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"For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." 1 Cor. 2:2.

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Two Ordained for Missionary Service

Coaldale, Alta. — Miss Katie Wiens and Miss Helen Dueck, accepted missionary candidates under the M.B. Board of Foreign Missions, were ordained for missionary service in the Mennonite Brethren church here on December 26. They have dedicated their lives to service in the vineyard of our heavenly Father.

In his message Rev. David Pankrat, moderator of the Canadian Conference of the M.B. Church, laid particular stress on the fact that God appoints missionaries, not men.

The ordination for missionary service was carried out by Rev. B. B. Janz. It was a thrilling experience to see and hear what the dedication means to these young people.

Before leaving for the mission field in the Belgian Congo Miss Wiens will study French in Quebec and take the colonial course in Belgium.

Occupy New Building

Virgil, Ont. — Eden Christian College celebrated the opening of a large new addition to the existing building with its annual Christmas banquet on December 21.

Construction on the \$57,000 building was begun six months ago. The plan provided for a 112' x 87' auditorium built onto the rear of the existing structure, plus three new classrooms, two large laboratories, two staff rooms, a music room, and the conversion of the present laboratory into a library reading room. The construction contract was awarded to Derksen Construction of Beamsville, Ont., and the wiring and electrical contract was given to Harry's Radio Electric, operated by Harry Thiesen in St. Catharines.

The auditorium, built to seat from 1200 to 1400 people, is of cement block construction, with stucco exterior. The ceiling is tastefully decorated with alternating sections of plywood and acoustic tile. The floor is marked off into basketball courts, while the 40' x 26' stage may be used for drama presentations, song festivals,



Shown above are the students and teachers of the Ontario M.B. Conference Bible School, located at Kitchener, Ontario. In the last row are the teachers, left to right, Rev. J. J. Toews, Rev. I. T. Ewert, principal, J. Hamm, and Rev. A. J. Block. (See article and picture on page 11.)

Elmwood Hosts Annual Bible Conference

Increasing attendance marked the sessions of the annual three-day Bible Conference held in the Elmwood M.B. church in Winnipeg from December 27 to 29. At the evangelistic services on the three evenings Rev. A. G. Neufeld spoke to over 800 people nightly, with every seat taken the last evening.

First held 28 years ago, the Bible Conference is the occasion for an annual pilgrimage to Winnipeg for Mennonites as far west as Justice, Man. At this year's sessions Rev. A. H. Unruh and Rev. H. H. Janzen spoke on John 13: 31 — 17: 26 during the day and Rev. A. G.

conventions, and various other activities.

The basement section of the new building, which is not yet completed, will be used as a kitchen and cafeteria during the school months and during conferences.

The sum needed for furnishings and kitchen equipment, \$9,000, must yet be appropriated by the Ontario Conference of M.B. Churches.

Since its inception in 1945, the Eden Christian College has experienced a steady growth. At present the staff of six teachers, with Rev. D. Neumann as principal, are teaching about 180 students. Prospects are for an increased enrollment next year when grade 13 will be added.

Neufeld of Margaret, Man., delivered evangelistic messages in the evening. This was the twenty-first year that Rev. Unruh had served at the Bible Conference.

Met Old Friends

At both the noon meal and the lunch in the afternoon the ladies of the Elmwood M.B. Church provided dishes and cutlery, while hot coffee was served to all. Hampers of food were brought by family groups, who settled down at the tables to enjoy fellowship with friends whom in many instances they had not met for a long time. Discussions were lively and vigorous between the sessions, while many took advantage of the book-table The Christian Press Ltd. had set up to browse in books they had wanted to examine for a long time.

The discussion between Christ and His disciples in John 13: 31—38 served as the basis of Rev. Janzen's first message on Dec. 27. Not a religious experience alone proves that we are Christ's disciples, he asserted, but our love to our brethren. Christ's love was revealed in suffering and death, which is also the cost of discipleship today.

In the first 14 verses of chapter 14 Christ is speaking to disciples who will shortly feel lost and helpless without a leader, Rev. Unruh stated in the second message of the

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Sunday School Convention in B. C.

The annual Sunday School Convention of the M.B. churches of British Columbia convened in the M.B. church at North Clearbrook, B.C., from December 27 to 28.

Rev. Isaak Janzen of the South Abbotsford M.B. Church was chairman during the four sessions, which met during the afternoon and evening of each day. Half of each meeting was devoted to a workshop, during which four groups met to discuss various aspects of Sunday school work. The rest of the service was held jointly and featured various speakers.

Messages to the general assembly were delivered by Rev. H. Epp, pastor of the M.B. Church at Blaine, Wash.; Rev. G. H. Thielman, principal of the East Chilliwack Bible School; Rev. H. G. Dueck, Greendale, B.C.; and Rev. J. Unger of Kelowna, B.C. Topics they discussed were: The Value of the Sunday School for the Church; The Secret of the Success of a Sunday School Teacher; The Personal Watchfulness of the Sunday School Teacher; and The Sanctified Life of the Sunday School Teacher.

A total of 15 Sunday school teachers and ministers gave short addresses in the workshop sessions. At two sessions the use of visual aids was discussed by Miss Erna Suderman, a public school teacher,

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EDITORIAL

This Year is Important

During the past year many young people have assumed new responsibilities. Graduates of our high schools and colleges have entered upon their chosen field of service. Men and women have left for new assignments in voluntary service or mission work, while enterprising young men have launched upon business careers. For all of them this year will be important. All need God's presence to be of service to their fellow-men and to live to God's glory.

In July the shareholders of The Christian Press Ltd. voted to start publishing an English family weekly. For over three months now the MENNONITE OBSERVER has been sent to subscribers and prospective subscribers. Many in every province have cooperated to make its publication possible. Others have encouraged us, have "stayed up our hands". We thank every one of you and trust you will continue to give us your cooperation and encouragement.

For us also this year is important. If we were depending on our own capabilities we would quail in the face of the responsibility. However, we are entering upon this year of publication with the confidence inspired by faith in that God who is always with us, and with the confidence that you, our readers, will help us make the MENNONITE OBSERVER a paper that will meet the needs of our people and redound to the glory of God.

We are looking to you to contribute written material for our pages, to submit pictures of various events and people of interest. We are hoping you will make suggestions for improvements and help us implement them. We need regular news reports and feature articles from every Mennonite community, a service only you can perform. You can also help to make our Children's Page vital by submitting poems, stories, devotional articles and quizzes you have written or found helpful. This is your paper, and only as we work together can it become an integral part in God's programme. If you are interested in helping us in any way, please write to us.

The recommendation of satisfied readers is our best advertising. As you recommend the MENNONITE OBSERVER to your relatives and friends you are performing an invaluable service for them also, for you open new horizons to them. Do not stop at recommending the paper, sell them a subscription and send it to us. You will receive a premium for doing so.

May God give all of us grace to realize that He is our best guide in 1956 and to submit daily to His will.

OUR READERS SAY

Already a Blessing

The Lord is already blessing your effort in the publication of the MENNONITE OBSERVER.

Jake Klassen,
Poplar Point, Man.

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Enjoy Reading It

I wish to tell you that we do enjoy reading the MENNONITE OBSERVER. It certainly gives us a very good insight into the doings of our churches everywhere. As far as church-news are concerned I think the MENNONITE OBSERVER has excelled every other paper.

P. J. Esau,
Blaine Lake, Sask.

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Steadily Improving

I want to express my appreciation for the MENNONITE OBSERVER. I feel certain that it will find a place in our circles. In my opinion it is steadily improving.

I wish you much courage and success in your work for the New Year!

A. J. Froese,
Brandon, Man.

THERE IS A VAST DIFFERENCE

BETWEEN being sorry for sin and being sorry you are caught.

BETWEEN confessing your sins and confessing some other fellow's.

BETWEEN seeing your own faults and seeing some other person's.

BETWEEN conversion of the head and conversion of the heart.

BETWEEN being led by the Holy Spirit and led by your own imagination.

BETWEEN being persecuted for "righteousness' sake" and being persecuted for "foolishness' sake."

BETWEEN "contending for the faith" and being contentious about your own opinion.

—"Your Good Neighbour"

Devotional

The Lord Went Before Them

Rev. A. J. Froese *

"And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light, to go by day and night" (Exodus 13: 21).

Life has its many unforeseen problems and perplexities which must be met and dealt with. Were we dependent solely upon our own knowledge and ability to make a right decision we could never find our way. Thus it is our privilege and duty to surrender "self" to Christ, the Light of this world, and to find in Him our *divine guidance*. This does not mean that God will help us to evade the difficulties, but in His strength we will overcome them. God's way was the best way for Israel, even though it was the round-about way.

Life has also its many hazards and dangers. Who can be careful and cautious enough to avoid the mishaps that lurk at every corner? What would have become of you and me physically and spiritually if we had had no pillar of a cloud and pillar of fire as our *Divine protection*? God, who was strong enough to bring Israel out of Egypt, was also strong enough to protect Israel from Egypt. With the sea in front, mountains on either side, and the threatening foe in the rear, Israel was told, "The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace." God's presence was a wall of protection for them. "And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went before their face, and stood behind them: And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these; so that the one came not near the other all the night" (Exodus 14: 19-20). The grace which was great enough to free us from sin is great enough to keep and protect us from sin.

Again, life has its manifold wishes and desires. Today many live obsessed with a lust for pleasure; life is thought to be made meaningful by "having a good time". There is no true satisfaction to be found there, however. Christ said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10b). The presence of God *abundantly fills* our life. The communion with God and His children banishes the bareness and emptiness which exists where God is excluded. The temple had meaning only as long as God dwelt therein. "Christ in us"—makes our body a temple of the Holy Spirit, causing us to lead a life of self-discipline and self-denial, and making us recipients of that

happiness and fruitfulness which comes to those who live for Him and others.

