

SINGLE BRETHREN'S DIARY
1775 Jan. 2 - Dec. 31.

JANUARY

- D Jan. 2. Brn. Chphr, Christensen and Dav. Bischoff leave to complete work for Sebast. Levant.
 C Jan. 8. Boys awakened for Festival with violins. A hymn of 11 stanzas written for them by Br. Schaukirch.
 D Jan. 9. Schaukirches to New York. Brn. Christense and Bischoff, work completed, return. Letters and leaflets from Europe.
 D Jan 16. Br. Erhard, letters from Phila, and word that Br. Tromelt still there.
 4 Jan 19. Br. Springbergas, storekeeper, Br. Moehring as tavern keeper, to go to Nazareth.
 ♂ Jan. 24. Br. Matth. Hehl Jr. from Lititz, to study bookbinding with Br. Matthiesen.
 ♀ Jan. 25. News that Merks sailed from New York for St. Thomas Dec. 26th, and Br. Tromelt from Phila for Suriname on the 17th of this month.

FEBRUARY

- D Feb. 6. Overseers' Board authorized erection of wagon shop for Br. Peter Steiner.
 H Feb. 11. Church Council. General Synod in Europe announced beginning of July. Brn. Gregor, Lorez and Dav. Zeisberger of Christbr., delegates.

MARCH

- ♀ Mar. 1. Memorial Day - beginning of Brns. Church in Bohemia, 319 years ago.
 H Mar. 4. Raiding of Sarepta, Russia by rebels, deaths of Brn. Brose and Lehmann in Terra, Labrador, announced.
 H Mar. 11. Br. Rapp from Phila. as express, with word of a ship to sail for Europe, and returned Mon., 13th.
 ♀ Mar. 17. House Conference on Province and County Tax, also misdemeanors of some boys, especially on Sundays.
 D Mar. 20. Summer schedule begun.
 ♂ Mar. 28. Hepner from Manakosy.
 ♀ Mar. 29. Early, via Phila., Dav. Zeisberger and Jos. Barth started for Synod in Europe. Br. Busse went as far as Ditters with them.

APRIL

- O Apr. 2. Br. Gerstberger to Lititz, to work as mason for Br. Ren. Keller.
 O Apr. 9. Psalm Sunday

- h Apr. 15. Great Sabbath, printed Psalms used.
- o Apr. 16. Easter: 4:30 with violins, congr. at 4:45 with trombones. Early Service at 5:45, then with music of trombones and violins to graves. On account of fine weather, more strangers present than ever before, who also attended German and English preaching.
- o Apr. 18. Unusually rainy weather in early morning. Lighthouse rose today and in following night above wharf.

H Apr. 27.- Fishing dam set up.

f Apr. 28. First catch, 500

h Apr. 29. Second catch, 550 shad.

MAY

- D May 1. Third catch, 700 shad.
- o May 2. Fourth catch, 500 shad.
- f May 3. Fifth catch, 190 shad.
- f May 5. Sixth catch, 365 shad.
- h May 6. Seventh catch, 200 shad.
- D May 8. Eighth catch, 180 shad.
- f May 10. Final catch, 120 shad.
- o May 14. Br. Nathanael took up collection for Sarepta congr.
- f May 19. Little Nathanael Rasmus, 11 yrs. old, arrived alone from St. Thomas with letters from there.
- D May 22. New upper roof on our House started, also since last fall had new steps for our house. Also, waggoner shop of Peter Stiener begun.
- f May 25. Ascension Day.
- f May 26. Nath. Rasmus to Nazareth Hall.

JUNE

- H June 1. Brn. Bonn, Oberlin and Georg. Klein went ^{to} Jac. Arndt, to tell him our ideas concerning drilling and fighting, wished to be free of duty of carrying arms, but would help to carry burden of land. He was very friendly and modest, so that we could see he had not been correctly informed concerning our beliefs on this matter.
- h June 3. Joh. Weinland removed as master of saddlery on account of his misdeeds, Br. Jos. Horsfield his successor.
- o June 4. Whitsunday.

Brethren's Diary

- ♂ June 6. Br. Joseph to Hope in Jerseys, to assist Br. Hauser in mill.
- ⊙ June 11. Br. Joh. Benn, horseback to Phila. on business.
- ♂ June 15. Returned at 9 a.m. At 6 p.m. Br. Heinzmann arrived unexpectedly from Salem, Wachovia.
- ♀ June 16. Conference of Brethren, regarding drilling and fighting committee.
- ♂ June 17. Fishing for rockfish, and regardless that net tore by washhouse, 70 caught.
- ♀ June 21. Towards 6 p.m. Br. David Zeisberger arrived from Schoenbrunn with Br. Schebe and 2 Indians, Boas and Sam. Moore.
- ♂ June 24. Children's Festival, trombones.
- ♂ June 26. Br. Heinzmann via Phila. and Charlestown, back to Wachovia.
- ♀ June 28. Around 11 a.m. Br. Heinr. Wm Schemes arrived from Suriname, brought that Br. Tremelt quite well in Paramaribo, where he arrived Feb. 20th. and before departure of Br. Schemes, was married to the widowed Sr. Wehn.

JULY

- ♂ July 1. Beginning of General Synod at Barby remembered in prayer.
- ♂ July 8. A captain with a company of 100 men, from Yorktown, passed through our town.
- ♀ July 12. At 8 a.m., Br. David Zeisberger and party started for Schoenbrunn. 5 hogshead currant wine made today. In afternoon, lightning struck in 3 places, in Br. Wiesinger's house, in a tree back of Sisters' House, and in field back of Inn, but did not do much damage.
- ♀ July 14. After evening service a committee from Church Council met, to appoint a committee for possible expenses on account of existing conditions in country, the Brn. Joh. Benn, Franz Oberlin, Geo. Klein, and Jac. Herr being elected.
- ♂ July 17. Br. Peter appointed to teach children 3 hours daily, starting next week.
- ♂ July 20. National Day of Repentance and Prayer.
- ♀ July 21. The Brn. Jm. Nitschmann and Anton Schmidt to Phila. 3 companies riflemen marched through town today.
- ♂ July 24. Early today a company of riflemen marched through town, and in evening a company of Virginians ~~marched through town~~ with Captain Morgan, who
- ♂ July 25. rested. They acted more orderly than any of the previous ones. Br. Ettwein preached in English for them in evening, attended in best order. When they left, alternately trombones and French horns played for them.

§ July 26. After Virginians had marched off, a company of Marylanders came into town, followed by their Captain Price. At their request, Br. Ettwein gave an English sermon for them in evening. They left early on Thurs 27th.

♀ July 28. Early, again, a company of Virginians marched through town. In evening after severe thunderstorm and heavy shower, Brn. Im. Nitschmann and Ant. Schmidt returned from Phila.

AUGUST

⊙ Aug. 6. Heavy rains all day.

4 Aug. 10. Early a company of Marylanders, Captain Chrystop, marched through town.

⊙ Aug. 13. Around 6 o'clock p.m. a company of riflemen marched through town, camping overnight, left on Mon. 4th. All those marching through so far, looked around town, and at our houses. Officers were freely taken around everywhere and on the whole, everybody behaved in orderly and peaceful manner.

4 Aug. 24. In afternoon society Br. Rotter of Phila came, planning to spend 14 days here.

♂ Aug. 29. Awakened by violins for our Choir Festival, soon after 5, then trombones announced it.

SEPTEMBER

♀ Sept. 1. Boys' Overseers' Conference:

- 1) Equal division of boys into rooms
- 2) Exemplary punishment of a boy only done if Choir Helper knows of it beforehand.
- 3) Every evening a Boys' Overseer watch for 1 hour in dormitory, until boys are all asleep.
- 4) In carrying laundry from and to wash house, boys do it under oversight of a Brother.
- 5) Br. Peter in charge of No. 1, Br. Busse in charge of proper walk among boys.

Room arrangement of Boys and Young Men, Brn.

In Basement: 1. Ruppel
Jac. Stoz
Steintke

2. Jes. Horsefield.

In Wing towards West.

III
Abr. Hessler
Chrn. Fuhrer

IV
Danielsen

In Lower Floor: No. VIIa
Tinsmith shop, see below, are
the no. XI Brn. found here and No
XI are those doubly underlined.

VIIIb.
Gerstberger
Wittenberg
Schneider
Moes
Joach. Sensemann
Seifert
Mau.

In wing towards west:(cont.)

V.
Jeh. Thomas

In wing towards east.

VI
Coordsen
Owen Rice

Note below follows VIIa.

Stiemer
Chr. Christensen

On second floor:

XIV
Dav. Kunz
Benzien
H. v. Vleck
Weiss
Reemper
Schmick

XV
Jm. Nitschmann

XVI
Andr. Busse

XVII
Schemes

XVIII
Benn

XIX
Chph. Christensen
M. Jung
Dav. Bishoff
Ashly
Schulze
Hubsch
Stiup
Chr. Schropp

On roof floor:

XXV
Heecher
Wagenseil

In Lower floor(cont.)

IX
Teomerop

X
Striby
Pell
Essard
Fritsche
Ludw. Stoz
Wohlson
H. Schmidt
Chr. Fr. Beutel
Joh. Schmid

XI
Ehrhhard
Jag
Gold
Giers
Jos Schober
Dan'l Kunkler
Nath. Schmidt.

XII
Matthiesen
Gottl. Sensemann
Steiner
Hirto

XIII
Jac. Herr
Gimmele
Schenk
Peterson
Kaschke
Wichmann
Joh. Lehnert
Johs. Rasmus

On third floor:

XX
Steph. Bruce
Jrs. Gambold
Hantsch
Pyrleus
Chr. Ettwein
Peb. Lehnert
Tho. Schnall

XXI
Johs. Schropp
Abr. Reinke
Segner
Joh. Gambold
Sam. Schober
Eggert
Ludw. Hubner
Georg. Huber
Kiefer
Heinr. Andrews
Pet. Kunkler
Joh. Popplewell
Chr. Till

XXII
Fr. Peter

XXIII
Weigand
Belling
Ant. Schmidt
Krause
Abr. Andreas
Pet. Fuhrer
Ths. Popplewell
Jac. Ettwein
Joh. Schweisshaupt
Dav. Weinland
Nath. Richter
Streble
Joh. Fuhrer

XXIV
Jos. Huber
Ludw. Mucke
Schegel
Abr. Levering
Car. Kunkler
Chr. Richter
Sam. Johannes
Kliest
Waarbass
Joh. Etwein.
Kremser
Jos. Stoz
Jos. Till

115 persons and with 2 out of town
Claus and Seyfried, 117 persons. Then
since Brns. Festival 2 boys have come in.

⊙ Sept. 3. In evening Br. Heinr. Oester came from Christbr. to stay here about 1/4 year, was lodged in No. XX.

4 Sept. 7. Early, Br. Retter back to Phila. Br. Benn drove to Nazareth with a Congress gentleman from S. Carolina, took him around everywhere.

♀ Sept. 8. House Conference:

- 1) Because new rule compels a Br. to go with boys when take laundry to and from wash house, it was decided the Brn. particularly Masters and Overseers, see that Brn. in charge of job have laundry lying ready 8 o'clock in morning, if they are late not send a boy but take it themselves. Wherefore any Br. who sees a boy going alone, may question him about it.
- 2) Beds to be made by after 8 o'clock. Br. Schlegel appointed, to make those beds not done by 8:30, for 2 coppers. The overseers see that he is paid.
- 3) Requested to close house and room doors gently.
- 4) Decided that each Br. in House may and should remind boys when disorderly, and if boy does not obey reminder, report it to his room overseer for proper attention.
- 5) Had been observed that a Br. had lain in bed without pants, the already occurred reminder was repeated.
- 6) Requested, not to scour windows etc. near eaves outlet with sand, because sand stops up pipes.
- 7) Br. Hubsch to be reminded about being orderly in every part of his night watchman duty.
- 8) Next week, when it suits best, dormitories to be cleared.

⊙ Sept. 10. Today, as musicale, for the gentleman from Congress from S. Carolina and he was taken around in rooms.

✓ ♂ Sept. 12. Upper dormitory cleared, whitewashed and scrubbed.

♀ Sept. 13. Lower dormitory, likewise.

✎ Sept 16. 2 Single Brn. Blum and Muller from Salem, against advice of Brn. there, both advised, after visit here, to go back.

▷ Sept. 18. Br. Philipp Claus came from brick hut, was assigned to No. XIV.

▷ Sept. 25. Winter schedule begun.

♀ Sept. 29. An unpleasant occurrence during these days. Wohlson, an account of one stable Br. having shot a cat belonging to Br. Oberlin, by a warrant was summoned by constable before the justice. This more properly attended to by Overseers' Board.

OCTOBER

▷ Oct. 2. Sam. Mau left Congr. again.

♂ Oct. 3. In afternoon Br. Joh. Jungmann, gone insane from various causes, by Br. Schebo brought to Lititz, but brought here by his Brother Jacob, perhaps through careful nursing may again attain sanity. Sam. Johannes with his mother to Phila.

♀ Oct. 4. Rain all day.

- ♀ Oct. 6. The 2 Wachovians, Brn. Chuller and Blum to Lititz to spend winter, and if their conditions do not allow anything else, return to Wachovis in spring.
- ♂ Oct. 9. At request of Abr. Taylor, Esq., Br. Bonn with several other Brn. to Easton for funeral of first named's son. On the 2nd of this month, many of our Brn. went to Easton for the Election, at which Abr. Taylor and Kochlin were chosen Assmlymen.
- ♂ Oct. 10. Changes in lodging of Little Boys' Bearding School, assigned attic room as dormitory next to small room No. VII, which became Cobbler shop; No. VIIb, tinsmith shop, and No. VIIa, glazier's shop. Into No. VIIa also moved the Brn. of No. XI; and into No. XI, those Brn. underlined double whose Overseer is Br. Chr. Christensen. Br. Sam. Steintke moved into tinsmith shop No. VIIb; and Br. Klaus replaced him in kitchen work.
- ♀ Oct. 11. In evening until 11 thunderstorm, heavy thunder around 11.
- ♀ Oct. 13. A fever attacking people here.
- ♂ Oct. 16. Andr. Hirte, earnestly warned to straighten himself, made up his mind to leave for Phila., to find work in shipbuilding yard.
- ♀ Oct. 20. Very heavy rains.
- ♂ Oct. 22. In spite of roads being in bad condition from rain, Brn. Bonn, Etwein arrived safely from Phila. with Br. Freis. Various gentlemen were here from Phila. and New York, among them the young Hepershawn from Georgia, whose father had died on route in Brunswick; in their honor an English sermon in forenoon, and a musicale in afternoon.
- ♂ Oct. 30. Br. Bonn on business beyond Blue Mts.

