January 3d 1820. - 39th Session. - 1. It was taken into consideration, whether Mr. Schenk could be given a lodging for rent in Ephrata in the usual manner. - This lead to a discussion, whether it should be permitted that a person, which does not belong to our constitution, could take a lodging in Nazareth for rent. On one side the opinion was put up, that it would not be a universal duty of a Christian, but also the rule of the Synod does permit it, that a strange person should be allowed to live among us, if nothing important could be said against the character of such a person, and if such a person by its trade would not do any damage to the congregation or to its members, and when it would be necessary, such a person should take lodging for rent among us. Of course, every individual case should be considered and examined, without reference to a preceding case, so that no rule may originate in that, or that a precedence may arise, to which one may refer.

On the other side the following opinion was expressed. Certainly the duty of a Christian commands it, and the rule of the Synod permits it, that when circumstances require it, that a strange person should live among us; but that such a person takes a lodging for one year in the usual manner in rent, would be against the principle of the separate lodging in a Brethren's congregation. Then it would be against the sense of the strange rule of the Synod, because such a person during the time of its rent-contracts would have to be considered as house-owner, and could not be moved before the lawful term. And when also one would look away from the offence against the principle in general and would admit, that a single case should be permitted as harmless, the consequences, which might be derived from it could be critical. And when also now it has been declared positively, that every individual case shall be examined in a special manner, it would be uncertain, how far lateron in the office standing
authority would be tied down by such a declaration, at least it would be sooner possible, that such a case, when once the example has been set, that it would be considered as a precedence. It seemed therefore advisable, that such a strange person every time should be accepted on sufferance.

These considerations came to a close by the following question:--

"Whether it could be allowed that Mr. Schenk could still live further in his lodging in Ephrata as before, with rent, as long as it pleases the brethren, who have to take care of it."

All the members of the concurrent conference by rising declared that they approved it.

January 5th 1820. - 40th Session. - 2. Br. Philip Belling, who wishes to marry, appeared before the concurrent conference in order to give regarding his economic circumstances the necessary information.

He declared, that he believed, he had saved by his weaver-trade about $20,00 to $25,00, and that this amount is not in pure cash, but mostly in outstanding debts. He owes the weaver's loom to his father. He pretends that he earns daily his dollar. After this presentation believed the concurrent conference to give him no other advice but to wait still for the time being. The brethren expressed their participation to Philip Belling and they told him, that they were willing, to offer him help as soon as the circumstances would change.

At the same time the advice and admonition was given him through Br. Rondthaler not to engage himself with the person, whom he thinks to marry, because it would not be permitted.

January 17th 1820. - 41st Session. 7. Because Br. Feissert had been so lucky to find so soon water in the spring, well, which he had dug on his own expenses, the committee thought it just, since this well is for the improvement of that land, which belongs to the Gemein-Diaconie, that
that the Gemein-Diaconie should pay the mason-work and the food, but Br. Peissert should be obliged to haul the stones and that he should also work as a laborer. The Gemein-Diaconie would also bear the expenses for the Pump-stock and for the powder, which has been used by this work.

January 28th 1820. - 42nd Session. - Br. Kern intends to build on the corner-lot beside the Brethren's house and therefore he shall take it at once in rent. Because in this case he has also to take over the building, which has been rent by the widow "Schneider" and his cabinet-maker's shop. The committee put down the price of $350.00 as an offer for those buildings. But because Br. Kern did not want to pay more than $300.00 for those buildings on that lot, and because he has not the intention, to build now, the whole matter was dropped for this time, and when Br. Kern is really willing to build, he shall have the first right to that lot.

April 7th 1820. - 47th Session. - 6. The warden announced, that Br. Andrew Whitesell had signed a lease for 26 acres of land, which he had taken over from Nath. Micksch, junior.

April 21st 1820. - 48th Session. - 3. The warden reported to the Committee the desire of Br. Ch. Moeller to build a house on a lot in Schoeneck, to which the committee made no objection.

April 28th 1820. - 49th Session. - 4. To the Committee was reported by word of mouth, that in the accounts of the large Store this year no surplus was shown, which is the cause of the bad time. But it had been shown by a general calculation, that the interest, which is resting on the store, has been balanced.

5. In the little store the closing of the account for this year, which includes only 11 months, a deficit of $46,33 1/2 was shown. The Committee
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Committee thought, that it would be necessary, that something should be done in this matter.

6. The proposal was made, that a new inventory should be made of the stock of the INN. The president of the committee gave the order to Br. Senseman and Friedrich Micksch to do this.

May 5th 1820. - 50th Session. - In a former Session it was proposed, that an exact examination of the economy of the Nazareth Gemein-Diaconie should be undertaken. And by a most possible accurate estimate of its entire property the true proportion of its Activa and Passiva and therefore its true condition could be known.

The Committee, Bros. Christian Micksch, Christian Brunner, and John Haman, for the estimation of the property in Nazareth, gave the report, which was read. It showed, that the present value is as follows:

The value was put on $29,350.00
This property stood as it was entered on $27,274.00
The present value of that property has to be regarded $20,764.00 higher, which sum of the former standing uncovered debts $3,400.00 has to be deducted as the sum of the uncovered debt of $1,324.00 still standing.

This praisement (appraisement) should be communicated to the provincial Helper-conference.

May 26th 1820. - 52nd Session. - 2. Br. Peter Kern asked for permission to build a smithy for his use. His intention by this is, to live in the mean time for rent, until it was seen, that his trade he would succeed.

The lot beside Br. Stout was then mentioned as a good place for a smithy and the lodging in the old store, which was appointed for the widowed sister Peter from Salem, could be used as a temporary lodging, because it was shown, that that said sister would stay in Lititz. The committee declared, that it had nothing against all of this.

5. The accounts of the Nazareth Inn of this year were laid before the
the Committee. It was found a deficit of $1343.00, which has to be ascribed to the circumstances, that 3 creditors with $833.00 had not been stated/last year's account. At the same time, when the inventory of lastyears was compared, it was shown, that the inventory of this year was $500.00 lower than the one of last year. The proposal was then made, that the same men should take another inventory, in order to see whether by a careful appraisement the difference of both sums could not be diminished. The committee gave its consent to this proposal.

July 10th 1820. - 55th Session. - Concurrent Conference. - 2. Br. Gottfried Belling, senior, had by the death of his wife and by his old age gotten in grievous circumstances. And therefore he had asked the Gemein-Diaconie for support. He had expressed the desire, that his son Gottfried from Schoeneck should move to him in order to assist him in his household. The committee desired to have an estimate of his economic condition. It was found, that he had a debt of more than $1100.00, which he owed alone to the Gemein-Diaconie, current and unknown debts not counted: Against this has the Gemein-Diaconie in its hands a bond with mortgage over a piece of land of about 200 acres, and together with some other creditors a judgement-bill about his entire remaining real property, at $756.18.

The committee was convinced, that especially on account of the state of mind of the young G. Belling by moving to his father, nothing would be changed for the better, and it would be connected only with loss, when the father would have to continue his trade.

The committee made the proposal to the old brother Belling, that he should move to his son Gottfried in Schoeneck, and he should in the best manner of the Gemein-Diaconie sell by auction his property publicly and
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and should take care of his living. But because one could not have an auction without the intervention of a judge and because it would cause unpleasant sensation, the brethren were not inclined to take that step.

The committee made finally the proposal to put this matter before the provincial helper-conference with the question, "whether that conference would give its consent, that the Gemein-Diaconie of Nazareth in the above mentioned manner should deal with Br. Gottfried Belling in a judicial way or not."

July 15th 1820. - 56th Session. - 2. The matter of Br./Belling was discussed further.

It was communicated to the Committee that said brother was inclined to deliver his property to his creditors, and that he had chosen for his administrator Br. Joseph Stoz.

Accordingly the Gemein-Diaconie as the greatest creditor proposed as administrator Br. Jos. Schweissshaupt, which had the consent of the concurrent conference. Br. Hoeber was then asked, to request Br. Schweissshaupt for it.

3. The desire of Bro. and Sister Towle was put before the committee, that they would like to move to the lower floor of their lodging in the old store. The decrepitude of Br. Towle made it hard for him to live on the upper floor. The brethren granted it unanimously for the usual rent of $ 30,00.

July 16th 1820. - 57th Session. - 1. Br. Schweissshaupt refused to act as administrator in the affair of Br. Belling, and he proposed as the most expedient thing, that one should take for Belling's property a bill of sale, through which one would be authorized to take over according to a special impartial appraisal. The concurrent conference gave
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October 20th 1820. - 64th Session. - Regarding the house and the property, which belongs to it of Br. Gottfried Belling, senior, the brethren thought, that it should not necessarily sold on auction, because it had been appraised for the Gemein-Diaconie and had been written over to the Gemein-Diaconie.

Br. Gottfried Kern's sketch of the two-story house, which he wants to build, was put before the committee and approved.

November 17th 1820. - 65th Session. - It was found necessary that an alteration regarding the house of Br. Gottfried Belling should take place. The house should be sold publicly, because there are still some creditors, who have not been paid, and they have a right to the payment.
to claim it from the selling-price, when the Judgement-bill of the Gemein-Diaconie will be paid.

2. The question was then put before the committee, whether it would be advisable when the Belling's house will be sold together with the adjoining buildings the Gemein-Diaconie should appear as buyer. The committee decided, that a sum should be fixed at which the house should be sold in the auction. The sum to which the Gemein-Diaconie should go by bidding should be $500.00. The brethren thought it best, to appoint the Crier on the auction as the one who shall bid in the name of the Gemein-Diaconie. It was recommended, that one should keep quiet about it. It was also remarked, that Philip Belling on account of well known circumstances could not be accepted as buyer.

December 1st 1820. - 66th Session. - 2. Mr. Gruenenthal desires to live in our village, and because he has a good character, the committee was of the opinion, that his desire should be granted. Regarding the family of Mr. Gruenenthal, which he had left behind in Europe, should also soon come to America, one could talk the matter over with him too.

It should be left to him to choose of two rooms in the old store one lodging which is vacant for the rent of $1.00 per month, because he desires only one room. In that rent of $1.00 the rent for the oven is also included.

December 15th 1820. - 67th Session. - 2. It was reported, that Mr. Gruenenthal had signed an extract of the Rules and regulations with great willingness and he has moved into the lower lodging in the old store.

9. The son-in-law and servant of Br. Whitesell, John Schmidt, had expressed the desire to move into the lodging, which Br. Joseph Clewel had rented before in Old Nazareth, and he also should have the piece of garden for his use which belongs to that lodging. The committee granted
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granted the desire under the condition, that he pays the same rent, which Br. Clewel had paid.

December 29th 1820. - 68th Session. - It was reported to the committee that Br. Peter Stout had accepted the office as grave-digger.

January 12th 1821. - 69th Session. - 2. The helper of the congregation reported to the Committee the request of the Helper-conference at large regarding the defraying of the expenses for the New Seminary in Nazareth, which had been started in July 1820 anew. The Gemein-Diaconie in Nazareth should also contribute something to it as it has been done in other places. The Elder Conference had therefore put down for the Gemein-Diaconie the sum of $60,00, and for the sister's diaconie $15,00, as contribution towards the Seminary. The committee gave its consent to this.

3. Br. Friedrich Wolle had again asked to become a member of the Nazareth congregation, but the E. Conference believed, that the circumstances he has not changed as yet which are standing in his way.

January 26th 1821. - 70th Session. Br. Eckensberger had asked by the committee, whether he could move into the house, which Br. Nathanael Micksch senior had had for some time for rent. Br. Eckensberger wished to have the same lodging from the 1st of May on as long as he does need it. He has in mind to make several changes in his own house.

The committee had no objection, if he will pay the rent, which had been paid before.

The committee thought it expedient according to its official duty to inquire by Br. Eckensberger, whether he has the means in his hands, to carry out the intended building of a house without much difficulties, especially because it had come to the ears of the committee, that since several
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Several years considerable debts are open against him in several places, especially in our two stores.

Members of the Over-Seer Committee, which according to the Synodus of 1818 had been elected on February 5th 1821 for the Second Time.

OVER-SEEER COMMITTEE.

I. Ex-Officio:
1. Nicolaus Elias Hoeber, warden and president; also Curator of the Widows.
2. Christian Heinrich Beck, Curator of the single sisters.

II. By Election:

February 13th 1821. — 71st Session. — It was remarked, that Br. Nicolaus Hoeber had been re-elected by all the widows as curator. Also Br. Chr. H. Beck had been elected by the single sisters as their curator.

Br. Hoeber had been asked for the presence to act ad interim as president. Then the election of a president was decided upon. The votes were gathered and the result was, that Br. Jos. Schweisshaupt had 6 votes, Br. John S. Haman had 3 votes. The first mentioned brother declared, that he would accept this office. Then another election took place, in which the three brethren John S. Haman, John Beitel, junior, and Nicolaus Hoeber had each 3 votes. The first two brethren declared, that they would not accept the office as president. Most of the brethren were of the opinion, that the warden should accept this office and that he could
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could not refuse. But because Br. Hoeber was not quite clear, what he should do, he told, that he would like to report about it to the Elder-Conference. As recorder of the Minutes was elected Br. Carl Anton van Vleck, who had served formerly already as such, and had done estimable services. The brethren also decided, that the recorder should receive for a gratitude $10.00 for his service.

February 16th 1821. - 72nd Session. - Br. N. Hoeber was declared by all the brethren as president of the Over-Seer Committee, which he accepted with the request, that they should give him full confidence.

4. The committee came to the conclusion, that the brother J. Haman should be ordered in the name of the Committee and should inquire from Brother Eckensberger, whether and what means he had to build the house. It should be told to him, that the committee had some considerations about this. Further it should be told to him, that it is not unknown to the Committee, that in both stores he had uncovered debts. Br. Haman should also find out, who the creditors are that help him to put up the building. Finally it should be told to Br. Eckensberger, that it is the rule of the congregation, that he must put before the committee a sketch of the building, which he is about to build.

February 23rd 1821. - 73rd Session. - 2. Br. Haman reported of his order, which he had carried out by Br. Eckensberger. The latter one had declared, that the materials for the building of the house, he had bought with cash, about $100.00, otherwise he would rather leave still the intended building until next year. - Regarding the debts in the store, he said, that he had almost paid all in Br. Mueller's store, and that only a few dollars are left. Br. Eckensberger has more money outstanding, than the debt, which he has in Br. Senseman's store. Further he was calculating to get a certain capital to 5% from a person, whose name he did not want
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want to tell. He could loan it till next fall. - After a thorough dis­
cussion gave the committee its consent for the building, because he had
made so far progress with his materials. Br. Haman was ordered to talk
with Br. Eckensberger again and to advice him, to make sure the capi­
tal, which he wants to loan from somebody. It was also told to him, that
he could not expect any help from the Gemein-Diaconie, what money con­
cerns.

February 26th 1821. - 74th Session. - 1. The Gemein-council had asked
the Over-Seer Committee, that a revision of the Fire-rules should take
place. Several vacant places had to be filled. The brethren Christian
Brunner and Friedrich Schaefer were appointed as assistants to the fire­
master (fire-chief), Br. J. Haman. These two brethren were also at the
same time members of the standing committee, and were appointed in the
place of the vacant ones, of the brethren Christian and Paul Micksch.
Br. Joseph Clewel was appointed in his father's place, Br. Hannes Clewel,
to procure the fire-ladders. He also should in the place of Br. Belling
during the extinguishing of the fire patrol in the village.
The 2 classes of the fire-company were supplied by the following persons.
The entire number is 14.

