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October 22nd 1849. - 21st Session. - 3. Dr. Hacke had written request for permission to practise as physician, which was put before the committee. The committee had to make no objections.

6. The warden, Br. Roepper, announced, that he had made a contract with Chas. Hay for the farm No. 7 for $77.50 per acre.

7. It was agreed upon, that Br. Leibert should not get more land than 10 acres for $1100.00.

November 30th 1849. - 25th Session. - 5. F. W. Lorenz had made the request to become a member of the Nazareth Congregation, which request was put before the committee. The latter one had no objections and granted his request.

December 18th 1849. - 26th Session. - 3. The warden announced, that the Plattenberger's lot had been sold to Mr. Fehr for $1200.00.

6. Dan. Riegel's lease will expire next spring, and he wishes to rent the lot anew. It was then proposed and resolved to extend Dan. Riegel's lease for a year longer.

Members of the Over-Seer Committee, which had been elected for the second year in January 1849.

I. Ex-officio:
1. W. Th. Roepper, Warden ad int.

II. By Election:

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January 17th 1850. - 28th Session. - 5. The committee had no objection
to grant the request of Lucinda Miksch, wife of Jos. Miksch, to become
a member of our congregation.

January 18th 1850. - 29th Session. - 2. Jos. Nieth had made the request
to have a lot of land east of the plantation No. 6 and south of the
Mount Bethel Street. The president related, that he had been with Nieth
and had talked with him about the price for the land. Nieth will give
$ 110.00 for it, if he can get the piece of land which had been granted to
John Wetzler in the Session of January 17th, with the exception of the
Steinkopf (stone-head), and if the stone-head is included in it, he
would pay $ 105.00 per acre. It was proposed and resolved, to accept
the offer of Jos. Nieth.

3. It was resolved, that one should offer to John Wetzler the stone-head
for $ 35.00.

January 24th 1850. - Concurrent Session. Several young people had re­
quested the Minister to be confirmed and to become members of our con­
gregation. They are: A. Whitesell, Ferd. Herbst, James Cawly, Louise
Whitesell, Rosanna Herbst, Olivia Riegel, and Levina S. Stout. The El­
der Conference wished to talk the matter over with the Over-Seer Com­
mittee. The question was, how those persons have to be looked at, for
it does not seem to be clear, how one shall deal with them, because they
have been do not belong to the Brethren's congregation, but yet they have been con­
firmed by us and have received Holy Communion with the congregation.

After a long discussion one came to the conclusion, that such persons
by the confirmation have not exactly become members of the congregation,
but they will be considered as people under the care of our brethren
and as candidates for reception.

Further one spoke about it, that the reception into the congregation

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should be done in a public meeting. One came to the conclusion, that the reception should be held in a meeting of the communicants.

January 24th, 1850. - 30th Session. - 3. The committee of a citizen's meeting had made the claim for the yearly aid of $200,000 from the Gemein-Diaconie towards the establishment of a village boyschool. This lead to further considerations. It appeared from a calculation, that with pretty certainty it is to be expected, that the Gemein-Diaconie in the future will have a surplus of about $1500,00 annually. (Here has been sold land for about $58,000.) On a proposal it was resolved, to give to the Sustentation-Diaconie an annual increased contribution of $755,00, so that said Diaconie will receive annually from the Gemein-Diaconie in Nazareth $1000,00. - The citizen's treasury receives annually $200,00, of which yearly will be retained $100,00 for the payment of its debt by the Diaconie inclusive the Waterconduit, until the debt is paid off. For the village-school were appropriated $300,00 per year. The balance which be left will be divided into 3 parts, of which receives the Sustentation Diaconie one part, the Nazareth Citizen's treasury and Schooltreasury will receive a second part, and the third part will remain with the Diaconie for its own improvement.

4. It was proposed and resolved, that the P.H.C. should be invited to attend a meeting of the Over-Seer Committee.

March 7th, 1850. - 33rd Session. - 4. From the Schoolhouse-Committee the request for the lot north beside the church, also a request for $1800,00 advance was made. Both requests were granted, with the provision for the latter one, that the balance of $100,00, after the interest for together with the advanced money to 5% had been paid from it, shall be used for the rent of the teacher for the payment of the debt of the capital.

May 2nd, 1850. - 35th Session. - 1. The president, Br. Roepper, reported
that the contracts of the sale of land had for the most part be ful-
filled and the deeds with the exception of a few had been delivered.

Through the selling of land has been paid off the debt of the adminis-
tration, as well as a number of private creditors, which had been ef-
fected partly through untied money, partly through transferring of bonds.

August 8th 1849. - 37th Session. - 1. The request of people, who want to become members of the congregation, was considered again. It was then proposed and resolved unanimously, that it should be told to those people, who had asked for it, that under the present circumstances, when one does not know how long we can exist any further, no reception to the congregation shall be permitted.

3. It was proposed and resolved, that the old painthouse should be sold on an auction, so that it can be taken down and removed.

August 26th 1850. - 38th Session. - 3. The warden, Br. Roepper, related that Tobias Willower, had wishes to buy the lot, which had been rented out to Phil. Clewel, by Schoeneck, also if a lane between the same and his present lot would be laid out. The said lot would not contain then quite 2 acres. It was then resolved, said lot to offer to Willower for $75.00 the acre.

September 26th 1850. - 41st Session. - 4. The president, Br. Roepper, announced, that Mother Rondthaler's house had been sold to R. Christ. For mother Rondthaler a room shall be arranged in the Sister's house.

October 17th 1850. - 42nd Session. - 2. Because several requests had been made for buying land, the warden wishes to hear the opinion of the committee, whether one shall still sell some land. It was proposed and resolved, that of each of the Old Nazareth farms 30 to 40 acres should be sold and an acceptable price should be received for it. But the committee does not wish at the present time, to see whole planta-
tions sold.
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November 4th 1850. - 43rd Session. - 3. The committee believed, that the first work, which should be done, should be that a townplan should be made. A committee of 3 brethren were appointed for that. The brethren Roepper, Busse and Hoeber.

November 22nd 1850. - 44th Session. - 2. The president related, that the Elder-Conference and the P. H. C. had approved the joining for the abolition of the lease-system.

3. The Town-plan, as far as it had been succeeded, was laid before the committee. The question was raised, whether the street south of the now built upon part shall be made straight. As the street to Bethlehem runs deviates the same several degrees to the west. The committee agreed to it, the streets at the first convenient place, south of Charles Whitesell's house, should be turned. The committee approved the plan as it was laid down by the committee of the townplan. With the lot, on which Sister Ros. Beitel had built a house, a change on the plan has been made, about which one has to come to an agreement. The committee was of the certain opinion, that Andrew Whitesell's lease should be recalled.

November 28th 1850. - 45th Session. - 2. The completely drawn up Town-plan was laid before the committee and unanimously approved. On the southern part of the same, from the street, which runs from the Big Spring towards east, the streets and lots have not been laid out. This part however as far as to the township-line shall be considered as belonging to the Town-plan, and the ground shall not differently sold, than in Town-lots.

3. The committee divided the lots regarding the prices in 3 classes:
   IInd Class: Lots striking to alleys: $ 8,00 per 1000 square-feet.
   IIIid Class: Lots without alleys: $ 7,00 per 1000 square-feet.
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Those three double lots in the new part of the Townplots, which are laid out and are 350 feet deep shall be counted to $6,00 per 1000 square-feet. Further it was resolved, that when a lot is taken up, the buyer shall sign an agreement, in which he binds himself, within the time of a year to put on the lot at least a value of $500,00 of permanent improvements. Only then, when this condition has been fulfilled, the buyer will receive a deed. When the agreement is signed, the buyer will pay on account $10,00, which in case of not fulfilling the condition, it will fall together with the lot to the Gemein-Diaconie. Interest on the purchase-sum will be paid from the day, that the land is taken possession of.

4. The following persons have asked for building-lots: G. H. Bute, Jos. Hack, Christ. Seyfried, A. G. Kern, O. Hillman, S. Schaefer, Henry Fendler, D. Riegel (for the lot between Whitesell and Brunner), J. O. Beitel, (for the board-yard lot), Calvin Beitel, George Christ. Their applications were unanimously granted. A request by John Boyer, to buy the Nazareth Hotel, was refused for this time. George Ehret wants to know the price of the house, which Chr. Seyfried inhabits. It was resolved, that $1500,00 should be asked for it, inclusive of the lot. The warden was authorized, if he does not get the price of $1500,00, he should drop $100,00 of it.

December 5th 1850. - 46th Session. - 2. It was proposed and resolved, that because the season had advanced so much already, when arrangements for building could be made, it was established for this time, that until the 1st of December 1852 a building must be erected on the lot, if the buyer wants to keep it and take up a deed for the same.

5. A. G. Kern has withdrawn his request for a building-lot. - F. Kern asks for the lot east of Rosina Beitel. The committee made no objection.
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December 6th 1850. - 47th Session. - 3. The request of Hoeber and Leibfried, for the lots north of the Ephrata-drive-way for the use of a brick-yard, was taken into consideration. This lot was then granted to the said brethren for the said purpose for 5 years (from April 1st 1851 to April 1st 1856) under the following conditions: Hoeber and Leibfried will have to buy the fences, which belong to the Gemein-Diaconie, along the street and lane and half of the fences between this lot and L. Gerlach's lot. And the fence at the Ephrata-Garden they will help to keep in order, and they must not damage them by too much close digging of ground. After the expiration of the said 5 years, the lot will have to be returned in a workable condition.

Instead of this lot to the warden was allotted the lot situated south of the Ephrata lane, which at the present is rented out to J. Leibfried.

December 14th 1850. - 48th Session. - 2. The request of D. Riegel, to become a member of the congregation, was again taken into consideration. It was proposed, and then resolved, that D. Riegel, his wife and 4 children should be accepted as members of the congregation, but that Riegel's could not have the full right of the congregation until the new Rules and regulations of the Congregation are finished printing and until he fully agrees with them and signs them.

December 19th 1850. - 49th Session. - 10. The brethren Roepper and Hoeber were appointed by the Over-Seer Committee as a committee to revise this last Minutes before the election of the new Committee.
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In the Gemein-council on the 2nd of January 8 brethren were elected for the Over-Seer Committee.

I. Ex-officio:
   1. W. Th. Roepper, Warden and President of the Over-Seer Committee, elected unanimously.

II. By Election:

The four first brethren were elected for 2 years; the four last brethren were elected for one year.

January 9th 1851. - 1st Session. - To-day the committee assembled for its first session, in the evening at 7 o'clock. All the brethren were present in full number. Br. Levin Reichel in the name of the Elder-Conference opened the session with a short address. Then the committee organised itself and elected unanimously Br. W. Theo Roepper, the warden of the congregation as president and Dr. Joseph Hark as recorder of the Minutes.

3. Peter Hummel asked for Mother Danke's lodging in Ephrata, and his request was granted and by the majority of votes it was put down, that he should pay $ 25,00 rent per annum.

January 27th 1851. - 2nd Session. - 2. The business instructions for the Over-Seer Committee from the General Synod of 1848 were on request read. 3. It was proposed and supported as well as unanimously approved to declare to the Gemein-council, that the committee thinks it advisable
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to postpone the matter of the sale of fields to the citizens for some uncertain time.

7. Leibfried and Hoeber shall buy the fence around their brick-yard lot. The president, Br. Roepper, wishes that 2 brethren should be added. The brethren Jacob Clewel and Chr. Musselman were willing for it.

8. A sub-committee for the revision of the rules and regulations was elected, it consisted of the brethren: A. G. Kern, John S. Haman, William Christ, Chr. Musselman and Jacob Clewel. They should give their report to the committee.

February 20th 1851. - 4th Session. - 3. The secretary of the Sub-committee of the Revision of the new rules and regulations of the congregation read the report to the committee. The discussion and deliberation of it was postponed for the next session.

February 27th 1851. - 5th Session. - 2. John Schmidt, the carpenter, asked for the building-lot south of Jos. G. Beitel’s boardyard. Unanimously it was granted to him.

4. The discussion of the report of the Sub-committee was taken up. The revision of the new rules and regulations of the congregation gave the following result: Paragraph 5 shall read, "the second of the Gegein-conferences is the Over-Seer Committee". This change was accepted by the majority of votes. The last part of the 3d article of paragraph 5, according to which it shall be the duty of the Over-Seer Committee, to settle quarrels, which have arisen between members of the congregation, was struck out by the majority of votes. - Paragraph 6, article 6, was in the following manner unanimously changed: The annual account of the Gemein-Diaconie shall be communicated to the Gemein-council summary, but no discussion shall take place. The committee is at liberty by the sale of houses, of grounds, as well as in other important cases to get the opinion of the same.
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Art. 7 was changed unanimously in that way, that only such brethren can be elected for the Over-Seer Committee, who are inhabitants of the village, who are 25 years old and who have been already for 3 years members of the congregation in Nazareth. To the other committees are also only inhabitants of the village eligible. - Article 11 was accepted by the majority of the votes, that the proposal of one third of the Gemein-council is sufficient. - Article 2, paragraph 8: shall read: When a servant of the congregation receives a call to a congregation, as a rule he should acknowledge and accept it. But in order to give opportunity, to make in time remonstrances on well founded considerations, therefore every intended call shall be announced to the Elder-Conference and Over-Seer Committee, in order to make any remonstrances and again to hear the result of it.

The addition to paragraph 9 was unanimously modified, that by girls, whose parents do not yet belong to the congregation, it is necessary, that they reach the 18th year, which is requisite for the reception to the congregation of the same.

March 6th 1851. - 6th Session. - 2. The sub-committee regarding the rules and regulations of the congregation proposed, that if somebody has not paid the taxes and will on account of poverty make presentation, he will reply to the Over-Seer Committee instead of to the Gemein-council regarding exclusion from the congregation. This proposal was supported and unanimously accepted.

