proportion less than 2/6 to those, who receive board.

October 17th 1787. — 100th Session. — 4. With Br. M. Schenk it shall be talked, that he shall pave the road from his house to the single Sister's house still before winter.

October 31st 1787. — 101st Session. Regarding a case, when a woman, here, was passing through Nazareth last week, and had a broken leg, and nobody took her in. We acknowledged the wrong, which had been done with shame. The brethren will see to it, that a place for care and nursing in similar cases could be procured, so that our duty as Christians can be proven in such a part, and that we by refusing to accept such unfortunate ones, may not bring shame upon us and the matter of the compassionate Saviour.

November 7th 1787. — 102nd Session. — 6. It was announced, that Br. Jacob Eyerle, junior, had been granted, that he should pay for the first year only 7 pounds to the Gemein-Diaconie for his iron-trade. It will have to be counted from the 1st of October. Nobody had any objection.
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November 14th 1787. --- 103d Session. --- 4. The matter was brought before the Committee, that from Br. Beutel had been ordered 220 Pounds worth of potash, which he believed to have ready until middle of April. The question was asked, whether it would not be better, that Br. Beutel does this work, to make potash, only, by which he could earn his living. The other work, as tanning, to sew pants, to make candles, to boil soap, he rather should let somebody else do that. For it is impossible for him, to do all these things in the right way.

November 28th 1787. --- 104th Session, --- 3. Because on account of the cost of the repair on the water-stock near Beutel had been some discord, the committee came to the agreement, that every house-owner of the four houses, who have a share in the stock, is obliged, to bear his quarter of the expenses, and the lodgers go out free, because such repairs, as well as paving the street before the houses is the duty of each house-owner. And only then, when there has been made a special agreement between the owner of the house and the lodger, then it is different.

December 12th 1787. - 106th Session. --- 4. Regarding potash-making, it was announced, that Br. Beutel (by careful examination it was found out, that on account of lack of sufficient ashes) could only deliver the 4th part of the order for potash. This had been reported to Philadelphia.

December 19th 1787. --- 107th Session. --- 2. It had been found for good, that in the next year all the old water-pipes should be inspected at one time, in order to find out, what is still good and useful and what can be still used. And it might be good, to put all new pipes in the ground. Therefore in time one should get/pipes and those pipes should be bored for before they are needed. It is the opinion of the committee, that the patching and looking after rotten pipes will cost more, than putting new pipes in. Then one must remember, that the old pipes are in the ground already for 14 to 15 years.
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4. Br. Henry reported, that Mr. Nicholson in Philadelphia had committed to him all the receipts for militia-fines in this neighborhood. He shall collect all, what he can get and then he shall send it to him, in order that the bills with the County-Lieutenant will by this be cleared up.

January 23d 1786. ----- 109th Session. ------ 2. Regarding lack of water.--
One was glad, that the hitherto lack of water down in the village has been remedied in this way, that one had found out that since the last repair air had been accumulated in the pipes, which hindered the flow of water. This must have been caused by letting the water into the pipes too quickly. In the future, we shall provide for such happenings.

5. Br. Omensetter had to refuse the house and the living in Schoeneck, because he could not sell nor rent out his plantation in Saucon, which the brethren did not like very much.

February 6th 1786. --- 110 Session. --- 3. It was announced, that Br. Eyre had received the Mortgage of Br. Dav. Gold's place, and he will take over some debts on the place, and in that way nothing is to be feared from John Bruce.

9. Because it had happened several times already, that unknown people went around with petitions, which had been signed by unknown people from their country, in order to collect money for building a church or for other causes, or else collect some contribution, it therefore was recommended, that such petitions should be examined by Br. William Henry in the future. And before he can write his name under such a petition, nobody in Nazareth should contribute any money.
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Commenced in March 11th 1788.

Introduction.

Because on the instruction of the Lord, all the Conferences of the Congregation, also the Over-Seer Committee had to be formed anew. According to the rules of Synod, the following members have been elected:

1. For the sake of office:

1. Johannes Schropp, Servant of the congregation and Curator of the widows;
2. Johannes Bonn, warden in Christian Spring;
3. William Lister, Choir-servant of the single brethren in Nazareth;
4. Christian Fr. Steinsmann, warden in Gnadenhal;
5. Jacob Christ, Curator of the single sisters.

