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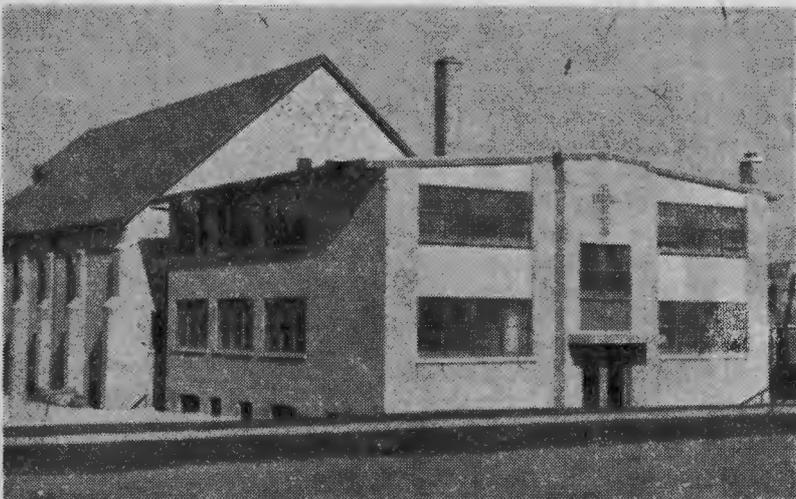
"For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." 1 Cor. 2:2

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This picture shows the educational annex of the Kitchener, Ont., M.B. Church. It contains Sunday school classrooms, assembly rooms and offices. At present the M.B. Bible Institute of Ontario is holding its classes in the building.

60% of Income to Paraguay

Saskatchewan Relief Committee Meets

Saskatoon, Sask. — A total of \$13,750 in cash and clothing valued at \$8,000 have been received by the Saskatchewan Provincial Relief Committee, it was reported at the annual meeting in the First Mennonite church, Saskatoon, Sask., on November 16. Of the money received, \$8,079 have been allocated to Paraguay.

Delegates to the committee meeting had come from many of the Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren churches in Saskatchewan. Rev. Isaac Block of Borden was chairman during the sessions, with Rev. J. J. Thiessen elected assistant-chairman and Rev. H. H. Penner elected assistant-secretary.

The Lord's servants are those who are truly born again, declared Rev. George Zacharias in a short but inspiring devotional message. The Lord expects His children to serve Him after they have been born into His family. The field of service is wide, including not only those of like faith, but all who are needy, whether at home or in foreign lands, he stated.

"Our aim has been to help the poor, to find a way in which much can be made of little, as Jesus did when He fed the hungry, and above all to point lost souls to Christ," stated Rev. I. Block in his report

as chairman. He announced that 60 per cent of the money received is used for the work in Paraguay, where results can be seen in the spiritual realm rather than in the material sphere. The churches there have grown spiritually and generally the spiritual condition of the

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Evangelical Mennonites Dedicate Church

By D. K. Schellenberg

"The Lord has answered prayer" were the words of Rev. John K. Reimer, pastor of the Evangelical Mennonite Church in Winnipeg, as he uttered the opening words of the dedication service at the newly purchased church building on the corner of Aberdeen and Andrews.

From an insignificant beginning in a rented building in 1951, with 12 persons in attendance, the congregation has outgrown its first church on Redwood Ave. and moved into the spacious church building dedicated to the Lord last Sunday, November 18.

"It became apparent", continued Mr. Reimer, "sometime ago that the little place on Redwood Ave. was too small. We began to pray that the Lord would somehow give us a bigger place. And the Lord

Dalmeny Hosts Ministers' and Deacons' Conference

Dalmeny, Sask. — Ministers and deacons of the Mennonite Brethren churches in the North Saskatchewan conference met here on November 9 and 10 for their annual conference. Guest speakers were Rev. J. F. Redekop, instructor at the M.B. Bible Institute, North Clearbrook, B.C., and Rev. Gerhard Epp, superintendent of the Bethesda Home for the Mentally Ill.

APPROVE CIVIL DEFENCE PARTICIPATION

Kitchener, Ont. — Limited participation in the Civil Defence program by way of a church-directed co-operating program received the approval of the 413 delegates attending the 21st annual session of the Conference of Historic Peace Churches, meeting in the M.B. church here on November 17. A complete report on the conference follows next week.

DELEGATES TO RUSSIA HOMEWARD BOUND

Saskatoon, Sask. — Rev. J. J. Thiessen, member of the Mennonite Central Committee executive, received a telegram on November 16

has heard our prayer.

In attendance to celebrate this all-important occasion in the history of this church in Winnipeg were a host of friends from the country points of this conference, as well as many from the city. Among others were the ministers from Morris, Steinbach, Lorette, MacGregor and Kleefeld.

Rev. F. D. Reimer of Lorette, who is one of the pioneers of this work, gave a message in the German language based on a text from II Chron. 7:11-16. He emphasized that a church building is not an end in itself, but a means to an end.

The dedicatory message was given by Rev. Archie Penner of the Steinbach Bible Institute. His mes-

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from the brethren H. S. Bender and D. B. Wiens, which stated, "Arrived Stockholm, Sweden. Well." After 20 days in Russia, the brethren are on their way home.

Fraserview Hosts M.B. Provincial Conference

Vancouver, B.C. — With intense interest the delegates and visitors from the fifteen Mennonite Brethren churches in B.C. listened to the opening words of Rev. P. R. Toews, pastor of the Fraserview M. B. Church, host church for the provincial semi-annual conference on Monday, November 12. After reading I Tim. 2:1-6, Rev. Toews pointed out the Christian's responsibility in praying for those who guide world affairs and for the salvation of souls.

"The sin in the world and the consequent sorrow is a challenge to the Christian Church," Rev. Herman Lenzman, conference moderator, stated after reading John 9:3-4.

Conference sessions consisted mainly of progress reports from the various phases of church activity. The first item on the agenda was a report from the city mission committee. Mr. D. Vogt, chairman of the committee, introduced Rev. H. C. Classen, city missionary, to the audience. Rev. Classen reported on the flourishing Pacific Grace Mission and other phases of his work. The Sunday school, now meeting in the recently completed and dedicated chapel, has 23 consecrated workers teaching over 150 pupils divided into 16 classes.

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EDITORIAL

Church Business Meetings are Important

The annual church business meeting is more important than the Christmas service—but less church members attend it in most churches. The election of church officers for the coming year holds tremendous potential for a more effective church, yet very few church members reveal a vital interest in church elections. This situation cannot be remedied in one year (nor by one editorial), but we must strive to awaken a greater interest in church business meetings.

The church administration can have a real part in creating greater interest and participation. The dates of the annual business meeting should be set so far in advance, for instance, that everyone can keep those evenings (or days) free from special engagements. The church members must know that on those days they are expected to be present, for the Lord's business requires the attention of every one of His children. Young people should be given a special invitation, since they need the experience gained at such times for effective leadership later on. They also must become conscious that the work of the church is their work—not only that of the older people.

Both the individual member and the church need to prepare for these meetings. The individual believer should make it a matter of daily prayer, since he is expected to make decisions as guided by the Holy Spirit. Sin and other hindrances to the leading of the Holy Spirit need to be removed. Only as every member is Spirit-filled can there be Spirit-led decisions by the corporate membership. Church members should also review for themselves the work of the past year and try to find ways of improving church efficiency and fruitfulness. Too often this is done solely by the church leadership, thus missing out on the potential in the total membership for constructive planning. The election of church officers should also receive careful study so that everyone is prepared to vote intelligently.

If every church member has prepared himself for the business meeting, God will undoubtedly bless the planning. However, to ensure greater unity and harmony the church as a whole must seek the face of the Lord for guidance. This should be done at the weekly prayer-meetings in advance of the business meetings, but it must also be done when the members assemble to deliberate upon church business. An active prayer service before the business is begun will wonderfully unite the membership and help to remove differences. A mechanical and desultory prayer service, on the other hand, is a sign of trouble ahead.

The active participation of those assembled at a church business meeting will not only lead to a more constructive program, but it will also arouse a lot of interest. When only the chairman and a few leading brethren speak, the average member gradually loses interest. He needs to feel that he has a vital part, and is not needed only as a robot to raise his hand at the proper time. Discussion should be encouraged—as long as it is relevant to the topic.

A sure way to cause loss of interest and participation is to drag the meeting on into the late hours of the night. As people become sleepy and tired they become bored and irritable. Thus it is definitely preferable to have two meetings instead of one long one.

Our church business meetings are vital in the life of the church. Everything should be done to encourage the participation of every member. No stone should be left unturned to get everyone vitally interested in the issues under consideration and in the election of officers for the coming year. But of primary consideration must be the leading of the Holy Spirit, who represents Christ, the Head of the Church.

Wise But Inoffensive

Many a contact with persons of non-Christian religions has failed because the Christian witness unwisely offended the person he was attempting to win. We believe that

there is no other name by which we can be saved, than the name of Jesus. This is the simplicity of the Gospel and not intolerance. The Christian must take the position that other religions cannot bring salvation to the adherent. In that sense Chris-

DEVOTIONAL

Asking and Receiving

By Wilmer Kornelson*

"Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you, for everyone that asketh, receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (Luke 11: 9-10).

