ORDINATION

Providence willing, the two sisters, Christina Habegger and Metta Lehman will be ordained on Sunday, August 18, in their home church, Berne, Ind., for the work in the foreign mission, China. We ask the prayers of the congregations for the sisters.

P. H. Richert,
Sec'y of Mission Board.

IN MENNONITE CIRCLES

A Call to Eastern District Sunday School Convention, 1918.

Saturday, Aug. 31, is the time. Hereford Church, Bally, Rev. D. J. Brandt, pastor, is the place. An ideal day's outing! Morning, afternoon and evening sessions. Program covers Teaching, Missions, Citizenship and Bible Study. Co-operators afford to pay see our future. Additional donations to get the inspiration and help to which you are entitled.

Pray for the success of the convention.

In the Eastern District are asked to make announcement and to urge attendance.

Erwin S. Weiss, President
Seward M. Rosenberger, Field Sec'y.

Day of Prayer for Schools.

In keeping with its annual custom, the National Reform association again offers to all pastors this year who will discuss the subject of public education in their pulpit on the second Lord's day of September—the day of prayer for schools—or a contiguous Sabbath, appropriate literature, free of charge. This literature is in advocacy of the training of our youth in Christian morality and advocacy of the training of our youth in Christian morality and advocacy of the training of our youth in Christian morality and advocacy of the training of our youth in Christian morality and advocacy of the training of our youth in Christian morality. As the school year begins, the literature is most appropriate.

Day for Prayer in connection with the Mission Board.

It is not so much the money that the Mission Board is seeking as it is the prayer of the saints for the health and welfare of the missionaries in the mission field. If we will pray for the sick that they may be restored to health and for the missionaries that they may be protected from physical harm and from spiritual danger, we will be doing our part to further the work of our Lord.

REV. J. H. KREHBELI'S TRIP

Trenton, Ohio.

Going to Trenton, Ohio, from Bluffton, O., we found the train on the C. H & D. R'y., now part of the B. & O. system, so crowded that some people found no seats. At certain stations quite a number of people would get out and we hoped that all might get comfortably seated, but it seemed that each time a greater number entered the train than had departed. I found a seat for Mrs. Krehbhel in one coach and finally found a seat for myself in the rear end of another coach with a U. S. detective from Mansfield, Ohio, who was on his way to a camp in Middletown, the neighboring town to Trenton, which brought $300—174c per pound. Driving over the hills in our Ford and looking into the valley I remembered that James Springer 22 years ago, riding with me in my buggy in the springtime over these hills and looking down into the valley, turned to me and said: "Bro. Krehbhel, it's worth $600 a year to live in a place like this." Butler Co. Ohio, is a lovely place and contains some lovable people.

Middleton, the neighboring town to Trenton, has wonderfully improved because of the rolling-mills that are operating there and employing 5000 men at good wages. They are working 100 per cent, government contracts and running 24 hours a day and night, and there is money in abundance. But when I saw the grizzly mills and saw the 18 large chimneys pouring out smoke and soot over the city andnight I prayed that such prosperity might never come to Trenton to defile the place where
we spent 17 of our lives. The pleasure of our visits was greatly enhanced by the fact that at the last evening we had the joy of attending and assisting in the reception, given by the congregation at the parsonage to their new minister, Brother Neunenschwander and his wife. Twenty-five years ago they had given me a similar reception, but not at the parsonage, for there was none, and when I sought to rent a home I found none except part of a house, occupied by an aged widow. Now they have a comfortable parsonage and a new church, which we had the pleasure of dedicating before we left and to which they have added the improved of electric lights. We hope that under Bro. Neunenschwander’s efficient preaching and administration the congregation may prosper as never before.

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD SESSION

The session was opened by the president of the board, J. W. Kliewer, with Scripture reading, I Cor. 15:18: “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” Thereupon several brethren led in prayer.

All the members of the board were present except brother M. M. Horsch on account of weak health. They are: J. W. Kliewer, G. Harder, S. M. Muehlemann, H. D. Penner and P. H. Richert.

We were also glad to have with us Brother Brown, returned missionary from China who reported personally on his field.

The treasurer, Bro. Harder, laid before the board a complete and very full report on account of the session being held.

Upon recommendation by workers the following native are employed (all except the last):

- For Tuba ............................................. $360.03
- For Frelle............................................. $265.73
- For Pakayi, the necessary money for walking in the spring. (Mr. Neuenschwander is in charge of this)
- Elizabeth Queyranaya, helper at Tuba, discontinues temporarily direct mission work and devotes herself to school teaching.

