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Tavern, which is but some shillings in a specific value. However the pa-
pers, 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/^{more}strong
drinks, than is good for him.

December 23d 1789. -- 62nd Session. -- 1. Br. Schropp reported, that the
new road from the Moorstown 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 drap-door and the Lane should
remain open.

December 30th 1789. -- 63d Session, -- 1. Because a new Jury has been ap-
pointed 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 objec-
tions 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

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the place of Brother and sister Owen Rice. Br. Stotz, who was present, was appointed as Landlord for the Inn, and nobody had any objections, if only a landlady could be found so easily. But one could talk about this now, yet the brethren should think this matter over and every one separately should give his opinion. If for this business a married couple could be found, which would fit for the work, it would be the best; but one did not know anybody in Nazareth, who could be proposed.

February 3d 1790. -- 68th Session. -- 3. The Committee had heard, that Bro. Wichman had in mind to build a room at his house and he had not reported anything to the E.C. nor to the Over-seer Committee. It was therefore necessary to remind Br. Wichman about it and to let him know, that in the future, whenever a building shall be put up, one has first to get the consent of the E. C. and of the Over-seer committee, which has also to be notified to the Gemein-council.

4. Br. Schropp presented to the Committee a sketch of the intended building for the Fire-engine, cistern and market-house. Br. Henry's proposal, to put up four pillars on the four corners and on both sides in the middle, made out of bricks, found, although they will be more expensive than posts, no opposition, because they will be more durable. The brethren believed, that without perceptible drawback, ^{from} the building of 34 feet length, according to the sketch, 4 feet on the south-side could be taken off, and the Market-place would not be too small.

February 24th 1790. -- 70th Session. -- 2. An estimate for ^{fire-engine} the/house and the cistern was presented, which amounts to 72 pounds and 8 shillings. The brethren thought, that they should still consider this affair.

March 3d 1790. -- 71st Session. -- 4. The brethren remarked, that on account of plantation-work, it would be high time, to put somebody in H. Brunner's place, for if it would last too long, more damage for the Diaconie would arise.

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2. The brethren were in favour, that the 10 pounds rent, which Br. Nathan Miksch has to pay at the end of the/year, should be released from the pay-
ment on account of his expensive well.

7. Because Br. Schaeffer is not willing, to keep any longer the lodging in Sister Lisher's house, and proposed, to take Sister Dealing's house as his future lodging, nobody had any objection and he received permis- sion to do so.

8. The brethren had been reminded, that this meeting will be the last one this year, and that the conference will now be arranged anew.

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- 4. Christian Fr. Steinmann, Warden in Gnadenthal;
- 5. Jacob Christ, Curator of the Single Sisters.

II. By election and approbation of the Lord:

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| a) <u>From the Married Choir:</u> | b) <u>from the single Brethren's choir:</u> |
| 6. William Henry, | 8. George Golkovsky, |
| 7. John Youngberg, | 9. Gottfried Hennig. |

These 9 brethren had their first meeting this year in April 15th in the forenoon in the presence of the brethren of the E. C. in Nazareth.

April 15th 1790. - 1st Session. -4. Br. Youngberg is again willing, to record the minutes.

5. The building of the fire-engine house, the cistern and the market-house under one roof, had been accepted and approved.

May 19th 1790. -- 5th Session. --1. Br. Schropp announced, that Br. Nathan Clewel, a cartwright, would like to buy the house of Bluhm in Schoeneck; but he thinks, the price is a little too high. This House and the adjoining buildings have been estimated to 130 pounds, but they had been offered a year ago for 125 pounds. But rather one is willing to sell the houses for 115 pounds, than to let them stand empty any longer.

3. Regarding sister Lisher's house, it would be better, when the same would be estimated according to the lease, against which she had nothing to say. Then it should be taken possession of by the Gemein-Diaconie. But before this is done, one should have first the assurance from Br. Levering, whether he would be satisfied with such an estimate, and whether he will accept it as such, and afterwards have no objections to make, by which the Gemein-Diaconie may have some loss.

4. It was reported, that David Gold offered his house and land for 180 pounds, but he intends to live in there until fall. The brethren believed, that if one could not have it a little lower, one would have to take it

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for the price, in order to avoid greater damage. Only the house-rent until fall should be deducted. ---- This was the last time, that Br. Schropp was with us.

May 26th 1790. -- 6th Session. --1. By reading the minutes, Br. Denke, as the present warden and president of the Over-Seer Committee, reported, that Br. Nathan. Clewel had accepted the house of Br. Bluhm in Schoeneck for 115 pounds, under the condition, to count the interest from the next November. Also 8 trunks of wood have been granted to him for his new shop, and 6 window-panes on his request.

2. Sister Lisher had offered her house to Br. Levering for 270 pounds, either in cash or on interest; and the Gemein-diaconie will give security.

3. Br. Schmick had not received permission to become house-owner in Nazareth; but another proposal was made, that he should take the saddler-shop.

9. A proposal was made, that a lot opposite of Br. Belling, should be left for the public, for keeping building material there. But this matter will have to be considered further.

June 2nd 1790. -- 7th Session. -- 1. It was announced, that sister Lisher has now given up her house and has delivered it to Bro. Joseph Levering for 270 pounds. This matter is now settled and in order.

4. ~~The~~ Br. Jacob Christ had been commissioned with the special inspection of the streets and roads in and around the village.

5. Br. William Henry had been charged with the inspection of the Water-conduit.

7. By considering the building of an fire-engine-house, several difficulties were met with, especially on account of the lack of materials. Therefore the building of it was deferred till next spring, in order to gain time for getting all the necessary materials ready. One had not received

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news, whether and when the fire-engine will arrive. But the cistern shall be commenced, and Br. Jacob Christ was commissioned with the digging of it. - Br. William Henry had been ordered, to let the box been made, so that in the next spring the building can be begun without any hindrance.

June 10th 1790. -- 8th Session. -- 3. According to the desire of Bro. and Sister Schloesser, will the Gemein-Diaconie take possession of their house for 400 pounds. Of this will 100 pounds be paid by the Mission-Diaconie, and 100 pounds by the Nazareth-Diaconie on annuity of their both lives to $7\frac{1}{2}\%$, ^{for} and the other 200 pounds will be paid interest, 5 %, which will be together 25 pounds per year.

4. Because Br. Schmick/^{has received permission} from Bethlehem to continue the saddler-profession in Nazareth in Bro. and Sister Schloesser's house, and because he is a new beginner, the house-rent for the first year shall be 25 pounds. But in the future 7 % shall be charged.

June 16th 1790. -- 9th Session. -- 2. Br. Benke announced, that Br. Schmick had changed his mind again and had refused the sattler-shop in Nazareth altogether. But we have another proposal in view, which gives more hope.

June 23d 1790. --- 10th Session. -- 4. It was reported, that Br. Oerter had received permission, to work in the saddler-shop in Bro. and Sister Schloesser's house, and to become a house-owner in Nazareth; he will accept the house for 400 pounds. This news Br. Zeisberger will report to-day in Bethlehem.

5. The brethren of the Over-seer Committee stated, that Bro. and Sister Schloesser shall get 3 bonds from the congregation, one for 200 pounds for 5 % interest, and 2 each 100 pounds on annuity for $7\frac{1}{2}\%$, so that ^{accepts} the S.P.G./one of them for $7\frac{1}{2}\%$; and the Gemein-Diaconie for the $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ is indemnified for it. One bond of them shall be assessed.

June 30th 1790. -- 11th Session. -- 1. It was announced, that three

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bonds had been drawn up for Brother and Sister Schloesser on June 10th, according to the last Session. Their house has been taken over by the congregation for 400 Lbs. and their lease has been returned to them, also on the 10th of this month.

2. Brother and sister Schloesser have resolved, to take lodging by Sister Dealing, the upper 2 rooms towards the south for 8 Lbs. They are to be advised, that before they talk matters over thoroughly, in order to avoid differences.

4. The committee wishes, that Gold's house should soon get into better / and acceptable hands, in order to avoid loosing on the mortgage and interest, which will happen without failure.

July 7th 1790. -12th Session. -- 1. The brethren had been informed, that between Schoeneck and Friedensthal there is a nice place for a plantation, and near by is a spring, which never will get dry.

2. It was reported, that Br. M. Ruch wants to buy the /old house, in which Bro. and Sister Bruecker have been living. The brethren had no consideration about it.; they said, that is should be done in the usual manner by a lease, and Br. Ruch has to pay the ground-rent for it. The brethren chose on their side Br. Steinmann for the estimation of the house, and Br. Ruch has to choose the second man, and those two may choose a third man for estimation of the property. It would be also fair, when the fence, which the late Bruecker has let put up around his garden, would be estimated and the widow would be compensated for it.

4. On the 10th of July have brother and sister Schloesser moved from their house into Sister Dealing's house.

July 21st 1790. -- 14th Session. -- Some brethren reported, that they had seen a nice plantation near the Steiner's plantation, where without much damage to the forest, a fine plantation can be cultivated. The bre-

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brethren want to see, if they can find a trustworthy man, who could take it over.

July 28th 1790. -- 15th Session. -- 3. The brethren had been informed, & that Br. M. Ruch will lease the house of the late Bruecker for 25 Lbs. 5 sh. The brethren want to let him have it.

August 11th 1790. -- 17th Session. - 3. Br. Denke told the brethren, that some buildings in Nazareth are standing too high, for instance the INN, and that the farm-buildings should be $\frac{2}{1}$ little by little lowered.

September 1st 1790. -- 20th Session. -- 3. Regarding the annual taxes or rent for the new plantation, which has to be cultivated, near Schoeneck, the brethren believed, after a thorough consideration, that 36 Lbs. per year would be too much, and that 30 Lbs. per year, with one year free, would be perhaps enough, and it would encourage the farmer, who cultivates it, to do his work diligently and he would also be punctual with paying.

4. As much as one knows, there is nothing anymore in the way, to offer & that said plantation to Jos. Romig.

5. Concerning Gold, it was said, that it should be resolved, because Gold had not paid his interest from thence, it should be made plain to him, if he does not pay his interest, one would be obliged, to sell his house and land by the authority, in order to avoid greater losses.

September 8th 1790. - 21st Session. --- Br. Denke had talked with Gold concerning his debts, and if he would not pay his interest, the sheriff would have to sell the house and the land. Gold asked for patience and he promised, to do his best. But the brethren said, that one could go by that.

September 15th 1790. -- 22nd Session. -- 3. Br. Youngberg was obliged, not only as merchant, but also as Br. Denke's assistant, to speak about a matter, which rather would have been heard from another brother. It

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concerns the retail-trade, which is gaining ground here in the village. It is not, what one is talking about, when somebody orders goods himself, or lets come goods by the piece or by barrels, which is free to everybody; but it concerns rather the retailing of goods, which is gaining ground now and then more and more and which will bring disorder into the congregation and which will have serious consequences. The brethren of the Over-Seer Committee have to watch particularly about this. Br. Youngberg renewed his ^{former} offer, to serve ^{faithfully} the brethren and sisters, when they give him money along, for 2½ % commission.

September 22nd 1790. -- 23d Session. -- 1. In a former Session one had found, that Br. J. Beutel's circumstances were critical, and that his business is going back, of which he himself is convinced. The Committee had inspected his debts, and had found, that Br. Beutel according to his own statement, has 287 Lbs, ---sh. and 8½ pence debts, with the exception of what is still being added to it. Br. Beutel himself knows no way out of it, when he is going on as he did before. -----In another Session it was said of Beutel the following. Henry Dieter had said, that Br. Beutel had given of his potash 2 barrels to Br. Youngberg, and when Br. Beutel had been asked about it, he could not deny it, that he had said something like that. Br. Beutel had also promised to Henry Dieter, that in four weeks he would have ready the same amount for him. But this matter was not such the case, but he had had 2 barrels of Potash for Dieter, but had sent the same potash ^{for} ~~to~~ a John Davis in Wyoming by J. Heller to Philadelphia, and had used the above mentioned words only as an excuse. ---- The Committee was then in another session considering, what could be done for Bro. Heller, to help him out from his trouble. Br. Youngberg made the proposal, that when Br. Beutel would supply him annually with at least 8 barrels of potash at the right time, he would try to pay off Beutel's interest, when

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 they are due. He would also/pay off, what is left of the Capital. Brober
 Beutel could not borrow anything from him, but as for ashes firewood, bar-
 rels and fare for the cart-driver. Br. Beutel must then promise to the
 committee, that he nowhere will get indebted, and that he uses his other
 earnings for the necessaries of his household. And if he cannot do that,
 then all trouble with him is in vain; for he owes already 287 Lbs. and he
 is not/^{scarcely}so much worth. Br. Youngeberg will in future take no commission
 from him, but only the interest for advanced money. It must be left to
 him, how he can sell the potash most profitable. He also will have to
 present a bill annually of what he sells, so that it can be inspected,
 and all suspicion is avoided. But he lets sell potash in the town by
 somebody else, then commission and storeage is not to be avoided. -

1. It was announced, that the brethren Denke, Christ and Youngberg, ac-
 cording to the order of the committee, had been at Bro. and Sister Beutel
 and had a frank and openhearted talk with both of them. Br. Beutel ac-
 cepted the offer of Br. Youngberg, of which Br. Beutel had received a
 written copy, and he promised, to deliver annually 8 barrels of potash
 to Br. Youngberg for the benefit of his creditors. But he asked, that he
 is helped with ashes etc., what belongs to potash-making. Both of the
 Beutel's promised, that they would do their share, to use the other ear-
 nings in their household, and to make both ends meet, without getting in-
 to debts.

2. At this opportunity it was noticed, that one had tried to raise mistrust
 against Br. Youngberg's service for Br. Beutel. He found himself obliged,
 to write out a current bill from 1784 until this day, in order to con-
 vince the Over-Seer Committee, how unfair he had been treated in this
 matter; for it was his desire, to help Br. Beutel, wherefore he made the
 request. The current bill was examined, and one could not find any error.

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in a letter
October 6th 1790. -- 24th Session. -- 3. Br. Giersch/had been complaining,
 because he alone does not make tombstones, but also other people block his
 road. The brethren wished, that such a thing should not be done without
 necessity. It was said in the committee, that because Br. Giersch had
 been too high in his prices for his stones and for his pay, and he had
 even asked for a shiling for taking the stone to the Cemetery, which he
 should do without payment. And because it is so, one could not blame any-
 body, nor prohibit any one, when he would go to Br. Peter Christ, who has
 also a family to take care of. However, when the stone, which costs in
 Philadelphia/^{from} 7 Sh. 6 pence, to 8 Sh. 4 pence, and for which would be char-
 ged some fare for the cart and still something more for the risk here,
 and 2 pence for each letter, as in the town, then it would not be unfair,
 and yet there is good profit in it.

3. The brethren of the committee wished to encourage Br. Beutel to let
 pave his street, and if he lacks the wages for it, Br. Youngberg will
 advance it to him, so that the street will be paved soon.

4. Because Romig in Friedensthal had refused to take the plantation, the
 brethren thought it would be better, to let him have the plantation for 2
 years free instead of leaving it unused.

5. It was announced, that Br. Weinich or Weinick in Bethlehem desired to
 have Br. Gold now for his work, because he had lost 2 men and work would
 be enough for Gold. The brethren thought, it would be the best for Gold,
 because otherwise he would run deeper into debts.

November 3d 1790. -- 26th Session. -- 2. Br. Henry reported, that Br. Moe-
 ring had lamented about his trouble, because he had seen, that he is going
 back, but he put the fault on the high house-rent, and he wished, that he
 could get in the village a cheaper house. / with a household of 4 people
 That Br. Moehring is going back
 the brethren did not doubt. But it was fervently denied, that he should

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receive help from the brethren by the building of a house. When the congregation will take back the house, where will he take the money/^{from} to build a house, even a cheap one? However, because the brother and sister Moehring together have shown, that they are not able to accept a good advice, the brethren regarding his affair do not know, what they can do, but to leave him to his fate. But according to our rules should be done something in his circumstances, before the loss of the creditors will be too big. But this can only be done, when this affair will be referred to the E. C., which had taken the matter in hand two years ago. And this E. C. can consider, what shall be done.

November 10th 1790. -- 27th Session. -- 1. The brethren believed, that it would be the best, when Moehring would be requested by some brethren of the E. C. to make an inventory. He had been asked last spring already, to make an inventory, but it had not been done.

2. Br. Denke reported, that the road through Old Nazareth has been laid out by a Jury to the satisfaction of everybody. It is much straighter than the old road, and without doing much harm to the woods.

3. Br. Jacob Schmidt from Bethlehem had been in Nazareth, and he seems to be in earnest, to take over the saddler's shop in Schlosser's house. He had also promised, when the matter was presented to him, that he would indemnify the Gemein-Diaconie on account of the interest for the 400 Lbs. and he would pay from that time on 5 % for it, because Brother and Sister Schlosser have moved out. He had in the meantime ordered firewood. The brethren wished, that he will move up as soon as possible, because it would be good for the customers as well as for him and for the house. He had been encouraged, to do so, and he said, he himself would be ready as soon as they can find a person in his place in Bethlehem.

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November 17th 1790. -- 28th Session. -- 2. Daniel Ziegler had notified the brethren regarding a piece of land, which he wants to buy. It is lying near Ulrich Knecht, and it is bound to Leonhard Knecht's land.

December 1st 1790. --- 30th Session. -- In regard to carrying the corpse of a dead brother or sister, the Gemein-council had appointed the following citizens, of which one could expect such a service:

Fred. Dancke, Owen Rice, Martin Schenk, M. Moehring, Chr. Myrtetus, Christ. Giersch, J. Youngberg, J. Beutel. Joach. Wichman, I. Kremser, Gottfr. Belling, Jacob Eyerle, junior, William Henry, Jos. Otto, Aug. Schlosser, Fred Schaefer, Jos. Demuth, Peter Christ, M. Ruch, Henry Brunner, Samuel Schneider, Conrad Ernst, Jacon Schnall.

For the present are 23 brethren, to which will be added the future inhabitant in the house of Schlosser. The members of the trombone-band will when they can, be not unwilling, to help to bear; but one could not take any payment from them, if they could not do it. -- It had been reported, that Br. Melchior Christ had now more trouble than ever before, getting together the undertaker's men, bearers; which should be done by the first Hall-servant. Those, who cannot serve as bearer should pay 1 shilling. It shall be done in this manner, when the one, who orders the bearers, comes to one brother, who cannot do the service, shall pay him into the hand the 1 shilling, so that then no difficulty will arise concerning the payment.

December 8th 1790. -- 31st Session. --1. The proposal of the E. C. was announced, that Br. Jacob Christ should be the one, who shall order the bearers for the funeral as well as also shall have the inspection at the funeral, and he will then be dispensed from bearing the corpse. Brother Christ accepted the offer, although he rather would have liked to be a bearer, than to accept this business.

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December 15th 1790. --- 32nd Session. - 3. Regarding the cistern it was resolved, that the foundation should be made throughout with field-stones up to the ground, because this would only cost the fare for the cart, and it would not be lifted so easily by the frost than quarry-stones.

December 29th 1790. -- 33d Session. --- 2. We heard, that Br. Ludwig Knauss in Schoeneck had bought the place by Jesse Jones.

January 5th 1790. -- 34th Session. -- 5. The desire was expressed, that one should have a larger bell for our village, because, when strong wind is, one could not hear the bell everywhere in the village, and that often the ringing of the bell has to be for a longer time.

6. The brethren agreed to it, that the opening of the North-gable end of the fire-engine-house, should be walled up with bricks, because it would be most durable and also cheapest, and it would need about 600 bricks, to lay the wide road. Woodwork would cost more and then it would have to be painted too. The cistern shall be changed, and it shall be 14 feet long and 8½ feet wide, in order to use better the planks.

January 12th 1791. ---- 35th Session. --- 3. L. Knauss has given up buying a plantation on account of the lack of a good deed.

January 19th 1791. ---- 36th Session. Sam. Schneider's insolvent bill was presented to the Committee. Some will lose 170,00 on the whole, and the Gemein-¹iaconie loses over \$ 150, 00.

2. The brethren believed it necessary, to call before the Committee Schneider and Brunner, and to lay down before them their condition, and to admonish them, especially Schneider in a brotherly manner, to be diligent in order to pay off little by little their debts, so that not all is lost, and especially that they now owe anew more debts on rent and contribution to the congregation.

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February 16th 1791. -- 39th Session. -- 4. The Committee believes, that it is necessary, because there has been stolen so much wood here and in Bethlehem, to appoint a brother for our distant forest as inspector, and that without his knowledge no trunk of a tree can be cut. Br. Peter Christ had been appointed. The brethren believed, that when this affair is in order, one could think of cultivation of one or two plantations, as Br. Miksch has done. The committee also thinks, that when will not be done, one will have more loss than profit by taking over of the land on Nazareth, especially because the 5% rent has been put on too early. At present is through the losses so much lost already, and annually so much stock-wood has to be delivered gratis, without that wood, which is cut and taken out not allowed.

March 2nd 1791. -- 40th Session. --2. At the time, when a brother of the Committee had a discourse with Br. Peter Christ regarding the inspection of the forest, the latter one explained himself, that when he is appointed as inspector by the brethren, that he should like to ask for the first to have free house-rent, and then he would accept it. And then in the future, by experience, he will be able to tell, how much time he uses for the inspection of the forest. And whether he will be able to exist by this proposal, and if he could not exist, he would report it to the Committee later on. The Committee found this proposal fair and well.

March 9th 1791. --- 41st Session. -- 2. Because the youngst Myrtetus has finished last Saturday his apprenticeship and the indenture from Br. Jacob Christ had changed with the father already, some brethren as a committee will call this evening the young Myrtetus, and will declare him as journeyman, and will give him at the same time some appointment.

4. Br. Youngberg put before the Committee another bill of Br. Beutel's debt besides a bill of Sale of Potash, after/^{which}deduction Br. Beutel owes

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him still 16 Lbs. 13 sh. 7 pence.

Committee-meeting, in the evening at 8 o'clock. Present were the brethren Denke, Youngberg, Lister, Henry and Christ. Br. John Myrtetus, junior, appeared before the Committee and was declared as journeyman. After he had shown his satisfaction with his master, the exhortation was given to him, that he should show himself as a diligent and obedient journeyman and as a willing brother in everything, especially in obeying our rules of the congregation and of the choir. He also was admonished to put into practice the privilege of living in the congregation.

March 16th 1790. -- 42nd Session. ---1. It was announced, that it seems as if Steiner does not want Gold's house. Gold gave then to Br. Denke a written possession, so that when Gold is moving to Bethlehem, he is not hindered, because it would be dangerous, to leave Gold's house empty, and the brethren desire very much, that soon Gold's house can be occupied by somebody. And the rent would be credited to Gold until it will be sold.

4. It had been proposed, that the pillars for the fire-engine-house should be made of ~~bricks~~ quarry-stones, instead of bricks. This proposal was accepted, when Br. Schenk could make them as durable with such stones. But the arch should be made of bricks.

April 6th 1790. --- 44th Session. -- Br. Denke reported, that he had heard Br. Steinman's proposal, and he requests besides a lodging a piece of land and some water, in order to have some cows, and for that purpose he proposed the building-lot over-against, opposite, face-to-face Br. Belling adjacent besides the piece of land, against the brethren had no objection, because it is at the end of the village, and because one wanted to help him, that he could build a house.

4. Much was discussed about the cistern and the fire-engine house, which shall be built. The cistern should first be finished, and then it shall

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be sunk in, before one begins to build with stones. For the 2 doors of the fire-engine house frames should be made, in order to hang up the doors. The other openings would have no necessity of having frames.

April 20th 1791. -- 46th Session. - It was announced, that an improvement at the milkhouse-building by the INN, should be proposed and had been accepted. It would the building more spacious and more useful.

June 29th 1791. -- 53d Session. -- 2. The fire-engine from Europe had arrived. Br. Henry was ordered, to let make the woodwork and what else is still wanting. It had been proposed to have for the box 2 inches thick walnut-planks. Thin copper-sheating and nails for lining has still to be ordered.

3. For the fire-engine house had been approved an arched ceiling, made out of sawn boards, in order to make lattice-work. - A box shall be made under the pipe and pump, where also the outlet from the Cistern is leading, in order to turn off the water together. This was thought the best idea.

July 13th 1791. -- 54th Session. --The brethren thought, that the North-west door should be closed up by laying bricks, as Br. Henry had proposed it before, because the difference of the cost would be little, and a wall would be closer and more durable than woodwork.

July 20th 1791. -- 55th Session. --2. It had been proposed, to begin the new plantation by Br. Dorst Alleman's south-west corner, then to follow his line to his North-west corner, and from there in the east to Rohn and Seyfried's corner, from there towards ~~xxxx~~ south to the Friedensthal road, then along there down to the parallel-line of the first corner and to follow the line to the mentioned corner of ^{/Br.} Alleman, as straight as possible, in order to include the Indian-spring, and even if it would be over 100 acres. Of this of course should be left 20% for wood. One wanted

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wanted to charge for the acre 6 shillings, and it should be given free only for one year. The brethren of the Committee had the desire, to see the land and they did it. Br. Golkovsky had been ordered to measure the land, so that one can see, how it will fit best. Further, beside the agreement one found it necessary, to take still a bond of performance from the Contrahenten, so that everything is made firm and sure. All should be prevented, what would give cause for misunderstandings and complaints.