II. By election and approbation of the Lord:

a) from the Married Choir:
b) from the Single Brethren's choir:

6. William Henry,
7. John Youngberg,
8. Franz Seiffert,
9. Joseph Spotz,
10. Gottlob Young.

These 10 brethren had their first meeting in March 11th 1788 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon in the presence of the brethren of the E. C. in Nazareth.

March 11th 1788. -- 1st Session. -- Br. David Zeisberger gave a short address to the members of the Committee concerning the importance of their charge. -- Then the instruction of the Over-Seer Committee was read, and in the name of the E. C. delivered.

4. It was announced, that Br. Jgh. Ljungberg has accepted the office as recorder of the minutes.

April 2nd 1788. -- 3d Session. --2. The proposal was made to purchase a fire-engine, which would cost about 50 pounds. A subscription should be made, and when the first Subscription would not be enough, a second subscription should be made.

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5. The water-pipes should soon be bored. Br. Christensen had bored the first pipes, and had received per foot 3 pennies and had to care for his own food; he also had laid the pipes. Because the congregation in Nazareth has its own bore, drill, one should agree on 3 pence for the foot to drill.

April 16th 1788. -- 4th Session. -- 2. Regarding the drilling of the pipes for the water-conduit Br. Worbass wants to have 3½ pence for drilling and laying the pipes and 3 men to help by laying the water-pipes. The brethren of the committee were satisfied with this proposal. But they rather preferred to allow for drilling and laying the pipes 4½ pence, if Br. Worbass would supply the 3 men for helping and would also supply the brandy. But when by drilling one or more pipes should fail, they should be excepted from the payment.

April 23rd 1788. -- 5th Session. -- 1. Br. Schropp reported, that Br. Worbass after a thorough consideration, had declared, that he would abide by his first offer, and would drill and lay the pipes for 3½ pence per foot, when Br. Schropp would supply the 3 men and give also the brandy.

2. It was announced, that finally the matter with sister Steiner's house in Schoeneck had been settled, and that Br. George Vlewell, junior, had bought it.

May 14th 1788. -- 7th Session. -- 1. It was reported, that Br. Worbass had begun to drill the pipes with Br. Giersch, but that he was unable to continue to do so, on account of ill health. Therefore the brethren Peter Christ and Fr. Schaeffer will accept this work.

2. Care should be taken, that the road from Br. Belling to the forrest in the West, should be improved, for which one hopes, to get help from Christian Spring and Gnadenental, because this road is not a street, which the Township will take care of.

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3. Br./Bonn will try by selling brandy in his distillery in small proportions, to arrange all according to the law.
4. Because the contract with And. Stocker on account of the 40 acres of land near the lone meadow will expire this year, and because some neighbours have applied for it, and who will build on 1/3 of it, the brethren in Friedensthal thought of Ulrich Hauser among them as the best one.

May 21st 1788. --- 8th Session. -- 1. I was remarked, that Ulrich Hauser should have the field, what A. Stocker has had, for cultivation so long, or at least one year, until one could find somebody, who would buy it, or would take it on lease for 7 or 14 years, together with the house and the barn. He could then also a little more land to it. The brethren did not believe, that it would be good, to let the land, because they have already more, than they can manage. It is the desire of the brethren of the Committee, that the Old Nazareth farmers a better economy with the meadows and fields could be introduced.

2. In order to supply good bricks for a lower price, what would be advantageous for the village, Br. Schropp wanted to think about this matter and would like to make a trial with clay, which is to be found behind Old Nazareth, alone or mixed with the material, which they used before.

May 28th 1788. --- 9th Session. --- 3. The committee considered the size of the cistern, which shall be made. The cistern should be 15 feet long, 10 wide and 5 feet deep. The same would hold about 60 hogheads to 100 gallons. For this purpose one should order as soon as possible 750 feet pitch-pine planks, 2½ inches thick.