NOVEMBER

- ♀ Nov. 9. Heavy rains all day.
- ♀ Nov. 17. Various gentlemen at evening service, also a member of Congress.
- ♂ Nov. 20. Br Freis back to Phila. via Emmaus and Adolph Meyer's home, Br. Bonn accompanying him part way.
- ♀ Nov. 23. Baptism of little twin Knaus girls.
- ♂ Nov. 25. During evening communion, thunderstorm in spite of cold weather, one place struck by lightning.
- ♀ Nov. 30. Br. Ebert brought word that Lititz grist and saw mill entirely burned down on 25th.

DECEMBER

- ♀ Dec. 1. Marriages of Br. Ulr. Muschbach and Mar. Muller; Ad. Hartmann and Chath. Heckedorn; Steph. Nicolaus and A. Colver.
- ♂ Dec. 3. First of Advent. At 8 o'clock, Hosanna sung. Br. Joh. Jungmann

from sickroom to Br. Chr. Christensen's room.

- D Dec. 4. Br. Hans. Dhph. Christensen to Lititz with Br. Franke to get everything in proper order and arrange to rebuild burnt-down mill.
- 8 Dec. 5. The royal soldiers captured at St. Johns by Gen Montgomery brought here and quartered in town.
- ⊙ Dec. 10. Christensen back from Lititz.
- ⊙ Dec. 24. Light snow all day, no meeting until evening Vigils.
- ☉ Dec. 31. Services at 9 a.m., 8 p.m., 10 p.m., 12, closing service of year, with trombones.

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JANUARY

- H Jan. 6. Early Sam. Steintke left for Hope to assist Br. Muschbach for a while in brandy distillery.
- D Jan. 15. Bad weather.
- ♀ Jan. 26. Important House Conference:
- 1) Br. Joh. Lehnert made sick nurse, in case not strong enough, Br. Oecker to help out.
 - 2) Lovefeast money by each room overseer or other appointed Br. to be collected, who is to give to house sachristan to be passed on.
 - 3) That house watchman during meetings to go around to all rooms in house.
 - 4) Overseers to check and remind that plates are not to be left lying and standing all over the rooms but instead returned to cook at proper times.
 - 5) Reminder about emptying little barrels in the gutters, on account of icy way to manure pile. Br. Ruppel asked to have his people put ashes on path, also give overseers some for the rooms, so that little barrels are emptied at proper place.
 - 6) The stoppage in bedmaking by Br. Schlegel was to be resumed, and difficulties resulting in remunerating him, should be smoothed out through Br. Bonn.
 - 7) Br. Bonn to remind Br. Jac. Schneider about not entering so much into strange rooms, even when they are locked.
 - 8) Regarding the noon meal, Br. Ruppel requested, not only to serve the fatty pork, but also beef 3 times a week, also to leave bacon strips out of sourbraten, which he promised to do.
 - 9) Promised to have someone look after Br. Christn. Christensen's room, so that it would get a closet in the cellar and a partition for wood in woodshed.
- D Jan. 29. Some disagreements among Brn. peacefully settled.
- ♀ Jan. 31. In evening, 150 wives and children of captured royal soldiers arrived, for whom Anton Schmidt and Weigand had to order wagons in the Lackenau and at Dryland because word having come that 150 more men were to arrive in morning, not enough quarters in town to hold them all. They got together so many wagons that Bethlehem (cont. Feb. 1st.)

FEBRUARY

- H Feb. 1. could be entirely free of this quartering. The 150 men did not arrive was therefore just a rumor.
- H Feb. 22. Very bad weather.
- H Feb. 24. In evening Sam. Steintke back from Hope, Jersey, could not get along there.
- ♂ Feb. 27. Br. Joh. Chph. Pyrleus to Hope, to assist Br. Muschbach.
- ♀ Feb. 28. Br. Sam. Steintke to Phila to see if he could find work in his profession In spite of very stormy weather, large attendance at Br. S. Ottein's funeral.

MARCH

- ① Mar. 3. Br. Stientke, unsuccessful, back from Phila.
- ♂ Mar. 5. Heavy thunderstorm during night, such thunder and lightning, that most of Brn. got up.
- ♀ Mar. 6. Br. Pet. Goetze, from Nazareth, assigned to No XX. The Lehnerts on route to bring Matth. Otto here, at Herzels place got stuck with wagon in a mud hole, had to be careful, and were compelled to turn back home.
- ♀ Mar. 8. Some boys having thrown down water closet by kitchen, most boys knowing about it, Br. Busse serious ~~X~~ interview with all the boys.
- h Mar. 9. Elders' Board requested our Choir Workers, if possible, to clear out a room in lower floor for the widower, Chr. Froelich, arrived from New York, but Brn. of House Conference refused as not agreeable to our Choir.
- ♂ Mar. 26. Summer schedule begun. Joh. Matth. Otto came from Nazareth Hall, to learn medicine with his father.
- h Mar. 30. Br. Christensen received letter from Br. Franke in Lititz regarding erection of Lititz mill, inergetically refused to having nothing to do with entire matter if to be built according to Br. Franke's plan. An express sent to Lititz about it.
- ① Mar. 31. Early, in person of Br. Neils Moos, Sam. Steintke in Br. Jacob Stoz's place in kitchen, latter unwilling to serve there any longer.

APRIL

- D Apr. 1. Church bell cracked. Crack welded again during these days, so as to be usable during Festival Days. After these, became quite unusable, had to be recast.during summer.
- ♀ Apr. 3. Towards evening, Br. Neils Moos back from Lititz. Matter straightened Br. Christensen will go to Lititz after Festival Days.
- 4 Apr. 4. Maundy Thursday.
- ♀ Apr. 5. Death of old Br. Froelich.
- h Apr. 6. At. 4, his funeral, large attendance. At beginning of this service an address by dep. Br. Jag read, which had had given at Consecration of this God's Acre with burial of Br. Joh. Muller, whose grave had been dug by the now departed Br. Froelich.
- ① Apr. 7. Easter, Heavy rain in early morning, but ceased during early service, even if very cloudy and foggy, then soon began raining again.
- ♂ Apr. 9. After having conducted evening service, Br. Thrane went to bed ill.
- 4 Apr. 11. In forenoon wagons from Lititz, packed with all things for mill by Brn. Dav. Bischoff and Nath. Ashly and drove
- ♀ Apr. 12. the wagons off. The Brn. Chph. Christensen and Chr. Christensen on horseback, latter to assist him.

- D Apr. 15. The boy, Matth. Eggert from Nazareth Hall, to learn cobbler profession with Br. Stiemer.
- H Apr. 18. Br. Ch. Christensen from Lititz, reports safe arrival of Br. Chph. Christensen.
- ♀ Apr. 19. Early at 7, death of Br. Thrane, suffering long from catharr to which 8 days before high nerve fever added. His burial Sun. 21st. Large attendance, but rain made difficult return of people to Nazareth and Emmaus.
- D Apr. 29. Fish dam erected. Rain prevented services.
- ♂ Apr. 30. 1st catch, over 600. A boy climbed into water as fisher drove net into pond, was thrown over by net, in danger of drowning. Br. Neils Moos, trying to help him, torn away by current, swam for a while, but would have drown if Br. Pet. Steiner had not reached him in time with canoe and pulled him into it. Meanwhile a farmer with a horse came to assistance of boy and brought him to shore. In eveing, extraordinary thunder shower.

MAY

- H May 2. At Elders' 1/4 hour meeting, announced by Br. Nathanael that for ime being the Elders would carry on Br. Thrane's duties together.
- ♀ May 3. For 3 days no fishing on account of high water.
- H May 4. Fishers had rowed up Lehigh, intending to fish, but rained in forenoon, feared they might come down on Lehigh too late. (trombones having to play for Srs. Festival)
- D May 6. Second catch, 660. shads.
- ♂ May 7. Had already paddled up in canoes, but cold rainy weather hindered them, came back. In evening, musicale in the honor of Lt. Governor John Penn.
- H May 9. 150 shad caught.
- ♀ May 10. 4th fishing, 217. Might have cought more if a strong gale had not hindered them.
- H May 11. 5th catch, 191. Net torn by force of water, made much work for fishers, many fish getting away.
- D May 13. 6th catch, 380.
- ♀ May 15. 7th catch, 220.
- H May 16. Ascension Day. Because tomorrow is Day of Repentance, members permitted to work, or not to work, on account of the poor people, causing some confusion.
- ♀ May 17. National Day of Repentance and Prayer.
- ♂ May 19. Br. Christensen, constantly becoming feebler, has given up the building of a mill at Paris, near Albany, and nothing could be arranged through letters, some of which were lost en route. Br. Bonn decided to

undertake the 300 mile journey there, startin at 8 o'clock.

- ⊙ May 26. Whitsunday. Heavy rains prevented evening services.
- ⊙ May 27. The boy, Gottlieb Braun from Christbr., to learn clothweaving profession with Borhek.
- ♀ May 31. House Conference; Brn. who are not coming to meals, write their names on slate in kitchen, cook every 4 weeks when Brn. pay, give note with Brns. names to trustee. Whoever does not put his name on slate, will have to pay in full. Also decided to whitewash dormitories next week. Also Br. Busse gave reminder that Brn. were not to go to plantations, unless they had business there.

JUNE

- ⊙ June 2. Brn. advised, not to worry about disturbances of country. At 5 p.m. Br. Bonn safely returned from Albany, brought good news.
- ⊙ June 10. This morning some Brn. went to Allentown without permission, came back after dark. Had to spend night out of our House.
- ♂ June 11. Upper and
- ♀ June 12. Lower dormitory cleared and scrubbed.
- ♀ June 19. Br. Jac. Stoz as cook to Nazareth. Single Brethrens' House.
- ♀ June 21. Br. Massa Warner from Gnadenhutten to stay till Oct., do carpenter work with Br. Schindler.
- ⊙ June 24. Little Boys' Festival.
- ⊙ June 29. 80 Rockfish caught. An illness prevailing in our House for some time, mumps, especially affecting bys and young Brn., mostly lasting 8 days. some affected in their stomachs, much to endure.

JULY

- ⊙ July 1. Funeral of Sr. Sangerhaus during thunderstorm with heavy thunder.
- ♀ July 3. Church Council. Independence about to be declared. Decided we did not understand matter, would not discuss it with strangers nor among ourselves.
- ⊙ July 6. Wilh. Peterson leaves congr., goes to Phila.
- ⊙ July 8. The boy, Joh. Dav. Schmidt from Nazareth Hall, to work at his former profession of linen weaving. Brn. Nathanael and Schweiniz to Conference in Phila. In conference of Boys' Overseers, to see that no boy hold stick or stone in hand when out on walk, will be punished.
- ♀ July 12. The boy, Jasper Payne from Lititz, to learn tanning profession with Br. Coramann.
- ♀ July 24. Br. Jeh. Weinland from Jersey, had pierced his eye, for cure. No hope that eye can be put into order.

- 4 July 25. Church bell, already unsuccessfully recast twice, again recast successfully. Weighs 228 lbs., 112 lb. more than old one.
- h July 27. Bell hung, rung as test at 5 o'clock.
- ⊙ July 28. Prayer for Government read in Church Litany, without mentioning it. At 11 o'clock English service, many gentlemen present.

AUGUST

- h Aug. 3. 70 rockfish caught, one weighing 10 lbs., most of them large.
- ⊙ Aug. 4. In morning at 9, a Reading company of 60 men, quietly marched in, no beatings of drums. In good order attended 10:30 service. This company with a well behaved young captain, 19 yrs. old, behaved well, no wine or rum drunk. Many strangers from Phila. and New York at services.
- h Aug. 17. Little Girls' Festival. Could not be announced by trombones, so many soldiers having arrived yesterday afternoon from Tolpehoken. At 7:30 Communion, $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours beforehand, a Battalion of Provincials of Lebanon, marched into town, among them several of our Brn., f.i. Sturges. They remained.
- ⊙ Aug. 18. Here the whole day, quietly and orderly listened to a sermon by Br. Etwein.
- h Aug. 19. -Marched on.
- ♀ Aug. 23. Soldiers who came from Reading today, at their request given a Bible lecture in evening by Br. Etwein, with Litany, "O head full of blood and wounds".
- h Aug. 24. During approaching heavy thunderstorm Br. Fries arrived here safely.
- ⊙ Aug. 25. Br. Etwein, sermon for soldiers who arrived yesterday.
- ♂ Aug. 27. Joh. Rasmus left Congr. early, with an excavation hoe in his hand, so that one could presume he wanted to enlist. Br. Weigand sent after him, but could not catch up with him. No evening prayer, our chapel not yet dry from its scrubbing.
- h Aug. 29. Choir wakened by violins, Congr. by trombones, for our Choir Festival. Soldiers who arrived yesterday afternoon, no disturbance. Soldiers marched out at 9 o'clock ~~so~~ respectfully, that they removed their hats in leaving, and Captain waved his hat.
- h Aug. 31. Word from Lititz that Br. Christensen very weak, wishes to be brought to Bethlehem. Conference. No wagon obtainable, it being seeding time, Br. Busse decided to go to Lititz beginning of next week, especially as Br. Christensen wanted to see him.

