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Thousand Delegates and Visitors at Conference in Winnipeg

Winnipeg, Man. — Over a thousand delegates and visitors representing 52,000 members of the General Conference Mennonite Church in five Canadian provinces and 22 states of the USA registered for the 46th triennial conference of the church. Guests were present from South America and the India mission field. The first session of the seven-day conference met in the Young United Church here on August 15.

For the second time in the 96-year history of the General Conference Mennonite Church the triennial conference was held in Canada. The previous one met in Saskatoon, Sask., in 1938.

The opening address of the conference was delivered by Dr. Erland Waltner on the first half of the conference theme, "Receive Power . . . Be Witnesses". Speaking in Young United Church on Wednesday evening, August 15, he stated that "we need power to be a growing fellowship, growing up into Christ in all things. We need the power of a living faith in a living God."

Conference delegates and visitors were welcomed to Winnipeg by Rev. J. J. Thiessen, moderator of the 14,500-member Can. Conference of Mennonites, and by the Hon. W. C. Miller, minister of education in the Manitoba government.

"We in Manitoba are proud of the contributions and achievements made by the people of your faith," declared the Hon. Mr. Miller in his address of welcome. "Magnificent are your contributions in the field of agriculture and industry, but particularly in education."

Responding to the welcome, Rev. Olin Krehbiel, conference president, expressed the wish that "we will be as gracious guests as you have been gracious hosts." He hoped "that as we sojourn here in Canada we may be a credit to Christ."

Dr. Waltner, head of the Bible department at Bethel College, Newton, Kans., declared in his ad-

dress that "in spite of all the physical power available or potentially available, we find people everywhere who feel powerless."

"Man today is haunted by the feeling that he is a victim of forces beyond his control. He feels as if he is on the rim of a giant flywheel, whirling round and round, too afraid to jump off and too dizzy to hang on much longer," he maintained.

The conference message was delivered by Rev. Olin Krehbiel on Thursday morning, August 16, in the Young United Church, where the business sessions of the conference were held. He spoke on the second half of the conference motto, "Be Witnesses".

"God gives power only to those who have a loving use for it," Dr. Waltner announced in his address. "No amount of professed orthodox faith has power if it is not channeled in love."

Dr. Waltner asserted that disunity hinders the flow of power; but that unanimity is not essential. What is needed is a "deep spirit of unity of purpose." A confused sense of direction can also

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Good Attendance at Queensboro DVBS

New Westminster, B.C. — The Queensboro Mission Chapel, West Coast Children's Mission outpost on Lulu Island, has just completed two weeks of DVBS. As a result of much prayer by the workers and the regular Sunday school teachers, and through the enthusiasm of the Sunday school pupils, attendance reached an average of 62.

The closing program, held on the evening of August 17, demonstrated the interest the children had aroused in their parents, for about thirty adults attended. The singing, aided by Miss Sawatzky at the chapel organ, was remarkable. Rev. Lentzman, pastor of the Yarrow M.B. Church, had a timely message on John 3:16.

Full-time workers were: Miss Betty Willems, Abbotsford, beginners (20); Miss Adeline Sawatzky, Abbotsford, and Miss Luella Lentzman, Yarrow (called in for assistance when the class became too large), primaries (30); and Mr. Frank Koop, leader and full-time worker at the chapel, juniors (12).

The results of the work may not be known in full until eternity. However, attendance at Sunday school has increased and interest has been re-awakened in apathetic students. To encourage the fine intermediate and senior groups, regular young people's evenings and a choir are envisaged for this winter.

Regular teachers at the Sunday school are Brother and Sister Frank Koop (full-time workers), Henry Willms, John Berg, John Goertz, Vern Ratzlaff, Kay Siebert, Mary Funk, and Ann Wiebe. Average attendance is 55.

Baptize Fourteen at Hampshire

Coldwater, Ont. — On July 29 a baptismal service was observed at the Christian Fellowship Chapel, Hampshire, Ont. Fourteen believers followed the Lord in this sacred step of obedience.

The morning service, with the baptismal message delivered by Rev. Henry Dick of Lodi, California, was conducted in the Chapel at Hampshire. Due to the unfavourable weather the baptismal ceremony was observed in the afternoon in the Bethel Baptist church, Orillia. The pastor, Rev. John Epp, officiated.

Following the baptism Rev. I. T. Ewert, chairman of the Ontario M. B. Board of Home Missions, addressed the newly baptized members with words of exhortation and encouragement. The new members were then welcomed into the fellowship. The subsequent observance of the Lord's Supper climaxed the blessings.

The visiting male choir of the St. Catharines M. B. Church served with songs at both services. Present also were many friends and guests who had come to share the Lord's blessings with us.

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

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Services Conducted in Korea For Drowning Victims

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 9, at Pusan Presbyterian Church for Katherine Dyck and Bertha Kornelson, Mennonite Central Committee nurses from Canada who lost their lives in a drowning accident near Pusan August 2.

Pastor Kim officiated. He was assisted by the Rev. James Cornelson and Chaplain W. J. Devoto. Burial for Miss Kornelson was made in the Australian Presbyterian Cemetery on a hill overlooking the Australian Presbyterian Hospital. Miss Dyck's body is to be flown from Tokyo, Japan, to Canada for burial.

Miss Dyck was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob G. Dyck of Rosthern, Sask., and Miss Kornelson was the daughter of Mrs. Bertha Kornelson of Abbotsford, B.C.

The two nurses, who served in separate hospitals for children in Pusan, drowned when treacherous ocean waves suddenly snatched them from the rocks by the ocean-side where they were looking at the scenery. Two servicemen perished while attempting to rescue the nurses.

EDITORIAL

Devotional

A New Man in an Old World

Where Are The Men?

Those attending the Youth Bible Camp at Vauxhall, Alta., heard an eloquent plea for more men in Christian service. This is not a lone voice in the wilderness, for there is a growing chorus of voices calling for more men in church service, missionary service and voluntary service.

The lack of men who are willing to sacrifice in service for Christ has become particularly pronounced during this modern age, which is characterized by materialism. Even during the first centuries of the modern missionary era most of the mission work was done by men. But today the ladies on the field outnumber the men by a large number.

While we take our hats off to the ladies for their vision of the full implications of discipleship and the imperative of the divine missionary program, we cannot but feel ashamed that so relatively few men have the same vision. That this is so, a quick survey of the situation in the local churches reveals.

Anyone sitting on the balcony while attending evangelistic services will no doubt have noticed the predominance of ladies in the audience. He will also have noticed that an unusually large proportion of the personal workers are ladies. Even ushers are being replaced by usherettes. Is it that the ladies are more attracted to evangelists, that they like the emotional appeal of evangelistic meetings more than men? Some would say so, that is, if they were men trying to excuse their absence.

Looking in on a local church's prayer-meetings one finds a rather similar picture in many instances. The same holds true at the evening services, where the ladies often far outnumber the men. And why is it so hard to find enough men for the male section of a choir, at church or during evangelistic services? Who is teaching the Sunday school classes in church, if not in many instances the ladies?

Need the men not pray? Can they get along without fellowship? Are they unable to sing? to teach? Hardly. We as men need only to examine our own hearts to find the weed of materialism sapping our Christian vitality, to find our indifference to the things of Christ blocking our service. It is true that some men are serving, sacrificing and praying. But what about the rest of us?

The missionary outreach of the local church reveals a familiar picture, too. Who sings at the local hospitals? Who visits the homes for the aged? Who teaches in the mission Sunday school? Are they not predominantly ladies? Even male quartets, who used to flourish in large numbers, are now very difficult to find.

Those directing daily vacation Bible schools and camps will tell you the same story. Just run down the list of workers in these fields and see how many men are active in them. It's enough to make us blush—if materialism has not hardened our hearts and blinded our eyes. Are the ladies the only ones who get vacations? Do they earn so much more money than the men that they can afford it? Are their careers of such a nature that they can do this more than men?

We all know that a man with a family to support has to work hard. But what about the single young men? Is that down payment on the car you really cannot afford keeping you out of Christian service? Is that career with lucrative pay keeping you out of schools where you can prepare for service, but do not get ahead materially? Or are you so interested in having a "good time" that Christ and His work just do not count?

Where are the men?

Some years ago a single lady missionary presented a stirring account of the rigors of missionary work and the rewards in it. After she limped to her seat, having lost a leg because of gangrene while on the field, one of the young men walked up to make the close. Responding to the challenge presented by this missionary returning to the field with one good leg, he challenged his fellow-men to service and sacrifice. Today he, and at least two other men who attended that service, are on the foreign missionary field. We need more men who will respond to the challenge of sacrificial service.

The Christian who has dedicated his life to God and has shouldered his cross to follow Jesus need not be surprised at the conflict in which he at once finds himself engaged. Such conflict is logical; it results from the nature of God and of man and of Christianity.

He will, for instance, discover that the ways of God and the ways of men are not equal. He will find that the skills he learned in Adam's world are of very little use to him in the spiritual realm. His tried and proven methods for getting things done will fail when he attempts to apply them to the work of the Spirit. The new Adam will not surrender to the old Adam nor gear His new creation to the methods of the world. God will not share His glory with another. The seeking Christian must learn the hard way that it is "not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

The new Christian is like a man who has learned to drive a car in a country where the traffic moves on the left side of the highway and suddenly finds himself in another country and forced to drive on the right. He must unlearn his old habit and learn a new one and, more serious than all, he must learn in heavy traffic. He must fight his old acquired reflexes and learn new ones, and he has no time or place to practice. He can learn only by driving and the Christian can learn only by living.

Jesus said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation," and Paul reminded us that "all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." Among other things, the Bible is a record of the struggle of twice-born men to live in a world run by the once-born. The Psalms and the Prophets are full of the sighs and tears of good men in a bad world, whose loyalty to the kingdom of heaven was considered treason against the kingdom of man and punished as such.