3. The brethren approved, that in the sister's yard to the stable an additional building should be put as far as to the barn of the shop, in order to get more room for 2 cows, because the sisters have often too little milk for the school.

August 3d 1791. -- 56th Session. -- Although Sister Dealing had recalled the lodging of Br. Fr. Schaeffer, he was not willing to move. The brethren thought, that some brethren should go to him and should talk to him in a kind way, because he can get another lodging and it is not necessary, to live in dissension. The brethren Youngberg and Henry will therefore talk with him.

August 10th 1791. --- 57th Session. -- 1. The brethren Youngberg and Henry talked to Br. Schaeffer. He told, that he had too little room, wherefore Br. Denke was willing to offer him still one room/^{upstairs}for his things.

August 17th 1791. -- 58th Session. -- 5. It was reported, that Br. Fr. Schaeffer is now moving from Sister Dealing's house to the Stone House.

August 24th 1791. -- 59th Session. -- 1. It was reported, that the land of the new plantation has been measured and a sketch has been presented. It contains 107 acres and 160 rods.

August 31st 1791. -- 60th Session. - 1. A sketch of Br. Schaeffer's house was presented to the Committee. The brethren thought, the house will be higher, than Br. Schaeffer had thought it. Some feet shorter and narrower would do the same.

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September 14th 1791. -- 61st Session. -- 5. Br. Schaeffer had resolved, to build a stone house, and the brethren reminded him, that it should be small and it should be so arranged, that easily a small additional building could be joined to it. Br. Ettwein asked the committee, to see to it that such little houses get a sufficient thick wall, so that lateron, when it is necessary, to build another story on the top of it.

6. Br. ^LEttwein wished, that Bethlehem and Nazareth in consideration of the road between the two places with the road-masters and their township may agree, that 2 brethren from each village may receive the inspection over it, in order to keep the road in a thorough and good condition, because it would be practical for both places. Until then one would try to have such brethren as road-masters, who would take good care ot it.

September 28th 1791. -- 62nd Session. -- 2. Br. Schaeffer's house rent, place which/he occupies in the Stone house, was put for 40 shillings a year.

November 2nd 1791. -- 64th Session. -- 2. Br. Youngberg presented the financial report of Br. Jqh. Beutel for 8 months, to the Committee. It was a pleasure to see, that since the last bill 22 Lbs. of Br. Beutel's debts, besides the expired interests, have been paid by his potash. By further diligence and avoiding of new debts it will be possible, to get rid of the old debts.

3. Br. Schenk's bill about his work at the fire-engine house was presented and no objection was raised.

November 23d 1791. -- 66th Session. -- 2. To the Committee an estimate of the expenses of the Cistern and the new fire-engine house and the markethouse was preliminary presented. The entire cost would be something like 150 Lbs., of which 25 Lbs to 26 Lbs would belong to the Cistern.

3. Occasionally the committee spoke about the 100 Lbs annuity capital of Br. Schlosser; and the question was raised, for what it should be used.

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The brethren thought, that this amount should be/used for a large bell, a town-clock, or for a new organ. The brethren thought, that a larger bell would be the first and most necessary article. But the E. C. believed, that the furnishing of a new clock would be more necessary, although they also wish for a new clock.

November 30th 1791. -- 67th Session. -- Br. Henry was ordered to write to Br. Eberman in Lancaster, and to find out, about the price of a clock, which strikes ½ hours, and such which do not strike ½ hours, and with one face. Then the brethren believed, that a bell together with the clock together should be ordered for various reasons.

December 7th 1791. -- 68th Session. -- Br. Denke, who had been sent to Br. Belling, to find out, whether it was true, that he was to build an additional building to his dwelling-house/ Br. Belling had not presented his plan to the brethren of the Committee, as it is the rule. Br. Denke had reminded Belling about the order, that he should have notified the Overseer committee and should also have presented his plan of the additional building to the Committee. If he had done so, one could have advised and helped him, but now he will build in such a way, that lateron he may regret it. Also the health of his family has to be considered, when he builds so near to the tannery. Then Br. Belling had also promised, that he would build a decent house on the street, which would have been much healthier for his family. But he said, that he was not able to do so, and the additional building he would be able to pay with leather, which seemed to be for him more easy, and so it remained.

2. Br. Youngberg brought the closed bill for the fire-engine house and the cistern. The fire-engine house costs 125 Lbs, 12 Sh. and 6½ pence. The cistern costs 24 Lbs. 2 sh. 8½ pence. A total of 150 Lbs, 1 sh. 3 pence. Of this are credited 100 Lbs on annuity and 40 Lbs on water-conduit.

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January 6th 1792. --- 70th Session. -- By order of the E. C. let the brethren of the Committee Br. Feldhausen come before them. They asked him for the reason and the cause, that he and his wife had gone to Easton, in order to take an oath. And he knew, as an old brother, to do such a thing against the other brothers and sisters, is against the Saviour and against the apostles, and also against the rules of the congregation. Br. Feldhausen put the blame partly on Brother and Sister Demuth and partly on his wife, who did not want to let such things rest on her. - The brethren told him, that by such an oath he would not gain anything with the brethren, because this affair had been put off long ago and had been forgotten. Because ^{he} had done this, he had forfeited the privilege of living in the congregation. One had also noticed, that he and his wife had never looked for the fault with them, but found only fault with the others and that they always lived in dissension. And therefore it would be much better, if they would look for another lodging; and when the brethren told him that, they were filled with sorrows, and they would like to show them only good, for which they were fit.

February 15th 1792. -- 73d Session. -- 2. Because Br. Henry has not the hope, that his Albrecht will stay for long with him, and because he himself cannot be much in the workshop, especially during the summer, and because on account of his children, he cannot keep Brunner, and yet he has to have somebody, who in the time of being absent, could be in his place and later on could be put as joiner into the village, for Br. Henry would be able to do a little less in that profession, he made the proposal, whether Br. Till in Christian Spring, who likes the joiner's trade very much and who is not unskilled for it, could be placed into his shop. The brethren of the Committee would be delighted, if this proposal would be possible and could be carried out.

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February 29th 1792. --- 74th Session. --1. Br. Christian Foerster, who as a new member of the Over-Seer Committee was present for the first time, was welcomed and much blessing was wished for him.

2. Br. Henry reported, that the hope of getting Br. Till in his workshop, seems to be a disappointment, and he asked the committee, to remember him for that sake.

7. It was announced, that Br. Ludwig Knauss had bought Gersten's place.

March 14th 1792. -- 76th Session. -- It was announced, that Br. Steinsman is in negotiations with Br. L. Knauss on account of his house in Schoeneck, which he may buy.

March 21st 1792. -- 77th Session. -- 3. The brethren thought it is necessary, to announce in the Gemein-council, that the time has come, that the meat, which must be cut into small pieces, should be done in the Markethouse, and it should not be done in family-houses without the extreme necessity on account of the weather, because it partly causes disorder and then a part of the inhabitants do not hear anything about it until it is too late.

4. The proposal should be made, that the new cistern should soon be pumped out and cleaned.

March 28th 1792. -- 78th Session. -- The brethren had been reminded, that at present in the Market house one could weigh only a few pounds and 20 pounds meat. It happens often, that somebody wishes to buy $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ meat, and we are not able as yet, to buy a large scale with weights. Therefore we intent in the meantime ^{to buy} a steelyard of 150 to 200 pounds, and who is not satisfied with it, must go somewhere else and let it weigh there.

April 11th 1792. -- 79th Session. -- 4. The brethren intent to get a Schneckentrompete, conghell, for the market-house and by blowing it, to announce it to the brethren and sisters in Old Nazareth, that in

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that something is to be had in the market-house.

April 24th 1792. -- 80th Session. -1. It was reported that the new road through the so-called Indian foot-path has been approved; 200 Lbs have been given to it, and it will be brought to performance.

2. The bill for the fire-engine was presented to the committee and it amounts to 80 Lbs 16 sh. and 2 pence, and the subscription is not by far sufficient.

May 15th 1792. -- 81st Session. --1. After the minutes had been read, the brethren suggested, that when the subscriptions had all come in, the balance, about 30 Lbs should be charged to the citizen's treasury, because there is no other source, from where one could get any money.

2. From Br. Eberman's letter it was seen, that a clock, as they have them in Bethlehem, would cost 110 Lbs. But the brethren thought, that we in Nazareth do not need such a big clock. Br. Denke will write again to Brother Eberman about a clock, which strikes the quarter-hours, and about the cost.

May 29th 1792. -- 82nd Session. -- 3. It was announced, that next Thursday a Jury will assemble here in Nazareth, in order to lay out the new road from Nazareth over the hill through the Indian path, where also some brethren of the Committee should be present.

June 13th 1792. -- 83d Session. -- 2. Because the new road goes through the Blue Mountain and will go through our land and will cut off too much of our land and because it is now easy to alter it, some of the brethren went to lay with little difficulty and then to mark it out, and one does expect any difficulties.

July 4th 1792. -- 85th Session. -3. Inasmuch as the organ has been much damaged in consequence of the children and boys playing upon it pretty much as they choose, and inasmuch as Dr. Till is willing to see whether he can not improve it under the direction of Br. Denke, therefore the

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Brethren of the Committee wish that he should be authorized to do so and the sooner the better, so that the organ may be brought into at least comparative repair. Further they wish, that it be insisted upon, that no children or boys be allowed at the organ except in the presence of a brother from the school, who has sufficient authority to keep them in order.

July 11th 1792. -- 86th Session. -- 1. It was resolved, that steps should be^taken to have, instead of a towerclock, a new organ made suitable for our our Hall with from 8 to 12 stops; and for that purpose Br. Denke should invite Dr. Tanneberger from Lititz to come here to look at the place and talk the matter over.

5. The committee wished, because with the lime there could not be burned sufficient bricks, one should put up a separate brick-oven (kiln?), and the brethren believed, that it would pay. The proposal was, that one should be able to burn from 20 000 to 25 000 bricks.

July 18th 1792. --- 87th Session.--- 1. Br. Denke announced, that he had written to Dr. Tanneberger regarding an organ, and had invited him, to come and to look at the place, and he hoped, that Dr. Tanneberger would take the old organ on account.

August 8th 1792. -- 89th Session. -- 3. It was found necessary to let make 3 keys for the fire-engine house and to divide them among the fire-chiefs, but one key should be hanged up inside at the door, so that the door could be opened, when necessary, through the market-room.

4. In the fire-rules should be inserted, that the fire-buckets, of which every house should have at least two, should have their place in the front walk, so that they are always at hand.

August 22nd 1792. -- 90th Session. -- Br. Tanneberger regrets, that the organ was not ordered sooner, but he will come, and look the situation over and see how soon he can make it.

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October 10th 1792. -- 92nd Session. -- 2. It was announced that Gold's house in Schoeneck had been sold to Dr. Ch. Hoeger, who will sell it to Phil. Meyer in Heidelberg.

3. Br. Tanneberger had been here and examined the place, where the new organ was to be built, and he promised to submit specification. An organ with 9 stops and pedals could not be made for less than 250 Lbs and probably more. The old organ might bring 30 or 40 Lbs.

October 31st 1792. -- 94th Session. --The fire-engine was tried out, and it was found, that the one fontille was loos, because the soldering made of tin, had opened. Br. Henry will soon repair it in a more durable manner and will also examine the other fontille, so that one can try out the fire-engine still before winter. One believes, that 10 brethren will be sufficient, to work it.

November 7th 1792. -- 95th Session. --2. The new road to Moors Township has been laid out again by a Jury, and the brethren hope, that it is the last time and that it has been done much better.

November 28th 1792. -- 96th Session. 2. The proposal was made, to build an additional building to the laundry-house of the single sisters, which was approved.

3. It was announced, that Br. Plattenberger's house in Schoeneck had been inspected and it was found in such a miserable condition, that it would not be worth any repair. It was resolved to build a new house for him. It should be built 2 feet smaller on each side, something like 30 x 28 feet. The old house should be pulled down and a new blockhouse should be built in spring.

December 5th 1792. -- 97th Session. -Concerning the new organ it was found impracticable to break a 2 feet wide door in the pillar behind the organ, and therefore new proposals should be made and reported to Br. Tanne-

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berger. Whether it would not be sufficient to make a hole above for the bellow-ropes and below to make it for the channel. The passage of the Music, which is marked on the sketch between the organ and the pedals should be put in the organ-drawer way behind the pedals. One believes, it would work.

3. According to the plan of the new organ the choir (Chor) will be moved out 4" 9 inches. The question was then, whether the organ-choir should be put on the floor, or without the floor on the wall. If the latter is the case, then 2 pieces wall should be made especially for that purpose. Then it was asked, whether it would be necessary, to dig out 14 inches deep in the beam. With the beam it is 2 feet.

4. The brethren believed, that, because one third of the hall-floor, on account of the organ, will have to be made new, it would be the best and cheapest, to lay the entire floor in the Hall with new boards. And it should be done in May, if possible, or immediately after the harvest. One also should arrange it so, that the least disturbance is caused to the meetings. For that purpose it was proposed, that the work should be begun, where the organ should stand; one third or more of the Hall should be finished first, then the other part should be worked. Concerning the ground which should be put before the Hall between the steps, and then should be taken away, it was proposed, that all the citizens in the village should help for one day, and also the single brethren should also help for one day. Christian Spring and Gnadenthal should give every day as many brethren as are necessary each day for taking away the ground under the floor. In that manner the work would be easier and it would also be finished more quicker. All these proposals should be taken to the Gemein-Council, and afterwards all the brethren should be notified of it, that they, as at a mutual affair, help more willingly and take an interest in it.

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February 20th 1793. --- 102nd Session. There were some difficulties about placing the bellows. After much discussion and many proposals it was resolved to place the bellows in the "Brethren's Cabinet". "It takes a good deal of room, but it must be so arranged, that our non-resident brethren can rest there and warm themselves in Winter."

February 27th 1793. -- 103d Session. -2. The brethren of the committee thought, one should wait with the frame for the organ until the organ would be there, because one could arrange the frame with Dr. Tanneberger in such a manner, that it would take place as little as possible, because there should be put up benches around especially for the non-resident brethren, who could stay there in winter, and it would be also still room for the other old brethren and sisters.

March 13th 1793. -- 104th Session. -- It was resolved to refer the matter of placing the bellows to the church-council, Gemein-council.

3. The brethren thought, the citizens should be reminded, that they should not make any fire in the evenings with brushwood, shavings or other easy inflammable material, by which mischief could be caused, especially when the wind is blowing very much. And when somebody has burned brushwood, shavings etc. by day, it should be covered very well with ground or the glimmering fire should be extinguished with water.

April 3d 1793. -- 105th Session. - 3. It was announced, that John Ruth is about, to buy a piece of land, as it had been agreed upon, for 7 Lbs 10 sh the acre; the piece, which is situated between Buerstler's plantation and the Friedensthal land and contains $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres, on which he has paid 100 Lbs earnest-money, and the balance he will pay interest, and in some terms he will pay it off, in order to get for it a deed.

April 24th 1793. -- 106th Session. -1. It was announced, that after the 3 farmers in Nazareth had each one ploughed one day on Ranke's plantation,

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Hannes Clewell was willing to take care of the sowing of the oat, which was done these days.

2. The brethren were considering, what would be the best for the widow Danke as well as for the Gemein-Diaconie concerning the management of the plantation. The committee thought, it would be the most useful in the intention of both, if the widow would continue the economy until fall, whereby it is necessary, that she should have somebody, who is taking care of the agriculture, the harvest and all what belongs to it. And the best thing would be, if one of her brothers could do it. Of course this matter will, on account of conference, have to be considered.

May 1st 1793. -- 107th Session. -1. The committee considered again the management of the agriculture of the late Br. Danke, and they did not find any better proposal than ^{to accept} the offer of Br. Hannes Clewel, who would like to take over the plantation for the future, and when he will be accepted as successor, he will for the benefit of Sister Danke take care of the necessary work of this plantation for the summer and fall, in order to deliver the necessary accord to the Gemein-Diaconie. For the rest he will settle the management in a brotherly manner with Sister Danke.

2. As soon as possible an appraisement of the inheritance of the late Brother Danke shall be made.

3. A suitable place outside of Nazareth shall be looked for, and all the things, which the widow does not need, shall be alienated in an auction. The brethren wish, that it shall be an auction without any spirits and liqueur.

May 8th 1793. -- 108th Session. --2. It was announced, that Br. Hannes Clewel has been accepted as successor of the late Br. Danke for 2 years. The middle of March 1794 shall be the day, when Br. Clewel will take the Plantation, because autumn is an unseemly time for it.

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4. It was announced, that Br. Owen Rice had reported and wished, that his house in Nazareth should be taken soon over by the Gemein-Diaconie, because it is hard for him, to loose the interest for it. This is just the cause with the Gemein-Diaconie, which has nothing over to loose. It was therefore the wish of the committee, that soon a buyer might be found.

May 15th 1793. -- 109th Session. -- 2. It was announced, that the brethren in Schoeneck had applied again for the land, which had been offered one year and a half ago, and that they are now willing to accept the conditions, which were made to them. To pay for the acre 8 shillings and 4 pence. They would deliver all Riegel- and cord of wood, what is on the land. They only wished, that they could keep as much of it, as they need for fencing in the land outside, and on the fourth side, as far as Broth. Franke's lot is reaching.

3. Br. Denke will rent out of the land near the INN along the Bethlehem Street to Br. Henry and Br. Eyerle together 2 acres of land, as much as they desire.

May 22nd 1793. - 110th Session. - 1. It was announced, that yesterday to the brethren in Schoeneck the land had been measured to to everybody's satisfaction.

3. Regarding Owen Rice's house, the brethren thought it good, when the house would be estimated in the meantime. It does not tie the Gemein-Diaconie, to accept it for a higher price., than that which is in the lease. Br. Levering was appointed by Br. Owen Rice as estimator, and Br. Owen Rice was appointed by the Gemein-Diaconie. And if they could not agree, another 3d brother should be appointed. It should be also reported to the right place, that whenever the congregation should take over the house, Br. Eyerle's 100 Lbs, which are involved in the house, must remain in the Gemein-Diaconie.

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had been appointed as warden in Br. Denke's place.

June 19th 1793. -- 113th Session. - The committee announced, that Br. Den-
ke was present the last time in the meeting, and because he was going to
Bethlehem, the brethren bade him fareweel, after he had been warden and
President of the committee for 3 years. The brethren wished him God's
blessing for his future office. Br. Nils Tillofsen was welcomed in the
Committee as successor for Br. Denke.

June 26th 1793. -- 114th Session. -- 2. The old gallery banister should
be used as much as possible.

June 26th 1793.-- 114th Session. -- 4. A letter from seven citizens was
read, in which they asked, that the field of about 5½ acres, behind the
store, and the outlots should be divided among those, who would like to
have a share in it. The brethren had nothing to remark, but they wished
that Br. H. Clewel should receive notice of it too. Then one of the bre-
thren remarked, that one is afraid, that our village would become a regula
lar cattle-yard, if everybody would be allowed to have as many cattle as
he liked. There also should be made some reservation, that when/on
outlots should be built, 60 feet of the land should be given for the buil-
ding of a street along the building-lots according to the sketch. A new
street from the South to the North may be opened on day.

July 10th 1793. -- 115th Session. - 1. Regarding the dividing the land
among the citizens the brethren were considering it, and when the matter
is accomplished, the partners should be notified.

4. It was proposéd that the other building-lots of the field, face-to-
face, opposite of Giersen's house and the Store, to cut off in quarters
and of it to give the sisters the few acres, which they requested.

July 17th 1793. -- 116th Session. --2. It should^{be} announced to Br. Hannes

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CleweI, that he would loose the one field and the other one as far as the building-lots go, he will not receive a piece of several acres, against what he has not to object.

3. The proposal for dividing of the field behind the store according to the last session, has been approved. Only that the 2 lots below Gier's House - 70 feet in front and 60 feet for a future Street, will be loaned until there will be built. But because Br. Jacob Christ had received 17 feet of that lot, it remains only 193 feet deep for that.

4. The brethren believed, that it would be highly necessary, to inspect Br. Plattenberger's circumstances, because one doubts his existence.

July 31st 1793. -- 117th Session. --It was related, that the division and measuring of the field behind the store had been done to the satisfaction of the partners.

4. Br. Zeisberger related, that by the Helper-conference a request had been made, a place should be found for Brother and Sister Huber, where he could work on his profession in Nazareth, but because none could be found, the brethren had no objection, when he could get a lodging in Gna-denthal.

5. It was announced, that Daniel Ziegler had asked to rent 50 to 60 acres of land. The brethren had nothing to say about the proposal; they only to remark, any misuse of the land should be avoided, and he should not return the land, when it is all worn out.

August 20th 1793. -- 119 Session. - 1. It was announced, that the land for Daniel Ziegler should be surveyed, and a treatise for an agreement with him was read, improvements in it were proposed, and approved.

2. C, Plattenberger's circumstances were presented, and the brethren were glad, that it was better than one had supposed; but one did not forget, to notice, that this time of the year for the above mentioned purpose

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was for him the most profitable one, and that his inventory in spring would have been 30 lbs less, when his fruit and hay will be eaten up. But when he and especially his oldest son would get rid of the ^{superfluous} use of the burning drinks, there would be still hope, that he would improve external-ly.

3. It was announced, that the shed for boards, which had been resolved at Br. Schropp's time, should ^{/now} be taken in hand.

August 28th 1793. -- 128th Session. - It was announced, that it was moved, that a new springhouse in Old Nazareth, where also all kinds of repairs are necessary, should be built.

November 6th 1793. - 126th Session. --2. Br. Beutel complaint about Dr. Wiechman, that he sells candles and he spoild the price of the Inschlicht (tallow). Br. Tällofsen will speak to the man.

3. The question of placing the bellows was still discussed. It was told, that the frame, which is now made, would not have any place in the garret and it would be subject to many difficulties. There was no other advice, which could be found, but to sacrifice one of the 2 rooms near the little hall, because it would be a pity, that two rooms should be spoiled.

4. The brethren found, that the intented place for the shed for boards would not be useful and large enough, and therefore they proposed, that a shed should be made in the same row with the wood-shed, and should be 30 feet long and as wide as the wood-shed, only the roof should go out 3 feet, so that the boards and woodwork could be put cross-wise, and more space would be gained.

November 20th 1793. --128th Session. --1. It was announced, that Dr. Till-
 ofsen had talked with Dr. Wiechman concerning the damage of Br. Beutel's business of selling soap, candles etc. and had admonished him. The answer, which Wiechman gave, was, that Dr. Beutel often had not at hand none

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of those articles and the neighbours are glad, when they could find them in his place, and it would be also advantageous for the village itself, when the brethren and sisters would not be obliged, to go to another place in search for those articles.

November 20th 1793. -- 128th Session. -- it was reported, that the bellows finally were placed into the two rooms to the satisfaction of all concerned.

November 27th 1793. -- 129th Session. -- 6: In the committee it was moved, that as soon as possible, a large cistern near the Hall should be made, in order to relieve the present lack of water, and also to have water near the hall in case one does need it.

December 11th 1793. -- 130th Session. -- The proposal was made, that a part of the organ-loft opposite of the piano, should be put out so far, that a bench for the singers could be placed there, and that without disturbing the congregation the singers could rise and sit down again. Also more place for the violinists would be gained.

4. Br. Tillofsen related, that the old organ should be offered to the congregation in Emmaus for 30 Lbs as the lowest, if cash is paid. But because we had heard, that they are not able to pay cash, they shall pay next Fabouray 10 Lbs and in the following ^{/3} years they shall pay annually 6 Lbs 13 sh. and 4 pence, because we want to help them, that they can get the organ, and in that way we can make it easy for them too.

5. It had been proposed, that still in this year the ditch, which has been begun near the spring, ^{is} / to continued and ^{/ be} to built ~~xx~~ with stones.

December 18th 1793. -- 131st Session. -- It was announced, that Br. Tannerberger could not give the organ under 274 pounds without loss to himself, so we paid him this sum and in addition a douceur for himself and his son-in-law of 4 pounds 10 shillings together, and both parted with us to-day well satisfied.

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5. The collection at the concert on Monday, december 16th 1793 amounted to 10 Lbs and 13 shillings, out of which the expenses of the Bethlehem musicians were paid.

In the E. C. Jacob Rauschenberger had been appointed as bellowsblower for the new Organ, because they wanted a reliable boy for this position, and he was a communicant and a regular attendant.

January 7th 1794. --132nd Session. -- 7. Br. Henry reported, that he would like to give up his joiner-work, and that he is willing to begin again his trade, making stocks for the guns.

January 15th 1794. - 133d Session. - Br. W. Henry had promised without much difficulties and expenses to cancel the road, which shall be opened ^{over the field} from the brick-shed/to Braun and to Easton. The corner of the field shall be broken off.