Il. Arizona

1. The following budgets were made:
   - For Tuba ............................................. $600.00
   - For Frelle............................................. $265.73
   - For Pakayi............................................. $840.90

2. At this time of the year the treasury left and to which they have since been granted:

   - Tuba ............................................. $1,188.00
   - Frelle ............................................. $375.00

3. The session was closed by prayer, led by Bro. G. Haver, J. W. Kliewer, Pres., P. H. Richert, Sec’y.

Resolutions Passed at Readeley During Conference Session Sept. 1-7, 1917.

1. The session was closed by prayer, led by Bro. G. Haver, J. W. Kliewer, Pres., P. H. Richert, Sec’y.

2. The board is ready to receive special gifts for a chapel at Ahliki, India.

3. Sister Shimer was asked to go to Orchha, in order to have charge of the work of the station assisted by Bro. Johnson and under supervision of Brother Duerksen.

4. The board is willing to erect a rest home in India if the Workers’ conference votes it and sufficient special gifts come in for the same.

5. Resolved to raise to Bro. and Sister F. J. Isaac, Woodland, Ca., $100. This includes Sister E. Schmidt for walling in the spring.

6. As Bro. Funk hands in his resignation the board determined to increase his salary from $1000 to $1300.

7. The following resolutions were passed in connection with the reading of the reports of the different fields:

   I. Oklahoma

   1. Bro. and Sister Sam J. Goering, Okla., will be asked to go to India in the near future as the board feels that their services are needed.

   2. Bro. and Sister W. C. Voth, Gotebo, Okla., Christine Hagegger, Berne, Ind., and Dr. H. H. Epp, Berne, Ind. The other necessary workers are to be sent as soon as they can be found.

   3. Resolved to provide for the board house in China in the following order:

      - For H. J. Brown, Kai Chow ............................................. $838.00
      - For E. G. Kaufman, Kai Chow ............................................. $700.00
      - For P. J. Boos, Tung Ming ............................................. $200.00
      - For Cantonment ............................................. $200.00

   4. Resolved, to permit Bro. and Sister Neuenschwander to take their vacation this year, in order to attend the meeting of General conference.

   5. We were also glad to have with us Brother Brown, returned missionary from China.

   6. The following budgets which have been granted:

      - For Busby ............................................. $150.00
      - For Cantonment ............................................. $150.00
      - For Canton ............................................. $100.00
      - For Fonda, India ............................................. $176.40
      - For Mauhadei ............................................. $900.00
      - For Korba ............................................. $1090.00
      - For Lame Deer ............................................. $500.00
      - For Fonda, Indiana ............................................. $176.40
      - For Florence ............................................. $100.00

   7. The treasurer, Bro. Harder, laid before the board the reports of the different fields, consisting in the reception, given by the board a complete and very full report on account of the session being held.

   8. The president of the board, if possible, with another brother of the board, was asked to visit Oklahoma and attend the Workers’ conference in the middle of July. This is also expected to visit Canada, where a conference with Bro. Funk about the future of the station seems advisable on account of his resignation.

   9. Elizabeth Queyranaya, helper at Tuba, discontinues temporarily direct mission work and devotes herself to school teaching.

   10. Upon recommendation by workers the following native are employed (all except the last):

      - For Tuba ............................................. $600.00
      - For Frelle............................................. $265.73
      - For Pakayi............................................. $840.90

   11. While the question of wages and team was under discussion for Arizona and other fields, it was resolved:

      - With the view of the fact that the expenses for the maintenance of a team required constantly increasing, autos are to take their place more and more, especially in this direction and for the following

   12. Furthermore we have learned that the Native workers in the missions have offered to help in this direction, and money for autos has already been sent to the treasurer. We ask, therefore, for special gifts to buy two Ford cars for China, one for Arizona and one for Montana.

   13. The following budgets were:

      - For Lame Deer ............................................. $500.00
      - For Fonda, Indiana ............................................. $176.40
      - For Florence ............................................. $100.00

   14. In view of the fact that Bro. Linscheid has had considerable personal expenses in connection with the work in China, he may take sufficient time this summer to study language, so much of the travel money can be saved and used for his language.

   15. Bro. and Sister Sam J. Goering, Woodland, Ca., to go to Oraibi temporarily and have charge of the home in the spring.