Let us get down to cases. (A forty-year-old man is suddenly converted to Christ. His conversion is genuine and his inner witness is clear. He is baptized, associates himself with a company of believers in some local church, establishes family prayer, begins to tithe and up to the light he has lives as he believes a Christian should. Does that end his problems? Yes and no.

Yes; for him the problem of his past sins is settled. God has wiped the slate clean. He is now a child of God, possessed of eternal life. His past is forgiven, his present in

the hands of God and his future guaranteed to him by the blood of the everlasting covenant. That much is sure.

No; for the new world he has entered is altogether different from the one he has just left. Standards, values, objectives, methods—all are different. Things he had for a lifetime taken for granted are sharply condemned by the Scriptures and by the Holy Spirit within him. He must alter his attitudes toward almost everything. Many solid pillars upon which he had previously leaned without question are now seen to be made of chalk and ready to crumble at any moment. What is worst of all, his self-confidence suddenly vanishes. He sees through the flimsy pretense of the you-can-do-it school of thought. All the certainty goes out of him and he throws himself out onto the promise of God, every natural hope and every human trust gone forever.

If our man follows on to know the Lord he will slowly acquire not only a new philosophy of life but a new set of moral reflexes as well. Old things will pass away and all things will become new. Then he can say with Paul, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

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Thoughts on the Youth Conference

How does one describe a blessing? What words can one use to portray the spiritual wealth gained at a Youth Conference? Perhaps if I enumerate some of the things which caused me joy, you will get an insight into the activities and nature of an annual Youth Conference of the M. B. churches in Ontario, held at the Eden Christian College from August 10 to 12.

It was good to see so many friends again. In many cases we see each other but once a year, sometimes even less often, but there is a definite bond of fellowship in Christ Jesus that draws us together. What a delightful time we had visiting together. Out there under the huge shade trees of the park we relaxed and poured out our hearts to each other. Hopes, joys and fears were expressed, and even spiritual help sought. What a relief to be able to confide in someone of like faith the innermost thoughts of the heart.

The Song Festival, Saturday evening, was also a major 'joy'. Planks were used to extend the already large platform so as to accommodate all the singers. And then they came, and came, and came. It took quite a while for the 225 or more singers to take their places. Of all the songs sung at that time, one phrase will remain with me long, "He will have mercy and abundantly pardon." Earlier during the day a mixed octet from Virgil had sung

several songs, among them "Oh, to be like Thee." The last sentence, "Stamp thine own image deep in my heart", was the prayer of each one of us. That is what makes the message of the song so valuable.

Most of us find it interesting to read the names on the registration tickets of those who are unfamiliar to us. Naturally, the majority were Mennonite names, such as Reimer, Penner, Derksen, and others. But to my particular joy there were also names such as McDermott, Gowanlock and Duncan. The young people of our home mission churches had come to fellowship with us. We are looking with prayerful longing to the time when there will also be participants from the Hamilton City Mission.

I have left the most important 'joy' to the last. God's Word, preached to us in all human simplicity and sincerity, spoke mightily to our hearts. Many of us were happy to see our former teacher, Rev. J. H. Quiring, as guest speaker. Many of us had also earnestly prayed for God's blessing upon the sermons, and He certainly answered our prayer. One young man was heard to remark, "Had it been twice as warm (and warm it was!) and twice as long, I would not have tired of hearing God's Word."

How do you describe a blessing? Can it be described? God give us grace to live it. —M. J.

Building the Church in Neuland

By William Schroeder

(William Schroeder of Steinbach, Manitoba, is a school teacher and church worker in Neuland colony, Paraguay, supported by the Mennonite Brethren Board of General Welfare.)

In Ephesians 2:19-22, the Church is described as an edifice of God, built through the Holy Spirit "upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." It has pleased the Lord to raise up a body of believers even in the distant colony of Neuland in the heart of the Paraguayan Chaco. The fact of two Mennonite denominations proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this pioneer colony is evidence that the Lord is at work.

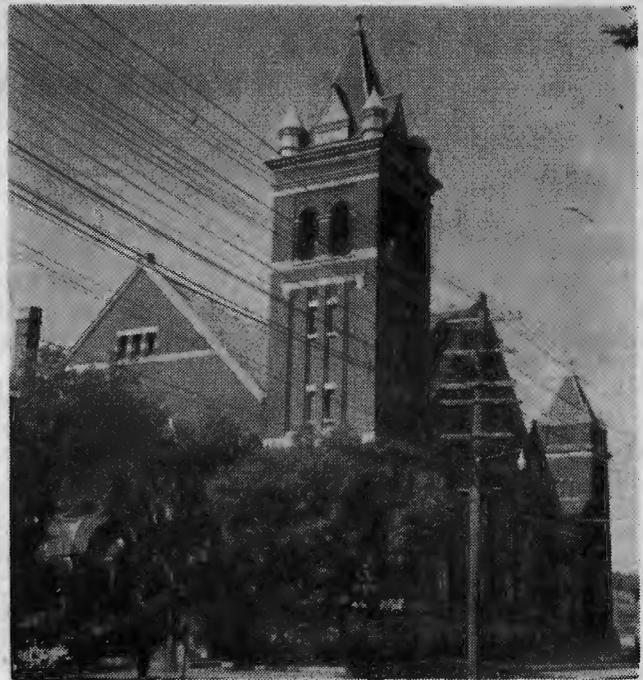
Only a dozen years ago the members of these churches escaped from the clutches of an atheistic regime. When we remember that a majority of these people grew up under communism instead of the doctrine of Jesus Christ; or in refugee camps of war-ravaged Europe, instead of in the lap of

well-established churches, one marvels all the more at the accomplishment of the Holy Spirit. To God be the glory!

On the other hand, a church with such a background, founded a mere eight years ago, faces a host of spiritual, organizational and sociological problems unknown to the relatively well-established churches of North America. Many difficulties stem from the fact that so many families have been disrupted. The family fathers in the church are far outnumbered by widows whose husbands and sons are dead, missing or in exile. Not without effect is the dire material poverty. And the Mennonite traditions on church organization have been interrupted for a generation. But where the children of God seek to build the Church on the principles laid down in Scripture, we can trust the Lord to bless and prosper His work.

The colony of Neuland contains 25 villages with a total population of 2,296, as of the last cen-

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Above is the Young United Church, Winnipeg, where the business sessions of the triennial conference of the General Conference of Mennonites were held from August 15 to 22. Below you see representatives of the mission church in India and the United States with the Canadian Conference of Mennonites moderator, Rev. J. J. Thiessen. At the extreme left is John S. Timber, Lame Deer, Montana, the president of the Montana Indian churches which recently were received into full fellowship by the conference. In the center is Samuel Stephen, the principal of the Janzen Memorial High School in Jagdeeschpur, India.



ONE OF FIRST CONVERTS DIES

Pierceland, Sask. — Funeral services were held for Mrs. John Harrison of here on August 17 at the M. B. Mission station. Pierceland is the most northerly mission station of the Saskatchewan M. B. Mission. Brother and Sister Albert Pahlke are serving as missionaries here.

The Harrisons are from among the first converts at this mission station. They were both Greek Orthodox. The passing of Mrs. Harrison came rather suddenly, after an apparently successful operation.

Mrs. Harrison rejoiced in witnessing, whether this be through regular attendance at the worship services, through her audible prayer and testifying, or her eagerness in tract distribution.

Rev. J. S. Adrian, an appreciated friend and minister of the Harrisons, officiated at the funeral at their request. A goodly number of Greek Orthodox Catholic re-

latives and friends were present.

Mrs. Harrison's keen interest and help in the mission church will be greatly missed. The Lord, however, saw fit to take her home after 49 years of life here.

KASDORF'S DEPARTURE DELAYED

Hillsboro, Kans. — Departure of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Kasdorf and daughter Dianna Ruth, who were to leave for Brazil during August, has been delayed by needed legal documentation. A date for their leaving to work in the South American Mennonite Brethren Conference is uncertain at this time. Prayer in behalf of this matter will be appreciated as their services in the Bible school work are urgently needed. The Kasdorfs go to work in Brazil and Uruguay with the assistance of the Mennonite Brethren Board of General Welfare. They have been temporarily living at Yarrow, B.C., home of her parents.

HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE

Hail Destroys Crops at Alexander

Alexander, Man. — A devastating hail storm with winds up to 70 miles an hour ripped into the farming district south of Alexander on August 16. Two-thirds of the members of the Alexander M. B. Church were entirely hailed out.

Harvesting in the district was already in progress. After the storm it was difficult to say which part of the field had been harvested or not, for the crop had been chopped up so thoroughly by the hail and wind. In one case asphalt shingles had been pounded through to the boards.

This storm is a big blow to our congregation materially, but we trust that it will make us rich spiritually.

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Six Baptized at Alexander

Alexander, Man. — Six believers were added unto the M. B. Church here by baptism on August 5. Rev. D. D. Derksen of Boissevain was the guest speaker at the service.

Rev. A. L. Klassen performed the baptism and Rev. Ben Friesen assisted when the members were received into the church. We are looking forward to a second baptismal service on Sunday, August 26.

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Rifle Wounds One in Accident

Kronsgart, Man. — Walter Suderman was wounded severely when his rifle accidentally discharged on August 14.

Mr. Suderman was driving along the road on a tractor and turning off into a field, when the gun that was lying on his lap slipped off and discharged. The bullet passed through his hand, entered his body just above the belt and passed through his abdomen. It missed the vital organs.

Rushed to the Winkler hospital, Mr. Suderman was operated on by doctors. His condition is improving. Walter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Suderman of Winkler.