June 11th 1788. -- 10th Session. -- Because to-morrow the beginning will be made with laying the water-pipes, for which the day-laborers receive 3 sh. and 10 pence together with brandy, it was agreed upon, that the water-stock by Worbass should be changed, and the he in the future should get his water from the main-stock at the square. And this should be done by subordinate pipes, for which one could use the old pipes, which could be put together.
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5. Regarding the cistern it was recommended, that it should be made northward in the middle of the square, above the stock, so that the same can be together with the stock under one roof. Then later could be build on a shelter for the fire-engine. It was announced, that already 600 feet go good planks are in the village, and that at the most 150 feet would be still necessary. The cistern can be finished still this year.

June 25th 1788. -- 12th Session. -- Regarding the water, which shall be lead from the stock in the Hall-square to the yard into the trough, one Klappe found best a box on the stock, which should have a falling-board, where in the winter so much opening is necessary on account of freezing, that the water constantly is running as thick as a straw.

4. It was agreed, how the pipes could be laid quickest over the street to the brethren's yard, in order to make the street useless for not too long a time.

5. Br. Peter Christ was accepted as master by the water-conduit.

June 25th 1788. -- 12th Session. -- 7. Regarding the new road to Wyoming proposals were read by Br. Jgs. Horsefield, that on the 7th of July in Nazareth a meeting of the subscribers should be held. No objection was made. There should be formed a committee, and 2 treasurers, should carry out this matter.

6. Regarding a road to the Northwest and New York. A letter from Mr. H. new Drinker in Philadelphia was read. It concerned the road to the North-West and the New York-State. It was said, that when the brethren in Bethlehem would make a beginning to subscribe something for that road, we in Nazareth would not withdraw either.

July 9th 1788. -- 13th Session. -- 2. As the water-conduit in the village is now in order with the exception of the Stock near the Hall, which shall
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soon be made. The bill will soon be presented to the Committee.
3. Because the Hessian Fly, which has done so much damage to the wheat, is here already, and we have therefore to do all, what we can, to prevent any damage for the year to come.

July 30th 1788. -- 15th Session. -- 6. Br. Schropp reported, that Br. Owen Rice had asked to be relieved from his office in the Inn, because he could not bring up his children in the Inn; he also had the desire, to build a house for himself, which had been approved by the Lord. His proposal is, to build his house over-against, opposite, face-to-face, Br. Schenk's, and to work on his profession as tailor. No objection was made.

August 6th 1788. -- 16th Session. -- 2. Regarding the old price for breaking stones and building with stones or laying bricks, the brethren wanted to inquire about it, but they thought, that 1 pound, 10 shillings and 2 pence for the perch or pole would be a good wage.

5. Br. Schropp related, that Bro. and Sister Bluhm in Schoeneck intend to start on their journey to the Wachau still this month, and for that reason the Gemein-Diaconie in Nazareth cannot help to take possession of their house in Schoeneck, if it is estimated low, so that the Diaconie after all has no loss, especially when one does not know, who will buy it later.

6. It was reported, that in about 14 days the beginning shall be made the beginning with laying out the new road to Wyoming, for which already 1/3 of the subscription money has come in.

8. Because Br. Gottlob Young was for the last time in the Committee-meeting and is moving next Friday to Bethlehem, the brethren bade him farewell and they assured each other, that they will remember him each other in love.

August 27th 1788. -- 17th Session. -- 4. It was reported, that Br. Eberman
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In Lancaster had offered himself to make a big clock for the village with two faces and striking the hours for 60 to 70 pounds, and with striking the quarter-hours for 120 to 130 pounds. The brethren answered him, that they were not ready for such an offer, and all the brethren agreed with it.

September 3rd 1788. -- 18th Session. -- Br. Schropp reported, that for the fire-engine already over 50 pounds had been subscribed, and that some subscriptions are still standing out.

5. Br. Schropp presented the last bill for the water-expenses, which amounted to 36 pounds. One was obliged, $35 pounds of it to the old capital of debts for the first pipes of 36 pounds, and to pay interest for the same.

September 10th 1788. -- 19th Session. -- Regarding Br. Moehring's circumstances it was considered again, and one believed, that it would the best, to hear from him, what offer he could make to find a new way for making his living.