I. CLASS.

Peter Kern. --- C. L. Moeller. --- Charles Molther. --- Henry Meyer. ---

II. Class.

William Schmick. --- John Seyfried. --- Thomas Clewel.

March 2nd 1821. - 75th Session. - 4. Br. J. Haman had sent a letter to
the committee, in which he asked, to be permitted, to start a trade with
leather, in commission fro Br. Leibert in Bethlehem, in order to increase
his income for his family, because he could not exist with the salary,
salary, which he is receiving. The request of Br. Haman was granted under some certain conditions. 1. He should carry on this trade with the leather as long as no tannery is here in Nazareth. 2. He should keep away as far as possible the raw hides on account of the bad smell. 3. He should not keep any leather in the Bar and he should avoid all, what would hinder him as INN-keeper.

March 7th 1821. - 76th Session. - 3. Br. Sam. Ricksecker had brought a request before the Committee, to be permitted to build a one-story house, on the corner of the street, where Br. Belling has had his garden. That brother does not intend to build this year, but in the course of the year he wanted to prepare for the building and will get the necessary materials for it. For keeping the material he wants to use the lower part above the garden. The remaining part he wants to leave for this year to Br. Hannes Clewel for his use for a cheap compensation, because Br. Ricksecker will pay for the entire lot rent. What concerns the means, with which said brother wants to pay the building, he made the following statement: His brother John in Bethlehem has promised him a part of the necessary advanced money, and a good friend in Nazareth has promised him also a part of the necessary money. He also hopes, that his father-in-law will advance him a part of the money. He also possesses some money, which he will use for that purpose. He had calculated, that the building will cost about $1,400.00. The Over-Seer committee had in general nothing against the idea of building. Only the brethren of the committee thought it expedient to advise the brother to make sure of the promised moneys. It was also told him, that the Gemein-Diaconie could not advance any money in these times.

5. The following object was brought from the E. C. before the Committee:
The request of Br. Fr. Wolle, to get the permission to move to Nazareth as inhabitant, has been the matter for many considerations by the E. C. and by the Committee. And now again he had written through his laborer, Br. Schulz, to the conference with the same request. He had also given the promise, which he is willing to put in writing, that he will carry on no trade of any kind in Nazareth, without first having received the permission of the Gemein-direction. His intention is, after a former declaration, to give his children a decent education. - The president made the remark, that the last conclusion of the Over-Seer Committee about Wolle's coming to Nazareth, was, as long as the circumstances did not change, Br. Wolle's request could not be allowed. But now the whole affair has gained another shape, that, besides the above mentioned promise, to carry on no trade detrimental to the Gemein-Diaconie, the committee had been officially notified through his laborer, that really no purchase had been made between him and his father in-law concerning the house of the latter one, with a lawful assurance towards the heirs, and that therefore he has a right to the value of the house; instead that one had first considered him as an agent of William Henry. This is certainly a base action, which is detrimental to the rules and regulations of the congregation. The committee took this matter into consideration, but being so late already, it could not be done in a thorough manner.

March 23d 1821. - 79th Session. -5. Br. Fr. Wolle's request to become a member of the Nazareth congregation, was taken again into consideration. After that, a majority of the brethren, 6 against 3 votes, the following was declared to be the opinion of the Over-Seer Committee: "Br. Fr. Wolle shall be permitted to become a member of the congregation of Nazareth, under the same condition, as it was noted in the minutes of March 7th 1821."
March 30th 1821. - 80th Session. - The brethren of the Elder Conference and the brethren of the Over-Seer committee had assembled in order to have a discussion regarding the request of Br. Fr. Wolle. The brethren were asked to lay down their opinion in a frank and brotherly manner. The brethren of the Elder Conference wished to hear the opinion of the brethren of the Over-Seer Committee about the irregular procedure of the superscribing of Wm. Henry's house to Br. Wolle. It was then shown that Br. F. Wolle was till now to be considered only as the agent of William Henry, but that he now through his laborer (Schulz) has been announced officially, that he has a right not only to the value of the house, but also to the house itself, because a real purchase of the house between him and William Henry has been made, which is an evident infringement of the Rules and regulations of the congregation and an action against the lease. Br. Fr. Wolle has kept this secret for so long a time, and only now, as he were to be considered xx in his right, to march out with it. But this does not give a good appearance to the entire matter. A copy of the resignation was communicated to the Over-Seer Committee; the brethren conferred with each other thoroughly and in details about this matter, especially regarding others, who are more or less connected with this affair. The Over-Seer Committee did not seem to be of the opinion that a strong accent should be put on the above mentioned circumstance; but declared that Br. Wolle certainly received through that assignment (Resignation), had no lawful or legal right to occupation the possession of that house.

April 13th 1821. - 81st Session. - 3. The Committee gave now their permission to Br. Wolle's moving to the Congregation of Nazareth as member. But with this Pro memoria of the Elder Conference a sketch to a Christian bond was communicated, which Br. Wolle is ready to sign, and of which is
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which is a copy is added here.

BOND signed by J. Fr. Wolle, April 14th 1821.

"Because to me, the undersigned, has been announced explicitly by the
Direction of the congregation in Nazareth, that the permission to live
with my family in the village of the congregation Nazareth could be
granted under the condition, which had been proposed by me voluntarily,
start or
to/carry on in the said village of the congregation (Gemeinort) no
store or trade, without having first received a previous regular per­
mission; I certify herewith in a most solemn manner, that I at no time,
in no way, and under no sort of pretext, without such previous regular
permission, in the said Gemeinort will either carry a store nor will
"I keep goods for sale."

So done in the presence of the
Elder Conference and the Over-Seer Committee in
Nazareth, April 14th 1821.
Witnesses: Emanuel Rondthaler,
John Beitel, junior,
John Haman.

Because the Over-Seer Committee had expressed its opinion in favour of
Br. Wolle already before, it was proposed, that to-morrow, April 14th
in the evening at 7 o'clock the Elder Conference and the Over-Seer Com­
mittee should assemble, and should give officially Br. Wolle the permis­
sion to move to Nazareth as a member of the congregation there. At the
same time opportunity shall be given to Br. Wolle in the presence of
the Gemein*Direction and the Over-Seer committee to sign the rules and
regulations of the congregation and the above mentioned BOND.

April 27th 1821. - 83d Session. - 4. Br. John Bardill communicated the
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the request to the Committee, to receive permission, that the house,
which he owns here should by purchase go into the hands of his son George
against which the committee had to make no objections.

May 11th 1821. - 84th Session. - 6. Regarding the request of Br. H. Al-
brecht, to rent the lodging, which Mr. Schenk in Old Nazareth had had
for some time, together with the garden and orchard, which belong to
the lodging, the committee had no objection to make.

May 30th 1821. - 86th Session. - The cause for this meeting was the
conflagration, which the day before yesterday in the night laid in
ashes, 2 buildings, Gottfried Kern's cabinet-maker's shop and the little
stone house inhabited by brother and Sister Peter Kern, and a few wood-
sheds. But by God's gracious guard did not spread further. It was re-
olved, that the walls of the little house, which are still standing,
should be torn down and the cellar should be filled up. The fences
should in the future be lead from the northern gable-end of the former
Brethren's house on in a straight line towards the garden, so that the
corner-lot as much as possible gets free. Then the warden will see to
it, that the inhabitants of the brethren's house shall get soon again
a wood-shed, a "comfort-station" etc. It was then mentioned, that the loss
of the Gemein-Diaconie by the fire has been estimated to § 400,00.

June 8th 1821. - 87th Session. - 1. Regarding the lane near the single
Sister's lot, the following was stated: The ground on the sister's lot
had probably been counted to the sister's lot according to the ground-
plan of the village from the very beginning. Because Br. Franz Danke's
lot has its proper length of 140 feet, it is fair, that this ground as
far as their building-lot is reaching should be reserved for further use,
corner-for which purpose the lane near their shed should be closed. Further that
Br. Senseman as well as the others, whose lots are striking to this lane
to this lane move their garden-fences 2 feet out, and also the sisters shall move their fences of the cabbage-piece in the same line, so that the whole is in one straight line. Br. Senseman will be asked, to close the lane at his garden-corner. Br. Nathanael Micksch, senior, whose house-lot, which runs also a good piece to the sister's lot, which they are using now, has declared, that he will leave it to the single sisters still for some time for their undisturbed use.

July 6th 1821. - 89th Session. - 5. The president as Warden laid before the Over-Seer Committee his settlement with the Belling's Estate, namely the JUDGEMENT BOND, and the bills, which belong to it. From this was seen, that a balance of $ 30,8½ remains in the favour of the creditors. The president declared further, that he has in mind, to let it be published, with the addition, that every creditor should receive a dividend (pro rata).

9. President Hoeber communicated to the Over-Seer Committee, that he as one of the Fire-Committee had recently examined some of the ash-containers in some houses, and where he thought it necessary he recommended some changes. The question was then raised, whether such matters belong in the sphere of the Over-Seer Committee, to which the answer was given, that the Over-Seer Committee in the instruction was given the order to have on all what concerns the general benefit an open eye. Also the upkeep of the necessary order in view of a fire falls to the share of the fire-committee as well as to the Over-Seer Committee. Some of the members expressed their doubts regarding the places or little houses, in which meat is hanged up in the smoke, and the thought was expressed, whether a common smoke-house should be put up. But because this matter belongs to be put before the Gemein-council, it was resolved by the next opportunity, that it should be brought before the Gemein-Council.
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July 20th 1821. - 90th Session. - The closing accounts of the 2 Gemein-stores in Nazareth were laid before the Over-Seer Committee. From the March 1819 to 1821 closing account of Store No. 1 of the last 2 years, was seen, that a surplus of $ 32,21 appeared. It is doubtful, whether this amount can be considered as a real surplus, or whether it only stand on the paper, while a real deficit may have taken place, because this time instead of the usual 10% discount only 5% of the stock had been calculated.

In the Store II appears a deficit of $ 183,90. Besides run in both stores in No. 2 according to the proportion of its size more than in Store No. 1, the outstanding book-debts very high, and by the present circumstances many of them have to be considered as expired. The condition of both stores appeared to the Over-Seer Committee as doubtful. It was then resolved, that one should have a talk with the brethren of the Elder Conference, and then one should talk thoroughly with the two storekeepers about the condition of the stores. This should be done the following evening at 8 o'clock.

July 24th 1821. - 91st Session. - A concurrent Conference took place.

The president announced the purpose of this meeting. The condition of the two stores should be discussed and then one should consult with each other, what had to be done, to prevent a loss. It was then referred to the rule of the synod, which tells, that it is the duty of the Gemein-Direction, as much as is in their power, to avoid any burden of debts to the Gemein-Diaconie through the Gemein-branches, and rather they should reduce the debts or give up the business, when it does not fulfill its purpose and becomes dangerous.

2. That there is a great and remarkable difference in the Store No. 1, which had annually in the average a surplus of $ 500 to $ 600,00, and now in the last 2 years has only a surplus of $ 32,21.
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After the status of the 2nd store was read together with a memorandum of the store-keeper Dr. Miller, it was resolved, that one should talk with Dr. Senseman as well as with Dr. Miller at two different evenings. Br. Hoeber took upon himself to notify the two brethren, that they should be ready for that purpose. The questions, which should be put before them were as follows:

Store No. 1: Dr. Senseman will be requested, to give information about the goods, which have been lying in the store since 2 years, whether he has deducted 5%, or whether besides the 10%, which he at that time knocked off, has now also deducted 5%, which would make 15% in all.

2. Why he had not used the $1500.00, which had been released to him by the warden 2 years ago for that same purpose, to pay a part of the debt to the Dürringer's trading-house?

3. Both brethren shall be asked, whether there is any prospect that the business in the future will be done with more profit.

Store No. 2. a) Dr. Miller shall be asked, whether the 5%, which he has taken off from the debts, which are standing in the book, he had calculated high enough, especially because in the above mentioned memorandum he had expressed himself as: "how much they may be worth, is left to every one's judgement!" -b) The Over-Seer Committee finds the procedure of said brother, which had taken place last year, that he had written off his deficit from the Capital, most unsuitable and doubtful.

c) Finally it is found suitable, that Brother Hoeber and Brother Schweisshaupt in the presence of Br. Miller examine his list of debtors very exactly, in order to see, whether those 5% are sufficient or not.

July 26th 1821. - 92nd Session. - Concurrent Conference. Conference with Br. Senseman. Br. Rondthaler as president spoke to Br. Senseman and asked the question, why Br. Senseman in the status of this year
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he had put on his goods only 5% discount, while he had last year by
the last inventory accepted 10% discount? The answer was: Br. Senseman
he had put down all the goods to the same price, as they were sold in
the town, and from that he had taken off still 5% discount. Of course
he confessed that he had accepted 5% instead of 10%, in order to let
appear on the paper the balance much better. He declared also the reason,
why the status of the store as it has been given, appears so unprofitable,
may be found in this, that the last inventory -2 years ago - had been
taken, when the time was more favourable, and since that time the goods
have fallen in price considerable. In the apprehension, that it might
come so far, he had wished that time already, that he could have taken
off from the surplus $ 500,00. During the bad times, which have set in,
he had experienced the same fate that all the other merchants had met.
The trade has been stagnated and on the out-standing debts in those 2
years more has been lost than in many years before. Br. Senseman remar-
ked then, that the Gemein-Diaconie had originally advanced only 700 Lbs,
and the $ 12 to 13 000 have to be considered as a "self-created Stock",
which from the surplusses had accumulated gradually so far. And if one
would deduct Br. Horsefield's debt, then the stock would amount to 8000
dollars. About this debt it was said, that Br. Horsefield is very willing
to pay the same as soon as he could. He has land, from which he wanted
to pay the debt, but unfortunately that land does not bring him much or
nothing at all. Regarding the reducing of the stock, of which it had
been asserted, that other store-keepers in the land could with $ 4000,00
to $ 5000,00 supply everything, Br. Senseman declared, that under $ 10,000
one could not have a decent assortment.

Regarding the point, why Br. Senseman had not used the $ 1500,00, which
the warden had released to him, to pay a part of the debt to the Duernin-
Duerninger's trading-house, Br. Senseman gave the necessary explanation. He thought, that it would be more expedient, instead of paying a part of Duerninger's debts, rather to pay a part of the debts to Mr. Jordan in Philadelphia, which 2 years ago amounted to $2804.00, and for which he had to pay 6% interest, whilst he had to pay to A. Duerninger & Co. only 5% interest.

The question was then raised, whether this business had been carried on as always/profitably as it had been possible, and whether it would not be more advantageously to take an inventory annually. Br. Senseman then declared, that he could see without an inventory the amount of goods of the store from his merchantize account, and he surely would give the business as soon as he would be convinced it could not exist any longer.

July 27th 1821. - 93d Session. - Concurrent Conference. Conference with Br. C. H. Miller. The helper of the congregation (Pastor) as president told about the purpose of this meeting, namely to have a conference with the Store-keeper of the Store No. 2. He had been asked, why he taken this time only 5% discount of the/debts which are in the book. He then declared, that he had always calculated 10% discount until some years ago Br. Th. Schulz had taken the inventory and had charged only 5% discount in order to gain a surplus. Br. Miller had followed the example of Br. Th. Schulz, and he thought he had a right to do so, because those uncertain debts had been left out from the book. The warden remarked that in the last year Br. Miller had deducted the deficit of $46.00 from the Capital, and because the deficit was only so small, one had passed this procedure with silence. But this method should not be continued in no wise, because in that way the Gemein-Diaconie would receive less interest. The deficit should appear on the account as uncovered.
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Passivum, for which interest should be paid, and later, when surplusses are there, it should be paid off. The surplusses should really be paid out to the Gemein-Diaconie, when, as it had been done in the 2nd store, would be released, in order to enlarge the stock, which first laying-out was 1000 lbs. It must be now looked at, as if this sums had been advanced money. The store will have to pay interest for the stock and the uncovered passiva.