January 22nd 1794. - 134th Session.- 6. The brethren believed, that it would be necessary to make more paper-money, as it had been done before, in Bethlehem and in Nazareth. For instance:

300 @ 1 pence.....	1 Lb 5 sh. -
600 @ 2 pence.....	5 Lbs- sh. -
300 @ 3 pence.....	<u>3 " 15 sh.</u> 10 Lbs 0 sh. 0

January 29th 1794. -- 135th Session. - Br. Golkovsky was commissioned, when he should go to Easton, to look at the sketch of the road very carefully.

February 12th 1794. -- 137th Session. -1. The brethren had the desire, that Br. Henry should keep still the joiner-shop, and he will keep Br. Schnell also in his work, because Br. Schnell has not the desire to begin a joiner-shop, and the brethren believed also that he is not capable for it. Br. Henry was willing to do so.

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February 19th 1794. -- 139th Session. --2. Feldhausen had requested to lodging rent the upper ~~xxxx~~ in Gold's house, and because the brethren had no objection, they proposed, that the upper lodging together with the garret, a part of the cellar, and half of the garden should be rented to him for 5 Lbs, and Peter Meyer should have the lower lodging together with a part of the cellar and half the garden for 3 Lbs. This should be established by writing.

February 26th 1794. -- 139th Session. - Br. Tillofsen announced, that ~~Fl~~ Feldhausen rather preferred to have a lodging ~~an~~ Old Nazareth, and he would like to get one above Br. Peter Christ. The brethren were certain, that this could^{/not} be done. But in order to help him, they wanted to offer to Feldhausen the entire house in Schoeneck for 7 Lbs and 10 shillings; or the upper part for 4 Lbs and 10 shillings, which offer they since have accepted. The few acres of land the brethren wanted to offer to Plattenberger for cultivation for 1/3.

March 5th 1794. -- 140th Session. -- The Feldhausen had reported, that ~~z~~ they would accept the offer for the lodging in Schoeneck for 4 Lbs and 10 shillings, and in the meantime they have moved in.

April 9th 1794. -- 143d Session. - It was announced, that the negro brother and negro-sister Peter should have the lodging above Sister Danke, and that they should get 2 rooms in that house for 50 shillings per year 3. The proposal on account of the division of the Nazareth Township was postponed.

July 16th 1794. -- 153d Session. - Regarding Br. John Beutel's circumstances one was puzzled. Br. Youngberg had since 4 years taken an interest in him, and it seemed, especially 2 years ago, that Br. Beutel through Br. Youngberg's help, would be able to pay off a good part of his debts, and he did pay off 50 Lbs, and also his interest he had paid punc-

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tually. But the last year he had scarcely paid half of it, and this he has not paid much either, for he had not delivered half of the potash, which he had promised to give. His debt, as far as one knows, has increased about 60 Lbs. And because he is in distress, he has done things, which are against his promise and are suspicious, and one is assured, that no change or improvement is to be supposed, and as he says, that he cannot give the high price for ashes, therefore Br. Youngberg is no more able to assist him any longer without putting him deeper into debts, which he had tried with all pains to pay off little by little. And because at present he owes in the store and to the Gemein-Diaconie about 160 Lbs and on capitals he owes about 130 Lbs, the only thing that is left, is to take the house from him and to give it to the Gemein-diaconie, and to search for him a home in Old Nazareth. In the meanwhile the brethren Tillofsen and Youngberg will talk with him and will hear his proposals.

4. Because the lodgings of Brother and sister Krause, Kaske and others are no more water-tight and the house has to be repaired, one thought, it is the best, to nail up the north-side with boards, in order to prevent putridity.

July 23d 1794. --154th Session. - 1. After the brethren Tillofsen and Youngberg had talked with ^{Mr.} Beutel, the latter one had a proposal, to start a brandy-distillery, which the brethren told him, was impracticable. Finally he asked for himself and for his wife, that the Gemein-diaconie might take over the house by buying it, so that he can free from the greater part of debts, which oppress him; and he also wished now that they could stay in the house. The brethren told him, that they out of compassion with his circumstances would try it/^{with him} for one year. But it should be only under the condition, that he pays every month his house-rent punctually. The committee agreed with all the proposals, and they were all of

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the same opinion, that if he would keep his house any longer, the deeper he would get into debts, and there would be no excape. The Committee appointed then Br. Schenk on the part of the Diaconie to estimate Br. Beutel's house; but one could try first, whether one could not/agreement come to an without an estimation, and if not, then Br. Beutel had also to choose a brother, and if those two brethren could not come to an agreement, they would have to choose a third brother.

2. Regarding the schoolfee of Br. Beutel the brethren thought, when they were considering the poor circumstances of that brother, he should be released from paying it, and the congregation should be asked to support the school.

3. Because John Eggert had almost given up buying land, if he would not get the acre for 10 lbs and on the contrary ^rwould be inclined to buy the house of Gold in Schoeneck, /without the land, which belongs to the Gemein-
 for 150 Lbs cash,
 Diaconie, He is willing to take it on lease as the brethren in Schoeneck have it. He only wished, that he could rent one acre of meadow to it. The brethren were in favour to let him have it under the above mentioned conditions; but he has to pay also ground-rent for it.

August 6th 1794. -- 155th Session. - 1. Concerning Br. Beutel's circumstances the brethren believed, that if Br. John Beutel would lend himself entirely to making candles, soap and potash, that he could maintain his family by it, especially when also his wife in her household would be more economic and industrious.

7. As Br. Youngberg had been called away, a place in the Over-Seer Committee has become vacant. The E. C. had been asked, to re-fill this place again. And because Br. Youngberg had also been recorder of the Minutes, and as nobody is there, who would do it, Br. Tillofsen was willing to do the work as a recorder until somebody will be found for this office.

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August 20th 1794. -- 156th Session. - 2. Br. Youngberg remarked, that he could follow his call to Lititz calmly as long as Br. John Beutel's circumstances have not been settled. But the brethren believed, that everything had been put in order and referred to the sessions 153 and 154. The brethren did not like, that their advice had not been followed, and therefore they would not take any responsibility upon them, when the Nazareth Diaconie should lose in it.

5. At the end of the session thanked the brethren Br. Youngberg for his for his faithful service in this congregation and in the committee, and the brethren wished him for his journey to Lititz and to his service there God's blessing.

September 3d 1794. -- 157th Session. --1. The agreement between Br. Nils Tillofsen and Br. Wm. Horsefield regarding the community-store had been read to the brethren. It had been said, that it would be more profitable, if in the store there would not be so much stock, because the interest would be so much higher, which proposal was considered by the brethren. Now the brethren had nothing to remark about it.

September 10th 1794. -- 158th Session. -3. A letter was read from a meeting, which was held in Philadelphia in May 26th regarding a subscription, which should be made in Luzerne and Northampton County for the street to Wyoming and Wilkesbarre, and that the brethren William Henry from here and Jos. Horsefield have been appointed as collectors. Then another letter from Brother Jos. Horsefield from Bethlehem was read. It had been addressed to Br. William Henry. From that letter we read, that the Gemein-Diaconie in Bethlehem had subscribed \$ 100,00 to the road. And he hopes, that he will get from the Nazareth-Diaconie, from Christian Spring and Gnadenthal \$ 50.00 for the same purpose. No amount was fixed, but the brethren agreed, that something should be given, and how much they would give

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should be still considered.

4. Br. Tillofsen had been asked to inquire in Nazareth from Br. Ernst and Krause regarding a Swibel gun (swivle-gun?), which shall be there long already, and when it is still there, he should take good care of it, so that it is not used unnecessarily.

5. It was related to the brethren, that Br. Benedict Benade has the intention to settle here in Nazareth, which could be arranged. The brethren had no objection, for they believed, that he would have enough work.

September 24th 1794. -- 159th Session. -- In the meeting were present: the brethren from the village, as well as Br. Zeisberger and Br. Reichel; and from outside was present Br. Golkovsky.

1. Br. Joseph Otto, who was present for the first itme, and who will be in future a member of this committee by the approval of the Lord, was welcomed by all the brethren and a verse was sung for him. The brethren had then been asked for a proposal for the recorder of the minutes, in the place of Br. Youngberg. Br. Joseph Otto was then appointed as such. He accepted the office of a recorder of the minutes under the condition, that Br. Tillofsen will continue still for some time, until Br. Joseph Otto has got acquainted with the affair.

2. Because it seems to be against our supposition, that the militia shall march off and because 5 of our brethren have been summoned for it, Br. William Henry had been ordered, to speak with Captain Hertzfel regarding substitutes, as Captain Berndt in Easton had done for the brethren in Bethlehem. Br. Henry believed, that Br. Hoerber and Br. Micksch will be strike^d out, for they had been also "einrolliert"(enrolled?)

3. A letter from Br. Youngberg had been read, in which he had related, that he did not doubt, that his house will be taken over by the Nazareth Community-Diaconie for 305 Lbs by purchase for ready money from next November.

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November. The brethren believed, that his house should be treated as
/by two brethren
other houses are and should be estimated/according to the lease, and when
they do not agree, a third brother should be appointed and the matter
should be decided. Then Br. Youngberg shall not as it is done usually
be paid in three terms, but shall be paid all at once, because he has been
called away. Br. Tillofsen had been ordered, to write this to Br. Young-
berg, so that he can choose somebody who will estimate the house for him.
5. Although we do not know, whether Br. Benade will take the empty house
by purchase or by rent, he will move in for the time being as if the
house would belong to the Diaconie, because no other house is there.

October 1st 1794. -- 160th Session. -- The brethren desired, that the black-
smith profession in Nazareth should be occupied with another master, be-
cause the neglect of it has been harmful for the village, and Br. Eyerle
had repeatedly declared, that he would like to give it up.

2. It was reported, that the brethren, who had been summoned to the serv-
vice in the militia, had received substitutes for a tolerable price.

3. Br. Tillofsen reported, that Br. Benade had found, that Br. Youngberg's
house is very comfortable for his business, and he intents to buy it, and
if he cannot buy it right away, he will do so in a few years.

October 8th 1794. -- 161st Session. -- 4. Br. Tillofsen announced, that
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Jacob Ari will soon move into Gold's/house near Schoeneck, and that he has
asked for a piece of land, which he wants to rent and wants to use it as
a meadow. The brethren resolved that the house he should have for 9 Lbs
rent and some acres of land for 10 shillings per acre annually. He shall
have the whole for a year on trial.

5. Br. Benade has asked for permission, to put up in his house an oven of
a special construction for his business. Nobody had any objection to make.
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own expense, and when he moves somewhere else, he has to put the place in the former condition.

October 15th 1794. -- 162nd Session. -- 2. Br. Tillofsen read a letter ~~fr~~ from Br. de Schweinitz in Bethlehem regarding ~~the~~ a meeting, which they had concerning the matter of the militia, in which they had ordered some brethren, to take care of the brethren, who had been summoned to the service in the militia and that they should get some substitutes for them. It had been also resolved in that meeting, that the poor brethren should be supported by volunteer contributions.

October 22nd 1794. -- 163d Session. -- On account of the lack of water in the village, it was resolved, that preparations should be made, to lead the other spring to the village, and the brethren William Henry and Peter Christ had been appointed, to get the wood for the pipes. The brethren ^{found} believed, that there is still enough wood/in the Nazareth and Gnadenthal forest for that purpose. It was also stated, that about \$ 200,00 will be necessary.

2. It was reported from a letter from Br. Youngberg, that he had chosen Jacob Br./Eyerle in his part for the estimation of the house. Br. Martin Schenk had been proposed to estimate the house for the Diaconie.

6. Regarding the price for the wood it was considered fair, to sell a cord of Hickory wood to outsiders for 12 shillings.

October 29th 1794. - 164th Session. -It was considered, because the water-pipes from the spring to the dead-house begin to get bad, whether one should not propose, to use instead of wooden pipes, leaden ones for that place. It would cost more than wood, but it would then be more durable. The expenses would be something like 30 Lbs. The Committee was of the opinion, that after a long consideration, it should be begun next summer.

2. It was reported, that last week Br. Youngberg's house had been estima-

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estimated by the ordered brethren, with the exception of the ovens, on 280 Lbs, and that one could not give him anything for his other work.

November 5th 1794. - 165th Session. -2. Br. Tillofsen related, that yesterday had been adjudged to Jacob Ari 6 acres of land near Schoeneck for meadows and building-ground.

3. It was announced, that yesterday Stauber in Schoeneck had been married with Elizabeth Steiner according to his own choice, and because one supposes, that Br. Franke will give them lodging in his house, it should be indicated to him, that this would be against the lease and the against the rules of the congregation, and when he even has given them permission to do so, he himself would be in danger to forfeit the stay in Schoeneck.

November 19th 1794. -- 166th Session. - 2. Concerning Stauber's living in Schoeneck it was remarked, that in this matter too much forbearance had been shown, and one had not insisted upon positively, that nobody, who had been married without the consent of the congregation, would be permitted to live in the congregation. One feared, that when one is not strict in following the rules of the congregation, it would have a bad influence upon others and that such cases would happen often and that our constitution of the congregation would suffer a great harm. The Committee thought it imperative, that by the helper-conference at large in Bethlehem a letter should be written and it should be read in all congregations, so that the brethren and sisters in the future would know, what they have to do, when they would marry after their own choice and against the rules of the congregation.

3. The brethren had heard, that George Gold has in mind to marry soon Rosine Ernst, and the brethren believed, that through forbearance, that him was permitted to live with his mother, which is against all rule, the opportunity was given to him for this connection. Such a thing wi-

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December 17th 1794. - 170th Session. - It was reported, that Br. Christian Micksch in Christian Spring had told Br. Jacob Christ, that he had resolved, to settle here in Nazareth next spring, and that he would arrange, to work on his black-smith profession, and he desired, to get the lot below the INN, because it would be profitable for his use. The brethren were all in favour, to help him, that the black-smith shop, when Br. Eyerle discontinues, should not be unoccupied, as it had been with the saddlers shop, for the disadvantage of the village., some years ago. He will make preparations in the coming winter for building-materials, which is very important, for Br. Herbach from Graceham had refused to come here and take over the black-smith shop in Nazareth.

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I. Ex-Officio:

1. Nild Tillofsen, Laborer of the Congregation and President,
2. George Golkovsky, Warden in Christian Spring,
3. William Lister, Servant of the Choir of the single brethren in Nazareth,
4. Johann Schnall, Warden in Gnadenthal,
5. Jacob Christ, Curator of the single Sisters in Nazareth,

II. By Election and approval of the Lord:

a) From the Married Choir:

b) From the Single Brethren's choir:

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| 6. William Henry, | 8. Christian Foerster, |
| 7. Joseph Otto, pro temp. recorder,
<u>January 8th 1795. -- 171st Session.</u> | 9. Ludwig Biefel. |

The brethren David Zeisberger and Reichel were present, also Br. Johann Schnall from Gnadenthal.

2. Regarding Br. Christ. Miksch in Christian Spring it was reported, that he had received permission, to settle in Nazareth and to work on his profession. It was resolved, first to hear Br. Micksch's opinion and to see his sketch.

January 14th 1795. --172nd Session. -- 2. It was reported, that the brethren Tillofsen, Jacob Christ and William Henry had talked with Br. Christian Micksch regarding his settling down in Nazareth, and he has the desire to build on the rented land, which now Br. William Henry has, below the INN. Br. William Henry asked then for another piece of Land, the one piece of land, which recently Br. Kremser had received. Br. Tillofsen will therefore talk with Br. Kremser.

3. Br. Joh. Schnall complaint, that Jacob Ari had not paid him for a long time his debt. Much was then said about Biefel's prodigal manner of living; that he his furnishing himself with so many things, as house-clock, press and other things. The brethren believed, that he with his sons does not do with his field, what he could do. He also lets his "Riegel" (cross-beams) make by day-laborers.

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4. It was resolved, that Br. Micksch's house should be marked out.

January 21st 1795. - 173d Session. --1. Regarding Jacob Ari's debts and doubtful circumstances, it would be the best, that not much noise is made, but that those brethren, to whom he owes something, should try quietly to get satisfied, because, when strangers/hear about it, he will be attacked from all sides.

2. Br. Tillofsen had reported, that he was asked by Feldhausen, to help him to get a lodging in spring, because then the people move. The lower part of Ari's house was offered; but because Ari possesses the entire house, one believed, that Ari will make some difficulties, to admit Feldhausen to move in there.

4. One found it necessary, that a quantity of wood for pipes should be had in store for a case in need. Also the expenses for the leaden pipes from the spring to the dead-house should be fixed exactly and the matter should be put before the Gemein-council.

5. It is also necessary, that the tower on the Hall should be painted next spring with a durable paint and on both chimneys a better arrangement should be made for extinguishing fire.

January 28th 1795. -- 174th Session. -- Regarding Feldhausen's lodging in Ari's house, it was said, that it would not be possible, because the place would be too tight, and they both would not agree together. But Br. John Steiner had offered his old house, to Feldhausen, which is empty.

2. Regarding driving wood, it was thought necessary, that because the farmer-brethren in Old Nazareth charge too high a price for driving wood, some strangers, who had offered their service for a cheaper price, should be employed.

February 11th 1795. -- 176th Session. --It was related, that the single sisters had made a trial with the baking of love-feast breads, and they

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had baked from 4 pounds of flour, 1 pound of butter, and 1 quart of milk 25 buns, each 2 ounces heavy, which they valued at $1\frac{1}{2}$ pence. Br. Wichman's buns are for the same price only half as heavy, and the brethren thought that he takes too much profit on them. The Committee thought it best, to commune with the over-seer committee in Bethlehem about it, and to put before the Committee there the sample. After their consideration and approval one could then talk the matter over with Br. Wichman much better.

March 4th 1795. -- 177th Session. -- 1. Br. Tillofsen related, that Br. Ettwein had written to him and had asked him, whether the single sisters in Nazareth could make a trial, how much bread they could bake from 112 pounds of flour and what they would charge for it. Br. Ettwein was thankful for the sample of the love-feast bun.

2. The brethren had heard, that Br. Eyerle had contracted for the carpenter-and joiner-work on Br. Christian Miksch's house to outside laborers, without first reporting it to the right place. He should have offered the work first to laborers in the village according to the rules and regulations of our congregation. The committee could approve such a procedure.

March 11th 1795. -- 178th Session. -- 1. It was told, that Br. Eyerle had given the carpenter- and joiner's work to Br. Rothrock and George Gold on Br. Miksch's house, although Br. William Henry according to our brotherly agreement should have had the work. But Br. Henry in a brotherly way had then talked the matter over with Br. Eyerle.

Br. Tillofsen expressed his discontentedness about Br. Eyerle, who had some years ago had asked for a piece of land below the INN and had received it on rent, and now he is doing usury with the same land. Eyerle had given the land to Br. Schmick for 4 years for half of the fruit, or whatever it may yield. And he has not told anybody about it. He will gain

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about 3 or 4 dollars. The brethren thought it would be fair, that if some-
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body would not cultivate his/lot, he should give it back to the Diaconie
in Nazareth.

2. It was remarked, that so much rumor is among the brethren and sisters
in the village, that Br./^{Jacob}Eyerle as executor of the inheritance of the
late sister Schloesser, had soon after her death, estimated and sold her
belongings. But one learned to know, that in that is nothing unlawful.
It was also mentioned, that her Sister Judith should have been remembered
much better, because she had been with her sister so long and had helped
her also as long as she lived. The brethren answered and said, that Judith
had liberty to request from Br. Eyerle her lawful claim.

3. Br. Tillofsen reported, that Jacob Ari's ^{will work} oldest son/next summer by
Br. Stoz in the brick-works and would lodge in the brethren's house. Jacob
Ari wants for his son's work 2 shillings per day and with this money he
wants to pay off his house- and land-rent. Br. Stoz will pay for him the
board in the brethren's house.

April 1st 1795. --180th Session. - 1. It was found imperative, one should
propose with earnestness, to purchase a new bell of 200 pounds for Nazareth,
because the old bell is soon useless. The brethren thought it best, to
give Br. Gottfried Hage in^{PH} Philadelphia the commission, to look around in
town, for he is known all in the town Philadelphia.

4. The brethren thought it necessary, that Feldhausen regarding their fu-
ture living in John Steiner's house, should apply to Br. Jacob Eyerle as
executor of the estates and should settle it with him.

April 22nd 1795. --181st Session. -2. The brethren spoke about Jacob Ari,
who had provided the market/^{with meat} in such a bad and unreliable manner and had
tried to turn out Mr. Frey. The brethren proposed, that one should talk
with Ari about this seriously. The desire of the committee was unanimous-

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ly that an inhabitant of the village should take care of the butchering, because one believed, that Jacob Ari on account of his many debts, may not be able much longer to do the work.

May 6th 1795. -- 182nd Session. - It was reported, that the square in front of the Hall should be fenced in as soon as the hay on the single sister's meadow has been taken in, in order to remedy the disorder with the cattle.
2. The brethren had made the observation, that Br. Wichman had made the love-feast buns very small at the last "Lehrtag" of the married choir, and that he is after making much profit. Because one did not see any improvement, it would be better in the future, so the committee believed, whether it would not be better, that the single sisters would alternately with Br. Wichman bake the love-feast buns, and by doing so, they would help to bring more order into this affair.

May 13th 1795. -- 183d Session. -- 1. Br. Tillofsen announced, the Bro. and Sister Benade have resolved, to accept their house by purchase and to pay in a short time 200 Lbs on it, and ^{on} the balance of 100 Lbs they want to pay interest. The brethren thought it would be fair, that Bro. and Sister Benade should pay for their staying in the house for 8 months interest to the Diaconie in Nazareth.
2. The brethren believed, that the proposal in the last meeting, that the single sisters should take care of the baking of the lovefeast buns alternately with Br. Wichman, could not be carried out on account of the plenty work, which the single sisters have to do and also on account of the vexation of Bro. and Sister Wichman.

3. Somebody had made the offer to Br. Reizenbach in Schoeneck, to rent ^{half of} his orchard for 1 year, ^{which} /was approved and had been accepted.

5. It could not have been approved, that Br. Kremser, who takes care of a Diaconat's branch, had purchased a plantation with very bad soil on

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the other side of the Blue Mountains, because it would give opportunity for suspicion.

May 20th 1795. --184th Session. - 4. The brethren had heard, that Br. W. Horsefield before his last journey to Philadelphia, had engaged himself in a considerable trade of land with Mr. McKee, without notifying the Gemein-Direction. The brethren believe, that Br. Horsefield does not have much knowledge of such affairs, and it will bring him difficulties or loss. The brethren could not help it to disapprove this procedure, especially because that land is situated 300 miles away from here. The money for the land should be taken out in goods from the store. Br. William Henry had some doubts about the security of the purchase of the land, the committee thought it necessary, that Br. Tillofsen as warden should procure a written security from Br. W. Horsefield, so that perhaps a loss, which may be feared, may not fall on the Gemein-Diaconie.

May 27th 1795. -- 185th Session. -Br. William Henry announced, that Br. Conrad Ernst had asked him, to lay before the committee his desire, that his oldest son Christian wishes to have a small plantation of about 100 acres or more near Daniel Ziegler, where he on his own expenses, as Jac. Boerstler, can build on it a house and a barn and could pay rent for it. He dislikes to live among the other farmers. The brethren had no objection against it. Some brethren feared, that when this should come to pass, the father may neglect his own place and might help his son too much, otherwise one could allow it, because he does not want to stay with his father. Other brethren proposed, whether he could not get as much land in Christian Spring or Gnadenthal for a little plantation. The committee was sorry, that the farmer-brethren in Old Nazareth with their good land are so indifferent and do not take good care neither of the meadows nor of the fields, by which the Diaconie will have some loss.

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June 10th 1795. - 186th Session. -1. Regarding a plantation for Br. Conrad

Ernst's son it was resolved, that the brethren could not engage in this
affair, especially ^{/because} Br. D. Zeisberger declared, that the helper-conference
at large in Bethlehem would not approve of it.

2. Concerning the daily wages for the masons the brethren believed, that
6 shillings per day would be a fair price.

3. Because Jacob Ari last week had not brought meat on the certain day
to the market, and also because one had heard, that ^{ve} several people had
sued him before the Justice on account of debts, and he pretended, that
he could not get any cattle for butchering, the committee thought it ne-
cessary, that Br. Tillofsen should request a positive explanation from
him, whether he will give it up entirely or whether in the future he will
provide the market with meat. The Committee thought it best ^{when they} ~~to~~ receive an
answer in the negative, to ask Br. Gottlieb Demuth, whether he would not
be able to provide the village with meat, so that this difficulty is re-
midied.

4. Br. Tillofsen thought it best and easiest as well as the cheapest, to
build the stable for the Hall-farm of frame or "Bindewerk". He will make
preparations for it.

June 17th 1795. - 187th Session. - 1. It was related, that Br. Tillofsen
had talked with Jacob Ari and it was told him, that he had provided the
market so unreliably with meat, to which he cited ^{to his excuse} that Br. Seyfried
had kept two ~~knifers~~ ^{calves}, for which he had paid already. But then one had
heard, that Ari had not fetched the calves at the promised time, and the
people could not have kept it any longer for him. Jacob Ari promised then
that he would do better.