October 8th 1788. -- 21st Session. -- Because next Saturday the election for an assessor for Nazareth Township, and for an inspector by Jonas Hertzel will be held, the committee desired, that at least a few brethren of the over-seer committee should be present.

4. It was suggested, to speak with Br. Bonn regarding the improvement of the drive-way from here to Christian Spring, should be done before the winter comes.

October 29th 1788. -- 23d Session. -- Because Br. Schropp had inquired by Br. Benzien regarding the fire-engine in Salem, and because he had heard, that this engine is light and throws the water as high as it is necessary, the only question was, whether the wood work, which belongs to it, could be made here. Br. Henry assured the brethren, that nothing
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more was in the way, to order such a fire-engine.

November 5th 1788. -- 24th Session. -- 3. It had been reported, that Br. Nath. Micköeh, because he had refused the proposal from Bethlehem, to rent the Mill in Friedensthal, is willing to begin a plantation, and the fields, which And. Stocker has had and a piece of the long meadow had been offered to him for buying. But nothing has been established.

4. One had heard, that the foreign Doctor, who has Sister Belling in his cure, had wondert, that Br. Otto in the beginning had not discovered her dangerous condition, before the harm had developed so far. The brethren thought, that when he did not tell it to sister Belling, he should have told it at least to her husband, or the laborers. It would have been his duty, so that one could in time have taken counsel against it. Further it is said, that Br. Otto had refused the foreign Doctor the dressing during his absence, which one considers very hard and which does not agree with love.

November 19th 1788. -- 25th Session. -- 1. Br. Schropp reported, that a fire-engine had been ordered, and by the first opportunity it will be sent to Nazareth.

2. It was announced, that Br. Nath. Micköeh is not disinclined to begin a plantation, and he has searched for a place, where he can dig a well.

4. Because Mr. Henry Drinker from Philadelphia had complained in Bethlehem about Br. Till, the brethren Schropp and Lister had talked with Mr. Drinker about shoes, which Br. Till had sent him, and they had found, that among the 24 pairs of shoes, were@ 8 sh. 4 pence made outside; also 2 pairs, @ 6 sh., and 5 sh. 6 pence; and that 15 shillings had been paid too much for those 6 pairs. The brethren were sorry, that Br. Till had done something, what was quite unconformable to our brethren-character. And this the more so, because Mr. Drinker had depended on solid
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December 3d 1788. -- 26th Session. -- Br. Schropp reported, that Br. Nath. Micksch had accepted the 100 acres of land in his and his wife's name on a lease of 25 pounds annual rent. But it had been promised, that he should deduct in the first year 16 pounds for his wall. When he is giving up the plantation, the dwelling-house and farm-buildings should be estimated impartially and should be credited to him or to his heir. All other improvements, as fences, orchards etc. belong to the rent of the place and will therefore not be compensated.

2. It was announced, that Br. Till about his affair with Mr. Drinker, shall speak with Br. Horsefield first, and then he will answer the said Mr. Drinker. However it is necessary, that this matter will be settled as soon as possible to the satisfaction of Mr. Drinker, that the advantage of the congregation as an honest people may not be diminished.

3. It was proposed in the married choir in Nazareth, to have the same arrangement regarding watchmen by the sick as in Bethlehem; that the watch goes around regularly and that nobody is excluded (or it must be such a Br. Kern), and when one cannot watch himself, he has to pay a fixed price to the one, who takes his place. There will also will be made no difference between the wealthy Brethren and sisters and the others.

4. The Receipt and expenditure of the Sustentation Diaconie of the Unity was read, and it was seen, that an extra supply of money as last year would be necessary, to pay the deficit.

7. Br. Moehring had asked, whether he could keep rosin, because he had lasts and Absatzhoelzer (woods for heels?). No objection was made, and he was allowed to have besides the store this article.

December 10th 1788. -- 27th Session. -- 1. Regarding the land, which shall be rent to Br. Micksch, wished the brethren a copy of such an or-
ordinary lease, before one is written for that purpose, because one and the other thing may have to be inserted there.