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Dedication Set for New Church

Sardis, B.C. — The dedication of the rebuilt First Mennonite church here has been set for September 2. Rev. Bruno Enss has announced. This building replaces the one destroyed by fire last December.

The new building was built on the old foundation, but its auditorium has been decreased in size, and will now seat about 650 people. The basement auditorium has

been enlarged, while 12 Sunday school rooms have been added at the rear and the side of the church.

The building which burned down was insured for \$30,000, leaving approximately \$20,000 to be raised by the congregation for the construction of the new edifice.

Members of the congregation, numbering about 250, have already contributed liberally to the liquidation of the debt.

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Memorial Services Held for Nurses

Memorial services have been held in the respective communities for Miss Katherine Dyck and Miss Bertha Kornelson, who drowned while active in MCC work in Korea.

The memorial service for Miss Kornelson was held on Thursday, August 9, in the South Abbotsford Mennonite Brethren church at Abbotsford, B.C. Many attended the service, which also included tributes from the army and the medical corps to Miss Kornelson's service. Rev. J. J. Stobbe read Isaiah 43:1 for the invocation, which was the verse Miss Kornelson had used in her testimony when she left for Korea last fall. It had been requested that flowers not be given, but the money donated to the Pusan Children's Hospital instead. The donation in the church alone amounted to \$135.

The memorial service for Miss Katherine Dyck was scheduled for Wednesday, August 8, in Rosethorn, Sask.

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Escape Unhurt in Accident

Kronsgart, Man. — Mrs. Aaron Dyck of Kronsgart was involved in an auto accident on Thursday, August 16.

Mrs. Dyck was driving along a road north of Winkler when the car suddenly pulled to one side and overturned. Mrs. Dyck and her three children, aged 6, 5 and 2, who were with her at the time, escaped unhurt. The cause of the accident is believed to be a combination of a flat tire and loose gravel.

WINNIPEGOSIS VISITED BY ELMWOOD GROUP

Winnipegosis, Man. — A quartet and pianist from the Elmwood M. B. Church in Winnipeg traveled 250 miles to serve at two services in the M. B. Mission church here on Sunday, August 19. They also brought along a grocery show-er from the church for the Harry

Loewens, resident M. B. mission workers here.

John Regehr, youth leader at the Elmwood M. B. Church, delivered both the morning and the evening messages. For his morning's message he had chosen Romans 7:21—8:4 as text, and at the evening service he spoke on a fuller Christian experience.

Other items on the programs included stories for the children by Walter Hamm and Leslie Stobbe, Scripture reading by Herman Unger, and a solo by Walter Hamm. A duet and a trio added variety to the musical items, which were thoroughly enjoyed by the congregation. Harold Redekopp accompanied the quartet at the piano.

Sunday afternoon the quartet joined the congregation for their annual picnic five miles from here. Lunch was served immediately after the morning service, followed by a short devotional program. Games were cut short by two showers, but the children and adults enjoyed the ice cream in spite of that.

BUILDING THE CHURCH IN NEULAND

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in January, 1955. Emigration is continuing to reduce this number. Two church denominations are represented: the Mennonite Brethren number about 220, and the General Conference Mennonites, 689. Each group has only a single organization and a single church building for the entire colony. It is impracticable to have independent local churches in each village because of small numbers, and impossible for all to congregate in the one church, since Schoenhorst and Waldhof, at two opposite geographical extremes of Neuland, are separated by almost 40 miles of primitive Chaco roads. Moreover, it is only a few years since the two-horse buggy has generally replaced the ox wagon. In addition the intense summer heat often prohibits travel of long distances during the daytime.

In view of these circumstances, the members of the two churches meet together in the village school on "regular Sundays". Once a month, and for special occasions, they separate for the purpose of communion, harvest festivals, baptismal services and church business meetings. The Mennonite Church, on most of these occasions, congregates in about four or five centrally-located villages, while the Mennonite Brethren Church meets at two: in their church in Gnadental, and alternately in the schools of Steinfeld and Waldrode. This arrangement places a heavy burden upon the ministers who are obliged to travel to and fro, and

who face problems of church organization and church solidarity. Rev. Heinrich Ediger is the leading minister of the Neuland Mennonite Brethren Church and Rev. Hans Rempel, bishop of the Mennonite Church.

During the winter, Sunday morning services begin at 9 a.m. In summer 8:30 is preferred to avoid the heat of the day. Latecomers are rare since people are accustomed to rising very early on weekdays to do the heavy outside work. A noon hour rest, or "siesta", then becomes indispensable. Not every home has a clock, and existing clocks seldom agree. Sometimes, for evening services, this makes for unpunctuality (as it would anywhere in North America), but usually it results in people starting out for church very early on Sunday morning. Upon occasion the minister in charge has been known to begin the service a quarter hour early because everyone was there!

Sunday schools are in operation in all but a few of the villages. Of necessity the Sunday schools are interdenominational in character. The children begin to attend at pre-school age, but generally discontinue at 14 or 15. Small numbers and the lack of teachers and facilities limit the number of classes per village to one or two. There is a fairly active Sunday school teachers' organization.

The youth work in Neuland, like the church work as a whole, has to contend with geography and other difficulties, such as for example, the current shortage of horse feed, which restricts travel. But physical handicaps seldom stop the Lord's work if only His children are dedicated and willing to sacrifice. The Mennonite Church sponsors colony-wide "Jugendtreffen" (youth rallies) periodically. Mr. Hans Kroeger has recently assumed the leadership, after Rev. Isaak Thiessen left the Chaco. The youth work of the M. B. Church was organized several months ago. It is planned to hold special youth services once a month at each of the two Mennonite Brethren centers. A committee of two members in each of these areas, headed by William Schroeder, is directing this work. Once in a while an interdenominational colony-wide rally is held. In a few places where there are enough active young Christians, weekly young people's meetings are held on the village level. Conditions are such that the entire field of youth work is in great need of development and extension.

We request the continued prayer support of our brethren in North America that these churches might grow in grace and in number. A strong testimony of every true follower of Jesus Christ is urgently needed.

Fifth Year of Service in South America

We greet you with the precious word of the prophet Isaiah: "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." This is the daily experience in our service. Teaching and administrative work in the Fernheim Bible Institute, preaching, Bible conferences and house visitations take up our full time in the colonies Fernheim and Neuland.

This is our fifth year of service in the Fernheim Institute. The Lord has blessed us continually. Though we were indeed sorry to see the Victor Toews family leave our school family, we wish them the choicest blessings in their service at home. Our Bible institute this year has introduced a special theological course for ministerial students. It has proved to be a great help to some of our ministers and senior students.

Our institute has an enrollment of 79 students, all classes combined. As usual, some of this year's freshmen were not saved when they came to school. About one month after the beginning of school, two of the students came to my office and accepted the Lord. Last week the Lord was able to grant peace to another student. That is always a spiritual refreshing to teachers and

student body. The daily prayer meetings are a real source of strength to all of us.

Besides the daily school work, the students are active in the various phases of extension work, such as home and hospital visitations, personal work among the Paraguayans and Guarani Indians, and presenting occasional programs in the villages of the colonies.

This year, for the past five months, the harsh, tropical Grand Chaco has shown us a gentle and kind face—winter weather at its best, mild weather with occasional showers and no tropical hot storms from the north or chilly pamperos from the south. But you never know what surprises the Chaco has in store for you!

It is always a joy to receive mail from loved ones at home and to know that many dear children of God are praying for us. Continue to remember us and the work in South America before the throne of grace.

Yours in His service,

Geo. and Lena Sukkau

(Brother and Sister Sukkau are from Yarrow, B.C. They serve our South American Mennonite Brethren Churches under the Board of General Welfare.)

In the Lord's Work: DVBS

By Dick Fast

That we can do nothing by ourselves but only through God's Spirit was experienced by us during the two weeks we were teaching daily vacation Bible school. We are convinced of the truth of the message in Zechariah 4:6, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

We left home early on a Sunday morning after attending the closing program on Saturday night of the daily vacation Bible school at the Niagara Christian Fellowship Chapel, an extension of the Virgil M. B. Church. Arriving at Port Rowan at mid-morning, we left two DVBS teachers there and proceeded to Leamington. We arrived in time for the church service and were greeted by the mission committee.

After the service we were taken to our boarding place, where we had dinner. Nick Kaethler and I stayed at Mrs. Ewert's place for the two weeks. She went to a lot of work for us. May the Lord richly bless and reward her for her service.

Sunday afternoon, after meeting the other teachers at the church, we proceeded to Windsor, which is about 30 miles from Leamington, to canvass the district.

Visiting the homes was disappointing, for the first ten homes I came to were Catholic and they said that they just were not interested. The other teachers had better results, however, so that we had 37 students on Monday morning, ranging in age from two and a half years to fourteen years.

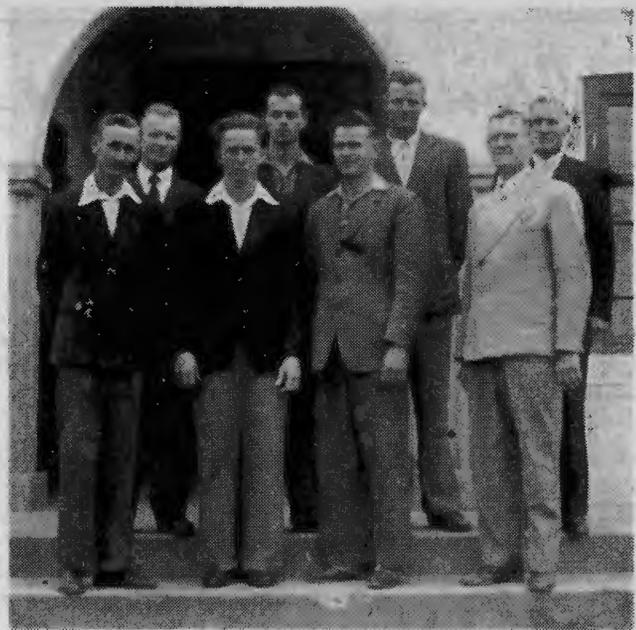
I had the privilege of teaching with Mrs. Irene Bartel from Virgil and Nick Kaethler of Kitchener, Ont. Nick conducted the singing, while Mrs. Bartel played the piano. We commuted from Leamington to Windsor every day with seven in the car, four of the teachers serving in another school at Windsor. We had blessed hours of fellowship while travelling.