Br. Miller promised to do, what he would be able in order to carry on the business as profitable as possible, and then he was dismissed.

An instance of another store in the neighbourhood was mentioned, where a merchant has $6000 outstanding debts and has a stock as the store No. 1. The conference thought it advisable to notify all the storekeepers, that they should avoid as many expenses as it is possible.

That in the store No. 1, where three people are employed, only two should be there. Those who serve in the store should be kind and courteous to the customers, which again would attract other customers. The warden declared, that he would apply these points. The meeting was then closed with the declaration, that next year one should insist upon taking another inventory in the Store No. 1.

August 24th 1821. - 94th Session. - 5. Regarding the Request of Br. H. Albrecht, to move to G. Kern's lodging in the former single Brethren's house, no objection was made.

October 11th 1821. - 98th Session. - 4. The repair of the pig-sty in the yard of the single sister's house has been accomplished.

9. The account of the Water-conduit was laid before the Committee. It is the account from June 1st 1820 to May 31st 1821, which showed a surplus of $23,74½ cent.

December 7th 1821. - 102nd Session. - 3. It was recommended to the fire-
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Fire-committee to get some new fire-hooks, which on account of lack of good wood, they should be made from chestnut-wood or from Maple-wood. Also a new fire-engine one should consider. But it was found expedient to make some necessary repairs at the old fire-engine, so that one can still use it.

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February 11th 1822. - 106th Session. - Br. N. Seyfried had the desire to move into the village, and he is willing to buy the house, which is marked on the ground-plan of the village with No. 4, and he can buy it for 700.00, of which sum Br. Seyfried will pay as much as he can and for the balance he will pay interest to 6%. Until April 1st he will be put into the possession of the house. The E. C. has given also its consent to this.

4. A certain Adam Engler seems to be willing, to buy a part of the land near the blue mountains, which the Gemein-Diaconie had taken over from Br. Belling's estate. Therefore Br. Hoeber was commissioned by the Committee and given the power of attorney in view of the sale of this land to that said Engler, to act according to his opinion.

March 12th 1822. - 109th Session. 2. The brethren of the committee discussed the pitiful situation of the old Br. Belling, who had come with a request that one should take interest in him, and should take care of him, because his children could not/take care of him. The brethren consulted with each other and because one considered it one's duty, to care for this brother, the pastor of the congregation was then ordered to inquire by Brother and Sister Hanke, whether they would be willing for a certain compensation to board Br. Belling, and Br. Jos. Demuth should be asked, whether in his house he would give Br. Belling lodging.
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March 13th 1822. - 110th Session. - 2. Br. Hoeber, the president of the committee referred, that Bro. and Sister Hanke and Br. Demuth are willing per day to give Br. Belling board and lodging. For 1 shilling/he shall have dinner and supper. The brethren discussed then further about the taking care of this brother. The opinion was then expressed, whether one should not try to get help from the Township and the balance might be brought up in the congregation. Br. Belling should be instructed, to report to Br. Schweissbaupt, the justice of peace, so that the latter one could to be negotiate with the guardians of the poor. But it seemed/more expedient Gemein-first to ask the Gemein-council, whether and how much the citizens would be willing to contribute to the support of Br. Belling, and/perhaps one could not propose to start with a treasury for the poor and of a fond for this purpose. (In later minutes was stated, that Br. Belling was thankful for this kindness.)

April 25th 1822. - 115th Session. - 4. Br. Samuel Ricksecker's building-plan was laid before the Committee. The house shall be a one-story house, 40 X 32 feet, with a passage in the middle through the house. No objections were made.

March 30th 1822. - 116th Session. - It has to be remarked, that Bro. and Sister S. Oppelt have moved again to their former lodging.

4. The president announced, that he had divided the $ 30.69½, which were left from Br. Belling's judgement-bond in dividends for the creditors of that estate, after which calculation on every dollar come 41 cents. Because all creditors, except 4, have presented their claims to Br. Bellings, there remains after their deduction in favour of Br. Belling a balance of $ 19.59, which amount may be claimed by the guardians of the poor.

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Br. Stoz and the brick-works, that he had found in old minutes, that he had notified the committee, that Br. Stoz would like to take over the brick-works on his own account. Br. Hoeber added, that from the accounts of that time it is plainly to be seen, that the brick-works at that time as a branch of the Gemein-Diaconie had had in the last years no deficit but rather a surplus. One time was the same only 4 lbs, and then again the surplus was 20 lbs. The further discussion of this matter was postponed for a future Session.

3. The financial report of the Unity's warden-committee of the year 1820 was laid before the Over-Seer Committee to gather with the status of December 31st 1821. From the first it was seen, that the receipts in the named year surmounted the expenses/about $3391, 8 groschen and 6 pennies, which sum had been divided for the support of suffering Diaconies. - Besides the Status was enclosed a statement of the contributions from the congregations and Diaconies in the year 1820 for the support of suffering congregations and Choir-Diaconies, which had been sent to the U.V.C. (Unity's warden-committee) and had been divided in the year 1821.

4. Regarding the management of the Store No. 2 the Over-Seer Committee had asked the E. C. to consider this matter and to communicate proposals. Br. Rondthaler related the following:

That Br. Mueller does not wish to continue the store No. 2 in the former manner, and therefore one should make a trial with Br. F. Wolle, and one should request, that Br. Wolle should make arrangement for this in his own house. Although this could not be done without some expenses, it would be a greater loss, when the store at this time would be abolished altogether. Br. Mueller wishes to say in his house, and perhaps he has in mind the plan, to start a store on his own account. In case, that he should ask for permission to do that, there would be other considerations.
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August 15th 1822. - 119th Session. - 5. Br. Christoph Feissert had complained about the not tight condition of his house, and the Committee was moved to order the warden, that he should let put weather-boards to that house, because it is a blockhouse.

August 22nd 1822. - 120th Session. - Br. Rondthaler related, that Br. Miller, after he had heard what proposal of his store had been in consideration, came with the request, that one should allow him, to continue with the Store No. 2 so long until the time, when the next Inventory will have to be taken, because he believes, that this year will be a better one than the year before. The Elder Conference was inclined to allow Br. Miller this, and some Elder Conference wished only to hear the opinion of the Over-Seer Committee regarding this matter.

The Over-Seer Committee agreed with the opinion of the Elder Conference especially for that reason, that one would gain more time to consider this affair more thoroughly and what could be done in this matter.

2. Because Br. Haman was absent, Br. Hoeber asked, whether it should be allowed in the INN to have a certain juggler or rope-dancer and to/prac-
to practice his arts. But the brethren were of the general opinion that such a thing could not be permitted as becoming in village of the congregation.

6. The financial report of the "Committee for purchasing a new fire-engine", dated July 26th 1822, was laid before the O. S. C. (Over-Seer Committee).

It was seen from the report, that all the expenses for the new fire-engine amounted to $ 569.00, which sum had been supplied by contributions from the brethren and sisters, and partly by a subscription among our neighbours, and partly by a loaned capital, which will have to be paid interest to the Citizen's treasury.

Of the subscriptions are $ 25,00, which have not come in, and when they will be paid, the same amount will have to be credited to the citizen's treasury.

The new fire-engine has been delivered in July by Mr. Conradi.

Br. Hoeber announced, that in the stone house in the early summer some repairs had been done in some rooms, where new floors were laid.

September 19th 1822. - 122nd Session. 6. Regarding Br. Henry Beitel's porch, which he wants to build, the Warden would allow him $ 25,00 for this purpose, under the condition, that Br. Beitel cares for everything else. Br. Hoeber wanted to show him wood in the forest, which he could use. The porch must have the given dimensions, namely 19 feet long, 9 feet wide and 12 feet high.

4. Regarding the stone-quarry, where again some people had left the same in disorder, it was found necessary, that Br. Plattenberger should be asked to take over the inspection of the stone-quarry to which he was also willing. - In case that a regular contract should be made with Br. Plattenberger about the stone-quarry, then it would be expedient, all the
other stone-quarries on the long meadow should be subject to the same restrictions. Every person, who wants to have stones, must apply to the Warden and the same will give orders to Br. Flattenberger, that the required stones should be broken.

October 24th 1822. - 126th Session. - Br. Joseph Stoz reported to the committee, that it was impossible for him and his family to live from the profit of the brick-works. Also he himself by his increasing decrepitude would not be able without the further help of his oldest son to carry on the brick-works. Then all the ground on his land, which was fit for making bricks is now dug out, and that in the future he could only with difficulties and expenses than before let haul the ground from a great distance. Several thoughts had been expressed, which did not find any approval by Br. Stoz. For instance, that he should move his brick-shed nearer to the end of his lot; that he could lead the water of the Big Spring by means of pipes to his shed; that according to the opinions of some at the Schoeneck Run would be a good place for ground for the bricks. Whether he would not gain, when he would put his brick-works on another footing, for instance, when he would not burn lime at all and would burn only bricks etc.

The warden laid before him a calculation of his rent, which he has to pay in comparison to the ordinary rent, which the citizens have to pay. Br. Stoz pays only $5.20 more rent than what the other citizens pay, by which has to be considered, that his land because it is to be dug out for bricks is useless for farming, and the Gemein-Diaconie has a right to claim a compensation.

This matter shall be considered further by the E. C. and the O. S. C.

October 30th 1822. - 127th Session. - The majority of the brethren declared, that Br. Stoz should have the use of the stone-quarry free of rent.
February 13th 1823, - 136th Session. - 7. A member gave cause for consideration, whether it would not be expedient to make some improvements on the new fire-engine. The remark was made, that this belongs to the fire-inspector and master of the fire-engine.

8. Because it is to-day 2 years since this Over-Seer Committee had been elected, the president was charged to request the president of the Gemein-council to call together the Gemein-Council, in order that the same may declare, whether it wishes, that the present Over-Seer Committee shall exercise still any longer its functions, or whether it will propose the election of a new Over-Seer Committee.

Members of the OVER-SEER COMMITTEE, which according to the Synodus 1818 had been elected on February 1823 for the third time:

I. Ex-Officio:
1. Nicolas Elias Hoeber, Warden and President; also Curator of the widows.

II. By Election:
6. Jacob Ferdinand Beck. --- 7. Friedrich Micksch. ---

March 5th 1823. - 137th Session. - The newly elected Over-Seer Committee came together as it had been elected by the Gemein-Council, on the 4th of March and elected unanimously Br. N. E. Hoeber, Warden, as President of the Committee, and Br. S. R. Huebener was appointed as recorder of the minutes.

March 6th 1823. - 138th Session. - Br. Rondthaler was present. - 1. The
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1. The helper of the congregation (pastor) laid before the Committee
the financial report of the single sister's Diaconie of June 1st to
December 31st 1822 together with the Status of the same of December
31st 1822. From this could be seen, that the Diaconie had had pro
Saldo more receipts than Expenses $ 217,04. According to the Status
it was to be seen, that after the deduction of the surplus of this
year $ 217,04, the uncovered Passiva of this Diaconie amounted in
December 31st 1822 to $ 278,63%.

One was glad to see, that the blessing of God was also with this Dia-
conie in the last year and the brethren wished, that the blessing of
God may also accompany those, who are active in this Diaconie.

April 14th 1823. - 145th Session. - Br. Ghrist handed over to the
president a letter, which Br. H. Albright had written, in which he
asked for permission to build a house on the south-west corner of the
Center Square, for which he should like to have a lot, where he could
burn bricks. For this purpose he proposed the lot, which is situated
besides F. Kern's lot. He asked also for 8 to 10 acres land and a piece
meadow and an orchard. Br. Senseman had been asked, that he should talk
with Br. Albright regarding this.

May 16th 1823. - 150th Session. - 2. After a long discussion Br. Albright's
affair was again considered, and the question was raised, whether Br.
Albright should be permitted to build a two-story house on the south-
west corner of the Center Square. This was granted unanimously.

The next question, which was asked, was, whether Br. Albright should be
permitted to have ½ acre of land, where he could make bricks. Also this
was granted.

Chr. Hoeber had asked for permission, to settle here and to sign the
to sign the Rules and regulations of the congregation. - Because he was near by, he was called in and then he signed, after he had been asked, whether he will obey the rules and regulations of the congregations, which he answered with "Yes."

August 1st 1823. - 155th Session. - 2. Br. Chr. Hoeber was allowed to settle here in Nazareth by unanimous vote. The brethren advised him, that when he should have too much work in his trade, he should give some work who has less than he has has. And he should not engage a foreign journey-man. When the workmen in Nazareth have enough work then he is at liberty to engage whom he wants. He can also marry, when it is convenient for him.

September 12th 1823. - 159th Session. - 7. Br. Rondthaler announced, that Br. Samuel Ren. Huebener had received a call as laborer of the congregation in Friedland, Wachau, and that he therefore resigned from the office as recorder of the minutes, this evening. The committee participated in his call and thanked him for his faithful service here.

September 19th 1823. - 160th Session. - 3. Br. Carl Kluge was elected as recorder of the minutes of the committee in the place of Br. Samuel R. Huebener. The president with the consent of the E.C. should make the offer to Br. Kluge.

October 6th 1823. - 161st Session. - 1. Br. Carl Kluge was willing to accept the office as recorder of the minutes for the committee on a trial.

6. A member, that has a claim, expressed his wish, that means might be found, to hinder Br. Friedrich Danke the excessive use of strong drinks. That brother is so much under the influence of strong drinks, that he neglects his family and puts it into distress and misery. Br. Senseman through this expression was caused, to remark, that the said brother Danke and also Br. Christian Michael have great debts, which they scarce-
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will be able to pay. The latter one has especially an old debt of an
considerable amount, which has not been paid. The brethren talked about
those brethren for some time and then it was resolved, that a brother
should be appointed, who shall write a treatise, which shall be signed
by all the members of the Over-Seer Committee, and then it shall be
handed over to Br. Senseman and Miller. In that treatise the Committee
will express its grief over the brethren Danke and Michael. Br. Sense-
man shall be authorized, to give those two brethren daily of the strong
drink only half a pint, because through the misuse of the same they
ruin themselves and neglect their families. Br. Miller shall be asked
to give them nothing. A copy of this treatise shall be given to each one.
The president was appointed to design such a treatise.
The president was ordered to talk with Br. Michael in the name of the
committee.

October 29th 1823. - 163d Session. - 2. Br. H. Albright's request was
granted unanimously, supposed that he would build in Nazareth.

November 5th 1823. - 164th Session. - 1. The president announced, that
Br. Haman as Inn-keeper is in perplexity, because he has not enough stab-

es, for he had heard, that the Mail-Stage would in the future have here
in Nazareth its station and then he would be obliged, to have a stable
ready for the horses, and the present stable would not be sufficient for
that purpose. Br. Haman stated also, that he had to have always 3 horses
and besides this he must have some place for the other people's horses.
Br. Haman wishes therefore that soon he would get some help in this re-

pect. - The proposal was then made, that the Chair-shed should be ar-

anged as a stable for 8 horses, which would be the cheapest and most
garden-
simple way. At the fence of Br. Jacob Micksch a shed for coaches etc.
and also a stable for horses should be built there.
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The brethren were of the opinion, that it is necessary that more stables
should be built for the INN, and it shall be done this fall. The breth­
ren of the Over-Seer Committee will go to morrow in the afternoon to
the Inn and they will look over the situation.