4 pounds 10 shillings

3. The brethren believed it cheap for Br. Jag's lodging and all what belongs to it.

4. Because sometimes the question is asked by strangers, whether we consider the soldiership as something, which is against our conscience, one wishes in this matter authoritative information, what shall be answered to this affair, and that this matter shall be explained exactly. The following answer has been given already to similar questions. That we do not consider the soldiership in itself as sinful, but we have not founded Gemein-Orte (villages of the congregation) without having reserved the liberty from personal service, and it is true therefore, because the expressly villages of the congregation have been founded/as preparatory-schools for the service of the Gospel, and how then really soon this one and then that one had been called to that service. And the soldiership would not suit to this. Whether this answer is correct and sufficient, will be seen, when this matter will be inspected.

December 31st 1788. -- 26th Session. -- 3. A petition should be sent to the Council on account of Commissioners for laying out the Wyoming Road. Somebody should go around and collect signatures for this purpose. The sessions for this year were closed by the singing of a hymn.

January 14th 1789. -- 29th Session. -- 5. Br. Schropp related, that Br. Ettwein in his letter regarding personal service as soldier of a brother of the congregation had answered briefly, that it was a matter of conscience, at least with the most members of a village of a congregation, and therefore the others had to follow them too. This matter was discussed to-day in details, especially regarding the members of the land-
congregations, because there are some who do not mind, to place themselves for being drilled. But one cannot charge it too highly for it; it would be different, if a member of a Gemein-Ort, village community, would do that, because we have required everywhere to be dispensed from personal military-service, before we founded a community-village. We esteem this liberty and privilege very highly and we have to support it.

January 21st 1789. -- 30th Session. -- 3. An essay for a lease for Breth. Micksch had been written and was considered; but one believed, that it should be written quite differently, in order to reach the purpose and to be safe. The desire was made known, that the brethren should send the necessary remarks in a letter to Mr. Lewis Weiss in Philadelphia and should hear his opinions about it.

February 4th 1789. -- 31st Session. --1. Br. Schropp announced, that the lease had been read to Br. Micksch and he had no objections to make. -- The brethren thought, that a bond of performance should be added to it, as it has been done usually.

February 11th 1789. -- 32nd Session. --1. It had been related to the Committee, that Brother and sister Moehring had written a letter to the E.C., in which they showed their perplexity regarding their outer existence, and asked also for a good advice, how they can be helped in this or that way, and they added also their own proposals to it. Their wish is, that they should like to build a cheap house near the Inn, which would cost about 150 pounds. And if that would not be possible, they would for obedience sake accept the management of the Inn, if they were asked for it. But the brethren were doubtful about both proposals, and one did not advise to one or the other. The brethren believed, that Mr. Moehring's circumstances do not allow it, that he could build anew, and the other reason, why he had to be dismissed from the Inn, is still fresh in the memory of the people. And before anything can be done for them, it is
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necessary, that some brethren take up their status.

2. Brother ad sister Levering in Christian Spring had also written to the E.C. and had expressed their desire, to become inhabitants of this village. Br. Levering offered, because his profession as gun-smith cannot be carried out, that he would do work as black-smith, tinker and other patch-work, which is connected with it. The brethren were of the general opinion, that Br. and Sister Levering will make their living here in the village, They had no objection, that the Brother and Sister Levering want to move to this village and do the work as mentioned above,

February 25th 1789. -- 34th Session. -- Br. Schropp reported, that Br. Fr. Schaeffer had turned to the E. C. with the desire, to become an owner of a house here in the village. He either would buy one or build one. The Committee had no objection, and when he is permitted to build a house, it could be one like that of Br. Worbach.

3. Before Br. Levering in Christian Spring can become an inhabitant of the village, it is necessary, that before he has to settle up with his debtors, and the Note, which he will get, must be written in Br. Bonn's name.

March 11th 1789. -- 35th Session. -- 3. It was announced with grief, that Br. Wichmann for several times had overloaded himself with strong drinks. And just last week he came home from an auction, so that his legs could scarcely carry him.