But life also has its secretive "unknowns" and unveiled mysteries. How often we ask "Why?"! The pillar of a cloud and the pillar of fire made the will of God known to the people of Israel. If they followed they could rest assured that this was God's will in their life. For us also the presence of God means *Divine revelation*; yes, even if we are told, "What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter." The knowledge that we are not in the hands of cruel fate, but in God's providence, has given our lives a purpose and a goal. God will reveal Himself! As we stand upon the threshold of the unknown we need not leap into the dark, but only need to follow that path which He trod before, illuminated and led by that Light which He Himself is.

"God setteth the solitary in families; he bringeth out those which are bound with chains; but the rebellious dwell in a dry land. O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; the earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God; even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel" (Psalm 68:6-8).

*Secretary-treasurer of the youth committee of the M.B. Conference in Canada and director of the Gospel Light Mission in Brandon, Man.

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ELMWOOD HOSTS BIBLE CONFERENCE

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morning. They must look above circumstances and in faith see the heavenly mansions awaiting them, all the while doing the work God has given them.

Christ Awakens Love for Brethren

"God is satisfied with nothing less than to dwell personally in the Church and in the individual believer," Rev. Unruh maintained as he dealt with John 14: 15-31 at the afternoon service. When He indwells a believer through His spirit He awakens a love for the brethren. It is noteworthy, however, that we have only as much love for our brother as we see Christ living in Him.

"After Christ's death the disciples did not have visible fellowship with Him, but had to live by faith," Rev. Janzen stated in his message on John 15: 1-17. An organic union replaced a physical union. "Abide in me" became the watchword.

"Every true Christian is hated by the world, for in him the non-Christian sees the object of his hatred—Christ," Rev. Janzen affirmed in the first message on the morning of December 28. Persecution and abuse should be normal for every Christian, since the sinner is convicted of his sin in the presence of one who is indwelt by Christ.

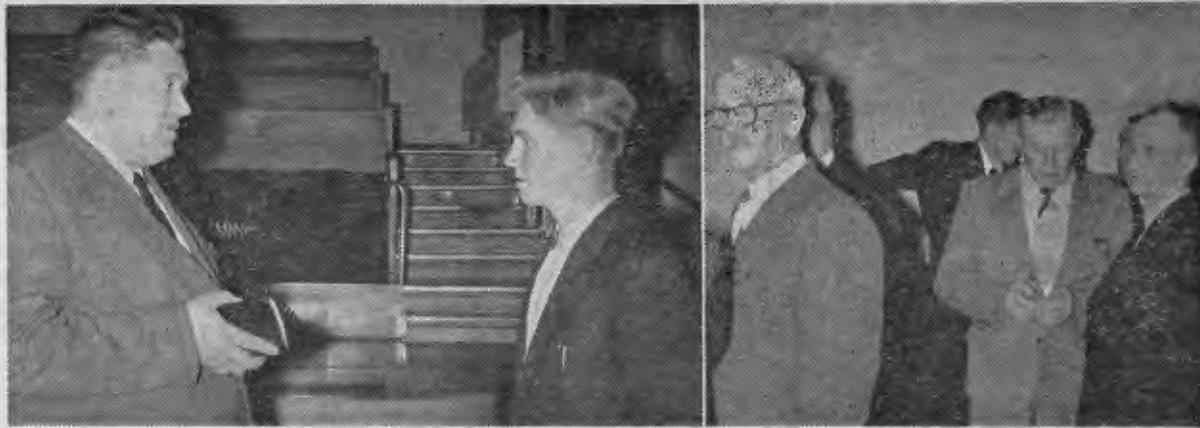
Ministry of the Holy Spirit

The ministry of the Holy Spirit occupied Rev. Unruh in the second address of the morning. In addition to convicting the sinner, the Holy Spirit leads him to recognize Christ as Saviour. When a person decides for Christ the Holy Spirit dwells in the believer, leading him into all truth, he stated.

"The Sad Disciples in the Midst of a Triumphant World", was the theme of Rev. Janzen's address in the afternoon. The disciples were sad at Christ's intimations of His departure, but the world rejoiced. But Christ is not absent—He is living in us and we have intimate communion with him in a life of faith, for He is omnipresent. In this we rejoice.

Christ's ministry assumed a new form after His death, and in His high priestly prayer in John 17 he is in the transition period, Rev. Unruh announced in his message. He is giving an account of His earthly ministry to the Father, introducing His disciples to the Father and praying for them.

At the conclusion of his earthly ministry, Christ began His ministry as our advocate, our intercessor, Rev. Janzen stated at the morning service on Dec. 29. Already in John 17 He has begun this, praying for us. He is pleading for the impartation of the joy He had to them.



The picture on the left shows Rev. A. G. Neufeld talking to Gerhard Giesbrecht. They have a common interest, for Rev. Neufeld has held evangelistic meetings in South America for eight months during the last year, while Gerhard Giesbrecht is the son of Rev. and Mrs. G. B. Giesbrecht, M.B. missionaries to the Lengua Indians in the Paraguayan Chaco. Rev. Neufeld spoke at the evangelistic meetings held in conjunction with the Bible Conference, Dec. 27-29 in Winnipeg. Gerhard Giesbrecht is attending the M.B. Bible College. — At the right you see some of the brethren discussing problems between the sessions.

No Preservation Without Sanctification

"There is no preservation without sanctification," Rev. Unruh asserted as he continued the study of John 17. "A longing to be kept in the faith is one step toward sanctification, on the other hand."

Sanctification begins with separation from the world. This is not only outward piety, but a life in harmony with God's Word and in subjection to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit begins this work of grace in us at the moment we are sealed with Him. It does not consist only of a constant cleansing, but in a constant dedication and consecration of all our members to God.

"Unity among believers is present today, for we have one Word of God and one Holy Spirit. Organically we are one in Christ, our head. Not the many denominations are regrettable, but it is regrettable that we do not receive one another as Christ received us," Rev. Janzen explained in his commentary on John 17: 20-23 on the afternoon of December 29.

"The Church of Christ in Glory" was the theme of the last message by Rev. Unruh on the afternoon of December 29. Christ is longing to have us, His Church, with Him in glory, he stated. "Our glorification will consist of being led into a fuller and richer knowledge of God," he maintained.

In his clear and forthright messages on each evening, Rev. Neufeld emphasized again and again that only those born of God, those who have been born again, can hope to enter heaven. All of man's effort, his religious performances, will not save him. Yet simple faith in Christ, who shed His blood for us, who bore our sins in His own body on the tree, will give us new life in Him and will make us new creatures in Christ Jesus.

GIRLS' CHORUS SINGS AT ABERDEEN

Aberdeen, Sask. — "The Perfect Gift" was the theme the Girls'



The Christian Press, Ltd. set up a book-table in the basement of the Elmwood M.B. Church during the Bible Conference held Dec. 27-29. Displayed were Bibles, expositions on books of the Bible and books by Mennonite authors, which were displayed at the far end of the table. Rudy Reichert, assistant editor of the MENNONITISCHE RUNDSCHAU is serving J. D. Friesen of Winnipeg at the moment.

Chorus of the Aberdeen M.B. Church chose for the Christmas programme they presented on Dec. 24.

The programme consisted of readings interspersed with songs by the Chorus. The readings were taken from the cantata "The Quest of the Magi", which told the familiar story as viewed by the wise men. The chorus trio and soloists echoed the strains of many well-known carols as well as some new songs.

To begin the evening's programme the children of the beginner and junior class in Sunday school related the Christmas message in recitations, acrostics, and in songs, emphasizing the true meaning of Christmas.

The entire evening was certainly enjoyed by all who attended the service and it filled our hearts afresh with thankfulness for God's perfect gift to all mankind, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Bible Conference at Winkler

A three-day Bible Conference was held in the Winkler M.B. church from December 27-29, with Rev. David Ewert and Rev. J. A. Toews, both teachers at the Mennonite Brethren Bible College in Winnipeg, as speakers. Rev. J. H. Quiring, the local pastor, assisted.

This was the first time such a conference had been held in Winkler, and a combination of circumstances limited the attendance. During the services held in the forenoon and afternoon of each day the brethren discussed the Sermon on the Mount under the theme, "True Discipleship". At the evening services Rev. J. A. Toews gave evangelistic messages.

Visitors from Morden, Manitou and several other Mennonite communities attended the services.

HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE

Brave Weather to Attend

Compass, Sask. — December 22 the snow was swirled into great billows to make it a "white Christmas" indeed. Many a Sunday school teacher, and possibly others also, saw a dark frill in this spotless blanket, for it meant that many holiday activities would be curtailed. Most likely the programmes would be a failure and all the work put into them fruitless. The M.B. Church at Compass was pleasantly surprised, however, when most of the boys and girls and their parents braved both weather and roads to make their Sunday school programme a high-light of the festive season.

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Leaves For Coast

Compass, Sask. — Upon the advice of the doctor and the wish of her children, Mrs. Abe Penner left recently to take care of her youngest daughter, Mrs. John Schmor, who is living in New Westminster, B. C. Mrs. Penner was staying with Alfred, her oldest son, throughout the summer.

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Christmas Programme at Laird

Laird, Sask. — The Laird M.B. Church had their annual Christmas programme on December 24. Recitations, dialogues, and songs by Sunday school students and the choir made up the programme. Rev. W. Wiebe delivered a message based on Isaiah 9:6. The gifts and cards under the tree were distributed at the close of the service.

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50-Bed Mennonite Hospital in Nebraska

Ground has been broken for a new 50-bed Mennonite hospital at Beatrice, Nebraska. The hospital is to cost \$800,000.

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Ontario Hebrew Mission Director Appointed

Rev. J. Ross Goodall, former director of the House of Friendship, has been appointed director of the Ontario Hebrew Mission. The organization operates a 100-acre summer camp in the Muskoka Lakes area.