It was remarked, that some rooms in the old Inn should be painted, be­
cause it may happen, that some passengers of the Mail-Stage may want to
use one of the rooms, or also other people, strangers, may want to use
it.

2. Br. Henry Albright let the Over-Seer Committee inform through the
Warden, that he is really disposed to build in Nazareth a house, and that
he has begun already to make arrangements.

5. Br. William Schmick had asked some time ago for permission to start
the tobacco spinning-trade here, because he cannot work on his trade on
account of having not enough work. And therefore he cannot maintain him­
sell. After a thorough consideration the brethren were asked, whether
the request of Br. W. Schmick should be granted? The present members
gave unanimously their consent.

December 9th 1823. - 167th Session. - 1. Regarding building new stables
for the Inn, because the Mail-Stage will have its/station in Nazareth,
it was told, that our hope was in vain. Therefore it is not necessary
to build new stables for the INN.

5. Br. Senseman related to the Committee, that perhaps on a draft to a
house in Bremen, which had protested, and which draft had come back,
$ 400 to $ 500 may be lost.

December 29th 1823. - 168th Session. - 2. Br. Rondthaler mentioned, that
he had been going around with the Subscription-list for the brethren and
sisters in Sarepta, which had suffered with the fire in that village
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village, in the month of August this year, and that he had collected $80,00, and now he asked the committee, whether it will give its consent for a contribution of $10,00, which the Gemein-Diaconie should give for that same purpose, and that the sister's diaconie should give $5,00. Br. Rondthaler will also try, to get $5,00 from the Inspector of the paedagogium, so that one could send to Sarepta the amount of $100.

3. The president announced, that the committee, which had been appointed by the Over-Seer Committee, to examine, how much the land, which belongs to Nazareth has profited the Gemein-Diaconie in the last 14 years from June 1st 1809 to May 31st 1823, had handed in its calculation. The same was now laid before the brethren of the committee. One came to the conclusion, to read only the Expenses and receipts of all plantations all together. It was seen, that all the Expenses from June 1st 1809 to May 31st 1823 amounted to $16 032.19, and all receipts amounted to $24 214.99 in the same time. The entire profit for the Gemein-Diaconie in 14 years was: $83,965.8; the profit in the average for each year $584,56 6/7 $; and of one acre in the same time $0.87 $. The president expressed in the name of the Over-Seer Committee to Br. Schweisshaupt their heartiest thanks for the not little trouble and work, which he has had with the writing of this revised report.

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January 16th 1824. - 169th Session. - 1. Br. Rondthaler remarked, that through the resignation of Br. Jos. Schweisshaupt, vacant place in the Over-Seer Committee was filled through the election of Br. Andr. Gottfried Kern, who had been elected by the Gemein-Council.

5. The brethren of the committee agreed to it, that Jacob Ziegler could not stay any longer in Old Nazareth on account of his and his wife's bad
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bad behaviour.
6. Br. Hoeber related, that the widow of the late George Wilhelm had inquired from him, whether she could not get a lodging in Old Nazareth for rent; she is working much in the village and she desires to obtain a lodging near by. Several brethren gave that widow a good testimony regarding her character and it was also told, that she can be very useful in housework. Because the lodging, where Jacob Ziegler was living, will be vacant in the near future and then that widow could move in. The question was asked, whether the widow Rosina Wilhelm can have the lodging in Old Nazareth, which Jacob Ziegler had been occupied. The warden should not go lower with the rent than $8,00. The committee unanimously agreed to it.
8. The president asked the question, whether one should not give Br. Schweissaupt for the work and the loss of time, which he has had with the writing of the tables about the profit of the land for the Gemein­diaaconie. The brethren considered it fair, and it was proposed, supported and resolved unanimously, that Br. Schweissaupt should be offered a gift of $20,00.
9. Br. Hoeber remarked, that he often has had the desire, that a map or General draft of all the land, which belongs to the Nazareth Congregation we should have. It would be a great help for the warden and for the Over-Seer Committee. Br. Hoeber added, that he believes, that Brother Schweissaupt would be able, to make such a map. One discussed this matter, but for a further consideration the matter was postponed.

January 29th 1824. - 170th Session. - (b) Br. Hoeber related, that he had told the widow Rosina Wilhelm about the lodging, which she could rent under the condition, that the proper discipline and order is kept. Br. Hoeber went then with the widow to Old Nazareth and showed her the
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the lodging. The rent he had put down to $9,00 per year. In April she will move in.

(d) Regarding the douceur (gift) for Br. Schweisshaupt had refused to accept it. Then Br. Hoeber told him, that he would credit his account with the amount.

2. The president laid before the Committee a sketch of Br. Albrecht's new house. Br. Hoeber told, that in spring the lot for Br. H. Albrecht will be surveyed and a lease will be given to him.

5. The tables about the produce of the land were taken up. The president remarked, that the tables show it plainly, that the land of the Gemeindiaconie has not produced as much as one had wished, and he asked the brethren to give their opinion about the improvement of the land. A long discussion took place, and the brethren declared then, that the farmers should be considerate to decrease their cattle-stock in the summer. It was very much recommended to the farmers, that they sometimes should confer with each other about the treatment of their plantations and how they could improve the same, because through mutual communication of their experiences in working the land much would be gained for the whole.

6. Regarding the sale of fruits it was seen from those tables, that a loss of 14 1/2 bushels in 100 bushels had taken place. One was therefore obliged, to propose an improvement of the fruit-sale. Although the considerations of this matter was very thorough, one could not come to a plan for improvement. The warden remarked still, that it would be very suitable, to haul the fruits always at once to the mill.

The brethren agreed to it, to recommend to Br. George Ricksecker preliminary, that the fruit, which he receives, should be measured at once. 

February 12th 1824. - 171st Session. - 1. (d) Br. George Ricksecker
is after it, as much as is in his power, to put the taking care of the fruit in a better condition and he will keep well book about the receipt and the sale of the fruit. The warden recommended to him to give to every farmer a receipt by delivering the fruit.

It was found also suitable, to let measure the compartments on the fruit-exactly receptacle, in order to know the contents of it.

(c) Br. Hoeber reported, that he had spoken with Br. Schweissbaupt regarding of making a general-draft of the Nazareth Tract. Br. Schweissbaupt's opinion is, that he would accept the outer lines of the entire tract according to Mr. Palmer's draft, and the single lots would probably have to be defined according to the drafts which are here. The plantations he would have to survey over. The price of such a map he could not tell at present, but he believed, that it would not be less than $20.00. Two chain-carriers one would have also to find. A further consideration of this matter was postponed.

February 26th 1824. - 172nd Session. - 4. Br. Hoeber announced, that a number of people, neighbours, in the Bushkill Township, which had united to build a school-house, had requested him, whether they could not get Nazareth for this purpose half an acre of land, which is striking to Demuth's land. They would be willing to pay a fair price for it, but they hoped, one would give it to them for nothing. It was then proposed, to give them the land for $5.00. The brethren gave their consent to this proposal, and they would not have any objection, when it would be given to them for a present.

March 25th 1824. - 173rd Session. - 1. The piece of land, which the neighbours were asking for a schoolhouse in Bushkill Township had been given to them for a present. It has been measured and a deed will be given to them as soon as is possible.
3. Br. Rondthaler related, that Br. George Heinrich Buete had asked repeatedly for permission to belong to the Nazareth congregation, and the committee was asked, whether it would give its consent. The brethren gave unanimously their consent.

6. President reported, that the widow Wilhelm does not intend to move to Old Nazareth to the lodgings which one had promised to her, because the rent is too high, and she can find a place somewhere else.

10. A member reminded the brethren, that the wind-box in the organ has been made tight. The warden will take care of it.

May 13th 1824. - 176th Session. - 2. Br. Rondthaler announced that the reason for this meeting is a complaint of Sister Moehring, that Proske despite the admonitions and threatenings of the Over-Seer Committee, begins again to disturb her in the night and to trouble her. She asked the committee to help her and if possible to remove the said person in order to prevent any further disturbance and trouble. Br. Rondthaler added, that Proske's daughter had asked him, that one should have another trial with her father, she would let make double locks to the doors and would lock him up carefully every night. The committee resolved, that to-morrow the brethren Rondthaler and Hoeber should go to Upper Old Nazareth and should have a talk with the inhabitants of the stone house and should bring about a change there. Proske should be moved to the 2nd or 3d floor. - This was then also done, and Proske lives in the 3d story and she on the lower floor and since that time all is quiet.

June 24th 1824. - 1. Br. Joseph Demuth had asked, that because he could not stay alone, whether he could get a married couple in his house, to also take care of him. Br. Demuth asked for permission to allow Christian Eckensberger in Christian Spring together with his family to come into his house, that they could care for him. The committee gave the permis-
permission that Br. Demuth should be permitted to take Christian
Eckensberger and his family into his house for taking care of him as
long as it is necessary, but Eckensberger should not have any claim to
the lodging there.
Later Br. Demuth had withdrawn his request concerning the Eckensberger's
who should take care of him, and had asked for a lodging in the village.
Br. and Sister Oppelt are willing to take care of Br. Demuth.

August 23d 1824. - 180th Session. - 2. Br. Rondthaler announced, that
a certain George Haus, who as a stranger has worked since one year and
a half by Br. Christian Till in Bethlehem, and who is an organ-builder
by trade, had asked to live here as guest and that he would like to rent
the house of the heirs of the late Br. Chr. Miksch. He had a recommenda-
tion from the brethren von Schweinitz, C. Bishoff and Friedrich Rauch,
in which letter it was testified, that he was in Bethlehem a quiet and
decent person.
He himself declared, that he will be working as an organ-maker, for which
an order is about to come, and he will repair musical instruments and
sell the same. He will be no hindrance to anybody in their trades.
The committee permitted it under the following conditions;
1. That said G. Haus shall sign the regulations, and it shall be told
to him, that he should not do any cabinet work.
2. That the heirs of the late Br. Chr. Miksch should in case of be-
having contrary to the regulations dismiss George Haus. For the first
they should have him in the house only to the 1st of April.
3. A similar request had been made by a young man by name of John Mohn,
who wishes to rent the vacant lodging of Br. Jos. Demuth in Upper Old
Nazareth. He is a day-laborer and is known among us. He will work as a
day-laborer. Against his character nothing can be said. The question was
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was then raised, does the Committee give its consent, that John Mohn, under the condition that he signs the regulations, and that the said lodging will be rented out to him until April 1st of the following year. The question was answered in the affirmative. Later John Mohn's request was withdrawn, because his wife did not like to live in Demuth's house.

September 10th 1824. - 181st Session. - II. The water-conduit had an additional receipt of $24,69$.

October 8th 1824. - 182nd Session. - V. Br. Rondthaler announced that Br. Johann Brickenstein had arrived from Europe and received an appointment in the Paedagogium.

October 13th 1824. - 183rd Session. - Through Br. Albrecht's building so many windows in the former Brethren's house had been obstructed and Br. Friedrich Schmidt's room will lose all the light. The brethren were considering, what should be done. The question was raised, whether one could not do anything and make satisfying arrangements for Br. Friedrich Schmidt so that he could live his last days undisturbed and in peace.

IV. The balance of the accounts of the Gemein-Diaconie and the Status as the same from June 1st 1823 to May 31st 1824 were put before the Committee. From the balance of the accounts it was seen, that there was a deficit of $1894, 02\frac{1}{2}$; and the Status showed, that the uncovered debts with the Passiva of Store 2 included have grown till now to $13 059,74\frac{1}{4}$

One could not help to express ones sorrowful thoughts about the more and more sinking condition of the Nazareth Gemein-Diaconie.

Br. Rondthaler related, that this had been an object of consideration in the last Provincial Helper-Conference, and that the brethren had resolved, that a common conference should be held with the Elder Conference and the Over-Seer Committee, and it should be considered, whether here
here and there an improved arrangement could be made in favour of the Gemein-diaconie.

VII. Br. Albrecht had declared, that when Br. Friedrich Schmidt should loose the light in his room, that he would be willing to bear a part of the expenses, when on the west-side a window in the roof (garret-window) would have to be made, and he would find all the necessary material, or he would take so much upon himself as the cost of $5.00 would surmount. Br. Hoeber related, that he had talked with Br. Demuth as well as with Br. Friedrich Schmidt. The first one is willing, to allow Br. Schmidt on trial to cook on his fireplace, when he is lodging in the adjoining room, but when it should not go for the length of time, then it must be changed again. Br. Schmidt was willing, when it is resolved, to accommodate himself to it, but he saw it beforehand that the grant, which Br. Demuth had given, would be too hard for him, and he asked very much, if possible, that he might be permitted to keep his former room. The committee agreed with Br. E. Schmidt in his doubts. Br. Hoeber spoke again with Br. Albrecht and he agreed to it, that when the committee grant him $5.00 and will give permission, that he shall make a garret-window with 9 panes on his own expenses. Br. Albrecht will also close up cellar- and gable-windows with stones, and he has promised to do good work. The committee considered this act as acceptable and gave its consent, that Br. Albrecht shall take this over to do it.

October 22nd 1824, - 134th Session. - I. Br. Rondthaler asked, that he could bring before the committee his request first. Yesterday a young doctor, by name of Philip Walter, who had since practised in and around Emmaus, had by the advice of good friends, made the request, to be able to live here in Nazareth as doctor and to practise also. He had studied in Philadelphia, and can, when it is necessary, show his Doctor-Diploma.
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He has also a letter of recommendation from David Warner in Quaker-town, who is a member of the Bethlehem’s congregation, for Br. van Vleck. Further he has not been married for a long time, belongs to the Lutheran church, but his wife descents from the Quakers and has not been baptized. He also shows a desire to become a member of the Brethren’s church and he seems to be according to his conduct a very orderly man.

Because a doctor for the village is a common necessity, the committee spoke about the said request with much concern. And because the continual sickness of our present doctor has caused in several cases, where he was needed, great perplexity, and those people, who needed the doctor, had to look for other help. It seemed to the Committee not inexpedient, to perceive this opportunity to get another doctor to our village.

The brethren of the Elder Conference acknowledged this as an object, which should be put before the Gemein-council for decision, namely, whether the request of Dr. Walter shall be accepted or refused. The committee agreed to this. If the request shall be accepted, then according to the rules of our congregation the Gemein-Direction will proceed further.

November 5th 1824. - 185th Session.

Br. Rondthaler related, that the request of Dr. Walter had been put before the Gemein-council for consideration, and the same had resolved, that the Gemein-Direction should inquire still closer about the character of the said Doctor, and in case that nothing important could be said against his moving to Nazareth, the permission should be given to live here. According to this resolution one had inquired in the place, where the doctor had been living, about the character of the Doctor as well as about his calling as doctor, and everywhere one received a good testimony about the doctor.

Br. Rondthaler mentioned further, that our neighbour, Dr. Rodgers, had
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had also applied, and had told, that when he would have known, that one did wish another Doctor in the village, he would have applied for it before already. But because Dr. Walters had applied first, and because the Gemein-Direction has negotiations with him already, one could not give Dr. Rodgers any hope, to be accepted.

The committee granted Dr. Walter's request with the condition, that he signs the regulation.

November 19th 1823. - 187th Session. - I. (a) The president related, that yesterday Dr. Walter had been here and had signed the regulation and had asked for a copy to take along. According to the wish of the Gemein-Direction will Dr. Walter move here in some weeks.

At this opportunity the Elder conference have him to understand, that one for founded reasons would not like to see, when he would accept young men for study, who do not belong to our constitution, and that he in every case would be responsible for the conduct of such people.