The theme of the course was "Champions for Christ". The primary department studied the twenty-third Psalm, while the junior course outlined the different names of Jesus. It was Scripture Press material.

Before classes began we as teachers had the privilege of seeking our Saviour's face and asking Him to help and guide us by His Holy Spirit throughout the day.

Mrs. Bartel taught the younger primary class, 7 years old and younger. It was the largest class.

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Above may be seen the ministerial students attending the current session of the newly-introduced theological department of the Fernheim Bible Institute in Paraguay. In the front row from left to right are Harold Funk and Hans Pankratz of Friesland, and Harry Unruh and Martin August of Fernheim. Second row, Peter Janzen, Guarituba, Brazil; Heinrich Loewen, Heinrich Janz and Daniel Unrau of Fernheim. Below, left, is the building of the Fernheim Bible Institute. At the right is the M.B. church in Filadelfia. A side hall in the church serves as chapel for the Bible Institute. The pictures have been submitted by G. H. Sukkau, school principal. This school, like four other Bible schools, are supported by Canadian Mennonite Brethren Churches through offerings to "Dienst am Evangelium."



Successful Year at Redberry Lake Camp

Hepburn, Sask. — The Mennonite Brethren Mission of Saskatchewan has concluded a very successful month of Bible Camps at their site by Redberry Lake.

First of the three camps was for boys up to 14 years of age. One hundred boys registered for this week of systematic Bible study, recreation and inspirational Gospel services.

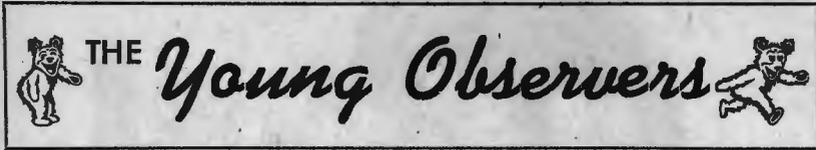
One hundred and twenty-seven girls registered for the camp set aside for girls up to 14 years of age. In the history of the Bible camp, the boys have always led in attendance, but this year the girls broke the record with the all-time high attendance of 127. The directors and counsellors had to do some rearranging to house the anxious campers in the 11 cabins and one four-roomed house.

The boys have heard of this record attendance by the girls. Some have already stated that the boys must better the girls' mark. This means two more cabins housing

10 campers each must be erected.

A total of 77 registered for the young people's camp. Missionary Otto Derksen, home on furlough from the West Indies, was the guest speaker. He is a man of God; a soul-winner with a message from God. Other ministers of the constituency served during the forenoon sessions with assigned lectures. The Lord's presence was keenly felt, souls were revived, re-dedicated, and sinners saved. The recreational periods of ball playing, swimming, boating, etc., were naturally enjoyed by all.

Rev. J. S. Adrian, general director of the M. B. Mission of Saskatchewan, served as camp director, Mr. and Mrs. John Schmidt of Dalmeny served as grounds supervisor and head cook, respectively. Others helping were Waldo Lepp, part-time spiritual director, Miss Ruth Lepp, nurse, clerk and dean of girls; and Victor Nickel as recreational director. Others served as counsellors, teachers and as prayer partners.

 THE *Young Observers*

Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Very shortly now you boys and girls will be going back to school. Are you anxious to start studying again and are you wondering what your new teacher will be like? Probably you will meet many new boys and girls that you have never met before. It sounds like an exciting year, doesn't it?

Do you think it will matter what kinds of friends you choose for yourself in school? Yes, I think it does, for others will judge you by the friends you have. Do you remember the story of Peter at the time Jesus was being tried? He went to the enemy and there he warmed himself at their fire. He should have stayed with his friends and he should not have been ashamed to state that he was one of Jesus' disciples.

Let's start the new school year off right, shall we? Do not be afraid to let others see that you are a Christian. Maybe you can help them in that way. Aunt Selma.

Carrie

Carrie was brought to know the Lord Jesus Christ as her Saviour at about the age of thirteen. One day, when walking down a road, she noticed written on a fence before her these solemn words,

"Sinner! where will you spend eternity?"

She was frightened and troubled by the question—she tried to forget it, but could not—so, on returning home, she took her Bible, and the first words she read were,

"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

She probably read more; for she found out that she was a sinner, and in need of a Saviour. She was aroused, but, failing to trust Christ at once, she did not then find Him. The good work was begun, however, and, although there was a delay of some weeks, Carrie at last put her trust in Christ, and found peace in believing. She was now filled with joy, and wanted to do something for the Saviour who had done so much for her. Carrie commenced distributing tracts, and, as she found opportunity, used to speak to others of the Saviour. She was in the habit of giving away tracts on her way to school.

One morning she did not take the tracts with her as usual. Seeing an old lady in the road, she longed to give her a tract, and, on looking into her lesson book, she found just one. Carrie offered it to the old lady, who took it, and read the title—another solemn question,

"Where will you be a hundred years hence?"

"Can you tell me where you will be in a hundred years' time?" asked the old lady.

Carrie, who now knew where she was going to spend her eternity, was able to reply,

"Yes, I can. I shall be with my Saviour in heaven. Will you be there?"

The old lady shook her head. Carrie stood and endeavored to point her to Christ, but had at last to leave her, for fear of being late at school. She was cheered by the old lady's parting words:

"Good-bye, my dear. I will go home and read my Bible, and not rest till I have found Christ as my Saviour."

Soon after this, Carrie again met the old lady, who took her by the hand, and said,

"O! my dear, since the day I first saw you, I have known the greatest joy in my heart. I went home and found peace with God that same night."

She also told Carrie that she was going away, but that if they never met again on earth, they would meet in heaven through the precious blood of Jesus.

You are not too young to die; you are not too young to trust Jesus.

O! my dear young friend, think of the time you are wasting! Your young life might be spent in the service of Christ, and every day that you remain away from Him is a day lost. Some, it is true, are saved when they are old, but they have lost something which they can never regain, even in eternity—years, precious years, which might have been spent on earth for Christ.

Sinner! where will you spend your eternity? "Sinner!"—God's word for you if you are still unsaved. (Rom. 3:23)



About 225 children attended the children's camp at the Eden Christian College. The camp, which lasted two weeks, saw 60 children make decisions for Christ. Many of the children came from the mission Sunday schools of the Ontario churches. On the picture above you see a group of about 115 boys with some of the teachers.

PEACE AND JOY IN BELIEVING

While staying at the seaside, I walked one lovely morning across the common, to enjoy for a little the fresh seabreeze that was then blowing, hoping at the same time that the Lord would give me an opportunity of giving away a few tracts.

I took my seat beside two girls, after some few minutes I handed one a little tract, entitled, "I want salvation now." She looked at it, and said,

"Thank you."

"Can you say salvation is yours?" I asked.

"No! I wish I could," she answered.

I then spoke to her of the love of Jesus, and asked her if she believed He died for her and bore her sins.

"Yes, I believe all that," she said. "My mother is a Christian, and she often speaks to me of these things, but I don't know how it is I cannot feel that my sins are forgiven."

I saw she was just trusting to her feelings, and this kept her from being happy in the knowledge of the forgiveness of her sins. I sought to show her how she must first believe on the Lord Jesus, and what God says in His Word about believers, and that feelings would come afterwards in their proper place, following faith, and not preceding it. After repeating to her that well-known verse,

"He that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life," and asking her to read the little book very carefully, I left, looking to the Lord to use it in blessing to her soul.

And now, dear reader, may I ask,

"How is it with you?" Can you say,

"I know my sins are forgiven,"

or are you like that young girl, trusting to your feelings? Remember, if you are, you will never have peace and joy in the Lord.

Our feelings are like the shifting wind; one day you may feel very happy, and think your sins are all gone, and the next day you may be miserable. Just take God at His Word, and salvation will be yours for ever.

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life."

FROM S TO S

By Sylva Harper

Here are some wrong-doings condemned in the Bible. The remedy is found in the last three.

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- 1. Lazy, idle (Eccl. 10:18)
- 2. One making predictions (Mic. 5:12)
- 3. Evil guessing (1 Tim. 6:4)
- 4. Cutting, sarcastic (2 Cor. 13:7)
- 5. Mockers (2 Pet. 3:3)
- 6. Discord, quarreling (Prov. 10:12)
- 7. Entrap, entangle (Eccl. 7:26)
- 8. Lamenting (Lam. 1:22)
- 9. Doing wrong (Jno. 9:34)
- 10. First letters of "Saviour Offers Salvation"
- 11. First letters of "Sinners Sorrowful"
- 12. First Letter of Saved

The School of God *By Peggy Arbogast*

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(5th Installment)

"No, Ruthie, I never was more in earnest in my life. I knew this was going to be hard on you. That's why I tried to keep it from you as long as I could. That's why I urged you to go in at Aunt Sally's last night."

"Aunt Sally?" questioned the girl.

"Mrs. Smith," explained Bob. "She's everybody's Aunt Sally. I really meant what I said, when I called her a peach. But I wanted to delay your entrance here as long as possible. I was afraid Connie or Betty might still be awake and might say something. I wanted you to have a good night's sleep before you knew."