The First Mennonite Church in Kitchener, Ont., ordained Rev. Goodall to the ministry recently. Bishop C. F. Derstine, Bishop Omar Burkholder and Bishop J. B. Martin officiated. At the same time Mrs. Shirley Goodall was appointed as missionary worker.

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Mennonite Radio Announcer

Otto "Tom" Thiessen, a graduate of the United Mennonite Educational Institute at Leaming-

ton, Ontario, recently accepted a position as announcer on the radio station CKTB, St. Catharines, Ont.

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Youth Fellowship Banquet

A banquet was held by the Youth Fellowship of the Altona, Man., Bergthaler Church on December 27 in honour of the young people who had come home for Christmas. About 100 people attended.

Among the guests present were the ministers and deacons and their wives.

A programme of games, songs, a reading, and devotional messages was presented after the meal.

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Unruhs to B.C. for Holiday

Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Unruh left on December 29 for British Columbia, where they will reside for two months at the home of their daughter at Chilliwack, who is a public school teacher.

Dr. Unruh announced at the Bible Conference that this is to be a holiday, but in the same breath announced that he will be serving in various churches there. He asked for the prayers of God's people and stated that he would be happy to receive letters from his friends.

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Christmas Cheer at Winkler

After canvassing in Winkler for toys, money, and other usable items, the students of the Winkler Bible school visited the needy homes in the district. There they first presented the Christmas message and then distributed the Christmas bundles.

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Home for Caretakers

The Nordheim Mennonite Church at Winnipegosis has built a small house on the yard of the church to provide a home for the caretakers, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Janzen. It was expected that the house would be ready by New Year.

India Missionary Speaks at Leamington

Miss Helen Kornelsen, missionary from Jagdeeshpur, India, visited the United Mennonite churches in Leamington on December 7 and 8. She reported on conditions in India and showed slides of the work there.

Miss Kornelsen, who was in charge of the 13 primary schools on her field, is home on furlough and is studying to gain her Master's Degree, as requested by the Christian churches on the field.

The doors are still open in India, she stated, but the time seems

limited. Today missionaries are teaching the Christian churches to be self-supporting, self-governing and self-propagating, in preparation for the time when foreign missionaries will be banned from India.

Opposition in India comes from four quarters, Hinduism, Nationalism, Communism and Buddhism, she declared. There is an urgent need today for more Christian literature in the Hindu language, for the Indian population is rapidly becoming literate and other movements, notably Communism, are flooding the country with literature to meet the growing demand.

More earnest prayer by Christians at home is needed, Miss Kornelsen announced. We also need to give more of our possessions for missionary service, but above all, we need to dedicate ourselves to the service of God and man.

Miss Kornelsen spoke to the students at the United Mennonite Educational Institute on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 8, and visited the United Mennonite Church at Harrow on the evening of December 9.

A Former Catholic Testifies

(The following testimony was written by one who was led to the Lord by a home mission worker in Saskatchewan. Her husband and daughter were also won for Christ. They attend services at the mission whenever possible. — Ed.)

"Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." (John 6: 37)

For 45 years I was a Catholic and it was only this fall that I accepted Jesus as my Saviour. The above verse has been an especially great blessing to me.

My mother was a Catholic, but my father was Orthodox. Since they had not been married in a Catholic church, the priest would not hear my mother's confessions. After 12 years of married life they were married again—this time in a Catholic church.

As I look back over the past few years I see the different means the Lord has used to draw me to Himself. About five years ago my brother, who had lived in great sin, was saved (as he called it). The change in his life showed me that something wonderful had happened to him. He wrote to me often and also sent me tracts.

About two years ago, while I was going to British Columbia on the train, some girls going home from the Prairie Bible Institute spoke to me about the Lord and also gave me some tracts. One of the girls has written to me regularly, telling me how I could be saved.

Last winter I was in the hospital for some time and had the opportunity to read the Bible. When this fall prayer-meetings were start-

ed not far from here I asked them to pray for me. I always thought that I had sinned too much to be saved, but when I was told that Jesus Christ could save the greatest of sinners, I too asked Him to come into my heart and make me His child.

I have distributed a number of Gospels of John as well as tracts to some of my friends who are still without Christ, and my prayer is that they too would be saved.

Mrs. O.....

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION IN B.C.

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and Henry Unger, teacher at the Mennonite Educational Institute. The value of singing in the Sunday school was discussed in two sessions by Peter Penner of Matsqui, while H. Hooge of Greendale dealt with the mechanics of practicing a song. Talks on work in the various departments were given by Sunday school teachers with experience in their department. George Konrad of Vancouver dealt with the Junior Department; Mrs. I. Janzen of South Abbotsford discussed work with the nursery class children; Rev. Herman Voth, pastor of the East Aldergrove M. B. Church and teacher in the M.B. Bible Institute, discussed the Intermediate Department; Mrs. Margaret Rempel of Chilliwack gave a talk on the Beginner Department; John Wall of Vancouver dealt with the Senior Department; John Neumann of Chilliwack discussed the primary department; and Rev. H. H. Nikkel, pastor of the Abbotsford M.B. Church, lectured on teaching adults.

Other topics discussed were: The Nurture of the Sunday School in the Church, by Rev. Herman Lenzmann, pastor of the Yarrow M.B. Church; Sunday School Administration, by Rev. J. F. Redekop, teacher at the M.B. Bible Institute; Sunday School Promotion, by J. Friesen of Strawberry Hill; and Child Evangelism, by Rev. C. D. Toews, teacher at the M.E.I.

In contrast to some previous years the weather was agreeable and the attendance quite satisfactory.

DUERKSENS RETURN TO ARGENTINA

Rev. and Mrs. Martin Duerksen, who have been touring churches and schools in Canada and the United States during the last six months will return to Buenos Aires, Argentina, at the end of January.

Rev. Duerksen is the director of the Mennonite Central Committee in that area and the pastor of the Mennonite Believer's Fellowship there. About 700 people live in Buenos Aires, although only 55 Buenos Aires, although only 65 are members of the Fellowship.

First Services in New Chapel

P. J. Esau

Blaine Lake, Sask. — After some men had worked feverishly on Saturday to complete last minute preparations, the chapel here was filled with expectant people on Sunday morning, December 18. They were present to dedicate it to the service of the Lord.

Joy turned to sorrow, however, when in the afternoon the first funeral service was held in the new chapel. Mr. Nick Kulyk, a businessman here in town and a regular visitor at our services, had suddenly passed away on Friday evening, Dec. 16.

On Friday morning Mr. Kulyk had been feeling ill and the doctor, who had been called by his wife, ordered him to remain in bed. Since he did not feel very ill, Mr. Kulyk, despite the warnings of his wife, decided to eat supper with his family. He rose and started for the dining room, but before he had left the bedroom he collapsed, unconscious. When I arrived an hour later, Mr. Kulyk had passed into eternity.

On Sunday afternoon the first funeral service was held. Rev. J. H. Epp of Hepburn, who happened to be present, brought a message based on John 14. The service

continued at 7:30 p.m., but again our new church was too small to accommodate all that came.

Everyone present realized that the sudden death of this healthy, strong, young man (he was 40) was God speaking to us, urging us to prepare to meet God. In no uncertain terms sinners were reminded that God had a rightful claim on their lives.

Monday morning we gathered for the third and last service. Again we endeavored to comfort the bereaved and proclaim the Gospel to the large crowd of people present, which was the largest of the three services. Three servants of God proclaimed God's Word in Russian, Ukrainian and English.

We marvel at the deep and abiding peace displayed by Sister Kulyk and Joyce, her daughter (both fine Christians and members of our church). Although sad and sorrowing because of the sudden departure of husband and father, they found comfort and strength in their Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. In their prayer they said with Job: "The Lord has given and the Lord has taken."

We would covet your prayers in behalf of these dear Christians and the work here at Blaine Lake.

the pattern of family life. Often the time that should be given to higher and better things is now handed over to the viewing of television with the consequent assault on time with intent to kill that this involves. Instead of participating in some healthful sport or creative hobby, people are now content to be armchair spectators, which requires the minimum of effort and mentality. That which comes so easily inevitably results in flabbiness of mind and heart.

As an art television very quickly conforms to a few more or less stereotyped routines that become monotonously dull and vapid. Already within the industry, men are warning that regulations will be imposed by the government that would be far more stringent than self-imposed regulations. With an eye on government control in Britain some in the industry are calling for a house cleaning on their own.

A recent survey showed that there is a marked increase of interest in television on the part of children under ten years of age. Think of the implications of this! During their most impressionable years, children for hours on end are watching an endless succession of two-bit comedy, the song and dance routine so reminiscent of vaudeville twenty-five years ago, and various other slapstick and jugglery. Today's hero for the young fry is the smart alecky master of ceremonies, while the dancing schools across the nation are doing a land office business training the aspirant young tap dancers for generations of viewers to come.

One person in making a bid for a clean bill of health for television said that while the automobile tended to break up the home, now television is re-establishing home ties. With a set in practically every taproom and air line terminal across the nation, one certainly does not have to stay at home to view it. At best it is highly questionable whether a family seated in silence around the intrusive telecast are in any sense brought closer together in family relationship. It still takes vastly more than a television set to make a house a home, and to bind the ties of a family tighter.

With the coming of television intelligent conversation has been on the wane; serious reading, which began to decline with the rise of the picture magazine and the funny book, really sagged when TV arrived on the scene. In one area high school students were spending an average of 17 hours a week viewing television, with home work getting only the attention that could be crowded into the fragments of time that could be spared from TV.