3. It was proposed and supported, to make a report to the Gemein-council of the following resolution, and an earnest cooperation should be requested, namely: "Because since some time a real heathenish disorder is carried on by occurring marriages by young people in the streets, which is against the spirit of a christian congregation, and especially
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which is directly against the spirit of a brethren's congregation, all parents and masters are urgently requested, to see to it, that their children and apprentices do not take part in such a nuisance, and they should do their utmost to check the same." This proposal was unanimously approved.

4. It was resolved that the modified new rules and regulations of the congregation should first be put before the Gemein-council.

5. It was proposed, that the increase of the rent should be postponed still for one year longer; but when building-land goes from one hand into another one, then the rent from $ 2,00 should be raised to $ 2,50. The proposal was supported and unanimously accepted.

6. The issuing of written leases was also postponed for another year.

7. Unanimously was the president requested to appoint still a committee of 2 brethren for the revision of the Town-plan.

March 20th 1851. - 7th Session. - 2. The committee over the revision of the Town-plan gave its report.

(a) The proposal, to lay out on the west-side of the main-street towards Moore Township lots of 250 feet deep, to border the same on the west by a 20 feet wide alley, which shall run as far as to the Moore Township Street, and shall end south in the Alley between the fire-engine house and R. Miksch's foundry, was unanimously accepted.

(b) The proposal, to lay out a 80 feet wide Street parallel with the Main-Street on the east-side of the village, was accepted by the majority of the votes. The street shall run east from Charles Whitesell's lot to above the former painthouse, and at both places it shall turn in into the Main-Street.

(c) Unanimously it was resolved, to lay out the lots on the east-side of the street down to Andrew Whitesell's place, 350 feet deep, and on
the west-side as deep as the ground permits it.

The proposal, that the lot on which the painthouse was standing, should be preserved for a RESERVOIR, found support and was accepted unanimously.

April 3d 1851. - 8th Session. - 3. It was resolved by majority of vote to sell to R. Miksch and Andrew G. Kern those 70 feet, which have to be added to their lots, according to the measure, for $ 25,00.

4. It was proposed and supported, to sell the 250 feet lots for 7¢ for 10 square feet. The proposal was accepted by majority of vote.

April 12th 1851. - 9th Session. 1. The president announced, that he had been called away from Nazareth, and that Br. Eberman from Bethlehem will take his place. This proposal was supported and accepted by the majority of votes.

2. The president want to know the opinion of the Committee, what he should do best with the money, which is there as surplus. It was the general desire, not to invest the money anywhere, but rather to pay off the debts.

April 24th 1851. - 10th Session. - 2ª Regarding the part of the TOWN-PLAN, which lies between the square and the Church and Hillman's tannery, it was proposed and supported, to accept the plan of the Town-plan committee, namely, to lay out on both streets 3 building-lots, 66 feet wide and 305 feet deep, which shall be separated by a 20 feet wide Alley. But the majority was against this proposal. - A second proposal was to lay out a 30 feet wide Alley from the Minister's house as far as to the Christian Spring street. This also was rejected by majority of votes.

6. George Bauer in Schoeneck wishes to buy his field along the lane behind Peter Steiner's lot (1½ acres). The proposal to let him have it
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have it for $80.00 per acre was supported and accepted by majority of
votes.

May 15th 1851. - 11th Session. 1. The president, Br. Roepper, introduced
Br. Eberman as the present warden, and the committee elected him immedi­
dately unanimously as president of the Over-Seer Committee.

6. The president on the part of the Elder-Conference announced, that
the P. H. C. had approved the new Nazareth rules and regulations of the
congregation. The Elder-Conference had ordered Br. Busse, to make a clean
unanimous copy of it. It was the desire of the committee, to let it be printed.

7. The proposal was made, that 600 copies of the new Rules and regula­
tions of the Congregation should be printed on cost of the Gemein-Diaconie.
This proposal was supported and unanimously accepted. Br. Reichel was
asked unanimously to take care of the printing, which he willingly ac­
cepted.

May 20th 1851. - 12th Session. - 5. The proposal was made, that Br. Goep­
should be requested, to bring back by purchase the old God's acre, which
belonged formerly to the economy, and which is situated between Nazareth
and the Christian Spring Street. The proposal found unanimous support.

June 12th 1851. - 13th Session. - 5. Solomon Schaefer had asked in his
boardyard lot, at the Alley, between him and Whitesell's land, to put
the fence on the line, which was unanimously permitted.

June 25th 1851. - 15th Session. - 6. The warden, Br. Eberman, announced
that it was found by the survey of Whitesell's lot, that the fence on
the lot of the deceased widow Beitel stands 26 3/4 feet over the line, and
that it may be feared, if the house will be sold and no objection has
been made before, that quarrel may be caused with the buyer. It was
resolved, that the warden should report it to the executor of the estate,
Br. Leibfried, to move the fence before the house will be sold.
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8. By a conversation with Br. Goepp regarding the old God's acre on Grueber's land, he found himself willing, to give $30.00 to it. - Dr. Sellers, and Br. William Beitel were appointed as a committee, to negotiate about the purchase.

5. The warden put before the committee the annual account from June 1st 1850 to May 31st 1851, which showed a surplus of $622.78, and the status had improved about $4428.46.

July 17th 1851. - 16th Session. - Br. Wilhelm had asked to rent the lime-stone quarry on the plantation No. 3, and he asked for the permission to erect a lime-kiln to burn his lime. It was proposed, to answer Br. Wilhelm on his request, that he can rent the same for 5 years, provided he obliges himself to make a fence around the quarry on his own expense, and also to make a fence for a lane as far as to the street. He also shall put the kiln on his own risk. This proposal found general support. To this proposal was added the following: that the president should have a conversation with Br. Wilhelm.

July 26th 1851. - 17th Session. - 2. The president reported about his conversation with Dan. Wilhelm and Jacob Beitel regarding the lime-stone quarry. They offer to give for every 100 bushel lime 25¢, then the one third of the value of the lime-stones, which they sell.

It was proposed and supported to make the offer to Dan. Wilhelm and Jacob Beitel, to rent out to them the quarry, if they are willing to pay annually $25.00 for burning lime, and if they burn over 10,000 B. bushels (?) then they should pay 25¢ extra for the hundred. Regarding their offer with respect to the bricks and lime-stones it should be accepted. This all was unanimously accepted.

4. It was proposed and unanimously accepted, that the piece of land at J. Seyfried's plantation which is in a straight line with the line on
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on Kram's plantation; and the piece, which has been sold to J. Seyfried shall be sold as far as to the Irish Lane.

7. It was proposed and supported, that the houses No. 5 on East Center Street, and Nor. 25 on South Main Street, should be sold at the same time when the land shall be sold in an auction, which will be held on the last Saturday in September this year on the PLACE.

9. John Gramlich from Philadelphia, Henry Venter's son-in-law, wishes to obtain the lot above H. Venter's lot. The proposal, to give him the lot No. 15 on the North Main Street, was supported and accepted by majority of votes.

11. Daniel Riegel shall be received into the congregation. The Elders-Conference requested the Over-Seer Committee, to send from their midst a brother, who should talk with Br. Daniel Riegel; A. G. Kern was elected for this purpose.

12. Sarah Spohnheimer by Jos. Seyfried asked for permission to the Congregation. It was proposed and supported and unanimously accepted, to recommend her for the reception into the congregation.

July 31st 1851. - 18th Session. - 4. It was proposed and supported, that from now on if a lot will be sold, the buyer will have to buy the fruit-trees, which perhaps would be on the lot, from the last tenant, and if the buyer and the tenant should not agree about the price for the trees, then 3 arbiters should be appointed. But the trees, which will come to stand on an alley or on a street, the last tenant shall be allowed to cut them down. This was unanimously accepted.

August 5th 1851. - 19th Session. - 2. Jos. Hillman desires to sell his tannery with the same rights, which he has had until now. It was proposed, to sell the lot on which the tannery is standing, to Jos. Hillman, which found unanimous support.
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3. It was proposed and supported, to lay out a 40 feet Alley from the corner of the Minister's lodging to the corner of Jos. Hillman's lot. The proposal was accepted by the majority of votes.

4. It was proposed to lay out 2 lots on Jacob Beck's street, and 2 lots on the square, each 140 feet deep, and 5 lots on the 40 feet Alley, each 70 feet front. The depth of the last 5 lots remained undeterminate. The proposal was supported and with 5 against 4 votes accepted.

5. It was proposed and unanimously accepted, to give to Jos. Hillman the lot for the tannery for 6 $ per 10 square feet.

August 15th 1851. - 20th Session. - 2. It was proposed and supported to sell to Jos. Hillman 191 feet front as the tannery fence runs and 140 feet or less deep parallel with the other lots. The proposal was accepted unanimously.

4. Rauch and Schaefer wish to use the Big Spring behind A. Whitesell's lot for trouts and to arrange it so, that no fishes can escape. The proposal was supported and unanimously accepted to give them the right, to put fishes into the big spring and to arrange it so, that it does no damage to others.

6. It was proposed and supported, that Jos. Hillman shall lead an inch of water from the box on the south-west corner of the schoolhouse lot to his tannery, provided, that so much water is in the box. Jos. Hillman shall lay the waterpipes from his place along the Alley west of the tannery-lot towards the church.

September 4th 1851. - 21st Session. - 2. Regarding the rent for the water-conduit to the tannery, the proposal was made and supported, and unanimously accepted, that $ 5,00 annually should be collected from Frederic Lorenz.

5. Peter Kern wishes to be received into the congregation, and the Com-
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Committee declared unanimously in favour of P. Kern's reception.

4. Josiah Beitel had asked for the Lot No. 30 on South Main Street for a fair price. The answer should be given to him, that he cannot have the lot except he pays the usual price of 7 ½ per 10 feet square.

5. Regarding the street by Fred. Lountz' tannery it was resolved, that the same should be made in a straight line with Jacob Beck's house, but that at this time not more than about 40 feet as far as to the west-corner of the tannery should be opened, and from there on it should be lead into the old street. - If there should be built a house on this street, it was resolved, that the street should be opened as wide as the same is at the two corners of Jos. Clewel and Jos. Hillman at present.

September 23d 1851. - 24th Session. - 7. It was proposed and unanimously accepted, that the lot No. 34 shall be sold to him. And to J. M. Stout a building-lot shall be sold as soon as the lots No. 30 and 32 in the same street are taken up.

October 28th 1851. - 26th Session. - 5. Calvin Beitel asks for the lot No. 9 on East Center Street. It was proposed and granted.

9. Dr. Walter wishes to obtain the piece of ground 40 feet deep behind his lot, between Jacob Clewel's and John Maehr's lots, for a good price. It was resolved, to give him the piece, provided that one would agree about the price.

November 3d 1851. - 27th Session. - 4. Dr. Walter offers $ 40.00 for the piece of land (mentioned in last session under paragraph 9). It was proposed to let him have the piece of ground, if the Elder's conference does not make any trouble in order to give the sisters a substitute for their loss, which is caused by this. It was accepted by majority of votes.

November 12th 1851. - 28th Session. - 2. The committee, which had been appointed formerly to grade with Br. Roepper the South-Main and East Cen-
East Center Streets, reported that from Josiah O. Beitel's new house till opposite from Henry Brunner's house the grade had been established for every lot about one foot fall. By digging off on the last place of 1 foot 8 inches and the filling up of the street on the corner by Andrew Whitesell of 6 inches a 2 grade had been made with something more fall than at the first one, and thereby the water from Jos. Beitel on receives a good outlet. - In the East Center Street was found a fall of 1½ feet from the corner by A. G. Kern's and J. C. Leibfried's house as far as to the street, which leads to Friedensthal, so that a grade had been accepted. It was then resolved, to accept the above mentioned grades in both streets and to establish them.

3. Regarding Dr. Walter's lot it was resolved, that he shall pay for the 4 feet ground, which are over 70 feet of his lot.

5. The brethren William Lennert, William Eberman and Christian Musselman had been elected as POOR-DIRECTORS by the majority of votes.

6. Jacob Miksch asked for the lot No. 11 on East Center Street, which he wants to buy and build a house on it. It was granted to him.

9. It was resolved, that 2 new shrouds, one big one and a small one, both of black cloth, should be procured. Also the old bier should be repaired. The brethren William Beitel and Dr. Sellers were appointed to perform it.

10. To Br. J. S. Haman it shall be announced, that he shall order to root out the Canadian Thistles on his lot behind the tannery, otherwise one would be obliged to take away from him the lot.

December 2nd 1851. - 30th Session. - 6. It was unanimously resolved, that the direction of the Bethlehem Road should remain as it is put down on the Town-plan, which had been drawn up by Br. Roepper,

7. It was resolved by the majority, that the width of the Bethlehem Road should be 70 feet.
December 8th 1851. - 31st Session. - 2. Andr. Whitesell made objections on account of the water for his brickyard. It was proposed and supported, that for 5 years he should have the right for ½ inch of water from the ditch, which is coming from the Big Spring, and he should pay $2.00 rent per year for it.

4. The proposal was made, that the lots west of the Bethlehem Road should be laid out of the same width of 70 feet and 180 feet deep, which was supported unanimously.

6. It was proposed and supported, that on the corner-lots of the streets 2 story houses should be built at the corner of the street, and that the next lot to the corner-lot can be taken up without that the on the corner-lots is built. This proposal was accepted by the majority.

December 16th 1851. - 32nd Session. - 3. It was proposed, that between 50 to 60 acres on the street to Mount Bethel should be annexed to the Plantation No. 6. This proposal was supported in general

December 29th 1851. - 33rd Session. - 4. It was proposed, that Jos. Kram should rent the dwellinghouse on Plantation No. 5, with garden and stable for cattle for $30.00, the orchard behind the house for $2.50 per acre, and 1 or 2 acres on the long meadow for $5.00 per acre for one year.

6. It was proposed, supported and accepted, that regarding the building-lot of Solomon Schaefer, one should abide by the old rule, that means, that from April 1st 1852 to April 1st 1853 it must be build on the lot.

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1852.