Jesus' words about prayer in this portion of Scripture immediately draw our attention to the interrelation of persons and events in our asking and receiving. The persons and events may work harmoniously or not harmoniously, depending upon the nature and motives of the supplicant's prayer.

We first of all become conscious of God's part in prayer. We are asked by God to pray and to make our requests known unto Him, as He is desirous of meeting our needs. The Scripture passage clearly reveals to us that His bidding us to pray is an act of mercy toward His children. God is calling us to prayer, that we might give Him the opportunity of entering our problems, thereby leading us to or giving us a solution to our need. How different this truth is to what many of us are inclined to think of as prayer. How often we have toiled under the strain of a burden until we were finally compelled to turn unto God as the last resort for strength and grace, while all the time God was saying, "Ask and it shall be given." With the disciples we must plead, "Lord, teach us to pray", that our asking might come as simply and freely as a child requesting its parents to meet its daily needs.

But man's part in prayer is also revealed. Scripture unfolds many wonderful truths and promises to us, but a governing principle reminds us that each privilege and promise in God's Word also includes with it some sacred responsibility. God not only desires

tianity can be classed on a higher plane than the religions.

But we do not need to carelessly offend those we are trying to bring to the Gospel light by completely ignoring what they already believe. Non-Christian religions have good tenets. For example, Hinduism recognizes the worth of the individual soul and so does Christianity. Frank Laubach made contact with the Moslem Moros on the Philippine Island of Mindanao by finally sitting down with them and asking them to tell him about their religion. He could then tell them that he also knew about Moses and Jesus whom they consider great men. This gave him a point of contact.

Those who serve in Roman Catholic countries can often avoid the

us to ask in order to receive, but He requests us to labour fervently in prayer. In this way we can be of service to Christ in His vineyard. This makes prayer a privilege, but also a responsibility of the believer through which he may accomplish great things for God. If the believer chooses to use prayer only for his own personal needs, he is passing up a great service for God. Paul, in his uplifting letter to the Ephesians, requests prayer in his behalf, that the Gospel might be made known, and also that prayer might be offered unto God for all saints. In Thessalonians he requests prayer that the Word of God might have free course, while in other instances he prays for the salvation of souls.

There has never been a greater opportunity for Christian service than is granted us in prayer. God is calling us today to water the unwatered Christians' efforts by prayer, that His blessing might be added in a wonderful measure, thereby making these efforts fruitful instead of vain. Have we not become guilty of the sin of omission by failing to pray faithfully for things of eternal value under the guidance of the Holy Spirit?

Let us take up the challenge that is offered us when God requests us to ask, seek and knock, that He may graciously answer, just as a natural father would because the requests came from his son whom He loved.

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Record Turnout for India Girls' Camp

By Emma Lepp

Shamshabad, Hyderabad, India — A record group of 140 teen-age girls and young women crowded the Inspection Bungalow grounds of the Dindi Irrigation Project, Kalvakurty, South India on October 13-17 for the second annual Girl's Youth Camp of the A.M.B. Mission of Hyderabad State.

Evangelistic meetings conducted each night by Mrs. A. A. Unruh, wife of Rev. A. A. Unruh, Wana-party, centered around the themes: "Every Man's Choice: Life or Death", "Adam, Where Art Thou?", and "Take Heed How Ye Build".

With campers seated in the shade of tropical trees and verandahs, nine native Bible women discussed "Stewardship with Regard to Time, Talent and Money" in three daily morning classes. Afternoon featured health classes, hikes and hotly-contested volleyball games.

Evening messages, morning chapels and class discussions resulted in 23 decisions for Christ, defeated Christians restored and renewed consecration for service.

Piling into trucks, buses, and cars, singing campers returned home to spread revival fires.

(Ed. Note: In a letter, Miss Lepp writes, "A camp for girls and women only, always seemed such an impossibility. Those who know India's women will readily understand. The first trial last year was a marvellous success. It created such enthusiasm among the women that they decided this thing must continue.

"When the camp closed there was a balance in the treasury. It was decided to use this money as a 'nest egg' towards the purchase of a large tent, which is so essential for our camps. We are trusting the Lord to provide the remainder and would appreciate your prayers.")

Over 100 Members Added in Year

Vancouver, B.C. — The Fraser-view M.B. Church has seen tremendous growth during the past year, with over 100 members added during the year. Of these, ten were received after baptism on November 11.

Preceding the baptismal service, the ten candidates had testified to the work of God's grace in their hearts and lives at a service on Saturday night, November 10. Rev. P. R. Toews, speaking on "The Essentials for Baptism" during the Sunday morning worship service on November 11, pointed out the necessity of the fellowship of the believer with the Lord.



These pictures give some indication of the unrest in Europe after Britain and France attacked Egypt and Russia marched into Hungary. Thirty thousand students and citizens of Bonn, Germany, marched the streets of the city on November 6. On the right they gather at the university buildings to hear a political speech. Literature was also distributed. (Photos by Clarence Bauman).

Following Rev. J. J. Thiessen's message on, "Faith, the Test Preceding Baptism", Rev. Toews, pastor of the church, performed the baptism on Sunday evening. This was followed by the reception of the candidates into the church.

The ten believers who followed the Lord in baptism at the Sunday evening service were: Susan Bergman, Rudy Peters, Francis Rempel, Jake Fast, John Kungal, Erika Janzen, Walter Stobbe, David Loewen, Henry Fast, and Isaac Born.

Construction Starts for Radio Station

Altona, Man. — Construction on the transmitter site for the Altona radio station began last week, with work on the studio due to begin this week. The transmitter site is about two miles south of Altona, while the 36 by 70 foot brick studio building will be on the former hospital site in Altona.

The radio station will be 1,000 watts, at 1290 on the dial. It will not interfere with broadcasts from any other radio stations in Canada or the United States. The listening area will extend from the Canada-U.S. boundary east to the Ontario boundary, and about 100 miles north and west.

If the groundwork at the transmitter site can be completed this month, then the station can be in operation by next March or April. About 60,000 feet of copper wire must be ploughed into the ground to a depth of about eight inches on a twenty-acre site, surrounding towers and guy wires will also have to be completed soon.

The contract for the equipment has been awarded the Canadian Marconi Company, whose engineers will supervise the erection of the towers and the installation of the equipment. A. L. Garside, of the Inland Broadcasting Company, Winnipeg, will supervise the operation of the station, but a staff of about ten persons will be required, including a program director, announcers, salesmen, continuity writers and office staff.

Many Religions Seek Allegiance of Japanese

Winkler, Man. — Miss Ruth Wiens, Mennonite Brethren missionary to Japan, now home on furlough, gave an illustrated talk in the local M.B. church Sunday night, Nov. 11. Miss Wiens is a graduate of Wheaton College and taught in an Indian mission school prior to sailing for Japan in 1950.

Japan opened to Christianity after the last war when a real welcome was extended to missionaries from other lands, Miss Wiens said. Mr. and Mrs. Thielman, of Kitchener, Ont., M.C.C. workers in Japan, prepared the ground for the M.B. missions there when the M.C.C. ceased its activities in Japan.

The Japanese Mennonite Brethren church, known as "Eiwa" — "Glory to God," and "peace to men," is located mainly in Osaka and radiates out in four directions; this is the "Chicago" of Japan with a population of 4½ million.

Japan is a land of religions, and

today, with their spiritual foundations upset, the Japanese have turned to other "gods" in their search for security. A new form of Shintoism, a renewed Buddhism, communism and liberalism are seeking the spiritual allegiance of the Japanese people.

In addition to the regular work carried on at the four mission stations, summer mission camp work, radio work, Sunday schools, a special ministry among Japanese women, Bible classes, tent evangelism, distribution of Christian literature to a people almost 100 per cent literate, and of course personal work are the various means of evangelism and instruction to the believers for Christian living, witnessing and service.

This was the first report given in the Winkler church on the progress of the work in the Land of the Rising Sun. Rev. J. H. Quiring introduced the speaker, John Boldt conducted the church choir, and a ladies trio from the Bible school provided the music.

Provincial Mennonite Conference at Altona

The challenge of radio work was presented in a two-fold manner to the Manitoba Mennonite conference meeting in Altona, Man., from November 12 to 13 for its annual business and inspirational sessions. About 150 delegates attended the sessions.

The response to the report of the radio committee by chairman J. Stobbe was the approval of the appointment of a full-time radio worker. During the past year, two radio programs, in both the German and the English language, have been initiated on two stations under the sponsorship of the conference. It was felt that with the opening of a radio station in Altona so many opportunities for radio work would present themselves, that a full-time worker was a necessity.

A. J. Thiessen, president of the Southern Manitoba Broadcasting Company, also reported to the conference. The company just recently received permission to open a 1,000-watt radio station in Altona.

Shareholders of the company are mostly members of the Berghaler Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren churches, although the Bethel, Blumenort, Rudnerweider and Old Colony Mennonite churches are also represented among the shareholders.

The economic, cultural, and religious needs of Southern Manitoba will be served on a high level, the president reported. Serving on the committee that will direct the religious policy of the station are Rev. D. Schulz, Rev. I. P. F. Friesen, Rev. H. Wall, Rev. Wm. Falk, and Rev. A. A. Kroeker.

The mission in Brandon is also to get a full-time worker. This work in the German language is now in its third year. The reappointment of full-time summer workers to spearhead the children's work in camp and summer Bible school was also approved.