As an electronic miracle television is as unmoral as is the automobile in the realm of transportation. But it does have moral im-

plications nevertheless. Today's Christian who has allowed television to intrude his family circle needs to monitor carefully the programs that he permits his children to view, and in his own case needs to exercise the greatest care that it does not become more time-consuming than is good for his soul. When the viewing of television has more appeal than the prayer meeting, and is the cause for staying away from church on Sunday evenings, it is alarming evidence of a sadly declining state.

It is not too much of a generalization to say that the unregulated viewing of television programs as now provided (remember the aim is for the common denominator of mass interest) will unquestionably bring about a diluting of the intellect, and the vitiating of spiritual life.

The words of Isaac Watts sound strangely up to date:

*Look how we grovel here below,
Fond of these earthly toys;
Our souls, how heavily they go,
To reach eternal joys.*

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U.S. ADDS GRAINS TO SURPLUS FOR DISTRIBUTION (MCC News Release)

Four grains, wheat, corn, rice and beans have been added to the list of U.S. surplus foods which are available to voluntary relief agencies for distribution among the needy abroad.

At the present time these four items are available in the raw only. The agencies are petitioning the U.S. government to process these foods—wheat into flour and corn into corn syrup—but this needs further negotiating.

This additional food is made available under the same regulations which gives dairy products—milk powder, butter, cheese, etc.—to the voluntary relief agencies: the items are available as long as they exist in surplus and the U.S. pays ocean freight only where the recipient government admits the items duty free and provides inland transportation.

The M.C.C. relief workers in Jordan, Korea, Indochina, Formosa, India and Indonesia will be able to use these grains to good advantage as they work among the refugees. In order to make this available to Jordan and Indonesia (one-half million refugees in Jordan; 93,000 refugees in Celebes, Indonesia) MCC must pay the ocean freight since the U.S. government subsidizes relief agencies only in shipping clothing to these two countries.

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The secret of success in everything is trust in God and hard work. —Alexander Maclaren.

What About Television

By Robert W. Battles, pastor of the Alliance Church, Orlando, Fla.

Like a gangling adolescent who doesn't quite know how to manage his awkward bulk, television has gotten astraddle the media of mass communication and is making a strong bid to dominate the scene. Television is here, and is a factor to be reckoned with in the scheme of things that makes up our present environment.

Television was licensed for commercial use five months before Pearl Harbor; by the end of World War II there were six stations on the air, and within two years after that there were 98. So eagerly has the public seized its latest and most expensive toy, the "poor man's night club", that even Hollywood had to scurry around and come up with 3-D movies and Cinemas, in an attempt to reverse the currents of jaded public interest back to the box office.

In a bygone day Great Britain completed a cable that reached to India. John Ruskin was asked to comment on the achievement. After saying that he was impressed, Ruskin baffled his questioners by asking a question of them: "What do you have to say to India?"

We have a right to ask the moguls who dominate the television industry what they have to say and show to the bewildered citizen of

today. They have already answered before we ask. By their own admission the creators of television programs reveal that their objective is "broad appeal . . . seeking for the common denominator of mass interest". Anyone with a modicum of intelligence knows that this is but the stepping-stone of vulgar exploitation. Leaders in the industry admit frankly that the trend in this direction will continue for some years to come.

In 1947 the main dish served up on the TV menu was sports events, with live drama in second place, and feature films (mostly antiques from the pre-sound days dug up out of the archives of Hollywood) coming along third; children's shows were thin in fourth place. Within two years, comedy and variety programs had moved up into first place, drama and mysteries came second, with talent scouts and sports coming third and fourth.

The American home is not a theater, night club, or midway, yet is nightly handed over to the kind of invasion that would make it so. The boast of one network is that it "brings the world right into your home". Who wants the world as we know it in our homes?

All research studies are unanimous in one conclusion, that the entrance of television into the home brings about definite alterations in

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

One little girl I know made three New Year's resolutions. These are: to read one chapter out of the Bible every day; to attend Sunday school regularly; and to pray for missionaries every night. This little girl is sick and lame. One day as she was reading her Bible by the window, she looked up and smiled. Her mother also looked up and asked, "My girl, what makes you so happy?"

The little girl lifted her face and answered, "It is because God is so good, and I love Him. I have been reading about His love in sending Jesus to us."

When we read about the goodness of God in giving Jesus to die for us we are glad, are we not? Let us start this New Year with this joy in our hearts.

Aunt Selma.

Cross-Bearers For Christ

By J. H. Janzen

(2nd installment)

POLYCARP

In Smyrna, a great city in Asia Minor during the time of the Roman Empire, an old bishop lived. Bishop Polycarp was almost one hundred years old. He is said to have been a disciple of John, one of Christ's disciples, when he was a young man.

Like Cyril, about whom we read last time, Polycarp accepted the Lord Jesus as his Saviour in his early boyhood and remained true to him all his life.

The Christians of Smyrna and the surrounding districts loved their aged Bishop dearly. When a cruel persecution broke out and many Christians were killed, they hid him from the angry crowd as best they could. This so enraged those who were not Christians that they threatened to torture and kill every Christian, if Polycarp was not given to them at once.

When Polycarp heard this he went out to the men who were searching the city for him and said, "Here I am, whom you seek."

He invited them into the house where he had been hiding and entertained them as guests, serving them food and drink and praying for them. The loving-kindness of Polycarp disarmed and silenced the rough soldiers, but when they had finished their meal they had to escort him to the judge. He immediately commanded Polycarp to deny Christ and to offer incense to the heathen gods.

Polycarp was not willing to do that. He said, "I have served my Saviour for more than eighty-six years, and He has never offended or slighted me. How could I ever deny Him?"

Polycarp, the old man, was raised to the pyre and chained to the stake even as Cyril, the young boy, had been. Then the executioners put their torches to the wood pile. However, before the flames could reach the saintly man one of the men plunged his dagger into Polycarp's chest and killed him.

Thus the old man died unafraid, just like the little boy before him. This is genuine heroism.

(To be continued)

Jesus Stills the Storm

Do you remember the time when Jesus was asleep in the ship even though there was a terrible storm? There was a reason for that, and I want to tell you about it.

Many people had come to listen to Jesus preach. They had come from all over Galilee and from other parts of that country. Some had walked many miles to hear Jesus, others had come across the Sea of Galilee on boats. Jesus not only preached to them, he also healed those who were sick. But when He had preached a long time He got very tired and told the disciples to take Him across the Sea of Galilee, away from the crowd. He wanted to rest.

Jesus and His disciples went in-

to a boat and the men started rowing for the other shore. But suddenly a great storm came up. It pushed the water into high waves. They grew bigger and bigger until the little boat almost stood on end when it climbed up one wave and went down the other side. You can imagine that the disciples were very much afraid. What if a wave should fill the boat with water? They would all drown. Or a big wave might tip the boat over and they would all be dumped into the water. They did everything they could to save themselves, but the storm was getting worse and worse.

While they were working, one of the disciples suddenly thought of Jesus. He had come along—but



where was He? He had helped them before and maybe He could help them now. They started looking for Him. Finally they found Him—sleeping! He must have been very tired to be able to sleep in such a big storm. Then the disciples woke Him up and said, "Master, carest thou not that we perish?" They were almost accusing Him of letting them drown. But Jesus got up and said to them, "Why are ye afraid, oh ye of little faith?" Here was Jesus, the Son of God, in the boat and they were afraid. He went outside and rebuked the waves and said to the wind, "Be still."

Even as Jesus spoke the wind stopped howling. The waves just fell flat. The boat stopped rocking. It was as if there had never been a storm before.

The disciples were afraid even though they had Jesus in the boat. Are you afraid of what might happen in this new year? We cannot say whether it will be good or bad, but we need not fear if we have Jesus in the boat, that is, in our hearts. If He has come in and forgiven our sins and born us again to a new hope, we can go through life without fear; He will guide us and protect us from evil.

If there are any of you who have not received the Lord Jesus into your hearts, there is no better time than now to do it. That is even better than making a New Year's resolution, for we often break our resolutions. But when Jesus comes to live in our hearts, He moves right in and gives us strength to obey Him.

UNSCRAMBLE THESE BIBLE NAMES

By Jonathan West

The odd-looking words below are names of some well-known Bible people. Write the correct name on the line. Time yourself. Invite your friends to race with you. It will help you become more familiar with God's Word. (Don't look at the references unless you must.)

1. HATGOIL .. I. Samuel 17:4
2. ERSETH Esther 2: 17
3. CORDAS Acts 9: 36
4. ONELISCUR .. Acts 10:3
5. GOED I Samuel 22: 9
6. IRADUS Daniel 5: 31
7. STARUSE Acts 19: 22
8. READHOB Judges 4: 5
9. PAPISHAR Acts 5: 1
10. ALCAHIM Malachi 1: 1

Young Ambassador

They Brought Good News

By Mildred Bishop Jorgenson

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(15th Installment)

It was decided that David should ride in the back of the truck to keep an eye on the trunks and bags. The truck box was fearfully and wonderfully reconstructed of wire and odd bits of boards. As this conveyance lurched noisily along, just behind the antiquated Ford touring car in which the four women were riding, they presented quite a picture. The top on the car offered no protection, not because it was the latest convertible model, but because the covering had long since been reduced to tatters and had blown away, leaving a sort of skeleton framework to provide a few more rattles.

The roads were narrow and rough and there were numerous streams to ford. Invariably the touring car got stuck in the sand and it seemed to the women that they waded or walked oftener than they rode. At each mission station they were welcomed joyously and had a time of sweet fellowship with the believers. And every time they resumed their journey it was with songs of praise in their hearts and on their lips that could not be stilled by the numberless accidents and delays.

The road up the mountain presented even more difficulties, but finally they reached the summit and began the long downhill ride. The truck apparently had no foot brakes. Again and again it would bear down upon the frail car ahead until the watching David would expect a crash at any moment. Then at the last possible instant the driver would jerk back his emergency brake to David's overwhelming relief. Finally when they were only three hours from Sincelejo and it was nearly dark the truck broke down.