SEPTEMBER

- ⊙ Sept. 1. After dinner, battalion of 450 men with waving banners and music into town. Among them Rasmus. Br. Ettwein preached for them at 4 o'clock.
- h Sept. 2. Brn. Busse and Wichmann to Lititz, 1st to see the sick Christensen, 2nd

to be married on the 7th. Brn. Fries and Etwein to Gnadenhutzen.

- Sept. 4. Bt. Etwein back from Gnadenh., Br. Fries at Christbr., returned 6th.
- h Sept. 7. Br. Busse back. Br. Joach. Wichmann and Sr. Mar. Magd. Eubin married in Lititz.
- ↗ Sept. 10. Rained all day.
- Sept. 15. Br. H. Chph. Christensen died at 11 in evening at Lititz.
- D Sept. 16. Joh. Weinland via Gnadenenthal back to Jersey.
- ↗ Sept. 17. Joh. Fr. Beck arrives from Wachovia at 6 p.m. via Lititz, brought us word of Br. Christensen's death.
- ♀ Sept. 18. Abr. Boemper decides to leave congr. for Phila. did so on 20th. Br. Bonn went to purchase livestock.
- 7 Sept. 26. Br. Edwards via Lititz to the Ohios.

OCTOBER

- ↗ Oct. 1 Winter schedule begun. Upper dormitory cleared, whitewashed and scrubbed.
- 7 Oct. 3. Heavy rains.
- 7 Oct. 10. Jehs. Rasmus permission to stay here on probation. Very rainy weather.
- h Oct. 19. Conference in evening, how to act regarding tax laid on those persons who would not drill.
- D Oct. 28. Br. Bonn to Phila. on business. Brn. Owen Rice and Joh. Lehnert as journeymen in tailor shop of Br. Gimmele. Br. Pet. Getze, sick nurse.

NOVEMBER

- ♀ Nov. 1. Br. Bonn back from Phila.
- D Nov. 3. Decided to wait till after New Year, before raising journeymen's wages.
- 7 Nov. 7. Massa Warner permission to remain here.
- h Nov. 16. In prayer meeting, letter from good friend in Phila. read, warning all members to avoid any careless remarks against Congress and Assembly.
- Nov. 17. At 3 p.m., with wagon, Br. Bonn and Benzion to Lititz, to take our chapel organ there, and returning to bring a new one back.
- D Nov. 18. Early, Br. Im. Nitschmann to Phila.
- ↗ Nov. 19. In Helpers' Conference, price of wood regulated, a cord of oak, 9 s., a cord of hickory, 12 s., announced to all housefathers and overseers this evening.
- h Nov. 23. At 2 p.m. Brn. Bonn and Benzien arrived with new organ.

- Nov. 25. In forenoon, Br. Tanneberg form Lititz, in afternoon began to set up organ.
- Nov. 27. Finished today - consecrated 1/4 of nine in evening. Approved by all the Brn., gives our Choir opportunities for new pleasures.

DECEMBER

- Dec. 4. Hospital to Bethlehem.
- Dec. 6. House Conference. Decided to take what was left of our dinner to hospital. About 1,000 men to be hospitalized in our area. Gen. Washington has assigned Bethlehem as main center for this. Already this week a few hundred sick with their doctors and chief surgeon Shippen lodged here, causing much difficulty and trouble in Bethlehem.
- Dec. 17. 280 men of Gen. Gates quartered here. 100 in our House, were lodged in our dining room and in lower shops. On the whole, a very disturbing day.
- Dec. 18. Great restlessness in town, as yesterday evening Gen. Leés army, 4 to 5,000 men strong, marched through, set up nigh camp at Bush with big guard fire. The General took such care of us that we were not bothered by these troops. Officers looked at everything today, satisfied, marched on. But we first got rid of providing quarters, partly on 19th and
- Dec. 20. entirely, but same evening again received 50 men, who
- Dec. 21. at noon marched off. They behaved fairly well, but caused much disturbance and trouble. Also our Choir services have been ruined. Today, dining hall again cleared and scrubbed. [Otherwise several Brn. went to Easton today, to bring back ferry which had been impressed this week. But came home without accomplishing it, because it was impracticable on account of the cold and the low water.
- Dec. 24. Christmas Eve Vigils at 7 o'clock. All the doctors as well as other strangers attended.
- Dec. 26. Heavy blizzard, only one service.
- Dec. 31. Closing services of year. We still number 122 in Choir House.

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JANUARY

- ♀ Jan. 3. Yesterday Br. Bonn to Easton, to prevail on Committee to have ferry returned to Bethlehem, succeeded.
- h Jan. 4. Services conducted very quietly, because again 45 men from Ticonderoga quartered here.
- 4 Jan. 5. In evening, ferry safely arrived, with assistance from several of our Brn.
- ⊙ Jan. 17. Br. Bonn to Easton, had heard a Jew there had 600 bu. flaxseed for sale. False rumor.
- u Jan. 23. In evening, unexpectedly, Br. Klose arrived from Jamaica. Having had a call to Barbadoes, started on voyage for London, along Georgia coast captured by American privateer, brought into a Virginia harbor, from where he continued journey to Phila. Had started on a Jamaica sloop Oct. 18th from Black River, landed at Va. Harbor Dec. 29th., where sloop was in danger of being stranded, as another boat did in their view. Has no hope to recover his things, because sloop, en route to Baltimore, again captured by a British privateer. We provided for him in our House, until he found lodging in Schober's house.

FEBRUARY

- ♂ Feb. 4. Br. Bonn to Phila. news that 10,000 bu. salt arrived there, to try and get about 100 bu. from Committee.
- ⊙ Feb. 7. 300 men quartered in town, 90 in our House, apportioned into all the shops and downstairs living rooms (incl. 2nd. story). Remained here 88 days, behaved decently and quietly. No services and meeting during this time. On last day Br. Bonn returned from Phila. and in his trip, through a card from Dr. Shippen to Marras, owner of salt, was able to buy 50 bu. salt @ 30s., but measured so scantily, that in apportioning them, they were 2 bu. short.
- u Feb. 13. Militia from neighborhood came through town with all kinds of bad intentions, but frightened off by soldiers lodged here, so that this otherwise very burdensome quartering proved a blessing for us. We heard later about bad behavior of this militia in Easton where they broke in doors and windows, robbed blankets and other things for their use.
- ⊙ Feb. 14. At 10 o'clock the 300 men marched off, satisfied with good treatment experienced here. Officers had inspected everything in town, in their honor a concert given on Mon. Soldiers went to service every evening, and English address for them each time.
- h Feb. 15. In afternoon before 4, Allentown Militia, 4 companies, marched through also had planned to cause all kinds of trouble here with excuse that Bethlehem people were Tories, especially with regard to Choir Houses, the Store and the Inn. But Savior provided for our safety, in guardian angels in the persons of Mr. Dean, Member of Comm. of Safety, and

Dr. Skinner, who stationed armed, convalescent soldiers from hospital in every place, and so caused the militia to pass quite silently through town, not even daring to stop for a moment at Inn, but had to continue on their way.

- Feb. 16. Blizzard, fewer services, many in sickroom, stroke, quinsy, chest fever, scarlet fever. Some young children and young people inoculated for smallpox, it beginning to appear.
- ♂ Feb. 19. Br. Jac. Schneider died, stroke. Buried Sun. 23rd.
- ♀ Feb. 21. House Conference, to have authority to give orders to Choir members.
- ♂ Feb. 24. Yesterday and today, 54 men quartered here from Ticonderoga. On the whole 200 men in town.
- ♂ Feb. 25. Towards evening and on
- ♀ Feb. 26. 25 wagons continental stores arrived, consisting partly of forage and ammunition and of provisions. [In forenoon, Bethlehem rid of its quartering.

MARCH

- ♂ Mar. 3. House Conference:
- 1) On account of present scarcity, one day a week no meat, instead dumplings or such like, cost of each dinner 8d., for boys 3d. more daily, 2ld. per week, or a total of 6/9, at same time waged to be raised.
 - 2) Br. Gerstberger, nightwatchman, Br. Hubsch, house sweeper.
- ♀ Mar. 4. Little Just Jansen died from inoculated smallpox.
- ♀ Mar. 7. House Conference, some prices up on food, lights, oil. Grits to be tried out on Brn.
- ♀ Mar. 22. Br. Chr. Christensen, assistant nurse to help Br. Peter Getze for 8 days. Br. Peter Steiner back into his shop, sick people there since Dec. having been removed.
- ♀ Mar. 14. Br. Niels Moos died, buried Sun. 16th.
- ♂ Mar. 18. Church Council. Planned erection of a town school, below Br. Oerter's house, 44 ft. by 32 ft., 2 stories high with a good roof, so that a dormitory can be made under it. To cover expenses, subscription taken from all house fathers and Choir Houses. Summer schedule to start next Sunday. Also Members to be warned regarding existing conditions.
- ♀ Mar. 21. House Conference. Br. Christensen, regular sicknurse.
- Mar. 23. Psalm Sunday.
- ♀ Mar. 28. Good Friday, Many still sick.

APRIL

- ♂ Apr. 1. Br. Christensen, fever, Br. Segner, nurse.

- 2 Apr. 2. For present, Brn. Phil. Jac. Stoecher and Jac Stoz, joint sick nurses. Br. Gerstberger takes Br. Hubsch's place as nightwatchman, latter attends to sweeping.
- 4 Apr. 3. Penna. Fasting, Repentance and Prayer Day.
- ♀ Apr. 4. House Conference, mainly to regulate care of sick.
- Ⓞ Apr. 6. In evening, deliberation among our Brn. regarding Penna. Militia Act.
- D Apr. 7. Decided, Constable should interview each Br., but no one give in his name. Br. Chr. Christensen died.
- ♀ Apr. 9. Burial of 2 departed Brn., Christensen and Nigeon.
- ♀ Apr. 11. Constable here, with word if refused, sheriff ordered Br. Bonn to Easton prison. Discussed. Result - Constable went around to write down names. Had for 50^l bond himself to do so, would have had to pay if he failed.
- h Apr. 12. Brn. Dav. Bischoff and Nath. Ashley back, having completed work on Lititz mill.
- Ⓞ Apr. 13. In afternoon visit from several gentlemen, traveling incognito, listened with pleasure to trombones with organ. One appeared to be of princely origin, played well on organ. Another, presumably controller of his household, played a good violin, played several selections with us.
- 4 Apr. 17. Br. Bonn, having received word of his brother Nicolaus' death, traveled to latter's home on Schuylkill below Reading.
- h Apr. 19. Returned. Fish dam erected.
- D Apr. 21. 1st. catch - 200 shad.
- ♂ Apr. 22. 2nd. catch - 180 shad.
- 4 Apr. 24. 3rd. catch - 100 shad.
- D Apr. 28. Death of Br. Heinr. Wilh. Schemes. Buried on Wed. 30th.
- ♀ Apr. 30. Heavy frost during night destroyed all hope for a rich fruit harvest.

MAY

- h May 3. 4th. catch - 250 shad.
- D May 5. 5th catch - 170 shad.
- ♂ May 6. Brn. in Nazareth doubtful, concerning £3.10.- to be paid by non-combatants. Today and on
- ♀ May 7. various discussions in Elders' Conference, decided to see what would happen if they refused to pay.

- ♀ May 9. 12 light cavalry men, who had ridden here to greet Lady Washington, stayed here several days, awaiting her arrival. But later word came that she had gone to Phila. on Durham Road.
- h May 10. Br. Joh. Bonn to Easton, to see if he could obtain postponement of
of the £ 10 pay from Commissioners. Could see that those from out of town agree with us, so easily obtained their consent.
- D May 12. This forenoon, 19 wagons loaded with salted meat and pickled meat for army went through town.
- ♂ May 13. At noon, Col. Lawar from Easton, to requisition 167 blankets from county, Bethlehem to furnish 50. But was satisfied with 27, 9 being from our Brn.
- ♀ May 14. Last catch - 110 shad.
- ⊙ May 18. Whitsunday.
- ♀ May 21. In afternoon Collector Lawall to collect the £ 3.10.- tax. Told, according to 30 appeal permitted by Assembly, not to be paid, after which he safely might return to Bethlehem alone to do it.
- ♂ May 27. Br. Bonn on business to farm 18 miles down towards Phila.
- ♀ May 28. In afternoon, Brn. Im Nitschmann and Anton Schmidt to Phila.
- ♀ May 30. Collector Lawall here again, announced collection in 8 days.
- h May 31. Capt. Webb, captured by Americans, arrived from Phila, lodged in Br. Lindemeyer's house.

JUNE

- h June 5. Br. Bonn to Mennissing to buy livestock for us.
- h June 7. Returned, only obtained 2 small steers, each £8.
- D June 9. After long drought, a fruitful thunder shower.
- ♂ June 10. In afternoon, Tax Collector Lawall here and collected the £ 3.10.-
Br. Bonn another trip to Blue Mts. to look for more livestock.
- h June 12. Returned. So far, no livestock, but some promised for fall.
- ♀ June 13. House Conference. Decided to continue commission of meat, but make barley and grits soup stronger, instead of meat, a dish of barley and milk. Today also, the upper and
- h June 14. lower dormitory cleared, whitewashed and scrubbed.
- ♂ June 17. Br. Joh. Heckewelder from Wuschkingum River, via Pittsburgh and Lititz for a visit. On way since May 26th, had left all well. The town of Schoenbrunn had been given up for a lack of workers.
- ♀ June 18. Br. Busse asked Brn. to help pay £ 3.10.- for poor Brn. unable to pay it.