A proposed German edition of the new Sunday school lessons being (Continued on page 5-3)

Relief Work Leads to Personal Work

A recent prayer-letter from Jacob D. Unruh, Berlin, Germany, reports on the opportunities for personal work gained through helping the refugees with their physical needs. Mr. Unruh writes:

"Many refugees come to us for physical and spiritual help. Hundreds of the poor receive clothing, shoes and food from us, which we receive through the Mennonite Central Committee. But the most important thing is that many souls find Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour. A Catholic lady came for help and I had the privilege of showing her the way of salvation, and she now rejoices in the Lord. A man came to me after a meeting and told me that he needed rest and assurance in his soul, and he, too, is now rejoicing in the Lord.

"We are happy to be able to give Testaments and Gospels to the refugees who are seeking God through our Saviour Jesus Christ. We go to a different camp every night and hold both children and adult meetings. Many people make a decision for Christ, both young and old. We also give out the Navigator course to those who are interested in studying the Word of God.

"We thank the Lord for the open door we have in Berlin. As long as it is possible we will stay and show sinners the way to our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We also thank the Lord for our daughters who have joined us in the refugee work. It is our prayer that the Lord might be glorified and that many souls will find the Saviour."

SWIFT CURRENT BIBLE INSTITUTE

Three more students have been added to our family but one student had to leave due to sickness.

On November 4 the quartet, consisting of Lorraine Esau, Phyllis Driedger, Cornie Rempel, Ed Giesbrecht, and the pianist, Tina Friesen, accompanied Rev. J. J. M. Friesen to Manitoba for a week of evangelistic meetings.

The same week Rev. A. Neufeld served us in the church here. He showed slides representing the work of the Mennonite people in South America and also gave a gospel message each night. Dr. Schmidt, also from South America, spoke to us the forenoon of November 8 and also showed slides.

Mr. Bork of the Shantyman's Association was with us November 6 and Rev. D. K. Reisinger, President of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association, on November 14.

Jessie Martens and Tina Wiebe have made plans to assist Rev. Hans Dyck and Miss Ann Quiring

in Sunday School work in Beverley.

As a practical work project we are undertaking to visit the individual homes of the city.

Mary Funk.

MORE ABOUT Saskatchewan Relief Committee Meets

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people has improved. He also reported that throughout the year more money than clothes was received. In the province some ten people were supported, most of them widows financially unable to support themselves.

The treasurer's report revealed that in addition to the \$4,523 on hand, the committee had received \$13,750. Of these funds, \$8,079 were allocated to Paraguay, \$1,149 to Europe, \$1,758 to relief at home, \$417 to relief in Korea, Java, and other fields. At present the treasury has a balance of \$5,663, Mr. A. K. Klassen, treasurer, reported.

In his report on the clothing contributions, Mr. A. P. Kroeker paid tribute to the Ladies' Aids in the province, who have done so much in collecting, mending and sewing the different garments and quilts. Some 4,000 pounds of clothing, valued at \$8,000, have been received and shipped on to Waterloo, Ont., for re-shipment to needy people. Many Christmas bundles have been received in addition to the clothing.

Progress and expansion highlighted the report of Mr. Henry Friesen from the Mennonite Youth Farm at Rosthern, Sask. The first undertaking was an invalid home, but soon an orphanage, a crippled children's home and a home for the mentally ill, were added. Lately a building to house the male mental patients has been purchased. At present 75 people are cared for on the farm, 22 of them being mental cases. Only nine are non-Mennonites. Mr. Friesen reported that 10% of the income is designated for mission work, with \$10,000 allocated to mission work during the last year.

The Invalid Home at Herbert, Sask., has 24 patients at the present time, reported Mr. Dick Friesen. Of these, 13 are Mennonites. Expansion at the home includes the addition of a laundry room, sewing room and root cellar. Because the home has been in existence only five years, all financial help is appreciated greatly. Another need is an orderly, preferably a young man of about 20 years of age.

Reading Acts 9:36-43, Rev. Hans Dyck of Swift Current opened the afternoon session. The first item on the agenda was the report of Rev. J. J. Thiessen, chairman of the Canadian Board of Colonization. Rev. Thiessen reported that since 1947, 10,093 immigrants have entered Canada under the sponsorship of the Board. He also stated that

the delegation was sent to Russia not only on a preaching mission, but also to try and contact government officials in Moscow regarding the reuniting of families. A short season of prayer was held, whereupon a telegram arrived from the delegation, reading, "Arrived Stockholm, Sweden. Well." It seemed as though it had been timed to arrive just then. With thankful hearts the delegates realized that after 20 days sojourn in Russia, the delegation had arrived back safely.

The work in South America is progressing favourably, stated Rev. B. B. Janz in his report from the Western Mennonite Relief Committee. The need now is a plant or bean from which vegetable oil can be extracted profitably. It is believed that this industry would be more profitable than the cotton industry. More machinery and more cattle are also needed. Rev. Janz reported that the total income of the committee had been \$43,401.

In the election, the committee members J. M. Neufeld and Gustav Klassen were reelected by acclamation.

Rev. J. J. Thiessen ended the session by reading from Luke 12 and closing with prayer.

MORE ABOUT Evangelical Mennonites Dedicate Church

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sage, too, was based on a portion out of II Chronicles. A point that he especially stressed was that God's promises are conditional. If we are faithful, God will manifest Himself to us in blessing. Further he said "It is your duty to be a missionary church." Concerning the need of the day, he said that what was needed was a flesh and blood demonstration of the power of God.

"This is not the capstone, but a milestone" said Rev. John Eveland of the "Fellowship Chapel" as he welcomed the group to Winnipeg. "We rejoice with you", were his words of encouragement to this church.

For the musical numbers the church choir was in attendance. They sang "Great is Thy Faithfulness" and "How Great Thou Art." In addition to this a male quartet from the Steinbach Bible Institute sang two songs. A poem was recited by Mrs. P. D. Reimer of Steinbach. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. P. D. Friesen of Steinbach. Mr. Friesen has displayed a keen interest in the growth of the group from its inception in 1951.

A short history of the beginning and growth of the work was given by Mr. Lee Toews, who is also the secretary-treasurer of this church. The first service that was held in Winnipeg by this group was held in Wesley chapel. Twelve persons were out to that historic first ser-

vice, which was conducted by Rev. Jac. P. Dueck and Rev. P. D. Friesen, both of Steinbach. For two and a half years meetings were continued in this church. After much prayer a little church building was bought on Redwood Ave. So far the different ministers from country points had been serving the congregation, but the need of a resident pastor was evident as the group grew larger and the obligations increased. In the spring of 1955 the church received its first resident worker. Rev. and Mrs. John K. Reimer moved into Winnipeg to take up this growing ministry. In addition, to its own varied activities they are also active in city mission work. This is in the form of "Good News" clubs and visitation work among shut-ins.

John Olfert, chairman of the building committee, gave a short account of the events leading to the purchase of this building. The Lord had definitely answered prayer. Closing remarks were made by Rev. P. L. Friesen of Morris with II Peter 2:5.

As an expression of love, the ladies of the church had prepared a delicious lunch, and all who could stay were invited to take part in this fellowship around the table.

The Reimer's, who have been with this church since the spring of 1955, are both graduates of the Steinbach Bible Institute. Previous to their coming to the city they were engaged in missionary work in Saskatchewan under the Western Gospel Mission. They have four children and reside at 362 College Ave. in Winnipeg.

New Bridge Facilitates Travel

Chilliwack, B.C. — An event of great interest to Fraser Valley residents was the official opening of the Agassiz-Rosedale Bridge on October 31. This event was a dream come true for the many valley residents who have had to use the ferry up until now. An estimated 3,000 people gathered at the bridge to witness the ceremonies. Minister of Highways P. A. Gagliardi was the master of ceremonies for the gay and colourful occasion. Premier Bennett paid tribute to the vision and foresight of local pioneers who had campaigned for the erection of the bridge. Other government officials also spoke. Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Wicks were presented bouquets by Cindy Douglas, a native girl from Rosedale. Premier Bennett cut the ribbon to open the highway to traffic.

We hope and pray that this bridge may be used to the honour and glory of God also. It will certainly facilitate travel to the mission station at Harrison Hot Springs for Sunday school teachers and other workers.

How to be a Good Neighbor Next Summer

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — How about spending next summer being a real good neighbor?

You have some fascinating neighbors next door who need friendship and Christian understanding.

On the other side of the Rio Grande is the enchanting nation of Mexico with its festive blend of old Spanish and North American Indian tradition.

Mexico, a quarter as large as the United States, touches the southern borders of California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. The arm-shaped country extends southward between the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific Ocean to the Central American republics.

Mexico's both gay and somber people are 60 per cent mestizo (a blend of Spaniard and Indian) while 30 per cent are pure Indian, descendants of people who inhabited the land before the conquest by Spain. The other ten per cent chiefly represent Spaniards.

While Mexico is predominantly Roman Catholic, evangelical Christianity also appears on its religious kaleidoscope.

Invitation to Serve

This is your invitation to be a friend and Christian evangel next summer to your neighbors in Mexico: participate in the annual summer workcamp and tour to Mexico sponsored by Mennonite Central Committee.