The brethren had heard, that Br. Jacob Eyerle had for a debt of over 50
Lbs, which Jacob Ari owes him, requested Ari for a security in pawning

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to him the most precious things, so that the other creditors will scarcely get anything for their claims.

2. Br. Tillofsen reported, that Br. Gottfried Hage in Philadelphia had let him know through Br. Jacob Weyerle, that he has a bell of 200 pounds heavy, which will cost about 22 Lbs, to sell, and that he is awaiting their answer, whether the brethren want it. He should be notified by the first opportunity.

July 1st 1795. - 188th Session. - Br. Tillofsen notified the brethren, that the two butchers, Mr. Frey and Jacob Ari, have agreed upon, that each one will provide meat/^{once}for the market; Mr. Frey on Wednesday, and Jacob Ari on Saturday, because on account of the scarcity of cattle, it is hard to get some.

3. It was suggested, that the new bell and the improvement of the road from Br. Schmick's house to Br. Schenck, should be laid before the Gemein-council, which will come together to-morrow. It was the desire of the brethren, that Br. Jacob Eyerle would soon present the bill for the road, so that one can see, how much of the first subscription is still left.

July 15th 1795. -- 190th Session. - The brethren David Zeisberger and Br. Reichel were present in the meeting. 1. Br. Benjamin Mortimer, who by the election and the approval of the lord had been appointed as a member of the Over-Seer Committee was heartily welcomed and a verse of blessing was sung for him.

3. The financial report of the Nazareth Congregation and the choir-diaconies as well as the Paedagogium was presented, and it was seen from it, that the Gemein-Diaconie had a surplus of 116 Lbs 16 shillings and 8½ pence, the Paedagogium had 1 Lb 17 shillings and 11 pence. The single brethren's diaconie had a deficit of 113 Lbs 17 shillings and 2½ pence; the single sister's diaconie had a deficit of 24 Lbs 4 shillings and 5½ pence.

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4. The Committee expressed its apprehension and perplexity, that Br. Jacob Eyerle, junior, in spite of all warnings and dissuading, does not stop, to involve himself in difficulties with trading in land and building mills and one fears, that it will take a sad end and it may cause loss for the Nazareth Gemein-Diaconie and for the Unity. As we have heard, Br. W. Horsefield bears in mind with all earnest to get rid of his purchased land and also of those difficulties, connected with it.

July 22nd 1795. -- 191st Session. - 3. Because Br. William Horsefield and out of ignorance in land-affairs does not understand the awkward/intricate condition of his purchase of land, and when nothing orderly is done in this matter, he can loose his capital and the entire land, the committee thought it imperative, that the brethren Tillofsen and William Henry explain the matter to him and advise him, that he may persuade his father-in-law, Mr. Jacob Weiss, to journey to the country of the purchased land and to see, that the matter can be brought in order.

4. Everything shall be prepared, so that when the new bell arrives, it can be hanged up. It was considered bet, that the rope for the bell would come down in the little hall on the wall, because in the former place, it would be too hard, to ring the bell.

August 5th 1795. -- 192nd Session. - 2. Because one heard the talk, that Dr. Jacob Eyerle has sent a petition to the court, in order to lay out another road from Friedensthal to Nazareth, the brethren thought it necessary, to see to it, that the road is not lead through meadows and fields unnecessarily and that by doing so, they become useless. For that reason it should be talked to Dr. Eyerle in time, so that his opinion is heard.

3. Because Br. Christian Micksch has expressed himself, that he has not in mind, to trade with bar-iron, and because he cannot pay the money for it, nothing could be said against Br. William Horsefield, when he would

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start the trade with iron. He is willing to serve the black-smiths in the neighborhood.

4. A letter, which was signed by an inhabitant, who is living in the so-called stone house and by Dr. Demuth, was sent to the Committee. In this letter were several people, who complaint very much, that Br. Mich. Ruch through his cattle does very much damage to them, by letting them eat during the night their grass in the square and in other places, and that he does not pay any attention, when they admonish him. Last night were the brethren Peter Christ and Peter, the negro, laying in wait for Michael Ruch. They saw, that at 1 o'clock in the night, his cows were driven into Dr. Peter Christ's clover-field, and there they were for several hours and when it dawned, he drove them to the square in front of the house. The brethren thought it was necessary, that Br. Tillofsen should talk with Br. Ruch about it, and should show him his offensive conduct and he should exhort him for improvement.

August 19th 1795. -- 193d Session. - 2. Br. Michael Ruch came to the Committee-meeting and brought all kinds of complaints against some brethren, to which he himself had given cause. But because in his talk he became indecent, the brethren dismissed him, before he became prolix. The committee thought, it would be the best, when Br. Tillofsen as mediator should try to reconcile him with the brethren, and should also tell him, that if he in his behaviour would not change for the better, he could not be tolerated any longer in the congregation and he would have to look for another lodging outside of the congregation. The brethren believed, that the excessive use of the strong drink may be the cause of his indecent conduct.

3. Because the young Seyfried had offended his neighbour, Mr. Martin Frey, in words and deeds, so that the matter were taken to court and because the first one is a member of the committee in Wchoeneck, the committee

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found it necessary, that Br. Reizenbach had to tell him, that he is excluded from their committee and from Holy Communion, until he makes piece with his neighbour, who is inclined to do so.

4. A letter from Br. Matth. Krause in Old Nazareth, was read in the committee, in which he asked, that some land, the butcher-work and the stage should belong to him, and then he would give up agriculture-work. But because the Nazareth-Diaconie could not engage itself in new buildings for him, and because one could not see, that he could ^{/not} raise enough money, but would run himself into deep debts and trouble, and the warden would then be obliged, to take it away from him, it was found advisable, that he should rather make a small beginning in Old Nazareth with butchering and would let go his big projects.

5. On account of the new bell some alterations and improvements have to be made, so that the bell can be ^{rung} easier.

August 26th 1795. -- 194th Session. - 3. It was related, that Br. Jacob Eyerle, junior, had meddled with the quarrel between Seyfried and Martin Frey, and against all equitableness had bought from the first one the land, to which the latter one had according to the law of the country all the right, and which will cause a lengthy law-suit, and which is for a brother unbecoming.

September 2nd 1795. -- 195th Session. - 2. Br. Tillofsen reported, that Br. Mich. Ruch's quarrel with Bro. and Sister Peter Christ had been settled. One had made the observation, that Br. Michael Ruch continues still in his offensive behaviour and that one has not observed any change for the better. ---- Br. Tillofsen had informed Br. Krause, that the Committee has not approved his new project.

3. It was related, that Br. Jacob ~~Christ~~ Eyerle, junior, is inclined, to settle ^{the} the quarrel about the land with Mr. Martin Frey amicably, without causing a law-suit.

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4. In the Committee one spoke about the Bethlehem and the Nazareth INN. One has heard many complaints about the poor attendance in the INN. Here in Nazareth in the INN is the chief complaint that so bad beverages are served and often the desired things are not to be had, which can only be attributed to Br. Kremser's indifference and carelessness. - In the Bethlehem Inn there is much complaint about the cleanliness, especially about the vermins in the beds.

5. It had been proposed, that the difference between brother and sister Kremser and Br. Jacob Eyerle shall be adjusted in these days.

September 9th 1795. - 196th Session. - 1. It was reported, that Br. Jacob Eyerle, junior, had settled his difference amicably.

2. It had been considered very unbecoming, that at the last Married Choir lovefeast to some gentlemen, who had come accidentally into the meeting, no drink and bun had been offered. And the brethren wish, that in the fu-
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ture it should/happen again for the sake of the evil report.

4. A proposal was made regarding Br. Kremser, who provides the INN with bad beverages, whether it would not be better, when Br. Tillofsen will take care of the purchase of the beverages, as some time Br. Wetmer had done.

September 23d 1795. -- 197th Session. - 2. Br. Tillofsen reported, that Jacob Ari himself has refused, to take the meat to the market, because he does not make any profit by it, and he has the constable continually on his neck.

October 7th 1795. -- 198th Session. - The brethren believed, that it would be better, when Jacob Ari, who has so many debts, when he with his children would work as day-laborers.

October 14th 1795. - 199th Session. - 1. The committee resolved, that the 6 acres of land, which was given to him some years ago, but which he does

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not use and does not plant anything on it, and is not able to pay the rent for it, and the "iaconie has a loss on it, it should be taken from him.

2. Br. Jan. Clewell in Schoeneck, who on account of sickness cannot support his family any more by his trade, had asked the brethren for about 40 acres of alnd on rent. The brethren agreed, to let him have the plantation of 50 acres, and the 6 acres of Ari should be inclosed, and the land shall be surveyed. Daniel Clewell will have to compensate Ari for the condition, his work on that land. The committee approved, that Br. Clewell annually shall give a bushel of wheat for the acre and he shall take care of his buildings himself. The contract shall be made for 2 years, and after this it shall be, according to the state of health, renewed again.

5. Because Bro. and Sister Bollinger and Beisetts insist upon moving away from Gnadenthal to Nazareth, the brethren considered, how they could help them. Br. Bollinger wants to work on his shoemaker's trade, and he wishes to have some land and want to keep some cows. Because Br. Peisert would like to have his own place for himself, two proposals were made. Either he will get land west of the village or on the Friedensthal road, some land from Krause's land, about as much as 30 or 40 acres, should be allowed to him.

October 21st 1795. -- 200th Session. -Br. Tillofsen reported, that Jacob Ari has asked to keep the 6 acres land for his own use. That Daniel Clewell this time does not want more than 3 acres of land, which shall be measured for him. --He will pay 10 shillings for the acre. -- Also the single sisters, Br. Melch. Christ and Br. Levering according to their wish, shall get some land.

2. A letter from Br. Henry Beck in Christian Spring was communicated, in which he expresses his desire, to settle here in the village, and beside

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some cows, he would support himself with a little brewery. He wishes especially for his children's sake to live here and to send them to school. The Committee was of the opinion, to help him, but the brethren want first to talk with Br. Beck about it.

October 28th 1795. -- 201st Session. -1. Regarding Br. Henry Beck's wish to settle here in Nazareth, the brethren thought, that he should have still a little patience, and wait for the changes, which will take place. Concerning the distribution of Christian Spring into little farms, some brethren had observed, that it would be the best, when the Gemein-Diaconie of Nazareth would have the inspection in hand.

4. Because the road from Nazareth to Friedensthal shall be opened as a public road, and shall be made much wider, and for that reason much wood would have to be felled, Br. Schmick as road-master had agreed with Br. Tillofsen, that when he, Br. Tillofsen, would place 2 laborers for the road, he would then get all the wood.

November 18th 1795. -- 202nd Session. - 2. Br. Ettwein's letter to Br. Henry Beck in Christian Spring was read regarding his desire, to settle here. In the letter it was announced to him, that as long as Christian Spring is a property of the Unity, he should not have any hope, to start a brewery here. Br. Beck is willing to take over the brandy-distillery on rent.

November 25th 1795. --203d Session. -2. The brethren thought it is necessary to try out the fire-engine before winter is coming. Because the fire-engine is not tight enough, to hold the water, it will be necessary, to cover the same with a leaden or copper bottom.

3. Regarding the bell, the committee believed, that it should be protected from frost and the wet of the winter, and therefore something should be done, to keep off the beating rain against the bell and the frost, which

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may result, because it is to be feared, that the bell may get a crack. But if the bell could be put some feet higher, no other arrangements would be necessary.

January 27th 1796. -- 207th Session. -- 2. Br. Tillofsen related, that Br. Beisert in Gnadenthal had been with him, and had told him, that he is positively minded, not to stay any longer in Gnadenthal, and if he would not get about 20 acres of land in Old Nazareth on rent, where he could build a house for himself, he would with his family leave the congregation and would move over the Blue Mountains to his father-in-law's plantation. The brethren were in favour, that it should not come to such an extremity with them, but rather, when Br. Conrad Ernst would arrange himself on a smaller basis, there would be hope, that Br. Beisert could get the requested land, and he and his family could stay in our congregation. The brethren believed, that it would be good, to advise Br. Ernst, that it would be for his benefit, when he would arrange things on a smaller scale.

February 10th 1796. - 208th Session. -1. Regarding Bro. and Sister Beisert and his family, the brethren thought, that they should be put to Old Nazareth for this time. For their habitation was proposed, the same, which Bro. and Sister Schneider had occupied, when previously the necessary repairs will have been made. It shall be offered to Bro. and Sister Beisert, that Br. Beisert gets his land for himself and that he takes care of his buildings. The most suitable place and regarding a well shall be determined at an opportune time. Because Br. Conrad Ernst made difficulties to give up to Br. Beisert some of his stables, some brethren were appointed, to look the matter over and to start a move. The brethren believed, that when Br. Ernst would sell some of his cattle to Br. Beisert,

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there would be no difficulty, to find the place for them. - The brethren on the whole desired, that it soon may come so far with the farmer-brethren in Old Nazareth, that every one had his land together in one piece and that a certain rent is paid for the acre instead of 1/3. They are willing, to pay half of the expense for the fences. It was proposed, that Bro. and Sister Schneider should have the rooms opposite of Bro. and Sister Melchior Schmidt.

2. Br. William Horsefield had asked for permission to build an additional building to the kitchen for the convenience of his family, but the Committee for the sake of the place and other circumstances did not approve of it. But the proposal was made by the brethren, that Br. Horsefield could put his warehouse in one of the upper rooms and by breaking through of a door in the kitchen, he would receive the requested place. The Brethren Tillofsen and W. Henry should inform Br. Horsefield about it. The Committee found it necessary, although Br. William Horsefield declines, that for the consolation of the minds, an inventory of the store should be taken.

February 24th 1796. -- 209th Session. - 2. Regarding the streets in the village the question was raised, whether it would not be necessary, that the streets in the village should have names, because sometimes land is given away to this and that person, and the land is bordering on a street, which has no real name and which cannot^{be}/recorded on the lease.

March 9th 1796. -- 210th Session. --3. It was resolved, that to-morrow^e the Gemin-Rat should be notified of the necessity of several fire-impliments, as fire-buckets, baskets, ladders and fire-hooks, which are indispensable by extinguishing a fire. The brethren and sisters should also be asked, to report the fire in time, when there breaks out a fire.

March 16th 1796. -- 211th Session. -2. The Committee found it necessary

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that the president of the Committee together with some brethren, should lay before the farmer-brethren in Old Nazareth the new proposal of the change, that instead of delivering $1/3$, they should give 1 bushel wheat or its value, 20 shillings rent for the acre. This new arrangement will become effective in the season. The brethren believed, that the Gemein-Diaconie and the farmer-brethren too will make out better this way. Also the farmer-brethren will apply themselves more to improve the land, and from less land they will try to get more fruit, so that perhaps in a few years some more farmer-brethren can be put on.

3. Br. Tillofsen should go around to the families, and shall see, whether every family is supplied with fire-buckets. Every family shall have at least 2 fire-buckets. He as warden should provide the Gemein-diaconie with 15 new fire-buckets. They should be kept in the markethouse near the fire-engine. Br. Schmick has charged for one fire-bucket 17 shillings 6 pence. Because Br. Schmick has accepted a new foreign saddler journey-man into his saddler-shop, the brethren found it necessary, that Br. Tillofsen should see after it, whether without any consideration inferior articles would be produced, and whether the necessary precaution is used.

4. Br. Kremser has asked for a brother as assistant in the Inn instead of Popplewell, who will not stay any longer there. Br. Kremser had proposed the brethren Koepke and Petersen in Christian Spring for this work. March 30th 1796. -- 212th Session. - 1. It was reported, that Bro. and Sister Ernst, Bro. and Sister Beissert and the Schneider's have moved into their respective lodgings, and this difficult matter has been accomplished peacefully.

2. Because John Popplewell will not any longer stay in the INN, Br. Kremser had then asked for Br. Koepke in Christian Spring, but this one had refused. The Committee believed, that Br. Friedrich Schmidt in Christian

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Spring, if he is willing, would be a capable person for this business and he would ^{get} easily accustomed to the work.

3. The committee brought into consideration, what Bro. and Sister Bollinger shall pay rent in the stone house. The brethren believed, that 4 Lbs per year would not be unfair, especially because it is on the lower floor and very convenient. The old mother Hanna's rent was fixed to 2 Lbs 10 sh. and will be paid by Bethlehem.

4. Br. Tillofsen related, that he had inquired by Br. Schmick about the foreign journey-man, and he was told, that he is a very diligent and quiet person, and that there is no reason for doubt, that he will be extravagant.

April 6th 1796.-- 213th Session. - Because Br. Micksch needs the cold springwater for his trade, and because it is connected with much difficulties, to get it from the yard of the INN, it was thought useful, that one should talk with Br. Jacob Eyerle, and that he should be induced, to give up the water-conduit, which the Diaconie allowed him, when he had still the black-smith shop, to Br. Micksch, and should let have him also the burried pipes for the same pupose. Br. Micksch will of coure compensate Br. Eyerle for the pipes. Because Br. Eyerle has no more the black-smith shop, he can make use of the ^{rain} water, which accumulates in the cistern.

4. Br. Stoz had the desire, to get a trustworthy person, who would like to learn the brick- and lime-burning, but because nobody could be found, some brethren proposed the boy J. Schneider in Christian Spring for that work, especially because he had no place as yet.

April 20th 1796.-- 214th Session. -- 2. It was related, that it had been talked to Br. ^{Jacob} Eyerle regarding of giving up his water-conduit to Br. Ch. Micksch, but at the present time, he refused to do it, on account of the expenses, which he had with it.

3. It had been found necessary, that with the farmer-brethren in Old Na-

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Old Nazareth a written contract should be made, so that they do not sell any straw or hay, and if they would sell it, they would have to give for every hundred pounds of hay/half of the price as fine for the crime. By doing so, it would be caused, that more manure would be made and the land would be improved.

May 18th 1796. -- 216th Session. -- The committee had to consider the circumstances of sister Moehring. Br. David (Zeisberger) reported, that the helper-conference at large in Bethlehem had yesterday approved, that Sister Moehring should continue her business still for half a year and the two children she should keep with her. But the brethren of the committee thought, that when sister Moehring could get a suitable lodging somewhere, it would be better, to give up the house and the business entirely, because she is not capable to continue it, especially when she cannot read nor write and cannot have any bookkeeping. In addition to this she owes 50 Lbs to Boller and Jordan in Philadelphia, and Dr. William Horsefield had advanced for her Lbs 15 for a tobacco-manufacturer. And she will not be able to get money to buy anew goods for the store. The Committee thought it necessary, that Br. W. Horsefield for this time should have the indispensable articles, as molasses, fish-oil (codliver-oil), and oil should also sell them., and that the neighbours do not come here for such articles and then they have to go/empty. When the circumstances should change after some time and somebody could take over the business, then those mentioned articles have to be given back. The committee thinks, that it is absolutely necessary, that with the inheritance of the late Br. Moehring it should be dealt according to the law of the country, and that an inventory should be made as soon as the testament has been examined by the father of the orphans, because otherwise confusion and harm may be feared. But with an inventory the whole matter could be much easier.

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3. The desire was expressed, that some small houses should be built in the village and for which could be paid a tolerable rent, and poor folks could live in. The brethren had heard, that Br. Jacob Eyerle has trimmed wood for a house, which was meant for Romig, and which he offers for 15 Lbs, and therefore one should talk to him, whether he could build such a house for a certain price, and when he is willing, the brethren thought the most suitable place would be below Giersch's house.

June 1st 1796. - 217th Session. - 2. It was related, that Br. Joseph Stoz has made application, that he would/accept the brick-shed with the bricks- and lime-burning on rent, and that the warden should build a dwelling-house near by. He would then pay for everything a certain rent annually. The committee thought it necessary, that first of all an estimate of the expenses should be made, and then how much rent should be charged for everything. Then this estimate and the price for the rent should be put before Br. Stoz, before one can come to a firm conclusion. Br. Stoz should have to pay at least half of the profit, which had been made annually, besides the rent, and in the future he would have to care for all the wood and stones himself. When Br. Stoz would accept the contract, arrangements for the building could be made.

3. Regarding Br. Stoz' request about the brick-burning nothing more was resolved, until the committee had heard the opinion of the helper-conference at large. Their meeting was held yesterday.

June 15th 1796. -- 219th Session. -- Br. David Zeisberger reported regarding Br. Stoz, that some brethren of the helper-conference at large did not approve of building a house near by the brick-shed, because such remote houses would give opportunity to bad companies and it would be also difficult to visit the meetings. On the other hand saw the Committee the inconvenience of the distant lodging from the brick-shed, especially

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on account of heavy rain-showers, which would much damage to the freshly made bricks. The brethren of the committee approved, that when the dwelling-house would not even built this year, Br. Stoz could accept the business from the Diaconie on rent, if one could talk with him before and could hear his opinion about it.

3. The brethren thought, that it would be just, that the farmer-brethren in Old Nazareth, who had had great damage on their meadows by the last big flood, should have an allowance on their rent for this year, and the new contract should ^{/soon} be signed by them.

July 6th 1796. -- 220th Session. -2. It was reported, that recently an inventory had been made of the buildings and articles, which belong to the brick-works, and it amounted to 109 Lbs, and that Br. Stoz from the last of May will take over the brick-works on his own account. Soon the land and the district, which with the stone-quarry for the necessary lime for burning in the bush, shall be surveyed.

3. The brethren of the committee saw the necessity, that the earlier the water-conduit from the spring to the dead-house would be dugged up entirely, the better would it be. And wherever it is necessary, new pipes should be laid. 8 days previous it should be announced, so that the inhabitants in the village could provide enough water for washing and for other purposes. The brethren had difficulties, where they will get enough hads for digging, especially because the work will have to be done one after the other, when the beginning has been made. The proposal, that the masters of the trade should give their apprentices a few days to help, was not approved in general.

July 13th 1796. - 221st Session. -1. Br. Tillofsen reported, that the coming Monday was the fixed day, on which it should be begun, to dig up the old pipes and to put the new ones into the ground, from the spring to

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the dead-house. The brethren hoped, that the necessary workmen would be found for that work.

2. It was related, that some persons from Easton had made the request, to buy the old bell for their schoolhouse there. The committee did not approve of it, because the brethren thought, when one day in the future a large clock will be provided for the village, that old bell could serve for striking the quarter-hours, and because the bell would be ^{soon} useless for ringing, one supposed, that they would have to sell it for half the price and with the payment they would be slow.

July 27th 1795. -- 222nd Session. - 1. The proposal was made, that one should lay before the Gemein-Rat, which would soon be held, whether one should not use the 30 Lbs, which the late Br. Franz Seifart had bequeathed for a clock in the village, for the new bell.

4. The bills of the last year for the Gemein- and Choir-Diaconie and for the paedagogium were communicated, and it was shown, that the Gemein-Diaconie had a profit of 146 Lbs 14 shillings and 6 pence. The single brethren on the contrary had a deficit of 145 Lbs 13 shillings and 11 pence. Also the single sisters had a deficit of 115 Lbs 6 shillings and 1 pence. The paedagogium had also a deficit of 7 Lbs, 3 shillings.

August 3d 1796. - 223d Session. - 1. Br. Tillofsen reported, that Br. Stox had resolved and declared, that he would build his own house near the brick-shed, if it could not been done otherwise.

3. It was proposed, whether one should not lay before the next Gemein-council the providing of a clock for the village by subscription.

August 17th 1796. -- 224th Session. - 1. Br. Tillofsen reported, that Br. Joh. Schnall in Gnadenthal had asked, whether there could not be made an exchange with the bell in Gnadenthal and Nazareth, because he would like to have a bigger bell for Gnadenthal, and he would then pay the balance

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what the bigger one would be more worth. The committee thought, that it would not do anything in this respect, until one would see, how it would be, when we would get a clock for the village. And the brethren think, that the Gnadenthal bell would be too small to strike the quarter-hours.

2. The Committee saw the necessity, that the repair of the road from Br. Schmick to Br. Schenk should be done as soon as possible, and one should not ^{wait}/any longer until Br. Eyerle has made the bill of the subscription ^{account} for the road. The brethren believed, that Br. Schmick would be the most fit person for it.

3. The brethren considered the matter with Br. William Horsefield, of whom one had heard, that he is involved with John Allen and others in a sum of from 1600 to 1700 Lbs. for land and goods from the store. The question is, whether the Diaconie in Nazareth would not have a great loss by this, when those people would not be able to pay. He had for that reason sent John Loesch from Bethlehem to the Jennessee, in order to fetch money, but it is doubtful, whether he will succeed. The committee disapproved very much, that Br. Horsefield undertakes such things for himself without first communicating with the right person. The brethren therefore thought it necessary, that an inquiry should be made by some brethren.

August 31st 1796. - 225th Session. - It was reported, that John Loesch had met Mr. Allen in Wyomik, who had told him, that he could not give him money from Br. W. Horsefield, but land-insurance for the debts. John Loesch will travel to Mr. Williams and will see, whether he could not do anything in this affair. If it should turn out unfortunately, then the store would suffer an irreparable loss. The committee thinks, that it would be well, when Christian Denke would be taken out from the

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store and a change would take place, because one supposed, that he had
Br. William Horsefield
persuaded/to such procedure.