   16. Bro. and Sister J. G. Kuehney to India as long as she remains. If she returns when two members of the board had left.

   17. Yet, the most important questions in the board’s prayer meeting is always the labor question. It is very scarce now in India, and we are grateful for the two sisters that are willing to go to India for the next five years.

   18. Our mission work in India is naturally more and more affected by the world crisis, but the reports of the board had consequently again a little late and arrived when two members of the board had left.

   19. The most important and difficult question is always the labor question. It is very scarce now in India, and we are grateful for the two sisters that are willing to go to India for the next five years.

   20. The session was closed by prayer, led by Bro. G. Haver, J. W. Kliewer, Pres., P. H. Richert, Sec’y.

21. Resolved, to recommend to the General conference that the single sisters on the foreign field receive 300.00 a year.

22. The board hesitates to send Sister and Brother Kuehney to India as long as she herself hesitates and decides whether at her age she can learn the language.

23. The building of a church at Mauhadei, India was decided upon.

24. Resolved to extend a call to Bro. and Sister L. Burkhalter, Berne, Ind., to go to India as soon as possible.

25. Bro. S. M. Musselman was interested by the board to inquire of Bro. T. Moyer, Lansdale, Pa., whether he would be willing to go to China for 5 years with the understanding that he study the language and build several houses, after which he may come home to complete his work. If he accepts this call, Bro. and Sister W. C. Voth, Gotebo, Okla., will be asked to go to India in June, 1919.

26. The belated reports of India ask for the following budgets which have been granted:

   - For China ............................................. $394.00
   - For Tung Ming............................................. $1188.00
   - For Mauhadei ............................................. $900.00
   - For Feng Hsien ............................................. $200.00
   - For Cantonment ............................................. $150.00

27. Resolved, to send this fall to China the following new workers:

   - Frieda Sprunger, Berne, Ind., now in China for 5 years.
   - Dora Linscheid has had considerable personal expenses in connection with her studies. If he accepts this call, he will be able to change his studies. If he accepts this call, he will be able to change

28. Resolved to increase the salaries of the female workers in America that are willing to go to India for five years with the understanding that they may go to some language school or study language under a tutor as soon as possible.

29. Resolved, to make an attempt to have a member of the board visit annually our colleges in the interest of missions. For next year Bro. Musselman was appointed to attend the General conference in the middle of July. The purpose of his trip is to get acquainted with the college men and to have a closer touch with them.

30. Resolved to publish this report as a supplement to our church papers. The Mitarbeiter in Canada will publish it also as a supplement.

31. Bro. and Sister Sam J. Goering, Woodland, Ca., to go to Oraibi temporarily and have charge of the home in the spring.

32. The board expresses its hearty thanks to the brethren and sisters in Henderson for their hospitality, and especially Rev. H. H. Epp, in whose home the session was held.

33. We want to thank the churches that have so faithfully and diligently supported the work with prayers and gifts.

34. And to the Lord be all the praise and thanksgiving for his rich blessings upon the work, as well as the terrible trials and the many difficulties which have been overcome.

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who has charge of the orphans.

7. A request is to be sent to Bro. P. A. Penner to make another attempt to obtain permission for Bro. and Sister P. W. Penner to return to India.

Resolutions Passed During the Year 1917-18 Between Sessions of the Board.

September.

1. Resolved, to promise Brother S. T. Moyer as mission candidate the following payments as a loan: Dec., 1917, $100; April, 1918, $100; December, 1918, $100.

2. Sister Martha Burkhalter’s salary is to begin September, 1917.

3. Sister Foth is to receive besides traveling expenses $50 for the time spent in California.

4. Resolved, to allow Bro. Ediger both expenses for gas and for horse feed.

5. Bro. H. J. Kliever is to receive as superintendent the same salary as the superintendent on other fields.

6. The board approves of the plan proposed by the Oklahoma workers that temple and the usual Christmas gifts be discontinued and that instead of them, if possible, money be sent. The workers in Alaska are to decide whether Bro. and Sister Suckau should take their furrow this year.

7. Resolved to sell the Stucky property in Moundridge through Brother Korba Mr. & Mrs. C. H. Suckau.

October.

8. Revived to sell the Stucky property in Illinois through Brother Birney Mr. & Mrs. P. A. Penner.

9. With regret the board accepts the superintendents on other fields.

10. Resolved to accept Miss Frieda Williams, Lynn, Mass., board the expresses its intention to send such of our pupils in India, that may fit into her institution to the Isabella Thoburn college, Lucknow.