"Thoughtful Bob. You know, you're going to be a great help. And Bob, is Dad—did he?"

"Yes, Ruth. He came home last night dead drunk. That's why I was late meeting you. I had to get him to bed first. He'll probably sleep most of today."

"And Connie?"

"The poor kid was half-scared out of her wits when he didn't come home for supper. He's mean when he's drunk, Ruth. And one time she said he beat her. She's been afraid of him ever since. I was really afraid she was going to be sick last night, she was so frightened," explained Bob.

"Poor child," cried Ruth sympathetically, as she placed the butter upon the table. "Oh, I was so selfish when I learned that I'd have to stop school and come home. I never thought of the opportunity it would be. I didn't realize how much the rest of you needed a home. Bob, maybe if we try real hard, we can make this a happy place for all of us."

Bob grinned. "You've already started, Ruth. I guess I'm not much good, but at least I know a real girl when I see one, and if there's ever anything I can do let me know."

"I will indeed, Bob. You've been a great help already, and I'm going to depend on you a lot. There, that toast is done. Give Betty a call. If we don't eat breakfast soon, we won't want another meal today, and there's still lots to be done."

"Sorry there's not more to eat," apologized Ruth to Betty a few minutes later. "There wasn't much in the refrigerator. I'll have to go out shopping after I straighten up a bit. There's plenty of toast and marmalade, and just enough orange juice. I put some in the refrigerator for Dad and

Connie. Will you have milk or coffee?" Ruth giggled at this last question. "Goodness, I'm a fine mother. I don't even know what my children like to eat."

Betty smiled. "I'll have milk, Mom," she replied.

"Good. I'm glad my children are so well trained, even though I've been away from them so long. I like milk best too, but Bob suggested that some hot coffee would probably help Dad feel better, so I made some."

"Hello, everybody," cried a shy voice and Ruth turned to see Connie standing in the doorway. She was neatly dressed and her face shone from recent scrubbing.

"Well, I thought you were still asleep. I was going to bring your breakfast up to you later, honey. How are you this morning?" Ruth gave her sister an affectionate hug.

The child nestled closely to her with a sigh of contentment. "It's going to be nice to have you home," she whispered shyly.

Ruth hastened to get her orange juice from the refrigerator. "Give her Dad's too, Ruth. He won't want it, and Connie needs it," suggested Betty, who having discovered that Ruth was a pretty pleasant person to have around, was in a more amiable mood.

The four young people ate together happily. Before they were through, they felt that they knew each other much better and each one was secretly glad for the opportunity to get acquainted.

"I'll take Dad's coffee up, while you girls do the dishes," offered Bob, when the last crumb of toast had disappeared.

"How about the beds? Shall I make them?" asked Betty, feeling a little bit ashamed of the way she had acted before.

"Would you?" responded Ruth with a smile. "That will save a lot of time, and I must get to the store."

"I'll stay and help you," volunteered Connie as Betty and Bob left the kitchen. Ruth gave the little girl an affectionate squeeze. She felt especially drawn to this youngest sister of her. There was such a wistfulness about her. Somehow, she felt that it wouldn't be long before this little one would know her Saviour too. She felt more doubtful about the rest of her family, however.

As Connie dried the last dish, Betty appeared. "Dad wants to see you, Ruth," she said. Ruth noticed with a sinking feeling, the shudder that passed over Connie at the mention of their father.

She hastened to give the child a reassuring pat before she left the room. She felt a slight trembling feeling herself as she mounted the stairs. She was glad that Bob had remained in the room and that she wouldn't have to face her father alone.

Her fears quickly changed to sympathy, however, when she beheld the drawn face of her parent. She realized that what he needed was someone to take care of him, someone to love him. "I'm glad to be home, Dad," she whispered as she bent forward and bestowed a kiss upon his forehead, trying hard not to show the disgust she felt when she received a whiff of his breath.

The man looked surprised at this display of affection on the part of his oldest child. He had expected her to address him in condemning tones, but her friendliness did much to make him loathe and despise himself. Without knowing it, Ruth had done the best possible thing.

Betty promised to stay and look after things while Connie played in the fresh April sunshine and Bob drove Ruth to the store in the center of the town.

At the store they met the friendly Mrs. Smith, who beamed upon them. "How are my neighbors this morning?" she greeted cheerily.

"Fine and dandy, Aunt Sally," responded Bob heartily, then they separated to choose from the many shelves the things needed to replenish their own pantries.

"My goodness, Bob," ejaculated Ruth suddenly as she stood still before the meat counter. "I have no idea how much to buy for a family of five."

Bob chuckled. "I'm afraid I can't help you out much there, Ruth. But say, maybe Aunt Sally can. She'll be glad to. Wait, I'll ask her," and before Ruth had time to protest he hurried to the side of their new friend.

Mrs. Smith came back with the boy and hastened to assure Ruth that it would be no trouble at all to help her plan what to lay in for her first week's supplies.

"Most people assume family responsibilities more gradually and have more time to get used to them," laughed the girl as together they considered various meats, fruits and vegetables.

Before long they had the rumble seat stuffed to capacity with food for the two homes, for the young people insisted that Aunt Sally accompany them home. "There's no use in your sending your things when we have the car here," insisted Bob, while Ruth hastened to add that she was eager for a further chance to get acquainted.

Mrs. Smith rejoiced inwardly as she watched Ruth. "Jane Nelson was not mistaken in her opinion of this girl." She rejoiced still more, when a little later as Bob

was unloading the food from the car, Ruth took advantage of this opportunity to confide in the older woman.

"Aunt Sally," she began, using the affectionate nickname for the first time. "I'm so glad that the Lord has let me have a helper like you so close. And thank you so much for last night. I think you'll be glad to know that before I went to bed, I enrolled in the School of God. I don't know what it's going to mean, but here's the verse He gave me last night, 'I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.' And I had the assurance this morning as He gave me brief glimpses into the course of study He has planned for me, that though the lessons are new and difficult, yet He will indeed teach me and guide me in each one."

(To be continued)

IN THE LORD'S WORK: D.V.B.S.

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Nick Kaethler taught the other primary class, with ages between 7 and 9 years. I had the privilege of teaching the juniors, with ages from 10 to 14 years. Some of the students found the lessons rather hard, since they had had no previous Bible instruction at all. It was hard to teach the lessons to unsaved children. But we had the joy of leading 11 children to the Great Shepherd on the second last day of school. May God keep them that they may grow in Christ.

School started at 9 a.m. The total enrollment was 65, with an average attendance of 39. After opening devotions together, the classes divided. At 10:30 we broke up for recess, a time when the children could get rid of some of their extra energy. This was followed by 15 or 20 minutes of singing, handicrafts and Bible drills. The school closed at 12.

Quite a large number of the parents attended the demonstration program on Friday night, the last day of school. Rev. Isaac Tiessen, minister at the Leamington M. B. Church, delivered a message on Zaccheus, outlining how Zaccheus came to Jesus and received the forgiveness of sins.

We are thankful to all the people that prayed for us and especially to the Leamington M. B. Church for the friendly hospitality they showed us.

There is a certainty that God speaks in the Scriptures, and the knowledge that all truth is contained in them; therefore their study and dissemination are the worthiest object of the talents and the zeal of a man's whole life.

—John Calvin,

MEXICO - a Land of Great Contrast

By Helen Funk

(Conclusion)

As we neared Mexico City we came to some very scenic mountainous country. Here it also became much cooler as we climbed to higher altitudes. We did not have to stop as often for refreshments.

In Mexico City we had a bit of trouble finding the motel we had in mind, for we had to detour from our highway. We asked a number of policemen for directions, but since none of them spoke English, they couldn't help us. Before we left home we had been informed that a policeman who could speak English wore a red flag in his breast pocket. We were not fortunate enough to find one. After some time I stopped a cab driver and managed to make it plain to him that he should show us the way, which he did.

We spent two days in Mexico City. While there we hired a guide to show us the sights. He took us to the museum, which had been the palace of a former president. It is situated in Chapultepec Park, one of several in the city, and contains paintings of famous men that made Mexico's history, furnished rooms of the president as they were then, old Indian relics, the emperor's gold chariot, and numerous other things. We saw the National Palace with its famous mosaic art, which is very important to the Mexican people, but of lesser importance to us, especially when our necks were aching from looking up at it as he told us its meaning in detail. We saw the pyramids of the sun and the moon, which are very ancient and very interesting.

Mexico City has a lot of parks and fountains as well as many statues and monuments. I believe they have one for every political and religious event that has ever taken place. They are a very patriotic people and love their country very much. Ricco, our guide, said that he thought every Mexican would rather die than give up some land.

They are also a very religious people. The religion is indicated by the many churches in that country bearing a cross. We had the privilege of touring through the world's second largest cathedral, the largest in America. Since we did not know that we were going there we did not come prepared with head coverings, but our guide soon improvised some. He gave us a handkerchief to put on our head. One lady grumbled something in Spanish about us, but the sister gave us the password.

They have numerous glass cof-

fers in the cathedral with replicas of saints that have gone on before. The fanatical Catholics believe these bodies to be sacred and that they receive some sacred power if they touch these coffins.

We were taken down the basement in this cathedral. Here they have many vaults where they bury the priests when they die. In the centre of the floor stood a marble tomb where the first Catholic priest of Mexico was buried. I saw a man stoop down and kiss this tomb. We also saw the people kiss the feet of the statue of Christ and of Mary. These people are seeking peace for their soul.

They also have a lot of small shrines along the highway. As we drove along we would notice a cross at the top of the highest mountain. One of these was pointed out to me from the roof-garden of a hotel we stayed at. It was lit up at night. Some people go up there every day to worship. How thankful we should be that we know the true way of salvation.