The workcamp will be July 4 to August 3 at Cuauhtemoc in Chihuahua, the northern-most state. The tour will be August 4 to August 21. You may participate in either or both the workcamp and tour.

Cuauhtemoc is the location of an MCC service unit. Settlements of Old Colony Mennonites are also in this region.

The summer workcamp at Cuauhtemoc is designed to serve the community in a variety of ways. Campers are dispatched to short projects adapted to their particular skills.

Opportunities Abound

For instance, several women campers directed a vacation Bible school in a local church — the first such venture for the church. Two men assisted in some agricultural experiments. Another team went to the town of San Juanita to clean and help redecorate an orphanage.

Others helped with a medical inoculation and vaccination program in surrounding villages with the Cuauhtemoc department of health. Another helped repair a local school. Cooking and sewing skills were put to good use.

One camper gave regular piano lessons to Cuauhtemoc children. She said, "The somewhat difficult language barrier was put aside during music lessons, for the language of music is universal."

Similar plans are in store for next summer for 12 men and women in the college and early professional bracket. The cost is \$50 plus travel expense.

Sights Unlimited

The annual tour is an experience of adventure and education. Tour members are joined by workcampers at Cuauhtemoc and begin their trek through other areas of Mexico. The tour will be directed again next summer by Dr. Willard Smith, professor of Latin History at Goshen College.

The tour includes such tourist treasures as a five-day visit to Mexico City with its famous cathedral, national palace, floating gardens, pyramids of Teotihuacan, markets and other points of interest.

Other cities on the itinerary include Monterrey, Linares, Tamazunchale, Taxco, Cuernavaca, Guadalupe, Amecameca, Cholula, Pueblo and others.

Maximum tour membership is 29 persons. Workcamp participants are given priority. The cost is \$185 for the tour or \$250 for workcamp and tour together.

One of last summer's campers expressed the challenge of spending a summer in Mexico as a good Christian neighbor:

"My life in Cuauhtemoc was enriched and greatly benefited by our leader, fellow workers and the dear friends I made there. Life in Mexico was deeply enchanting and the people in Mexico are wonderful. They deserve our love, respect and friendship."

Mennonite Brethren Board of Welfare

— Another successful year has been completed in the Volendam colony Zentralschule (high school) in Paraguay, according to Henry C. Born, Board worker from Chilliwack, British Columbia. He also reports two young people have asked for baptism and membership into the Volendam Mennonite Brethren Church. Sister Born has been able to initiate a "Schwesternverein" (women's missionary circle) in the Volendam Church.

— A three-day Sunday school teachers' course in the Friesland Mennonite Brethren Church in Paraguay was to have been held October 1 to 3. Instructors were to be Franz Dueck and Willy Janz.

— A baptism in Montevideo, Uruguay, was to have been held October 28, according to C. C. Peters, Board worker from Yarrow, B. Columbia. A Christian worker is needed to nurture these recently-baptized believers and the Mennonite Brethren group in the city. There is also an opportunity to do

Gospel work among Russian people in Montevideo.

— Fernheim Bible Institute in Paraguay was scheduled to conclude its present term with a program on October 7. Programs presented by groups of students have been well received by the churches and indicated the place which the Bible schools have won for themselves in the church life. These programs have included the presentation of a play emphasizing the appeal of the cross.

— Gerhard Rosenfeld, leader of the Mennonite Brethren group in Sao Paulo, Brazil, reports that several members of the North American tour group fellowshipped with them one Sunday morning. Brother Rosenfeld is ailing in health.

— Brother and Sister Heinrich Ekk have terminated a short period of service in the Mennonite Brethren mission home in Montevideo,

Uruguay. It was necessary for them to terminate to work in the harvest.

— C. C. Peters, Board worker in South America, was recognized for 50 years of teaching at a jubilee in Curitiba, Brazil, according to a report in The Canadian Mennonite. "The auditorium was decorated most beautifully with flowers. The motto, too, was in flowers and read: 50 C.C.P. Numerous poems, songs and speeches were presented. Then, the audience requested a speech from Brother Peters: 'Tell some highlights of your life as a teacher.' Brother Peters desired rather to tell some highlights out of the life of a pupil for 50 years. Said Brother Peters: 'Because, all these years, in spite of teaching, I was a pupil and learned many things.' The motto he set over his entire life, he said, could be found in Psalm 116:16."

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Provincial Mennonite Conference at Altona

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prepared jointly by the General Conference and (Old) Mennonite churches was endorsed by the conference. The Canadian constituency is expected to subsidize the project up to \$30,000 during the next five or six years, with the new materials due for distribution in 1959.

Improving spiritual life in the churches was the emphasis of Rev. J. M. Pauls' inspirational message. Rev. D. Schulz delivered the conference message, while Rev. G. Lohrenz and Rev. H. Poettcker, both members of the faculty of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College, spoke on Christianity and higher education.

The various conference committees reported on their work during the sessions.

MORE ABOUT

Fraserview Hosts M. B. Provincial Conference

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"This is a miracle, as we see it," stated Rev. Classen. He indicated the crucial need of renewed spiritual power, of a purified passion for souls, and of more time for private prayer.

Further evidence of God's blessing was recorded in the report of Rev. P. P. Neufeldt, chairman of the West Coast Children's Mission. Thirty-five daily vacation Bible schools were held, with 80 teachers reaching 1,753 children. Another phase of the home mission program came to light as five representatives from the over 20 mission Sunday schools spoke of experienced spiritual blessings and continuing expansion. The delegates were

overwhelmed and encouraged by the accounts of God at work on the seven provincial mission stations supervised by the West Coast Children's Mission. Reporting were the missionaries Rev. John Reimer, Harrison; Rev. John Klassen, Oliver; Rev. Calvin Buhler, Vanderhoof; Rev. Aaron Schmidt, Terrace; Nick Dyck, McConnell Creek; John Esau, County Line; and Abe Koop of Queensboro.

The afternoon session was opened by Rev. N. H. Pauls of Kelowna, who read I Peter 2: 1-6 and pointed out that we as a conference are a building of holy stones, built to glorify God in whatever we undertake. He led the assembled delegates to the throne of grace in prayer.

The Sunday school report by Rev. P. D. Loewen, provincial committee chairman, was brief and encouraging. He announced that Dr. Unruh will conduct a week of Sunday school teacher's courses in three places: Vancouver, Abbotsford, and Chilliwack.

Mr. Wm. Wiebe of Abbotsford reported that the work of singing in the churches, special music courses, and of tape recordings for the German radio programs at Quito, Ecuador, is continuing.

The youth work in the province received a considerable amount of attention. The young people's groups are now engaged in a Bible study contest on the Gospel of Mark. A youth conference is also to be held next summer if an appropriate camp can be found. The purchase of the Bible Camp is receiving the attention of the individual churches. Mr. Henry Unger, youth committee chairman, reported to the conference on the youth work.

Election of officers is once a year, at the semi-annual conference in late spring.

THE Young Observers

Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

If you had not eaten any food for a few days, by the end of that time you would be very hungry. You would be willing to do anything in order to get a bit of food, wouldn't you? That would be food for your body—but what about the food for your soul? The food for your soul is the Word of God. Have you ever really been hungry for food for your soul, or don't you bother about feeding your soul? As your body needs food, so does your soul.

Many years ago there was an old man who heard the Bible read to him for the first time. To him it was so wonderful that he wanted to hear more, but there was only one Bible in the town and the man who had it soon left. He was told that in a distant town there was a man giving out Bibles and he could get one from him. The old man set out on foot, for he had no other way to get there. It took him many days, but he was determined to get a Bible. He was hungry for the Word of God and was not satisfied until he secured a Bible and heard more about the wonderful things that God had done for him. I am sure this old man loved and used his Bible very much.

What about you, boys and girls, are you making use of your Bible? Are you feeding your soul with the Word of God? Let's make it a habit to feed our souls by reading a bit in our Bibles every day.

Aunt Selma.

How Johnny Lost His Fear

"Johnny, will you please go upstairs to the attic and close the window? It's so windy outside that I'm afraid the window will suddenly fall shut by itself and break," the six-year-old boy was told by his mother. "Go now. I'm sure that you can do that alone. I cannot go just now, for I have to feed little Annie."

Johnny hesitated. "But it's almost dark already, Mother."

"That doesn't matter, does it, Johnny? What's going to harm you up in the attic? Here's your chance to show that you have courage, that you are not afraid. Remember the song, 'No, Never Alone', that you learned last Sunday? Well, just sing it when you get up there. I'm sure that it will help you," his mother advised him.

With bowed head Johnny headed for the stairway that led to the attic. He wasn't at all happy about going up there where the wind howled and everything creaked. With no electric light, everything was so eerie. He couldn't take a candle up there, since the law did not permit it. Coming to the door he put the key into the lock and turned it. It grated horribly. As he stepped into the room, the floor creaked and groaned. A shiver ran up his spine. The door banged shut with a noise like a cannon going off, sucked shut by the draft. Johnny's hair stood on end—and that wasn't only because of the wind.