- 2 June 19. Through aid of Br. Just. Jansen, Br. Bonn able to purchase 6 head of livestock, small, each £ 10.-. Br. Bonn arranged for their pasture at Johns.
- ⊙ June 22. 11 o'clock English preaching service attended by 3 delegates from Congress with their ladies. In afternoon, soon after dinner, the Colonel, long lying ill in Br. Oberlin's house, and not to be carried to Phila in a litter with 2 horses, at his request carried to Lehigh by 18 brothers. The Brn, Schægel and Jos. Schober will go along for further assistance to Phila. Also Dr. Skinner and the Paymaster Sutton with their people. Br. Bonn received word from young Johns that 6 newly purchased steers had escaped from pasture, fence being broken down.
- ♂ June 24. Br. Grunewald, looking for Christbr. livestock, had found young steers in Bush and driven them home, which helped Br. Bonn out of his dilemma.
- h June 28. 38 rockfish caught. Brn. Schlegel and Schober back from Phila in afternoon. Brn. Stiemer, Horsefield, and Segner to Phila, to get out of County unhindered, before July 1st. and buy necessities. Also started to tear down old Monocacy Bridge in our garden, and to build a new one in its place, to stand on stone pillars.

JULY

- ♂ July 1. Day set, on which inhabitants of this country give up allegiance to King, and pledge allegiance to new Government, so that any one omitting to do this could not go from one county into another, to buy or sell, or do other business. This occurred in an Act of the Penna. Assembly.
- ♀ July 2. 3 Brn. returned safely from Phila.
- ♂ July 3. Brn. warned about accepting tickets concerning allegiance. At House
- ♀ July 4. Conference decided in consideration of high expense of livestock and all other victuals, price of noon meal to be reckoned not lower than 1/., but wages must also be raised to assist Brn. to manage to get along. Also, currant wine to be made this year, so Brn. should leave berries alone, until they have been harvested.
- ⊙ July 6. From diaries of conditions of Indian congr. in Schoenbrunn and Gnad-enjuttin, we learned that Chiefs had advised our white members (from all kinds of lying rumors heard by them) that they might be attacked by the Mingues, to go away from these 2 places, and to move with them to Lichtenau, so that Schoenbrunn lately was in very bad condition, had been disbanded on Apr. 20th.
- ♂ July 8. Harvest began, Br. Boeckel having 24 Brn. and boys as workers.
- ♂ July 10.- News having arrived of an exchange of prisoners at sea as well as war and country party ships, Br. Klose went to Phila, now had hopes that he might be set free and allowed to go to Europe.
- ♀ July 11. No evening service because of heavy thunder showers.
- ♂ July 15. Br. Klose here to go to Phila. to seize first opportunity for Europe.

- ♂ July 16. In afternoon, horrible weather with thunder, hail and rainstorm, could not see anything, quite some damage done. Shocks of rye in field mostly thrown over, 40 panes in Inn cracked, 1 window at farm broken. Maize mostly broken down.
- ♀ July 18. Today wheat harvest begun. Children also picked our currants, 3 hogs - head wind made.
- ♂ July 21. Br. Klose to Phila.
- ♂ July 23. Mowers finished cutting grain.
- ♂ July 24. Conference. Boys to stop bathing in Lehigh, from now on wash feet in Monocacy.
- ♂ July 31. Brn. Bonn and Dav. Kuhz, 7 miles from here, to cut down thick tree for new stamp and pressing trough in oil mill, old ones being impaired or not repairable. All kinds of rumors during week, that Washington with army, or Sullivan's Corps, was to march through here, or at least ride in neighborhood, all ungrounded news.

AUGUST

- ♂ Aug. 7. After feading service, in view of fact, that Exercise Money in Nazareth has been announced as due (40sh. per person) with Brn. from 18-53 yrs. on tax list, discussed what to do, and resolved to wait.
- ♀ Aug. 8. Thos. Stephan allowed to return on probation, and work as journeyman in linen weavery. Is living in Br. Pet. Getze's house. room.
- ♂ Aug. 13. Celebration of Brn. Unity's Jubilee. Services at 1, 3, 7 and 8:30 p.m.
- ♂ Aug. 14. Thunderstorm in evening. The heat, unbearable for some time, reached its height today and
- ♀ Aug. 15. air cooled off through a thunderstorm in evening.
- ♂ Aug. 16. Old Br. Brandmuller drowned in mill ditch this morning. Coronor Peter Roth called from Allentown, who chose a jury of Brn. He was quietly buried.
- ♂ Aug. 17. Heavy rains in evening.
- ♂ Aug. 18. Today Constable brought warrants signed by Justice Hartmann, to pay Exercise money, per person 27/6, and expenses 1/9. Many names being spelled wrong, these slipped through.
- ♂ Aug. 20. Constable collected Exercise money, signed receipts on warrants.
- ♂ Aug. 21. 5 Brn. went to Justice Hartmann to appeal against payment of Exercise money on account of their feebleness and sickness.
- ♂ Aug. 25. Letters from Mushkingum, telling of threatening conditions under which our friends are living now. Governor of Detroit, by name of St. Clair, had on order of Lord Howe called out the Wyandottes, to lift hatchet against the Americans, to which came other news, that a party of English and French were approaching Pittsburgh. So far had done

nothing to be dreaded, if not, (as word came several days later) the Delawares and Shawanees had been induced to enter war against Virginians by the Wyandottes. Strong thunder showers today and in afternoon a thunder storm with several lightning bolts.

♂ Aug. 26. At noon thunderstorm again with heavy downpours, after which it became cooler. Georg Weiss joined Billy Henry at Christbr.

♀ Aug. 29. No trombones from roof porch for Brns. Festival, on account of presence of captured English officers. The Jungmanns arrived here from Mushkingum, the Schmicks at Lititz, because Delawares and Shawanees are becoming warlike.
87 members in Choir Houses

SEPTEMBER

♂ Sept. 2. The town of Bethlehem notified, 260 royal soldier prisoners with their guards were to be lodged here.

♀ Sept. 3. Br. Ant. Schmidt as Express to Board of War in Phila. with petition if possible to keep this trouble away from us. According to law, this petition communicated burgess and overseers, with request, to remain careful and silent in matter.

h Sept. 6. This morning Br. Anton Schmidt back from Phila., nothing accomplished. So former Children's House destined for lodging prisoners, and water-works emptied for a week, and

⊙ Sept. 7. at noon over 200 prisoners arrived with a company of guards, were lodged in mentioned houses. No Married People's Festival could be held.

4 Sept. 11. Br. Schebosch, arrived here on previous Friday from Lititz with Br. Schmidt Jr., who wishes to visit his parents staying there, left for Lititz.

♀ Sept. 12. Br. Beutel, who had driven to Elizabeth Town with English captured Major for exchange, returned from there today, bringing us Congr. news leaflets from Europe, also textbooks for 1777.

⊙ Sept. 14. Use of new texts started today.

D Sept. 15. Severe thunderstorm in evening.

8 Sept. 17. During 6th hour in evening 38 wagons with continental goods arrived, to be stored here.

4 Sept. 18. 24 more continental wagons.

♀ Sept. 19. Again 9 continental wagons, a total of 71 here, sulphur, powder and cartridges mostly stored in flax house, rum and provisions in old dye house. Became more and more confused in Bethlehem. [At evening, announced to Congr. that Brsn. House was to be vacated to lodge 2.000 wounded and sick, sadly told to Congr.

h Sept. 20. Our whole house cleared. Everybody took hold, went in best order, but and sadly, but with good courage trusting in Savior's help, to clear and relodge. Members very helpful. Each took as many Brn. into his home
⊙ Sept. 21 as he possibly could and furnished them with unexpected comfort. Dr.

Brown who had arrived yesterday, inspected the lodging today, where towards evening already many sick and wounded were lodged. Note: We kept 2 small Brns. Houses, kitchen, cellar, and saddlery. Latter became our dining room. It was a day of confusion, feeling on one side the power of darkness very much, on the other side could in childish manner trust the Savior, that he would look after us in these troubling times. Brn. were lodged partly in Gemeinhouse, partly in small Brns. Houses, partly with citizens in town, partly in Christbr. and Nazareth.]

- 1) In gemeinhouse in 2 rooms across from Br. Denke the Brn. Busse, Bron v. Peter and Br. Fries lodged with Br. Otto. The Children's Board - ing school moved into 2 rooms across from the Etweins.
- 2) Christbr. - the 7 Brn. Im. Striby, Gerstberger, Tommerof, Pell, Zach. Eccard, Hubsch, Getze.
- 3) Nazareth - Brn. Hoecher and Matthiesen into Nazareth Hall and Jos. Horsefield to Jos. Otto.
- 4) In small Brns. Houses remained the Masters Stiemer, Danielsen with whom Ashley moved in, and Abr. Hessler. In former room of Childrens Boarding school 15 Brn. moved: Steph. Bruce, Chr. Etwein, Joh. Jegg Mich Ruppel, Ant. Segner, Abr. Levering, Joach. Sensemann, Ludw. S Stoz, Heinr. Fritsche, Jac. Stoz, Chr. Fuhrer, Th. Popplewell, Chr. Schropp, Joh. Rasmus, and Joh. Lehnert, who is their overseer and at same time for time being their Choir Sachristan during this dispersement. Their dormitory was the previous Children's dormitory and attic.
- 5) In Br. Oerter's house, on 3rd floor, the S. E. room, after some time following Brn. moved; Owen Rice, Joh. Fr. Beck, Weigand, Gottl Sensemann, John Etwein, Joh. Jungmann, and after latter had relieved John Heckewelder at Ferry, latter also moved to this room. Their dormitory was in N. E. Corner. Our sickroom at S.W. corner.
- 6) The remaining Brn. with boys, who had no parents to take them in, received room to live with the citizens. The boys with their overseers had a room with Br. Werner, who moved out of his room, and the others in Br. Borhek's house on 2nd floor in S.W. corner, above that under roof was their dormitory. The room on S.E. corner, after a while became Br. Gimmele's tailor shop, where Br. Wittenberg's boys also worked, But Br. Wittenberg had his room and shop in the shed at Br. Pet. Steimer's shop back of pigsty. Br. Lange gave Br. Eberhard space to carry on his profession. Br. Im. Nitschmann found his lodging with the Schindlers, later with the Schobers, etc. Single Brns. Choir more and more surrounded by earth's noises and interrupted in our Choir Course to Savior.

Spread out Thy wings above us, O Jesus our delight
and cover up Thy child.

If Satan would devour us, Let angels sing thus over us

"This Choir shall e'er be kept from harm."

- ✓ Already on the 20th there was a strong inflow of all kinds of people, high and low, civil and military, who were fleeing from increasing English war successes in Phila., among whom also there were 4 members of Congress, of whom more arrived on Sun. 21st. We however continued our Sunday services, and according to today's text, really allowed God's word to dwell with us. Towards evening, as wounded were lodged the inflow of people constantly increased, so that Inn could hardly lodge them, indeed could not feed them properly. Among others many French officers and Colonels, also a General, a former Marquis. Thomas Stephan so disorderly these days, he

Sept. 22. had to be given the Consilium absundi, and he left town immediately. The entire day sick and wounded wounded arrived, occupying all rooms above and below. Today several Members of Congress came, among them

the 2 Chiefs John Hancock and Sam. Adams, beside secretary Thompson. The Sisters and girls sang several arias and hymns for them in Church Chapel, accompanied by organ. It seemed and was said constantly that Congress would have its session here; but Savior led them to another place. It is to be noted here, that 16 members of Congress, among them 5 of their chiefs, namely, John Hancock, Sam. and John Adams, Rich. Henry Lee and Laurenz, a S. Carolian, who had furthered this, had written and signed a letter of protection, whose contents were that we should not be further burdened, and that the Sisters and Widows Houses should remain unmolested.

- ♂ Sept. 23. By orders of Gen. Washington via Allentown, where Hancock with other members of Congress was still staying, 700 Continental wagons with war materials, which were to bring their loads under roof here, and set up their camp all night on the Lowland.
- ♂ Sept. 24. Kept busy all day. On the other hand the prisoners marched off with their guards. They were transported to farthest Virginia boundary towards the West. Now indeed there was an empty house, but doctors of hospital immediately took it over as their commissary, and in the course of time almost no house was spared by this store. Yesterday and today as many Brn. as could help were busy to dig our potatoes, very good and plentiful this year, so that they would not be foraged. The same had to be done in next few days with the cabbage, if even it was not quite filled out. These days no evening prayer, could be conducted. A time of confusion, from which the Savior alone can aid.
- ♂ Sept. 25. Br. Gimmele, who with Owen Rice since our dispersement had been at Christbr., came back today, and set up his tailor shop in Br. Borhek's house.
- ♀ Sept. 26. Still busy digging potatoes, finished. Today once again a service. During these days, gradually 900 wagons arrived with war goods, who set up their store camp on fields towards Nain back of Inn. So many loose women and thieves that one was not safe one moment from robbery and theft, and had to stand guard in front of Inn.
- ♂ Sept. 28. Many people at English service, as well as many strangers at all the meetings.

OCTOBER

- ♀ Oct. 1. Br. Bonn to Blue Mts. to purchase livestock. A few officers came from camp, who as they said, had orders to get troublesome people away. But did not do any good, In evening our 1st 1/4 hour in Salem to be conducted weekly.
- ♀ Oct. 3. The Schmicks here from Lititz to visit, returned on 6th.
- ♂ Oct. 4. Br. Bonn returns, unsuccessful, from Blue Mts.
- ♂ Oct. 5. In evening, Chapel crowded by strangers and officers.
- ♂ Oct. 11. At noon our best tea service was broken, tray on which it stood of itself falling down, shelf too narrow for it. Br. Bonn bought 22 head livestock for £ 410.-- ~~xxxxxxx~~ congress money from Benj. Smith a Jersey man, bulls, oxen, steers and cows. Therefore not as disturbed this week as last one, all kinds of unpleasant

things occurred. Especially fresh, the bad crowd in robbing and stealing in broad daylight, money stolen from Br. Kunkler's till, and a clothes closet broken open in evening in Gemeinhouse.