March 18th 1789. -- 36th Session. -- 4. It was looked at as disorder, that Br. Till had received Medicine from Tobias Hirte in Philadelphia to sell it, which should not be permitted, wherefore Br. Lister will talk with Br. Till. -- Br. Lister had then talked with Br. Till and he had received the answer, that the medicine from Hirte had not been sold, and it would be returned again to Hirte.
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April 1st 1789. - 37th Session. - 6. Br. Schropp presented to the committee the financial report of the Unity's Warden Committee of December 1787, as well as the condition of the Unity, from which it was to be seen, that of the expected annual contributions of 33000 dollars, only 19 000 dollars had been received. It was stated, that the Unity's debts by extra supplies, expired annuities etc. has been diminished by 15 000 dollars by God's help. The members were encouraged, to pay their contributions more punctually.

April 22nd 1789. - 39th Session. - 1. In the meeting it was told, that Br. Loehring's debts had, after careful examination, increased about 11 pounds, so that he has a debt of almost 300 pounds, and against it he has, without household furniture, to show only 157 pounds for covering the debts.

2. Regarding Br. Levering it was told, that he would first start with a tinker-shop and later on he would little by little work as a black-smith. About a lodging he thought he would not take Sister Dealing's house, but he agreed with sister Lisher for her house for one year, for which he would pay for the entire house 15 pounds rent per year, and to pay half of the ground-rent, which would be for both lots not quite 12 shillings. The Brethren had no objection to make, if he would make his arrangements there without much expenses and changes. The brethren thought, that he could not arrange for a black-smith shop on account of the narrow space in the cellar, and that he would have to use the stable for it.

4. Regarding the batallion's day, which should be in the month of May here in Nazareth, the brethren would do their best, that the batallion if possible, would not meet here in Nazareth.

April 29th 1789. - 40th Session. - Because Br. Schaeffer until now had had ⅓ from the garden with 22 fruit-trees, and 2/3 from the cellar for
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for his lodging for 4 pounds and 10 shillings in Sister Lisher's house, and because in the future he can have only half of the garden and cellar, it was proposed to deduct annually 5 shillings. The brethren want to propose it to Br. Schaeffer and Bro. Levering, and want to establish something certain with both of the brethren regarding the garden and the space in the cellar.

May 20th 1789. -- 42nd Session. -- The brethren of the committee wished, that Br. Schloesser should get some help very soon regarding his saddler-profession.

June 3d 1789. -- 43d Session. -- 2. Br. Jacob Christ was to speak to Br. Levering and to propose to him, that he should make tinkering his profession, and for that reason he should as soon as possible go for 8 days to Bethlehem, in order to go to Br. Anton Schmidt and to look there in his shop and try to learn how to use all the different sheet-metals in the right way. Br. Anton Schmidt can then, according to promise, come up to Nazareth and can help him to start. Br. Levering appears to the brethren of the committee rather sleepy and he needs encouragement and rousing from the sleep, especially in the beginning, when he lives only from his bag and will for some time earn nothing, and yet he has to take care of a family.

July 22nd 1789. -- 47th Session. -- 3. It was announced, that in the town the price for a tombstone, as ours are, 18 x 12 inches, not over 9 shillings is. Every letter costs 2 pence, with a bar around the stone.

5. The brethren thought it necessary, that on the steeple there should be put a fixed bench to rest on it, because the old one is broken. Then one should paint the steeple here and there, which should be looked after.

August 5th 1789. -- 49th Session. -- 1. When the chimney in Old Nazareth caught fire, the desire was expressed, that in the future, when a fire
should break out, the first brother, who should become aware of, should either here or in Old Nazareth, not as usually ring the bell, but should toll the bell and by crying out loudly: FIRE, should announce it, so that immediate help is requested. This matter belongs to the Gemein-Council, in order to talk the matter over, because we have no night-watchman, how it can be done in the night, when the Hall is locked up and no sign or alarm can be given with the bell.

4. Because sister Levering is moving to Bethlehem to the Institute there, and by doing so, the Sister-house has then no more a dress-maker; it was the desire of the brethren, that in her place somebody else should be found.