January 14th 1852. - 1st Session. ----- Because the time of service of the brethren Haman, Kern, Clewel and Hark had expired, a new election
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Election was taken up by the Gemein-Council on the 6th of January of this year. The same brethren were elected again. But because Br. Jacob Clewel refused to serve further, was elected in his stead Br. C. D. Busse, who accepted the office. The committee assembled then for its first Session. All the brethren of the committee as also the brethren of the Elder-Conference were present, and after a short address by the Minister, the committee organized itself through the election of a president and a secretary.

Br. eberman, the warden of the congregation was elected unanimously as president and Br. Joseph Hark was elected unanimously as secretary.

January 28th 1852. - 2nd Session. - 2. The committee for the Incorporation of the water-works applied to the committee with the question, whether in case the Gemein-council would be in favour of a corporation, the committee would be willing to meet half-way the company, and would give up the necessary land for it. With respect to the $1800,00 capital of debt, which the water-treasury owes to the Gemein-Diaconie, asks the committee for the Incorporation of the water-works, whether the Over-Seer Committee would give its consent that $800,00 of the above debt one could let fall on the citizen's treasury, and that the fixed contribution of $200,00, which the Gemein-Diacone gives annually to the citizen's- and Water-treasury, should not be given to the citizen's treasury alone. The remaining $1000,00 of the above debt will take over the Water-treasury. It was proposed and supported and accepted, that both questions should be answered in the affirmative.

February 11th 1852. - 4th Session. - 4. The P. H. C. applied to the committee on account of the sale of the Schoeneck land in order to gain by it an addition to the salary of the Minister there, according to the resolution of the last synod, which had been held in Bethlehem. It was
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It was proposed and unanimously supported to leave the matter for another Session.

February 18th 1852. - 4th Session. - 3. Unanimously it was resolved to sell the Schoeneck land of about 52 acres.

4. It was proposed and supported, that one third of the proceeds from the sale of the land shall be delivered to the P.H.C. in Bethlehem as a certain capital, for which interest shall be paid for the support of the laborer (Minister) of the Brethren's congregation in Schoeneck. The second third of the proceeds shall be used to pay off the debts of the Gemein-Diaconie in Nazareth, and the third and last part shall be used for the village school in Nazareth, and it shall be deducted from its capital-debts. It was then proposed and supported to accept this proposal, which was resolved by the majority.

5. It was proposed, to notify the Schoeneck people of this resolution in paragraph 3, so that the present tenants get opportunity to buy the land, but under the condition, that they also at once buy their house-lots, and that everybody declares until October 1st 1852, whether he will buy it or not. This was supported and unanimously resolved. Of course, that land shall be divided in proper lots.

February 24th 1852. - 5th Session. - 2. Regarding the Schoeneck-matter was the Elders'Conference considering and therefore related it to the P.H.C., which instead of the resolution of the Over-Seer Committee made the following proposal: "that the Sustentation-Diaconie should take over the Schoeneck land and give for it to the Nazareth Diaconie $ 1745,00, the sum of the capital-debt of the Nazareth Village school. It was then decided to leave the matter for another meeting, which was unanimously accepted.

March 8th 1852. - 7th Session. - 2. Regarding the matter with Schoeneck
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land it was proposed, to retain the resolution as it is given in the
minutes of February 18th 1852, 4th Session, paragraph 5. Only the ad-
dition should be made, that the same should not be a precedence for fu-
ture proceedings by the sale of property of the Nazareth Gemein-Diaconie. After a long consideration another proposal found support, namely:
That the Nazareth Gemein-Diaconie may sell the Schoeneck-land, and may
make the best out of it, and retain $ 1745,00 for the Nazareth Village
School for the payment of its capital-debt; $ 1745,00 shall receive the
Sustentation-Diaconie for the use of the support of the Schoeneck Minis-
ter, and if there are more proceeds, they shall be turned over to the
Gemein-Diaconie; further it shall be considered, that this proceeding
is no precedence for future ones, when property of the Gemein-Diaconie
shall be sold. This proposal was accepted unanimously.

March 25th 1852. - 9th Session. - 2. The last decision of the Over-
Seer committee regarding the Schoeneck land, was according to the report
of the President, Br. F. Ebermann, accepted by the F. H. C.

3. Hoeber and Leibfried wish to have the piece of land for their brick-
yard, which now C. L. Leibfried has in possession. They also offer to
remove the lane, which leads between this land and the brickyard to
Ephrata, on their own expense, to the southern end of the land. It was
proposed and supported, to rent to them that piece of land for 4 years
under the condition, that they do not dig any loam on it, but that they
can put their floor on it, if they will haul back the black ground
after the expiration of their lease, and if, as mentioned above, they
will move the lane on their own expense. The proposal was accepted un-
amingly. Further it was resolved unanimously, to give them that piece
of land for an annual rent of $ 6,00 per acre.

4. It was proposed, supported and unanimously accepted to leave it to
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to the warden what he will do with the new painted glaring red spots
on the INN.

April 23d 1852. - 11th Session. - 6. The committee conferred with each
other about the necessity to open the Prospect-Street, east and west
to open
of South Main-Street, as well as also/ the Alley behind the Main-Stre
t from C. W. Seyfried's corner to the Big Spring. It was proposed, suppor­
ted and accepted, to open Prospect street east as far as to Solomon
out-Schaefer's/lot and west as far as to the big spring. Also the above
mentioned Alley shall be opened from C. W. Seyfried to the Big Spring,
so that the people have a free road to the spring.

May 25th 1852. - 13th Session. - 3. It was proposed, that by the request
of Hoeber and Leibfried for land in order to dig upon for loam, it should
be moved for, that the Center Street towards east should be extended and
1 or 2 lots should be sold to them for that very purpose. Therefore a
committee should be appointed for that purpose to look the matter over
at the very place. It was supported and unanimously accepted.

4. The warden was authorized, to appoint that committee.

7. It was proposed, that the restriction by selling of lots, that it
should be built at once on it, should be abolished, and that for this
time every citizen, who is a member of the congregation in Nazareth,
can buy a lot. This proposal shall be discussed in the next session and
then it shall be put to the vote, when the committee is complete. This
was supported and accepted.

June 1st 1852. - 14th Session. - 2. The committee, which according to
paragraph 3 of the last session, was appointed by the warden, consisting
of the brethren: W. Christ, Kern and W. Beitel, reported, that they
thought it expedient to lay out still 3 lots on the east-end of the Cen­
ter Street, each lot 70 feet broad and 170 feet deep. This report was
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was unanimously accepted. The proposal according to the report of the committee to extend the Town-Plan found support and unanimous acceptance.

3. It was proposed and supported, that the new street east of Broadstreet between the Prospect-Street and Branch-Street should be called Whitefield Street. It was unanimously accepted.

4. It was proposed and supported to offer the lots No. 4 and No. 6 to Hoeber and Leibfried, in the North Whitefield Street, for sale, for the usual price, so that they could use them for their brick-burning. This was unanimously accepted.

5. In respect of the Schoeneck land reported the president, Br. Eberman, that it seems to be fit on the street from Schoeneck to John Fehr, east of Henry Clewel’s lot to lay out 3 or 4 building-lots, and to let the lane run east of these lots and west of Th. Clewel’s meadow to the Church land. The land, which at present has been rented out to George Beitel, about 17 acres, should be divided in 4 parts, running from east to west, and should be sold. The piece of land west of Schoeneck could perhaps be sold to the present tenants, whereby has to be remarked, that the land, which has been rented out to Alfred Danke, should be divided in 2 parts. The report was accepted unanimously.

6. In respect to the INN, whether it should be sold, it was proposed and supported, that the same should be sold, with 7 against 1 vote.

7. It was proposed and supported, one should rent out to the buyer of the INN the present land and meadow, which belongs to it, for $3,00 per acre farmland, and $5,00 per acre meadow-land. It was accepted unanimously.

8. It was proposed to request for the INN, 140 feet in front and 350 feet in depth, $6000.00. It was supported and accepted unanimously.

11. It was proposed and supported to call the street east of the INN Belvidere-Street and the one towards west Mauch Chunck Road. It was
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It was accepted by majority.

12. It was proposed and supported, the next street north of Center Street and running parallel with the same, should be called North Street instead of Branch Street. It was unanimously accepted.

June 14th 1852. - 15th Session. - 4. Mr. Golin of Easton had looked at the church, and he is of the opinion, that the ceiling as far as to the Cornia should be made new. He calculates the cost of the plastering to about $40,00, and the frame for it would cost more. It was then resolved unanimously that Mr. Golin should make the necessary repairs in the church.

5. It was proposed, that the forest above the God's acre and south of the Moore Township Street should be fenced in. It was supported and unanimously accepted.

6. James Michael wishes to buy the lot on the north-west corner of Broad and Center Street. It was unanimously resolved, to sell it to him according to the rules (see Paragraph 8 of the Minutes of December 8th 1851.)

June 29th 1852. - 16th Session. - 2. Br. L. Reichel, president of the Elders-Conference was present in this session in order to put it before the committee for further deliberation, whether it is expedient or not, to put the matter regarding the sale of the INN before the Gemein-council; Therefore it was proposed, supported and accepted by the majority, that this matter should not be put before the Gemein-Council by the Elders conference.

3. Caroline Endress had been recommended for reception into the congregation, and was accepted by the majority.

8. Br. L. Reichel announced, that the Elders conference held it for necessary to exclude Br. and Sister Milchsack from the congregation.

6. Br. L. Reichel wishes, that the committee should take it into consideration, whether the salary of the Minister, Warden and Organist should not be raised, because it seemed to him too little.

July 19th 1852. - 17th Session. 2. It was proposed and supported to sell
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to sell the INN to Peter Best of William Township for $6000.00 together with the lot of 140 feet front and 350 feet deep, with the exception of the waterhouse, and under the condition that at once $100.00 as earnest-money are paid. - This was unanimously accepted.

August 3rd 1852. - 18th Session. - 2. Regarding the request of Fr. Huebinger to get the first lot above Dr. Bute, it was resolved, to sell the same to Dr. Bute. At the same time it was resolved, the 3d lot above Dr. Bute should be sold to Fr. Huebinger under the condition, that he will build on it.

3. Peter Hummel asked for the lot at the east corner of the Center and Broad Street, which he should like to buy. This was granted to him.

4. Regarding the buying of lots without having to build on it the following written proposal was handed in: It is proposed, that every major member of the Nazareth congregation can have a building lot in the Townplan by purchase, without being obliged to build a house on it. Likewise shall the present possessor of the land, that is situated in the Townplan, shall have the first chance to get a building-lot from it. They shall be given 3 months time, from the time that this resolution will be made public, when they can consider, whether they want a lot. And if they do not want any, then they can be sold to others who are authorized for it. Then one month time shall be given in order to accept applicants for it, and should during that mentioned time several people ask for the same lot, then by lot or in another manner it shall be decided, who shall get that lot.

After the month has passed, then the first one who asks for the lot, shall have the first chance to buy the lot. But no street shall be opened until at least 3 lots have been taken.

The above mentioned conditions do not refer to those asking for the lot to build on it at once, except that the present possessor shall have the
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the first right to it. The proposal was supported and accepted.

August 12th 1852. - 19th Session. -3. Br. Haman was appointed unanimously as President pro tem. by the consideration of the rise of the salary of the "laborers" of the Nazareth congregation, because the warden as member of the Elders-Conference, and because he is in it himself, he did not wish to be present at the deliberations. After this it was proposed and supported, that the salary of the Minister and Warden should be raised to $380,00, but the majority it was rejected. The proposal, that the salary of the minister and warden should remain the same as it is now, was supported and by majority accepted.

4. It was proposed and supported to raise the salary for the organist to $50,00 if the Gemein-council is willing, that the Citizen's treasury will bear half of the rise. This was accepted by majority.

5. Edmund Ricksecker would like to have the lot No. 5 in North-Broad Street, which was granted to him.

Solomon Schaefer received the lot No. 36 on South Broad Street, just as it will be laid out on the new Townplan.

Calvin Beitel was granted the lot No. 1 on North Broad Street.

Elizabeth Himly was granted the lot No. 15 on East Center Street in order to build on it, but under the condition, that she builds the house after the old rule, two-story and puts it on the corner.

August 17th 1852. - 20th Session. -2. A committee of four men had been elected, which should look over the lots in the Prospect Street and on the Bethlehem Road. They were the brethren Eberman, Busse, Musselman, Schaefer and Hoeber. They made the proposal, to make the Bethlehem Road as far as to the south-corner of Whitesell's lots with the brickyard straight and of the same width as South Main Street. It was proposed, supported and unanimously accepted, that the proposal of the committee should be taken with the addition, that for the time being south of
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of 'hitesell's lots on the Bethlehem Road no more lots shall be laid out.
3. The same committee made the proposal to lay out the lots on the south­
side of Prospect-Street in the same manner as it has been done on the
North-Street.
Regarding to this it was proposed and supported that the division of lots
on the Prospect Street should be the same as it is in the North-Street
with the distinction, that the lots from the Broad-Street should be 150
feet deep. This was unanimously accepted.

4. It was proposed and supported, that 4 lots from the Minister's house
to the Mauch Chunk Road as far as to the Alley west of Lountz' tannery,
should be laid out; the fifth lot on the contrary as far as to the North­
East corner of Lountz' lot. It was unanimously accepted. The price of
such a lot should be 6 c per 10 square feet.

5. It was proposed and supported to lay out 4 lots on the south-side of
the Mauch Chunk Road, each 140 feet deep and on the Alley, which is si­
tuated between the Prospect Street and Mauch Chunk Road, so many lots
of 70 feet width should be laid out, as the ground permits and it shall
be of the depth as it was mentioned in a former paragraph. This was ac­
cepted unanimously.

6. William O. Beitel would like to have Lot No. 2 on Mauch Chunk Road,
which he wants to buy and build on it. It was granted to him.

7. Warden asked for the lot No. 3 on South Brad Street, which remains
laying.

8. Josiah Beitel wants to have the lot No. 2 on Mauch Chunk Road, which
he will buy and build a house on it. It was proposed and supported to
inform the present possessor of it, Thomas Clewel, and in case, that he
himself does not want to buy it, it should be sold to Jos. O. Beitel.
This was unanimously accepted.
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9. Josiah O. Beitel wishes to buy also lot No. 5 on the Bethlehem Road without building on it. This was granted to him.