- ♂ Oct. 14. Br. John Heckewelder, so far having had plenty of work in Nazareth, came as Br. Fuhrer's assistant at ferry.
- ⊖ Oct. 19. Because weather still like summer, many Brn. to Upper Places.
- ♂ Oct. 20. 10 head of our livestock placed in Br. Ernst's pasture to graze there for a while. During night, very heavy rain,
- ♂ Oct. 21. followed by raw autumn day with much fog.
- 4 Oct. 23. Through Mr. Anderson word that Br. Edwards with Indian congr. had fled from Gnadenhutzen on Mushkingum account of savage raid. But soon went back, Br. Ant. Schmidt for present, night watchman in square.
- h Oct. 25. This week about 100 tents set up on fields behind Inn under command of Col Bogue, having left Lowland on account of increasing cold air, now have more protection against wind and water.
- ♂ Oct. 28. Gen Commissioner James arrived with orders, signed by Dr. Ruth, necessary on account of present heavy rains to take over kitchen and cellars of S. Brns. House for 100 sick, until when weather changes, they can be transported to Bristol. But on persuasion of Brn. Etwein and Bonn agreed to move into attic, cleared for them. Meanwhile one cannot trust them, what they once possess, that they keep. Such heavy rains yesterday and today, that streams rose very high.
- ♂ Oct. 29. Constable Matthaues Rohn brought summons to Brn. who were drafted for Militia from 1st four classes, the lowest for £ 26.--, and the highest, to which most belong, £ 53.--. Those who had ailments on future Sat. to appear at young Herzil's before Lts. of this County, Wezel, John Arndt, and Schumacher.
- 4 Oct. 30. After 6 days sun once more appeared. Elders' Conference with those Brn. who had received summons, decided to send 3 Brn, Oberlin, Joh. Bonn and Borhek to Wezels on Saturday, present our situation to him, and beg them to postpone demand for a while. Also decided to tear down toilet at our former Brn. House, sickness might easily result from bad smell.
- ♀ Oct. 31. Br. Etwein today set up a petition to Lts. of County, Wezel, etc., concerning the militia matter, which was signed by Brn. in Bethlehem, and Nazareth who had received summons, Br. Bonn also took this writing to Upper Places.

NOVEMBER

- h Nov. 1. The Brn., Oberlin, Bonn and Borhek went to Lts. of County, Wezel, etc., to carry out their commission. Handed over petition, but at this time could not accomplish anything, Wezel being away at time set. He ordered Brn. to come on next Thursday.
- 4 Nov. 6. Above mentioned Brn. again went to Wezel, did not accomplish much or anything.

- 4 Nov. 12. Church Council, 8 p.m., resolved to have 3 deputies represent us in militia affair by the lieutenants of County, comply with orders, but postpone as long as possible, and not sooner than execution carried out. Church Council will give bond for deputies, for which subscription to be taken. Hoped thus to vindicate our conscience, up and down.
- 4 Nov. 13. Secret session of Church Council. Hospital officers built a kitchen across from our house along upper garden fence of wood, 50 ft. long.
- 4 Nov. 15. Heard various unpleasant news during week, proving that during present time people's lives are not safe even on their own property.
- O Nov. 16. At 3 pm Conference regarding militia affair in salon, the Brn. Overlin Bonn and Fr. Boeckel appointed deputies, who when money is to be collected for summons, a bond given to Wezel signed by them, that money would be paid after some time. Today Br. Bonn sold 3 bulls and 1 cow of our livestock for £91.--.
- 12 Nov. 17. Br. Joh. Jungmann as assistant at ferry to Br. Fuhrer.
- 8 Nov. 19. Stephan Bruce died at Christbr.
- O Nov. 23. Only those with passes allowed to cross Delaware.
- 8 Nov. 25. Br. Bonn to Easton with order from Commissary General to be paid money for livestock he had sold. Fuller out of cash, did not get it.
- 4 Nov. 27. Several Brn. became ill, others improved. This evening a blood red bright Northern Lights.
- 4 Nov. 29. So many Brn ill, sickroom on 3rd. floor in Br. Oerter's house too crowded, those Brn. who were well, moved from that floor into Br. Weigand's shop, and 2 to Br. Schindler, so that there were 3 rooms free for the sick, also the present dormitory. Weather so bad, on account of storm and rain, no service.
- O Nov. 30. Br. Busse talked with boys about their walks to camp, and the bad influence of the soldiers.

DECEMBER

- 8 Dec. 2. Constable, Matth. Rohn, arrived with Execution Bills for those Brn. who had received summons, to pay money. Because they did not want to, ^{NOR} ~~they~~ were able to pay, the appointed administrators for the total sum of these bills gave their pledge, and wrote to John Wezel and rest of Lts. of County if they would be satisfied with a bond for said sum, to be paid sometime in future. This night between today and
- 8 Dec. 3. again such a blood red Northern Lights as on Nov. 27th. A discussion concerning an Act proposed by Assembly, to confiscate goods of those refusing to take the oath, left prayerfully to decision of Elders' Conference.
- 4 Dec. 4. Decision of Elders to Church Council - by Lot decided to keep quiet and calmly await, how matters would develop.
- O Dec. 7. Death of Br. Erhard, buried on Wed. 10th.

- 4 Dec. 11. Death of Br. Mich. Ruppel, buried Sun. 14th.
- 9 Dec. 12. At 12, noon, soldiers of local militia, with rifles and swords to fetch the young Joseph Dill into militia, but latter had his, and on inquiry, no orders to do so, they disappeared.
- ♂ Dec. 16. No services, weather too bad.
- ♂ Dec. 17.
- 4 Dec. 18. Day of Repentance, Prayer and Thanksgiving, ordered by Congress.
- ♂ Dec. 22. Brn Bonn and Oberlin received via Constable, answer to money to be paid promptly, even sick not exempted. Constable granted 14 days' delay. Br. Etwein wrote to Dr. Shippen regarding this, on a journey to Maryland, to consider our difficulties, our House in miserable condition, would cost much to repair it, Brn. not able to earn, many ill, to intercede for us.
- ♂ Dec. 23. Heard that people would come to collect clothing. This rhyme written in our diary
 "They chase us out of our house,
 They take off our clothes,
 And besides that take our money."
- h Dec. 24. Some more illness, though others have recovered. At 7 o'clock, Christmas Vigils, children receiving candles. Doctors of hospital, officers of camp, present, very quiet, interested, and devout.
- 4 Dec. 25. Christmas - regular services.
- 0 Dec. 28. Word via Br. Ashley that on 19th or 20th, Lititz Brns. House evacuated for a hospital. In our House, at present 700 sick men, snowfall today.
- ♂ Dec. 29, ♂ Dec. 30, and ♂ Dec. 31.
 Excessive cold spell, last day 5° below 0, Fahreheit. Br. Joh. Etwein died today, 8th Br. this year, had been a faithful and loved sick nurse, missed now by all.
- Closing services of year.

SINGLE BRETHREN'S DIARY
1778

JANUARY

- ♀ Jan. 2. Constable Matth. Rohn came to Brn. Joh. Bonn and Franz Oberlin, was paid L40l. 9.10 for substitutes in 1st. 4 classes.
- † Jan. 3. Br. Ant. Segner died.
- ⊙ Jan. 4. Burial of Br. Etwein. James Chafs buried in Strangers Row. Towards evening a Brigade Wagon arrived, who took possession of our wash house as night quarters. But Br. Mich. Jung, appealing through Ockly, got rid of them.
- ⊙ Jan. 5. Because so many Brn. ill, resulting from bad odors from hospital, Elders Conference assigned us space for our kitchen and dining-room in Br. Chr. Eggert's cellar, who gladly and willing made room for us.
- ♂ Jan. 6. Burial of Br. Joh. Segner.
- ♀ Jan. 7. After last dinner in our House, moved kitchen to Br. Eggert's cellar. Bad weather in evening.
- ⊙ Jan. 8. First meal in Br. Eggert's cellar, in former wash kitchen.
- ⊙ Jan. 11. Festival for young men and boys.
- ⊙ Jan. 12. Constable with summons for Brn. in 5th and 6th. classes, each one charged L50. -- plus 20/ Expenses. Our ill so much improved, only 1 Br., Ludwig Mücke, needed as nurse, and 2-months' nightwatch could cease.
- ⊙ Jan. 13. Single Brn. in Lititz also beginning to sicken.
- ♀ Jan. 14. Today and yesterday, sufficient collection among S. Brn. and married members for militia subscription. 10^o below 0.
- ♀ Jan. 16. Those Brn. who had received summons, on appeal day to Jonas Herzel. Accomplished this much, that a rebate of L158. -- from requested sum, and summons of 2 ill Brn. were put away.
- ♀ Jan. 17. Snow and rainy weather. 1778 textbooks and other literature from Europe.
- ♀ Jan. 21. Bad weather, no communion.
- ♀ Jan. 23. Thomas Pepplewell, in spite of many solemn warnings, always racing around horseback, fell off, caught left foot in stirrup, right foot dragged along on ground, stepped on by horse, broke it, bones pushed out of skin. Snow, no Liturgy.
- † Jan. 24. Word that white people of Pittsburgh had murdered 4 Shawano chiefs. Therefore, return trip of Brn. Schebo and Heckewelder postponed.
- ⊙ Jan. 25. Br. Etwein, having written private letters concerning our difficult circumstances for Pres. Lawrence of Congress, received friendly letter from him, but did not have the power to help us. We should

hand in a memorial and petition to the State of Pennsylvania. But if he could help us privately, he will do so gladly.

- 5 Jan. 27. Br. Chr. Ebert ill with spotted fever.
- 8 Jan. 28. Word that Br. Schmick died last Friday in Lititz.
- 9 Jan. 30. Br. Klose received pass from President of Council of War, Horatio Gates, to travel safely via New York to Europe.

FEBRUARY

- 5 Feb. 2. A sad day: 1) Constable delivered summons to Brn. of 5th and 6th military class, was referred back to agents, and asked to give 14 days' grace. 2) Among boys all kinds of bad things found out, carrying on with soldiers and among themselves, also some stealing among them, latter investigated, followed by punishment.
- 7 Feb. 3. Considered by opportunity of Br. Klose's journey to Europe not to have S. Brn. come from there during these times.
- 9 Feb. 6. Sleeted and snowed, no evening services.
- 10 Feb. 8. At noon, married Br. Jos. Woeller died. Heavy snowfall.
- 8 Feb. 11. Br. Ludw. Stoz died.
- 7 Feb. 12. Township Assessor Adam Roth demanded Province Tax.
- 7 Feb. 14. Br. Klose started for Europe via Hope and New York.
- 8 Feb. 17. Brn. Bonn and Etwein to Rhodes in Allentown, a member of Penna. Assembly, to speak for us in their session, but had already started for Lancaster.
- 7 Feb. 21. All the sick began to recover this week.
- 10 Feb. 22. Word from Christbr. of Br. Matthias Tommerup's death.
- 11 Feb. 23. Captain Huber brought 10 Brn. in 7th and 8th class, their warrants, to appear tomorrow before Lts. of County.
- 7 Feb. 24. Only some of them did. Everything went worse, than before, however, some were let off somewhat. In compliance with new Militia Act, the gold (40. -. -) for each) will be demanded after 5 days. Word that Br. Klose safely got through all the lines with all the letters he had taken along.
- 8 Feb. 25. An unpleasant rumor, that Boston captured by the English, which might be dangerous for some of our Brn.

MARCH

- 11 Mar. 9. Township Assessor Ad. Roth brought duplicate of Province Tax. Each S. Brn. taxed 30/.

- ♂ Mar. 10. Brn. John Heckewelder and Schebo start on return to Mushkingum River via Emmaus and Lititz. Very wet weather this evening, no service. No nurse needed for ill anymore.
- ♀ Mar. 11. } Wet weather, no services.
 ♀ Mar. 13. }
- ♂ Mar. 15. All last week, weather mild and rainy, melting snow away. Water in rivers rising swiftly. Monocacy covered meadows, about to inundate oil mill island. Lehigh rose above whaff, so that ferry could not go.
- ♂ Mar. - 17. In his honor, Irish soldiers carried their saint Patrick around, were jolly and drunk; it looked quite heathenish.
- ♀ Mar. 20. Constable Matth. Rohm brought execution for payment of militia money for 7th and 8th class.
- ♂ Mar. 26. Br. Hasse a trip to Camp of Gen. Washington, to ask via letter and vocally, that Lititz would not be evacuated for a General Hospital, according to Dr. Shippen's plans, and we also would get some relief in the hospital affairs.
- ♂ Mar. 29. Bad weather.
- ♂ Mar. 31. Province tax paid to Collector.

APRIL

- ♂ Apr. 2. Br. Nathanael and Bonn to Allentown, to confort those Emmaus Brn. imprisoned there since last evening in a small blockhouse, by order of Wetzel. 24, some Brn., some neighbors from Emmaus, who were to give their oath, and put on bread and water by Wetzel's command, until they would either swear or be sent to prison. Cause for this, because a Captain Romich, not belonging to Brn. had often shot at one of the soldiers who on Wetzels order was to compel him to swear, also had taken his horses. Which deed, because it was supposed he belonged to Brn. they were reported as dangerous people. Although very cold so far, a heavy thunderstorm this night.
- ♂ Apr. 4. Today our congregation the sad spectacle, to see our Emmaus Brn. under guard led to Inn. In beginning no Br. Admitted to them. But after Interin-Commando presented to sergeant, Brn. and Srs. unmolested could go to them, comforted and strengthened them in the Lord and provided them plentifully with provisions, after which under guard they were taken to Easton prison, which is a small hole, and in same building with hospital for English prisoners, who are dying off fast. Entire congregation filled with deep compassion, and prayed for them.
- ♂ Apr. 5. Today Mr. Dean came from Easton, who is faithfully looking after the prisoners, will feed them daily, and try to get a better lodging for them, and is working to bring their innocence and their bad treatment into an open hearing before some justices.
- ♂ Apr. 6. This he accomplished late in evening through the 2 Justices, John Arndt and Tho. Hartmann, Br. Bonn having ridden over, present at hearing. But Justices, afraid if they treated them kindly without

Wetzel's permission, latter might make it even worse for them.
So decided to send word to Wetzel, and on Friday continue matter.