September 14th 1796. - 226th Session. - It was related, that news had
come, by a letter from John Loesch, that Br. W. Horsefield's affair with
John Allen has been lead in such a way, that the entire debt will soon
be paid off.

2. A letter from Br. W. Horsefield was communicated, in which he asked,
that the Committee should consider the debt of 108 Lbs together with the
interest for 2 years, which John Beutel owes to the store, and that he
does not see any way, how this amount can be obtained from him. There-
fore the committee should take the matter in hand and shall see, what
can be done. It would be necessary, that some brethren should take an
inventory of Br. Beutel's property and of his debts, before something
can be done in this matter.

3. A letter from Br. Melchior Christ was read, in which he had asked
for an apprentice for his trade, because he was getting old, and his
son had a weak hand on account of a fall. He had thought of the boy,
who is now in the single brethren's kitchen, Carney, but he did not like
the trade, and he rather would learn to become a joiner or a shoemaker.
The committee agreed, that he could not get an apprentice until he will
his daughter to the choir-house in Nazareth, or to another congregation,
because one feared, that only disorder and harm would result from it.

September 21st 1796. - 227th Session. - Br. Tillofsen reported, that he
and some other brethren had examined his circumstances and the condition
of his debts. He owes to creditors about 250 Lbs, and that it is hard for
him, to pay the interest. Br. Beutel believes, that if he would get a
cheaper lodging and enough ashes for burning potash, and if his house
would be taken away from him, he hoped, that he would be able to make

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both ends meet. He has a great aversion, to move away from the village. Br. Beutel had been advised, to give an explanation and his opinion about his outer condition in a letter, which he would put before the committee, but he had not done it till now.

October 19th 1796. - 230th Session. - It was reported, that Br. William Horsefield makes preparations, to have for sale all the articles, which belong to a huckster's shop.

2. The committee reminded the brethren of it, that soon the building-place for Br. Jos. Stoz's dwelling-house should be resolved and determined, because he soon will make preparations with the building-material. The committee thought it fittest, that the house should stand in the same line with the other houses in the village, although Br. Stoz pretends to have difficulties with the water on account of the distance. Some brethren shall soon go and see the place.

October 26th 1796. - 231st Session. - The brethren Reichel and David Zeisberger were present in the committee. 2. Br. Krause in Old Nazareth
/let
want to/build a stable on his own account. No objection was made. - The single brethren request still 10 acres of land and some meadows, which will be granted to them after a wise consideration. The brethren believe, it would be the best, to give them the land and the meadow from Brother Krause rather, than to clear more bushland. The brethren should be encouraged to extend more, even if they get into debts, if it is only done with good thoughts and consideration.

3. The desire was expressed, that a large house on the square of the village, opposite of Br. Schmick's house, should be built, so that somebody could get a lodging, when it is requested; and because it had been the desire long ago, to build some lodgings on the account of the Gemein-Diaconie, the brethren approved it, that it should be proposed, to build

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such a house, when it will be approved in the other conferences.

November 9th 1796. - 232nd Session. - It was resolved, that the single brethren according to their request should have 10 acres land for cultivation and some land for meadows from Br. Krausse's land, because the latter one would have still land enough, and if he should need more, he could get it somewhere else. Br. Krausse has in mind with Br. Stoz' support, to build a lane near the brick-shed over the meadows, in order to have a nearer road to his fields, by which the latter one could also get more conveniently to the stone-quarry, where he gets the stones for burning lime.

3. Regarding the large house, which should be build on the square, various things were considered and approved, that it should be 48 feet long, 36 feet deep. The lower floor should be destined entirely for a huckster-shop, and the upper floor should be arranged for 2 families. Br. William Henry was charged, to make the sketch for that house. It shall be also be ordered, that this winter, the building-materials should be fetched.

November 23d 1796. -- 233d Session. - Regarding the land, which the single brethren shall get from Br Krause, it was thought best, that they get it on the Christian Spring Street. At present can Br. Krausse give up only 8 or 9 acres, because the other land is sown with seed. The Brethren thought it was necessary, that between the meadow,, which is to be given to the single brethren and the cultivated land should be left a road, if the resolved lane near the brick-shed should be carried through, because through this lane he would be able to have access to all his fields. The brethren Tillofsen and William Henry will therefore speak to Brother Krausse to-day.

3. The sketch of the house, which shall be build on the square, was pre-

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presented to the committee. Br. William Henry was ordered to make an Estimate of the cost of the house.

4. The brethren thought it unseemly, that the single sister Magdalena Schweisshaupt had lodged and slept for some days in the Inn, when there is a choirhouse for her lodging in Nazareth.

5. The committee approved, that soon a Gemein-council should be held, in which the house, which shall be build, should be considered.

December 21st 1795.-- 236th Session. -- It was reported, that of the trimmed wood, which is lying near the Hall, next summer a barn and a stable should be built in Old Nazareth for the benefit of the farmers there. The brethren thought, that the best place would be near the flax-house, because then ^{one of the} farmers could have his cattle-yard for himself seperately. But before something is settled, the place shall be first looked after. The brethren Rauschenberger and Peter Christ will build the same, and in the near future the contract shall be made.

January 4th 1797. -- 237th Session. --It was reported, that Br. Schenk would take next summer Br. Friesel in Bethlehem for work, and that Bro. Rauschenberger on account of his high claim shall not have the building of the stable and barn in Old Nazareth.

January 25th 1797. -- 238th Session. - It was remarked, because Br. Jacob Rauschenberger has reduced his claim considerably, he shall get the building of the stable and barn in Old Nazareth, near the flax-house. - The brethren of the committee found it necessary, that because Br. Schenk cannot break enough stones for the new house, some other persons should be employed.

February 8th 1797. - 239th Session. Br. Moriz Michael, who had by election and approval of the Lord become a member of the Committee, was

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was welcomed and a verse of blessing was sung for him.

2. Because the time came nearer, that sister Moehring should move out from her house, to the house, where Bro. and Sister Herbst are living now, it was considered, where a suitable person could be found, to take over the business of a huckster's shop. The brethren Owen Rice in Beth-
lehem and Schweishaupt here had been proposed. About Er. Heinze, in
Christian Spring, who/^{long ago} had applied for it, many doubts and objections were found.

4. Because some brethren in Old Nazareth feared, that by building of the new stable in Old Nazareth at the appointed place near the spring, by the liquid manure harm might be caused, the brethren believed, that it would be necessary together with the brethren in Old Nazareth,/^{that} this matter should be inspected, whether there is reason for fear of it.

5. Because Brother and sister Kern on account of the little profit would not accept the distribution of barm (yest), and because also in the bre-
thren's house it would not be suitable either, the committee thought, that the future owner of the huckster's shop should take charge of it. Er. Lister proposed, whether the beer-trade in the brethren's house should not be given up entirely, because there is only loss in it. The brethren of the committee believed, that it could be done, when Br. Kremser would give the beer for a lower price, when it is fetched from him and then drunk at home.

February 15th 1797. -- 240th Session. -2. Because Br. Kremser has pro-
mised, to give the beer for the same price, as it had been sold in the brethren's house, when it would be taken from the INN but when it would not be drunk there. The committee could not make any objection. The bre-
thren left it to the/^{single} brethren's choice, to give up the beer-trade.

3. Two letters from Br. Jacob Schnall and Matth. Krause in Old Nazareth

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were read, in which they made some objection about the place, where the new stable and barn shall be built. They claimed, that by living so close together of so many families and servants, it could not be helped, that disorder would be caused. Although the helper-conference at large had this place appointed, the committee saw the reason of the objection of the above mentioned brethren, and it believed, that it would be well, to consider the matter thoroughly once more, so that afterwards nobody has to regret it. It was then proposed for the establishment of a new farm-house the place above the spring, or there, where the old brick-shed had been standing, because there it would be convenient to get the water. But then the farmer should get the meadows, which are situated below instead of those above. The meadows above should be distributed to the cottagers. Then should be made also an agreement between Br. Stoz and the farmer on account of the water, that not one should take away the water from the other, but that both should have the use of it.

February 22nd 1797. - 241st Session. - 1. It was proposed, that the the establishment of the new farm-house should be postponed for the next Helper-conference at large.

3. Because Br. Peter Christ had asked for some acres of land for meadows on the so-called Walnut-valley meadow and because nobody else is using it, the brethren did not make any objection, to rent it out for 3 years, if beforehand an agreement has been made with him about the rent.

4. Sister Moerhing brought the complaint, that Br. John Christ allured the passing strangers into his shop, and sold to them tobacco, which was not good at all, and he wanted to convince them, that he had not sold such since the death of her husband. But because this is not true, (Moehring) the brethren could not approve John Christ's procedure, and it would be necessary, to talk with him.

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March 8th 1797. -- 242nd Session. -2. Because Br. John Christ and several young people, who are still apprentices, have been seduced to their harm, to meddle with a lottery in Moorstownship, and because it is against the principle of the brethren, the committee had to disapprove of it and to consider it as unjust. - The committee thought it was wrong, that the use of cigars outside of the room gains more and more ground among the young people, and even among the children, which is dangerous on account of fire, especially on the street and in the forest, where in summer, when the grass is dry, easily fire can be caused.

3. Regarding the 6 acres of land, which Br. Stoz will accept for his use, the brethren thought that 25 shillings/^{rent}annually was considered cheap and it was settled. But Br. Stoz can only get it on lease.

5. It was reported, that in the near future a thorough inventory should be taken of the store and the INN. A brother from Bethlehem should be requested, to help. It was also told, that such buildings should pay in the future 7 % interest, which should be used for paying the repairs of such buildings.

March 15th 1797. - 243d Session. --3. The brethren considered, whether it would not be possible, to put a hose to the fire-engine with an arrangement, that the water could be drawn up into the fire-engine, without of having to fill the engine with buckets. The objection was made, that the fire-engine is too small, and from the beginning it was not arranged for such changes.

5. It was reported, that some brethren had expressed the opinion, whether one should not use the present store as the future huckster-store. It was also said, that the present store, when many customers come together at the same time, the place would be crowded, and therefore it would be good, when the house, which shall be build anew, could be used for the

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store. In the same also a family could get lodging. The present ware-
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house could be used for a tobacco-spinning-mill or for a store, which /
was clear to the brethren.

April 5th 1797. - 245th Session. --It was reported, that on account of
a hostler for the Inn, the E. C. had resolved, that Br. Boller should
buy a German man-servant from a ship, because it is so hard, to get here
somebody for this business. -- Br. Tillofsen had recommended to Brother
Kremser as a necessity, to have a cashbook, which he refused to have.
It was also told to Br. Kremser, that it is unnecessary to possess two
horses, for it is expensive, and therefore one should be sold. Br. Krem-
ser should not bother so much with the agriculture and neglect by it
his customers, about which so often is complaint. - The desire was ex-
pressed, that one should rather have a capable and active man, perhaps
from Lancaster or New York, instead of Br. Kremser. It should be a man,
who knows, how to deal with people in the right way and who would try
his utmost, to bring a good reputation on the INN. Such a man should be
searched for.

4. Some brethren had made the observation, that every Sunday afternoon,
a company of young people from the Nazareth Brethren's house gathered in
the INN, where they smoked and drank and stayed there for several hours,
which is considered to be very un becoming.

April 19th 1797. - 246th Session. - Br. Tillofsen reported, that he had
given orders to Br. Boller for getting a hostler for the INN. -- It was
also reported, that the widow Clewel in Plainfield will build her house
Br.
between her Son Daniel and/Franke's house, in Schoeneck. ---The single
brethren in Nazareth have received the land of 15 to 16 acres, which have
been measured.

April 26th 1797. - 247th Session. --2. Because a neighbour, George Kern,
by mistake of the surveyer, had taken 36 rods from our land in possession

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he is willing to buy it, and because on account of its situation, it is not much good for us, he shall have the land for 4 Lbs.

May 10th 1797. - 248th Session. -- It was referred to the use of cigars of the young people, that precaution should be used, in order to avoid fire, as it happened 2 miles from Bethlehem, when a barn and stable burned down, and it was supposed, that it was caused by smoking cigars.

2. Br. David Zeisberger reported, that according to the instruction of the Lord, Br. Schweishaupt should soon take charge of the retail-store in the late Br. Moehring's house. This house had been estimated some days ago by the brethren Jacob Eyerle and Martin Pchenk at 290 Lbs. It was then decided, that Sister Moehring could take away her wood-shed and put it up again at her future lodging and use it for a cow-stable.

Br. Schweishaupt should take charge of the goods, ^{from Sister Moehring} which are left, when they can come to an agreement about the price.

May 17th 1797. - 249th Session. - 3. Because Sister Moehring is not satisfied with the estimation of her house, because she believed, it was too low in the price. Therefore the brethren thought it best, when she sends in a petition, the Gemein-Diaconie would ^{rather} compensate her for the pretended loss, than that she should move from here with vexation and displeasure.

4. It was resolved, that Br. Schweishaupt should be told, that it is the proposal of the E. C., that he should live in Moehring's house as long, as it takes to finish the new store, when he then shall move with his retail-store to the old store. It was also found necessary, that he should be called before the committee, which would tell him, what articles he could sell. He also should then sign the contract.

May 24th 1797. - 259th Session. - The brethren Zeisberger and Reichel were also present in the meeting. --2. It was reported, that Br. Schweishaupt takes charge of Moehring's house for the amount, as it had been

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estimated. He takes it from the Nazareth Diaconie for rent for 7 Lbs %, because the warden will take care of the repairs. Br. Schweishaupt had expressed himself, that he rather would stay in this house continually, because he had there all his things for himself. Because he will now soon start the retail-store, it was necessary, that one should talk with the brethren, who had been dealing since with tobacco, molasses, rakes and so on, and they should leave these things to Br. Schweishaupt and they should not deal any longer with these things, because Br. Schweishaupt shall have his livelihood from it. When the specification about the various articles, which he should trade, was made, the tin-ware articles were not allowed to him to sell, because a tinman is here in the village. - At the same time, it should be talked with Br. W. Horsefield, what articles by his good intention he would let have Br. Schweishaupt, because the latter one had told, that he would give up to him ^{the} paint and Scotch tobacco. When this is put in order and when the specification of the articles, which he shall trade, shall be settled, the contract will be signed by Br. Schweishaupt.

3. The house-rent for Sister Moehring in her present lodging was fixed to 3 Lbs 10 shillings per year.

May 31st 1797. - 251st Session. - 2. Because some brethren and sisters have to claim still some little capitals on the late Brother Moehring's inheritance and because Sister Moehring cannot satisfy them, the brethren thought, that it could be arranged in such a way, that the creditors accept Br. Schweishaupt as paymaster, as far as the sum will reach for the goods, which he has received from Sister Moehring.

4. It was resolved, that the fire-engine should be tried out on Friday in the afternoon. One also saw the necessity, that more fire-ladders should be provided coming fall. - Further it was considered the best,

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that for the new store tinned sheet-iron gutters should be provided on account of its durability.

June 7th 1797. - 252nd Session. -2. It was thought necessary, that the fire-rules should be regulated and published, because during these years many persons have left and their places should be filled again with other people.

June 14th 1797. - 253d Session. -1. Br. Schweishaupt appeared before the committee, and the specification of those articles, which he cancell, were read to him. Those articles, which Br. William Horsefield will give up to him, have to be added to the articles, before the contract can be signed. Br. Schweishaupt accepts the house for the estimated sum of 290 Lbs and he will pay 7%. Whether the warden of Br. Schweishaupt will bear the ground-rent and the expenses for the garden-fence, has first to be found out from Bethlehem, what in such cases had been drawn in.

July 5th 1797. - 254th Session. - 1. It was reported, that after inquiries in Bethlehem had been made, it was stated, that Br. Schweishaupt shall pay his garden-fence himself, but he has not to pay the ground-rent.

July 26th 1797. -- 256th Session. - The brethren believed, because there is a great stock of manufactured tin-wares, which Br. Levering had left behind, it would be well, when Br. Schweisshaupt would take them into his house on commission and sell them.

August 9th 1797. - 257th Session. -2. It was reported, that in the E. C. by the lot it had been decided, that Br. Bollinger could not become a house-owner in Br. Levering's house. - To Br. Pietsch the offer was made, that he should learn the tinman's trade, and then he should work here on this trade. Br. Pietsch had first in mind, to work for some months as day-laborer, in order to get some money into his hands, but this was not approved. The brethren thought it best, when he would write as soon as

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possible to Brother Anton Schmidt in Bethlehem, whether he would be willing, to teach him that trade. And when Br. Pietsch should not be able to learn this trade, the next one would be John Christ, although he has already a trade, which should not be neglected either. Because the tools for the tinman's trade should soon be sold, it was found necessary, if Br. Pietsch does not buy it, then the Warden should buy it, so that it will remain in the village here. The committee held it for necessary, that some brethren should once more should talk about this affair with Br. Pietsch, and should get his opinion. The brethren believed, that he would not be tied to Br. Levering's house, to take it, if he could get a cheaper lodging.

3. Because Plattenberger and his sons in Schoeneck by an excessive use of strong drinks have shown a vexatious and indecent behaviour, it should be talked with them, and it should be told them, that if they do not change for the better, they will have to move from Schoeneck. In the meantime, they will have to be excluded from the means of grace. The question was also considered, where they should go, if they have to move, and it was proposed Gnadenthal or Boerstler. Or a suitable place should be given to them with some acres of land, where they could build a house on it.

4. Br. William Henry was asked, to take the matter of Br. William Horsefield's critical affair concerning the land with Mr. McBurney, into his hand and to do his best in this matter. He promised, to do it.

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5. Because Br./Eutel cannot pay his large debt in the store, Br. William Horsefield want to report it to the Warden.

August 23d 1797. - 258th Session. - 2. Because Br. Anton Schmidt in Bethlehem is not willing, to teach Br. Pietsch the tinman's trade, the brethren have talked the matter over with Br. Huebner in Lititz, whether

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Br. Steinman in Lancaster would be willing to teach Br. Pietsch that trade, if the latter one would be willing to go there and have a trial.

3. It was found necessary, that an inventory of Plattenberger's property in Schoeneck should be taken. Plattenberger himself is now willing, to give up farming. The brethren Daniel Clewel and Romig have asked for the farm. The committee was unanimously/^{of} the opinion, that the first one, Daniel Clewel should have the preference. Plattenberger shall get a piece of land and meadows at the corner of Br. Dorst Alleman. There they can build a house.

5. Because Br. Tillofsen by the socalled stone house will have to let make a new pump for the spring there, because the old one is useless, it was found necessary, that every inhabitant there should bear a proportion of the expenses.

6. Because so many complaints against Bro. and Sister Kremser have come in about their conduct and the housekeeping in the INN, the brethren were convinced of the fact, that somebody else should be put there. If a suitable/^{and capable} person from the land-congregations could be found for this business, it would be good. Of if one could get the single brother Rothe, who is at present in the Bethlehem Inn barkeeper, Bro. and sister Kremser should be dismissed from the Inn.

August 30th 1797. - 259th Session. -1. Br. Tillofsen reported, that still to-day the inventory of Plattenberger's property in Schoeneck would be taken. Plattenberger has still in mind, to put out another seed into the field and to stay until spring. Because he had not found any harvest, when he started the plantation, some acres of seed-corn should be allowed to him for his use and the balance should be compensated to him. He would have liked to keep the entire harvest, but then Brother Daniel Clewel would be in trouble with fruit and fodder. Because Plattenberger

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has in mind after sewing the seed, to have an auction, it was found necessary, that he should do it in the name of the warden, and that the latter one should have in his hands a bill of sale and a judgement bond for a considerable sum, which Plattenberger owes to the Gemein-Diaconie in Nazareth. This would be a security for the money, ~~xxxxxx~~ which he owes. For the land, which Plattenberger will possess in the future, the rent for it was fixed to 10 shillings the acre.

2. It was related, that the occupation of the INN in Nazareth would be considered in the next Helper-Conference at large in Bethlehem.

September 20th 1797. - 260th Session. - 2. It was reported, that Plattenberger's inventory had been taken, and it was found, that it showed 150 Lbs of value. But he owes the Gemein-Diaconie in Nazareth, to the store and Inn about 100 Lbs. He is willing to pay for his future land 10 shillings per acre rent. His new house he will possess according to the usual lease.

3. Br. David (Zeisberger) reported, that one had talked with brother and Sister Kremser concerning their conduct, and they had promised, that they will change for the better. But the brethren believed, that this would last only for a short time. Their disorder with their poultry, that in a great quantity is running around in the village, one found very difficult and indecent. The committee considered, that Br. Kremser regarding the young people here in the brethren's house, who assemble on Sundays even during the sermon in the Inn, should practice more authority and should sent them away.

4. Br. Peter Christ and John Christ will provide in the future the tombstones. Who will make it best, will have the most customers.

5. From Lancaster news came, that Br. Steinman will teach Br. Pietsch the tinman's trade for 100 dollars per year with board. Some brethren

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had the opinion, whether it would not be better, to try again with Br. Anton Schmidt in Bethlehem, whether he would come here and would teach Er. Pietsch for some time here in the late Bro. Levering's shop for some recompense. And if he would not do it, whether one could not engage John Bruce for it, or to go for some time to the latter on in his house for learning. For the use of the shop Sister Levering should receive some compensation. If Bro. Pietsch should not be able, to provide a supply of sheet-metal, Br. Benade would ^{perhaps} be willing, to give advance, and then he would take from him the manufactured goods. Because the tools will be taken in October 9th to the auction, the brethren thought it necessary, to secure it beforehand from Bro. Abraham Levering for the esteemed price for Br. Pietsch.

October 4th 1797. - 261st Session. - One had observed, that no change for the better, had taken place with the disorder of the poultry of Br. Kremser, for which reason it should be talked with him again.

3. The brethren found it necessary, that some brethren and sisters should before their houses relay or repair the pavement, and should also clean out the water-ditches. Yesterday in the police-meeting br. Schmick was ordered to have the inspection over the streets in the village, and he was told, to receive his instructions about it from the committee, how far he has to go and what is really meant by it. ---It was found also necessary, that a thorough repair of the so-called stone house on account of the floors and the roof, should be made.

4. The Committee approved, that the Gemein-diaconie of Nazareth should give an advance of money to Br. Pietsch at the beginning of his tinman-trade.

October 18th 1797. - 262nd Session. - The brethren of the E. C. of Nazareth were present in the meeting.

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2. Because Br. Schmick wished to have an authority and Instructions on account of the street, one thought, that he should take care of the wa-ter-ditches and between the pavements. And because the water-ditches should be made regularly and in one line, he should be paid for his work from the civil treasury.
3. Because the present spring in a dry season does not give sufficient water for the village, the committee saw the necessity, to bring the spring just above the brandy-house through pipes to the village, when one ^{before} is/assured of its sufficiency. Therefore in the fall the spring should be put in order, it should be digged out and a fence should be put around, so that no cattle can get near it.
4. Because the tinman's tools has been raised too much in price in the auction, and because it had not been bought for Br. Pietsch, the most necessary has to be made new. The shop has been rented for 8 dollars per year.
5. Beause some days ago Mr. McBurney had demanded Br. William Horsefield the payment of the Notes from Mr. Allen for 1200 Lbs, and Br. Horsefield had refused it, one can expect, that soon he will be sued by the Sheriff. The brethren thought it would be the best, that when Mr. Mulhollan, Mr. McBurney's father-in-law will come home again, Br. W. Henry should try his best, to arrange this critical matter in such a way, that it would not turn out into a law-suit before the court, because such will cost much time and money.
6. A letter from Br. ^{Jacob} Eyerle was communicated, he which he asked for per-mission, to build a new house on the square, because his present house is too small for his family. He made the condition, that the warden or somebody else should take the present house from him.

October 25th 1797. - 263d Session. - 2. Br. William Henry related, that

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yesterday Mr. Mulhollan and Mc. Burney had been here, and that he had tried his best, to arrange the land-affair of Br. W. Horsefield amicably, to which Mr. McBurney is not inclined at this time. Br. William Henry offered him 300 dollars for his trouble and expenses, if he would take back the land, about which he could not give any good judgement, because another man has a claim to a part of that land. Br. Henry asked also him to give back the bonds of Mr. Allen; or to give the entire affair to some impartial men for a decision. But Mr. McBurney did not consent to it. It seemed, that Mr. Mulhollan was very much in favour of settling this matter in this way.

November 1st 1797. - 264th Session. - 2. It was held indispenably necessary, that the attendance of the fire-engine with the persons, who are necessary for it, should be regulated anew, before the fire-engine can be tried out, which shall be done soon.

4. A letter of Br. Schweisshaupt was read, in which he requests, that a new house should be built for Br. Eyerle, and that he should receive permission to do so; and he would like to possess his present house, because the place of the house is just the best for his business and profitable one. But nothing could be resolved in this matter, because Br. Eyerle's house-building has to go first to the E. C. conference, where it will be decided.

November 22nd 1797. - 265th Session. - 2. It was reported, that Br. Eyerle's building-a-new-house was refused by the lot in the E. C.

3. The brethren Stoz and William Henry had requested Br. Tillofsen urgently, that the Gemein-Diaconie should take over the debts, which Br. Beutel owes to the Gemein-Diaconie.