10. Henry Bardill wishes to buy the lot No. 5 on the Street between the Mauch Chunk Road and the Minister's lodging. It was granted to him.

11. Comenius Senseman wishes to buy lot No. 1 on South Broad Street. It was resolved, to inform Cousin Christ about it, and C. Senseman should also be notified, that this has to be done first.

August 26th 1852. - 21st Session. - 2. It was proposed, supported and accepted, that the street from the Minister's habitation East Center Street as far as to the Prospect street, should be called Green Street.

3. Br. Eberman received the lot No. 3 on South Broad Street.

4. It was proposed, supported and accepted, that by selling the lots according to the new Rule, the condition should be Cash.

5. Because Th. Clewel does not want to give his right to the Lot No. 2 on the Mauch Chunk Road, and wishes to keep the same, it was granted to him, and Br. Beitel cannot have it.

6. The Lot No. 1 on South Broad Street, for which Br. C. Senseman had asked, was granted to John Jacob Christ.

7. It was proposed, supported and accepted, that the lots on both sides of the Broad Street, between the Center and the Belvidere Street, should have 62 feet width.

8. It was proposed, supported and accepted, that the price of the lots on the Broad and Main Street below the Prospect Street as well as those above Dr. Bute's Alley north, which are 283 feet long, should be 7¢ per 10 feet square.

9. Lots, which have been delivered:

Lot No. 3 North Broad Street was granted to Br. C. Senseman,
Lot No. 8 South Main Street was granted to R. J. Christ.
Lot No. 19 East Center Street was granted to John C. Leibfried.
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Lot No. 2 on South Broad Street was granted to William Christ,
Lot No. 7 on Green Street was granted to Dr. C. Sellers.

August 30th 1852. - 22nd Session. - 5. The following lots were promised to the following persons: Lot No. 5 on South Broad Street to C. Beitel; Lot No. 11 on Green Street to Solomon Clewél; and Lot No. 13 on Green Street to J. Eckensberger.

September 13th 1852. - 23d Session. - 2. Br. Josiah O. Beitel asks for lot No. 14 on South Broad Street. It was proposed, supported and unanimously accepted, that the 3 lots between Center Street and Belvidere Road (Street) on the west-side of the Broad-Street, situated next to Belvidere Street should be laid out to 70 feet front and the remaining lots to about 64 feet front.

3. It was unanimously resolved, that the Belvidere Street as far as to the Whitefield Street should be laid out straight.

4. It was resolved, that the lots on the Broad Street south of Belvidere Street should run the same as those north of Belvidere Street to Broad Street.

5. The lot No. 14 on South Broad Street was promised unanimously to Jos. O. Beitel instead of the former lot No. 5 on the Bethlehem Road, which he had accepted.

6. The following lots were unanimously given away:
   Number 17 on East Center Street to Daniel Scherman,
   Number 7 on South Broad Street to David Warner,
   Number 16 on East Center Street to Marianna Miller.

7. It was proposed and supported to sell to George Beitel the land in Schoeneck, which he at present has in rent, for $70.00 per acre. It was supported and accepted.

September 21st 1852. - 24th Session. - 2. The president, Br. Eberman, in the name of the Elders-Conference put before the committee the ques-
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question, whether it would not be expedient to remove the railing in
front of the pulpit in the church. By the majority it was resolved, to
leave the railing.

3. It was proposed and supported that the Over-Seer Committee should
as a committee look over the land of plantation No. 1, how much of it
and which part could be sold to Br. L. Reichel, the Inspector of the
Hall, for the school. It was accepted unanimously.

October 3d 1852. - 25th Session. - 2. The inspector declared himself to
be willing. It was proposed and supported to sell to the Inspector of
the Hall 44 acres of the plantation No. 1 for $ 70,00 per acre, and the
buildings on it together with the Sister’s house stable for $ 1500.00.
Unanimously it was accepted.

3. Frank Miksch asked for the lot No. 11 on South Broad Street. It was
unanimously promised.

November 3d 1852. - 26th Session. - 2. The Inspector of the Hall de­
clared himself willing to give for 44 acres inclusive the buildings on
plantation No. 1 and the Sister’s house stable $ 100,00 per acre. By
majority it was resolved to accept his offer, but so, that the number
of acres should not be less than 45.

4. John Seyfried asked for the lot No. 13 on South Broad Street, which
was promised to him.

5. William Rauch requests lot No. 19, which was promised to him.

6. It was resolved to give to William Kunsman lot No. 1 on Prospect
Street, in order to build on it, under the existing rules.

7. Henry Brunner asked to rent the land No. 21, which at present is in
the possession of his mother-in-law Louise Albright, which was unani­
mously granted to him.

8. It was proposed and supported the remaining lots of the Schoeneck land
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which has not been sold, shall be sold soon on an auction, which will probably be held on the last Saturday in November.

November 15th 1852. - 27th Session. - 2. In respect to the sale of plantation No. 1 to the Inspector let Br. Reichel announce through the president, Br. Eberman, that the P. H. C. wishes, that he should give it up.

3. In consequence of it asked the Inspector of the Hall for land, which he could rent. It was proposed and supported, that the plantation No. 1 should be given out for rent as it is, with the exception of 4 acres, which shall be rented out to the Inspector of the Hall. It was unanimously accepted.

December 8th 1852. - 28th Session. - 2. The Dr. Bute asked for to rent the Inspector's land, north of Center Street. It was proposed and supported, to open the Alley north of Dr. Bute's house and Broad Street, until they meet, and that then Dr. Bute can still rent the remaining Inspector's land. It was unanimously accepted.

3. Charles Hummel asked for Lot No. 41 on South Main Street. It was proposed and seconded, that in the future lots will be sold for building on them, the condition should be Cash. It was accepted unanimously.

Then it was resolved under the above condition, to sell that lot to Charles Hummel. It was accepted.

4. John S. Haman wants to have the lot No. 9 on South Broad Street, which was accepted.

5. Christian D. Busse wishes to have the lot No. 17 on South Broad Street, which was also accepted.

13. The election of the poor directors was taken up. The majority decided for the brethren Eberman, Lennert and Busse.

December 14th 1852. - 29th Session. - 2. Unanimously it was resolved the lodging in Ephrata, where Gideon Cassler is lodging, to give it to Dr. Kinkinger.
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December 20th 1852. - 30th Session. - 3. Peter Best would have liked to have Lot No. 15 on South Broad Street. It was then proposed, seconded that he should have it with the same privilege as a Member of the congregation, but so, that it will not be looked at as a precedence. The proposal was accepted unanimously.

4. It was resolved, to open the Alley north of Dr. Bute's house as far as to the Friedensthal Street, as soon as the circumstances do permit.

December 27th 1852. - 31st Session. - 3. By the majority it was resolved, to open the Broad-street from Belvidere Street on to Center Street, next spring.

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1853.

January 10th 1853. - 1st Session. In the Gemein-council in January 6th were the 4 leaving members of the Over-Seer Committee elected anew. They are the following:

Dr. Charles Sellers with 26 votes; --Christian Musselman with 25 votes;
William Christ with 19 votes; --- William Beitel with 18 votes.

In the presence of the Elders-Conference organized the Over-Seer Committee under the presidency of Br. L. J. Reichel. By the majority of votes was Br. Eberman elected as president of the committee and Dr. Jos. Hark as Recorder of the Minutes.

6. It was resolved unanimously to give Br. William Beitel the lot No. 3 on the Mauch Chunk Road for rent.

January 27th 1853. - 2nd Session. - 3. Jos. Stoz wishes to have the land below Whitesell's brickyard for rent. Unanimously it was promised to him for $ 3,50 per acre.

February 11th 1853. - 3d Session. - 3. Mrs. Venter wishes to take over Gramlich's lot in order to build a house on it. It was unanimously re-
resolved to tell her, that she shall pay first for her first lot before she meddles with something else.

February 17th 1853. - 4th Session. - 3. It was resolved to reserve an Alley of 10 feet at the east-boundary of the children's garden from the Professor's lot No. 4 on.

4. It was proposed and seconded and unanimously accepted, that the Sister's house buildings are standing on the lot, which the Hall shall all have, and which are to be sold for $400,00.

6. It was proposed, that all remaining lots shall be reduced from 7, 8, 9¢ per square foot to 5, 6 and 7¢. --- This was postponed for later.

March 10th 1853. - 5th Session. - 3. The warden, Br. Eberman, thought that it would be good, to change the townplan again a little in order on the Mauch Chunk Street to avoid a collision with Jacob Beck's lease, namely a lot, which borders Jacob Beck's land, should be laid out instead of 140 feet length 180 feet long, and for the time being it should be left lying, until a change will take place with the lease land. This was accepted by the committee.

4. Mrs. Venter asks to take Gramlich's lot in order to build on it. She will give a mortgage on her house and her two lots as security for the payment, which was granted to her by the Committee.

6. Because Edmund Ricksecker wishes to take the lot behind Dr. Bute in rent, if the same will be promised to him, so that after he has the fence he has not immediately afterwards to give up the same, and because the brickyard same case happens with Hoeber and Leibfried's/ lots, namely that 2 corner-lots are vacant and the Gemein-Diaconie would not gain anything, if the same would be fenced in and would be rented out for the usual land-rent; it was resolved to leave this matter to the Warden, Br. Eberman, under the condition, that no privilege will be set.

7. On Mrs. Messinger's request it was proposed to give her the land,
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which formerly belonged to Andrew Whitesell's house in the East Center Street.

March 29th 1853. - 6th Session. - 4. John Kram wishes to know, whether, he
because he has bought Jos. Seyfried's house, could not have the land,
which has been promised to him. Dr. Bute announced, that he wishes to
give up his hilly country.

5. It was proposed and seconded, that David Warner should have the piece
of land of No. 114, from Hillman's land, which remains over after the
School has its share. By the majority it was accepted.

6. It was unanimously resolved, that to Dan. Scheuerman should be given
the remaining part of Hillman's land together with land of Jos. C. Clewel
and Dr. Bute's.

8. Henry Milchsack wishes to get Lot No. 5 on Mauch Chunk Street. Unani-
mously it was promised to him.

9. The lot No. 7 on North Broad Street was promised to Eliz. Miksch.

10. It was resolved, that the footpaths in the Broad Street, should be
15 feet wide.

11. E P. Wolle has bought John S. Haman's house and now he likes to know
whether he can loan on it $ 3000.00 from the Gemein-Diaconie, and $ 1000.00
he wants to pay in April 1st and the balance as soon as the intended re-
pairs are finished. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously accepted
to tell him, that he can have on first mortgage $ 2000.00.

April 14th 1853. - 7th Session. - 2. Sister William Beitel wishes to buy
Lot No. 4 in the Mauch Chunk street, which was promised to her.

3. From the Elders-Conference it was announced, that Jos. Seyfried has
been excluded from the congregation.

4. Gotthold Michael asked for Lot No. 15 on East Center Street, which un-
animously was promised to her.
May 17th 1853. - 8th Session. - 2. Thomas Clewel had refused to take his deed for the lot, for which he had asked, and now he wishes, that the Gemein-Diaconie shall buy his house from him. It was then resolved, that no change should be made in the Townplan for his sake, about which he had chiefly complained. At the same time it was resolved to offer him for his house $500.00.

May 30th 1853. - 9th Session. - 2. It was announced by the President, Br. Eberman, that Br. L. Reichel had received a call to Lititz as Preacher and Helper of the congregation and that in his place here has been appointed Br. Lennert as helper of the congregation.

3. It was proposed, seconded and agreed upon that the committee in regard to Br. Lennert's appointment had no objection.

At the same time it was proposed, that Br. Lennert's salary should be raised to $400.00. The proposal was seconded and the wish expressed, that the voting should be postponed until the next Session.

When the proposer insisted upon an immediate voting, the Brethren Kern and Musselman went away in order to incapacitate the Committee's decision. The consequence was, that no other businesses could be done.

June 7th 1853. - 10th Session. - 2. The president, Br. Eberman, announced that Br. Edward Rondthaler had been called as Inspector in Br. Reichel's place, and as such he becomes a member of the Elders-Conference. an increase of.

3. The proposal regarding Br. Lennert's salary was taken up again and unanimously granted.

5. Joseph Heinley asked for the Lot No. 37 in the Main Street. It was resolved unanimously, to sell it to him.

6. In respect to Th. Clewel's request regarding to his lot it was resolved by the majority, that it should remain by the old.

June 30th 1853. - 11th Session. - 1. The balance of the account of the
Gemein-Diaconie was put before the Committee, which showed a surplus of $ 511.50, and the stock of the Diaconie had increased about $ 4295.26, which amounts at the present time to $ 38,429.26.

2. Br. Hoeber had requested two lots, one for himself and one for his wife, situated above Edw. Ricksecker's lots in the North Broad Street. It was unanimously granted.

3. Mr. Kirchhofer asked for Mr. Hammer in New York to buy Albrecht's house, which was proposed and seconded to ask for the house and lot, 61 feet in front and 140 feet deep, $ 2500.00, and that the Warden could sell the property for such a price to a good buyer. It was unanimously accepted.

5. Josiah O. Beitel asked for the fence on his lot - corner of Broad and Belvidere Streets, on the Belvidere Street, when the same will be promised to him, as far as his land goes, if the street will be opened. It was proposed, that Br. Josiah O. Beitel should be told, that the fence by itself will fall to the corner-lot, as far as the lot goes, as soon as the street will be opened. It was accepted by the majority.

August 15th 1853. - 13th Session. - 2. Josiah O. Beitel asked for Lot No. 12 South Broad Street for his wife. It was promised to him unanimously.