- ♂ Apr. 7. Br. Franz Boehler, to Easton, brought us word of it.
- ♂ Apr. 8. Express orders from Dr. Bond to Br. Hasse, that he should arrange to have hospital moved to Reading at end of this, or beginning of next week. But we also dreaded the news of new Act of Assembly, regarding the oath and the militia.
- ♀ Apr. 10. Br. Bonn again to Easton.
- ♂ Apr. 11. Returned, reported that nothing done for Emmaus Brn., neither Wetzel nor Justice Drechsel having obeyed summons to Easton.
- ♂ Apr. 12. Beginning of Holy Week. Word that Justices Arndt and Hartmann would go to Wetzel and Drechsler to insist, either to present authentic witnesses for guilt of Brn., or they would liberate them. But because they found people in the house of Drechsler(?) ready to swear against Brn., decided not to enter into it, so that Brn. would be put into worse prison, so rode to Dean in Easton and brought him news to therefore help free the Brn., Br. Etwein went.
- ♂ Apr. 13. to Easton, to consult with Dean on matter, to go to Council and Assembly, in which they agreed.
- ♂ Apr. 14. After session of Elders' Conference, Br. Schweinitz with letter to President of Council in Lancaster by express, through assistance of Br. Billy Henry. Today hospital entirely transported, for which we thanked Savior.
- 7/ Apr. 16. Maundy Thursday. Today, filth around outside of our House gotten away. Boys from out of town, to remain entirely with their parents.
- ♀ Apr. 17. At noon, horrible storm with thunder and rain.
- ♂ Apr. 19. Easter. Some rain but visited graves.
- ♂ Apr. 21. Br. Schwieniz back from Lancaster, word that Emmaus Brn. would be released. News from David Zeisberger, that he and Indians leading peaceful life. New member added.
- ♀ Apr. 22. Unpleasant affair, Tho. Schnall too deeply involved with some officers in Inn, enlisted. But through
- 7/ Apr. 23. intermeding of Abr. Boemper, a Lt. in Continental service and just now is here, was freed by paying 20 dollars, which afterwards were returned to him. Brn. Bonn and Tho. Bartow to Easton. Our Emmaus Brn. freed by Justices Arndt, Lewis and Hartmann to this extent, that they must appear again for a formal hearing next Wednesday. If Lewis had had nothing to do in the matter (he does not want to hurt Wetzel) They would have been entirely freed.
- ♂ Apr. 27. Fish dam erected.
- ♂ Apr. 28. 1st catch, 15 shad.
- ♂ Apr. 29. 2nd. catch, 1,000 shad.

Brn. Bonn and Bartow in Easton for hearing of Emmaus Brn. Declared free and innocent by the questioners. Immediately witnesses got up declared them dangerous because they would not take oath, immediately put in prison, and according to a law of Oct. 12th, are to stay there until they swear. Very perplexed over this news.

- 2/ Apr. 30. Told, they might go home, but if they would refuse to take oath, might expect to be soon taken again. They went home, and we hope, they may be entirely cleared.

MAY

- ♀ May 1 1. 3rd catch, 1020 fish.
- ♂ May 2. 4th catch, 250 shad.
- ♂ May 4. Very pleasant weather, 5th catch, 107 shad.
- ♂ May 6. 6th catch, 680 fish: Submissive address to Assembly, accepted by commun. members (we unable to swear the oath) → would do nothing detrimental to American States, and if we broke any laws, would accept punishment just like those who had taken oath. We therefore asked for the privilege of being free men, not to be considered as inimical strangers. But if our plea not accepted, and in conformance with their laws would suffer imprisonment and other punishments; we therefore testify before God and men that we have not done this as stiffnecked, disobedient, etc., people, but for conscience's sake. Br. Etwein will attempt to get an commendation to this writing to the Assembly with the Congress in Yorktown. He therefore traveled
- 4 May 7. in afternoon via Emmaus and Lititz to Yorktown, from where he will go to Lancaster, to present said petition to the Assembly beginning its session the 13th. of this month.
- ♀ May 8. 7th. catch, 450 shad.
- ♂ May 9. Last catch, 70 shad.
- ♀ May 15. Br. Gerstenberger from Christbr. to start mason work on our House, where reparations had already begun last week.
- ♂ May 17. At English service, some of Polooská soldiers present, who presented arms.
- 4 May 21. Masons and day laborers finished tearing down water closet, at which they had worked for some days. In place of this another one will be erected in a straight line with the livestock stable along the garden fence.
- ♂ May 25. Br. Etwein returned from Lancaster, after successful accomplishment of his trip.
- ♂ May 26. In evening meeting of Commun. members, Br. Etwein said that although not given to Assembly they had, however, promised us that as long as we acted as quietly as heretofore, no Br. would be burdened by being compelled to take oath, which they would write to the justices.
- 4 May 28. Ascension Day.

♀ May 29 Br. Strassburger to Hope, to work at his profession, but will be considered a citizen of Bethlehem.

JUNE

- ♂ June 1. Began to whitewash our house, but wet weather very much hindered work, raining continually yesterday and today.
- ♂ June 6. Br. Jos. Horsefield, arrived from Nazareth last Sunday, has his shop put in order so far that it needs only to be scrubbed before moving in. Kitchen and tailor shop also whitewashed, which latter is to be used as a dining room. Upper story also whitewashed.
- ⊙ June 7. Whitsunday.
- ♀ June 10. Former tailor shop, now to be used as dining room, so far finished today, with kitchen, that we - - -
- ♂ June 11. for first time could again eat in our House.
- ♀ June 12. The departed Br. Ehrard's glazery stove transported here from Br. Lange's house. Able to harvest our hay will, in spite the rainy weather occurring so far. Na
- ♂ June 13. Last Choir Litany of dispersement at 8:30 p.m.
- ♂ June 16. Masons completed whitewashing House. Sisters began scrubbing entire House, 50 in number, finished one half of it. Some Brn. kept busy carrying water.
- ♀ June 17. Just as many Srs. busy scrubbing, and finished it.
- ♂ June 18. Chapel and some rooms in House papered.
- ♂ June 20. Rainy weather.
- ♂ June 22. Br. Pyrleus finished repairing windows. During these days began to move in.
- ♂ June 25. Very busy moving into House, got so far on last day, that we could sleep for first time again in our dormitories. These before, on lower dormitory, consecrated by singing and prayers.
- ♀ June 26.
- ♀ June 27.
- ⊙ June 28. Moving-in Festival. The arrangement of Brn. and Boys given Aug. 29th.
- ♂ June 30. First House Conf. Br. Pell appointed Night Watchman, each Br., weekly, to pay hin 3d. Also decided to place beer in house, and if cook unable to pour it, a Br. to be appointed, Br. Schlegal being chosen. Brn. also reminded not to go to bed without pajama trousers.

JULY

- ♀ July 1. During, Br. Claus, heavy bleeding.
- ♂ July 2. Put in sickroom. Br. Lehnert, overseer of children; Br. Rice and Im. Nitschmann, to wait on table. Brn. Pell and Schlegal entered on their duties.

- T July 4. Rockfish caught.
 D July 6. Joh. Huss Memorial service.
 F July 8. Thunderstorm, -no service.
 F July 9 ~~7~~ July 11. Children's Boarding School moved from Gemeinhouse into Br. Borhek's house, into 2 upper rooms toward south, their dormitory being up in attic room.
 Had been very warm for some time, eased by several severe thunderstorms today.
 S July 22. Nath Ashley left congre., moved to Phila. Letters and news from Europe.
 O July 26. Ren. Kaschke left congre., moved to Phila.
 D July 27. Br. Claus, recovered, back with children, Br. Lehnert serves in dining-room. In evening Brn. met, to take up collection for Province Tax levied on 13 persons at L6, each who had not taken oath, besides L for one who had, a total of L90. --, 59 Brn. each giving 30/6, so got enough.
 O July 28. Our Captain announced march of four classes Militia against Indians, the enrolled men to arrive at Jonas Herz's next Saturday. Whoever does not go, again to pay L4. The Indians and Tories had attacked Shomoko, killing more than 300 persons. We daily saw the fleeing people come through our town.
 F July 31. House Conf. Meals could not be furnished at same price as hereto fore. Dinner to be 2/, whole daily ration for a boy, 3/. No Br. to deduct for a meal unless he had written his name down the night before, also much fresh bread wasted on table. Also, each one salt his own soup. Cook keep Bread cupboard and the salt under constant supervision.

AUGUST

- T Aug. 1. Rockfishing.
 O Aug. 2. Militia, drawn from different classes, marched through against Indians.
 D Aug. 3. The boy, J_os. Oerter entered saddler shop of Br. J_os. Horsefield.
 F Aug. 4. Helpers' Conf. regarding deficit in accounts. of Civic Treasury. Decided to ask for subscriptions.
 S Aug. 5. Word that Br. Muschbach's wife and child died in Jersey.
 T Aug. 8. Unpleasant incidents, in connection with collection by County Lts. of Militia fines among non-associates, L8.16, per person.
 O Aug. 9. Br. Andr. Strassburger back from Jersey, ot work in our laundry.
 S Aug. 12. Brn. Joh. Bonn and Andr. Borhek paid militia money for 20 Brn. @L8.16.--, total L176. --. - to Militia Capt. Philipp Riester.

- 7 Aug. 13. Very early in morning, Ludw. Mücke, Nath. Schmidr and Joh. Rasmus left Congre. for Phila.
- 9 Aug. 14. Heavy rain in evening. Word that Br. Marshall of Europe had arrived in N. Y. on 5th with London mailbox.
- 11 Aug. 15. Raining weather most of the week, continuing on 16th.
- 13 Aug. 17. Very early, again, Chr. Fuhrer and Carl Ludw. Kunkler left congre.
- 15 Aug. 25. Carl Ludw. Kunkler re-entered on probation.
- 17 Aug. 29. Catalogue of Brethren and Boys according to Rooms (Second number refers to catalogue p.28. Sept., 1775)

I (IX) 1st floor <u>Brazier's Shop</u> Sam. Steinke	VI (XII) <u>Bookbindery</u> Nics. Matthiesen Pet. Steiner John Weiss Carl Ludw. Kunkler	XV (XIV) <u>Dav. Kunz</u> Johs. Seifert Chr. Ludw. Benzien Johs. Lehnert Hr. v.Vleck Danl. Kliest Jos. Till Joh. Gottl. Krause
II (VIII a) <u>Glazier's Shop</u> Johs. Jag Pyrleus Chph. Dav. Gold Danl. Kunkler Jos. Schober Joho. Jungmann Joach. Sensemann	VII (XIII) <u>Dining Room</u> 2nd Story	3rd. floor <u>XVI (XXII)</u> J. Fr. Peter
III (VIII b) is an empty room.	VIII Former chamber <u>Purse Shop</u> Jens Wittenberg	<u>XVII (XXIII)</u> is at present empty.
IV (X) <u>Im Striby</u> Joach. Pell Hr. Fritsche Joh. Schmidt Zach. Eccard Hr. Schmidt Chr. Fr. Beutel	IX (XIX) <u>Jac. Herr</u> Hr. Gerstberger Dav. Bischoff Gottfr. Schulze Jos Hubsch Johs. Steup	<u>XVIII (XXIV)</u> <u>Gottfr. Belling</u> Chr. Etwein Joh. Fr. Beck Pet. Lehnert Johs. Kremser Joh. Jac. Schmidt. Jos Stoz.
V (XI) <u>Jos. Giers</u> Pet. Goetje Ths. Schnall Abr. Levering Massa Warner Joho Wohlson Chr. Richter Ths. Popplewell	X (XVII) <u>Jac. Fries</u>	XIX <u>Dormitory</u>
	XII <u>Chapel</u>	XX (XX) <u>Tailor Shop</u> Matth. Gimmele
	XIII (XVI) <u>Andr. Busse</u>	<u>XXI (XXI)</u> Johs. Schropp Owen Rice Abr. Reinke
	XIV (XV) Im. Nitschmann	10 boys <u>John Gambold</u> Dav. Weinland Gottl. Brawn Jos. Woarbass Pet. Jungmann

XXI continued
 Pet Fuhrer
 Abr. Andreas
 Chr. Effert
 Jac. Etwein
 Nath. Richter

On attic
 XXII (XXV)
 Sickroom
 Phil. Jac. Hoerchert
 Andr. Weigenseil

XXIII
Boys' Dormitory

XXIV (VIIa)
 Tin Shop
 Ant. Schmidt

XXV (VIIb)
Cobbler Shop
 Chr. Stiemer

XXVI (VI)
 Weigand (John)
 J. Fr. Schlegel
 Gottl. Sensemann
 20 boys
 Johs. Schweisshaupt
 Joh. Fuhrer
 Fr. Aschbet
 Matth Effert
 Sam. Schober
 Ludw. Hubner
 Joh. Chr. Till
 Geo. Huber
 Joh. Matth. Otto
 Jos. Oerter
 Marcus Kiefer
 Hr. Andreas
 Pet. Kunkler
 John Popplewell
 Paullus Weiss
 Johs. Grun
 Georg. Quier
 Abr. Hubner
 Jos. Fuhrer
 Jac. Boerstler

~~XXXX~~
~~Boys' Dormitory~~
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

XXVII (V)
Carpenter Shop
 Joh. Thomas

XXVIII (IV)
Hatmakers Shop
 Pet. Danielsen

XXIX (III)
Linen Weavery
 Abr. Hessler

XXX (II)
Saddlery
 Jos. Horsefield

XXXI (I)
 Mich. Jung
 Jac. Stoz
 Andr. Strassburger
Kitchen with the Children
 Ellerd Coordsen
 Phil Clasu