4. It was related, that the single brother Abraham Lückenbach from Behlehem would soon come to Br. W. Henry for work.

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5. It was resolved, that the little house of Mother Clewel in Schoeneck in her lease should be rated to 300 dollars.

November 29th 1797. -- 266th Session. -Br. Mortimer is the recorder of the minutes. --3. Because Feldhausen wanted to move as quickly as possible into Jacob Ari's house, but because the house needs some repairs and because some other arrangements have to be made, it should be talked with them, whether they would lay out the money for the expenses, so that the Gemein-Diaconie in Nazareth will be exempted from it.

December 27th 1797. - 267th Session. - 2. It was wished, that the fire-regulations of this place might be renewed, and put upon a better footing than hitherto. To this end Br. Tillofsen was desired, to get a list made of all the brethren and boys capable of working the engine. These will be called together as soon as ^{/can} conveniently be done, and under the direction of the brethren Tillofsen, Christ and Henry, and attempt will be made, to settle with every one what office or duty he will engage to perform, in case of actual fire - from which may God in mercy preserve us, -or whenever the engine is to be tried. It will be necessary, that every one attend punctually to the duty allotted to him, or the whole regulation will be of no avail. Sickness or absence from home, should be the only admissible excuses for non-attendance, when the engine is to be exercised. Whoever cannot, or does not choose to come, should, if possible, send a substitute. --- The cistern in the market-house should always be kept in good repair, and full of water. It would also be very proper to have a large cistern of water between the Hall and the Sister's house, and other large reservoirs in different places in or near the town. Fire-ladders etc. etc. are wanted.

4. The practice, which commonly prevails, of bringing the bodies of our departed brethren and sisters into the corpse-house immediately after

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after death, was not approved of. It would be more decent to wait at least till the event is announced to the congregation by trombones. In the winter-season, the same reasons that forbid their being burried, are equally forcible against their being conveyed to the corpse-house, till there are evident tokens of decay.

January 17th 1798. - 268th Session. - The brethren of the E. C. were present at the meeting.

1. It was expressed the opinion, that in case of a fire in Old Nazareth it would be useful, when there a pond would be digged and would be laid out with stones or bricks. Water is there in abundance, one needs only a place, where the water is collected. The new fire-regulations should as soon as possible be made affective.

3. Br. William Henry related, that he accepted from the Governor of this State a contract for 2000 guns, which are to be delivered in 2 years. For that purpose, he should like to have built a two-story work-shop. There he will let do the work, which/has to be prepared under his inspection. The other things he will let make somewhere else. As much as is possible, he will try to get brethren, who can do his work here. But he supposes, that he has to engage 4 to 6 strangers, who will board with him and with Br. Miksch, and they will lodge in the neighbourhood. Against this proposal several objections were made. One could not think nor remember, that such a manufactory has ever been built in a village of the congregation. Although we always seek to improve the condition of livelihood among our people, we have however the principle, to use as little as possible foreign people, because one has reason to fear the worst consequences. Other objections were made. It was then proposed, whether the factory could not be built near the Schoeneck Creek, or else-

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where in the neighborhood. As answer was then given, that not such a factory has not been established in a Orts-Gemeine, may have the reason in that, that no brother has not made until now such a plan. Here one could not find enough brethren, in order to carry on such a factory, as it is done in the European congregations. One has been obliged, to hire strangers in Christian Spring, Gnadenthal and when Bethlehem was established. If those strangers behave badly, one can send them away any time, and Br. Henry is willing to oblige himself ^{to it} in all cases. To establish the factory on the Schoeneck Creek, or anywhere else in the neighborhood, would be perhaps more dangerous for young people, than it would be in the village, because there the necessary inspection would be missing, etc. etc.

These answers were not satisfactory for all the brethren. Br. Henry wished therefore, that he should like to consider the conference once more, before it would be decided about it. He also was satisfied with the proposal, that in the next Helper-conference at large the matter would be considered.

4. It was determined, to propose, that the joiner-shop in the brethren's house should be put up this year. Br. Abraham Luckenbach, who is at present here, was proposed as master for the joiner-shop. He has declared himself to be willing to accept it, when he can get it for himself. Nobody had any objections to make. The matter has to be settled with the conference in Bethlehem. Br. Henry will probably work the joiner-shop in the future, as he had done before.

5. The desire to build a new brethren's house ^{here} remains still, as soon as the circumstances permit it.

6. A letter from Brother John Christ was read, in which he asks for permission, to carry on the work as a tinworker, and at the same time he

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promised to make nails. After some consideration his proposal was accepted. He only must do it on his own risk. He also must give up the trade with guns, clocks etc. entirely; he must not cut anymore tombstones. A written contract shall be made with him, in which shall be specified, with what articles he can trade. The brethren Tillofsen, Henry and Michael were appointed, to talk with him about it.

January 24th 1798. -- 269th Session. - The appointed committee of three brethren had talked with Br. Hohn Christ about the conditions, under which he can carry on the tinworker's trade in the village. He had agreed to all the points.

2. Brother Friedrich Beckel in Bethlehem had expressed his desire to some brethren, that he would like to carry on here the stocking-weaver's trade.

3. It was resolved, to build a cistern between the Hall and the Sister's house as soon as it can be done.

4. The fire-regulations have been read and the various offices have been appointed. These rules shall be inserted in the minutes.

5. Because through the death of the late Br. Schenk the place of a mason-master has become vacant, and Brother Schaefer, junior, who had worked with Br. Schenk as a journey-man would apply for that post, the question was raised, whether it would be advisable to do so. The Committee unanimously did not approve of it. The brethren believed, without mentioning any reasons, that the brethren and sisters, who would have to build, would not like to have him as master. Yet it should be promised to him, that when it should be build on the account of the Gemein-Diaconie, and other masters would be employed, it should be done with the stipulation, that he should be accepted as a journey-man.

February 7th 1798. - 270th Session. - 1. Br. Gottlieb Demuth had put before Br. Tillofsen his desire, to buy the house, in which is now living Br. Jacob Ari, for himself. He wishes to belong to the congregation,

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and to carry on there the chair-making trade. The committee thought, that when his intention shall be approved, it would not be advisable, to deliver the house to him differently than on a lease, as it is in a Orts-Gemeine. But in case, he will take the house, where then shall Br. Jacob Ari with his family live?

2. It has been observed, that some chimneys in the village are not often enough swept, and that therefore many houses are in ^{/great} danger of fire. How this can be remedied best, is hard to say, as long as there are house-owners among us, who will not observe in every respect the civil rules and regulations.

3. If it is really earnest, that the single brethren shall let build this year still a cabinet-maker's shed, then it is necessary, that the wood for it should be ordered. Is it then also certain, that Br. Abraham Luckenbach will be kept as joiner's master? To Br. Lister's objections regarding the place, where the shed shall be built, and where the necessary money shall come from, etc. etc. it was answered: It would be very useful, if a sketch of the brethren's yard and of the lots would be put before the committee, in order to define everything more accurately, according to a fixed plan. When this plan, always with respect to the new house, that shall be built in time, has been appointed, and has been approved by the brethren of the Helper-Conference at large, then they will also advance the necessary money.

4. The brethren were reminded, that it soon would be necessary, that the Gemein-Diaconie 1300 Lbs has ready, in order to cover the loss of last year in the Gemein-store, which had been caused by various unhappy occurrences.

February 21st 1798. - 271st Session. -1. It was reported, that Br. Cunow had undertaken, on the request of the Helper-Conference at large, ^{to lay down} a re-

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a representation of the condition of the brethren's house in Nazareth, which Br. Schweinitz will take along to Germany and will present it to U.A.C.

2. Br. Schweisshaupt has requested a row of fruit-trees on rent, because he has none. Sister Moehring, who has three rows, can probably give him one row, and it is to be hoped, that she will do it willingly without causing trouble to Br. Tillofsen.

May 7th 1798. - 272nd Session. - 1. It was resolved, that Sister Moehring shall give up to Br. Schweisshaupt one row of fruit-trees, and because she has improved the land, which belongs to it, Br. Schweisshaupt, according to the estimate of 3 brethren, which is the country's custom, should compensate her something. - With the division and delivering of the small lots, should in time be put in better order, according to certain rules, which shall be fixed, after they all have been surveyed exactly, have been divided, marked with numbers and have been estimated.

2. The widow Clewel in Plainfield has received permission to move to Old Nazareth, to the house, where Melchior Schmidt had lived. The proposal was made, that she should pay per year 3 Lbs 10 shillings.

3. Brother and Sister Kaske, who are lodging by Sister Dealing, desire to get another lodging. But where? Perhaps Sister Levering will take them in.

4. It was remarked, that Br. John Christ is continually making tombstones and therefore he must be reminded of the contract, which he signed.

5. Bro. George Clewel/^{in Schoeneck} has refused to sign the lease for his house. He has lived in it already a quarter of a year, without that a contract has been made with him, and if it continues still/^{6 years} longer, then according to the law of the country, the house belongs to him. The matter must be carried through. The brethren Tillofsen and Henry had been asked jointly to

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together with talk ~~xx~~/Br. Molther to Br. Clewel about this affair, and if he remains obstinate, then some other means will have to be used.

March 14th 1798. - 273d Session. - Brother Oppelt is the recorder of the minutes. -

1. Br. Zeisberger related, that Dr. Steuben had received permission, to live in the congregation of Nazareth. The brethren were asked, whether they had a good proposal, where he could lodge, until the new house will be finished. Much was discussed about this, and then it was resolved, that Br. Tillofsen should talk with brother and sister Schmick, whether they would be willing, to take him for some months into their house.
2. Daniel Zægler had asked Br. Tillofsen, whether he could get some acres of land for rent, the third, or for purchase. The brethren thought it best, no more land to sell only for the wood sake, nor to rent or to give for the third, although the need of money on account of certain circumstances is now great.
3. Br. Henry has taken some people from Philadelphia in his work. They had come from Germany some years ago and they seem to be decent people. Because the one man has a son of 11 years, one had the thought, whether he could not be used in the INN as hostler, because the Miller, who is there at present, does not only wish to go away, but he also does not do his work, as it is desired.

March 21st 1798. - 274th Session. -1. Dr. Steuben shall for the time have his residence and lodging in the INN, until a better lodging will be found for him.

2. The brethren remarked, that formerly when a person had asked for permission to the congregation, if it was a male, he had beforehand to be spoken to by the Over-Seer committee, and when it was a female, she had to be spoken to by the married brethren. Formerly it was also custom,

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that the Over-Seer Committee was notified from the E. C., when a person had received permission to the congregation. But those two things have been since some time neglected. Therefore the brethren of the Over-Seer committee lose by this their respect, which they should have as members of such a conference. The question also was raised, whether somebody knows something about the outer circumstances of the Dr. Steuben, which the brethren in the Over-Seer committee should know.

3. The brethren complaint about it, that when about persons had been talk^d talked in the Over-Seer Committee, it had been told by Brethren, who had no commission to do so. Thus it had happened with Br. Krausse, who had expressed himself against Br. Jacob Christ in a quite irritable manner,, that it had been said in the Committee, that he was owing so much and it should be weighed. What was said in confidence in the committee, nobody should say anything about it, until it was done by the conference.

Br. Tillofsen showed his perplexity about the liberty, which some take and cut down so many young hickory trees for making handles for rakes and other articles, which should not be done without permission from the warden of the congregation.

March 28th 1798. - 275th Session. - Regarding that, what had been said in the last meeting about the E. C. and the over-seer committee, one had agreed, to forgive each other and to forget for ever.

2. The brethren Tillofsen and Henry were ordered to talk with Matth. Krause about his outer circumstances.

3. Br. Reichel reported, that Br. Krausse had complaint to him, that he had suffered loss, when he had given up some acres of land to the single brethren. And for that reason he had to make new fences.

The brethren believed, that he had no cause to lament, because he had received new land for old one, and for the fence around his new field,

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he needs to pay only for the making.

2. The brethren spoke about Brother and Sister Kremser, that it does not go well with them, and that a change is imperative.

3. The brethren Tillofsen and Henry after the holidays will take an inventory in the INN, and they will there also talk very profoundly with the Kremasers about their office and charge.

April 18th 1798. - 276th Session. - 2. Br. Reichel read a letter in answer to a letter regarding a tower-clock. The description of it the brethren liked. To-morrow in the Gemein-Rat more will be spoken about it.

3. The fire-engine shall soon be tried out, but before the brethren, who have offices, shall be called together, and then it shall be talked to them.

4. In the Gemein-Rat will be reported to-morrow, that for the tower-clock are already 40 Lbs legacies from the late Brother Seiffert and Sister Edmonds in Br. Tillofsen's hands. Also the interest of it have the brethren Tillofsen and Jacob Christ.

5. The brethren were in favour, that the 42 Lbs 2 shillings for the bell, should be transferred to the Gemein-Diaconie on the profit- and Loss-account, in order to cancel it.

The desire was ^{also} expressed, that the civil treasury should ^{once} be inspected, and it will be done soon.

May 16th 1798. - 277th Session. -2. The brethren Jacob Schmick and G. S. Oppelt, who had been appointed as members of the Over-Seer Committee by election and approval of the Lord, were present for the first time, and grace and blessing were wished for them. Br. Oppelt was appointed as recorder of the minutes. The brethren wished him wisdom, impartiality and discretion.

3. Br. Tillofsen reported, that he with Br. Henry had taken the inventory

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in the Inn. There was a small surplus, but the books were found in great disorder. The brethren were not satisfied with Br. Kremser's behaviour. One had the desire, that somebody might teach him in bookkeeping.

4. A billet from Br. Horsefield was read, in which he reported, that Mr. Taylor had taken upon himself the debt of Joseph Prescott, 120 dollars. He offered for it 3 shares in the Easton bridge-company. The brethren resolved, to advise Br. Horsefield, not to meddle with it, but rather to seek ^{to receive} in another way payment.

5. It was reported, that Mr. Borney had offered his service, that if he would receive ^{on the debt} \$ 1000, he would make an allowance/of \$ 500,00. But the land he would not take back on no account. The brethren expressed their opinion in that way, that now nothing could be done in this affair; but the brethren had the desire, that somebody should go and inspect the land.

7. The wish was expressed, that the cistern near the market-house should be always kept filled with water. The brethren thought it necessary, that several cisterns should be built.

May 30th 1798. - 278th Session. - Br. Reichel reminded the brethren of the death of our dear Brother Zeisberger.

2. After reading of the minutes, the question about the INN was brought before the Committee. It was remarked, that the complaint about brother and sister Kremser are the following: Bad wine, uncleanliness, impolite behaviour towards the guests and disorderly bills. Regarding the last point the brethren believed, it would be well, when every month Br. Till-
ofsen would inspect the bills and would at the same time, give Br. Krem-
ser a little instruction in bookkeeping. The brethren thought, that it would be necessary, to talk with him about the various complaints. Br. Kremser should be advised, to write down every day the receipts and the

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expences. In the meanwhile the brethren would inquire in Bethlehem, whether it would be advisable and practicable, to put Br. Rothe, the bookkeeper in the INN there, into our Inn, in case, that it would not go any longer with Kremser.

3. It was reported, that Mr. Cramley had seen the land, which Br. Horsefield had taken over from Mr. Borney, and he said, that most of the land is so bad, that one could not sell it. 60 acres are a little better, but there is living a man on it, who claims it as his property.

4. It was resolved, that Br. Horsefield should present a status to the over-seer committee concerning the offer of Mr. Borney.

5. Br. Reichel reported, that Br. Steinman in Schoeneck had asked for permission, to get accommodation for his cousin as blacksmith in Schoeneck, and for that reason he should like to build a workshop behind his house. The committee had no objection against it, it should only be remembered, that all has to be done in the old Steinman's name.

6. Br. Henry announced, that in the next future, Fenner would bring his son to him on probation.

7. Br. Reichel read a letter from Br. Huebner, in which he reported, that he once more had talked with Br. Eberman in Lancaster, and the latter one had offered a clock for the following prices: A clock with quarter-hour, with one face, hour and minutes hand for 170 Lbs. - An hour-clock with one face and with only an hour-hand for 130 lbs. Because according to these prices $\frac{1}{4}$ hour clock is not much higher than about 20 lbs than one from Germany, it was the unanimous opinion of the brethren, that it would be advisable, to let make one clock by him; however one would not come to a fixed decision now.

June 6th 1798. - 279th Session. - 1. Br. Reichel announced, that the Gemeinhelfer-office had become vacant through the death of Br. Zeisber-

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Zeisberger, and it would be taken care of by Br. Reichel and Br. Busse, until the place will be filled again by the U.A.C.

3. It was reported, that the brethren Busse and Tillofsen had talked with brother and sister Kremser regarding the complaints, which had been recorded in the last minutes. They acknowledged some points, and they promised, that they would do better. Br. Kremser told, that he would not be able to write down every day the receipts and the expenses, and it would not be requested by other Inn-keepers.

4. Br. Reichel reported, that he had inquired about Br. Rothe in Bethlehem, but it was told, that one should not consider him, because two proposals had been made concerning him, which were not mature as yet.

5. It was announced, that Dr. Steuben had complaint about his large bill in the INN. The brethren expressed their opinion, that in many respects the INN was not a good place for Dr. Steuben, and it would be better, if he could stay in a family. Br. Schmick offered to him his little room, if Dr. Steuben would be satisfied with it. Br. Schmick would charge Dr. Steuben for board and lodging per week for \$ 3,00. It was the wish of the committee, that some brethren of the E. C. and of the Over-Seer committee would talk about this and some other points with Dr. Steuben.

6. Regarding the tower-clock the brethren were unanimously of the opinion, that it would be the best, to order the tower-clock from Br. Eberman in Lancaster.

7. The following status of Br. Horsefield with Mr. Borney was read:
The Note from Mr. Allen with the interest amounts to 1242 Lbs 17 shillings and 3 pence. The land in Miffling county amounts to 264 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres. The proposal, which was made to McBorney was: That McBorney should receive 375 Lbs, and he should take back the land. In exchange he should give back the notes. Then the matter would stand as in the beginning with

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Lbs of
with a loss of 375/cash. Mc Burney's proposal is, that Br. Horsefield shall keep the land and he will deduct from the note 187 Lbs. This sum deducted from 1242 Lbs 17 shillings and 3 pence

187	"	10	"	0	"
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 it remains: 1055 Lbs 7 shillings and 3 pence.

For this sum Br. Horsefield would have then the notes and the land. If one would count the land to 300 Lbs, the balance would be:

First Proposal: Notes in goods Lbs 1242 - 17 shill. - 3 pence,

added:	"	375	00	"	- 0	"
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 Total: Lbs 1617 17 shill. 3 pence.

For this sum, Br. Horsefield would have back Allen's notes.

Second Proposal: by Mc Burney: He requests Lbs 1055 7 shill. 3 pence,
 Deducted the value of the land " 300 0 " 0 "

Lbs	755	7	shill.	3	pence,
Added the notes	"	1242	17	"	3
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 Total: Lbs. 1998 4 shill. 6 pence.

The difference by the proposals is the following:

Mc Burney's proposal:

1. The original sums for the goods delivered to Allen without interest:

Lbs	1118	6	shill.	9	pence
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2. His claim..... " 1055 7 " 3 "

Total:	Lbs	2173	14	shill.	0	pence
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The Proposal of the brethren:

1. The original sum Lbs 1116 6 shill. 9 pence,

\$ 1000 offered to Mc Burney	375	-	"	-	"
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 Total: Lbs 1493 6 shill. 9 pence.

Difference for the benefit of Mc Burney: Lbs 680 7 shillings 3 pence

After reading of this stauts much was discussed about it, whether one should let have the law-suit its course, or whether one should come to an agreement with Mc Burney. Br. ~~xxxxxxixix~~ William Henry, who in such business has doubtless the most experience, thought it best, to let it go to court. It would be probable, that when the decision would be transferred to a Jury, the same might decide for the benefit of Brother W. Horsefield.

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The other brethren agreed all with Dr. W. Henry.

June 27th 1798. -- 281st Session. - 2. Br. Reichel and Br. Busse related, that they had talked with Dr. Steuben. He admitted, that he sometimes had been inconsiderate when he was talking, and he promised, that in the future he would be more careful. He had no desire, to lodge with Br. Schmick, because the room was too small for him.

3. Br. Tillofsen reported, that some widows had refused, to pay Gemein-Abgaben, taxes, because they believed, that one did ask too much from them. The brethren thought it fair, when they would pay less than at the time, when the husbands were still alive; but as long as they wanted to be house-owners, it would be their duty, to contribute something towards the need of the congregation. Br. Tillofsen read then, how much they had given before, and it was then resolved, what they should pay in the future. Sister Dealing gave formerly to the Gemein-treasury: 1 sh. and to the civil-treasury 9 pence. The brethren believed, that this is rather too little, wherefore they resolved, that the same sister should pay in the future: To the Gemein-treasury: 1 shilling and 6 pence, and to the civil-treasury 1 shilling.

Br. Levering had given to the Gemein-treasury 2 shillings and to the civil-treasury 1 shilling and 3 pence. Sister Levering gave then to the Gemein-treasury 1 shilling 3 pence, and to the civil treasury 9 pence. The sisters Beck, Gold, Mau and Hannah had not given anything.

5. The desire was expressed, that the disorder with the strange people, who come on Sundays and get mulberries and cherries, must be stopped. Br. Henry said, that that disorder will soon be remedied, when some brethren would take the trouble on them, to capture some of those people, and bring them to Dr. Henry, and according to the circumstances, he will take them into custody.

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6. The brethren desired, that there should be a place, where foreign people, who die here and who do not belong to any church, could be buried. Two proposals were made: 1. One should resolve to have a row on our God's acre for such a purpose. 2. One could perhaps prepare a separate place on our land for it.

7. On Saturday, the fire-engine shall be tried out. Some brethren thought 6 o'clock in the evening would be the best time.

July 11th 1798. - 282nd Session. - It was announced, that regarding the taxes for the congregation of the widows, had been talked with them, and this matter has been put in order.

2. Br. Schweisshaupt has compensated Sister Moehring for the land, which he had taken over, with 6 shillings, wherewith she was satisfied.

4. It was related, that the fire-engine had been tried and the brethren were satisfied with it. One thought, that the pipe should be made longer and narrower, that it would go higher.

5. Regarding the cistern, which should be digged near the Hall, one did think, that the best place would be in the yard.

6. Br. Reichel announced, that in the helper-conference at large the affair with Mc Borney had been considered. The brethren there had resolved, one should let go the matter the way of right. They found it well, that Br. Horsefield should appoint an attorney, and should give the entire affair into his hands. Br. Eyerle was proposed for this office. Br. Henry made the objection, that he believes, Br. Horsefield at all events would have to appear before the court himself. However it was remarked, that when Br. Eyerle would meddle with this affair, Br. Horsefield should not do anything without the knowledge and advice of Br. Eyerle. Because Mr. Sitgreaves had been accepted as lawyer, nothing else could be done in this matter, till he returns home after the finished congress,

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and then one could ask him for advice and he would help us in action, wherever he could.

July 25th 1798. - 283d Session. -1. Br. Reichel reported, that Br. Eyerle had taken upon him, to help Br. Horsefield in the law-suit with Mc Borney.

2. The financial reports of the Gemein-Diaconie, the Choir-diaconie and of the paedagogium were presented to the committee. The following was the result. The Gemein-diaconie had a profit of 1 Lb. 16 shill. 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ pence. The single brethren had a surplus of 440 Lbs. 14 shill. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ pence. -- The single sisters had a deficit of 13 Lbs. 6 shill. 2 pence. --The paedagogium had a deficit of 94 lbs. 13 shill. 6 pence. -- It has to be remarked, that the Unity-Warden-Committee had given to the single brethren, the single sisters and to the paedagogium a present of each 100 Lbs.-- By the single brethren has still to be added a legacy of the late brother Seiffert, which consists of 466 Lbs. 9 shill. and 5 pence, and which is partly in bonds, which will be payable in several years. When one deducts these sums of 100 Lbs and 466 Lbs. 9 sh. 5 pence from the profit, then a deficit of 135 lbs. 14 sh. 7 pence, will be noticed. -- The building of the brethren's house has caused this year a pretty deficit, which is but partly apparently, because many expenses had to be made, which at the beginning of a new undertaking are inevitable.

3. Because the civil treasury of last year had a surplus of 28 lbs. 8 sh. and 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ pence, the brethren thought it well, that the debt of the water-conduit of about 13 lbs. should be paid by it.

4. Br. Henry reported, that the pipes, which had been laid lately, were so bad, that they scarcely will hold out for the next winter. Br. Henry believed, that it would be best, when from the market-house to Br. Schweieshaupt leaden pipes should be laid. This idea found general approbation,

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but it was remarked, that those pipes should be laid deeper into the ground.

5. Br. Chr. Clewel had asked for land, about 10 acres, by Br. Tillofsen. Br. Tillofsen had asked him, whether he would take it by Stocker and would pay for the acre 20 lbs., and he was willing under the following conditions: He wants ^{/to} deduct the 50 lbs, which he has with Br. Tillofsen, from the payment, 50 lbs. he wants to pay in cash and the remaining 100 lbs he will pay in instalments.