5. The house-rent for Br. Samuel Schneider for his lodging in Old Nazareth for the entire lower floor, where he now is living and for a little piece of vegetable-garden, was put to 4 pounds per year.

September 2nd 1789. - 50th Session. -- 5. The brethren were reminded, that when a citizen builds a house, he should pay something for the stones to the Gemein-Diaconie. The brethren were of the opinion, that it would be fair, when Br. Schenk pays something for the quarry on the whole, and for the pole of stones, which he sells, to the Gemein-Diaconie.

September 9th 1789. - 51st Session. -- The rule was laid down, that all kitchen-chimney, which are used, in the village and in Old Nazareth, should be swept every 8 weeks, and whoever refuses to do so, should be given notice.

3. The brethren wished, that the saddle-shop in the village would soon be occupied, otherwise the entire village would suffer by it.

October 7th 1789. -- 52nd Session. -- 4. It was the desire of the brethren, that some brethren from the over-seer committee, should go next Saturday to the Township election.
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October 14th 1789. -- 53d Session. -- 2. Br. Lister showed his perplexity about the shoemaker's shop in the brethren's house. He told, that he had no clearness about the way of acting of the Brother Jos. Tills. First of all he could not pay his debts to the Diaconie and for the second he takes the trouble upon himself to collect debts for others. The brethren thought it necessary, to request clearness in this matter.

October 28th 1789. -- 55th Session. -- 4. By the dispute between a widow (Young) in the neighborhood and brethren on account of land, the desire was expressed, that brethren should not engage in buying land, even when it has to be done in necessity; but the brethren should first report it at the right place. It does not bring only loss of time, difficulties, quarrel and other harm, but it comes from the source of getting rich, which is against our calling and brings only ill success.

November 11th 1789. -- 56th Session. -- 2. Because the old orchard in Old Nazareth is dying out more and more, because nobody is planting new trees, it was the desire of the brethren, that it should be taken more care of that orchard. But Br. Schropp believed, that it would not be any harm, when all the trees would die out, because the farmer-brethren have on the new orchard enough, when it is taken care of; for now they have too much already and they neglect over the apples often more necessary work.

November 18th 1789. -- 57th Session. -- 3. Br. Lister by inquiring about Br. Till's bills, nothing could be settled, and because one is doubtful, whether Br. Tills has a good bookkeeping system, it was found necessary for every master, to keep the books in good order. It was told, that Br. Moehring had received a letter, according which he owed the Coll. Hooper still 8 pounds 8 shillings and 10 pence. But Br. Moehring asserted, that Coll. Hooper owes him still 85 Cont. Dollars, when he was still in the
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Tavern, which is but some shillings in a specific value. However, the papers, which are necessary, to set the things in order, have been lost.

November 25th 1789. - 58th Session. -- 3. Regarding Br. Brunner are the Brethren serious, because one has found out, that he uses still/strong drinks, than is good for him.

December 23rd 1789. -- 62nd Session. -- 1. Br. Schropp reported, that the new road from the Moortown to Nazareth has been laid out yesterday by the Jury just as we have wished it.

4. It was proposed, that very soon a lane should be opened from the Hall-Square through the field near the meadow to the Christian Spring road, in order that cart-loads with wood etc., which want to go to the Hall or to the Sister's house etc. need not go all around through the village. Then towards the Hall-Square should be made a drop-door and the Lane should remain open.

December 30th 1789. -- 63rd Session. -- 1. Because a new Jury has been appointed to look over again the newly laid out road from Moors-Township to Nazareth. It had been proposed, to request the said Jury, to lead the road from our village through Old Nazareth to the next public road, in order that this piece, that belongs also to Nazareth, may be made a public street, and by doing so, to avoid new expenses.

January 6th 1790. -- 2. Regarding the piece of road through Old Nazareth, the brethren want to speak further with the Jury-men. When Br. Steinman, with whom has talked Br. Schropp already, as Juryman can lead the road over the Christian Spring mill-dam over here, the brethren have no objections to make.

January 13th 1790. -- 65th Session. -- Br. Schropp announced that the E. C. had asked the Over-Seer Committee, who shall be appointed for the INN in