The markets in this country are also worthy of mention. We would see them as we drove by on the highway and on the main streets of the towns. It is a common thing for them to block off a road so that they can have their market. I remember going in reverse for a whole block because there was a market at the other end. Sometimes we would stop and buy fruit from them.

They also have many peddlars, or should I call them salesmen. We just couldn't get away from them. They had a lot of jewelry, wallets, purses, vests, belts and various other articles for sale. It was hard to get away from them without buying some of their wares. We had a good laugh one night when Margaret and I each came home with a sword fish.

Mexico is a land of great contrast. A contrast of the very old and the new, the rich and the poor. The women still go out to the rivers and streams to do their washing. They think nothing of going as far as ten miles. We would often see clothes hanging on a cactus tree along the roadside. They still use the oxen to plough their land, and their grain is tramped out with horses. However, we did see a few modern machines, so we know that sooner or later they too will have the conveniences that we have had for so long now. We were told that they pay 90% duty on automobiles, while the electric appliances are very expensive. The average man is simply too poor to buy them.

We are also fortunate to have



Rev. Wm. Falk, pastor of the North Kildonan M. B. Church, Winnipeg, turning the sod at the ground-breaking service on Thursday, August 9. Immediately after the service the bulldozer started the excavation for the basement. Expanding church membership and inadequate Sunday school facilities have made the building of a new church necessary. It will be located just off the Henderson Highway, with the entrance facing Kingsford Avenue.

our aged and crippled supported by the government. This they do not do in Mexico, and as a result have many beggars. Some of them are blind, sitting on the street and begging. Another one was so crippled it was almost impossible for him to get around. Our sympathy went out to them.

Though the country homes are very humble abodes, they have some modern city brothers. Due to a volcanic eruption in Mexico City many years ago they have a lot of lava rock. Instead of cutting the rock to build their homes, they build their houses to fit into this rock. It makes a very artistic and beautiful home, modern in every detail.

Another highlight of our trip came when we met some of our M. B. missionaries there on our last day. It was a wonderful way to top off our vacation in Mexico. They were the David Toewses from Oklahoma on their way back from the U.S. to their mission station at Durango. We were having supper in our motel dining-room in Chihuahua when they came in. Upon starting a conversation we were surprised to learn that we were spiritually related even though we were complete strangers. They had their eight-year-old daughter with them.

This changed our plans a bit. We had hoped to cross the border

the next morning, which was Sunday, but instead they took us to the MCC station at Cuauhtemoc for the church service. We were very happy to meet some Canadians there. They took us to their house for dinner, and did we ever enjoy that meal. Good Canadian food again. We arrived at Chihuahua at 5:30 p.m. and left for the border after saying farewell to the Toewses.

During our stay there we heard of some of the hardships of missionary life. We should pray more for them.

We were sorry to leave Mexico so soon, for we had learned to love the people and enjoyed the hospitality they showed us. On the other hand it was good to be back again in a country where we understood the value of money, where we didn't have to worry about the gasoline supply, or about drinking impure water.

I count it a great privilege to have had the opportunity to visit this country south of the Rio Grande. I enjoyed every minute of it. I would also like to suggest to others that are looking for a vacation that is different to go to Mexico.

In closing I would like to quote the words of David in Psalm 34:8, "O taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is he that trusteth in Him."

THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

Tanganyika Missionary Communication Network Approved

A special network for radio-telephone communication has been approved by the government of Tanganyika Territory and frequencies for its operation have been assigned. This report was made by Jim Vaus, founder and director of Missionary Communication Service.

The project, dedicated to the memory of Dawson Trotman, founder of the Navigators who lost his life last July in a successful rescue attempt on a New York lake, will use four transmitters to link 14 mission stations in the Territory.

The network consists of three transmitters on Lake Victoria and another at the mission hospital at Kolo Ndoto. These outposts are located in a hospital, in a school and on two boats. As soon as the government gives approval, 10 additional mission stations will receive transmitters.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenton Schlehr of MCS are scheduled to leave for Africa early this fall, taking with them all of the equipment needed to put the new network into immediate operation. (ERA)

Seventeen New Overseas Appointments Made by Navigators

The largest group ever to be sent by The Navigators to overseas posts will be leaving this fall and early spring for four continents. Announcement of their appointments was made by director Lorne Sanny at the closing meeting of the annual staff conference at Glen Eyrie, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Six of the appointees will go to the Orient, seven to Europe, three to Latin America and one to join the team recently sent to Africa.

Reporting on expansion of the work both on foreign and home fields, Mr. Sanny paid tribute to the late founder-director Dawson E. Trotman, whose "Spirit-guided foresight" had set in motion many of the advances now being made. (It was largely through Trotman's vision and faith that Glen Eyrie was secured in 1953 as international headquarters and training center for the work.) "Detailed evidence of his forward planning have been revealed at every turn," stated Sanny, "with plans for moves into new territory already under way at the time of Trotman's death" last June. (ERA)

ings were damaged, streets were temporarily blocked by downed trees and most houses suffered broken windows.

The World Today

Surplus Sale to India by USA

Negotiations for the sale of some \$408,000,000 worth of agricultural surpluses to India for local currency are nearing agreement in New Delhi, the United States administration announced over the week-end.

The proposed transaction, covering a three-year food supply consisting mostly of wheat but including some flour, rice and cotton, is being worked out by representatives of the Agricultural Department, the International Cooperation Administration, and the State Department, with officials of the Indian government.

Communist Party Illegal in Germany

The West German constitutional court at Karlsruhe last week declared the Communist party to be illegal and ordered its dissolution. Within a matter of minutes after the ruling was published, the West German police began to raid and padlock Communist premises in many parts of the Bonn Republic. The Constitutional Court also declared that the dissolved party is forbidden to form substitute or front organizations.

Stevenson and Kefauver Form New Team

Adlai Stevenson won the nomination of the Democratic party as presidential candidate while Estes Kefauver received the nomination as vice-presidential candidate in the fall election. Mr. Stevenson, who ran in the last election against Eisenhower and was defeated, received nomination on the first ballot. Senator Estes Kefauver from Tennessee received the nomination on the second ballot. The Democratic Party met in Chicago for their nomination convention.

THREE-CHURCH SONG FESTIVAL

Steinbach, Man. — The three Mennonite Brethren church choirs of the eastern Manitoba district climaxed a week of rehearsals with a program of songs in the M. B. church here on Sunday, August 5. The choir was composed of singers from Niverville, Arnaud and Steinbach.

Rev. C. D. Toews, music director at the Mennonite Educational Institute, North Clearbrook, B.C., conducted the mass choir and later in the program spoke briefly on the blessings received through song.

Special items were sung by Peter Koslowsky, the Steinbach ladies' trio, and the Niverville male quartet. Rev. Wm. Falk, pastor of the North Kildonan M. B. Church, Winnipeg, was the guest speaker.

Paxmen Leave for Paraguay and Road Project

Akron, Pa. (MCC). — Five Paxmen left from Philadelphia on August 20 to begin work on the proposed Trans-Chaco roadway in Paraguay.

They are Floyd Bauman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey S. Bauman of Waterloo, Ont., and member of St. Jacob's Mennonite Church; Johnny H. Huebert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Huebert of Henderson, Nebr., member of Bethesda Mennonite Church; Peter Harder of Abbotsford, B.C., member of the General Conference Mennonite Church; Robert D. Ediger, son of Mr. and Mrs. David K. Ediger of Henderson, Nebr., member of the Mennonite Brethren Church; and LaVerne Graber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Graber of Freeman, S.D., member of the Salem Mennonite Church. The sixth member of the group, Herman Konrad of Abbotsford, B.C., will attend a Red Cross first aid school at Camp Slotsburg, N.Y. before going to Paraguay. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Konrad and a member of North Clearbrook Mennonite Brethren Church.

Harry Harder of Mountain Lake, Minn., will join the group in Paraguay the last of August. He will be a foreman. This will be his second period of service with MCC in Paraguay.

The group has been in training at the Caterpillar plant in Peoria, Ill. They will be trainers for Paraguayan who will become operators of the road machinery.

The 250-mile Trans-Chaco roadway is an ambitious effort sponsored jointly by the Mennonite colonists in the Chaco, MCC, the Paraguayan and U.S. governments. The U.S. government is furnishing equipment and leadership. It will connect the colonies with Asuncion, the country's capital and chief river port.

This will be the first farm-to-market roadway for the colonists who migrated to this region of Paraguay from Europe in the 1920s and 1938.

Inter-colony roads have recently been built. This has facilitated market transportation to End Station, the nearest riverport.

Frank Wiens of Reedley, Calif., is now area director for MCC in South America. Headquarters are in Asuncion. He has been working for the Institute of Inter-American Affairs in La Paz, Bolivia. He is former director of the Asuncion office.

CANADASCOPE

Record Employment Level

Employment in Canada reached a record level in July, producing the tightest manpower situation since the Korean defence buildup of 1951, the government said today. The July figure of persons employed was 201,000 over the 1955 July figure, while those unemployed dropped by 15,000 from last July.

Big Carryover in Wheat

Canada started the 1956-57 crop year with a wheat carryover of 527,500,000 bushels, the bureau of statistics announced last week. This was 27,800,000 bushels over the 1954-55 carryover. The record carryover was 601,700,000 bushels in 1954. Of this year's carryover 165,200,000 bushels are still on the farm.

Preliminary Census Figures Out

A trend toward urban living has been confirmed by the preliminary census figures released recently by the bureau of statistics.

"Covering centres in every province, but including mostly the smaller cities and towns, the figures indicate a distinct rise in Canada's urban population during

the last five years," the bureau reported.

One of the biggest increases was registered for Kitchener, Ont., which rose to 59,209 from 44,867 five years ago. Lethbridge, Alta., during the five years increased its population to 31,120 from 22,947.