The two drivers pattered aimlessly around until it was completely dark, and then discovered there was something wrong with the lights on the car. There was nothing to do but wait for the arrival of another truck to which the boxes and trunks could be transferred. Because of the contents of the baggage David elected to stay with the truck. Maria remembered that there was a native hut nearby where they might spend the night.

There was only one room in the wretched home to which they finally found their way and in that room was only one bed. But with true native hospitality, their hostess offered its dubious comfort to her guests. Finally the mother retired to some stools in the corner with her two small daughters. Without removing their clothes the weary women stretched across the bed, not looking too closely at the dirty

coconut palm matting with its inevitable horde of vermin.

It was an almost sleepless night for Evangeline and she was glad when the long nightmare was over and they were returning to the road. When they reached the car they found that the baggage already had been transferred to another truck, and a towline was fastened to the disabled one. The caravan was soon on its way again and the rest of the trip was made without mishap.

It was interesting to visit headquarters and meet their co-laborers. The staff of the Bible School included six other members besides the Longleys who were the directors. David spent a week poring over blueprints. He still found it hard to believe that when they returned to Colombia after their furlough, a well-equipped hospital would be waiting for him.

Another ocean voyage, but this time it was seasoned travelers who landed in San Francisco after the interesting experience of going through the Panama Canal. A short stop at Cristobal was made pleasant by the delightful hospitality of those in charge of the Bible House, where a suite of rooms is reserved for traveling missionaries. From the Bible House had come their supply of Scriptures made possible by the work of the American Bible Society.

As they were passing slowly through the Canal, David thought of the difficulties surmounted in completing that great project; of the huge land slides and especially of the epidemics of malaria and yellow fever. Many scourges of the tropics have now been brought under control, but the greatest of the human race, the loathsome disease of sin, has not been destroyed, nor will it ever be until the Sun of Righteousness arises with healing in His wings.

Evangeline noticed that while the Panama cities had the beauty of the tropics, the squalor was not so much in evidence. In the Colombian cities, electrically lighted, with paved streets and stately modern buildings, they were only a stone's throw from the crowded thatch-roofed and wretched hovels of the destitute natives. Well-tailored businessmen in swift Lincolns passed by barefooted wood vendors, their heads hidden by huge straw sombreros, their sharp-tipped goads urging forward slow-moving oxen which drew creaking wooden-wheeled carts piled high with fagots. At each stage of the journey toward home, these scenes of contrast between modern progress and the primitive were less in evidence.

Back in the good old United

States everything seemed so strange. They had almost forgotten the rush and bustle. The pace seemed twice as fast now after the life to which they had become accustomed. Evangeline had given little thought to clothes. The only requirement for a dress had been that it be as cool as possible. The only time she wore a hat was when she needed a shade from the sun. Now in the three-year-old brown suit and very conservative tan felt hat, she sat in the station and looked about her. She was somewhat startled by the bizarre effect of the latest styles in women's hats and hairdress.

David watched the expression on Evangeline's face with a smile. Then he said, "I feel like Rip Van Winkle," and Evie knew exactly what he meant.

On the train bound for Chicago, Evangeline found her thoughts reverting to the increasingly barbaric effect of feminine attire. She had seldom seen an uncivilized Indian tribe in Colombia in which less clothes were worn or more war paint was used.

Things had not changed so much at the Evangelistic Center. David's father and mother were still going about their services serenely and seemingly unaffected by the turmoil which surrounded them. To sit in the comfortable auditorium with its restful color scheme, while some great man of God made the Word even more real and precious, was as refreshing as to come upon a stream in the desert for some weary traveler. To the missionaries whose every moment for three years had been constant warfare against insects, diseases, climate, prejudices, ignorance, superstition, and sin in its every aspect, this was like an interval of heavenly rest.

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

There was a fine group of young people at the Center. David and Evangeline often talked to them of the field that was dearest to their hearts. As they told them of the great spiritual need the interest grew more keen and before the year was over, nine young people from the Center had volunteered their services in the mission fields of Latin America.

David had a keen interest in one young man who was training in medicine. What a help he could be down in Colombia in the new hospital. Merritt Shane was a very likeable individual but David could not explain, to his own satisfaction, his interest in this young man. Apparently the Lord was not leading him to a field beyond. Merritt had been one of the most promising of the young people who had taken their stand for the Lord. David was a bit perplexed.

Evangeline spoke on several occasions to so-called missionary organizations, but seldom found a group which, like that at the Evangelistic Center, had the vision of the fields "white unto harvest". Since so many people have not

realized their own lost condition, they cannot be expected to have a concern for other lost souls. She thought it understandable that these people should be indifferent and even opposed to missionary effort in foreign lands. The main argument encountered was that these "heathens" were contented with their lot, why stir them up by glimpses of better conditions? It would only make them discontented. But the missionary who is really God-sent is concerned, first of all, with the spiritual condition of those among whom he works. When the light of the gospel shines in, even the most wretched become new creatures in Christ. The result is that they improve their surroundings as much as they can. Above all they have a joy and contentment which makes it possible to endure conditions which cannot be remedied.

One winter day Evangeline went to speak in a fashionable church in a wealthy suburban district. She had not considered it necessary to buy a heavy coat for the one winter they would be in the States, so she was wearing a brown tweed coat over her brown suit with its green and gold-printed blouse. In a becoming brown felt hat with gay green and gold feathers, she felt quite well dressed. One of the young girls from the Center went with her and they passed block after block of pretentious residences with large, well-kept grounds. Since her return from Colombia, Evangeline had invariably found herself thinking in terms of souls which could be reached with the good news in Colombia with the money spent for things which she considered extravagant or unnecessary.

As they approached the church, Evangeline suddenly was conscious of fur-clad, bejewelled, well-fed women making their dignified entrance, and as they hesitated on the steps, one of the women turned inquiringly and remarked:

"One of you must be the missionary we were expecting!"

Evangeline made the necessary introductions and they followed in the wake of their gardenia-scented, regal-looking hostess. They entered a room luxuriously and strikingly furnished in modernistic manner with settees and chairs of chromium and pastel-shaded leather. Ash trays were much in evidence as were card tables styled to harmonize with the other furnishings. They were waved to chairs in an inconspicuous corner and told that there would be a business meeting before the program.

(To be continued)

Have you had a kindness shown?

Pass it on.

'Twas not given for thee alone,

Pass it on.

Let it travel down the years,

Let it wipe another's tears,

Till in heav'n the deed appears —

Pass it on.

—Burton.

Europe, as Seen by a Teacher

Miss Susan Toews

(Conclusion)

We were away from land by now and we could distinctly feel the "roll" of the great ship. Another feeling was the "roll" of my stomach and head. I dived into my bag for my "Marzene" tablets. A druggist in London recommended them, since he had never heard of gravel, and dramamine was sold only with a prescription. They proved to be very effective and pleasant to take, since they did not make you feel dopy. We were all glad to get to bed early that day.

Sunday Aboard Ship

August 21 was my second Sunday over and on the Atlantic. The other Sunday, in July, we were flying over the clouds, while now we were face to face with the watery element. The sea roughened to a "swell" and I went for more Marzene. A number of passengers were absent from breakfast. The rest of us spent the morning in our comfortable deck-chairs, wrapped in our rugs and watching the ever-changing sea. At eleven we went to attend an Anglican church service conducted by our captain, J. P. Dobson. A three-piece orchestra supplied lovely music. The hymns were comforting, the Scripture reading reassuring, while the prayers in the prayerbook humbled us before God.

The storm increased. Our steward came to close our port hole, while we struggled down to the dining room for dinner. There was to be a concert in the evening, but when we realized it was modern music we went to bed instead.

Towering Waves Recall Poetry

During the night I was aware of being rolled up, over, and around in a complete circle. When we left our berths in the morning to prepare for breakfast, we found we couldn't stand on our feet but kept lurching forward and backward and right and left — and a few other directions. One minute we were walking uphill, and the next running downhill. Quite confusing! We spent the morning in our deck chairs watching "the cruel sea" as it raged and roared, hissed and spat, rolled and reared in its fury and rage. The sea was powerful, murderous and majestic, reminding me of Lord Byron's words:

*Roll on, thou deep and dark blue
Ocean — roll!
Ten thousand fleets sweep over
thee in vain;
Man marks the earth with ruin —
his control
Stops with the shore; upon the watery
plain
The wrecks are all thy deed, nor
doth remain*

*A shadow of a man's ravage, save
his own,
When, for a moment, like a drop
of rain,
He sinks into the depths with bubbling
groan,
Without a grave, unknell'd, un-
coffin'd, and unknown.*

The waves were 30 feet high, the wind blew with gale force and our big ship creaked and groaned as she "rode the waves"—crest and trough. I enjoyed it tremendously; it was such a novel experience. The sea was beautiful in its fury and madness. My thoughts went back 463 years to the time when, while the ships *Nina*, *Pinta* and *Santa Maria* were taking Columbus and his men ever westward towards the setting sun, his frightened, superstitious men cried out against Columbus:

*This mad sea shows his teeth to-
night:
He curls his lip, he lies in wait
With lifted teeth as if to bite;
Brave Admiral, say but one good
word,
What shall we do when hope is
gone?"
The words leaped like a leaping
sword,
"Sail on! sail on! sail on and on!"*

How stout, courageous and brave were the hearts of those who changed the thinking and destiny of the world by conquering oceans and superstitions, winning new worlds.

Lunch Was Fun

It was lunch time. We cautiously picked our way over the briny deck while the salt spray drenched our hair and salted our faces. One man was blown down the stairs; the fire extinguisher left its hook on the wall and sizzled on the floor. We again went uphill and downhill to the dining room.