Outside
 Chr. Ebert

76 Brn. & Boys
 30

106 No. of inhabitants of Single Brn.'s House
 Aug. 29th, 1778

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Sept. 2. In evening Brn. Schenk, Jac Schneider and Jos Huber married to the Srs. A Mar. Kling, A Mar. Heil and Dorothea Bonner. Today Br. Mich. Jung into kitchen and both Poppelwells for all kinds of work. This week, laundry done for last time in our House, in future S. Sisters to do laundry until we can manage it ourselves.
- 9 Sept. 4. In evening at 8 all S. Brn. call'd together to understand the regulations regarding laundry done by S. Srs.: the soiled laundry on Sunday brought to empty room No. VII frõm where Br. Steup will take it to Srs.' laundry in a cart. The laundered wash will be brought back by Br. Chr. Eggert in his cart, when in room No. III it will be sorted according to rooms and persons, and the cost of washing written into laundry book, which for the present will be done by the Brn. Busse, Im. Nitschmann and Fr. Peter. At the same time each Br. is to give an additional 1d to Br. Pell for his night watchman duty, so that he gets 4d from each Br. weekly.
- 9 Sept. 7. Warrant, to take oath.
- 8 Sept. 9. Br. Etwein in meeting of Communicant said some people had pledged themselves to compel us to take the oath, and the Justices More and Linbach through Constable had sent a General Summons here for Bethlehem, Christbr., Gnadenthal and Nazareth, that all males over 18 must report at Allentown next Monday. Van Kamper, an Assembly man, who had been here at that time, and Counãlor Arndt had shown this to Br. Etwein on the 8th and had written to those Justices that they should wait until proposed supplement for Oath Act(aiming to exempt those who for conscience do not want to take oath) had been passed at session of assembly. The Brn. Schweiniz and Bonn had taken these letters to Justice More, also and orally to protest against said summons. But because they could see from his answer and excuses that nothing further would be accomplished, they returned, without going to the other Justice. Therefore Br. Etwein, conference agreed, go to Phila. tomorrow, to see, whether he could take said Supplement (if it has already been published) along, or do something further in the matter, so that it would be passed this week. He went to Phila. on the 10th.
- 9 Sept. 13. Br. Etwein back from Phila. and Br. Wm. Henry, from Lancaster. Br. Etwein, in Chapel, reported results. No Br. has to report in Allentown tomorrow, warrant being quite unlawful. But necessary for a Br. to appear and explain our non-appearance. Br. Wm. Henry has offered to do this and talk for us. Moreover Mr. Hooper and Sam. Ralston will petition for a postponement of entire matter from Justices and as it is almost time for Court, when a new election is to take place, when our case comes before new Assembly, something will be done to ease matters for us. 2 Brn. from Nazareth had come to hear about matter, and returned there with information.
- 9 Sept. 14. Br. Wm. Henry, in Allentown today, came back with word that Justices insisted that Br. Etwein report there tomorrow. He therefore went.
- 8 Sept. 15. Was treated quite decently, came back with news that Justices would come to Bethlehem next Friday to wait and see who would come to them.
- 4 Sept. 17. This evening all married and single men of 18 and over, met in 2 sections in S. Brns' Chapel, when Br. Etwein referred to his errandin Phila. and expressed in writing and orally his ideas regarding the Oath Act. This, as well as the example of Nazareth Brn. unanimous not to

take the oath, caused all Brn. in Bethlehem to declare the same and to depend on the help of the Lord.

(a copy of Br. Etwein's Written Declaration followed)

- ♀ Sept. 18. Justices appeared. No one from Nazareth or Bethlehem showed up. They were prayerfully entertained, taken around by Br. Etwein. They decided not to annoy us any further. News from Wachovia that Brn. in like dilemma there, threatened with loss of all the land, but period of grace until in January, 1779.
- ♂ Sept. 22. Our Emmaus Brn. appear at Easton Court.
- 2 Sept. 24. Emmaus Brn. in Easton prison.
- ♀ Sept. 25. Released from prison, compelled to take oath, in order to be able to return to their families. But Br. Franz Boehler will refuse, until he sees what is done at Assembly.
- ♂ Sept. 28. Br. Etwein able to get Br. Boehler out of Easton Prison.
- ♂ Sept. 29. The boy, Jos. Fuhrer in hatmaker's shop. Br. Boehler freed from prison. Will have to appear at next court. The prison keeper and Mr. Fuller his BondsMen for £200. -. -. .
- ♂ Sept. 30. Winter Schedule begun.

OCTOBER

- ♂ Oct. 11. Heavy rain until afternoon.
- ♀ Oct. 16. Br. Bonn to Nazareth, bought 13 head livestock for £230. -. -. , also 50 Bu. corn for feed, returned on 17th.
- ♂ Oct. 18. Indian Nations of Ohio, engaged in peace treaties making safer our Indian congregations.
- 4 Oct. 22. At 8 p.m. Br. Etwein read his 2nd petition to all the Brn., to be presented to newly elected Assembly.
- ♀ Oct. 23. House Conf.:
 1.) Br. Jos. Hubsch, house sweeper, and for oil and light, each Br. to pay ld. more;
 2.) Also for poor and sick 2d. weekly, and if Br. Jacob Herr can't spare the time to collect and count it, Br. Joh. Schroop is to do it.
 3.) No Br. or Boy take bread along home from table, namely, cut off a big piece for his supper, kitchen cannot afford this; therefore
 4.) proposed that boys (if not acting proper with bread) either cut it beforehand, or see to it that masters give bread to boys.
 ♀.) Was requested that Brn. more regular at Choir meeting attendance in evening.
- ♂ Oct. 28. At evening communion service, marriage of Br. Matth. Otto and Sr. Magdalena Schmidt.
- 4 Oct. 29. Brn. Etwein & Chr. Ren. Heckewelder to Phila., to present above mentioned memorial, signed by all the Brn. of Lititz, Bethlehem, & Nazareth to Assembly.

7 Oct. 31. Reformation Festival celebrated quietly.

NOVEMBER

- ⊙ Nov. 1. Heavy rain.
- ⊙ Nov. 2. Bread regulation instituted. Cook insisted that masters give boys their bread; on which account 5 masters outside the House, boarded their boys.
- ↗ Nov. 3. Br. Heckewelder back from Phila., word that assembly members could not agree, had no House or speaker. He traveled
- ♀ Nov. 4. once more on business for Br. Hr. v. Vleck to Phila. A flying rumor arrived here yesterday that 5,000 men of Washington's Army would set up their camp 3 miles from here at Nancy's Run., the Commissioner having had orders to erect barracks there. Possibly arose because a brigade of 10 wagons unloaded their stores in flaxhouse, but they only did because the wagons and flour barrels had suffered damage, and had to be repaired, as one learned later. A false rumor, through a misunderstanding, because Mich. Huber mixed up with Mr. Hooper.
- 7 Nov. 7. Br. Heckewelder from Phila. with news that Assembly speaker elected, session soon to start, which Br. Etwein will await there.
- ⊙ Nov. 8. Conf. with Boys' Overseers:
- 1.) Masters and parents of boys watch that they don't rove all over, overseers not able to watch them enough.
 - 2.) Boys of large room not without need stay in small room.
 - 3.) To see that boys do not use swear words.
 - 4.) Take care to make soups for boys so nourishing that they will be satisfied.
- 7 Nov. 10. At 7 p.m. renewed Fire Ordinance read to Brn. and Boys.
- 7 Nov. 11. Regardless of strong and stormy rain weather, Br. Etwein safely back from Phila. Had handed memorial to speaker of Assembly, who had communicated it to 27 members, who praised and approved of Brn's, stand, and said they must be aided.
- ⊙ Nov. 16. A single hatmaker journeyman, Abr. Rinker of Allentown, engaged by Br. Danielsen. Brn. Bonn and Hasse to Phila. to see if they could get the money for repair expenses of our House, and whether anything had been done for our and the Wachovia circumstances.
- 8 Nov. 18. At noon, fire engine tested.
- 7 Nov. 21. Brn. Bonn and Hasse back from Phila., business mostly not accomplished.
- 8 Nov. 25. French Ambassador Gerard and a Spanish gentleman with a suite, arrived for a visit. Inspected everything and attended
- 7 Nov. 26. a musical concert in our Chapel and
- 7 Nov. 27. in Church Chapel, where there also was vocal music. Returned very satisfied
- 7 Nov. 28. to Phila.

- Nov. 29. Hosanna sung, at opening of Advent. The Nixdorfs celebrated golden wedding anniversary. The runaway Ren. Kaske came back and
- ▷ Nov. 30. allowed to say at Hope on probation. We were threatened by possible arrival of 7 companies of captured Burgoyne Corps, to be quartered here, if Mr. Hooper, with unrelenting diligence, had not managed to have these unwelcome guests march by another route.

DECEMBER

- 8 Dec. 9. News, that Bill of House was passed Nov. 26th, that all those who had not taken oath, as long as they did not take it, could not be voted into, could not vote, nor serve on any jury. We are heartily satisfied with that.
- 2 Dec. 10. Storm with snow and rain.
- ⊙ Dec. 13. Very heavy rain.
- 2 Dec. 24. Christmas Eve Vigils.
- 9 Dec. 25. Christmas services in morning. In afternoon, cold and snow storm.
- 7 Dec. 26. Blizzard with deep cold.
- ⊙ Dec. 27. On account of extreme cold, Lehigh froze deep to its bed.
- ▷ Dec. 28. Frozen to above ferry, not occurred in many years.
- 9 Dec. 30. Day of Thanksgiving ordered by Congress observed.
- 4 Dec. 31. Closing services. Will use this year's text in New Year, until those for 1779 arrive.

SINGLE BRETHRENS' DIARY
1779 Jan. 4 - Dec. 31.

JANUARY

- 4 Jan. 4. The boy, John Poppelwell, to Br. Fr. Beck, to learn comb-making profession.
- ♂ Jan. 5. The General, an Imperial Baron v. Riedesel, arrived with his suite (he is among the prisoners of Burgoyne Corps), enjoyed seeing everything in town, attended evening services during his stay.
- ♀ Jan. 6. News that Br. V. Marschall was to start on return trip last Sept., and that Br. J. Fr. Reichel would accompany him as visitor to congregation here, with some other members, and that Br. Klose had arrived June 23rd at Barby.
- ♀ Jan. 8. Gen. Riedesel continued his journey to Lancaster.
- h Jan. 9. According to English papers of this week, Congress, on account of many counterfeit bills that had crept into Govt. editions of May 20, 1777, and April 11, 1778, had called in all of 2 editions, (a total of £15,000,000) to be turned in by June 1st. and so a big continental tax to be levied - in following 18 yrs. and annual tax of £ 6,000,000. Then counting off Continental Tax and subtracting amount of counterfeit ~~money~~ bills, 60 days after June 1st. other money will be paid out. But whoever had not turned these mentioned bills into State Treasury before June 1st. had lost his money. For this reason a Masters' Conference was called for 6:30 in Chapel, to deliberate, what we should do in this matter, and agreed, that said bills should neither be accepted or paid out by us, but laid aside and invoice of numbers on these bills by citizens of town given to Br. Denke, also by the Masters in Brn.'s House to Br. Bonn, who will save them to the credit of the citizens and Masters, until one gets more certain information how to hand in these said bills for a given receipt; regarding remaining Congr. members, no person appointed to take said bills, and if they receive other bills for them 60 days after June 1st, these to be paid to owners of invoices.
- ♂ Jan. 12. English Gen. Philipps with suite a visit here, attended evening concert in their honor in our Chapel.
- ♀ Jan. 13. Attended evening services.
- ♂ Jan. 17. English Gen. Philipps having requested a sermon, a service held at 1 o'clock by Br. Etwein.
- ♂ Jan. 19. Severe blizzard. Package of papers and letters from Europe.
- ♀ Jan. 20. Extremely cold, stormy weather. Br. Reizenbach visited us with sleigh.
- ♂ Jan. 25. The boy Joh. Grun to Br. Gimmele, to learn tailor profession.

FEBRUARY

- ♀ Feb. 5. Musicians by request furnished music for a Graff lying ill in house of Br. Franz Thomas, in evening.

○ Feb. 14. Entrance into Lent.

♂ Feb. 17. Letters and news from Dav. Zeisberger on Mushkingum.

♂ Feb. 27. Friends with letters from Wachovia, members there safely got through oath experience.

MARCH

♂ Mar. 1. After unusually warm weather for this time of year, a raw day again today. Br. Jos Schober to Phila. to learn book printing. 323rd anniversary of Brethrens' Church.

♂ Mar. 9. Br. Owen Rice again working for Br. Gimmele.

♂ Mar. 11. Regardless of cold, uncomfortable atmosphere, this evening showers with thunder and lightning. Br. Fries suddenly ill.

♀ Mar. 19. House Conference:
 1) Shilling now worth one dollar, dinner to cost 3/9.
 2) Discussed increase of night watchman's pay, 2 d. per Br.
 3) Each Br. every 8 weeks to give 2/6 for poor.

♀ Mar. 24. Stormy snow weather.

♀ Mar. 26. House Conference; #1 and #2 accepted of previous conference. Tea water will be furnished only by overseer, with approaching summer schedule.

○ Mar. 28. Palm Sunday. Hosanna sung. The captive Brunswick officers enjoyed all the music.

♂ Mar. 29. Summer schedule begun.

♀ Mar. 31. Br. Mart. Schenck, Express from Hope, brought word that expected European members arrived in New York 26th of this month. Br. Schweinitz to Hope, to enjoy Communion there, then to Elizabeth town to see what he could do to hasten their journey to Bethlehem. After stormy and cold weather with much snow for a long time, since yesterday it became very pleasant and warm.

APRIL

♂ Apr. 3. Great Sabbath. Letter of Br. Reichel read, reporting safe arrival of his party in New York. Brunswick officers enjoying all services to date. Very hot and sultry today, in evening thunderstorm with rain.

○ Apr. 4. Easter. 5:45 on cemetery. Weather cloudy but pleasant. Services for large congr. including Brunswick officers.