He took a few tentative steps. The bricks on the roof rattled, and

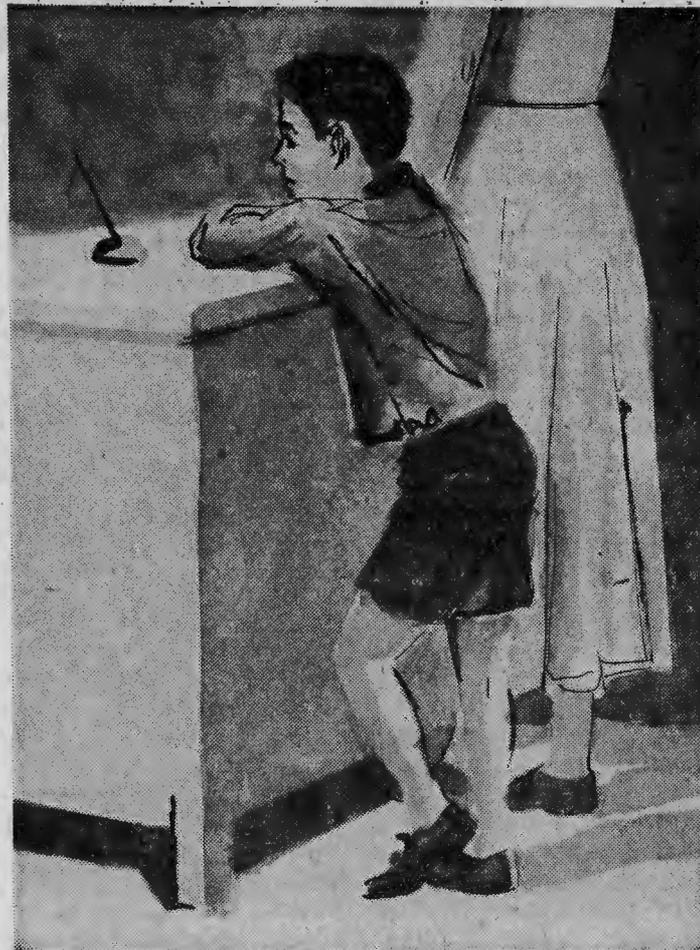
a few bits of mortar clattered to the floor. The wind howled around the house, whistling eerily through the eaves. Something scampered over the floor in the corner... a shadow flitted along the wall... a loose beam banged noisily against the side of the house. Johnny could feel goose pimples rising along his back, he began sweating as if it were hot.

What had mother said? He wasn't to be afraid? No! He wasn't afraid! He took a few more steps. And then something dark seemed to come directly at him through the window. Johnny suppressed a scream. He almost turned and ran, when suddenly he took a deep breath and began singing loudly, "No, never alone, no, never alone. He promised never to leave me..." Arriving at the window he pulled out the stick holding it open and closed the window. Still singing, he started back to the door. Then he saw what the dark object had been, a stray beam sticking out from the wall. And in the half light he saw a mouse scampering out of the corner and disappearing behind a chest.

"No, never alone, no, never alone. He promised never to leave me, never to leave me alone..." Johnny continued singing as he made his way through the door and down the stairs. When he entered the kitchen his mother smiled at him, "Thank you, Johnny."

"I sang," Johnny said, "and it wasn't bad at all."

A little later his mother was going to go into the cellar to get some potatoes. Johnny got up and took the basket from her hand. "Please,



Child of Flight

Hans, Arno or Friedrich — He is mother's helper because they do not know where father is—or brother either. "We were born in Russia... fled as the Germans retreated in 194... one night he disappeared... two years later we came to Paraguay on the Volendam... no, we have not heard from him since..." and so they register with the "missing persons" file.

Maybe a man with the same name, listing the same family, will come to the Mennonite Central Committee office in Frankfurt, Germany. Maybe—only maybe. But each maybe says keep on trying; there are thousands more to find. Mennonite Central Committee is working on this task of reuniting separated families.

Mother, I'll go." His mother smiled happily as she saw him trotting off with the basket. Until now he had also been afraid to go into the cellar.

Little Cain

"Am I my brother's keeper?" asked Cain, when God questioned him as to the whereabouts of Abel. Why did Cain ask that question? Was it not because he did not want to admit to God that his heart was so filled with evil that he had killed his own brother? This is one of the first stories in the Bible, but are we any different today?

Certainly we don't desire to kill our brother. We wouldn't even think of doing such a thing—but isn't there a little bit of Cain in us just the same? We may behave disorderly, we may become angry and even break something in our anger, but we don't like to admit it.

A missionary in Africa had a servant named Sambo. This boy cooked for him, cleaned up in the house, and kept the bed in order. He was very good in doing these

things. But he had one very bad characteristic. He was very careless with whatever he used, and treated things roughly. Often the missionary would come home to find something broken. Yet whenever the missionary would say to Sambo, "Did you break that beautiful dish?" or "Another cup broken! Why weren't you more careful?", then Sambo would deny most emphatically that he had done it.

"Just wait," the missionary thought. "I am going to prove it to you that you are breaking all these things."

One day the missionary watched Sambo while he was washing the floor. Energetically Sambo scrubbed the floor. Suddenly the brush hit a stand with a vase on it. The stand shook—and the vase toppled to the floor, smashing into a thousand peices.

"Sambo," said the missionary, "this time I saw you doing it. You broke that vase."

"No, Massa," answered Sambo. "Not Sambo, the brush did it."

Are we not all a little like Sambo? And that is exactly the characteristic that Cain had. He did not want to face the condemnation of God when he had sinned.

The School of God *By Peggy Arbogast*

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(17th Installment)

"So was I," said Aunt Sally with twinkling eyes. There were few things she loved better than to put one of the neighborhood gossips in their rightful place.

Miss Nellie Bleigh frowned. Things were not going as she had expected them to. "I guess you mean that they don't bother you much. They keep pretty much to themselves. And why not? They should be ashamed to do anything else."

"Why, of course, they don't bother me," responded Aunt Sally. "But as to keeping to themselves—I'm mighty glad they don't do that. I'd miss them heaps if they were to suddenly get too busy to bother with their old Aunt Sally! Why goodness, me, now that Connie's sick, and Ruth can't leave the house much, I have to keep running over there, to make sure they are all right."

"That's a good excuse, for Ruth to say that Connie's sick. She realizes what people think. You know—her makin' out to be so good—posin' as a missionary and all. No wonder she don't wanta show her face. All I say is that no child of mine would be allowed to be friendly with her," and Nellie Bleigh arose and brushing off some imaginary specks of dirt from her apron, walked toward the door. Her visit had not been as successful as she had hoped.

Aunt Sally could not refrain from one last parting thrust. "I don't think you ever need worry about any child of yours running into that danger."

Miss Nellie walked down the road with her head held high, indignation burning inside her. "The very idea," she sputtered. "Why she might just as well call me an old maid, as to have said that I didn't need to worry about any child of mine becoming friendly with that Ruth Arnold. HM" and Miss Nellie sniffed as she walked on.

Left alone, Aunt Sally continued to rock back and forth vigorously, trying to give vent to her indignation in activity. It was thus that Keith found her a few moments later, when he entered the house. An amused grin spread across his face as he beheld her. Aunt Sally smiled too. "You never saw me angry before, did you?" she asked.

"Is that the cause of all this activity?" laughed the minister.

The woman nodded. "Why not?" she questioned. "Men take it out in chopping wood. I rock."

Keith laughed again. "And what, may I ask, is the cause of your anger?" he ventured.

"The cause of my righteous indignation," began Aunt Sally as she ceased rocking and drew herself up straight and tall, "is a gossiping member of your congregation."

Keith's eyes twinkled. He had not been pastor of a church in a small town without learning of the freedom with which some tongues wagged. Up to now most of the so-called gossip with which he had been acquainted had been harmless, and he had been inclined to view it with amusement. "Somebody been talking about you?" he asked. "Did somebody say your pies aren't as good as Mrs. Jones'? Because if they did, I'll just have to make a pastoral call to inform them of their mistake. MM—seems to me I smell pie, too."

"You old flatterer," laughed Aunt Sally. "No, it isn't a matter of pies, and it doesn't concern me. Rather it concerns the sweetest girl in your congregation."

Keith's smile disappeared. His blue eyes flashed. "Aunt Sally, you must be mistaken. What could anyone say about Ruth Arnold?"

It was the woman's turn to smile. "I didn't mention any name. How did you know I was referring to Ruth? You must be careful how you jump at conclusions or you will be just like our gossiping friends."

"I'm sure I'm not mistaken. You described her perfectly. Seriously, though, you did mean Ruth, didn't you, Aunt Sally?"

Mrs. Smith nodded. "Yes, Keith. I'm afraid the dear girl is about to be brought face to face with another hard lesson," and she told the pastor what had happened.

As they talked they could hear through the opened windows, Ruth singing happily as she prepared the evening meal.

"Listen to her, Aunt Sally," interrupted Keith. "'Under His wings I Am Safely Abiding'—oh may His Wings just keep her safe—safe from this tide of gossip that has started."

A tear trickled down Aunt Sally's face. "Well, Keith, my boy, it isn't for us to say what's best. It's hard to stand by and watch, not being able to do much. It would be much easier if we could jump in and bear some of the suffering for her." The woman sighed. "If we could only see things as our Father does. We see just what's happening now, but He sees not just that little part, but

the whole, as each joy, each trial all blend together perfectly, to the praise of His Name."

Keith nodded. "When we were studying object lessons at school, Dean Edwards told us something I'll never forget. He said, 'Every child of God is one of His object lessons, and the life of a suffering, yet praising saint, has more effect upon the hard hearts of unbelievers than the most moving of sermons delivered by an orator.'"