IV. Because brother and sister Siewers will soon move to the Hall, Br. Maehr had applied for their former lodging on the lower floor of the old Store. The committee was in favour of it. Bro. and Sister Maehr shall pay for the lower lodging in the old store inclusive of the oven, the rent of $ 32.00 per year.

December 3d 1824. - 188th Session. - I. Bro. and Sister Maehr have moved to their new lodging.

II. The warden announced, that Br. Peter Kern intends to build a two-story brick-house next spring, and he soon will present a sketch of it.

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January 7th 1825. - 190th Session. - II. Br. Rondthalter communicated to the Committee, that the congregation in Nazareth in consideration of her
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of her needy situation has received a gift of $ 750.00 from the Unity's Warden committee, for which we were thankful.

February 4th 1825. - I92nd Session. - II. Br. Peter Kern laid before the committee the sketch of his new house.

IV. After two years have elapsed for which the Over-Seer Committee had been elected, it closed its sessions with this session.

Members of the Over-Seer Committee, which according to the Synodus 1818 had been elected in February 1825 for the fourth time.

I. Ex-Officio:
1. Nicolas Elias Hoeber, Warden and President; also Curator of the widows

II. By Election:
6. Jacob Miksch. --- 7. Christian David Busse. ---

March 4th 1825. - I94th Session. - III. The president communicated to the committee, that an opportunity has been found to settle a claim to Store No. 1 from the Duerninger's trade-house in Herrnhut and that Br. Schweinitz is willing to forward the payment, supposing that the store will bear the risk, when probably by a check a loss may result, and that the store will pay interest for the capital to the Gemein-Diaconie.

V. The president announced, that the single brother Joseph Stoz by the helper of the congregation (pastor) has signed the rules and regulations of the congregation, because in the public auction of the possessions which were left behind by his late father he wants to buy his house,
and could not wait for a meeting of the Over-Seer Committee.

March 17th 1825. - 195th Session. - IV. The warden announced, that Br. J. Friedrich Wolle, who intends to move to Bethlehem, has paid his land-rent and he intends to give up his part of the citizen’s lot, and he had already talked with Br. William Schmick about the crops which is on taking the land, and the latter one had agreed on it, if the committee will give its consent to it. And because Br. Schmick had asked for land already for some time, the committee gave its consent, that this said land shall be rented out to Br. Schmick.

March 25th 1825. - 196th Session. - III. (a) The brethren Jos. Stoz and Haman agreed together, that they will fence in the Big Spring, and every one will have to take care of half of the spring to which they agreed. They will have to keep in order the spring too.

(b) The committee reported, that regarding the use of the water of said spring one agreed, that Br. Jos. Stoz shall never be hindered to use for his trade as much water as he needs. The plantation, which at present Br. Friedrich Miksch has in rent, shall on two days of the week for the irrigation of the meadows, have the exclusive use of the water; but on the other days Br. Stoz shall be authorized for the use of the water. Br. Friedrich Miksch had chosen Monday and Tuesday for that purpose.

(c) Regarding the street, which Br. Stoz want to make straight (Bethlehem Street) the committee reported, that the brethren had taken a look at it and they found, that the street could not be made quite straight. The Land for Br. Stoz was then measured and the street shall be made as straight as possible. Br. Friedrich Miksch expressed his wish, that he would make an agreement with Br. Stoz, that the latter would let him have a footpath to the village. And Br. Miksch promised Br. Stoz to let him have a free passage to the stone-quarry.
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IV. The single sisters had the desire, that they should like to have a building, where they could put in the hay. A committee was appointed, which should look over the place and tell of their opinion to the Over-Seer Committee. It should be an additional building to the building, which is in the yard of the single sister's house. The size of the building shall be 16 X 21 feet. The lower part of the building on the side towards the square shall be nailed up, but the other sides shall be left open and shall be used as a wood-shed, and the upper part shall be a place for hay. The warden had made a calculation of the building. The committee gave its consent to this building. The brethren Hoeber and C.H. Beck were asked to take care of the performance of it.

June 1st 1825. - 201st Session. - II. Bro. John Seyfried had put before the committee the desire, that inside in his house an entrance should be made to the cellar, because in winter it is too difficult to go to the cellar from outside. The committee had no objection to make.

August 5th 1825. - 202nd Session. - IV. The president announced, that Mr. George Haus had inquired, how much taxes he would have to pay to the community. The committee considered this point and was of the opinion, that an inhabitant of the village, who does not belong to the congregation, should have the same right to get as much water as another citizen. But one could not request so much of other contribution. The committee declared unanimously and resolved that both Mr. Haus and Dr. Walter should pay every three months $1,00 taxes.

VII. The president reported, that the Bethlehem road has been marked out in one straight direction, but that the road-master in view of the expenses, which the work on the road after this change will cause, gave trouble. The committee believed, that from that side nothing would have to be feared, and it was of the opinion, that the fence should be put...
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put according to the marked out direction and the road one should leave as it is.

August 26th 1825. - 203d Session. - I. The president reported, that the committee, which had been appointed from among the Over-Seer Committee, had seen the big house in Lower Old Nazareth, in which John Schmidt is living. The brethren of that committee had found, that the repairs in that house could be made with little expenses, But because Br. Whitesell, who pays for John Schmidt's lodging the rent, was dissatisfied, when he heard about the repair, that in case considerable repairs would be necessary, which would increase the rent, the committee agreed that in John Schmidt's living room the ceiling should be repaired and the wall should be plastered over, and by that one would leave it.

III. The warden put before the committee the closed accounts of the Gemein-branches for the year 1824. From them it could be seen, that the Store No. 1 closed with a deficit of $ 39, 14, and the Store No. 2 closed with a surplus of $ 5,55½. The Inn had a surplus of $ 1,17½. September 9th 1825. - 204th Session. - III. The account of the Water-conduit from June 1st 1824 to May 31st 1825 closed with an additional receipt of $ 73,38½ of which are $ 15,24 outstanding debts.

IV. The president brought before the Committee a complaint of Dr. Jacob Christ, that Br. Walter had traded a horse for a number of hats, in order to sell these again, and also Br. Miller has hats for sale in the Store No. 2. The president added that he had talked with Br. Miller about this accusation, and from him he had heard that Br. Walter had not bought those said hats, but that he, Br. Miller, had taken them from the buyer of the horse, because they were very cheap, and because by this he wanted to do the Dr. Walter a service, when he could enable the owner of the hats, to buy his horse from him. Br. Miller had further declared,
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that he does not care for a trade with hats, and he is willing, to let have Br. Christ those bought hats for $27.00.
The committee was satisfied with this representation and the brethren agreed, that one shall give the complainant the answer, that the reason and for his complaint had been examined, that one had not found any cause for blaming Dr. Walter nor Br. Miller, and that when he thinks it advisable to keep hats for sale, the brethren of the committee would not hinder Br. Miller from doing so.

October 7th 1825. - 205th Session. - II. (a) It was mentioned that Br. Haman had not found his cistern near the laundry-house watertight, for when the rain was over, he noticed, that the water was running off from the cistern in a short time. Because a good cistern is necessary for the village, the committee was then discussing, how to put the cistern in a good condition. But finally the brethren agreed to it, to wait still a while.

V. Br. Friedrich Miksch announced, that his father, Nathan, Miksch, had lately moved from the village to them, in order to get better care, and in the village his house he had offered to Br. Johannes Maehr for sale. They also agreed about the purchase-price. Now Br. Miksch asked, whether the Gemein-Direc-tion would have any objection about it.
The committee had no objection and gave its consent, that Br. Maehr should become the owner of the house.

November 4th 1825. - 206th Session. - I. (d) The warden related, that Br. Maehr had moved recently into his newly bought house and his former lodging in the old store is now vacant.

III. The committee conferred with each other about an order, which it had received from the Gemein-council, concerning the Streets of our village, which should receive proper names. But because one was not
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not prepared, to carry out this wish of the Gemein-council, this point was then postponed for another session.

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January 4th 1826. - 210th Session. - II. Br. Hoeber reported, that some changes had taken place in the old Store. The widowed Sister Catharina Miksch, after having received permission, on account of her increasing illness, moved from the Stone House in Upper Old Nazareth to the Old Store to the lodging, which had been rented formerly by Br. Peter Kern. Br. and Sister Weinland have moved with the permission of the Warden to the vacant lodging in the lower story of the Old Store for a yearly rent of $35.00.

Br. Hoeber announced, that Friedrich Beitel is moving to the Stone House in Upper Old Nazareth into the lodging, which was occupied by Sister Miksch.

January 10th 1826. - 211th Session. - II. The committee acknowledged with gratitude another gift of $300.00 for the Nazareth Gemein-Diaconie from the Unity's warden committee.

February 3d 1826. - 212th Session. - III. The Elder Conference recommended to the Over-Seer Committee to examine, whether the sale of sweet-stuff and beverages, recently/through Br. Samuel Ricksecker, would not be apt to cause frequent meetings of mixed companies of our youth, which would have unfavourable consequences.

The brethren remarked, that they till now had not noticed or experienced anything of that kind and they promised to keep open eyes on this matter.

IV. A letter from Br. Christian Heinrich Miller to the committee was read. In this letter he expressed his desire, that it might be permitted to him, to take over the Store No. II on his own account.
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This request was postponed for further consideration.

Members of the Over-seer Committee, which according to the Synod of 1825, had been elected in February 27th 1826 for the first time.

I. Ex-officio:
1. Nicholas Elias Hoeber, Warden and President; also Curator of the widows;

II. By Election:

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March 3d 1826. - 1. Session. - NOTE: - The newly elected Over-Seer Committee in February 27th had organized itself in a meeting on the 1st of March, in which Br. Hoeber was appointed as president and Br. Carl Kluge as recorder of the minutes. This appointment found its sanction by the Elder Conference.

II. The committee took up the order of the Gemein-council "to give the Streets in our village proper names", and it agreed to propose to the Gemein-Council that the main street should be called in the future: MAIN STREET; and the one street, which intersects the MAIN STREET by the Market-house towards East and West shall be called: UPPER EAST and UPPER WEST Street; and the street which near the INN runs to the East and West over the MAIN STREET, shall be called LOWER EAST and LOWER WEST.

March 10th 1826. - 2nd Session. - I. The warden had received a letter from Br. Schweinitz, in which he reported, that Mr. Mallary in Wilkes-
Barre is willing on his request to accept the agency for the Horsefields' land in Luzerne County, which belongs to the Nazareth and Bethlehem Gemein-Diaconies. It had been reported to Br. Schweinitz, that for 2 pieces of said land, namely for Hollock's and Bedford's lots, buyers had been found. The conditions, under which Br. Schweinitz is willing to sell them have been approved by the Bethlehem Conferences as well as by the Nazareth Elder Conference, and were laid before the Committee for examination. The conditions are the following: For the first piece (Hollock's farm) Br. Schweinitz asks for the acre $12.60 in cash, or in yearly terms with interest according to the judgement of Mr. Mallary; and he promises, to pay the lien of $490.00, which is resting on it, if the buyer, Mr. Hodgden, will give the price for the land, which had to deduct been asked; or the lien of the price of the whole, if he rather wishes to buy the land with the lien on it. -- For the second piece of land (Bedford's lot), for which has been found a certain Mr. Harding, Br. Schweinitz asks $7.00 per acre with the same conditions in view of a lien of $300.00, which is resting on it, as by the first piece.

The prices for both pieces are the same, for which both Diaconies were taking over the land from Br. Horsefield.

The committee gave its consent for the sale of the several mentioned pieces of land according to the above mentioned conditions.

April 7th 1826. - 4th Session. I. The closing account of the Choirdiaconie of the single sisters from January 1st to December 31st 1825, as well as the Status of the same in December 31st 1825 was put before the Committee. From the first one it was seen, that the Diaconie had a surplus of $326.26.

April 20th 1826. - 6th Session. I. The single brother John Clewel by trade a cartwright, who had lived for some time in Bethlehem, had asked
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asked for permission, to settle in Nazareth. Br. Rondthaler announced, that the Elder Conference had been considering the request and had found no cause, to give their consent to this request. Because Br. John Clewel is known as a decent man and because no cartwright has been living here at present, the question, "whether the Over-seer committee would give its consent, that the request of Br. John Clewel shall be granted" was answered in the affirmative. Br. Rondthaler undertook it, to care for it, that Br. Clewel, before he establishes himself, shall sign the rules and regulations of the congregation.

III. Br. Hoeber announced, that Br. John Clewel from Bethlehem is willing to buy the house of the late Br. Christian Miksch, if the lot, which is situated beside the house, will be given to him for the erection for a building for his work-shop, and now he is asking for it. After a thorough discussion and consideration of this matter, one was convinced, that in case the street, on which that lot is situated, should be built out, one could not lay out the other lots in such a way, that they have the necessary size, when Br. John Clewel would be measured to half a lot of the same depth as the house-lot. It was therefore proposed, both of the house-lot and the half lot, for which Br. Clewel is asking, to cut off so much in the back, that in the future it would form one lot, which in the front would be 150 feet long, but only 140 feet deep. The question, "whether the committee would give its consent, that this is done that and this lot should be given to Br. John Clewel as a ground-lot, about which he could be satisfied, and that he also should get a lease?" was answered in the affirmative by the majority. Because through this arrangement the uniformity of the building-lots on both sides of the street has again been restored, a former resolution
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Resolution was brought by this opportunity to the remembrance of the Over-Seer Committee, that in the future nobody should have more than one lot of the established size.

It was further resolved, that Br. John Clewel shall pay rent for 1½ lot (front), and when the water-conduit should be lead further, in the same proportion he should pay water-tax. Also Br. Clewel shall get the land, which had been rented out to possessor of the thought house, for rent.

Finally thought the committee, that it would be fair, that Br. Clewel who had before possessed the mentioned half lot, would give Br. Michael a compensation for the fruit-trees, which are standing on it, because Br. Michael had to do the same, when he took over that same lot, and since that time more trees have been planted. Br. Michael will keep of that lot so much as is not included in Brother Clewel's lot.

April 28th, 1826. - 7th Session. - II. The warden laid before the Committee a sketch of a contract, which shall be made with Br. Jos. Stoz regarding the stone-quarry. The committee had nothing to remind.

May 26th, 1826. - 8th Session. - Br. Hoeber related, that Br. Miller wishes, that his request might be brought into consideration and be decided. It was then resolved, to take the matter up at once. Br. Rondthaler announced, that Br. Miller's request had been taken into consideration by the Elder Conference, and that it is the opinion of this conference, that Br. Miller could not get the permission now, that he takes over the Store No. 2 on his own account, because the last Synod had recommended it urgently, that one should be considerate, to keep up the Gemein-branches and to improve them.

Br. Hoeber also made some remarks about the importance of the branches and its surplusses for the defraying of the ordinary expenses of the Gemein-Diaconie.
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After this matter had been discussed still further, the majority resolved, that said request of Br. Miller could not be granted, because one had the hope, that the Gemein-branches in time will become more profitable, and above this Br. Miller does not seem to be inclined to pay a premium.

August 1st 1826. - 12th Session. - I. It was brought before the Committee, that a repair of the Inn would be necessary. It was resolved with the consent of all the members of the committee, that this repair should be undertaken not later than in the month of September. It was also resolved, that the front side of the old house should be cast roughly and should get the same color as the new Inn. The windows in the second story should have Venetian blinds.

II. The request of Dr. Philip Walter, to become a member of the Nazareth congregation, was taken into consideration. The general declaration of the present members was, that nobody could say anything about his conduct till now, and in the contrary the members had the founded hope, to receive in him an exemplary member of the congregation. The question was put: "Does the Over-Seer Committee give its consent, that the permission is given to Dr. Philip Walter, to become a member of the congregation in Nazareth" and the members of the committee answered in the affirmative.