11. Sister Ruth, Oraibi, native in charge of it, the board expresses the opinion that it would take too much time and expense to translate so large a book, and that it may be far more remunerative for the missionaries to pursue such specialties before they can more independently take up such a book and compare it with the scriptures.

12. September, 1918, $100.

13. The board has no objection to the W. F. M. B. (M. E. C.) through Miss Florence Nichols, Lynn, Mass., board expresses the intention to send such of our pupils in India, that may fit into her institution to the Isabella Thoburn college, Lucknow.

14. Miss Florence Jones, Reedyey, Cal., was accepted for service in India.

15. In reply to a letter from the W. F. M. B. (M. E. C.) through Miss Florence Nichols, Lynn, Mass., to send such of our pupils in India, that may fit into her institution to the Isabella Thoburn college, Lucknow.

16. Since a small debt still rests on the Champa church, nothing will be subtracted from special gifts to Cham­pa during 1916-17.

17. The building of a girls’ school at Ka! Chow was granted.

18. Sister Ruth, Oraibi, having died, Bro. Johnson was appointed to take her place as near as he can with the same pay.

19. Bro. and Sister Karl Friesen were called to the work in Okalpi.

20. Bro. and Sister P. W. Penner should, if possible, visit such churches in Okalpi as have not been visited.

21. Mrs. F. J. Isaac, secretary of the Mission Sewing societies, shall be entitled to have her expenses as second candidate out of the treasury. Members of the board may also send in their bill for stationery and postage. The board approves of all resolu­tions the workers’ report not from India except No. X. The blanks, however, were proposed, shall be printed complete list of special support­ers and their proteges to be pre­sented with gifts. The money for a church at seal was allowed.

22. Bro. J. A. Funk may buy a small horse for a special meetings among the people beginning August, 1918.

23. Resolved to advance to Brother Epstein money for a Ford until special gifts for that purpose come in.

24. In reply to a request by Brother Epstein to translate into Hindi a book "In East and West," the Board concerning the commission of the Board expresses the opinion that it would take too much time and expense to translate so large a book, and that it may be far more remunerative for the missionaries to pursue such specialties before they can more independently take up such a book and compare it with the scriptures.

25. If Karl Friesen’s go to Oraibi R. H. Holcomb’s are asked to stay another year, so that more language work is assumed.

26. The last report of the Workers’ conference in India is accepted.

27. The board is not ready to sell any part of the Indian belongs to the Mission.

28. In reply to Bro. J. B. Epp’s question about the board’s permission to have a ripe girl come to Okalpi and receive training in their home together with their adopted ripe girls, the board expresses the opinion that it would have to be taken up by the government. If it has no objections the board also has none.

29. The recommendations of the last report of the Workers’ conference in America are accepted.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Field and Stations Missionaries No. Native Helpers Membership (baptized)

Oklahoma:
Hammon Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Kliever 2 — 22
Canton Mr. & Mrs. A. H. Christiansen 1 — 40

Clifton Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Ediger 2 — 26
Fonda Mr. & Mrs. H. T. Neufeld 1 — 10
Canton Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Funk 1 — 65

Arkansas:
Oralpi Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Holcomb 2 — 20
Moen Copi Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Frey 2 — 10
Pakavi Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Duerksen 1 — 10

Montana:
Lame Deer Mr. & Mrs. R. Peter 2 — 57
Busby Mr. & Mrs. G. A. Linscheid 1 — 55

Binney Mr. & Mrs. A. Hambarger 1 — 1

Hinrey Mr. & Mrs. P. A. Penner 1 — 9

India:
Champa Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Penner 16 47 (Station) 45 (Asylum) 16 (elsewhere) 165 (Asylum)
Janjir Mr. & Mrs. E. B. Steiner 18 45 (Station) 16 (elsewhere) 21 (early in memory)

Masahedi Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Wiens 16 — 62
Korba Mr. & Mrs. C. H. Sakwa 21 — 21
Changi Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Brown 12 89
Tung Ming Hain Mr. & Mrs. E. G. Kaufman 1 — 2

Total 17 48 92 744

THE MISSIONARY AND THE RELIGIONS OF THE EAST

By Dr. J. Lamberti Disney.

(Continued.)