♂ Apr. 6. Br. Hon. v. Vleck to Phila. with petition to Council, for free pass for our European members into Penna.

♂ Apr. 10. Word from Phila., Br. Hr. V. Vleck well received by Council, successful with request.

- Apr. 11. At 10 a.m., Army Chaplain preached to large gathering in our Chapel, after which he conducted Lutheran Communion for officers, etc. At 5 p.m. on invitation, Harpist H. Sluzer with accompaniment of 2 violins gave public performance in Church Chapel.
- ♂ Apr. 13. At evening service, Br. Muschbach married to Sr. Mary Sidon.
- ♂ Apr. 15. Fish dam renewed. In evening Br. Schweinetz back from Jersey, word that European members arrived evening of 13th at Elizabethtown, to arrive here next Sunday.
- ♀ Apr. 16. 1st. catch - 1,000 shad. Europeans members arrived in Nazareth and
- ♂ Apr. 17. 3 in afternoon here. Their names are:
 Br. and Sr. Reichel, he on visitation
 Br. and Sr. Marschall
 The Brn. Siegmund Leschinsky, Herrnhut; Jacob v. Vleck, Barby;
 Johann Jac. Schwihil, Newied; Chr. Fr. Kampmann, Gnadau.
 Single sisters, Ann. Dor. v. Watteville; Ann. Dor. Marschall, Herrnhut.
 2nd catch - 102 shad only, on account of stormy cold weather, hail and snow mixed. 16 fish at 1 dollar a piece, yesterday at 1/2 dollar. Since March unusually warm, so that blossoms and leaves out. But many thunderstorms made air so cold that blossoms froze this and following nights, no hope for a rich fruit year.
- ♂ Apr. 19. Br. Sigm. Leschinsky introduced as Choir Trustee, will share this duty in company with Brn. Bonn and Peter.
- ♀ Apr. 21. 3rd catch - 300 shad.
- ♂ Apr. 22. 4th catch-- 250 shad.
- ♀ Apr. 23. 5th catch - 390 to 400 shad. Fishermen paid 6/3 a piece by outsiders.
- ♂ Apr. 26. 6th catch - 400 shad.
- ♂ Apr. 27. At dusk, marriage of Br. v. Schweinitz and Sr. v. Watteville.
 7th catch - 300 shad.
- ♀ Apr. 28. 8th catch - 113 shad.
- ♂ Apr. 29. In spite of unpleasant weather, in evening thunderstorm with heavy downpour, followed by snow during night. At 10 p.m. the Brn. Fridr. v. Marschall and Leschinsky to Phila. to present themselves to Congress and Council in name of their travel party, and to answer some questions.
- ♀ Apr. 30. All day, cold northwestern storm.
- May.
- ♂ May 3. 9th and last catch - 25 shad. At 5 pm Brn. Marchall and Leschinsky back from Phila. Had been well received, were guests at breakfast of President of Council.

a total of about 3085 fish.

- 4 May 6. National Repentance and Fast Day, as ordered by Congress.
- 4 May 13. Ascension Day.
- 0 May 16. Chief Justice of Phila., with other Justices, at service. After dinner, House Conference:
- 1) Dinner price, 5sh. ~~2~~.
 - 2) Considered whether laundry could again be done by a Br.
 - 3) Brn. requested to make it as easy as possible for cook with regard to regulation, that coal and boiling water to be fetched after morning prayer on weekdays, and at rising bell on Sunday.

4 May 19. In afternoon, European Brn. and all our guests, invited by Single Sisters.

0 May 23. Whitsunday.

JUNE

- ♂ June 1. According to new Synodic regulations, members for Church Council voted in.
- 4 June 2. 1st session of new Church Council.
- 4 June 3. Votes for new Helpers' Conference made constitutional.
- ♀ June 4. Overseers' College votes collected.
- 0 June 6. At House Conference, decided to let Sisters continue with laundry, but to pay them more. Some Brn. prefer milk, instead of cream, for coffee, cheaper, was arranged. At beginning of week, dormitories to be cleared, Br. Leschinsky to see if he can get some Sisters do the scrubbing.
- ♂ June 8. Upper dormitory cleared, scrubbed by Brn. Fritsche, J. s. Stoz and Stuassburger.
- 4 June 10. At 8 o'clock Church Council, members expressed desire for new church auditorium.
- ♀ June 11. Brn. Bonn and Jac.v.Vleck to new posts at Christbr.
- 4 June 12. Lower dormitory cleared, scrubbed. At House Conference, value of 6 d. old money = 7/6 poor money. Dinner now 7/6. Reminded to close cellar door, so that cellar stays cool. Requested not to pluck currants, to be used for wine.
- 0 June 20. Br. Schwihil to Nazareth, for his marriage there tomorrow.
- ♀ June 25. Heavy thunder shower.
- ♂ June 30. 96 rockfish caught.

JULY

- 4 July 1. At Church Council, raising of Church dues discussed, value of shilling up to this time, now 1 dollar.

- h July 3. Marriage of Br. Ludw. Hubner and Sr. Baumgartner.
- g July 7. Congr. lovefeast, according to provisions in last will of departed Br. Mich. Graff. Overseers' College decided to meet deficit in civic treasury with subscriptions from Choirs. To avoid future deficit, levy a monthly payment of 2/6, instead of present 4d/
- f July 9. 1 hogshead currant wine made.
- o July 11. Heavy rain.
- d July 12. The boy, John Lischer of Nazareth, apprenticed to Br. Abr. Hessler.
- o July 18. House Conference:
 1) House sweeper's pay, 3/9 every 4 weeks by Brn.
 2) Oil and light, 2/6; each room to get a small book, in which every Br. to write down every Sunday, what he puts into laundry. Trustee will write price along each item; and Overseer in his room with Brn. reckons every 4 weeks who also then will pay not only for laundry, but also their board and other set expenses; who then will reckon amount with trustee. Also reminded to keep cellar clean. Brn. not to carry on lewd conversations with the boys. Water butt to be kept clean, little tubs not to be emptied there.
- d July 19. Br. Leschinsky on business to wagoner in Easton.
- o July 25. The Reichel, Nathanaels and Br. v. Marschall to Lititz.
- o July 27. Br. Fries to Lititz, via Nic. Garrison's place and Heidelberg.
- f July 28. All apprentices now to be bound to their masters.
- AUGUST
- o Aug. 3. No congr. services, church hall being whitewashed.
- h Aug. 7. Rainy weather.
- o Aug. 8. Andr. Strassburger leaves congr. Br. Gottlob Sensemann in kitchen at his place for time being.
- f Aug. 11. Br. Fries returned. His horse having been stolen from Nic. Garrison's pasture, he could not get to Lititz.
- o Aug. 20. Rainy weather.
- f Aug. 25. Extraordinary downpours of rain, one right after the other. Lehigh had
- h Aug. 26. risen above wharf by 10 a.m. And ~~this~~ this afternoon the Monocacy rose above our meadow.
- h Aug. 28. In forenoon Br. Jac. Stoz from Lititz to be our cook.

SEPTEMBER

- ♀ Sept. 3. House Conference: dinner, 11/3. House watchman to be more conscientious.
- ♂ Sept. 9. Br. Leschinsky on business to Phila.
- ♀ Sept. 17. House Conference; Brn. not to neglect service; dinner now 10/ cook recommended for his meals. Upper dormitory to be cleared and cleaned one more time.
- ♂ Sept. 18. 2 Monocacy bridges finished in garden.
- ♂ Sept. 20. Br. Leschinsky on business beyond Blue Mts.
- ♀ Sept. 23. Old wash house on Lehigh entirely torn down.
- ⊙ Sept. 26. Gen Philipp and Gen. Riedesel arrived here.
- ♂ Sept. 27. English general leaves with his suite.

OCTOBER

- ♂ Oct. 4. Br. Leschinsky to Phila. on business.
- ⊙ Oct. 10. Gen. Riedesel returns, to remain here until he receives permit to go to New York.
- ♂ Oct. 12. Br. Jag to Nazareth to be married there.
- ♂ Oct. 18. In evening right after service, at about 7, our oat drier caught on fire through carelessness in drying tobacco, extinguished before much harm done.
- ♂ Oct. 21. Br. Hoff came here with children from Nazareth Hall to stay.
- ♂ Oct. 25. Br. Dominicus Krause from Nazareth Hall, came here to tend our garden in Br. Jag's place.
- ♂ Oct. 30. In yesterday's House Conference, ~~well attended~~. announced, that board from now on 15/.
- ⊙ Oct. 31. 4 o'clock service, well attended. Imprisoned officers present. Negress Phillis, belonging to Br. Henry v. Vleck baptized Mary. Beginning of Reformation also remembered.
- Note; In middle of this month, Br. Dreyspring made sicknurse; Br. Joh. Lehnert, secretary; the Brn. Benzien and Reinke, Overseers, 1st in former glazery, 2nd in n.w. corner room on 3rd floor: Br. D. Kliest asst. overseer by large boys. Towards end of month the Brn. Pyrlaeus and Steintke with their professions moved into shops erected for them in our garden.

NOVEMBER

- ♂ Nov. 2. The Ettweins to Hope, to stay awhile.
- ♂ Nov. 3. Boy Johannes Fritsche of Nazareth, came here to learn shoemaking with

Br. Tob. Boeckel. Br. Reichel that members who are able, should contribute for food for the needy. Today unusually cold for this time of year, and in afternoon after severe n.w. storm, some snow for 1st time.

- 4/ Nov. 4. Br. Henry v. Vleck, Jr., who already last month bought house in Lititz moved there to carry on hatmaking business. The young man, Nath. Braun, came here from Christbr. to learn same profession with Br. Danielsen.
- 4/ Nov. 8. Mr. Isaac V. Vleck brought letters, Weekly News and the textbooks for next year, via New York and Elizabeth town.
- 4/ Nov. 11. At Helpers' Conference announced, collection among us for our needy members almost \$500.--.
- 4/ Nov. 12. House Conference. Decided that Brn. pay a dollar instead of 5/9 to Br. Hubsch, and from next Monday, bring their bread for dinner. Also urged to attend song service and not visit around in other rooms during services.
- 4/ Nov. 16. Word that Sr. Mary Muschbach, married Apr. 15th., had died.
- 4/ Nov. 18. Renewed Fire Ordinance read to congr.
- 4/ Nov. 19. Joseph Kaske, allowed in on probation last month, again went his own way.
- 4/ Nov. 22. Br. Schweiniz returned from Phila.
- 4/ Nov. 24. Reichels and Nathanaels to Gnadenhutten. From Lititz the brothers Nathanael and Johannes Weber on probation, 1st in writing room, 2nd in weavery. During these days, having received permission from Congress, the Generals, Philipps and Riedesel with suite again started for New York.
- 4/ Nov. 25. Unpleasant news from Easton, that we might soon expect 300 men to be quartered here for this winter. Br. Okely will try to prevent it.
- 4/ Nov. 26. Bad snowstorm.
- 4/ Nov. 27. At noon greatly alarmed, a messenger, Mr. Crispin arriving from Phila. Chief Judge, with Sheriff John Herzl and Justice Levers in our House with orders to arrest Br. Leschinsky, because he had spent counterfeit money in Phila. and he was suspected of having done it knowingly and probably had brought it along from New York. But as they found no counterfeit money in his possession, he yet had to pledge a bond for \$10,000 and also stand bond for \$10,000 more, to appear at next court of Oyer and Terminer. Mr. Crispin on the whole acted very friendly. After this happening it was found, that several such bills had been spent by local citizens, and one could very likely refer this misfortune to a man, who had recently been here, and had made purchases with such bills. Br. Oberlin had already been summoned to Easton last Wednesday for the same reason. May God save us from this money confusion! In evening Reichels and Nathanaels returned from Gnadenhutten.
- 4/ Nov. 28. 1st. Sunday in Advent.

DECEMBER

- ♂ Dec. 7. Br. Leschinsky to Phila. on business.
- ♀ Dec. 8. Br. Kampmann back from Hope, where he had served as doctor for members since June 7th.
- 4 Dec. 9. A Day of Thanks and Prayer set by Government.
- ♀ Dec. 10. Br. Leschinsky returned from Phila., where had had called on Chief Justice, Mr. Ludw. Weiss, and given him a written statement about his situation with counterfeit money. Chief Justice very polite and friendly towards him, regretted circumstances and assured him that he had realized innocence of Br. Leschinsky already before this; he would also talk with Mr. Levers, just then in Phila, to see that entire matter would be given up, and would always be happy to serve the Brn.
- 0 Dec. 12. Sick Nurses Conference, 20 Brn. appointed assistants.
- ♂ Dec. 15. House Conference. Resolved that laundry money be raised by 1/2. Also agreed that militia money demanded by sheriff yesterday from several Brn. for 1 1/2 years ago and with expenses amounts to £42.5. a person, to be assigned among all Brn. able to pay, so as not to be too hard on any single person, and also to do likewise in the future. It makes 7 to 8 pounds per person, Br. Joh. Schropp being appointed collector.
- 4 Dec. 16. Local congr. rules signed by those Brn. supposed to do so, who had not done it so far, from our Choir the Brn. Busse, Leschinsky, Friis, Ebert, Abr. Hessler, Kampmann, Jos. Horsefield, Benzien, Runcke, Gottl. Sensemann, Steinke, Joh. Lehnert, Schlegel, Warner and Owen Rice.
- h Dec. 18. Cold and stormy weather.
- ♀ Dec. 24. Christmas Eve.
- h Dec. 25. As usual, Christmas Day announced by trombones.
- ♂ Dec. 28. Began to snow last night, continues fast and heavy all day, snow over a foot high. As a whole, much colder all month than in other years.
- 4 Dec. 30. Bad weather.
- ♀ Dec. 31. Several deaths this evening, including that of Br. Joh. Friedrich Otto in Nazareth.
Closing service, trombones at end of old, and beginning of new year.
115 members in our Choir, 9 more than at end of previous year.