August 25th 1853. - 14th Session. - 2. The Inspector of the Hall asked for the lots Nos. 10 to 16, on West Center Street, and the first lot south of Green Street under the following names: E. Rondthaler, Sarah Rondthaler, Lewis Huebener, Edw. Kluge, Rev. William Lennert. It was proposed and seconded to sell to him the 5 lots. It was accepted unanimously.

4. It was proposed, seconded and accepted, that Lot No. 1 in Green Street should be kept as reserve, in case that the buyer of Albrecht's house would like to buy it.
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7. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously accepted to include the
children's garden free of charge in the Deed of the Hall-lots.

8. The widowed Sister Hessler, born Friebel, wishes together with her
4 children to join the Nazareth congregation. The committee had no ob­
jections.

September 27th 1853, - 15th Session. - 1. By the election for a tenant
on plantation No. 3, John Kern was elected.

November 4th 1853, - 16th Session. - Br. Ch. F. Kluge, who by order
of the U.A.C. is visiting the American congregations before he is lea­
ving for Germany, embraced the opportunity to confer with the Nazareth
Over-Seer Committee regarding the economical condition of the Nazareth
Diaconie in order to be able to give to the U.A.C. a detailed report
about the Diaconie. Br. Kluge was also ordered by the P H. C. in Beth­
lehem, to request the Nazareth Diaconie, the debts which have been made
by the purchase of the Hall lots and meadows, should not be considered
as debt of the Sustentation-Diaconie, but as a debt of the Hall and there­
fore the interest should be reduced.

November 8th 1853, - 17th Session. 2. It was proposed and seconded that
the warden chooses a committee in order to take care of the matter of
digging off and taking the grade of the street at the lower Inn and by
Mr. Huebinger. It was accepted unanimously.

3. There were 6 applicants for the plantation No. 1 to get it for rent.
It was voted by ballot and George Schmidt was elected.

4. A petition signed by 33 citizens was put before the committee, to do
something for the embellishment of the square before the Hall, and to
fence in the same. It was resolved by the majority, that the Diaconie
should put up a cheap fence for that purpose and the balance should be
raised by subscription.
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5. For carrying out this matter a committee was appointed, consisting of the brethren Eberman, Ch. Sellers, H. van Vleck, William Christ, and Edm. Ricksecker.

8. A committee of citizens asked to buy land in order to hold thereon the County Fair (agricultural). It was resolved that the brethren William Eberman, C. D. Busse and Dr. Hark should act as a committee and together with the requesting committee they should look over the ground and see whether it is possible to find a piece of land for that purpose.

November 22nd 1853. - 16th Session. - 2. The matter regarding the embellishment of the square was postponed.

November 29th 1853. --- 19th Session. - 2. The president, Br. Eberman, announced that Sister Louise Hoeber, who is married to Frederick Huebinger, had asked to retain her right to the congregation. - Also Br. William Christ, who had married Miss Daniels, asked in behalf of his wife, to become a member of the congregation. In both cases no objections were made by the Committee.

3. Sister Huebinger asked for the lot No. 13 on the North Broad Street. Unanimously it was promised to her.

4. The matter of the county fair was taken up. - A letter from Br. Goepp was read, in which he pronounced himself against the giving of a lease. After this it was proposed and seconded that 8 acres should be sold for that purpose, the land situated between Main and Broad Streets, south of an Alley, below Charles Whitesell's loam-lot. Further it was proposed and seconded to sell to the Committee a piece of land north of Old Nazareth by the old orchard. This proposal was accepted by the majority.

December 9th 1853. - 20th Session. - 3. The election of the Poor Directors was taken up. It was resolved that 5 brethren should be elected. They were: Rev. William Lennert, William Eberman, William Beitel, C.D. Busse, and Musselman.
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December 13th 1853. - 21st Session. - 4. It was proposed and seconded to sell the piece of land opposite of Ch. Whitesell's brickyard for $90.00 per acre, which was accepted.

5. Regarding the piece of land behind Old Nazareth it was proposed and accepted, to sell the same for $100.00 per acre.

December 19th 1853. - 22nd Session. - 2. In consequence of a protest from the warden to the Elders-Conference on account of the price for the land, which the Fair wants to have, was the Elders-Conference present and objected the desire to get the Fair to Nazareth.

(1) On account of the disadvantage for the inner life of the Congregation and also on account of the morality of the village.

(2) because no sufficient police can be placed here to keep order.

(3) The Elders-Conference believes, that the Diaconie should not bring any sacrifice by selling land as long as Diaconie is existing, and no parting of the property between the Nazareth congregation and the church has taken place.

(4) That the value of the farm in Old Nazareth should be diminished on account of the danger of fire for the buildings in consequence of the nearness of the Fair Ground.

After a long discussion of the matter left the brethren of the Elders-conference and the committee took up the reconsideration of the matter.

3. It was then resolved that the land opposite of Ch. Whitesell's brickyard should be sold for $90.00 the acre, under the condition, that the land will be turned back to the Diaconie for the same price, as soon as the Agricultural Society will give it up to hold the County-Fair on it.

1854.
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In the Gemein-council on January 4th have been elected the following members of the Over-Seer Committee: Christian D. Busse, Edmund Ricksecker, John C. Leibfried, William Rauch.

January 5th 1854. - 1st Session. - All members were present. 1. Br. Lennert was present at this session and he was presiding. Br. William Eberman was unanimously elected as President of the Over-Seer Committee, and Chr. D. Busse was appointed as Recorder of the Minutes.

January 17th 1854. - 2. Session. - 8. In order to get more warmth in the Church, it was proposed, to make from boards a channel or draught for the furnace. The warden was willing to pay the same from Diaconie-funds. The committee gave its consent. The performance of it will be done by the warden together with the citizen's committee.

March 7th 1854. - 3d Session. - 2. The request of several people, who want to become members of our congregation, was laid before the committee by the president; they are: Frederic Huebinger, William Steckel, Ferdinand Herbst, Rosina Steiner, and Daniel Kinkinger with wife and 4 children. After the committee had taken up every single individual and had considered the same, it gave its consent, that those people should become members of the congregation.

5. The warden put before the committee the question, whether the Committee would give its permission, that the hill by Huebinger's house could be digged off. The committee made no objections.

March 20th 1854. - 4th Session. - 4. John Gramlich asked for the Lot No. 17 on North Main Street, which he wants to buy. On a proposal it was unanimously resolved, to sell him the lot under the condition, to buuild on it at once a house.

3. Fr. Lorenz desires to buy the lot north of his tannery. It was pro-
proposed to sell him the lot for 6¢ per 10 feet square. The proposal was unanimously accepted.

April 24th 1854. -- 5th Session. - 4. The warden, Br. Eberman, notified the committee that now $3000.00 are lying in the bank. It was proposed and unanimously resolved to invest the said amount in Pennsylvania State Stock.

6. David Michael owes still some rent for land and in spite of having received the rent from Under Tenants, he had not paid the same to the Warden. The proposal was made, to take away the land and to rent it out to somebody else as soon as it is possible.

9. It was brought into remembrance, that our fire- and extinguishing preparations are in great decay. On proposal it was resolved, that it should be recommended to the Gemein-Council to make improvements in such things, and especially to overhaul the fire-engine.

May 5th 1854. - 6th Session. - 4. Conrad Kichline has bought Daniel Riegels house, and now he wishes to have also the land, which Riegel had rented. The committee had no objection to make.

May 11th 1854. - 7th Session. - 2. The School-Directors of the Free School ask for a lot or a part of a lot, which they want to buy in order to build on it a District Schoolhouse, and they propose 1st No. 12 on North Main Street, 2nd No. 16 at the corner of South Broad Street and Belvidere Strts. 3d No. 4 on South Broad Street, and 4th No. 2 on North Broad Street. It was proposed and seconded to sell to the Directors of the lot No. 16 at the end behind on South Broad Street for 9 cents per 10 square feet. Another proposal was made, to give to the Directors at the North end of the North Main Street, north of the Moore Township Street a piece of land of about 2500 square feet gratis, in order to build on it a District Schoolhouse.

Both proposal were granted and it was resolved, to offer the same to the
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May 20th 1854. - 8th Session. - 2. The Inspector of the Hall wishes that the corpse-house should be pulled down and removed, because he wants to use the place for something else. On proposal it was resolved, that as soon as it possible the house shall be removed, and the committee as a committee of the whole will look for a place, whereon the corpse-house can be built.

June 3d 1854. - 9th Session. - 2. The warden, Br. Eberman, reported, that the taking away the corpse-house was not of such a hurry. It was resolved, that the Committee should assemble on Pentecost Monday at 3 o'clock p. m. in order to look for a suitable place, on which the corpse-house can be built.

3. The warden related, that he had bought for $3500.00 Pennsylvania State Stock. The committee acknowledged it as fair, to pay the travelling-expenses to Philadelphia.

4. Josiah O. Beitel asked in the name of the Township School Directors for the Lot No. 2 in North Broad Street, in order to build a schoolhouse for a common School on it. It was proposed, seconded and accepted that the said lot shall be sold for the usual price. It was left to him, to give the School - Directors a part of the lot for their purpose.

June 15th 1854. - 10th Session. - 2. The warden, Br. Eberman, reported, that several brethren of the committee had found a place between the church and the schoolhouse lot for the most suitable place, to build a corpse-house on it. The committee was of the opinion, that in the course of Summer or in the fall it should be moved for building a new corpse-house made of bricks on the said place.

4. It was announced, that Edw. Rondthaler had resigned and that Edward Reichel had been appointed as Inspector of the Hall-School.
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6. The warden put before the committee the various balances of the accounts:
   (a) In the account of the Gemein-Diaconie remains a saldo of $1340,39,
   (b) In the Citizen's treasury remains a saldo of $ 31,62,
   (c) In the Water-treasury remains a saldo of $ 25,25,
   (d) Love-feast treasury a deficit of $ 4,25.

The stock or surplus Activa of the Gemein-Diaconie amounted in May 31st 1854 $ 40 351,48.

September 4th 1854. - 11th Session. - 3. The warden reported, that J. A. Hammerer had bought the house and the lot No. 1 on South Main Street for $ 2500,00. The lot contains 61 feet in the front at the Main Street, and 140 feet depth.

He also bought the lot No. 1 in Green Street for $ 149,50.

6. The Inspector of the Hall asked to buy the corpsehouse. It was proposed and resolved, that the corpse house should be given to the Hall gratis.

September 8th 1854. - 12th Session. - 4. Fred. Lorenz asked for permission to search for more water at the so-called Geese-spring. The committee was in favour to give him the permission.

September 29th 1854. - 13th Session. - 2. The warden reported, that Fred. Lorenz had been searching for more water and had found some, and now he asks, whether he can take the said Spring into his water-conduit. It was permitted and the warden should make a lease for 3 years with Lorenz for the right to the spring and water-conduit, and he should pay the same rent, which he had paid formerly.

3. The P. H. C. asked the brethren of the Elders-Conference here for the rooms in the Sister's house, where now at present the girls' school is held, in order to remove the Theological Seminary there. It was the general desire of the committee to help as much as possible the P.H. C.,
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to procure a good and suitable place for the Theological Seminary. For that purpose it was proposed to offer the Sisters house for sale for the bookvalue of it, $1500.00, to the Sustentation-Diaconie with the reservation, that the sisters, who are at present living in the Sisters house can retain their lodgings, or for another suitable lodging it will be taken care of them. The committee hopes, that thereby the Theological Seminary will remain permanently in Nazareth.

October 2nd 1854. - 14th Session. - 2. The warden reported, that the P.H.C. had accepted the offer of the committee and had bought the Sisters house for $1500.00. The warden had had negotiations with the executor of the widow Maehr on account of buying her house for the girl's school. The Executor of Sister Elizabeth Maehr had let estimate her house in West Center Street, and is willing to sell it to the Diaconie for the estimated value. It was proposed and resolved, that the warden should buy the said house for the sum of $950.00, and the girls school shall as soon as the house can be given into possession move there. The school-treasury shall pay annually $30.00 rent.

October 27th 1854. - 15th Session. - 2. The warden announced, that several requests had been made for lots north of H. Gramlich, namely Richard Christ and J. Clewel. It would be therefore necessary to decide how and where the street shall be put. It was agreed upon, that the committee should assemble at the place noon on the next Monday and should decide about it.

3. Peter Kern asked to buy Lot No. 16, on East Center Street, on which he intends to build a house this fall. On a proposal it was resolved, to let him have the lot.

4. Peter Best desires to buy the lot No. 44 on South Main Street in order to build on it. The committee promised him to sell him the lot.
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November 9th 1854. - 16th Session. - 2. The warden reported, that the committee had been assembled in North Main Street, has seen the place running direct and for the street/east and west, the place/North of Nos. 25 and 26 North Main Street has acknowledged for the best and most suitable one. It was proposed, that the occupied street should be put four lots further out than as it is shown in the draft. This was accepted.

3. It was announced, that Peter Kern had given up the lot in East Main Street, which he had first taken up, and instead of it he has taken the next lot south, on which he will build a house. In order to avoid difficulties in similar cases, it was proposed and unanimously resolved, to recall before New-Year Wllm Christ the lot, for which Best had asked first.

5. Jacob Clewel and Henry Clewel asked for the two lots above John Gramlich, on North Main Street, which were promised to them by the committee.

6. Gotthold Michael asked in the name of his wife for the lot, which P. Kern had given up. The committee promised it to him at once.

December 7th 1854. - 17th Session. - 3. 5/poor were elected, they were: Br. Lennert, Br. Eberman, Br. Leibfried, Br. Sellers and Br. William Beitel.

1855.

January 8th 1855. - 1st Session. - By the Election, which was held in the Gemein-Council on January 4th the following 4 new members were elected by majority. They are the brethren: Henry Brunner, Sylvester Belling, Daniel Shireman and Calvin Beitel.

1. The Minister opened the first Session and read the rules of The Synod 1848 given to the Over-Seer Committee. The committee organized itself by the election of Br. Eberman for president, and Br. Ch. D. Busse as
as Recorder of the Minutes.