Unconscious of being the object of so much discussion, Ruth continued to sing as she placed the steaming dinner upon the table. Carefully and attractively she arranged Connie's tray. "Mind if I go to prayer meeting tonight, Chickadee?" she asked as she entered her sister's room.

"Why Ruthie, I wouldn't want you to stay home for me," was the little girl's response. After being assured that she would not be needed, Ruth began her preparations. It was with a feeling of eager expectation that she later left the house. She had missed the church service on Sunday although her "forsaking the assembling of the saints" had not been of her own choosing.

Keith's eyes did not light up as they usually did when she entered. He even wished that she had not come, for Miss Nellie Bleigh and her friends were already there, and he feared what they might say.

Ruth, with a pleasant smile for everyone, walked up the aisle and entered the pew where Janet Gray already sat. The young school teacher welcomed her friend warmly.

No one sang the old gospel hymns more heartily than did Janet, who was radiant in her new-found faith. Her eyes sparkled and the happy smile never once left her lips. Ruth, noticing this, was radiant too.

After the service Ruth was too busy talking to Janet to notice the many furtive glances cast in her direction. Janet also was too much engrossed in conversation to be aware of the attitude of many in the congregation, although she had heard much of the school gossip, and so would not have been as ignorant as Ruth concerning the subject.

Keith, as he stood at the door, allowed his eyes to stray often in the direction of the girls. How he wished they would hurry and leave before Ruth overheard any of the whispered conversations, or before anyone snubbed her openly.

His wishes were in vain, however, for as Nellie Bleigh and one of her cronies passed down the aisle where Janet and Ruth stood, Nellie purposely raised her voice. "Thinks she'll cover it up by coming to prayer meeting—the hussy. I guess her sister's not so sick as

she makes out, or she couldn't come here tonight."

As the import of the words dawned upon the girl, Ruth grew white, and the smile left her face. Janet strived to continue their conversation as though nothing had happened but Ruth listened to her with unhearing ears. Finally she cried, "Oh Janet, it's no use pretending anymore. You know whom they were talking about. I'm going home. Goodnight," and Ruth started rapidly down the aisle.

"But Ruth," protested Janet as she followed her friend.

Ruth shook her head. "No Janet, I don't want you to come with me or to continue our conversation any longer. What my family has to face is bad enough—but I don't want to drag you into it. No, don't you protest," she continued as Janet again opened her lips and attempted to speak. "You have your position to think of, you know. You teach the children of some of these people. They would probably raise an awful row if they thought you were intimate with a member of such a disgraceful family as the Arnolds."

Janet looked at her friend in surprise. Her voice was cold and hard, her face white and set. They continued down the aisle in silence. Ruth said a cold impersonal "good evening" to Keith as she passed the door. Janet, feeling that any further attempt at conversation would be met with a rebuke, lingered.

Everyone else had left the church building, although several were standing in little groups outside. Janet and Keith came out together. "Do you mind if I walk home with you, Miss Gray?" the pastor asked. "I'd like to talk over some things—out of hearing of some of the other members of my congregation," he added significantly.

Janet smiled. "Come along," she invited. "I'd like to talk too." So, unconscious of the many glances and whispers they thus caused, the two young people walked down the road together.

Janet's voice was full of perplexity as she told the pastor of what had happened. "She was so radiant—until she heard the remark of Miss Bleigh's. I know that must have hurt her dreadfully, but I didn't expect such a change in Ruth."

"Poor little girl," sighed Keith. "It probably wasn't just that. She's been under a terrible strain during the past few days. There has been no let up. She's just about exhausted physically. Often at times like that, it just takes a little thing to just make one sort of fly off the handle. She will soon get over it. When she gets home, and has a chance to be alone with the Lord, with the open Book, things will look different."

(To be continued)

National Workers: Important Helpers

How often our attitude of foreign relief is subjective — we think it is we who give, help, lift and provide for the underprivileged persons in underprivileged nations.

There is an unsung but important ministry being performed by persons who represent those we have gone to serve—the national workers.

By this is meant those who serve as interpreters, translators and general helpers. Each of us can be grateful for them for the unique contribution they make to the total cause of Christ.

It is difficult to say just how much a relief program of Mennonite Central Committee would be curbed if there were no interpreters.

Dr. Willard Krabill (Louisville, Ohio), who directs a medical relief unit at Banmethuot, Vietnam, says, "Our work would be impossible without interpreters."

Much of the work at Banmethuot is pioneer endeavor so interpreters are doubly important, he said. "In getting the program underway many contacts with government officials are necessary. So my interpreter plays a crucial role."

Dr. Kraybill's interpreter is Y Dun Ksor. He is considered one of the best-educated persons in the area. He speaks English, French, Vietnamese and two or three dialects of the Raday tribesmen whom the unit serves.

Vietnam workers say, "If we should lose Y Dun's services our entire program would be badly crippled. We know of no one who could replace him."

Assistant Director

Because relief workers serve only two or three years, the matter of an interpreter is important because there is not time to master a language.

Sheen Yoon Soo is the able interpreter at the Mennonite Vocational School at Kyong San, Korea. He is assistant to the director, Kenneth S. Brunk (Denbigh, Va.)

Brunk says of Sheen, "Personally I feel that an interpreter is indispensable in carrying on the job here."

Sheen does all translating for American sponsors and also for boys' letters to sponsors. He serves as secretary and does most of the typing and some bookkeeping. He calls on friends, contacts government officials, buys school supplies, interviews boys and prospective teachers, interprets at teachers and student assemblies and serves in a myriad of other ways.

Important Teammate

Over in Indonesia on the Island of Java, interpreters are important members of the MCC medical relief

team. They serve as clinic assistants.

While most of the present MCC workers attempt to grasp the new national language, Javanese helpers still fill an important need. This is because 85 per cent of the patients are poor village people who have not learned the Indonesian language.

In northern Greece members of Pax Service units rely heavily on interpreters to convey technical information. Projects in Greece are entirely of the agricultural demonstration nature.

The Panayitsa unit considers its interpreter one of the unit. Certain demonstration projects are his responsibility in emergencies.

Paxman Donald Schierling (Henderson, Nebr.) said, "Through the understanding of his own people our interpreter, Alex, has often explained to me the thinking of the village Greeks. Had he not been so kind to explain we would have been in many embarrassing situations."

"VIP" Tips

MCC workers in Jordan depend on interpreters, although English is spoken in some areas of the country. Leona Yoder (West Liberty, Ohio) said, "One learns to speak in short simple sentences. A good interpreter will not only repeat what you say but will give the same inflection with his voice."

Dr. Willard Kaufman (Cleveland, Kans.), who recently completed a period of medical work on the Jordan-Israel frontier, commented that interpreters tip him when visiting dignitaries arrive so he can render more than the usual courtesies. This is important in Jordan. His helpers are Abdul Sameeh Abdul Nabi, a clerk; Khaled el Karaky, a male nurse; and Ibtesam Awaiwi, a practical nurse.

Clara Eshleman (Harrisonburg, Va.), who directs a woman's self-help project in Korea, tells of a typical occurrence where she might be stumped were it not for her helpful interpreter, Oe Une Lee.

The Korean feels he needs a "back" in order to secure a favor or to get a job. This means, the interpreter revealed, that the Korean has a father who is in a high position or has an important relative. Without a "back" they do not expect to get ahead or secure a job.

The self-help project has more women on the waiting list than can be handled, so those who apply for work—even with a "back"—are given no more consideration than others, thanks to the interpreter.

Not Machines

Interpreters are not merely translating machines. To MCC work-

ers they must interpret their own customs and traditions. They must interpret not only words but attitudes, likes and dislikes of the people. To their own people they must interpret the Christian spirit as well as mere words.

In MCC Tokyo, Japan, many former interpreters now serve as Christian missionaries. Others are in training for Christian work while still others continue to carry the spirit of Christianity which they caught while serving as interpreters.

Relief worker Mrs. Norman Wingert (Upland, Calif.) one day made a trip by train to Osaka accompanied by interpreter Koko Ichimura. A man sitting next to them volunteered the remark, "You people are Christians, are you not?"

"Yes, we are," Koko answered in Japanese. "Are you Christian?"

"No, not yet," he replied. He explained that he is a baker and that his family is Buddhist. Then he asked, "Just what is a Christian?"

Mrs. Wingert said a few words in English which Koko interpreted. Then with that as a springboard Koko launched an explanation of Christianity to him. Her sincere words seemed to impress the man. Before he got off the train he said he wanted to meet Koko and Mrs. Wingert at the next macaroni soup distribution to see MCC in action and hear more about Christianity.

... an example of the potential in the ministry of "interpreting!"

We are thankful for our interpreters because our service "in the name of Christ" might not be understood if it were not for their distinctive contribution to the total Christian effort.

Hebron Bible School Dedicated

By Henry P. Poetker

Preceding us in service on Kalvakurty station in India were Brother and Sister Herman Warkentin. We all know that in the providence of God Brother Herman was suddenly called home to serve in realms above.

