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Bishop L. H. Seager, Chairman  
The Rev. D. A. Kaley, District Supt.  
The Rev. R. H. Stauss, Pastor

Arthur H. Doescher, Editor-Publisher  
32 Gebhart Street  
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### Recommendations

1. That one thousand copies of the journal be printed this year.
2. That the price be ten cents per copy, to be paid by the congregations.
3. That the journal be subsidized by the conference which shall pay the balance out of the treasury.
4. That payment of journals is due upon receipt of the books and shall be paid at once.
5. That the deficit in this year's account be paid out of the conference treasury.

ARTHUR H. DOESCHER, Publisher.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS

Inasmuch as it has pleased the Father in His providence to call the following to their eternal rest: B. R. Hoover, R. L. Lundry, Mrs. M. L. Scheidler, and Mrs. Margaret Overmeyer,

BE IT RESOLVED, that at the opening of the Friday afternoon session of this Conference, a brief memorial service be conducted with J. O. Mosier as speaker.

#### Rev. B. R. Hoover

Rev. Benjamin R. Hoover, born near Urbana, Indiana, Feb. 20, 1890, was the son of Oliver and Ida Hoover. As a youth he moved with his parents to Wabash, Indiana, where he learned the blacksmith trade. On April 16, 1911 he was married to Miss Carrie Metzger who proved a devoted and helpful companion to him and a helpmeet in his work in the ministry.

He was converted at the age of twenty and united with the United Brethren Church, becoming a very active member. In 1919 he united with the Evangelical Church at Wabash and in a gracious revival that year, feeling the call of God, he consecrated himself to the ministry. He was licensed by the Indiana Conference in 1920, was ordained Deacon in 1924, and Elder in 1927. He served the following fields: Columbia City, Phillipsburg, San Pierre, Royal Center, West Salem and Atlanta. Failing health then necessitated him retiring from active work in 1932. Later in this year he tried to fill a vacancy in the church at Linn Grove, but was compelled to cease his work here three months later. He returned to his home in Wabash and finally, on April 10, 1934, after patiently submitting to the ravages of disease he went home to be with the Christ whom he loved.

#### Dr. R. L. Lundry

Dr. R. L. Lundry was born October 2, 1861 in Versailles, Ohio, and was called to his eternal home January 31, 1934, at the age of 72 years. Dr. Lundry served many years as a successful pastor of the United Brethren Church in Illinois, Michigan and Indiana. However, after completing his studies in a medical school, he retired from the ministry to practice medicine. He later took up the practice of a drugless physician. He moved to Nappanee, Ind., in the year of 1927 where he united with the Evangelical Church and was received into the Indiana Conference as a Local Elder. He was a faithful servant of Christ and His church, and Heaven is enriched by his going.

#### Mrs. M. L. Scheidler

Mrs. M. L. Scheidler, nee Hall, the life companion of Rev. M. L. Scheidler, pastor of the Pershing Church, passed on to her heavenly home July 25, 1933, aged 66 years lacking ten days, having served with her husband some of the best fields of the Indiana Conference for a period of nearly forty-four years. During the earlier part of their ministry, self sacrifice and self denial were a part of the daily program, yet she never faltered in doing the things necessary in connection with the work of the ministry. She will be remembered as one who served.

#### Mrs. Margaret A. Overmeyer

Mrs. Margaret A. Overmeyer, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Kemmerling, was born April 11, 1841, near Gibsonburg, Ohio. When eighteen

years old she came to Marshall County, Ind., where in 1867 she was married to Hiram Overmeyer, a school teacher. He later heeded the call to the Christian ministry, in which he served for 25 years. Mrs. Overmeyer died January 9, 1934, at the age of 92 years and 8 months.

#### Augusta L. Kalwitz

Augusta L. Kalwitz, widow of the late Rev. Carl Kalwitz was born near Berlin, Germany, 1852 and departed this life April 15, 1934 at Wanatah, Ind. She lived a long and useful life.

We also extend our sympathy to those ministers of our number who mourn the passing of parents during the year. Lloyd M. Maurer was called upon to submit to the passing of his mother, Catherine Maurer, December 11, 1933. W. J. Dauner's mother died Feb. 28, 1934. E. O. Habegger's mother died April 27, 1934, and his father died Oct. 17, 1933.

May God graciously sustain and keep those who have suffered through their bereavement.

B. E. KOENIG, Chairman  
G. W. SHANEYFELT, Secretary.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATE OF MISSIONS

The committee submits a summary report as given us by the mission fields of the conference.

There are 16 mission appointments which have 19 churches.

The church membership is 2512, a net gain of 4.

The Sunday school enrollment is 3544, a net gain of 130.

The E. L. C. E. enrollment is 279, a net gain of 33.

The W. M. S. membership is 264, a net gain of 5.

The L. A. S. membership is 556, a net loss of 19.

There were 118 conversions, a net loss of 23, and 202 accessions, a net loss of 18.

The total valuation of churches is \$224,000 and of parsonages \$37,400.

We note with regret that on the majority of fields there was a decrease of salary. We appreciate the self-sacrifice and devotion with which our missionaries and their families again labored this past year.

We express our appreciation to the officers of the Missionary Society of the Indiana Conference for their assistance and words of counsel to those who served on mission fields.

It is with pleasure we recognize the request of the Peru congregation to become a station.

We also wish to congratulate the Porter Church which, upon its own request, became a station at the last session of the Conference.

Whereas, we discover that only six fields have a definite plan of work, therefore,

We recommend that before August 1, 1934, the pastor and District Superintendent formulate a three-, five- or ten-year program of work for each mission field with a view to more progressive advancement toward the ultimate goal of self support.

We recommend to the District Superintendents that they survey the mission fields and learn the length of years each has received missionary appropriations with the view of ascertaining the causes why they have not become self-supporting.

C. L. HANEY, Chairman  
BENJ. G. THOMAS, Secretary.

### THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC MORALS, TEMPERANCE AND SABBATH

#### I. Group Righteousness

The endeavor to achieve a group righteousness presents to the church a tremendous opportunity to show that she is serious about her responsibility to Christ, and the urgent challenge to deal with all social problems in the light of the spirit and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, Be it resolved, that we, the members of the Indiana Conference of the Evangelical Church, solemnly pledge ourselves to secure