2. William Christ asked in the name of his wife to buy the lot north of Peter Best in the South Main Street, and wishes also to rent the adjacent land, which he has had formerly in rent. It was proposed and resolved, that William Christ shall have the lot between J. J. Christ and Peter best in the south Main Street by purchase, and the adjacent land he can rent again also, with the reservation, that he does not cut down any apple-trees, which are on it.

3. Josiah O. Beitel wishes to keep in rent the land, which belong to the houses, which are owned by Mr. Messinger, and which has been bought by him, and which had been promised to him.

April 9th 1855. - 3d Session. - 2. Dr. Walter would like to buy lots in North Main Street. It was proposed and resolved, to sell him the same.

4. A request was made by Friedrich Werner in the name of the Evangelical community, to ask for permission, to hold in the forest at the Lund Spring next Summer a Camp meeting, which was granted.

April 12th 1855. - 4th Session. 4. The warden, Br. Eberman, reported, that in the Town-plan as it now is, are still 200 lots left, which are not sold, and which can be considered as building-lots, and which contain altogether about 66 acres. The committee is satisfied, that after 300 acres for the congregation and 50 acres for Nazareth Hall had been taken off, that the remaining land should be sold and in equal parts should be divided between the congregation-and the Sustentation-Diaconie, as the distribution of the remaining property of the Gemein-Diaconie.

Further one should try to come to an agreement, that by the distribution the Sustentation-Diaconie receives the farm-house behind the hall with all the stables, which belong to it, and the Gemein-Diaconie should receive the Stone House, the blockhouse and all other outbuildings in Ephesrata as its share.
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April 13th 1855. - 5th Session. - 2. The president, Br. Eberman, reported, that the Elders-Conference had conferred with the P.H.C., and that to take the same have agreed to, instead of $100,00 only $90,00 per acre for the land, which will fall to the congregation. Further gives the P.H.C. its consent, that the congregation/Ephrata together with the block-house and the Sustentation-Diaconie the farm-house from George Schmidt together with the barn and stables. The congregation shall have still the Reservoir-lot to her share free of charge. The president was then requested to write out a report to the Gemein-council. Further it was wished, that the Gemein-Council might be called together next Tuesday, in the evening April 17th.

April 18th 1855. - 6th Session. - 2. It was presented from the Agricultural Association through the president, that great difficulties did show, if a deed with a reserve of the right of sale about the Fair-ground would be given, therefore it was wished, that it should be taken into consideration, whether not a deed in fee simple without some restrictions could be given. A proposal was made and seconded to give the Association a deed free from some reserve, but at the same time to make a written agreement with the Association, that if ever or at any time the ground and the buildings should be sold again, that the congregation in Nazareth should have the right of sale, or the first chance to buy the same. This proposal was accepted.

3. The president put the question before the committee, in order to appease dissatisfaction in the Gemein-council, or also to meet the desire of some members of the congregation, that the former Brethren's house should be kept for the congregation, and therefore one should negotiate with the P.H.C, that the congregation should have the said house, and the Sustentation-Diaconie should have the warden's house and the fruit-house.
The committee believed, that it would be better, when the matter for the time being would be left, as the same had been before the Gemein-Council, without any changes or new proposals in it.

5. The warden, Br. Eberman, wants to hear the opinion of the Committee, how this spring the surplus money could be most profitably invested. The Committee was of the opinion, that it could be invested in State stock most profitably and surest.

April 24th 1855. - 7th Session. - 2. The president, Br. Eberman, announced, that the agreement regarding the parting of the property of the Diaconie had arrived, and it was read at once. After the committee had spoken about it in detail, it was then proposed and seconded, that the same should be accepted and signed, which also was done immediately.

3. Br. Brickenstein asked to rent a part of the warden's house. The committee was unanimously of the opinion, that with Br. Eberman's consent, could be rented out that part of the house, which Br. Eberman does not need for himself. The rent of course would fall to Brother Eberman. The committee fixed the rent to $10,00 for the quarter.

May 17th 1855. - 8th Session. - 1. Louis Gerlach and wife wish to buy the lots Nos. 21 and 23 on East Center Street. The lots were promised to them.

4. The warden put before the Committee, that the Provincial Synod in Bethlehem intends to establish a College connected with the Theological Seminary in Nazareth, and desires to have a very suitable locality, and wants to make an exchange with the Nazareth Congregation for Ephrata, which it should like to get for the said purpose; and to give the Nazareth congregation in return the Sisters house and the lot for it. That the Ephrata property by far is more worth and is much more saleable than the Sisters house, and if one would make an equal exchange, one would have to make a very considerable sacrifice; --- but that the Nazareth Congregation glad-
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Gladly and willingly offers a helping hand for the establishment of such an Institute, that one under the now existing circumstances cannot make any promise for a fixed or regular annual contribution, but that the Nazareth Congregation at any time will be inclined and willing to support the Institute and with other congregations will contribute to it proportionally. But in the case, that another locality should be chosen for the College and Seminary, one would not hold on itself bound to stand for the exchange. It was then unanimously resolved that under the above condition a College in connection with the Theological Seminary should be established, and that the Ephrata house with 4 acres of ground, inclusive of all buildings, which are standing on it, should be given in exchange for the Sisters House together with the lot and all back-buildings, which belong to it.

June 12th 1855. - 9th Session. - 5. On a request from the Agricultural Society, it was resolved on a proposal, to accept for this year the control over the piece of ground between the Main Street and the Fair-Ground.

6. Dr. Sellers asked in the name of his wife for the lot No. 17 in the East Center Street. It was promised to him.

7. Frederi Huebinger asked for lot No. 16 on North Main Street, which he wants to buy. The lot was promised to him with the reserve, that he gives security for the payment of the purchase-money.

June 14th 1855. - 10th Session. - 2. Br. E. H. Rinkle asked in the name of his wife for the lots Nos. 22 and 24 on East Center Street. The request was granted.

3. Br. Lenert in the name of his wife claims the lot No. 25 on the corner of East Center Street, and Whitefield Street. The request was granted.

5. The election for a member of the liquidation-Committee was taken up. Chr. D. Busse received 7 votes, Edmund Ricksecker 1 vote and 1 was blank.
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6. Conrad Kichline asked in his and his wife's name for the two lots Nos. 39 and 41 on South Main Street, which were promised to him.

8. The president, Br. Eberman, put before the committee a certificate from Br. E. Schweinitz, Minister of the Brethren's congregation in Philadelphia, stating that Francis Etschman and wife have been members of said congregation. The said Fr. Etschman and wife, who have moved to Nazareth, have the desire to join the Nazareth congregation; also Heinrich Venter and his wife, members of the Schoeneck congregation, ask for permission, to join the Nazareth congregation. The committee had no objections about it.

June 22nd 1855. - 11th Session. - 2. It was proposed, that paragraph 8 of last session, as far as it concerned Venter's request, that it should be taken into consideration again, was accepted. On proposal it was unanimously resolved, that Venters, before they can be accepted as members of the congregation in Nazareth, have first to pay their taxes, with which they are in arrears, and they have also to give the promise, that in the future they will pay their taxes more punctually.

3. The following requests were made for Town-lots:
   Ferdinand Herbst asked for the lot No. 10 on South Broad Street,
   Gustav A. Kern asked for the lot No. 8 on South Broad Street,
   Drusilla Beitel asked for the lot No. 4 on North Broad Street,
   Mrs. Bardill asked for the lot No. 6 on North Broad Street,
   Arabella Knauss asked for the lot No. 8 on North Broad Street,
   Daniel Riegel and 2 daughters asked for the lots Nos. 18, 20, 22 on South Broad Street,
   Heinrich Herbst asked for the lot No. 10 on North Broad Street,
   Richard Christ and wife asked for the lots Nos. 4 and 6 on South Broad Street,
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Johanna E. Clewel asked for the lot No. 12 on North Broad Street,
Henry van Vleck asked for the lot No. 1 in South Whitefield Street,
Sophie Senseman asked for the lot No. 1 in South Whitefield Street.
The committee did consent to all the requests.

5. On proposal it was resolved, that the restrictions regarding the lots should be taken off, and the price for lots should be raised 25%.

July 12th 1855. - 12th Session. - 2. Dr. Philip Walter asked to buy a lot in North Main Street, but he hopes, because he had formerly spoken about that said lot, that he would buy it, that he can have it for the old price. On proposal committee resolved, to sell him the lot No. 22 on North Main Street, however he will have to take it for the raised price.

4. William Kunsman asked for a lot on the Prospect Street, Lot No. 1, and Francis Etschman asked for the lot No. 18 on North Main Street, to buy. Both requests were granted.

5. The warden, Br. Eberman, put before the committee a petition to the Court of Quarter Sessions, asking for the permission to change the Bethlehem Street as well as the Friedensthal Street in such a way, that the same fit in the streets as they are laid out in the Town-plan. ---At the same time also a rent-contract with the Evangelical community for a piece of ground at the Lund Spring for holding there a Camp-meeting, (was enclosed to the petition.) The committee agreed with both and signed the petition.

6. On the request of the Warden permitted the Committee, that the Ephrata square should be moved about 2 lots wide towards south.

July 20th 1855. - 13th Session. -1. A pro memoria was read, which shall be sent from the Nazareth Congregation to the Provincial Elders Conference regarding the removing of the Nazareth Theological Seminary in connection with the arrangement of a College in the Ephrata-house.
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2. It was resolved, that the following streets should be opened this fall:
   (a) South Broad Street as far as to the Easton Street,
   (b) North Broad Street as far as to the North Street,
   (c) North from the Main Street to the Broad Street,
   (d) Center as far as the Whitefield Street,
   (e) Whitefield Street as far as Jacob Clewel’s out-lot.
   (f) Green Street from Center Street to the Prospect Street,
   (g) the new Belvidere street shall also be opened,
   (h) The Prospect Street from the Main Street to the Broad Street.

July 26th 1855. - 14th Session. - 2. A letter was read from the P. E. C. to the Elders-Conference, and to the Over-Seer Committee, from which goes forth, that the resolution of the Provincial Synod regarding the removal of the Theological Seminary to the Ephrata-house shall be put in execution.

5. Christian Seyfried renewed his request for 2 lots west of Green Street, and Reuben Wolf wishes to have 2 lots, bordering on the 2 lots, mentioned above. On proposal it was resolved, that to Chr. Seyfried and Reuben Wolf the 5 lots should be sold.

6. William Rauch asked for the Lot No. 47 in South Broad Street. The Committee agreed to it, to sell the lot to him.

September 6th 1855. - 15th Session. 3. The following brethren asked for lots:

   Edwin P. Wolle asks for the lot No. 4 on Green Street,
   (?) John A. Herman asks for Lots Nos. 21 and 23 on North Main Street,
   John C. Brickenstein asks for 4 lots on South Broad Street, which were granted to them by the Committee.

4. Proposed and resolved was, that the lots in Broad Street and Whitefield street shall be laid out as far as the line south of the Fair-ground.
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September 10th 1855. - 16th Session. - 2. The warden reported, that he
had spoken with Fr. Lorenz and he is willing to buy the back part of lot
No. 4 for a cheap price, and he hopes, that a deduction may be made on
account of the Canada thistles, which are on it. It was proposed and re­
solved to sell that lot to him for $ 60,00.

3. The following brethren asked for lots:

Henry Venter asked for the lot No. 36 on the south-east corner of the
South Broad and Prospect Street.

John A. Hammer asked for 5 lots on the west side of North Main Street,
Nos. 29 to 35. On proposal it was resolved to sell the lots to them.

October 13th 1855. - 17th Session. - 3. Jacob Bolliger asked for the
lot No. 21 in South Broad Street; John D. Hay and Solomon Kehler asked
for the lots Nos. 7 and 8 on Green Street; Henry Venter asked for the
corner of South Broad Street and Beltidere Street. Joseph Seyfried
asked for the lots Nos. 31 and 33 on South Whitefield Street. All the
requests were granted, only the latter one, with the reserve, that Jos.
Seyfried shall pay $ 25,00 extra for the improvement of the Spring.

November 29th 1855. - 18th Session. - 2. Several requests were brought
before the committee, namely:

John Hay asked for the lots Nos. 7 and 9 in Mauch Chunk Street,
Joseph Ehritt asked for the lots Nos. 38 and 40 in South Main Street,
which were granted by the committee.

3. Hoeber and Leibfried wish to rent 3 lots at their brickyard so long
until somebody will request it for purchase. The request was granted.

4. A Pro Memoria regarding lodgings for the widows in the old Brethren's
house was read. Therein was the thought expressed the Minister's lodging
should be arranged for the widows and the warden's lodging should be ar­
ranged for the Minister, The committee thought, that this for this time
was not practicable; nevertheless it was resolved, that still lodgings
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for the widows should be arranged in the sister's house.
5. The P. E. C. wishes, that the matter in Ephrata concerning the Bell-
ing's lodging should be settled. The warden was ordered to find out,
what guarantee will be given by the P.E.C., that Belling can remain in
their lodging, after the house has been sold.
December 4th 1855. - 19th Session. - 1. The request of Hoeber and Leib-
fried was withdrawn, however they wish to get a tri-angle, which is bor-
dering on it.
2. The warden reported, that he had talked with the brethren of the P.E.C.
regarding the Belling's. Their proposal is, that they house should be
purchased from them, that the money should be deposited by the Susten-
tation-Diaconie; that the Bellings during their lifetime should draw the
interest of it, and that they should lodge in the house free of rent, and
after their death of both, the Capital should be paid out to their heirs.
The warden had spoken with Bellings. They seem to willing to enter the
contract. Belling said, that he should have for his house $ 500,00, be-
cause it is so much worth for him. The committee thought, that the sum is
too high, and because the matter is not in such a great hurry, further
consideration was postponed for the next session.
3. Regarding the rent, which Hoeber and Leibfried shall pay for the brick-
yard, it was agreed upon, that the former rent of $ 6,00 should be asked
for the next year also.
December 11th 1855. - 20th Session. - Concurrent Conference. -2. Philip
Walter, senior, asked for the 3 lots Nos. 32, 34, 36 in North Main Street.
On proposal it was granted to him.
3. A draft of a charter had been read to the committee. In the para-
graph 12 of the same was made a change, so that from the receipts of the
congregation should be used for the fire-establishments, for the embellish-
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Embarrassment of the Square and the God's acre and also for the improvement of the streets in Town. It was proposed and resolved, that this amendment should be added to the 12th paragraph.