It seemed as though his service had been cut short, but after traveling through the villages we soon found that his influence had not ceased with his transfer. Herman is still remembered by the natives for his love, great zeal and personal work. We also noticed that his emphasis on Bible education had left its mark. We found a definite interest in Bible school that was related to his inspiration. Thus we could not help but feel that it would be fitting to remember our brother in a practical way, a way in which his desire could find further expression and the blessing of his life continue.

The Lord led, and on September 9, 1956, we had the joy to dedicate the Hebron Bible School, provided for by the family and friends of Brother and Sister Warkentin. The Lord granted us a beautiful day. A number of the missionaries were able to be with us, and we also had the joy of having Brother and Sister H. K. Warkentin in our midst for the occasion.

After the opening preliminaries, Brother Ted Fast brought the first message on Philippians 1:21. Emphases of the message were: the glory of Christ should be the end in life; the grace of Christ should be the principle of our life; and the Word of God should be the rule of our life.

A native preacher spoke on Proverbs 10:7: "The memory of the just is blessed." Next Brother H.

K. Warkentin made fitting applications on John 1:10: "He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not." He also gave some first-hand experiences with Herman in India. The ladies quartet sang a meaningful number, "When Jesus Has Control."

Brother P. V. Balzer presented an instructive message on the teaching ministry. He pointed out that Jesus Himself taught, that He commanded others to teach and that He practiced what He taught. A number of the brethren led in dedication prayer and commended the building to the Lord for His use and blessings.

After the noon meal we again gathered for a blessed service during which Brother Warkentin spoke on mission activity at home and abroad. He touched on personal observations and then challenged the church of India to be strong so missionary personnel might be free to go and tell the blessed story where it has never yet been heard.

With the Bible school as an effect of Brother Warkentin's labors and with Mrs. Warkentin and the children in the homeland still praying for the work here, we feel their services are still continuing in India. The doors are yet open to us, to you and to the natives here. May the Lord help us to make the right use of this opportunity.

During the past rainy season, as in the two previous years, we have had the privilege to gather with 28 to 35 young people for a three-month Bible course. It is always a great joy to see the Word doing its work in the lives of these young people.



Interpreters play an important role in the effectiveness of MCC work, as illustrated here and in the feature article on page 8. Here Miss Ae Une Lee of Korea is the key person in an interview between Mennonite Central Committee relief worker Clara Eshleman and a women applying for a job in the Widows' Self-Help Project.

THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

Freedom in Thailand

In South Thailand, missionary Donald Wylie of the China Inland Mission Overseas Missionary Fellowship, rejoices in the freedom he enjoys. Recently he wrote: "Imagine being able to walk down the main street of a town for the first time and there and then open up your cases of books on the sidewalk and preach your heart out! Such is the present liberty for the messenger of the Cross here. I am seized with the urgency of the task as reports come to hand of tightening regulations on Christian work in other parts of the Muslim world." (ERA)

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Communists are Missionary-Minded

Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, warned that Christianity faces an increasing threat from Buddhism and Mohammedanism as well as from "creeping, insidious materialism." He addressed nearly two thousand persons at Miami, Florida, during the fourth annual Festival of Faith, sponsored by the Greater Miami Council of Churches to commemorate the Protestant Reformation. Referring to his recent world tour, the Baptist leader said he found that Communists are missionary-minded. Not only that, but Mohammedanism is aroused, and "an awakened Buddhism is trying to win converts even among Christians." (ERA)

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Mental Instability Blamed on College-Destroyed Faith

Dr. William S. Carlson, president of the State University of New York, addressing an annual Mental Health Forum in Rochester, New York, declared that present-day colleges are contributing to students' mental instability by providing an atmosphere in which traditional religious beliefs are questioned and stripped from students

but none are put in their place.

Dr. Carlson stated: "The very atmosphere of the university tends to corrode the average student's traditional moral and religious beliefs," and that little was done about this new disturbing element in his life. "And, to the extent that colleges take no steps to fill the vacuum of belief which they create, they are contributing to the sum total of mental instability."

Dr. Carlson suggested that the schools had not intentionally created an atmosphere "unconducive to religious growth." Nevertheless, he observed: "If the university is culpable, it is on the grounds of omission, rather than commission." (ERA)

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Church Looking for Congregation

New Church Looking for Congregation is the headline over a story datelined Ann Arbor, Michigan. The church, of prefabricated type, is being erected in a new development by an architect who figures that a new housing development will lead to a new congregation which in turn will look for a church building. The building comes in sectional units, can be extended to any desired size. (ERA)

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Church Safety Campaign

Twenty-two Greenwich, Connecticut, churches were enlisted in a traffic safety crusade last October. The town's preachers, sparked by a month-long crusade against careless driving habits, each agreed to say "at least a word" at every service during the month. The preachers, using the commandment "Thou shalt not kill," took as their slogan: "Drive as though God were sitting beside you." State and national safety councils endorsed the plan. (ERA)

CANADASCOPE

Inco Offered 63-Year Lease

The Manitoba provincial government, in an effort to attract a \$140,000,000 International Nickel Co. investment to northern Manitoba, has offered the company a 63-year lease on extensive mining claims in the Mystery-Moak lake area. Exact size of the area involved in the agreement has not been disclosed, but it is understood the claims may be spread over 400 square miles or so in the general region of Moak Lake, where the company's main mining operation will be located.

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Hungarians Reach Canada

Six Hungarian refugees, the first to come from their rebellion-torn homeland, have arrived in Montreal by air. They are the first of several contingents expected to arrive. About 40 are expected this week, with 90 altogether having made application in Vienna for entrance into Canada.

Meanwhile the Canadian Red Cross representative in Vienna re-

ports that so far the Red Cross has successfully handled more than 25,000 roadweary Hungarian refugees. He reported that it is expected that \$1,000,000 will be needed from Canada. The Red Cross may have to deal with as many as 40,000 persons.

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May Market Canadian Gas in U.S. Yet

The United States' Federal Power Commission has made it easier for Canada's expanding natural-gas industry to get into the lucrative U.S. market. It has done so by abandoning the policy of refusing to permit any American customers to be wholly dependent on gas imported from Canada.

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To Send Administrative Forces

Canada's contribution to the United Nations emergency force in the Middle East will take the form of headquarters administrative staff troops together with signals companies, quartermasters and other service units, government sources reported on Monday. The Queen's Own Rifles infantry battalion is expected to proceed overseas to the Suez later.

THE WORLD

TODAY

Announce plans for Israeli Pipeline

Plans for laying a 32-inch pipeline from Elath, Israeli port on the Gulf of Aqaba, to the Mediterranean port of Haifa have been completed and are awaiting formal approval by the Israeli cabinet, press-reports from Tel Aviv indicate. Under the project, seen as a solution to the Suez Canal closure, crude oil would be transported by tankers from the Persian Gulf to Elath, from where it would be piped to Haifa.

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North Viet Nam Faced Revolt Too

Communist North Viet Nam was putting down a farmers' revolt at the same time Soviet tanks were blasting Hungarian patriots. Communist sources said the areas of revolt were populated largely by Roman Catholic farmers. A radio broadcast admitted that the root of the trouble was discontent over the land reform program instituted by the Red regime.

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Soviets Move Armor to Bulgaria

At the beginning of the week Russia moved armored units she had landed at the Bulgarian port of Varna toward the Bulgarian-Turkish border. Thus far Bulgaria, which has the strongest racial and religious ties with Russia of all

the satellites, has had no Soviet troops stationed on her territory. Turkey is a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and a Soviet attack on Turkey should bring retaliation by other NATO countries.

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U.S. Ports Hit by Strike

A spreading dock workers' strike has affected all Atlantic and Gulf ports and sparked "sympathy" strikes on the west coast. More than 150 ships are tied up at the piers. The latest men to strike at Miami and Tampa, Fla., joined more than 60,000 members of the International Longshoremen's Association who deserted their docks last week.

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No Oil Yet From U.S. for Britain

The United States has received urgent pleas from Great Britain and France for immediate oil aid, but has firmly replied that governmental assistance cannot be started until there is a degree of stability in Egypt and the withdrawal of allied troops has begun.

The United States is still receiving oil from some Arab states on the condition that it not be made available to the British and French. If the U.S. would divert oil to Great Britain and France, this flow of oil might be cut off.

God intends that we should neither retreat into monasticism, nor that we should be overwhelmed by the world's evils.

Weddings

PETERS — LOEWEN

Alfreda Grace Loewen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Loewen of Matsqui, B.C., and Frank Peters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Franz Peters of Matsqui, were married in the Mennonite Brethren church in Matsqui. Rev. Herman Voth of Aldergrove officiated.

Special singing was by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Neufeld and a trio of the couple's sisters. After their honeymoon to Olympia National Park in Washington, the young couple will reside in Haney, B.C.



AUSTRIA

Available relief supplies are being pooled with supplies from other agencies and distributed to the thousands of Hungarian refugees who crossed the border into Austria.

Irene Bishop (Perkasie, Pa.) and Clarence Sakimura (Grantham, Pa.) of the Vienna center are carrying out the operations. Milton Harder (Butterfield, Minn.), the acting European director, visited refugee centers. Paxmen from Kaiserslautern, Germany, collected and transported a load of medical supplies to Austria.

Approximately 30,000 Hungarian refugees are estimated to have moved into Austria, most of them fleeing from border towns.

They are receiving care in small camps, private homes and hotels. Apparently there are sufficient relief supplies for refugees in Austria, although at the last report voluntary agencies had not gone into Hungary where the needs are much greater.