6. Br. Henry remarked at this occasion, that the joiner-trade in the vil- lage will soon be at an end, because he could not continue it for a length of time. He believed, that it would be well, to start a cabinet-shop in the brethren's house and he proposed Br. Chr. Michael for the same.

7. Br. Schmick related, that several brethren and sisters are complaining about the meat, which has here a higher price, than in Bethlehem. He also said, that a certain Hahn had offered, to supply meat cheaper and better.

8. Br. Lister announced, that Br. Wichman sells the bread too dear, even now, when the price for the grain has fallen . Br. Henry made then the remark, that according to the law the bread should be sold only by weight, and then one easily could find out, whether Br. Wichman takes too mucy profit.

August 8th 1798. -- 284th Session. - 2. It was reported, that Br. Cunow,

Br. Henry and Br. Eyerle had talked with Mr. Sitgreaves concerning the law-suit with Mc Borney. The issue of the law-suit seemed ^{to be} to him very uncertain, because it would depent on it, what impression the matter

would make upon the lawyers and the jurymen. Therefore he gave the advice, to try again, whether one could not come to an agreement with Mc Borney. He believed, that when one would wait still some time, the circumstances might compel him, to agree to cheaper conditions.

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3. Br. Reichel related, that the helper-conference at large had resolved, that no more land shall be sold, until one has received answer from the U.A.C. The brethren therefore proposed, that the land for Br. Chr. Clewel should be rented out, the acre for 15 shillings for 21 years.
4. Regarding of starting a cabinet-shop in the brethren's house it was expressed, that nothing could be resolved, until one receives news from the U.A.C. concerning the building of a new brethren's house.
5. Br. Lister said, that he had weighed Br. Wichman's breads, and that the weight of one is $3\frac{3}{4}$ to 4 pounds, and in Bethlehem the weight of one bread is $4\frac{1}{2}$ pounds. He desired, that one brother of the Committee should talk with him about it. But the brethren believed, that it would be better, when Br. Lister would talk with Br. Wichman and would make ^{/a} proposal of cheaper breads. And if he is not willing, then a brother, a member of the Over-seer committee should take the matter in hand.
6. Er. Busse reported, that by the sickness of Bro. and Sister Worbass 9 Lbs had been paid from the treasury of the poor for attendance and medicine. Br. Worbass upon the request of Br. Busse, was willing, to give a note, that he owes the 9 lbs, and that after his death, the amount should be deducted from his inheritance. It was then resolved, that Br. Tillofsen should advance the amount.
8. Br. Tillofsen reported, that Dr. Steuben had complaint about Br. Kremser, because he could not get his bills from him. Er. Tillofsen had then talked with Bro. and Sister Kremser, who complained about Dr. Steuben very much and who wished to get rid of him.
10. Br. John Christ had complained, that Br. Horsefield sold nails for a cheaper price, than he could sell them. The brethren believed, that they could not forbid him to do so.
- August 22nd 1798. -- 285th Session. - 1. Br. Reichel related, that Bro.

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brother Cunow had written to Mc Borney.

2. Br. Wichman has been convinced, that he had made the breads too small, and that he had promised, that he would compensate the loss, which the brethren's house had suffered. The brethren thought it best, when in the future the brethren would weigh the breads and pay according to the weight, and in this way they would find out easier, whether they had been over-charged.

3. It was announced, that the butchers had reduced the price in the market. It was remarked, that it would be fair, when the single sisters would obtain the meat below the market-price, because they take a great quantity. - People complained ~~ab~~out Br. Krausse, because he sometimes butchers at noon in the greatest heat, which causes the meat to get stinky and unwholesome. Then it was stated, that he is very unclean, when he is butchering.

4. Br. Schmick has been appointed by conference together with Br. Reichel and Dr. Busse, to take care of the relief of the poor.

6. Again Dr. Steuben had to complain about the Br. and Sister Kremser, because they behave very rudely to him. At this opportunity, the wish was expressed, that Dr. Steuben should be put somewhere else. Several places were proposed: 1. the store, 2. by Br. Schmick, 3. by Br. Benade. The following objections were made. Under the present circumstances, one could not expect from Sister Horsefield, to take somebody into the house. Then it would not be safe for the store, because the Doctor will be called away often in the night and somebody might make use of the opportunity, to steal from the store. Br. Schmick did not seem to be inclined any more to take in Dr. Steuben, because it would be too much for his wife. What concerns Br. Benade, he had once said, that he would take him in in winter, but not in summer. The proposal was still made, that Dr. Steuben

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could perhaps lodge with a citizen and would get his food either from the INN or from somewhere else.- Several brethren lamented about Bro. and Sister Kremser's bad behaviour. It was told, that they have late in the night bad company in the INN, when frivolous language is used, which the Kremser's not only permit, but in which they take active part. Their geese are still running around in the village, although often they have been told about it, that they should stop it. One can see plainly, that they do not care, what is told to them; they rather do, what they like.

7. It was announced, that since some time in several places, peaches had been stolen during the night. It was also told, that generally much mischief is done in the night by some foreign people, and one could not think for certain, who it could be, but Popplewell. At the same time it was said, that every house-owner or landlord should take just care, that those, who are sleeping in their houses, should be at home in the evening at the right time.

8. The brethren thought, that one could/^{not}listen to the complaints of John Christ that Br. Horsefield is selling nails, because it is the father's duty as master, to bring the complaint before the Committee.

9. Br. Reichel reported, that Br. Eberman in Lancaster is willing to make a $\frac{1}{4}$ hour-clock for 150 lbs, when no minute-hand would be required. Regarding the dial-plate no information was given, but he believed, that it would not be necessary to have more than one face. When the matter has been put before the Gemein-Rat and has been approved by it, the clock shall be ordered immediately. Br. Henry had been asked, to measure the place and to make the necessary preparations.

September 5th 1798. - 286th Session. -1. The single sisters get the meat now at $\frac{1}{2}$ pence cheaper, when they take a large quantity at one time.

2. The brethren resolved, that $\frac{1}{4}$ hour-clock without minutes-hand and one

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dial-plate should be ordered by Mr. Eberman in Lancaster. Br. Reichel accepted it, to order the clock.

6. The brethren thought, it would be fair, at the present time of lack of water, when the stock near Schweisshaupt would be closed, because there the water is withdrawn from the entire village. As there in the last Gemein-Rat had been proposed, to dig wells, the matter was further considered. The committee thought, that the most suitable place would be between Kern's and Myerle's house. Br. Henry remarked, that the expenses for this would run as high as 75 lbs, and then one would not be sure, whether water would be there. The brethren thought then, whether one could not lead the Brennhaus-Spring to the village. It was recommended, that some brethren should inspect the spring in view, that one could consider it further.

7. It was also mentioned the necessity of a cistern near the INN.

September 19th 1798. -- 287th Session. - 1. Br. Reichel had written to Br. Huebner and ordered the Tower-clock.

3. Bollinger had expressed himself, that he could not live in Old-Nazareth. And because the brethren did not know any other lodging for him, Br. Reichel proposed, whether he could not move perhaps to Schoeneck into Br. Steinman's house. Br. Steinman had expressed himself several times, that he would like ^{/again} to become an inhabitant of an Ortsgemeine. He would then perhaps buy Schenk's house and Sister Schenk could live up-stairs in the house. Nobody had to make any objection. One only believed, that Br. Steinman would not like to keep Sister Schenk in the house. Probably she could then move to Sister Lischer.

4. Br. Bollinger had offered himself, that he would like to butcher for Nazareth. The brethren were satisfied with this offer. One only should not promise him, because one has to be careful.

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7. Some brethren seemed ^{to be doubtful} in view of digging some wells, because it was uncertain and it would cost very much. But a cistern at the Inn they considered very necessary.
8. Br. Chr. Clewel had asked for 3 acres of land near Wilhelm, which he would buy or rent. The brethren thought it well not to comply with his request, but thought it would be better, if it would be proposed to him, that he should settle in Schoeneck.
9. Br. Reichel asked, whether it would not be better, in the future to give those people, of whom one wished to have free hands, the lease only for one year. No objection was made.
10. The question was raised, whether one should not rent out the land for one price, something like 10 shillings per acre. The objection was made, that the land is varying in value.
11. It was desired, that railings around the chimneys of the new store should be made.
12. Finally it was announced, that Dr. Steuben is disposed, to travel to Lancaster next week and to look for a lodging there.
- October 3d 1798. - 288th Session. - First of all Br. Reichel introduced the brethren Tillofsen and Youngberg to the Over-Seer Committee, because Br. Tillofsen is present the last time, and Br. Youngberg for the first time as servant of the congregation. Br. Tillofsen thanked the Committee for their love and support, which he had enjoyed from them in his office, and Br. Youngberg recommended himself to the brethren of the committee at the entering of his office and asked them for their love and support in his business.
3. Br. Steinman had expressed himself, that he had no desire to buy Schenk's house, when he shall keep Sister Schenk in the house as inhabitant. But he did not declare, whether he would buy it without this con-

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condition. It was remarked, that the testament of the late Brother Schenk was in some points against the law of the country and against our rules and regulations of the congregation. The brethren thought it would be necessary, when Br. Youngberg would in the name of the Gemein-Direction give notice to Sister Schenk, to leave the house, and at the same time it should be declared to her, that the testament of her husband is not legal. But beforehand one should know for certain, to get a house-owner. By this opportunity the desire was expressed by the brethren, that one should advise the brethren and sisters, when they are making a testament, that a brother, who is experienced with the laws of the country, should be consulted.

4. Br. Reichel announced, that Br. Youngberg would perhaps to take over the office of a curator of the widows.

5. It was said, that it would be well, when to every house a certain row of fruit trees would be in the orchard, which nobody could give away without the consent of the Warden.

6. It was resolved, that before the winter comes, new pipes should be laid near the market-house. Further one thought it necessary, that a new box around the Brennhouse-Spring, (distillery-house-spring?), should be made, and in the meadow should a ditch be made, in which could gather the water. Regarding the cistern and a well near the Inn the brethren were in favour to leave it till next year.

October 17th 1798. -- 289th Session. -Br. Reichel recommended Br. Youngberg as president of the committee.

3. Br. Busse told, that Sister Schenk is not disinclined to move to Old Nazareth to Lischer's. But she needs then a piece of garden and some fruit trees. Probably would Br. Beutel give the piece, which Br. Melch. Schmidt has had.

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4. To the brethren and sisters some brethren should be proposed, who would help them to write a testament. The brethren Henry and Schweiss-haup had been appointed for it. The desire was expressed, that it only could be hindered, that the things, which are left behind, when somebody dies, should be sold in the public auction.
5. Br. B. Benade had desired, that he could be used still as painter. Br. Henry proposed, that he should combine with painting, making putty, selling paint and working with panes etc. No objection was made.
6. Dr. Steuben had again applied for a lodging. But Br. Youngberg had told, that he could not take him into his house, and the brethren also believed, that Bro. and Sister Horsefield would not be willing either, to take him into their house. The brethren did not know how to advise him. The remark was also made, that Dr. Steuben does not/^{seem to}fit in the congregation. Therefore it would be well, when some brethren of the Over-Seer Committee and of the E. C. would advise him, to carry out his intended plan, to move to Lancaster. The brethren Reichel, Busse, Youngberg and Henry were proposed, to see Dr. Steuben. On account of the disorders, which existed in the Inn, it was said, that it would be good, when Sister Kiefer would be taken out from the INN. The Brethren Reichel, Busse and Youngberg wanted to talk with Br. Kremser again.
7. Br. Reichel read a letter from Br. Huebner in Lititz, in which he reported, that the tower-clock had been ordered by Br. Eberman, and he had promised, that when nothing came between, he would have the clock ready for putting it up at the same time of next year.

October 24th 1798. - 290th Session. - 3. Dr. Steuben had been advised, to move to Lancaster, which he seems to carry it. He also complained, that he was charged for his board, even when he was absent for some days. Therefore Br. Youngberg proposed, that 2 weeks should be deducted

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from his bill, so that he has no reason to complain about it.

5. Christian Clewel had bought from Br. Eyerle 10 acres of land near Boerstler.

6. The brethren were talking about the water, which gathers behind the Cider-house in the meadow. The brethren thought it would be well, that the place would be fenced in, in order to keep out the cattle and the geese. Some brethren, who had gone there and had looked at the place, made the proposal, which had been made some time ago, namely to add the entire marshy piece of meadow to the Institute's garden.

October 31st 1798. - 291st Session. -1. It was proposed, that at the beginning of the winter all the chimneys should be swept.

3. Br. Steinman had declared, that he intents to remain in Schoeneck.

4. The question was raised, where Br. Bollinger would move to? He had no desire, to rent the 60 acres of land near Stocker; but he hopes, that the brethren will take care of him.

5. Br. Reichel announced, that Sister Schenk would like to marry again; and the brethren had the thought, that she perhaps would marry the widower Rauschenberger and would then move to Hope.

6. Br. Till in Hope had several times expressed himself, that he would like to move to Nazareth and to live there. The question was raised, whether he could support himself, in case that in the brethren's house a joiner-shop would be opened. Then Er. Henry said, that several joiners here in Nazareth, would find work enough, if they only would endeavour to look for it.

9. Br. Reichel read/a letter from Br. Huebner, that Br. Eberman had reported to him, that the dial-plate for the tower-clock should be according to the hight of the tower, ^{and should have} /4' 6" or still better 5' in diameter.

And for that sake and for the sake of other circumstances, it would be

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better, when the clock would be below the bell.

10. Br. Schweisshaupt had announced, that he would like to become justice of peace. His health excepted, nobody had any objection. The proposal was made, that he perhaps could besides that manage the business of a Notarius publicus (public notar)

November 14th 1798. - 292nd Session. - Br. Reichel reported, that the proposal had been made, that Br. Bollinger probably would go to Hope into the distillery. Regarding this and the marriage of Sister Schenk with the widower Rauschenberger in Bethlehem and the settling in the Hope has been talked with Br. Reinke, who will lay the matter before the conference in Hope.

4. Br. Eberman had asked for advance of \$ 100,00. Br. Youngberg has sent this sum through Br. Reichel to Br. Huebner, that he can forward it to Br. Eberman in Lancaster. Br. Reichel had also reported to Br. Huebner, that from the Gemein-Diaconie in Nazareth would be granted to Br. Eberman all kinds of facilitations by deliverance and putting up the clock.

5. The committee thought, that now is the best time, to open an subscription in behalf of the tower-clock.

November 28th 1798. -- 293d Session. - 1. Br. Reichel announced, that the conference in Hope had not much courage and inclination, to let live Br. Rauschenberger from Bethlehem in the Hope.

3. It was resolved, that the diameter of the dial-plate on the Tower-clock should be made 4' 6".

13. Br. Schaefer had complained, that the stone-quarry had been used by other people, who had not removed the rubbish. He requests therefore a compensation, when he shall break stones there.

December 12th 1798. - 294th Session. - The brethren rejoiced, that Bro.

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Schmick had returned from his journey to Muskingum safely and well to their midst.

4. The brethren did not believe, that Br. Schaefer had the right in regard of the stone-quarry to request compensation, because the stone-quarry belongs to the congregation and the stones have been broken for the benefit of the congregation.

5. Er. Reichel announced, that Br. Chr. Clewel recently had been married in Schoeneck with Sister Kreuter, and that they will belong to the Schoeneck congregation.

6. A widow, Mary Jones together with her daughter, had received permission, to live for some time as guests in the new store in Nazareth.

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January 9th 1799. - 295th Session. - 2. Br. Reichel read a letter from Br. Ettwein, in which was reported, that Br. Reichel had received a call as Gemeinhelfer in Nazareth, and Br. Eusse had received a call as an assistant Gemeinhelfer. It was also reported, that Br. Eusse had been appointed as a member of the Helper-Conference at large. The Committee asked the Lord for his support in their offices, which was expressed in a verse.

5. Br. Youngberg read a Pro memoria, which contained the conditions, under which he was charged with the inspection of the stone-quarry.

6. The widow Mary Jones and her daughter have arrived and have moved into the new lodging in the new store.

7. Br. Youngberg read a memorandum, which Br. John Christ shall sign, before he can think of establishing himself. The contents of it is: that he shall be satisfied with the tinman-trade, but he can also carry on the nail-smith trade as long as his father is satisfied with it, and

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as long as no new nail-smith is placed in the village. Then he shall not take up any capitals outside of the congregation, without first informing the over-seer committee through the warden. It was then resolved, that these conditions should be put before John Christ by a committee, consisting of the Brethren Youngberg, Schmick and Moriz Michael.

8. Er. Schmick was proposed as Inspector of the streets.

9. Regarding the INN the following remarks were made: (a) that the road from the yeard is in bad condition. (b) that the ditch, which passes over the street, spoils the same. (c) that some windows in the INN are patched with paper, and (d) that no decent walk is to the toilet.

11. Er. Stoz is willing, to pay for the stone-quarry, which he uses, 3 Lbs rent per year.

13. Er. Youngberg announced, that the old Brother Schaefer in Old Nazareth in the future will receive annually \$ 4,00 for fire-wood from the sustentation, wherefore he should not fetch any good wood from the bush without permission.

January 16th 1799. - 296th Session. - 2. Br. John Christ had promised, to follow the conditions, which had been put before him.

3. Er. Youngberg read the contract, which he want to make with Br. Schaefer concerning the stone-quarry, and which contract he is willing to accept. The conditions are: That Br. Schaefer promises to deliver so many stones as are required; the rod for 2 shillings and 3 pence, to which are to be added 2 pence, which the warden receives. Br. Youngberg then promises, that nobody without permission of Br. Schaefer can break stones.

3. The widow Marie has moved from here again to Bethlehem.

4. Er. Melch. Christ had told to Br. Schmick, that in Bethlehem, the love-feast buns are worth only 1½ pence, and Br. Wichman sells his for 2 pence.

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5. Apprehension was expressed, that the widow Beck would at some time would be come a burden for the treasury of the poor in Nazareth. She belongs really to Bethlehem, but Bro. and Sister Kremser had persuaded her to move to Nazareth. The brethren also believed, ^{in general} that she receives most of her livelihood from the INN.

January 23d 1799. - 297th Session. - 1. Brother and sister Kremser have declared, on account of the remark, which was made in the committee, that Sister Beck did not receive anything from the Inn for nothing; she gets only the remains, which are not used in the INN, and which also in former times the poor brethren and sisters had received.

2. Br. Youngberg asked the brethren for their opinion regarding the house-rent, which Sister Beck could give. The brethren believed, that the lodging would be worth \$ 20,00 rent. Br. Youngberg proposed 5 Lbs for the lodging alone, with the exception of the stove, and he believed, that it would be heard for her, to pay that much.

February 6th 1799. - 298th Session. - Because Br. Kreuser as warden of the single brethren was for the first time present, he was welcomed in the Committee, and the brethren bade farewell to Brother Lister, who had for 20 years served the single brethren's choir in Nazareth, with a great deal of faithfulness.

March 6th 1799. - 299th Session. - 1. Br. Reichel announced, that Bro. Oppelt had received a call to the service in the Mission in Fairfield, and had accepted it. He was recommended to the brethren for prayer.

2. It was decided, that the over-seer committee should have its sessions every 14 days, on a Wednesday after the Holy Communion and after the Gemeintag. --- Br. Kreuser was appointed as recorder of the minutes.

4. It was reported, that some times foreigners had danced in the Inn, and also a brother had been seduced to play for them. Br. Kremser had

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excused himself, that the first time he had not been present, and the second time he had forbidden it to them, but they did not listen to him. The brethren made the remark, that it is the fault of Br. Kremser, because he had not the necessary authority. It was suggested, that Br. Kremser in a similar case should ask Br. Youngberg to assist him, and if both could not hinder the foreigners from dancing, then Br. Henry would assist them.

5. Br. Reichel read a letter from Br. Horsefield to the conference concerning the law-suit with Mc Borney. He reported in the letter, that he had heard, that the lawyers of Mc Borney had assured him, that they ~~was~~ believed, that they will win the law-suit for him. And as proof of their surety, they would not demand any payment in the case that they should lose the law-suit. Br. Horsefield asked therefore the brethren again, to consider the matter once more, whether it would not be better, to try again, with Mc Borney amicably to come to an agreement. After much had been said about it, all the brethren agreed with the opinion of Br. Henry, which he gave by writing. He advised, that one should talk with Mr. Sitgraves about the affair, because one could suppose, that he is quite now/familiar with the law-suit and with the proposals of Mc Borney. He would tell the brethren, what hope he has, and according to this another conclusion could be made.

6. Br. Kreuser reported, that he had made an agreement with Br. Friedr. Danke as the future shoemaker's master in the brethren's house.

March 31st 1799. - 300th Session. - The brethren of the E. C. and the brethren Fruesauf, Horsefield and Kremser assembled in the Over-Seer Committee in order to counsel, what measure should be taken at the present circumstances, in case Nazareth and our surrounding places, should be put in danger by evil-minded persons.

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Last Monday in a meeting of the house-fathers and masters, this matter had been discussed. Br. Reichel had admonished the brethren to depend upon the protection of the heavenly father, and to avoid all opportunities, which may cause the minds, which are irritated about us, to get into a greater passion. It was therefore recommended, to be careful, when one is talking, especially with foreign people. One should not talk to such about the present circumstances, and people, who are irritated one should meet with meekness and love. The brethren wanted to warn, not to stay too long in the INN, and not to allow the young brethren or boys to visit there too often. It was also resolved, that for this time a constant night-watchman should be appointed, who would go around in the village and especially behind the village and at the same time call out the hours. And if the necessity requires it, to have still another watch-man then it should go around in the village by turns, and who himself cannot watch, has to have somebody else in his place. After all this had been discussed, the following questions were raised?

(1) What we would have to do, if a number of people would come here and would exercise violence? The brethren were of the unanimous opinion, that ^{one} would not be able to do anything, but to treat them with meekness. The brethren Youngberg, Kreuser and the members of the over-seer Committee were asked, in such a case, to do their utmost, to prevent them by kind introduction from their intentions. In Gnadenthal and Christian Spring the wardens there would have to do that. Because the store and the Inn seem to be exposed to the most danger, it was found good, that some single brethren, who are intelligent, should be sent there for help, and who should not do anything without the order of the Gemein-Diener. It was also advised, that all the doors should be locked, and nobody should go out without any necessity. Br. Frueauff believed, that it would be good, when

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also in Schoeneck a night-watch would be arranged, about which he wants to talk with the inhabitants there.

(2) In case militia should come, how would we have to deal with them? The brethren believed, that they could not make any resolution, until it would really happen.

§3) What instructions we would have to give our night-watchman? He shall from 10 to 4 o'clock in the night walk around from time to time in the village and behind the village and shall call out the hours. The brethren Peter Christ, Schaefer and Beutel had been proposed. Ari had offered himself for it. But the brethren thought best, first to try, whether one could find one for Nazareth. On the question about the salary for the watchman, it was proposed 15 shillings per week. The brethren did not believe, whether somebody would do it for less than 2 shillings 6 pence per night. The expenses should be paid from the buergerlichen Kasse (civil treasury). Finally Brother Kremser had been asked, that he should not allow it anymore, that in the Inn will be danced, and if he could not hinder it, he should call Br. Youngberg to help him.

April 3d 1799. - 301st Session. - 2. Br. Reichel announced in the name of the E.C., because Br. Oppelt according to his call had not only laid down his businesses, but that the committee also had lost a member and its recorder of the minutes. Br. Conrad Kreuser was then asked, to take the office of a recorder, which he accepted on a trial.

5. It was reported, that among the proposed brethren for night-watch-men Br. Schaefer had accepted the offer and he made the beginning with watching on March 24th as it was arranged in the last minutes. Br. Youngberg came to an agreement with him for 2 shillings and 6 pence per night. He was also notified by the E.C., that he should sing at some hours some suitable verses, which found also approbation by the committee.

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6. Br. Reichel announced, that Br. Henry had received a letter from Br. Eyerle, in which he reported, that Br. Horsefield in Bethlehem had applied to the State Secretary, (but without first conferring with the Gemein-Direction), on account of the great threats, of which Bethlehem is exposed to great danger, and therefore he wanted to ask for the government's protection at this time. And according to the request a troupe of cavalry has been ordered to Bethlehem. It may easily occur, that also such a troupe of soldiers may be ^mcommanded to Nazareth for the protection of our village, then the question will be, if we should get such soldiers without our aid, where should we place them? It was then resolved, because all the private houses are filled, that they should be lodged in the INN. One should also beforehand prepare Br. Kremser for it, and one should ask him, how many men he could harbour in the INN. The brethren Schnall and Miksch were also inclined, to take some of the soldiers into their houses. Also Mr. Sitgrave had let know Br. Henry, that he had been requested by the government to act by the trial of the insurgent (?) as attorney and Br. Henry should act as judge. Br. Reichel had asked him in the name of the Nazareth and Bethlehem Gemein-Direction, that if possible, such a hearing should not be ^{held} here nor in Bethlehem, but in Easton or in another place.