4. It was proposed, that after the Gemein-Council has approved and accepted the Charter, a pure copy should be made of it, which could be sent to the legislature. It was proposed, that Br. Ch. D. Busse should be appointed, to make such a copy.

5. The committee took up the election of 5 Poor-Directors. The five brethren: William Lennert, William Eberman, William Rauch, John C. Leibfried, and Chr. D. Busse, were elected.

December 18th 1855. - 21st Session. - 2. The Elders' Conference had announced, that Sister Lucinda Clewol, recommended by Br. Kampman in Bethlehem; and Br. Benjamin Romig, recommended by Br. Holland, Sharon, wish to join our congregation here. - Armintha Wenhold together with her 4 children had asked for re-admission to the congregation. The committee gave its consent, that all the persons should be accepted as members of the Nazareth congregation.

3. The warden reported, that Jacob Beck is now willing to give up from his lease-land, as is necessary, to make straight the building-lot on the street and also the Alley beside his land, provided that he gets so much of the rented land as he loses for this purpose from his lease-land, and that he can get the remaining rent-land for $ 90.00 per acre by purchase. The committee gave its consent to this, and resolved, that a contract with J. Beck should be made with the condition, that he pays one third of the purchase-money, and the balance should be secured by bond and mortgage.

5. John Jacob Christ made a claim for compensation for an apple-tree on the Ephrata land. The committee was not inclined to allow something for
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for it nor to meddle with it at all.

6. It was proposed and resolved, that a committee should be appointed, who should talk with our representatives in the legislature regarding the petition for a Charter, and the matter should be recommended to them in the best manner. The brethren William Beitel and John C. Leibfried had been appointed.

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1856.

1. Session. -----January 4th 1856:

Br. Lennert, the Minister, opened the first Session. The brethren William Rauch, E. Ricksecker and Ch. D. Busse were elected again, and the Doctor Jos. Hark was elected as new member. The Committee organized itself by appointing Br. W. Eberman as President and Br. Ch. D. Busse as Recorder of the Minutes.

1. The president announced, that a committee of members of the Lutheran and Reformed Church from the neighborhood made claims for 5 lots, namely: Nos. 37, 39 and 41 on South Broad Street and Nos. 6 and 8 on Prospect Street, in order to build there a Union-Church. The people asked, that the said lots should be sold to them for a fair price. According to now established prices for the lots, the above mentioned lots would cost $566.00.

It was proposed and resolved that the mentioned lots should be sold for the usual price, but in consideration that those lots shall be for the building of a new church, the sum of $166.00 should be deducted as a contribution of the Nazareth Brethren's congregation towards the new church.

2. John P. Beissel (?) wishes to buy the lots Nos. 38 and 40 in the South Broad Street; and Simon Buss wants to buy the lot No. 42 in South Broad Street. The committee granted the requests.

3. Conrad Kichline should like to buy the piece of land, which is bor-
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bordering on the Big Spring. It was proposed and resolved, that for the time being no land, which borders on the Big Spring, shall be sold.

4. It was brought in remembrance, that a new division of the land, which shall be rented out, must be made. The remark was made, that no land should be rented out to those, who do not cultivate it themselves, and if somebody has land in rent and rents it out to somebody else, this same land shall be taken back. It was then proposed, that a committee of 3 brethren should be appointed, which shall make a division of the land, and then report it to the Committee. The brethren Eberman, Ricksecker and Rauch were appointed for this purpose.

January 10th 1856. - 2nd Session. - 2. The Northampton Agricultural Society through its secretary Chr. R. Hoeber made a claim to lend from the Nazareth Congregation $3000.00. It was proposed and resolved, to loan the Society the said amount on Bond and mortgage.

3. Because several requests had been made to rent the Warden's house, therefore the matter was taken into consideration and it was proposed and resolved, that the said house for this time cannot be rented out, because one does not know how long it will last, until an ACT OF INCORPORATION will be passed, and that then TRUSTEES can be elected for the Congregation.

March 13th 1856. - 3rd Session. - 2. The president, Br. Ebermann, reported, that for Sister Lambert no lodging had been found; in the uttermost case could 2 of the widows be put into the house of the Warden. The committee ordered, that if possible, a lodging in the Sisters' house should be arranged for that purpose.

3. John Kram, his wife and a child, as also John Gramlich, his wife and 3 children, wish to be come members of the Nazareth congregation. The Elders-Conference wish to hear the opinion of the committee about it. Each family was then taken into consideration, and the committee conferred with each other about it. The Committee had no reason to make any objection and
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gave its opinion.

4. In the matter regarding the taking over of Gottfried Belling’s house believed the committee, that one should settle the matter before the TRUSTEES for the congregation are elected. It was proposed and resolved, that the father Belling $400,00 should be offered under the same conditions, as they had been offered by the P.E.C.

March 28th 1856. - 4th Session. - 2. The warden reported about the last balance of the account, which he put before the committee. It was to be seen, that there was a surplus of $2401.69, which according to a former settlement will be distributed in 3 parts to the various authorities, and therefore the entire Diaconie-property will be transferred to the Liquidation Committee according the last made agreement between the Nazareth Congregation and the Sustentation-Diaconie.

3. Because now according to the above mentioned agreement an ACT OF INCORPORATION for the congregation in Nazareth has been obtained, and already Elders and Trustees of the congregation have been elected, thus a new constitution begins. The Committee therefore makes a conclusion of its Sessions and of the administration concerns as Over-Seer Committee. At the close expressed the President, Br. Eberman, his hearty thanks and he of the committee wished the Brethren/a rich blessing from the Lord above for all the love and kindness, which they manifested unto him during his five years Warden-Office in the Nazareth congregation.

Thus it came to pass in March 28th 1856.

William Eberman.

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FINIS.
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In consequence of a received Charter from the legislature in Harrisburg entitled:

"An act incorporating the Congregation of the United Brethren of the Town of Nazareth and its vicinity", which had received in February 21st 1856 the signature of the Governor, and according which on March 6th in a Gemein-Council was taken up the election of 3 electors and the 3 brethren Benjamin Clewel, Andrew G. Kern and Edmund Ricksecker were elected by the majority. They by the power of their office established the 10th of March as the day, when between 4 and 6 o'clock, p. m. all eligible members of the Nazareth congregation handed in their ballots, in order to elect 2 Elders, 6 Trustees and 4 School-Directors.

Of 71 votes, which were handed in, received the brethren

Henry van Vleck 50 votes,

Dr. Phil. Walter, senior, 31 votes as Elders,

and they were therefore declared as Elders, because they had the most votes.

The highest number of votes for Trustees received:

Benjamin Clewel with 67 votes,

Solomon Schaefer with 63 votes,

Dr. Joseph Hark with 57 votes,

William Rauch with 55 votes,

Andrew G. Kern with 51 votes,

Richard Christ with 49 votes.

As School-Directors were elected by the majority of votes:

John C. Leibfried with 60 votes,

Dr. Charles Sellers with 53 votes,

Andrew G. Kern with 53 votes,

William Beitel with 54 votes.
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Because the charter defines, that the elected Trustees have to assemble the first Tuesday after the election, it was done on Tuesday, March 11th in the evening at 7 o'clock. The minister and helper of the congregation, Br. William Lennert was present, in order according to the manner of the Brethren to lead in prayer and ask the Lord for his blessing for the new arrangement, and to help the brethren of the Board by their important transactions. He asked the Lord to show his will in the lot, who of the elected brethren as Trustees shall serve until the third Thursday in December 1856, and who shall serve until the third Thursday in 1857. After this the lot was drawn, and the result was, that the Brethren Benjamin Clewel, Richard Christ and Dr. Joseph Hark should serve until the third Thursday in December 1856; the brethren William Rauch, Solomon Schaefer and Andrew G. Kern until the third Thursday in December 1857.

1st Session.

1. After Br. William Lennert had gone the Organisation of the Board was taken up. The majority of votes should decide, who should be the president for the first term. The election by ballot was then undertaken, and the result was, that Br. William Rauch had 4 votes, Solomon Schaefer had 1 vote and also Benjamin Clewel had 1 vote. Br. W. Rauch was then acknowledged as the president of the Board.

2. Br. Jos. Hark was then unanimously appointed as Secretary pro temp.

3. It was proposed and seconded and unanimously accepted, that the treasurer, who has to be elected, should be at the same time Secretary.

4. It was then unanimously resolved, to take up by ballot the election of the treasurer and Secretary, after which

5. Br. Edm. Ricksecker had been unanimously elected as Treasurer and Secretary.

6. It was then proposed and seconded and unanimously accepted, to elect a committee, which duty it shall be, until the next meeting of the Board,
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to draw up Rules, after which the businesses of the Board shall be lead, the same should be put before the Board. The brethren William Rauch, Andrew G. Kern and Jos. Hark were unanimously chosen.

7. Unanimously it was resolved to offer to Br. E. Ricksecker $150.00 annually for the service of the two offices, Treasurer and Secretary, with the assurance, that if the businesses should appear more extended than one thinks, then he should have an addition to his salary.

2nd Session. - March 17th, 1856. All the members were present.

2. After the rules had been read, which the committee having been appointed in the last session, had drawn up, it was proposed to accept them all together, which proposal was seconded and accepted unanimously. Following are the Rules:

Duties and privileges of the President:

Rule No. 1. It shall be the duty of the President, to keep order, and to bring the businesses of the Board to a quick and correct result. He shall present the Board every case in due form, and before he asks the question he shall ask: Is the Board ready for the Vote? He shall announce the votes and the decision.

Rule No. 2. In case that the Board by a question is equally divided, then the question shall be considered as lost.

Rule No. 3. All the committees shall be appointed by the Board, unless the Board transfers it expressly to the President.

Rule No. 4. It shall be the duty of the President and the privilege of every member of the Board, to call to order if an acknowledged rule of Order has been violated.

Duties of the Secretary:

Rule No. 5. In ordinary cases shall the name of the proposer and the one who seconds not be put into the Minutes; but if it is the wish of the majority of the Board, then the proposer of any proposal shall be named;
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and if it is required also the name of every vote shall be put down.

Rule No. 6: The Secretary shall write down into the Minutes every resolution and proposal, which is laid before the Board, also every Report of any committee in the words of the proposer or of the report of the committee.

Rule No. 7: Every minutes, after it has been read by the Secretary and has been accepted by the Board, shall receive the signature of the President, and after the same has been entered in the Book of Minutes by the Secretary, it shall be delivered again to the President.

Rule No. 8: It shall be the duty of the Secretary, every time at the beginning of the Minutes to name the members, which are not present.

Proposals:

Rule No. 9: A proposal must be supported, and afterwards must be repeated or read by the President of Secretary, before the same can be spoken of, and if it is required by one of the members it must be handed in in writing.

Rule No. 10: Every Proposal can be withdrawn by the proposer with the consent of the Supporter, before it is spoken of; after it has been spoken of only with the consent of the BOARD.

Rule No. 11: A proposal of making an addition to an addition shall be permitted; but no further additions.

Rule No. 12: Additions are only then in order, if they do not touch any other subject than the one which the proposal contains.

Debates:

Rule No. 13: If 2 or more members speak at the same time, then the President shall decide who shall have the right to the word, and no member shall interrupt the other member, unless for the purpose of calling to order, to give explanation, or to call up the preceding question.

Rule No. 14: If a member has received permission, to give explanation,
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it shall refer only to pure misunderstanding of language, and he shall not be permitted to formalities.

Rule No. 15: Every member shall be strictly bound, to keep conscientious discretion about the course of the transactions and to abstain from all individualities.

Rule No. 16: If a member of the Board two times one after the other does not attend the sessions of the Board without urgent reasons, he shall be considered as excluded.

In the 5th Session was resolved as a Rule, that in the future no moneys shall be loaned out or promised without having let lie the question over to the next session.

Paragraph 3. It was proposed and seconded, that the treasurer should provide Blank Deeds, Mortgages and Bonds, but not more than 200 of each kind, and if possible until April 1st. Also Br. Rauch with the treasurer were ordered to go as soon as possible to Bethlehem and to talk with Math. Krause regarding a seal and the above mentioned Blank Deeds etc.

Paragraph 4. It was also unanimously resolved and unanimously accepted, that the above mentioned brethren should inquire in Bethlehem about a Safe, and should then report to the Board. They also should inquire, in which manner the money is loaned out in Bethlehem.

The Board adjourned until Tuesday, March 18th 7,30 pm.

March 18th 1856. - 3d Session. - Paragraph 1. In consequence of what the brethren Rauch and Ricksecker had found out by their inquiries, it was proposed and seconded, that 180 Blank Deeds, and 300 Mortgages, on the same kind of paper should be printed.

Par. 2: It was proposed and by the majority accepted, to let print 240 Blank Leases and 240 Agreements on fools-cap paper.

Par. 4: It was proposed, that John Miksch in Bethlehem should be reques-
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requested to engrave a seal with the title of the Nazareth Congregation on it. This was seconded and unanimously accepted.

Par. 5: It was proposed, that a press for the Seal should be procured. It was seconded and accepted unanimously.

Paragraph 6: It was proposed, seconded and accepted unanimously, that the President and Treasurer should appoint a committee who shall procure the above mentioned things.

Par. 8: Br. Dberman asked, whether the Board will accept Notes of the Liquidation Committee for payment of the part, which falls to his share. The Board agreed to it, to accept no Notes from the Liquidation Committee, because he is disposed, to let stand out no monies on Notes, but only on Mortgages.

Par. 9: It was proposed and seconded, to request the Warden to give to the Board a list with all the names of those, which till now held land on rent and how much every one possesses land. He also should make a list of those people, who have asked for land. The proposal was seconded and unanimously accepted.