III. Because the warden has let clean the well near the store of Br. Miller, he asked, what should be done with the pump? which as it is now, is very hard to pump, that even in a danger of fire it would not be possible, that four men could stand it to pump, especially because the valve of the patent pump gets easily out of order. The committee advised to change the pump again for an ordinary pump.
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August 22nd 1826. - 13th Session. - II. From the Elder Conference the request of Br. Joseph Hillman, to become a member of the congregation in Nazareth, was recommended to the Over-Seer Committee for consideration. Br. Hillman has been considered till now as a member of the congregation in Schoeneck. The difficulties, which had been in the way of his former request, seem to be removed now, and he is at present in the business of his father-in-law (Br. C. H. Beck) and his shoemaker's trade has not been detrimental to others. Because nobody had to say anything against his character, the committee gave unanimously its consent, that Br. Hillman should become a member of the congregation of Nazareth.

September 11th 1826. - 14th Session. - III. Br. Rondthaler announced, that Mr. George Haus and his wife had asked to become members of the Nazareth congregation and that the Elder Conference had considered his request and had found no obstacles, to give their consent.

The consideration of this point by the committee was postponed for the next Session.

IV. The balance of the accounts of the branches and the Gemein-Diaconie were laid before the Committee.

From the inventory of the INN it showed, that in the last fiscal year there was a deficit of $ 55,47½.

The Store #1 had this year a surplus of $ 6,18½, and the Store #2 had also a surplus of $ 58,25.

From the balance of accounts of the Gemein-Diaconie, from June 1st 1825 to May 31st 1826 it was seen, that there was an additional expenditure of $ 1064,43, which is almost $ 500,00 less than last year, about which one was glad, and one hopes of further improvement.
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From the STATUS of the Gemein-Diaconie in May 31st 1826 one saw, that the UNCOVERED PASSIVA, inclusive the Passiva of both stores amount to $14 521, 22 2/3.

V. Also the accounts of the Water-conduit and the citizen's treasury from June 1st 1825 to May 31st 1826 were put before the committee. The account of the Water-conduit had an additional receipt of $21,12 2/3 and the Citizen's treasury had an additional receipt of $115,84 1/2.

September 13th 1826. - 15th Session. - Concurrent conference. - The Land-committee, which had been appointed and which consisted of the brethren Hoeber, C. H. Beck, Gottfried Kern and Busse and Haman, had done their work and now they were ready to tell, that they were convinced, that when it would be necessary, over 100 acres of woodland could be cleared, notwithstanding the use of the forest in the future. Of course that is not meant in one place, but in several places and in several pieces. By this one could gain land for plantations. It was told that to lease out for money-rent would be the most profitable one. And if the plantation would be a little smaller, it would be better, because then the farmers would spend more time and diligence and trouble for the working of the farm. It was proposed, that 3 plantations should have 40 acres for ploughland, namely of No. 1 19 acres, of No. 3 about 10 acres, and of No. 4 about 11 acres. And this land should be rented out to citizens. This proposal was then accepted of the committee and it was unanimously resolved, that this shall be done as soon as it is possible. Several other proposals were made regarding the land. One proposal was, that the triangle between the Christian Spring and Gnadenthal street should be cleared.

II. It was proposed, that the forest-inspector should receive $30,00 wages, and he should pay $60,00 annual land-rent.
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September 15th 1826. - 16th Session. - II. The minutes of the Land-Committee was looked over and more proposals were made. New leases should be made for several years, so that in one year not more than 2 of the new leases expire. These conditions, which were proposed by the committee, will help to improve the land and will also cause an increase of the receipt for the Gemein-Diaconie, by means of increase of the rent. Another proposal was, that the rent for the citizen's lots should be raised, if the taxes for the farmers will be raised.

III. The question, whether one should sell one or more plantations in behalf of the Gemein-Diaconie in order to pay the debts, was answered by the committee in the negative, because the prices for land are now low. Then it is not absolutely necessary to sell land, because one can still hope for an improvement in the administration as well as in the produce of the plantation.

IV. Regarding point 9, whether not new means and ways could be found, by which the income of the Gemein-Diaconie could be increased, the Land-committee recommended to the general conference the following:

(a) It should be inspected, whether one could not put up with profit für Hanf-reibe the Gemein-Diaconie a clover-mill connected with a hemp-grater.

(b) It should be considered, whether one could not build a windmill on the light by the Paint-mill for the benefit of the Diaconie, because by often a long continuing dryness the water-mills/cannot satisfy the need of the neighborhood.

(c) That one should consult men of knowledge, whether there is not any hope of finding iron ore on the Nazareth land, for instance in the so-called Lundt-spring mountain, because since the erection of a furnace in our neighborhood, and the great need of ore, which will flow from it, it would be for the Gemein-Diaconie a profitable business.
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The committee could not decide about the two first points, but it was
postponed for further consideration.

Regarding the point about the ore it was said, that now is not the time
for looking for ore, because the owner of the Furnace has at present
no need of ore, which may change in the future. Therefore the search
for ore should be left for this time.

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The committee recommended to consider, whether by the low conditions of
the Insurance-Companies it would not be wise, at least to insure the most
important buildings, which belong to the Gemein-Diaconie, against fire.
But because this would increase the expenses, the Over-Seer committee
resolved, the thought of the Land-Committee should be postponed for
and closer
further consideration.

September 18th 1826, 17th Session. - Concurrent Conference. - The Bre­
thren Schweinitz, Rondthaler and van Vleck were present. The Over-Seer
Committee was together completely.

Br. Schweinitz according to the desire of the conference was present
for the confering of the proposal of the Land-Committee, that the far­
mers of our plantations should get new leases for several years. The
Over-Seer Conference take up this matter at once.

After one had read from the report of the Land-Committee the paragraph
which concerns this matter, Br. Schweinitz declared as his opinion, that
for the Gemein-Diaconie and for the farmers it would be better, when
the leases would be drawn for several years, because then the farmers
would have more interest in their plantations, and they would make it
a point, to cultivate them with more diligence and faithfulness, which
would then quite naturally tend to the advantage of the Gemein-diaconie.
For this reason would he (Br. Schweinitz) give his entire consent to the
proposed change of the leases.
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The Conference agreed in this point with Br. Schweinitz completely, and the proposal of the Land-Committee, "that for all farmers of our plantations new leases, and that for several years, should be drawn, but so that no more than two of the same expire in one and the same year," was accepted unanimously.

Then one took up the consideration of the proposal of the Land-Committee, to raise the rent of the farmers.

The committee believed, that the former produce of the plantations, which amounted in the average of $2,12 per acre, and which is considerably less than the plantations of our neighbours, which have land of the same value and yield more, is too little and that it should amount at least to $2,50.

The Land-Committee therefore proposes, "that instead of the Half of the Winter-grain, and the Third of the Summer-grain, in the future Half of all the cultivated grain on the land, should be delivered as rent, with the reservation, that in the leases it should be determined, how much winter-grain should be sown, so that not too little of it will be sown." The committee proposes further, "that for orchards and meadows $4,00 rent annually should be paid in the future." The committee believes, that the diligence and the fidelity of the farmers will be increased by such an increase of the rent, and that they can yet exist by it, if they exclusively trouble themselves with the management of their plantations.

Against this the remark was made, that it is doubtful, whether a farmer in this country can exist with such a rent, and if it is not possible, it would be hard, if by such demands, one would compel the brethren, which at present have rented the plantations, to move away.

After a thorough discussion of this matter, the question was raised: "Whether the conference is in favour, that it should be requested, that
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that in the future half of the entire sowing as rent for the plantations
shall be claimed, besides retaining all other obligations of the leases."
This question was answered in the negative, 5 were in favour and 6 were
against it.
Then the question was put: "Shall it be demanded, that half of the win-
ter-grain, and One-Third of the Summer-grain shall be delivered, with
the determination, that at least the third part of the ploughable land
should be sown with winter-grain, except in the last year before the
expiration of the lease."
This question was answered in the affirmative by the majority.
Finally it was asked: "Whether for orchards and meadows in the future
an annual money-rent of $4,00 should be demanded?" -This was unanimous-
ly answered in the affirmative.
The other conditions of the new leases will be determined in a future
Session.
September 29th 1826. - 18th Session. - I. Br. Hoeber related, that Dr.
Walter has still in mind to build a house in the village, and he desires,
that he can get the building-lot, for which he had asked. (In the minutes
of a former Session Dr. Walter had asked to get the lot on the North-
western corner of the Center Square, which had been used since by the
single sisters.) Br. Hoeber told, that he had by that opportunity an-
nounced to Dr. Walter, that he had to show a sketch of the house, which
is the rule of the congregation.
Because Dr. Walter has first asked for that said lot, the question was
put to the committee, whether it will give its consent, that Dr. Walter
shall have that lot. The committee answered this question unanimously
in the affirmative.
Therefore Br. Jacob Clewel, who had asked for the same lot later, cannot
have it.
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II. The president brought before the committee a request of Br. Christian Hoeber, that the building-lot on the north-east corner of the Center Square, besides Br. Friedrich Danke's lot, might be given to him, in order to build on it a dwelling-house next year. As nobody had to say anything against it, the Committee gave its unanimous consent for granting the request.

IV. Br. Gottfried Kern, who had lost his former place for a board-yard by Br. Christian Hoeber's building, had asked for about ½ acres of the field, which is situated above Br. Friedrich Danke's house-lot, and at present is in use by the single sisters, in order to put his board-yard there. He would be satisfied with ½ an acre, if one would not like to take away from the single sisters ¾ acre. Because one was convinced, that Br. Kern would be helped, and that in no other place he could have it so convenient, the brethren resolved, that Br. Beck, senior, as curator of the single sisters should be notified about the request of Br. Kern, so that he could have opportunity, in case some objections against the granting of the request should be made, to give information.

October 13th 1826. - 19th Session. - I. Mr. George Haus and his wife, who had request to be accepted as members of the Nazareth congregation, were granted the request unanimously.

D. Br. Hoeber related, that he had talked with Br. Beck regarding Br. Gottfried Kern's request and that no objection had been made. Br. Gottfried Kern received ½ an acre land along the street for a board-yard. Between the same and the paint-mill remains still ½ acre, which the warden in the mean time will keep for his own use.

IV. It was resolved, that at once about 10 acres of land should be cleared on the Friedensthal street in the hope, that some farmers might be found.
October 27th 1826. - 20th Session. - I. Br. George Miksch had asked to establish himself here in Nazareth as saddler, which request the Committee unanimously granted.

November 10th 1826. - 22nd Session. - II. Br. Jacob Clewel had asked for a building-lot beside Dr. Walter's lot, the present cabbage-field of the Single Sisters, for building a house, which was granted unanimously by the Committee.

IV. The president brought before the committee a request of Br. George Miksch, that he might be permitted during the winter to carry on the saddler-trade in his father's house.

The committee believed, that granting the request would agree with the stipulations of the lease of Br. Friedrich Miksch, and it would be a precedence for others.

For this reason the Committee could not very well grant the request, and one came to the conclusion, that one should give him the answer, that he should look around in the village for a work-shop.

V. Regarding of new leases the warden was asked, to design new leases in which all such stipulations should be put, which he thinks would be necessary, and then it should be laid before the committee for examination.

III. The warden complained, that Mr. Matthew Henry, who had formerly the permission, to fetch leaves from the Nazareth Forest, and to whom it was later told him, that he should discontinue to do so, did not heed the prohibition, and is still continuing getting leaves from us through his people. The committee suggested to the Warden, who had asked the committee for advice, that he should write a letter to Matthew Henry and shall state in it, that he is not permitted to fetch leaves, and the warden should send this letter express to him. The warden should also
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state in that letter, that if he would not pay attention to this prohibition he would be sued judicially.

V. It was agreed upon, that from now on, all ploughable land, which will be rented out to the farmers, $2,00 per acre will be claimed.

December 7th 1826. - 24th Session. - Concurrent Conference. - I. (a) Br. Hoeber reported, that the wood-lots have been sold by auction and that it was a success, for he had received for that wood $315.00.

(c) Mr. Matthew Henry had refused to pay for the leaves, which he had received from the Nazareth Forest.

December 22nd 1826. - 25th Session. - I. Br. Rondthaler, who was present, announced, that the single Brother John Adam Seybert from Lancaster, who has accepted the occupation as a clerk in Store No. II, has to be considered from now on as a member of the congregation of Nazareth.

II. Br. Rondthaler brought the desire of the single sister Henriette Ernst, that she would like to become a member of the Nazareth Brethren's congregation. He remarked also, that the Elder Conference had no consideration and had granted her desire.

Because nobody could say anything about her character, the committee gave its consent, that said Henriette Ernst shall be accepted as a member of the Brethren's congregation in Nazareth.

III. (b) The warden announced, that the designs of the new leases had been delivered to Br. Schweinitz for revision and that he had proposed, that the leases should in the future bear the name of the proprietor, and they should not be made in the name of the Warden, because nobody can give a legal lease, who has not a lawful right to the land, which is to be rented out.

The proposal has been therefore made and has been permitted by the Elder Conference, in order that the Warden of the congregation shall be autho-
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authorized to write out the leases in the name of the proprietor.
The committee agreed with this proposal.
Besides this change no other important changes had been proposed by
Br. Schweinitz.
It was still remarked, that at New Year to the various farmers shall
be sent notices of dismissal.
V. Br. Christian Hoeber's building-sketch was laid before the committee
and nothing had to be remarked about it.

VIII. Because the Elder-Conference had agreed with the proposal of the
committee, that from now on, all the ploughable land, which will be
rented out to farmers, an annual money-rent of $2,00 per acre shall
be claimed, and this has to be considered as an established fact.

January 5th 1827. - 26th Session. - III. A proposal regarding the er-
recting of a vestibule on the back side of the INN was considered. The
dilapidated proposal is, that this new vestibule shall extend from the vestibule
at the back door of the old Inn to the kitchen-door in the New Inn, by
which the kitchen will be protected from the water, which when it rains
also will run into the kitchen. There will be gained a room, which in Summer
can very well be used, especially as a place, where the workmen and
servants of the Inn-keeper can eat. This will also enable the Innkeeper
to use the room, which had been used for the latter purpose, for the
lodging of strangers.
The committee was convinced of the fitness of such a vestibule, and be-
cause one hoped, to build it without considerable expenses, the Com-
mittee gave its consent, that it should be done.

VIII. The warden announced, that Br. George Mikesch had taken possession
possession of the apartment in the former single Brethren’s house, beside Br. Christian Hoeber’s workshop, to carry on his saddler-trade. The rent for it, will be fixed later.

It was brought to remembrance, that that brother according to the rules he has to sign now the rules and regulations of the congregation, which should be done by the helper of the congregation (pastor).

February 2nd 1827. - 29th Session. - IV. The sketch to Dr. Walter’s house was laid before the Committee, to which nothing could be said.

February 16th 1827. - 30th Session. - II. Regarding the land it was proposed, that the Citizens should get this year one half of the land and the other half they will get next year.

It was resolved, that the various applicants, before the lots are surveyed should draw lots in order to define, where everyone will get his lot. The first Number will be at the paint-house.

March 2nd 1827. - 31st Session. - Because Br. Peter Kern had left the Over-Seer Committee, Br. Jacob Miksch was elected in the former’s place. He was for the first time in the meeting.

March 22nd 1827. - 32nd Session. - IV. Br. Gottfried Kern will have to pay for the lot, where he has his board-yard, $3,00 per year, which he is willing to pay.