Man-Made Lake to Store Water

To be completed in about seven months is another project to turn the tremendous potential of Niagara Falls into electrical power. The project is a huge man-made lake to store excess water from the plunging torrents to be turned when needed into electricity.

The lake, 60 feet deep at one end and 30 feet deep at the other, is a concrete-lined basin lying between the two large tunnels which feed water into the gigantic Sir Adam Beck No. 2 generating station.

Storm Sweeps over Western Manitoba

A raging hail, rain and wind storm cut a swath of destruction through a section of western Manitoba on August 16, resulting in the death of one man. Several farmers in the Elkhorn area reported 100 per cent loss to crops and gardens from the battering hail. In Souris, where damage seemed the heaviest, three build-

Weddings

PENNER — FALK

Amalie Falk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Falk of Abbotsford, B.C., and Erwin Penner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Penner, Chilliwack, B.C., were married on August 5, 1956, in the South Abbotsford Mennonite Brethren church. Rev. J. J. Stobbe officiated.

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DYCK — MCNAIR

Roberta Catherine McNair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil McNair of Graysville, Manitoba, and David Ralph Dyck, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Dyck of Winkler were married August 11, 1956, in the St. Paul's United Church in Graysville, Manitoba. Rev. Ewelyn of Fellowship Chapel officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Dyck will take up residence in Altona, Manitoba, where Mr. Dyck will be teaching in the public high school.

Obituaries

MISS BERTHA KORNELSON

It has pleased our heavenly Father to call to himself my dear daughter and sister, Bertha. She was born in New Samara, Russia, March 26, 1918, a healthy child. Bertha immigrated to Canada in 1924 with her parents, the Frank Kornelsons.

Upon their arrival here the family resided first at Brotherfield, Sask., and then a few years at Indian Head, Sask. From here they moved to Agassiz, B.C., in the winter of 1928. Here the father of the family passed on to be with the Lord. Later the family moved to Abbotsford, where Bertha received her schooling. She also enjoyed one year of Bible school training at Abbotsford and two at Yarrow. These were blessed times for her.

She acknowledged her lost condition at the age of 9 and received pardon for her sins through simple faith in the atoning work of Christ. She was baptized at the age of 14 at Agassiz, where she also became a member of the M. B. Church, to which she remained true to the end.

She was always interested in missions and all work connected with suffering humanity. For this reason she chose as her life's career the nursing profession, a work she loved and enjoyed. She was graduated from the Vancouver General Hospital in 1949 and has been on staff in Abbotsford and Vancouver.

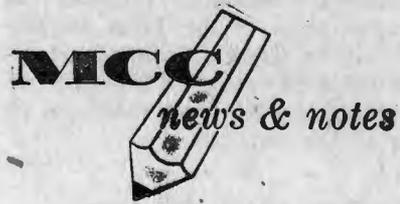
Often Bertha spoke of the desire to serve the Lord on some

mission field. The work of the MCC offered this opportunity to her. She applied and was accepted to work in the Pusan Children's Hospital in Korea. So she and her friend Margaret Wiens sailed for their new field of service in Sept., 1955. Her friendliness soon won her the confidence of the poor orphans, who in most cases had received no love. The letters to her mother and the family revealed that she devoted her entire being to this work—and how she loved it. She enjoyed the fellowship with other missionaries.

Her letters lately revealed that she was mindful of eternal things, and the importance of being ready at all times. She mentioned that if the Lord should spare us we would all meet again some day. But unexpectedly we received the tragic news of her drowning on August 2, 1956.

Why? For what purpose? Her help was so much needed. Humbly we say, the way of the Lord is right. He makes no mistakes. She leaves to mourn her sudden death her mother, four brothers, seven sisters.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, August 9, in the South Abbotsford Mennonite Brethren church, where she was a member.



AUSTRIA

More than 100 partially-orphaned children at Karnten, Austria, received clothing and food from the relief unit in Vienna.

After one distribution children presented a program for relief workers to express their appreciation for the visit and supplies.

Polish children living in ex-army tents at Salzburg greatly appreciated clothing and covers, reports indicated. Their clothing possessions are very meager.

TIMOR ISLAND

"Stepping into a complex economic, social and political situation like that of Indonesia presents a challenge to one whose efforts tend to cross all three of these areas," says agricultural relief worker Leonard Kingsley (Berne, Ind.) of Timor Island,

"While the needs are quite apparent it is almost necessary to try to determine some of the causes before launching out in any program that we feel might meet these needs," he said.

Kingsley is making a study of the present livestock situation on Timor in view of a possible program of cattle feeding, breeding

and marketing. The island has an estimated 200,000—600,000 head of cattle. This large a number, he feels, would be too many for the island considering the amount of available feed.

INDIA

Relief distributions are being made to victims of floods in northern India by Rudolph Friesen (Marquette, Man.).

The National Christian Council of India supplied an outboard motor and he used a boat at the Brethren in Christ mission at Sahara to make the distributions.

Supplies were given in an area beside the Kosi River, which has been known to change its course up to five miles a year. Friesen expects to move on to Nepal soon for hospital construction work.

BERLIN

Vacation Bible school for Mennonite children mostly from the East Zone was the major project this summer at Menno-Heim in Berlin.

J. K. Klassen (Gretna, Man.) reports 37 children attended. The program included Bible instruction, recreation, cultural films and meals—a great attraction for these children.

VIETNAM

Raday tribes people in the Banmethuot region of east-central Vietnam are reluctant to go to medical workers for help, but rather insist on workers going to them.

This is in contrast to the Vietnamese people in the southern part of the country who carry their sick persons to hospital many miles on a stretcher.

Dr. Willard Krabill (Louisville, Ohio,) of the Banmethuot medical staff on one occasion found an ill child in a village. The child desperately needed to be hospitalized and the doctor offered to care for the child. He asked one of the parents to accompany him to the hospital.

But according to tribal custom the child had to be accompanied by both parents, a grandfather and another child in the family. They elected not to go.

GERMANS EXPRESS THANKS

"We are overwhelmed by the large shipment of clothing, shoes, bedding and food which you sent. Your rich and valuable gifts are accepted with deepest thankfulness. They will bring relief to the families of our refugees in their hard fate."

This was a letter of thanks received from Pastor Charles Henig of the Evangelical congregation at Stolberg/Rhoneland, Germany, for a distribution of material aid. Most of them were refugees from East Germany.

The close of the pastor's letter stated, "Your gifts are passed over to us in the name of Christ. They are given especially to the little ones. May the Lord reward you for your love you show to the poor and bless you with all His gracious blessings."

D. C. VILLAGE

How would you like to care for 15 babies day after day and week after week?

That is the Christian service challenge of two Voluntary Service workers, Mabel Campbell and Mildred Brandt, at D. C. Village at Washington, D.C.

The girls feed the babies, make their beds, supervise their play periods and do some of their laundry. Children at D. C. Village are from either broken homes or from homes where parents for some reason are not able to care for the children.

The Village can use many more counsellors, both men and women. Inquiries are invited to be sent to Voluntary Service, MCC, Waterloo, Ont.

PERSONNEL

Orie O. Miller returned from a three-months tour of units and Mennonite missions in the Far and Middle East and Europe.

Robert Miller of Akron, Pa., is serving in the Relief Section in the Akron office. He has just returned from three years as director of the program in Java in Indonesia.

Three new aides are serving at Prairie View Hospital at Newton, Kans. Harold and Edna Melinger are from Soudersburg, Pa., and members of Andrews Bridge Mennonite Church. Edna Havens of Hillsboro, Kans., is a member of the Evangelical Mennonite Church.

ALTERNATIVE SERVICE IN WEST GERMANY

A draft law that would subject all West German males more than 18 years of age to compulsory military service has been approved in the Bundestag. Passage came only after bitter debate, the longest in the history of the West German parliament. The conscription law was pushed through by Chancellor Adenauer's government despite vigorous opposition. There was strong opposition to the draft outside Parliament also, including youth groups and the Evangelical (Protestant) Church. Conscientious objectors will be permitted to perform non-military service in lieu of bearing arms. According to reports the National Service Board for Religious Objectors has received from Germany, the government is willing to work out a system of alternative service similar to that in the United States.

—The Reporter

Home On Furlough

(Miss Nettie Berg of Coaldale, Alta., returned home recently for furlough after one term on the Belgian Congo M. B. mission field. This letter was written while she was still on the S.S. Homeric in the Atlantic Ocean. —Editor)

It was just a year ago yesterday (July 29) that another boat glided into the port of Antwerp, giving me the first glimpse of Belgium, the country that was to be my home for a year of studies and the mother country of our beloved Congo. Today, a year later, I have said good-bye to Belgium, to its crowded streets, to its solid, gloomy, apartment buildings, also to those who have done so much to make the year a profitable and happy one. They linger behind, but memories remain.

Permit me to share a few experiences with you to the praise and glory of the Lord who not only sent me to Belgium, but also so carefully provided all along the way. It was He who at the outset encouraged me with the promise, "I am the Lord . . . which leadeth thee in the way which thou shalt go." It was He who later gave wisdom for the many intricacies of the French language, the courage to make mistakes in order to learn, and then to successfully pass the examination in February.

Even more outstanding was His provision during the long strenuous hours of the medical course that followed. Again a verse so timely said, ". . . He will perform it for me" (German translation). Looking back to those four months I cannot but assert that He did perform—beyond what I had expected or asked for.

I am thinking back too with a grateful heart to the pleasant oasis here and there that dotted the landscape in Belgium: the cherished but all too short visit of Brother J. B. Toews; the later visit of Brother and Sister A. A. Janzen on their way home from the Congo. It was good to free our thought for a brief period from books and notes—to let them wander back to the Congo.