Lunch was fun. All the tablecloths had been wetted down so that the silver and dishes would slide less easily. In the middle of lunch an extra large wave came our way, and we heard silver and dishes clatter on the floor; chairs lurched along with startled, hapless occupants; one lady fell over backwards in her chair. Half a dozen dining-room stewards rushed to the rescue and succeeded in setting her on her feet. She emerged from it all in the true fashion of a woman—giggling.

The next morning we immediately saw that the storm had abated, for we could stand and walk without being thrown against walls, sinks and chairs. Some fellow passengers came out of hibernation and made a brave attempt at tackling food. We saw them on deck later, rather green around the gills, but doing fine. This was the day

for our gala dinner, when everyone dressed up and hopefully made his way to the dining room. The room was dimly illuminated by reflected lights, the tables were floating with balloons, and fancy hats were on the plates. We had deluxe souvenir menu cards, which were dutifully signed by the parties around the table.

Iceberg Alley

Next day, on the 24th, we crossed the Strait of Belle Isle and were in the iceberg region. We saw a few wasted lingerers glistening in the sunshine and bobbing in the inky blue. It was very foggy, visibility was poor, and we must have passed many without noticing them. One huge iceberg emerged out of the mist, looked at us a few minutes unblinkingly and as silently and quickly melted into the enshrouding mists again. This morning we saw the bleak, rugged shoreline of Labrador lying misty and purple in the cold rays of the morning sun. Numerous little villages lay huddled near the edge of the water as if seeking companionship from the rippling waves. Solitary light-houses stood sentinel on rocky promontories, while their rays, antennae of their loneliness, reached out into the inky silence of the night.

O Canada!

We were sailing down the St. Lawrence River and for the first time in a week saw green grass and green trees. I also loved to see our little Canadian houses again, looking so bright and cheerful, so warm, cosy and friendly. Friday, the 26th, we slowly steamed into port. A little knot of relatives and friends had gathered on the pier in Montreal and they were waving handkerchiefs to the waving handkerchiefs on board the boat.

The hundreds of bags were unloaded by means of a moving belt and deposited in the immigration shed. We followed, located our bags and waited patiently for the immigration officer to check them. Finally a little, lean, dark one approached. He went over, into, beside and under every article I had in my three bags. I stood by in silent amazement at the thoroughness, conscientiousness and avid interest he displayed in the execution of his assignment. We were all relieved when we were through and on our way to the beautiful Laurentian Hotel. We had our first Canadian meal on land and I ordered a lunch for which I had been hungry for two months—a toasted ham and tomato sandwich. On the continent toasted bread is unknown, but they enjoy cake or sweet pastry for breakfast.

Going Home

That same evening we left on "The Canadian", and were scheduled to arrive in Winnipeg on the 28th, Sunday morning. It was a wonderful feeling to be rolling over

Canadian soil again and to know I was a part of this vast Dominion that stretches from sea to sea. The "Old World" is filled with traditions and past accomplishments, whereas in the New World we look forward into the future, and dwell on the accomplishments yet to come.

Sunday morning we rolled into Winnipeg's C.P.R. station, 58 days after we had rolled out. My heart was filled with gratitude to God, for He had answered my prayer and kept us in His omnipotent care. I was reminded of the long journey we are making; the journey to the "Promised Land" where "the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

I walked into the hall of the station, where my mother and brother were waiting to take me home.

So ended my trip into "The Old World", the world of wonder, the world of charm, the world so scarred and mutilated by war, the gallant old world struggling ahead, the world cherishing its priceless treasures of art and great men, the old world that gave birth to the new, the old world never to be forgotten, always remembered, and cherished forever.

(The End)

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Church Leaders Urged to Develop TV and Radio Policy

Top leaders of Protestant churches must turn their attention to development of a policy for television and radio programs, instead of leaving these matters to a few specialists or using the programs mainly for specialized fund-raising or teaching projects. This is one of the conclusions published in a new book *The Television-Radio Audience and Religion* (Harper & Bros.) based upon a two-year survey conducted in New Haven, Conn., by the National Council of Churches under the supervision of Yale Divinity School.

The report notes that television is "one more threat to the influence of the church because it is one more secular voice speaking to the public." But thus far, it states, "the churches have made little conscious attempt to think through their obligations," either to the show's producer or the consumer.

The book warns against the use of "spectacular methods" and the advocacy of "simple techniques as a substitute for the long and sometimes arduous struggle for basic changes in life style."

It cautions also against "reduction of the infinite variety of the Christian life to a stereotypical least common denominator."

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Dead Sea Scrolls Important Find.

The Dead Sea Scrolls, which scholars of many lands will be busy translating and interpreting for decades, almost certainly will make necessary the rewriting of every handbook of the New Testament.

Their great value is that of throwing light on one of the most obscure periods in history, the first and second centuries before Christ.

This was maintained in a lecture before the National Academy of Sciences in Washington by Dr. William F. Albright of Johns Hopkins University, widely recognized as the foremost American authority on near eastern archeology. He has taken a major part in determining the value of these ancient Biblical manuscripts, found in caves near the Dead Sea.

The evidence of the scrolls to date, Dr. Albright says, is to place the writing of the four gospels somewhat nearer the time of Christ than has been considered likely.

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Difficult Situation in Sudan.

In Africa the new-born Sudanese Republic, although largest of the continent's new nations, may be first to fizzle if things don't turn suddenly better. Some 100 death sentences have been carried out since the British garrisons left, and foreign correspondents as well as

missionaries have been barred from the South Sudan by the Moslem rulers at Khartoum, northern capital. All schools and churches were closed in the South. The tall, black-skinned natives, Christian and pagan, are bent on bloody revolt since missionary teachers, doctors and Christian leaders were blamed for 450 recent killings in which, of course, they had no part. The South Sudanese hate the repressive rule of their Northern neighbors.

(ERA)

(The Sudan declared its independence on New Year's Day. What effect will this have on missionary work? —Ed.)

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Teaching Blind

In British West Indies sightless persons are being taught how to "see" the Light of the World by a recently arrived American woman, believed to be the world's first blind foreign missionary. Miss Catharine Hardin, sponsored by the Gospel Association for the Blind, plans to spend the next two years in Antigua teaching braille to others who cannot see.

(ERA)

The World Today

Election in France

France had an election on Monday in which the electors chose the National Assembly representatives. Premier Faure won in his own constituency, but an increase of votes for the Communists and a radical right wing party indicate that no one party will have a large enough majority to form a government alone. This means that the present unstable set-up will continue.

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Danger to Jews in Soviet.

The Jewish race will die out in Soviet Russia unless it is allowed cultural freedom, the editor of Israel's largest daily newspaper said in Winnipeg over the weekend.

"If they remain more than 10 or 15 years without culture, the Jews will be annihilated," said Chaim Shurer, who recently returned from a 40-day visit to Russia.

"My main goal was to see the Jews in Russia," he said. "Since the revolution we have not been able to contact them."

"I couldn't meet any men I wanted to. I could only occasionally meet Jews in the street. In any other country there would be the community center, the newspaper, the library, the school, the theatre. But in Russia there is not one Jewish organization."

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Malaya Refuses Red Recognition

Malaya's Communist underground insurgents boldly demand-

ed recognition as a legal political party, but met a flat refusal from Malayan government leaders in peace talks in Baling, Malaya.

Later reports indicate that a new offensive has been launched against the rebels, with Australian troops in the van using mortar and jet fighters.

CANADASCOPE

Russian Embassy Destroyed in Blaze

The Russian embassy in Ottawa was destroyed on Sunday by a six-hour fire. Civic officials in Ottawa charge that embassy personnel prevented firemen on the scene from entering the building. They also claim that embassy officials fought the fire for one hour before calling the fire department. The loss is estimated at \$250,000.

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Five Killed in Auto Crash.

Four people were killed in an automobile accident near St. Pierre, Man., on January 1, and one of the injured died in hospital a day later. Two cars collided on an icy stretch of highway when one of the cars went out of control. Both cars were completely wrecked. Five people are still in hospital, four of whom were still in critical condition on Tuesday morning.

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Elder Pledges Discipline

Church discipline was promised in the provincial police court in Winnipeg recently when four

members of the Rosedale Hutterite colony at Elie were fined for willful damage.

Three brothers and a friend went to the home of one of their friends and did \$34 worth of damage when they did not find him at home. Each was fined \$10 and costs.

An elder of the colony informed the magistrates that "church discipline" would be administered and told that younger members of the community would "get lickings" for doing this sort of thing.

"Each of them are going to get punishment for what they did," the elder said.

One of the four said they were out shooting rabbits. When they did not find their friend at home they proceeded to fire three .22 rifles and one 12-gauge shotgun at a thermometer on the wall of the house. They broke five windows in a car, smashed the thermometer and an axe-handle.

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Two Minutes After Midnight.

Douglas Janzen, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Janzen of 1021 Edderton Ave., Fort Garry, a suburb of Winnipeg, was the first baby born in a Winnipeg hospital in the new year. He arrived two minutes after midnight, and will receive a host of gifts and services.

The Janzens have one other child, three-and-a-half year old Gerald.

Tall, quiet David Janzen, Douglas' truckdriver father was feeling "pretty good" about it all Sunday night.

Farm Outlook

During 1955 the Canadian economy showed substantial growth. Residential construction was at much higher levels than in the previous year. Export trade, industrial production and personal income were all greater than in 1954. The general attitude of business appears to be one of confidence for 1956.

The economic conditions expected next year in Canada and the rest of the world should be favourable to Canadian agriculture. Farm cash income will probably be about the same as in 1955. Farmer's deliveries of grains are unlikely to vary much from those of 1955.

Cash income from the sale of livestock, eggs and dairy products is not likely to be greatly different.