V. The balance of the account of the Store No. II of the year 1826 was put before the committee. From it it was seen, that there was a surplus of $100.44. Because this is the first surplus of importance, which the Store No. II has made since several years, it was proposed, that Br. Miller should have for his encouragement a douceur (gift). The Elder conference proposed $20,00.

The objection was made, that this sum is a too great a part of the entire surplus, and especially because the stores make seldom a surplus.
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It was then proposed, that Br. Miller should receive a gift of $10,000 but also this proposal was refused by the majority.

April 6th 1827. - 34th Session. - Br. Hoeber exposed, that the new surveyed building-lots on the north-east and north-west corner of the Center Square contain about 5 1/2 feet more land than they should contain according to the Village-plan. He asked then the question for a decision whether in the leases, which have to be designed for those lots, so many feet of land shall be stated as they really have received, or whether so many shall be stated as the Village plan requires.

The committee because it was not prepared for this matter, postponed the matter for another session.

April 17th 1827. - 35th Session. I. (b) Regarding the lots on the north-east and north-west corners of the Center Square the committee remarked, that it is suitable, when the corner-lots a little more land is measured to than it ought to be, because as it is they are small, and one did regret it, that the brethren Walter and Jacob Clewell had divided themselves in the difference, because by doing so we have been unable, to give the first one whole piece, which is situated between the two lots.

June 1st 1827. - 37th Session. III. The inventories and the balances of the accounts of the Store No. I and of the INN were put before the Committee. The balance of the account of the Store No. I showed a surplus of $2,44, and the balance of the account of the INN showed also a surplus of $0,841 4/4.

July 20th 1827. - 38th Session. - The warden reported, that the repairs of the Hall have been started, but are not finished as yet.

August 17th 1827. - 39th Session. - I. (b) John Schmidt had requested to become a member of the Nazareth Congregation, which was granted by the committee.
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August 31st 1827. - 40th Session. - I. (b) Br. Hoeber reported, that he with the brethren Busse and Banke had made examinations in view of building a tannery, and had been looking for a suitable place, near our village. The opinion of the brethren was, that two places had been found, which would be suitable for a tannery, the one in Br. Johannes Clewel's and the other one at the lower end of Br. Stoz' meadow. The latter one consider the brethren the more excellent one.

In the conference, which followed it was remarked, that one in no wise could give Mr. Riegel a building-lot in the village, because he is no member of the Brethren's church. But it was resolved unanimously, that 1) one would enter negotiations with said Mr. Riegel, and 2) that one would show him the above mentioned places, and would hear his opinion about them, as well as to hear from him his intentions.

III. Before the Committee were laid the balance of the account of the Gemein-Diaconie in Nazareth, from May 31st 1826 to June 1st 1827, as well as the STATUS of the same Diaconie in May 31st 1827. From the balance of the account it was seen, that the Diaconie had an additional Receipt of $ 233, 19½, and we rejoiced, that we had this receipt, especially because the Gemein-Diaconie has not had a surplus for many years. From the STATUS one saw, that the uncovered Passiva of the Nazareth Gemein-Diaconie amounted in May 31st to $ 14 288,00.

IV. Br. Haman brought a request before the committee, that he might be permitted to accept Dr. Steckel, who for a long time with few interruptions had lived in Bethlehem in various capacities, as Bar-keeper and as guide for the strangers for a trial.

It was remarked, that Br. Haman had received from Bethlehem very good recommendations, and that one gives in general Dr. Steckel a good charac-
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character. Dr. Steckel is willing under similar conditions as Br. Weinland, to serve for free board and about $30,00 yearly salary. The committee understood, that Br. Haman needs necessary help, because Br. Weinland on account of sickness is no more able to serve, and because one could be lieve, that Dr. Steckel would be very useful, the question, whether he should be accepted on a trial as Barkeeper and guide for the strangers, was answered in the affirmative unanimously.

September 14th 1827. - 41st Session. - I. Br. Hoeber reported, that Mr. Riegel had looked at the places, which were considered to be the places for starting a tannery and he has preferred the one in Br. Storz' meadow at the corner, which is formed by Br. Friedrich Miksch's land and the agrees perfectly and Bethlehem Street. Further he is satisfied with the conditions, under which it can be permitted to him to start here a tannery, and he wishes to get a lease for 10 years. But he insists upon, that in the future it should not be any longer permitted to Br. Haman, to carry on a leather trade.

The last point caused a conversation about the fitness and the equitability, to withdraw from Br. Haman that privilege. The result was, that it would not be dealt in a fair and brotherly manner, when one would harm a member of our Congregation for the sake of favor for a stranger. It was then resolved, that the answer should be given to Mr. Riegel, that one could not demand Br. Haman, that he for his sake should give up the leather trade.

October 5th 1827. - 42nd Session. - I. (a) Br. Hoeber remarked, that Mr. Riegel had not asked again, what the decision about his request has been, and one can conclude from that, that he is giving up his intention.

III. A request of Br. Haman was brought before the Committee. He has the desire to get a small ICE-CELLAR for the Inn. This was taken into con-
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consideration. The committee saw, that this is a very useful and desirable matter, and after the brethren had considered the probable cost of the plan and about the use of such an ice-cellar, the Committee gave its consent, that Br. Haman should carry out his plan.

October 26th 1827. - 43th Session. - Br. Haman has asked for some changes in the INN, which were now conferred with each other. He had proposed (a) To divide the two large rooms in the second story of the old Inn into little bedrooms; (b) To break a door into a bedroom, which is in the second story of the new Inn, to which one has an entrance through another room.

These changes, especially the latter one, were understood by the Committee as very expedient, and gave therefore its consent to its being carried out.

November 9th 1827. - 45th Session. - IX. It was announced, that the Nazareth Gemein-Diaconie had received again a gift from the Unity's Warden Committee, of $ 600,00, for which the brethren were very grateful.

November 23rd 1827. - 46th Session. - II. The committee took into consideration the matter with Br. Miller, who had with Br. Charles Molther entered partnership, and had accordingly started a store near Schoeneck. Whether Br. Miller by doing so had not acted detrimental against his agreement with the Gemein-Diaconie in the VIth article, that when he took over Store No. II he obliged himself, not to carry on no private-business besides the store No. II.

satisfying Br. Roeber remarked, that Br. Miller had given him information about the money, which he had put into that business. But the committee could not yet approve Br. Miller's procedure, because he had acted against the spirit of the agreement. The brethren did not think it advisable, to do anything further in this affair, until one could prove, that Br. Miller's
Miller's conduct in connection with the above mentioned partnership tends to the evident disadvantage of the Store No. II, which has been entrusted to him by his administration.

December 10th 1827. - 47th Session. - I. (c) Br. Hoober reported, that Br. Beck, senior, had declared to him, that the Gemein-Diaconie shall have the full possession and free use of the warehouse, besides a driveway to the warehouse in his yard, under the condition, that from him shall be deducted so much ground-rent, as one would have to pay for the part of the lot, on which the warehouse is standing. But he reserves the right, that the warehouse shall be moved away as soon as it is convenient to do so.

From the sum, which Br. Beck claims, he could not deduct nothing, because the house, which he is exchanging for his house has been found in a worse condition than he had expected; yet he does not request, that pure cash may be paid to him, but he intends to pay with the same amount his debt to the Gemein-Diaconie.

The committee considered the conditions under which Br. Beck is willing to exchange his house against that house, which his son is at present inhabiting, as very fair; only one insisted upon it, that Br. Beck should not have the exclusive right over the well, which is situated on the corner-lot.

The question: "Whether the exchange of the house, which is at present used by Br. Miller (STORE NO. II) shall be arranged against the house, which is inhabited by Br. Jacob Beck, under the conditions, which are proposed by Br. Beck, senior," was answered unanimously in the affirmative.

December 19th 1827. - 48th Session. - I. (a) The committee again spoke about the fitness, to allow the managers of the Gemein-branches certain in general percentage of all surplusses, and because one was convinced of the fit-
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fitness of such arrangement, the question: "whether the committee does approve, that in the future the managers of the Gemein-branches in Nazareth shall be permitted certain percentage of all in their trades or businesses arising surplusses," was answered unanimously in the affirmative.

The proposal was then made, that all managers of the branches should receive the same percentage, which was also approved.

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(b) Br. Hoeber reported, that an exchange - contract had been closed with Br. C. H. Beck, and the 22nd of February 1828 is the day, when the delivery of the mentioned houses on both sides shall take place.

Br. Hoeber related further, 1) that he had come to an agreement with Br. Beck, that those houses, which Br. Miller had built himself, should not be put into the account; and 2) that Br. Beck has stipulated, that the warehouse should be removed from his lot within 6 to 10 years.

(d) Regarding the request of Br. Charles Moeller, to carry on a bakery, it was decided, that he should not sell beverages, except beer and mead, and that he should carry on the bakery.

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January 4th 1828. - 49th Session. - I. b) The warden announced, that the jury, which had been appointed in consequence of a petition, which had been sent in by Mr. George Gold, had approved the laying out of a street through Br. Henry Beitel's plantation from the Friedensthal Street up to the street, which leads to Windgap.

III. It was announced, that Br. John S. Haman had bought the house of Friedrich Wolle, and he has asked now for the right, to become a house-
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The president undertook it, to communicate this wish of the committee
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II. By Election:

February 14th 1828. - The brethren, who had been elected in February 11th
gathered this evening, with the exception of Br. C. F. Kluge and Br. Wm.
Schmick, who had gone on a journey, in order to organize themselves.
The brethren appointed Br. Hoeber as president and Br. C. F. Kluge as
recorder of the minutes.

February 29th 1828. - 53d Session. - III. Br. George Haus' sketch for
his new house was put before the committee, and nothing was to be said
against it.

Said brother made at the same time a request for two rows of apple-trees.
Because Br. Jacob Brunner wishes to give up one row of apple-trees, the
same will be offered to Br. Haus.

VII. Br. Andr. Whitesell wishes to get a thrashing-machine and he made
the request, that the necessary arrangement in and around his barn could
be made.

The brethren Christian Brunner, Jacob Miksch and Hoeber, who had seen
the machine and who had talked with Br. Whitesell about the necessary
arrangement, gave the Committee satisfying information, about the ad-
\vantage, which is to be expected from it for the farmers and the lessors,
because the grain will be thrashed much cleaner, and then it can be thra-
shed at any time. This machine can also without difficulty put into the
barn.

Because this matter for the purchase sake, could not suffer delay, the
three brethren, above mentioned, were ordered as a committee by the Over-
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If Over-Seer Committee, to look at Br. Whitesell's barn, and when they
find it expedient, they should with the consent of the Committee give
Br. Whitesell the permission for the performance, and that he for build­
ing the shed etc. he should be permitted to get the necessary wood from
forest, and the rest of it he would have to do on his own expense.

March 14th 1828. - 54th Session. - I. b) Br. Hoeber reported, that Mr.
George Ricksecker is willing, in case that he should get a building-lot,
to build this year on it a stable and a shed, and he would make the ne­
cessary arrangement for building a dwelling-house also.
The committee asked the question: Whether Br. George Ricksecker shall
have the building-lot by the side of Friedrich Danke's house, with the
supposition, that he builds next year a dwelling-house on it, which was
answered unanimously in the affirmative.
c) The appointed committee, which had been at the place, where Br. Andreas
Whitesell wants to put a thrashing-machine, after they had seen the place,
they had no hesitation to give the permission to Br. Whitesell, to erect
a shed for the machine.
Br. Whitesell made also another request, that the Gemein-Diaconie may
give him the necessary shingles, rafters and nails, and when he would
give up the shed, he would not ask for compensation for it. This matter
should be put before the Over-See Committee.
It was then remarked, that the shed could be also used for other purposes;
if the thrashing-machine would be removed, and in case the shed gets the
same height as the barn is. But because one did not know about the height,
and one had not spoken with Br. Whitesell, this matter was postponed for
another time.

March 28th 1828. - 56th Session. - I.a) It was remarked, that Br. White­
sell's shed is finished, and that the thrashing-machine is going. Although
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Although the shed is as high as the barn, yet there is above so little room for the keeping of grain etc.

Nevertheless the committee considered it fair, to allow Br. Whitesell the compensation, which he himself had proposed, and it was unanimously resolved, to grant his request.

IV. Br. Henry let announce, that he wished to put his son Joseph to Br. George Beitel in Schoeneck in order that he may learn there the tinker-trade, but he would do it only under that condition, that the work, which his son has finished may be sold. It is his intention now as well as in the future, that when his son will establish himself here, that the finished work as much as it is possible to sell in stores outside of the village, and he would not depend upon the work for customers.

The committee had no consideration to give its consent to it, that Br. Albrecht could sell the articles, which his son is making, in the village; but the Committee thought it well, to remind Br. Albrecht, that his son had not his full age and therefore when his son wants to carry on the tinsmith-or tinker's trade, that it could only be done in his father's name.

May 9th 1828. - 58th Session. - II. Because the often mentioned new Street through Br. Henry Beitel's plantation shall soon be opened, and the lane, which constitutes a part of it is entirely on Nazareth land, one could expect rightfully, that Mr. Leibert, the possessor of the adjacent land, could give a piece of his land for the laying out of the new street. But because the nature of the ground in said lane does not make it desirable, probably to use a part of the same as farm-land, and Mr. Leibert/unwillingly loose of his land, it was then proposed, to leave the lane as it is, if Mr. Leibert would agree to it, to pay to the Gemein-Diaconie for the value of the land, which he otherwise would have to sacrifice.
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This proposal found general approval, and Dr. Hoeber was asked to negotiate with Mr. Leibert about it.

III. Dr. Walter announced to the Committee, that he had accepted a certain Mr. Haines as student. - The same has signed a Regulativ (Regulations).

V. The balance of the accounts of Store NO.1 of the year 1827 was put before the Committee. It showed a surplus of $7,67.

VI. The inventory of the INN of last year was presented to the Committee. It showed a surplus of $15,73. - It was also to be remarked, that the INNkeeper in the last year was able to improve the stock considerably and the good management cannot be mistaken.

June 20th 1828. - 59th Session. - The president related, that negotiations with Mr. Leibert in regard to the new street, have been unnecessary and purposeless, because the Road-master is obliged, to lay out the new street according to the lawful ordinance. All adjacent land-owners have to give a piece of their land.

July 18th 1828. - 60th Session. - II. A certain Mr. George Levers had asked to have the permission, to start a tannery in the village. But the committee was hesitating on account of the man's character, to grant his request.

There was another request of Mr. Charles Weber, who also wants to start a tannery here.

The Committee considered whether and under which conditions one should enter negotiations with the applicant.

The question, whether the committee is inclined regarding of starting a tannery to enter negotiations with Mr. Charles Weber, was unanimously answered in the affirmative.

Regarding the conditions, under which alone it will be permitted, to
to settle here, it was decided that they should be the same, which had been given to Mr. Riegel before, and when he will report to the Warden, one will let him have the choice between the two places for starting a tannery.

July 23d 1828. - 61st Session. - Br. Hoeber reported, that Mr. Charles Weber had been with him and he himself had asked for permission to settle in our village as tanner. The two places had been shown to him, and he had preferred the place in Br. Friedrich Miksch's meadow, south of the lane, which leads from the Bethlehem Street to Br. Miksch's house. He also was satisfied with the conditions, which were mentioned to him. He declared also that he is willing to be good for all damage, which the starting of a tannery may cause. He also wants to know as soon as possible, whether the permission will be given to him, to carry on his business here.