March 24th 1856. - 4th Session. - All members were present.

Par. 2: It was proposed that 2 Water-Inspectors should be appointed, one from the upper part of the Village and the other one from the lower part of the Village. Unanimously accepted.

Par. 3: It was proposed and seconded, that it should be the duty of the Water-Inspectors, to make all the repairs of the water-condult without being obliged to have to consult the Board, provided, that the expenses do not surmount $ 20,00. Unanimously accepted.

Par. 4: It was proposed, that the brethren Musselman and Warner should be requested to serve as Water-Inspectors. - This was seconded and unanimously accepted.

Par. 5: It was proposed that 2 brethren from the Board should be appointed
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as a Committee in order to inspect the land which shall be divided. The committee shall have the right to take a citizen as an assistant for this work. It was seconded and unanimously accepted.

Par. 6: It was proposed, to appoint the Brethren Richard Christ and Benjamin Cleavel as Committee. This was seconded and accepted by the majority.

Par. 7: It was proposed and seconded that E. Ricksecker shall be appointed to measure the building-lots, if a request is made for buying the same. The surveyor shall have the right to charge $1.00 for each lot, which the buyer shall have to pay. He also shall see to it that the houses, when they are built are put in the right position. Unanimously accepted.

Par. 8: It was proposed and seconded to request Br. Roepper to measure the centers of the Streets, as far as the Village-plan is reaching, and to put it in accuracy, and this should be done as soon as it is possible. This was unanimously accepted.

Par. 9: A Re-consideration of Paragraph 8 of the 3d Session was proposed and accepted. Then it was proposed and seconded, that if the Sustentation by about a loss, which may have been caused by accepting Notes from the Liquidation Committee, would be willing to bear half of the loss, then such Notes would be accepted by the Board. For the rest of Paragraph 8 of the 3d Session it would remain in force. Unanimously accepted.

Par. 10: On request of the Northampton County Agricultural Society to borrow $2950.00, it was proposed and seconded: To loan the money to the Society, and that this sum together with a former Mortgage, now in the hands of the Liquidation Committee, and which amounts to $575.00, should be combined in one Mortgage, and the same should be put in 3 Bonds; the first Bond of $1000.00 to insure with Personal Security, which within one year's time shall be payable. The fair-buildings must first be insured and the Policy must be superscribed to the Board of Trustees. This was unanimously accepted.

Par. 11: The treasurer was ordered, to see to it, that the necessary books
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for the accounts etc. are procured. Also every member of the Board was ordered to inquire about a Safe.

William Rauch
March 27th 1856. - 5th Session. - 2. The president announced, that Br. Musselman and Br. Warner, who had been appointed as Water-Inspectors, had positively refused. Therefore it was proposed, that Br. Jacob Miksch and Br. Sylvester Belling, should be requested, to continue to serve in their former office as Water-Inspector. It was seconded and unanimously accepted.

3. It was proposed to undertake a Re-consideration of paragraph 10 4th Session. - This was seconded and accepted by the majority. After this it was proposed to make a loan of $2950.00 to the Northampton County Agricultural Society, for which said Society shall give a mortgage as assurance on all buildings and ground of the Society, of which mortgage shall be paid $600.00 annually; also the mortgage of $575.00, which now holds the Nazareth Gemein-Diakonie, shall be superscribed to the Trustees, and within one year it shall be paid, which shall be considered as the first payment on the debt, also the Insurance-policy of the Fair-buildings shall be superscribed to the Board of Trustees. This was seconded and unanimously accepted.

4. A writing of the Board of Elders was put before the Board of Trustees and was read, from which was to be seen, that they want to hear the opinion of the Board about various points on account of the composing of the new Rules and Regulations of the Congregation.

(1) The first question is: How do the brethren think about the arrangement of the Poor's treasury and the guardians of the poor? Also a Nota bene was announced, that in Bethlehem at the same time and in the same manner, with the election of the Elders and Trustees also the election of the guardian of the poor of the congregation will take place, consisting of 5 communicants' brethren of full age, of which every year 1 has to be elected for 5 years. They have to administer funds.
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It is the opinion of the Board that the administration of the poor-fund falls to its share, and that according to the Charter it falls to it also the right, to appoint guardians of the Poor. But should in the future a corporation be formed for the administration of the Funds, then the remark in Note Bene seemed to be very acceptable.

(2) In the second question remarked the Board of Elders, that the presidency in the Gemein-council belongs to the president of that authority (Board of Elders or Board of Trustees) to which the meeting for the time being had been called. Or shall the Gemein-council appoint its president every time?

The Board agreed upon it unanimously, that the Gemein-helper, minister shall be the president of the Gemein-Council as before.

(3) The third question referred to, that the Board of Elders has to determine, for what purpose the church can be used, and that the library of the congregation and the archiv have to be under the inspection of the Preacher; that the care for the maintenance of the Church-building, the Preacher’s lodgings, the Schoolhouses, the corpsehouse and the God’s acre falls back to the Trustees, and the same has to appoint the persons, who for their services in the church, the corpse-house and God’s acre etc. receive a compensation.

The Board agreed itself fully to the above mentioned points.

The further question in the same paragraph was: that the Organist and the first Saaldiener(Hall-servant) shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees with the consent of the Board of Elders, and the other Hall-servants (male and female) shall be appointed by the Board of Elders.

What concerns the Organist and the First Hall-servant in the above question, declared the Board unanimously, that they have to be elected by the Board of Trustees, however the Board shall be free to obtain
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the opinion of the Board of Elders. The Board agrees with the remaining sentence.

Further reads the writing in the same paragraph:—Permission to bury strangers in our God's acre, shall be given by the president of the Board of Elders, and by the treasurer of the Board of Trustees in common, and indeed it must be given in every case by writing. --- There is also the question: What has to be paid for a grave?

About this point agreed the Board as follows: Permission, to bury strangers on our God's acre shall, in accordance of the President of the Board of Elders and the President of the Board of Trustees together with the Treasurer in common, and in every case it must be done in writing. The determination, what strangers shall pay for a grave, falls to the resolutions of the Board of Trustees, and does not belong to the Rules of the congregation.

Par. 4. declares, that the Board of Trustees is obliged, at least two weeks before the day on which be held the general elections for occupying the congregation-offices, to put before the Board of Elders a list of all eligible members of the congregation for a most possible examination and correction.

The Board of Trustees agrees with this.

Par. 5 refers to resolutions both the Board of Elders and the Board of Trustees, and the Schoolboard, which do not relate to the current businesses of the same, but contain continuing orders, they have to be put before the Prov. Elders Conference for approval, which can refuse the same its approval only then, if the same according to their opinion, does not agree with the principles and the constitution of the Brethren's Church. On the whole has the Prov. Elders Conference the duty and the right, to watch over it, that of no authority of the congregation resolutions are made and executed, which do not agree with the principles and rules of the constitution of our Church. (Charter 10 & 11.)
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The Board agrees with it.

Paragraph 6. All resolutions of the Board of Elders, Trustees and School Boards, which contain changes of the present Rules of the Congregation, or abolition of some sentences, or even the whole of it, or additions to the same, shall not only put before the Prov. Elders Conference for approval, but also, when they have received the same, to put the same before a meeting of the major male communicants of the congregation for sanction or for rejection.

The Board agrees with this.

5. It was proposed to order Br. Benjamin Clewell to provide for "Fence Mower" (lawn-mowers) for so long a time as they are used.

This was seconded and unanimously accepted.

March 31st 1856. - 6th Session. - Dr. Hark was absent.

1. The president, William Rauch, announced, that the Brethren Jacob Miksch and Sylvester Belling are willing, to serve further as Water-Inspectors.

2. The President announced, that Officials of the Northampton County Agricultural Society have received from the treasurer of the Board of Trustees March 31st $2950.00, and that the treasurer and secretary of the Agricultural Society have in the mean time signed a Receipt, with the promise that they will give the mortgage of the Fair-ground and buildings, as soon as the Trustees are ready for it.

3. It was proposed that the streets should be measured as far as the Town-plan goes, and that the land, which falls in streets shall not be rented out, in order that one can open them unhindered, and that this is done as soon as it is suitable. An addition was made to the proposal, that the committee, which had been appointed formerly, should with the help of the President and Secretary, take the matter in hand.

This was seconded and unanimously accepted.

4. Because several requests had been made to borrow money, it was pro-
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proposed and seconded, that for this time all requests for money should be left alone, because now cannot be promised anything.

This was unanimously accepted.

5. It was proposed and seconded, that the treasurer should provide one ton of coals for the church. This was unanimously accepted.

6. On Mother Venter's request for lots it was proposed and seconded, that it should be told her, that this time one could not give her any information. This was unanimously accepted.

8. Because Br. Roepper has refused to accept the request of measuring the Streets (in paragraph 3, 4th Session), it was proposed and seconded to appoint the brethren E. Leibert and L. Huebner for measuring the streets, and it shall be performed under the inspection of the land-committee. This was unanimously accepted.

9. It was proposed, that all the requests for building-lots shall be made by the Treasurer, and that at once an agreement shall be made by writing with the inquirer, and that the buyer shall pay $25.00 on the agreement, and within one year he must take up his Deed, at which time he will have to pay $25.00, and for the balance will be required a Note with Personal Security. This shall be left for the next Session.

April 7th 1856. - 7th Session. - 4. Regarding the proposal in paragraph 9 of the 6th Session the following amendment was proposed: That the buyer after he has paid $25.00 on the agreement, he gets possession of the lot, if he settles matters with the one who has it in rent, that he then has to take up his deed within one year, and $25.00 will have to be paid by taking up the Deed; for the balance can be given a Note with approved Personal Security or a mortgage. If the buyer has not taken up the Deed within one year, the lot or lots will according to the Agreement fall back to the Trustees, and the buyer will loose in this case the $25.00, which he had paid to the agreement.
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5. It was proposed and seconded to announce to Conrad Kichline, that in case the Board can obtain sufficient money from the Liquidation Committee, they would loan him on a mortgage $3000.00, and that it should be put in 3 Bonds, each of $1000.00. The first Bond must be insured with personal security, and has to be paid in one year, and interest will have to be paid half-yearly. The insurance-policy of his house will have to be superscribed to the Trustees, provided that nothing is lying on his property, which through a thorough search in the office, either by himself in writing, or by a person, which will be appointed for it, shall be laid before the Board. This search will have to be paid by him.

This was unanimously accepted.

6. It was proposed, Peter Haas should be loaned money only then, after a search in the 3 offices has been taken place, and has proven satisfactory to the Board. If he will give mortgage on his property, and if his Father will give to the bond personal security, and if the insurance policy will be superscribed to the Trustees.

This was seconded and unanimously accepted.

It was then proposed and seconded and unanimously accepted, that the Treasurer should be entrusted, to apply through a letter to Geo. Schlabach, the Recorder, and to ask him for a thorough search in the 3 offices about Peter Haas and his Father John Haas.

10. It was proposed and seconded, that the Treasurer should request, that as soon as the Seal is finished, the same should be taken or send to William Maywell in Easton, in order to get a press for it.

This was unanimously accepted.

11. It was proposed and seconded to appoint the brethren Jacob Miksch and William Christ to lead further the water-conduit in the East Center Street, with the arrangement of a cistern. They should inspect thoroughly, calculate the cost, and to find out, what size of pipes would be...
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be used and the expenses of it. This should be reported to the Board.

This was unanimously accepted.

12. It was proposed and seconded, that Br. John Beitel should be requested, to plant trees on the God’s acre, on the road there and also on the road to the church on the square. He should take care of it as before.

This was unanimously accepted.

April 8th 1856. - 8th Session. - 1. Br. Benjamin Glewel, chairman of the land-committee reported, that they had gone over the land, which shall be rented out, and they had looked over it and they believe, that sufficient land is there, to satisfy the various applicants. --- It was then proposed and seconded, that the land and street-committee should make the division as soon as possible.

This was unanimously accepted.

4. The president, William Rauch, announced, that the Brethren Jacob Miksch or leading further and William Christ are willing as committee to examine the continuation of the Water-conduit in the East Center Street.

5. The president announced, that William Kunsman and William Ziegenfuss have asked for the lots Nos. 3 and 5 in the Prospect Street as applicants to buy them.

6. C. Musselman through the President handed over to the Trustees the keys to the ladderhouse, and gave up his office as fire-ladder over-seer. On the request of the Board, he took it over again for this time, until new rules will be made.

April 14th 1856. - 9th Session. - 2. The Land-Division-Committee reported to the Board, and put before the Board the plan of the division of the land on paper. Also the names of the people, who want to have a piece of land, were given. The approximate number of acres of each piece was also given and everything was put before the Board for their opinion.
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and decision. After this it was proposed and seconded to accept the report with the division. This was unanimously accepted.

3. It was proposed and seconded that Br. Benjamin Clewel should assign to everyone the divided land. This was unanimously accepted.

4. It was proposed and seconded, to rent out to Edward Seyfried and Richard Whitesell each a piece of land for one year for $6.00 per acre. The first one should have No. 3 and the second one should have No. 5, which are lying in the committee’s plan as No. 13.

This was unanimously accepted.

8. The following requests were made for building-lots and were granted by the Board:

1. William F. Rauch for lot No. 20 on South Broad Street.
2. C. R. Hoeber for the lot at the south-west corner of N. Whitesell and Bute’s Alley.
4. Jacob Hertzel for the lot South East Corner of South Broad Street and Belvidere Street.

9. It was proposed and seconded, that Br. Kern with the Secretary shall undertake the division of the garden for the widows in the Sisters’ garden and the fire-engine lot.

This was unanimously accepted.

12. It was proposed and seconded, that the Treasurer shall take care of the Streets, that they are opened, and the fence-makers shall be appointed, in order to make the necessary fences for the Streets as soon as possible. This was unanimously accepted.

April 17th 1856. - 10th Session. - 2. It was proposed and seconded, that a 12 feet wide carriage-way on the South-side of the College ground should be laid out. - Also a door shall be made at the going out in the Whitefield street. This was unanimously accepted.