Larger stocks of wheat in the major exporting countries are making the marketing of wheat more difficult, but despite this situation, it is believed that exports of Canadian wheat should be fairly well maintained during the current crop year.

It is expected that the export market for both oats and barley

will be fairly well maintained during 1955-56, although the totals may not reach the 1954-55 levels.

Generally adequate supplies of fodder and the major feed supplements are indicated for the current crop year. Production of tame hay, the most important single source of fodder, was greater than in 1954 in all provinces except Ontario.

Heavier marketings are expected in all classes of meat animals. Hog prices are not expected to show much improvement, while cattle prices are expected to be slightly lower.

Strawberry and raspberry crops are expected to be seriously affected by the heavy frost in late fall in the Fraser Valley. The plants had not entered the dormancy stage yet and as a result were hit hard by the frost. Replacements for strawberry plants will also be hard to get.

In 1956 acreage to be seeded in flaxseed and rapeseed in Western Canada may be expected to increase, partly because these crops are not subject to delivery quotas.

Weddings

WILLMS — QUIRING

Susie Quiring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Quiring of Matsqui, B.C., and Peter Willms, son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Willms of Matsqui, were married on December 27 in the Mennonite Brethren church at Matsqui, B.C. Rev. H. H. Nikkel of Abbotsford officiated.

Since a number of English-speaking friends and neighbours were present, Rev. A. Wieler of Abbotsford delivered a message in English. Special music was provided by the church choir, a trio consisting of Ruth Wiens, Anne Klassen, and Amanda Born, and by a duet comprising Bill and Anne Klassen.

Brother Peter Willms is teaching at Fraser Lake, about 40 miles from Vanderhoof, B.C. The couple will go back there to continue witnessing for Christ.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FOR PENNERS

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Penner and family were honored at their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Dec. 28 in the E.M.B. Church. Mr. and Mrs. Penner were married 50 years ago on Dec. 14, but because of the stormy weather it was not possible to have the service at that time. The family has lived in the Dalmeny area since 1905.

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MCC ANNUAL MEETING

The MCC Annual Meeting convened at the Mennonite Home Mission in Chicago Dec. 29 and 30. During the afternoon of Dec. 29 the representatives of the Mennonite constituent groups received reports of the past year's work. In the evening programme the challenge of the Disaster Services, continuing aid to Mennonites and the I-W programme were discussed by Boyd Nelson, H. A. Fast and Ray Bair. Eberhard Arnold of the Society of Hutterian Brothers, told the story of that group. December 30

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Art Shier (left) and Dan Doerksen (right) of the Elmwood M.B. Church in Winnipeg are collecting the hamper and box of supplies to be used in spreading Christmas Cheer on Dec. 22. Twenty-four families were visited by six groups, who sang, read the Christmas story, and presented the gifts and supplies. The Willing Helpers Society and the Ladies' Aid helped prepare the hampers. The Gospel Light Mission director, Rev. John Schmidt, supplied the names of needy families.

was devoted to planning for the coming year.

In the Far East the Relief Section operates units in Korea, Japan, Formosa, Vietnam, Indonesia and India. Korea and Japan programmes continue as during the past year. In Indonesia a new agricultural aid programme on the island of Timor will call for a group of workers. The work in Vietnam will be built around the medical programme begun late in 1955.

The needs of the half million Arab refugees in Jordan continue as the years of homelessness and unemployment go on. In Europe the MCC programme operates in direct relief to refugees and displaced persons, particularly in Berlin, and in standing by our European brotherhood in their church programme rehabilitation and spiritual reawakening.

AID TO PARAGUAYAN COLONIES

The Paraguayan colonies are suffering from drought for the third year, as was reported in previous news. However, the extreme need was eased somewhat by rains during the week of Dec. 20. The MCC moved that we apply for surplus commodities sufficient to care for the 1956 needs of the colonies as well as for distributions to Paraguayans in the immediate area, and that we keep in close contact with the relief needs of the colonies during this next year to find where our help is needed.

These three items highlight the Annual Meeting business, but they do not cover the scope. MCC is

dedicated to service and this meeting discussed the I-W programme, how MCC could coordinate disaster services, the mental health programme, voluntary service and Mennonite aid.

RUSSIAN DELEGATION

The MCC also moved to send a delegation of three to visit Russia sometime during the summer of 1956. This delegation is to establish contact and fellowship with Christian people, including Mennonites, and discuss with appropriate government officials the possibility of ultimately reuniting family members in Russia with those living in Canada and South America.

THE ANGLO-INDIAN COMMUNITY IN CALCUTTA

The situation among the Anglo-Indians in Calcutta has been considered an emergency by the relief agencies in India, and Edward and Helen Benedict of MCC are now assisting with the relief work among this group.

Calcutta is a city of seven million, and refugees are still coming in. Approximately one-third of the employable men cannot find work. Overcrowding is the rule rather than the exception. The condition of the 25,000 Anglo-Indians in this city is perhaps the most unenviable of all. It is not uncommon to find ten and fifteen persons living in a single room. Undernourishment has brought on disease, the greatest scourge being tuberculosis.

The Benedicts have helped a number of families to get their children into schools, found work for the father and secured medical help. Presently 384 families have been investigated for need and registered with the MCC. They receive cards which entitle them to food and clothing distributions. To date 400 lbs. of milk powder per week, 2300 lbs. of cheese and four bales of clothing have been given to these people. The total number represented by these families with cards is over 1000.

Peaceful Uses for Atom

Four young scientists from the Canadian nuclear research centre at Chalk River, Ont., have formed one of the world's most reputable private firms for the application of atomic isotopes to industrial problems.

Their first headquarters was a garage in the town of Oakville, west of Toronto. They have maintained their centre of operations in Oakville, but their days of struggling for recognition are over. The firm, known as Isotope Products, Ltd., has a gross revenue in excess of \$700,000 a year.

They have been asked to devise means of accomplishing such diverse tasks as measuring the thickness of cigarette papers, checking on the condition of pipes six feet underground, inspecting reinforcement steel through 14 inches of concrete, measuring the amount of air in ice-cream and photographing the inside of a grain of rice.

The United States Government had IPL experts check the welded seams of the Nautilus, the first atomically-powered submarine, for flaws. This and the tasks listed above were accomplished by choosing the radioactive isotopes of minerals that would have the correct amount of radiation to penetrate the substances under examination, but that would not leave radioactive residues behind them.

In measuring thickness, the amount of radiation passed through the subject material is measured; in other instances, the radioactive waves penetrate the material and produce film patterns as does the X-ray.

Canadian Scene.

BUT NOT FORSAKEN

By Helen Good Brenneman.
212 pp.

This is a story of the courage and faith of a refugee mother. Fugitives from Russia during World War II, Hans and Maria Penner lived in constant dread of repatriation. When husband and wife were separated, Maria with her two small children started on the dangerous journey westward—to freedom and safety. Price: \$2.50.

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Bible School Reorganized: Moved

A Bible school that began with night school classes in 1938 to meet a need for Bible study and whose progress has been marked by constant adaptations to existing needs, has completed its first term of school in its new location. The Ontario M.B. Conference Bible School was reorganized by the conference in fall and is now located in the M.B. church at Kitchener after 11 years on its campus at Virgil as the Eden Bible School.

The Virgil, Ont., settlement of Mennonites was only small in 1938 (60 to 70 church members), but a desire to study the Word of God was in evidence. The doors opened to Bible school classes in the evening in the Baptist church, where Rev. I. T. Ewert began classes with 30 students.

In 1943 a regular Bible school was organized with two classes and two teachers, Rev. A. J. Block and Rev. J. K. Janzen, the former a resident of Niagara-on-the-Lake and the latter from Grimsby. It was still strictly a one-church effort, so the Virgil M.B. Church decided to widen its basis. Thus it was reorganized and a society with members from the whole conference assumed responsibility for it. The first meeting of the society was held on April 12, 1954, and shortly thereafter a suitable campus was purchased.

When school opened in fall another class and another teacher, Rev. Herman Voth, had been added. In the following year grades nine and ten were added, with H. Tiessen in charge. Another step forward was the addition of grade 11.

The M.B. Conference of Ontario assumed responsibility for the Eden Bible and High School in 1948 and

has operated it ever since. But an expanding high school student body and a decreasing enrollment in Bible school forced a reappraisal. As a result the high school has built a large addition to its building, giving it an auditorium and more classroom space. The Conference moved the Bible school to Kitchener, where it began in fall in the M.B. church. God is blessing the school, which now has an enrollment of 30. Two full-time and two part-time teachers, with Rev. I. T. Ewert as principal, are teaching a two-year course, upon completion of which the students receive the Evangelical Teacher Training Association diploma. The school year has been extended to seven and eight months for the first and second years respectively.

The practical work of the students is not confined to teaching Sunday school in the local church, but extends to visitation work and singing in various institutions in the city.

Recently the school was visited by Rev. and Mrs. Reisinger. Rev. Reisinger is the president of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association. Of great blessing to the school have also been the ministry of Rev. Henry Penner, a former principal of the school, and Rev. J. G. Baerg, pastor of the M.B. Church at Mountain Lake, Minn.

May the Lord continue to bless the Bible school and make it grow. May we all realize the necessity of a thorough study of God's Word and necessity of a Bible school education for young people who "would see Jesus".

An invitation is extended to all young people to attend the Bible school during the next two terms.

(From a report in German by Rev. I. T. Ewert.)

Neuland Colony School Has Graduation

By William Schroeder

(William Schroeder of Steinbach, Manitoba, serves in Neuland colony, Paraguay, as a worker under the Mennonite Brethren Board of General Welfare and Public Relations. Brother and Sister Schroeder and their two children have been serving in Neuland since last June. He is a graduate of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College, Winnipeg, Manitoba.)