With gratitude, too, I remember the Sunday Sarah Peters and I were able to spend in Holland during "tulip time". Never before have I seen beauty so concentrated, so utterly beautiful and pure, as that presented by the vast fields of tulips. Yes, and also seeing the individual flower glorifying in its own particular robe of splashing splendor its Creator and its Sustainer. Oh, that you and I, His higher creations, would honor Him with such purity and beauty of heart!

Inevitably studies lead to examinations, those in Antwerp were no exception. Will I ever forget those last unending moments outside the

door, awaiting my turn to go in before the professor to take my oral exam? I knew neither what to expect nor how to straighten out the thousand little facts now crowding the tired mind in a hopeless tangle. Then quietly came the assurance, "But thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Literally did he fulfill that promise by straightening out the tangle of facts for me, by guiding the teacher in his questions, and me in the answers. Precious, too, were the moments Sarah Peters and I spent together daily in prayer; precious the letters received telling of others who prayed; and then wonderful to see in the final results of the examinations how the Lord honored by answering our united prayers and efforts.

All in all, the year spent in Belgium is an experience I would not exchange for time I might have spent in a more leisurely way. It has been another occasion for the Lord to prove that our extremities are His opportunities.

Now every wave is bringing me nearer to the Canadian shore, to my temporary home, where the joy awaits me of once more meeting my loved ones and many of you who have helped pray me through the past four years. Why the Lord should have chosen me upon whom to shower so many of His deeds of love, so much of His grace, shall always be a mystery to me, but it evokes anew the prayer in my heart:

Have thine own way, Lord,
have thine own way,
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay;
Mold me and make me after thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Nettie Berg,
Box 855, Coaldale, Alta.

Wheaton President to Address Opening-Day Audience

The principal speaker at the forty-ninth annual Opening Festival of Tabor College will be Dr. V. Raymond Edman, president of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois. He will speak at both morning and evening services on Sunday, September 9.

Dr. Edman is a well-known speaker and writer, has traveled extensively, and is an outstanding Christian educator. He has been president of Wheaton since 1940, where he also serves as professor of history and political science.

Among the six books and several devotional booklets which he has published, his *Disciplines of Life* and *Delights of Life* have been especially well received. He has traveled extensively in Africa, Asia, Europe, and South America.



THIS IS HOME... Not all Arab refugees live in tents, small houses or mud huts. This family, for instance, has no place to go but to a cave in the earth. MCC workers seek to curb disease and try to provide a better diet for these needy people.

Poverty Multiplies Medical Distress in Jordan

By Dr. Willard Kaufman

Mennonite Central Committee Physician in Jordan.

Our work in medical clinics along the Jordan-Israel border has been in progress more than nine months. We have come to know the people rather well and are able to better understand their problems.

Villagers lead a very difficult life. They are poorer now than before the division of the country. And before, the British government had a rather satisfactory program of medical care for them.

Those we serve did not flee from their homes and therefore do not qualify officially as refugees to receive United Nations relief rations.

The shortage of food together with crowded conditions can only lead to a decline in health conditions. In one village the number of sheep and goats owned by villagers before the division was 32,000 head, which provided food for everyone plus exports of sheep-milk butter which made them rather famous.

Today these villagers have only 400 sheep and goats for an even larger village population. The best grazing lands are gone. Gone are rich farmlands where they once raised tomatoes, grapes, radishes, melons, beans and other vegetables and fruits.

Tuberculosis has now made its appearance. Malnutrition has come to babies and children. Babies sometimes are nursed until they are three years old. During this time, unless they are able to eat bread themselves, they do not receive much other food.

Mothers have not learned to prepare food for babies and to feed them. In fact, mothers themselves are malnourished and deficient in vitamins and minerals, and babies do not receive necessities in the mother's milk.

Sometimes morasmic babies are brought to us—appearing as practically nothing but skin and bones with a haunting look that one must see to really believe. Many of

these babies will have amoebic dysentery or tuberculosis.

Six months hospitalization is required for recovery and many die regardless of what is done for them. Sometimes mothers who already have several children do not care if this one dies, especially if it is a girl.

One day we had some extra time and took about 30 minutes to find out exactly what one woman's diet was like. We asked her what she ate.

"Everything."

"What is 'everything'?" we asked.

"Do I know? I am just a peasant," was her pathetic reply.

We persisted until we discovered she had this menu: breakfast—soup made of water, salt and garlic; supper—soup made of water, salt and garlic. No wonder her stomach hurt! Yet she dragged about her household and field duties.

Our work is to do what we can to treat these many diseases after they occur. We are not in a position to carry on preventative medicine. We cannot do much toward raising the standard of living and the means of production and economy in order to provide food for all.

Our work is to bring them what we have "in the name of Christ" and petition God to move men and nations that some solution to the present plight of the Arab may be found.

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THOUSAND DELEGATES AND VISITORS AT CONFERENCE

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hinder the flow of power. In closing he asserted that "real power is a gift of God, not an achievement of man. The power of the Spirit is God's to give, but ours to receive." He maintained that to be filled with the Spirit "seems to be primarily a matter of full surrender. We must put ourselves in the way of being filled with the Spirit."

Sunday afternoon the conference heard three addresses on "The Believer's Church". Dr. Paul Mininger, president of Goshen

College, delivered a message on "The Church, a Pillar of Truth". Rev. H. H. Janzen, outgoing president of the M. B. Bible College, spoke on "The Church, a Prophetic Voice", while Dr. A. E. Kreider addressed the congregation concerning "The Church, a Channel of Redemption."

At the Sunday evening service more than 50 mission workers, many in colorful native dress, took part in the mission rally. A movie on "The Call of the Cheyenne" was shown. Missionary disbursements during the past three years totaled \$1,441,450, with 250 home and foreign missionaries and 400 national workers.

Both of these services were held in the Civic Auditorium, as was also the Youth Rally on Saturday night. This was preceded by the Men's Fellowship Dinner on Saturday night at 5:30 p.m.

Also included in the schedule were tours of important Mennonite centers in Manitoba, as well as a tour of the city of Winnipeg.

In addition to the 577 conference delegates registered during the first days of the conference, there were 170 Women's Missionary Association delegates, 64 Young People's Union delegates, and 224 outside visitors.

Missionary activity is being increased, with the conference taking over from the MCC in Formosa and now planning to assume responsibility for the work in Mexico that the MCC has been doing.

They have also added a field in the Belgian Congo since the last

session of the conference.

Elected president for the next three-year term was Dr. Erland Waltner. Dr. I. I. Friesen, president of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College, was elected vice-president, with Rev. Walter Gering re-elected secretary.

ANNOUNCE DATES OF SCHOOL OPENING

Coaldale, Alta. — Rev. A. P. Regier, principal of the Coaldale Bible School has announced that the fall term will begin on October 15, with the school opening program scheduled for a week later.

This school year marks the beginning of the lengthened school term. However, everyone is welcome, even those who can stay only for one semester.

Rev. Regier points out that in this age it is important that all Christians gain a knowledge of the Scriptures, for then only is a truly spiritual life possible. The church today needs people thoroughly prepared to serve, and the Bible schools are helping to meet this need.

All queries regarding the Coaldale Bible School should be addressed to: Coaldale Bible School, Box 331, Coaldale, Alta.

Memorial Service in India

Though thousands of miles separate us from our dear ones back home, heaven is just as near to us here as it is to you over there. Thus at the memorial service here on August 8 for Sister Edna Gerdes' dear father, Brother John Gerdes, we felt that, even though his body was far away from here, it brought heaven still nearer to know he was with the Lord.

Last Sunday Sister Edna told me before teaching her Sunday school class, "You know, I have a strong feeling inside that something is happening at home. I think Dad is going to glory." At once I made a note of the time. When we compared the time of his departure with this time after the telegram arrived the next morning telling of his death, we found that they coincided.

Today a memorial service was arranged in the church here by Brother A. A. Unruh. The school teachers and the children, who were very much in sympathy with her since she works with them very closely, the hospital staff, preachers, and many others attended the service. Brother Unruh spoke on the verse, "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God" (Heb. 4:9). Brother Henry Krahn sang a solo, "My Jesus as Thou Wilt", after which he read the obituary.

One of the Christian women

that work for Sister Gerdes presented her with a lovely bouquet of fresh flowers in behalf of the workers as a token of sympathy.

For those of us who have known Mr. Gerdes; his ever ready helping hand, his cheerful disposition, his friendly attitude toward all, and his faith in the Lord, he remains alive, though he is gone.

May the Lord help us all to be faithful to the end.

With memories of lovely fellowship enjoyed in the Gerdes' home.

Yours in Christ,
Margaret Willems,

Wanaparty, Deccan, India.

SIX BAPTISMAL CANDIDATES AT STEINBACH

Steinbach, Man. — The Mennonite Brethren Church here met on Sunday morning at Sandi-Side camp at St. Anne for their baptismal service. It was a clear, warm day.

Rev. H. A. Regehr, leading minister, spoke on the meaning of baptism. The choir sang several songs. Six candidates were willing to follow the Lord in baptism. They were: Miss Warkentin, Hannah Fehr, Jake Epp, Jake Falk, Peter Heier, and Mr. Jacob Janzen. Rev. J. Epp performed the baptismal act.

In the afternoon the newly baptized believers were received into the church. Transferring their membership to this church at the same service were Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Dick, Dr. and Mrs. B. J. Froese, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Plett and their three sons, who recently came from Paraguay. The church partook of the Lord's Supper to close the service.

Dies When Tractor Upsets

Arnaud, Man. — Eric Toews, 38, was killed when the tractor he was driving on the farm at Arnaud fell on him at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21. It apparently upset when he was on the yard upon returning from the field.

Funeral services are being held on Friday afternoon, August 24, 1956, in the Arnaud Mennonite Brethren church.

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