Br. Stoz and Br. Hoeber reported, that he had also talked with Br. Fr. Miksch about this matter, and he had received the declaration, that they do not oppose the starting of a Tannery, although it is unpleasant for them. Br. Stoz fears, that the dogs, which like to move to a tannery, may spoil in the night his still soft bricks, and that also the irrigation of his meadow may suffer by it.

Br. Friedrich Miksch does not like the beginning of a tanery at the above mentioned place, because he fears, that the plantation, which he has at present rented, regarding the irrigation of it might be harmed. He asked therefore, that when the request of Mr. Weber should be granted, one should take care, that this plantation may not suffer by it. The tanner at the lane should also be obliged, to have a trough, so that the neighbour's cattle may not always drink at his spring-house.

The committee thought, that one could not expect this from Mr. Weber,
but the brethren thought it advisable, to tell Mr. Weber of the wish of Br. Miksch, for the latter.

Regarding the fear of Br. Miksch, the brethren agreed upon it, that it should be the first care of the Committee to avoid all harm which might be caused by beginning a tannery. The committee believed, that when the spring would be cleaned, from which the farmer and the tanner receive their water, there would be necessity of worry, especially when the tanner would lead the water to his tannery in pipes.

For the security of the plantation it was resolved, that Mr. Weber's pipes in the spring should be lying higher than Br. Friedrich Miksch's pipes, so that Br. Miksch should get one inch of water before it begins to run into the tanner's pipes.

It was then determined, that Mr. Weber should have half an acre, more or less, in the meadow, which has been rented at present by Br. Friedrich Miksch, for the starting of a tannery.

Mr. Weber should have to pay $4,50 rent.

Regarding the term of rent it was resolved, that Weber should get a lease for not more than 10 years.

If Mr. Weber in that time should wish to rent for himself and for his family a lodging in the village, no difficulties would be caused, supposed that he, according to the rule, would sign a Regulativ (regulation).

The garden thought, that the Gemein-Diaconie for security's sake and for with Mr. Ch. Weber avoiding quarrel in the future, it would be wise, to make an agreement about the conditions, under which one is willing, to allow him the beginning of a tannery on Nazareth Land. Br. Hoeber had designed an agreement after which the lease of Mr. Ch. Weber will have to be made. In a meeting on July 25th that agreement was laid before the Committee and received its approval.
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August 8th 1828. - 62nd Session. - VII. A member of the committee related, that he had reason to believe, that a company of people, which do not belong to our constitution, but who live in the village, intend to put up a hickory-pole in honour of the one candidate for the President's office in the neighbourhood of Nazareth on Nazareth Land.

Because it is a principle of the Brethren's congregation not to meddle with political disputes, the committee declared unanimously, that it should not be tolerated by all means.

Br. William Schmick was then ordered to have a watchful eye upon such persons, and if they want to carry out their intention, notice should be given at the proper place.

VIII. It was announced, that Br. Carl F. Kluge on account of another appointment he resigned from the Over-Seer Committee and as Recorder of the MINUTES. The brethren gave thanks to the brother for his faithful service in the committee.

August 22nd 1828. - 63d Session. - I. In the place of Br. Kluge was elected Br. Carl A. Blech, who was welcomed to the Committee by Br. Hoeber and then he was elected unanimously as Recorder of the Minutes.

September 23d 1828. - 64th Session. - III. The warden reported, that Br. Miller wished that a pavement of rough stones should be made before his warehouse, where recently a cistern had been dug. He wants that pavement, so that in winter the goods can be unloaded and put on a dry ground. The committee considered his request as fair, and it was resolved, that it shall be done.

October 29th 1828. - 65th Session. - Br. Hoeber announced, that a newcomer from Germany, a certain Matthias Beuchle, had arrived here and that he was looking for a lodging for himself and his wife and two daugh-
daughters. He is a weaver, but will work as a daylaborer, and he seems to be a decent man. They shall have a lodging in the upper story in Hessler's house until April 1st. He pays for rent 50¢ per month, and if he wants to stay in that house after the 1st of April, he will have to pay a little more, because he has also the use of the garden, which he does not use now on account the winter, which is approaching.

III. Br. S. Oppelt intends to build a house next summer, he is looking for the building-lot below Br. Ch. Miller and for the right of a house-owner. The committee had no objections to make. Br. Oppelt was granted that lot, with the supposition, that he will give a compensation for the fruit-trees, which Br. Haman has now in rent.

Several people had applied for starting a tannery, but every everyone of them failed.

December 20th 1828. - 68th Session. - V. A piano had been bought for the Inn without having asked the committee for permission. But it was stated, that it had to be done in the hurry and therefore no permission from the committee could have been asked.

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1829.

February 6th 1829. - 71st Session. - V. The single brother Gotthold Michael had asked permission, to start in the village the cabinet-maker's trade. It was remarked, that because he is born in the congregation and also was brought up here, had also learned his trade here, one could not refuse his request. It would be quite different, if he had come from another place and would then have asked for permission to carry on a trade. The committee unanimously answered his question in the affirmative.

March 6th 1829. - 72nd Session. - II. Br. Haus has sold his house to Br. Oppelt, and the latter one asked, whether there are objections to be made?
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Because he has the right of a house-owner already all objections are removed.

III. The single Bro. Thomas Clewel has bought his father’s house from the executors, and he asks now for the right of a house-possessor, which was granted to him.

March 23d 1829. - 73d Session. - V. Br. Friedrich Miksch asked, whether the Brethren’s house would be sold, for he was inclined to buy it. Because that house brings a rent of $120.00, it would of course cost more than perhaps Br. Miksch would like to pay for it. The Diaconie should also have some houses in possession for the visit of some laborers and widows, who are about to take a rest. Then Br. Haman has also a part of the barns in use and if one would sell the brethren’s house, then more additional houses would have to be built at the INN. The committee made the resolution, not to sell the Brethren’s house now.

VI. The question was put, whether one should not make a trial for seeking pit-coals on the Diaconie-land? After a discussion one came to the conclusion that one should resolve to spend $20.00 or $30.00 for it.

March 30th 1829. - 74th Session. - II. Br. Friedrich Miksch asked, whether his son Josuah would be permitted to carry on the potter-trade in the village, and whether the father could have the building-lot besides Br. Charles Moeller. The only consideration was, whether the son is already 21 years old, and when this was answered in the affirmative, the permission was given to carry on the potter-trade in the village. By the second point it was remarked, according to the rule, a citizen was permitted a building-lot only then, if he thinks really to build soon a house. Br. Miksch will probably not build this year, but because one had no doubt, that he will build as soon as it is possible, after repeating the conditions, which were given Br. Oppelt regarding the fruit-
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fruit-trees, that he namely had to come to an agreement with Br. Haman, the permission was given to him to have the building-lot.

V. By closing the accounts of the Store No. II for the last year, it showed, that there was a deficit of $ 600.00. Because in the previous year already a deficit of $ 390.58 was shown, it seemed very plain, that one could not let go on this affair. It was then proposed, that a new inventory should be taken. The matter was discussed manyfold and postponed for further consideration.

April 22nd 1829. - 75th Session. - I. Regarding Josua Miksch it was stated, that he will be 21 years in February of next year. The mentioned building-lot has been surveyed for Br. Fr. Miksch, and he will make preparations for building the house, and next year he will receive a lease.

II. The brethren Hoeber, Christian Brunner, Jacob Miksch and William Schmick have found in the garden of the single sisters a suitable place for a cow-stable in consideration of the building-lot, which the sisters are using now, and have marked it out. A calculation of the wood for the frame has been made and one has found, that it needs about 7000 feet.

Mr. Kostenbader offered to deliver the wood for $ 100.00, which was considered cheap, and the offer was accepted.

April 27th 1829. - 76th Session. - II. Regarding the Store No. II it had been proposed, that Br. Miller should take another inventory and that the Warden should be present, and the brethren Schmick and Busse should help taking the inventory. But then Br. Miller objected, that the room in the store is too tight for 4 people to work at the same time, and he asked, that the Warden alone should come and be present. But when the other brethren would like to come too, he would be glad. One believed that no important mistakes had been made by taking the inventory, and if there are some mistakes, it is more likely, that they are in the books.
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May 8th 1829. - 77th Session. - I. Br. Hoeber had taken the inventory in the presence of Br. Miller and now appeared different from first, for it showed a deficit of $ 51,641. The mistake was not in taking up the goods, nor in the books, but in the closing of the account itself. He had accepted the tributary capital of the Gemein-Diaconie inclusive the credited deficit as before, and the warehouse, which formerly had been put down with $ 200,00 as activum he had forgotten, and after some little corrections the above mentioned deficit was shown.

II. After this the brethren were discussing the fitness either to keep the store or to sell it. The opinion of the Committee was, that they thought it is now time to try to get rid of it. The brethren suppose that a Kanon (?) who would take it upon its own account, would get $ 100,00 for it, could get it. The question was then put: Is the Over-Seer Committee of the opinion that, when no objection is raised by the P.H.C. (Provincial Helper-Conference), one should propose the sale of Store No. 2.

May 25th 1829. - 78th Session. - II. Br. Rondthaler reported, that the matter with the Store No. II had been before the P.H.C., and that same Conference has left free hand to the Gemein-Direction to act after best judgement. According to the opinion of the Committee, that the Store No. 2 should be sold, the offer was made to Br. Miller to buy the store. He is willing to pay the amount of $ 3735,80$, as the value of it, which is shown by the inventory, although it was shown, that he will have a loss of $ 80,00$, because the inventory had been calculated too high. The stipulation was made for him, to pay annually a Kanon (?) of $ 50,00$ with the exception of the first year, for which would be charged nothing. Br. Miller agreed to it. By the remark, that one has no power to force a which refers to this Kanon, the paragraph of the Rules and regulations of the congregation/
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was read and it was remarked, that one would have to depend upon the given promise, and according to the spirit of the Gemein-Rules it should be acted.

Br. Miller is not able to pay the above mentioned amount in cash, but he is willing to give a judgement-bond and the debt he will pay off gradually. Because he intends to sell some of his lands, he asked, that one should not record the judgement-bond immediately, for he would be hindered in selling his land. Then he promised, that before he would give a second bond or other obligations to somebody, he would first give notice of it, so that the Gemein-Diaconie could let record her bond. Because by no means one had reason to doubt Br. Miller's honesty, and because one has the power to enter at any time such an instrument in the recorder's office, one believed, that no danger is connected with it, if one would grant Br. Miller's request, and when the question was put: "Whether for an indefinite time the Committee approves the request of Br. Miller, that the judgement-bond which we have to obtain from him, should not be recorded immediately", was answered unanimously in the affirmative.

When this matter was further discussed, the question was raised, whether such a bond extends only to the half of the stock, which Br. Miller has together with another one in partnership, to which the answer was given, that this is not the case, but that for instance Br. Mølther as partner of Br. Miller is also included in the judgement.

Another thought was expressed, whether it would not be wise, in order to be perfectly sure, when Br. Miller would insure his goods etc. in an Insurance-office, or whether one should not demand a bondsman?

Regarding the interest there was no other thought, than the one, that he should pay 5% interest for the above mentioned sum. Rent he will pay as before, $ 120,00. The Gemein-Diaconie will bear the cost of the repairs.
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If the buildings shall be enlarged it must first be announced and the expenses Br. Miller will have to pay interest.

When the warehouse, which is standing on Br. Beck's adjacent lot, must be moved one day, the Diaconie will have to take care of that.

III. Br. Rondthaler announced, that Bro. and Sister Mortimer would like to move from New York to Nazareth, and that Br. Schweinitz has made an attempt on the former lodging of Bro. and Sister Oppelt, against which nothing was said.

V. One did regret, that the retail-shop gives the youth much opportunity to spend their money, and that the moral is in danger to suffer by it.

June 17th 1829. - 79th Session. - II. Br. Joseph Hillman put before the committee a request to start a tannery in the former Brethren's meadow at the place, which had been marked out for Mr. Riegel.

The committee had no consideration to grant the request and then the Br. Hillman's Brethren were conferring with each other about the desire, to lead the necessary water from the reed-pond down by means of Randeln (?). Also this wish was granted to him. By this opportunity the thought was expressed, that it would be better, to lead the pipes into the Big Spring.

August 5th 1829. - 80th Session. - II. Br. Miller had discovered that some important mistakes had occurred in the inventory. This has caused, that a new calculation and inspection had been done by Br. Kummer, after which it was shown, that the real deficit amounts to $ 423,80. One found it necessary, that a new judgement-bond with consideration of this mistake in favour of Br. Miller should be written. The debt, which Br. Miller to the Gemein-Diaconie owes/is $3363,65.

III. The balance of the account of the INN was reported. After the deduction of the share of the surplus, which was awarded to the INN-Keeper, the pure surplus amounted to $ 89,04½.
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IV. The committee conferred with each other the condition of the Store No. I, which this year had an important deficit. The brethren expected still some discussions of Br. Senseman concerning some various points of the balance of the account.

September 21st 1829. - 82nd Session. - II. Regarding the Store No. I a close examination was made concerning the deficit, and after some explanations of Br. Senseman the entire matter received a quite different appearance. A check, which had been considered dubious, had not been taken into the stock, which gave cause for an apparent important deficit. If this check is taken up then a surplus of $ 25,00 is shown. After a summary of the balanced accounts in the last 10 years, it was seen, that for the store had not brought a loss for the Gemein-Diaconie, and the Capital and buildings interest has been paid punctually, and although a small gain has been made, the brethren believed, that there was no reason as yet to hurry with the sale of the store.

Br. Hoeber had a talk with Br. Senseman regarding of some complaints concerning the management of the store.

IV. Br. William Clewell in Schoeneck desires to erect on the lot beside his house, which he has for rent, a smithy, which was permitted to him.

VII. Br. Hillman had again inquired about the resolution of the committee regarding the permission for water for his tannery. That time already the committee had permitted him to lead a part of the water down to the tannery, and now it was resolved to allow him to put on a mouthpiece of one inch in diameter.

December 4th 1829. - 87th Session. - VI. The committee heard with gratitude that the U.A.C. had sent a gift of $ 225,00 to the Diaconie as a help.

December 16th 1829. - 88th Session. - II. George Hahn received permission to move into Demuth's house after John Haus had declined to move into it.
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VI. It was announced, that Br. L. D. v Schweinitz is now proprietor of the Pennsylvania land, and that from the 4th of December all the leases must be given under his name, and Br. Hoeber had received a letter of power of attorney.

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January 8th 1830. - 89th Session. - V. Br. Rondthaler remarked, that complaints come to his ears about the two bakeries in the lower part of the village, and he asked the brethren, to consider, what could be done in this matter. Br. Rondthaler had spoken several times with the brethren Ricksecker and Miller, and although they testified, that they keep order, the complaints have not yet ceased. With grief have they heard, that they not only sell molasses, beer and mead, which is permitted to them, but also wine and cordial they are selling by retail. The brethren wished, that the brethren would keep the conditions, under which they can sell those articles. The brethren Rondthaler and Hoeber were asked, to speak to the above mentioned brethren again, because nobody else liked to do this.

January 22nd 1830. - 90th Session. - III. Br. Hoeber reported, that Br. Rondthaler and he had carried out the order and had talked with Br. Ricksecker, who was contented with the sale of small beer. He was willing, to sell no other beverages. But Br. Miller did not receive the message in a good mood and he also declared, that he is not willing to give up the sale of wine. The brethren told him firmly that he had no permission to continue the sale of wine. He also complained, that he did not get any orders for baking love-feast buns, about which he was informed.

V. Br. Friedrich Miksch asked for a lot besides his son, in order to build on it a house next summer. Because probably on the latter lot not so soon a dwelling house will be built.