On November 5 the Zentralschule (central secondary school) of Neuland colony in Paraguay sponsored a service to mark the closing of the school year and to celebrate the graduation of the senior class. It was the first event of its kind in the eight-year history of the colony. While a larger number of students had finished the school in 1954, those students had begun their secondary education in the neighbouring colony of Fernheim.

The present class of four students was enrolled when the school was founded four years ago and was, therefore, the first all-Neuland product. The graduating class consisted of Margarete Derksen, Heinrich Klassen, Heinrich Rempel and Jakob Warkentin.

The ceremony was simple and brief. For various practical reasons, especially because of lack of accommodation, the number of guests invited was limited. But everyone present was impressed with the significance of the event.

Included in the programme were short addresses by Oberschulze Peter Derksen (chief administrative officer of the colony) and Schulrat Jakob Klassen (chairman of the school board). Mr. Derksen expressed thanks to God for His aid in the establishment and maintenance of the Zentralschule. He stressed the importance of educa-



The dining room of the Ontario M.B. Conference Bible School. Looks appetizing!

tion and urged the graduates to employ what they had learned in the service of God and the colony. Mr. Derksen also paid warm tribute to the brethren in North America for their generous assistance, without which the school would not exist. Mr. Klassen impressed upon the students the privilege they enjoy in being able to attend school.

As principal of the school, I based my remarks on Psalm 143: 5-10, pointing to verse 10 as a suitable motto for the future career of the graduates — "teach me to do thy will..." Other items on the programme included choral numbers, recitations, words of congratulation by representatives of the classes and the valedictory address by Jacob Warkentin.

Highlight of the morning was the awarding of a silver medal to the best scholar — Jacob Warkentin. The medal, forwarded by the German embassy in Asuncion, was donated by the German Foreign Office to German schools abroad in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Schiller's death.

The school year in the Chaco runs from March to November, six days a week. Enrollment this year was down to 41 because of the precarious economic situation after last year's crop failure. During the first half of the school year the staff consisted of four men teaching full-time and a woman teaching part-time. We arrived from Canada in time for the second term, having been sent here by the North American Mennonite Brethren Church Board of General Welfare. Upon arrival I was asked to take over the principalship. The Lord gave special grace for a difficult period of orientation and acclimatization. Instruction is mainly in German although we are seeking to improve our standing in the Spanish language. We have a fairly heavy programme of studies and strongly emphasize religious instruction.

The Neuland Zentralschule is vitally essential to the further progress and development of the colony. Students from this school, after further pedagogical training elsewhere, form the only new source from which to supply the 25 villages with primary teachers. The clerical staff in the administrative office, post office, cooperative, and similar colony agencies also look to our school for

re-enforcement. And since this pioneer colony is faced with many unsolved economic, social and spiritual problems, it is of paramount importance that the school turn out students who are qualified for spiritual leadership. For this reason our aim is to work in close harmony with the local churches. Our only regret is that the school seems so small and inadequately equipped for the great challenge. But we know it is the Lord's work and look to Him for wisdom and guidance. We earnestly invite your prayers for the Neuland Zentralschule as well as for other phases of our work here.

School Bus Serves God

Dave Nickel

Compass, Sask. — Every one of the 20 pupils of the Champion School is attending Sunday school at the Emmanuel Mennonite Church at Compass, Sask. This was not the case a year ago, and there is a story behind this unusual circumstance.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginal Bennett, who are farming in this district, are busy people. Mrs. Bennett is the school teacher and Mr. Bennett drives the school bus. Five days a week the yellow panel truck brings the children safely to school. The usual school bus then has a holiday over the weekend. But not this school bus.

On Friday nights the same yellow panel truck can be seen making its way along the country roads picking up youngsters for choir practice at the church. And on Sundays Mr. Bennett again takes out the truck to gather youngsters for Sunday school and worship service at the church. The reason? The teacher and the bus driver have placed themselves and their bus at the disposal of their Master, the Lord Jesus Christ.

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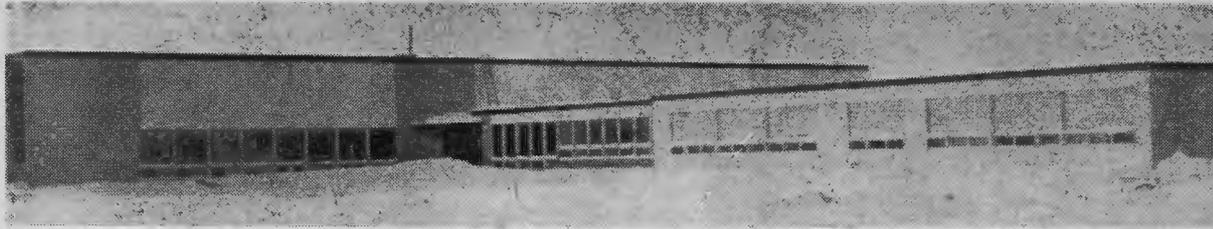
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Here is the new Canadian Mennonite Bible College building that will be dedicated on January 8, at 2:30 p.m. in Tuxedo, a suburb of Winnipeg. The major address will be given by Rev. J. J. Thiessen, chairman of the College Board. The building is located next to the Manitoba Provincial Normal School.

Good Attendance Marks Christmas Programmes

John Klassen *

Oliver, B.C. — With the Christmas season past we look back to a time of much preparation, much activity and, we trust, a time of much blessing. We wonder whether the blessings of which we speak are real experiences with the Lord, whether we had real fellowship with Him and consecrated ourselves to Him as He taught us when He voluntarily emptied Himself of His heavenly glory.

Here at Oliver we have also experienced His blessing. After weeks of preparation our Sunday school, with 60 of the 72 students enrolled present, presented the Christmas programme on Sunday, December 18, to a congregation of about 100. We consider this a very good attendance.

Most of the parents here rarely go to church, while some come only to special children's programmes. Therefore it is so important that a real message be given to them when they do come. We are confident that this was the case with the programme entitled, "Characters of Christmas Meet Christ". A

large book, prepared by one of the teachers, showed the shepherds, the wise men, the innkeeper and the king, each on a separate page with appropriate headings, telling of their attitude toward Christ. The last page faced the congregation with their own attitude toward Christ with the question "AND YOU?"

On Friday, December 23, the young people presented "The Child of Promise", a programme containing Scripture reading, singing and a play. The hall was again well filled with attentive listeners and the seed sown will doubtless bear fruit.

On Christmas Eve a group of young people went carolling, also going to a number of Indian families several miles out of Oliver. They took gifts for the children as well as food hampers prepared by the members of the Dorcas Club. We trust that this will help them to realize that God loves them and offers them salvation. We also hope that it will help to build up the Sunday school which Brother Ted Magnus has been conducting there for some time.

In the past the work here at Oliver has been somewhat divided because of the lack of an appropriate building. We are thankful for the larger 30'x50' building that the Lord has given us. Even though it will require much work to complete it before we can use it, we are looking forward joyfully to the time when we can move into it and have all of our services in the one building. We believe that the whole work will prosper as a result.

We are expecting great things from God in this coming year. Our prayer is that we might be found faithful in His service.

We wish all of you a blessed New Year and would encourage you to remember God's work at Oliver in prayer.

*Brother and Sister Klassen are serving at Oliver under the West Coast Children's Mission.

Mennonite Superintendent in Steel Plant

Men of nearly 30 different national origins are employed by the Atlas Steels, Ltd., firm at Welland, Ont. Many of them have come to Canada since the Second World War, but the president of the company, Roy H. Davis, migrated to Canada in 1928. He was born in Oregon, U.S.A., but became a Canadian citizen in 1935. By way of comparison, George Legardis, born in Greece, came to Welland only four months ago.

The melting superintendent of the company was born in Russia. He is Nick Friesen, the son of a Mennonite minister who fled from Russia in 1924. The sales manager of the firm was born in Mexico. One of the metallurgists is Kewal Karna, a graduate of Benares University in India.

Other employees of the firm came to Canada from Hungary, Holland, Romania and the Baltic states. Many of them have shown an interest in becoming Canadian citizens, others have already obtained their citizenship. Few of them, according to company officers, have any interest in returning to their native lands. Instead, they are much more concerned with bringing relatives and friends to Canada.

Canadian Scene.

TEN BOYS ALREADY AT AILSA CRAIG FARM

Waterloo, Ont. (MCC) — Ten boys have been admitted to the Ailsa Craig Boys' Farm thus far. The present facilities will accommodate up to 15 boys, but more work needs to be done on the third floor before more can be admitted.

The fire alarm system has been installed, the classroom completed, and the crops harvested. The pro-

ject is now ready for licensing by the Department of Welfare.

The urgent need now is to liquidate the farm's present debt of \$13,000 and for funds to complete the third floor of the building.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME AT HILLSIDE MISSION

The Sunday school and young people's group at the interdenominational Hillside Mission in Brandon presented a Christmas programme on December 18.

Twenty-five Sunday school students sang carols and recited poems in the first part of the programme, while the young people told the Christmas story in song and story in the second part. Rev. A. J. Froese, M.B. home mission worker in charge of the services, stressed the importance of putting Christ back in Christmas.

On the Horizon

January 8. — The dedication of the new Steinbach Bible Institute building will begin at 2 p.m.

New Arrivals

The Chaos of Cults

By J. K. Van Baalen. 384 pp.

This is a study of present-day isms and cults in the religious world. Used in many schools as a textbook for the study of false cults, it objectively considers the many deviations from Scripture truth evident in the teachings of these groups. The author deals with Spiritism, Theosophy, Rosicrucianism, Christian Science, the unity school of Christianity, Baha'ism, Mormonism, Anglo-Israelism, Seventh-Day Adventism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Buchmanism, Unitarianism. He also outlines the approach to use when contacting these people.....\$3.00

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By Frank S. Mead. 255 pp.

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