7. Br. Youngberg related, that while he was still living in Lititz, he had received from Stckholm for a boy, who is 5 or 6 years old, and is now living in Philadelphia, a sum of about 30 Lbs, which should be paid to him, when he is 21 years old. He had invested that money at 5 % in the Gemein-Diaconie in Nazareth. Then he had talked with Br. Jag, because he had ^{not} children, whether he would like to give of his property a capital of 100 Lbs as annuity for his and his wife's life to $7\frac{1}{2}$ %? He was willing to do so.

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11. Br. Reichel read a letter from the U.A.C. with the answer regarding the building of a new brethren's house. The Lord had not approved of the building at this time.

12. He also announced, that he had received an order from the U.A.C., that he shall be a member of the Unity's administration conference.

April 17th 1799. - 302nd Session. - 3. It was said, that the store and ^{old} the Inn have so many/outstanding debts, and one brother had the thought in mind, to insert an advertisement in the Easton Newspaper and to remind the debtors to pay their debts. The advertisement was read before the committee and it was approved.

6. It was said, that it was high time, that the water-pipes should be laid, and at Dr. Schweisshaupt's house a new stock should be put in.

May 1st 1799. - 303d Session. - 5. The E. C. had resolved unanimously, that the mulberry trees around the God's acre should be cut down, because they were of no use, but rather they are of harm for the ~~xxxx~~ fence. The brethren of the committee approved of it.

6. It was announced, that most of the citizens desire, that the night-watch should be discontinued, because among the county-people calm had been restored again, and it would be of no use any longer, to have night-watch. The committee was of the same opinion, and on the 4th of this month it should be discontinued.

10. Because the night-watch has been abolished, it was resolved, that a house-key should be hanged up in Br. Reichel's front-house in a corner, where it should be constantly, so that ^a in/case of necessity could enter the house at any time of the night. This should be reported to the Gemein-Rat, so that it will be known in general.

13. Br. Youngberg reported, that for laying the water-pipes he needs 5 men, when it shall be hastened.

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14. Br. Youngberg reported, that some widows had complained bitterly, that they had not received from Br. Eyerle interest for four years. This gave cause for a talk about Eyerle's circumstances. The brethren thought, that it is high time, to examine the circumstances of his propoert. For also from foreign people one must hear complaints about him. If one considers only, what he may owe to the Gemein=diaconie and Choir-house diaconie and also to other brethren in other congregations, this would be enough cause, to examine ^{very closely} his complicated status.

May 15th 1799. - 304th Session. - Extraordinary Session of the Over-

Seer Committee. -1. Br. Reichel announced the reason for this extraordinary meeting, and he told, that it concerns the sad fall of Christian Ebbecke, the tailor's master in the Brethren's house. He had proposed the widow Levering for getting married with her. The E. C. took this in thorough consideration, and the lot did not approve of it. Last Thursday he had written a letter to E. C. and had declared positively, that he had the assurance from her, to live with her and to die with her. He asked then for permission, to live in Schoeneck. The resolution of the helper-conference at large and of the E. C. in Nazareth was, that the brethren would not hinder his marriage. But that he could not be married by a brother, and that he also could not live in Schoeneck. The E. C. has now nothing more with this affair, and the Over-Seer Committee has to take this matter in hand, and has to decide, how long he shall receive permission to stay still here, and what has to be done with their house. It was then annouced, that Br. Schweisshaupt had reported, that he would buy the house. But before the brethren continued, Br. Reichel had to say, that according to the last resolution of the Synod, a brother, of whom one had no doubts, could even without the lot receive premission, to become his own house-owner. All the members of the committee testified, that not one of them had any consideration concerning Br. Schweisshaupt, and all

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the members of the committee gave their consent, that he could take over the house. The brethren Youngberg and Jacob Christ were ordered to communicate the resolution to Br. Schweisshaupt, and that he without losing time should settle the purchase of the house with the executor of the Levering, namely Br. Levering from Bethlehem, who is at present in Nazareth. Br. Kreuser was commissioned in the name of both conferences and in the name of the over-seer committee, to tell Br. Ebbecke, that he could not live in Schoeneck, and that within 8 days time had to move with his future wife from here. Br. Reichel announced still, that the three apprentices, Jacob Ruma, Jacob Schneider and John Ettwein, were not bound to Ebbecke, and that the tailor's shop should be continued in the following manner until a new master should be obtained. 1. That Br. Kreuser as warden will take over the tailor's shop, and it will be carried on under his direction and in his name. 2. That Br. Johannes Weber from Bethlehem, should come every week to Nazareth, and should cut up the cloth for the boys, for which he was willing to do so.

Br. Reichel made known to the Helper-conference at large the resolution, 1. That the Store in Nazareth should in future be carried on under the firm "Youngberg and Company" and Br. Youngberg should therefore rightly live in the store. He also told, that from the account it was not to be seen, where the deficit in the store originates from.

2. Regarding McBorney the Brethren Youngberg and Horsefield will have to talk still with Mr. Sitgrave in Philadelphia, whether he has not some hope, to win the law-suit against McBorney. The helper-conference at large is rather in favour of an amicable agreement.

3. Concerning the land, which had been offered by El. Dann, the members were of the opinion, that it should be looked after by an incompetent person and that all circumstances should be closely inquired. Br. Youngberg re-

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remarked about it, that he had written to the Messrs. Manupe Salter & Son in New York, and had offered them the land of El. Dann in the New York-State, in the County Stauben, for 1316 Lbs and 6 shillings, with interest ^{next} from/July 18th. This attempt did not find only applause by the brethren, but also the unanimous desire, that it soon would happen.

4. Regarding the piece of land in Plainfield, which Niclaus Creamer offered to the brethren, and which is worth the money, and for which a sure title can be obtained, it would be the matter for the Gemein-Diaconat to accept it towards a part of the debts of the store.

5. Regarding the money, which Eyerle owes to some of the members of the Nazareth congregation, one should first try to get sufficient security and bonds on stamped sheet of paper. What concerns his status, it would be well to talk first to him and to let him, that one is obliged, to examine him through the over-seer committee.

6. Br. Youngberg announced, that Br. Horsefield had promised by writing nothing to loan out without his will, and that without his will and knowledge, he would not undertake anything of importance.

May 28th 1799. - 305th Session. - 2. Regarding Christian Ebbecke's lodging in Schoeneck, which had been forbidden to him, it was reported, that the house, in which Jacob Ari is living, is counted to Schoeneck, and that therefore Ari is not permitted, to take somebody into the house, before he receives permission to do so. He had obtained a lease, but he did not find anything in it regarding taking strange people into his house.

3. It was announced, that Br. Schweisshaupt had taken over Levering's house by purchase, and that Br. Youngberg had signed his bonds for security in the name of the Gemein-Diaconie.

4. Regarding the land in the New York State the brethren had many scruples

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and it was said, that the brethren could not accept anymore land, than ^{offered} the value of the debts is. When the price of the land is/cheaper, then one should consider, that at present it is only 17 shillings and 6 pence for the acre.

5. Regarding the land in Plainfield, it seems, that Dr. Horsefield has gone further, than he had assured the brethren, for which reason Brother Youngberg shall talk with him. On the whole, the brethren believed, that for many good reasons, a change would be necessary for him.

8. It was reported, that Br. Wichman is selling beer by the pint to strangers, who come to him to buy cake, and sometimes he has his room full of people, which is against our order, and for his children's sake it is unseemly and can become harmful. It should be prohibited to him in the name of the name of the committee. - It should be talked also with Br. Kremser on account of the price for the molasses-beer.

June 11th 1799. - 306th Session. - 5. It was mentioned, that one should seriously request a house, where some widows could live together. The old stonehouse was proposed for that purpose. Perhaps the warehouse could also be altered into a dwelling-house without much expenses, and in that way the widows would be helped, and they do not need to live so alone.

6. Regarding Dr. Kremser it was told, that some foreign gentlemen had complained, because they could not get their bills at the right time.

8. Br. Henry declared, that he could not carry on the joiner's work on account of his other businesses, for it would be too much for him. And for that reason he would like to give it up to some-body else for some time. He proposed the single brother Christian Michael. The brethren discussed this matter completely. When that brother would be willing to take over the joiner's work, the question would be, where he could open a workshop? The following proposals were made: 1. If the Br. Mueller would sett-

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settle, then the weaving-shop would be an excellent opportunity for a joiner's shop.

2. Br. Henry offered his joiner's shop to use.

3. Br. Youngberg believed, that the old warehouse could be altered for such a joiner's shop.

July 16th 1799. - 307th Session. - 1. In a former session Br. Henry had stated, that the contract between Craemer and Br. Horsefield regarding the land in Plainfield, and that time Dr. Youngberg had told the brethren of the Committee, that he would try to find out the real truth about it. And now Br. Youngberg related, that he had talked the matter over with Nicolaus Creamer. The latter one told, that the bargain about the 100 acres of land in Moorstownship with Dr. Horsefield was right. And Br. Horsefield had induced Creamer to leave off 25 lbs of the amount. Br. Youngberg talked then with Dr. Horsefield and told him, that the land could not be taken on account of the Gemein-Diaconie, and he should give security from his own property.

2. Br. Youngberg had also talked with Br. Eyerle regarding the interest, which he had not paid to some widows, and he promised, that he will satisfy the widows and will give them bonds.

July 24th 1799. - 308th Session. - 1. Br. Reichel announced, that in the name of the E. C. the removing of Dr. William Horsefield in the store had been decided. After one had talked with him and had told him, that the circumstances, which had happened, had caused this removing, he wrote a letter to the E. C., in which he acknowledged, that he was guilty, and asked, whether they would not try again and keep him on probation; but because the circumstances/^{which had happened}were so critical, the brethren of the E.C. came to the agreement, to ask the Lord for his direction. This was done, and we received the direction from the Lord, that he did not approve, that Br. Horsefield should any longer continue to be in the store. It was then

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resolved, that one should write in this affair to Bethlehem to the E.C. with the request, to let us have Dr. Rice, and in his place, they should take Br. W. Horsefield in his place for the store in Bethlehem. The answer came, and they wrote, that they could not send Br. Rice to Nazareth. But because for a long/^{time} already the wish was expressed, to have a brother in the place of Br. Hasse, who could continue his business, the offer was made to Br. W. Horsefield, and after a long consideration, he agreed to accept it. But he desired, that he could stay still in his business until the end of September on account of his winter-vegetables, because in Bethlehem he would not need to buy any.

Br. Henry told then, that on the 15th of October the court in Easton would begin, and the opinion of the brethren was, that on account of the law-suit with Mc Borney, it would be better, when he would move from here in the middle of September.

3. This gave cause to make a resolution and to prepare seriously for the law-suit, so that Mc Borney does realize, we are not afraid, and probably he might become more yielding and would come to an amiable agreement. It would be also high time, to send somebody to the Moeffler County, in order to get from the people, who are living there on that land, written evidences. For that purpose was proposed Br. Eyerle, because he is acquainted with the entire history. Br. Youngberg wants to talk with him, and when he is willing to go, then the brethren Cunow, Youngberg and Henry should talk with him for his despatching.

5. Br. Youngberg related, that Br. John Christ had signed the agreement, which was made with made, when he was taking over the tinman's profession with the intention, to carry on his nailsmith-trade.

10. It was told, that the well in Old Nazareth near the stone house costs 9 Lbs and 12 shillings 6 pence. If married brethren and sisters would pay

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2 pence per week. and a widow would pay 1 pence, then in a few years the above mentioned sum would be paid. It was also remarked, that those, who have cattle should rightly pay a little more.

12. The remark was made, when the repeated ploughing of the orchards would not soon be stopped, the trees, as one has seen already, would soon die out. It is very necessary, that Br. Youngberg talks with Dr. Jag about it. It was also remarked, that Br. Jag had let plough the road above the Hall-garden, and it should be a public road there, because in spring the manure will be taken to the garden over that road.

August 7th 1799. - 309th Session. - 6. At the entrance to the square a turning off of the water must be put there, because in spring and fall the water gathers there and causes mud there. It was approved and it should be soon put there.

9. It was resolved, that the field should be looked over, where the new street shall be lead. The brethren Youngberg, Jacob Schmick, Jacob Christ Lorenz went to look at it. The main difficulty would be, how one should come without much cost through the pond in the sister's meadow. Without a bridge it could not be done. And if that should be avoided, the course would have to be taken almost through the middle of the meadow, by which the meadow would suffer very much.

September 4th 1799. - 310th Session. - 3. Br. Youngberg proposed, that he would buy the Schenk's house for 250 Lbs, but if sister Schenk should desire to have more, it should be estimated by some chosen men. The term of payment would be, by taking over the house, one third should be paid in cash, or from that date on it would have to be paid interest for it.

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The ~~xxxxxx xxxxxx~~ would be put on certain dates. The brethren approved it unanimously.

5. Br. Youngberg told, that some months ago a gentleman from Philadelphia

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passed through Nazareth to Mr. Heller's place, where he shall have said, that he had made this journey with the intention to discover a mine. On his entire road he had not found anything like that, until he came to Nazareth, where between Nazareth and Schoeneck, where between the mountains in a meadow-valley a little groove, which lead over the street, he had found plain traces and signs, that in the one mountain there would be discovered^a coal-mine. This remark of the said gentleman, who was without doubts a man of natural science, had made him so attentive, that he wanted to make an examination, and in case difficulties would arise in regard of the cost, he would pay it from his own property. Then he had talked with Br. John Krause in Bethlehem, who is the only experienced man, who knows, where coal-mines were to be discovered. He had then resolved together with Br. Krause, to let make a drill, and as soon it is made, he would let him know, to come to Nazareth, and then they would try to set going near the so-called Lunt-Spring. Br. Krause was willing, and ready, to put a hand to the interesting affair.

7. Between our and the Friedensthal land is a piece of land, which had been cleared several years ago, and has now little wood. The question was raised, whether it would not be better, if one could rent it for Bauland farming purposes, because then it would bring some profit. It was the desire of the brethren, that it soon could be done.

9. Regarding the single brother Henry Mueller's settling here in Nazareth, it was resolved concerning the two empty houses, 1. that he can choose of the two houses, which he wants to take; 2. When his circumstances allow it, the house, which he chooses, (either Schenk's or Moehring's), he shall have it in the future, otherwise he would have to pay interest for the house after the value of the house, which would be 7 %. Br. Kreuzer was commissioned, to announce this resolution to Br. Henry Mueller.

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September 25th 1799. - 311th Session. - 3. Br. Youngberg reported, that he had taken Schenk's house for 250 Lbs according to the usual term of payment.

4. Br. Reichel announced, that by Br. Youngberg a memoria of the 11th of this month had been sent to the E.C. of the following contents: The brethren Henry, Youngberg, Eyerle, William and Joseph Horsefield had in Bethlehem a meeting by Br. Cunow, in order to further consider, what could be done concerning the law-suit of Mc Borney. After a long discussion the brethren came to the conclusion, that Br. Horsefield, who himself did not think it unfair, when after he had taken upon himself all the risk for the transactions with Allen as well as with Mc Borney inspite of all warnings and interdictions, shall take the entire trouble upon his shoulders. He is willing with his entire property, as far as it will reach, to cover the damage. He will assign all his bonds, notes and other property To John Youngberg & Company. Also what he has to expect in the future after his mother's death according to the testament of his late father, he will assign to Br. Youngberg & Company, which he can do lawfully without burdening his conscience in the least. In that way, when all is done lawfully and we have to expect Mc Borney and when judgement will urge him, after a certain time, to pay, he declares himself insolvent, and put before the law honestly and faithfully his status, and take the benefit of the act respectable insolvent debtors, because it does appear in the presented status, that he does not possess any property of his own, and by this the law sets him free, from debts and restitution for the present. Then, but after he gets ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ back Danes Notes, otherwise not, then is time still to compromise with Mc Borney, when the brethren will intercede and will offer to Mc Borney a low indemnification, but not to forget the \$ 100,00 value, which he had received that

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time gratis. When this affair will be finished, then Br. Horsefield can give way to the generosity of the brethren.

5. Br. Youngberg reported, that Br. John Krause has made a beginning with the discovery of a coal-mine, and until now he is still ^{working} in good hopes. He showed a black and brown paint, and in case that the cost for the work should be in vain, the paint, which will be found and which can be digged without great expenses, can be a rich compensation.

7. Br. Matth. Alleman, junior, who had offered meat for the market, shall be notified, that he can bring meat to the market on Friday, for which the committee gives him permission.

October 23d 1799. - 312th Session. - Br. Christian Winkler was welcomed in the committee as a future member of it. The brethren wished him the Lord's blessing for his offices as ^Uchoir-Helper and Choir-servant.

7. Because the search for pit coal costs much, without having much hope of finding it, it was decided, better to stop as soon as 25 feet deep has been dug, when that time no coals are found as yet.

October 30th 1799. - 313th Session. -The brethren of the E.C. were present.

2. Concerning Mc Borney's law-suit it was related, that Mc Borney had at the last court judgement against Br. Horsefield. Br. Horsefield had been reminded, that in the present situation he should not converse alone with Mc Borney, so that he might not be lead by him, as recently, ^{"hinter's licht gefuehrt werden"} behind the light (may be tricked).

3. Br. Reichel reminded the brethren, that one should forbid the frequent shooting of the brethren, especially the parents and the masters should pay attention to it, and watch over it, that not the boys do the same, as it has happened already in the bush. - The boys should be forbidden to smoke tobacco-pipes, and much less it should be permitted, that they smoke cigars, because so easily fire can be caused by it.

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5. Br. Youngberg announced, that Rometch has built his house on the Nazareth line, as also Kern and Ziegler, and some of our neighbours had with the fence passed over the line. What has to be done in this matter? The answer was, that they, after one had talked to them, should move their fences from our line, and if they would not pay attention to it, then they could be forced by the law, to do it. - Br. Henry reported, that Kern had fenced in a piece of our land, ^{a point,} together with his land, about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre. He thought, that one rather should sell that land for 5 to 6 lbs to him. And he would like to take it, because it suits to his land. At this occasion, Br. Reichel related, that on June 4th 1799 the Helper-conference at large had received from Dr. de Schweinitz in the name of the U.A.G. answer, that from Bethlehem and Nazareth Land, which could not be used very well, could be sold.

6. Br. Youngberg told, that Br. Brosky had complained to him, that the lodging in the stone house, where sister Moehring had lived, is too small for his family. Br. Youngberg proposed, that when the wall between the room and the kitchen would be taken out and for the time being only a ^{be} partition/made out of boards, and this partition could be made nearer to the kitchen, then the room would be much larger, and in spring could then the board-wall be changed into a plastered wall. Also the floor is bad, but it could not be repaired this year, on account of the lack of dry boards. - This gave cause, that the question was raised, when Br. Brosky cannot cannot make both ends meet with daily wages, shall he be maintained by the poor-treasury, especially since he has not been a citizen of Nazareth? Therefore Br. Youngberg was requested, occasionally to inquire about Brosky's status, so that one would know beforehand, what we have to do, in case he has nothing of his own, and where we can get support for him.

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8. It was resolved, that the street from Br. Benade's house over the brethren's field should be marked out, which was also done. The majority was in favour, to make the street 25 feet wide just as the foot-path, because in this manner nothing but bad slaty ground would be taken from the field.

November 29th 1799. -- 314th Session. -2. Br. Youngberg announced, that because Mc Borney had judgement against Br. Horsefield, ~~xxxxxxx~~ the latter one had presented to the court a petition for the benefit of the resolute law.

3. The E. C. believed, that it would be necessary, those brethren, who are subject to the Militia- law, one should let register them in the militia-office as exempt. The brethren gave their consent to this, and this was acknowledged as in duty bound according to the law. - This gave cause, to talk about John Christ's substitutes money. The resolution was, that through his choir-laborer, a collection should be made for his support, in case it would not be left off for him, by which he and others would be convinced, that one is willing to help in such a case. But this would not have any reference to the enemy or exempt tax, because most of the brethren earn good wages. And if at all events a poor brother would not be able to pay this tax, the same help should be extended to him. With the brethren, who at last went to the military drill, was spoken emphatically by the brethren Reichel and Winkler, and they had also been asked, whether they with our consent agree ^{with} in this affair and keep over it.

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4. Brother and sister^v had moved in, and Br. Youngberg asked the committee, how much house-rent he should charge them. The answer was: Because various repairs have to be made in the lodging, the ordinary house-rent shall be charged.

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5. Br. Youngberg read a letter, which he had received from Br. Christ/
Henrich Beck of the following contents: He asks the Gemein-Direction,
to allow him, to build a dwelling-house on the land, which is situated
on the road to Friedensthal, about 20 acres, on which trees are standing.
He would like to build there a butchery. Br. Youngberg told the Committee,
that the E.C. did not advise to do so, but it believed, that when the
single brethren would give up building, then that would be for him a
better opportunity. The committee thought, one should not proceed in this
matter, until the brethren had resolved, to give up that field. For the
rest the proposal found approbation.

6. Br. Youngberg and Bro. Henry told, that they had seen that land, 26
acres, which was offered by Br. Eyerle, and which is in Plainfield, near
Schoeneck. That land has chestnut trees on it, which is still young, but
in a few years' time it could improve very much. The brethren Youngberg
and Henry had offered 100 lbs to Eyerle, for which he would give it. The
question was then raised, whether it would not be better, when one would
take from our own land some acres, ^{on which a little woodland would be} and would plant on them chestnut trees
and fence it it, than to put still more money in land, of which one could ^{/not}
promise ~~me~~ much on account of the ground.

7. Br. Youngberg related, that he had sold one barrel of the black paint
in Philadelphia, 100 lbs for \$ 3,00. The purchaser will make a trial with
it, and he hopes, when his expectations turn out satisfactorily, that he
will still use more of it. He knows also of other paint-dealers, who would
like to make a trial with it.

5. At Ari it shall have happened, that they had been dancing in his house,
and that the E.C. had appointed the brethren Youngberg and Kreuser, to
speak with Ari emphatically about it, and when it should happen again, he
could not be any longer an inhabitant .

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December 11th 1799. - 315th Session. - 3. Br. Reichel reported, that he and Mr. Winkler had talked to the brethren, who had been to the military drill. Then ~~of~~ the brethren, Christian Giersch, John Christ and Christian Brunner acknowledged, that they had done wrong, and they promised, that in the future, they would not do such a thing again. On the contrary the brethren Edward Warner and Henry Miller had asked for time for consideration. Regarding Henry Miller it was resolved, that through the Over-Seer committee it should be talked to him. The brethren Youngberg and Winkler had been appointed, to ask him, that he should give a positive declaration, whether he, Henry Miller, without exception, would stick to our rules of the congregation or whether he would not.

4. In the E. C. was resolved, that the single brethren should give up their building-plans, because every year nothing but a deficit is the result. It should^{now}/be proposed, that the land on the other side of the street together with the meadow should be offered to Br. Beck, in order that he can build on it and settle there. It was mentioned, 1. when it will happen that way, then the road, which leads over the meadow in Br. Krause's field cannot remain there. 2. Br. Beck should also allow a compensation to the brethren on account of the expenses, which they had had, and the benefit, which they have not enjoyed, namely a new street and improvement of the field. Br. Beck has himself declared willing to do so. - Regarding the butchering Br. Beck does not request a monopoly, and Br. Krause has also no objection, only^{from}/Mr. Frey a market-day should be taken off. Because the E. C. and the over-seer committee have no objections against this plan, the same should be brought before the Helper-Conference at large.

6. Br. Reichel read a letter from Br. Eberman, in which he told, that he had made a contract with the brethren, that he would make a tower-clock for Nazareth with quarter-hours, one dial-plate, without a minute-hand, #

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and included are the costs for the weights, the bars and the putting it up, and now he found out, that he would be the looser, when he would have to deliver the tower-clock for 150 Lbs. He told, that his expenses for iron, brass and other trimmings, calculated at 50 Lbs, amounted really to 58 Lbs, and he therefore asks for an addition of 8 lbs, and he promised, to pay for the freight, which amounts from Lancaster to Nazareth 6 Lbs and 15 shillings, half, 3 lbs 7 shillings and 6 pence, and also the expenses for his journey back to Lancaster. Regarding the lodging and the board during the time of his stay in Nazareth, for putting up the tower-clock, he wished, that he could have it free. The brethren Reichel and Youngberg promised him, that they would put the matter before the E.C. and before the committee. The E.C. found the desire of Br. Eberman quite fair, and the conference was in favour of granting him the wish. Also the committee agreed with the decision of the E.C. The question was then raised, who shall pay the cost of the black-smith work, which has been made by Br. Miksch for the tower-clock. Concerning this, the brethren want to talk still with Br. Eberman. The management and taking care of the tower-clock shall be done in the future by Br. Jacob Rauschenberger. For that purpose Br. Eberman shall instruct him. The brethren Youngberg, Reichel and Dencke will also profit by the instruction, how the clock has to be handled. This should be put before the Gemein-Rat to-morrow. Also that one brethren want to open a subscription in behalf of the clock.

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January 8th 1800. - 317th Session. - Br. Reichel recommended at the beginning of this year 1800, true brotherly LOVE, faithfulness, honesty and modesty for a mutual union of the members of this committee as well as of the members of the E.C., that the Lord can bless us in our work.

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