Among the belongings of the ganges I saw numerous instru­ments of torture, one that stands out in my memory being a board about the size of a small cot bed, supported by four short legs and the top of which was covered with sharp spikes, fully the inches in length. On this, as I was told by him who was in charge of it, the poverty penitent “lay him down to rest” for such length of time as he, or perhaps his priest, considered necessary for the sufficient good of his soul. In the sacred Ganges itself I saw them, too, enjoying the glorious privilege of bathing and simultaneously drink­ing with avidity of its muddy and contaminated depths, unimproved by the great numbers of other similarly enjoying the same privi­leges. It is said that the pilgrims to this sacred spot during a cer­tain fair, the Mela, held each year in January, have at times number­ed as high as two millions. Into this hallowed stream also it is that mothers of India have for centuries showered their infants to the crocodiles—to them a sacred animal—a practice which I was assured, still persists to some ex­tent. Crocodiles, at any rate, there were plenty, sunning them­selves on the banks in plain vision at almost all times of the day.

The Hindu’s religion, all in all, amounts to nothing more than a collection of—demons, of the loss of caste, and of the priests. Demons have to be propitiated, the caste rules strictly kept, and the priests pre­sented with gifts. Great care has to be taken that the food offered by a man of inferior caste; food, cooked in water, must not be eaten by men of different castes, and the castes are entirely separated with regard to marriages and trades. A sacred thread of cotton is worn by the higher castes. Washing in any holy river, par­ticularly the already mentioned Ganges, is of great efficiency in preserving caste and cleansing the soul of impurities.

Murray’s hand-book on India warns that “The traveler should remember that all who are not Hindus are outcasts, and any one who may cause the loss of caste to the Hindu. He should not touch any cooking or water-hold­ing utensil belonging to a Hindu, nor disturb Hindus when at their meals.” Personally I had no dif­ference once—or was it the Hindu’s mis­fortune—of thus causing a follower of this religion to cast away his meal, barely started, because in entering his store to pur­chase something my shadow was that of a Christian and therefore an outcast—had fallen across his food or table! And he had no compunction or sentiment about letting me see him throw the meal away.

Glancing next at Buddhism, with its eight million or more fol­lowers in India alone, we learn that “Ganges may be compared to Buddha — the enlightened — was born in the sixth century B. C. His father was a prince of the Sakya tribe and of the Rajput or soldier caste. Driving in his pleas­ant grounds with a milling herd of age; then a man, stricken with incurable disease; then a
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CORRESPONDENCE

Waldheim, Sack, July 23, 1918.

Dear Readers of the Mennonite: No doubt it will be of some interest to you to read something from the far North and to learn that here also the Spirit of God is busy preparing a prospered and blessed Master. Although this country is comparatively new, there are many churches and congregations with dear children of God everywhere who are holding high the banner of the cross. In the last few years there have been quite a few changes in many churches from the old formal way to the new and truthful pathway. Praise God for it. The writer has had charge of two fields, Waldheim and Great Deer, 22 m. apart, now for over two years, and I am pleased to say to the honor and glory of our Master that the blessings of which we were permitted to partake have been many. Not only on these two fields, but also in other places where we have been permitted to work and from a few important missions, we have taken place, and God's dear children have grown in grace. Many are the invitations, "Come over and help us!", although the work at home does not permit us to work much on other fields. What we need here in Canada is work. Evangelistic meetings, as above mentioned, would do much to gain that and fulfill that purpose.

The writer has just returned from our Canadian conference, held at Drake, Sask. This conference was a spiritual treat to every Mennonite. As for such knowledge at the conference I had opportunity to speak to different brethren on workers and the deep need of more of the knowledge of our own faith who could go from one or more revival evangelists of such evangelistic meetings. Some have taken place, and God's dear people have been educated and prepared for this purpose. God has certainly in a spiritual manner God has been pleased to say to the honor and glory of the church. A veritable city, a melting-pot of humanity, a gigantic work of ages, the battle of ages is going on. The treatment accorded our own Mennonite boys and there is no unanimity among these men, some will do this and not that, but in personal work with the soldiers themselves, and herein these chaplains excel.

The treatment accorded our Mennonite faith, let us not be satisfied with the thought that God has granted these privileges to us, but let us as true Christians, as our nation's young men have won the contest for "over there", shall we be satisfied with the thought that God has granted these privileges to us, but let us also ask why we have the privileges of a people so are also their responsibilities. Oh, people of the Mennonite faith, let us not be satisfied with the thought that God has granted these privileges to us, but let us also ask why we have the privileges of a people so are also their responsibilities.