It is probable that 7000 refugees will move on to other countries, Irene Bishop said. Dutch Mennonites offered to care for a number of these refugees.

Harder relates an incident occurring several hundred yards from the Hungarian border while he visited a government official:

"Three mothers with children came across the field from Hungary. They were questioned. The mothers said they fled because their oppressors were taking food from them and they were afraid of starvation. They reported that young men were being deported.

JORDAN

Letters from relief workers in the Middle East indicate that the three workers who stayed in Jerusalem are working and safe, and

that the other ten workers are awaiting further developments while staying in Beirut, Lebanon.

Ten workers moved to Beirut at the request of the United States Embassy as a precaution in the event of full-scale war. Ada and Ida Stoltzfus (Morgantown, Pa.) and Bessie Plant (Edmonton, Alta.) stayed in Jerusalem.

The Stoltzfus sisters, who directed a home for boys at Hebron, have taken the boys to their homes or to homes of relatives. The three workers occupy the MCC house in Jerusalem. They make trips to projects, handle some requests for material aid and care for callers. Other Americans still are in Jerusalem.

Miss Plant wrote, "Best of all, our Arab friends know MCC is still here. Arabs who hardly exchanged a nod of greeting before now wave to us from store windows or call out kind words."

An elderly Arab said: "We know you are staying for the sake of Jesus Christ who said 'to take no thought for yourselves.'"

DENVER CHAPLAINCY

A critically-ill patient in the Colorado Medical Center in Denver asked for the Bible to be read and prayer offered by Chaplain Glenn Martin.

She said, "Thank you, chaplain. That has gone deeper than all these needles and has helped me more than these other things. Please come back again tomorrow."

This is one example of the responsive ministry a chaplain has at Colorado Medical Center. Chaplain Martin and his assistant, Naomi Schellenberg (Newton, Kans.), have a full and important ministry in the Center as they seek to care for the desperate spiritual needs of patients.

In addition to bedside visits, they conduct Sunday morning worship services in the Psychopathic Hospital, teach children's Bible classes and provide printed meditations for all patients on Sunday morning.

NEWFOUNDLAND

The four nurses in the voluntary service unit at Twillingate, Newfoundland, are assuming responsible positions in their work at Notre Dame Hospital.

Ruth Hartzler (Bellevue, Pa.) was named matron of the hospital soon after the nurses arrived. She has general oversight of the hospital. Others have leadership positions as well. Both Newfoundland and English girls work with the team of Mennonite nurses.

More nurses aides could be used in this hospital which cares for 100 patients. Ten nurses and teachers comprise the Twillingate unit.

Elsewhere in Newfoundland, Vernon Glick (Smoketown, Pa.) reports an increased community in-

terest in religious activities at Baie Verte. Crafts classes and church school classes are increasing in membership.

At Baie Verte, Glick and Mr. and Mrs. William Miller (Sterling, Ohio) teach in public schools. Mrs. Glick cares for their new twins and Elaine Brubacher (Preston, Ont.) is a community nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Harder (Mountain Lake, Minn.) are teachers at nearby Wild Cove. At the present time there are a total of 17 volunteers in Newfoundland.

MORE ABOUT

Wise But Inoffensive

(Continued from page 2-3)

offense of Protestantism by using the Catholic Bible or using the accepted Catholic terms for the Bible. For example, when an individual talks only about the Bible he is evidently an evangelical or Protestant, but when he talks about the Holy Bible he uses a term acceptable to the Catholic.

Too many Christian witnesses have transferred the no other name attitude to lesser important aspects of their faith like the name for the Scriptures or which version of the Scriptures to use and immediately lost contact with the person they attempt to win. Too many missionaries have taken a superior attitude toward a non-Christian religion and lost contact with the people they desired to win. Why not begin with the concepts the non-Christian already has and lead him to the high concepts of Christianity?

Would not such an attitude be in keeping with Jesus' command to His disciples when He sent them to the lost sheep of the house of Israel? "Be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." We are so afraid of compromise that we fail to be wise. We prefer to err on the offense side so as not to compromise. But if we are wise as Jesus suggests, we will neither offend the non-Christian whom Christ is calling or compromise the faith we preach.

May God grant each of His witnesses the wisdom and spiritual sensitivity necessary to witness effectively to people of other religions.

By L. C. Hartzler,
in the Gospel Herald.

AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

Mr. and Mrs. George Konrad (Vancouver, B.C.) wish to express their sincere gratitude for the many tokens of love and sympathy tendered them during this time of sorrow and bereavement because of the passing of their son, David Victor Konrad.

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Secrets in the Village

By Edith Newman.

Colin Rossiter came to Lansford hoping to make friends, but the first two boys he met only made things uncomfortable for him when they learned that he went to Church and belonged to the Scouts. Read how he formed the Rossmen, a society to stand up against the Trigmen. Finally the story ends at New Years, when the two sides are reconciled. Persecution and mystery make this book a first-rate story.

Peter Joins In

By L. V. Davidson. 128 pp.

Peter Mason's life consisted largely of bread and margarine and bitterness, for he lived with his aunt, who neglected him, and had no friends, except Alan Ferguson. At the end Peter not only has friends, but he is converted to Christ—and even something happens to his aunt.

The Secret of Woodside Cottage

By L. V. Davidson. 124 pp.

Beryl, Gerald and Guy are to have a new stepmother, and have made up their mind to hate her. The new Mrs. Stanhope is pretty and gentle, and Beryl is hard put to it not to give in and like her. She finally learns the secret of serenity and gives her heart to the Lord Jesus—and when a great sorrow comes to Mrs. Stanhope, it is Beryl only who can help her.

Meg Plays Fair

By Constance Savery. 126 pp.

Meg was so glad to go home after the school year ended. After two years of separation from her father, she would meet him again. But this joy was spoiled somewhat when her father asks Dandaree, who is an orphan, to come also. She and Dandaree are enemies, but make a truce temporarily—until they find the true meaning of forgiveness.

White Deer's Treasure

By Alfred J. Gilliard, 128 pp.

The quarrel began when Weasel Eye killed the pale-face whom Silent Bear would have saved, and White Deer, by the challenge of the tribe was forced to carry the treasure which had brought dissension. The way was not easy, but White Deer pursued it relentlessly. At a pale-face camp he found a mission—and finally the knowledge that would teach his people the Way of Peace.

Fisherman Jack

By Mary St. Helier. 123 pp.

The story of Jack, a Christian who did not always find it easy to be an example to the Brew children. But in the end they found that he had the right stuff in him.

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COLLEGES

MENNONITE BROTHERS BIBLE COLLEGE

On the evening of November 5 the college family said good-bye to Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Janzen. Rev. Janzen had been president of the M.B. Bible College for eight years when God called him to a Bible-teaching and evangelistic ministry in Europe. The parting was difficult both for those staying and for those leaving, but when God calls, other matters take second place. Our prayers accompany them in their new ministry.

Miss Ruth Wiens, missionary on furlough from Japan, was with us for several days, reporting on the M.B. Mission in Japan and also showing slides from the work there. Two great spiritual forces—idolatry and liberalism—make mission work difficult, but an indigenous church is progressing strongly. With the great density of population, the work is almost unlimited in scope—the need is for workers.

A further chapel speaker this week was Dr. A. C. Schultz, professor of archeology at Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago. He related the most recent discoveries made concerning the Dead Sea Scrolls. Originally, scholars believed that the scrolls contradicted the uniqueness of Christ and His teachings, but the most minute scientific study has rather proven the marvelous accuracy of the text of our Bible. Seven scrolls were first discovered by Arab boys in a cave near the Dead Sea in 1947. Experts found them to be ancient Essenic writings of the Hebrew Scriptures and one of the scrolls was a complete copy of Isaiah. Later the whole area brought to light thousands of bits of parchment from every book in the Old Testament. They date back to 100 to 400 B.C., which is over 1,000 years earlier than any copies previously known. Dr. Schultz interpreted these facts to mean that the canon of the Old Testament was probably standardized about the time of Ezra. This completely discredits a large part of liberal theological thinking, which holds that the standardization took place long after the death of Christ. Dr. Schultz concluded: "When archeology digs deep, our faith is always strengthened."

Rudy Wiebe.

CANADIAN MENNONITE BIBLE COLLEGE

Prayer, an essential part of a Christian's life, is greatly stressed at CMBC. Aside from personal devotions and prayer in small groups, we have prayer meetings in the dormitories once a week. The girls have theirs on alternate weeks,

every other one taking place at the College, so that all girls outside the dormitory may participate too. At noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays we have prayer for foreign and home missions. Saturday evening a short program planned by the executive is followed by prayer. The theme of our first prayer meeting this term was "drawing close to God". The speaker suggested that "some heathens are closer to God than some of us who call ourselves Christians." Twice a term this prayer meeting is planned by the Missionary Fellowship Band. At such an evening, two weeks ago, the Norman Bartels, College students, showed slides of their MCC work among the Mennonites in Mexico.

A greater insight into mission work enables us to pray more intelligently for the needs of these fields. Dr. Schmidt from Asuncion, Paraguay, who is working with lepers, showed us how through physical healing, these people and their friends become prepared to accept spiritual aid. A few days later, Rev. Smith, representing the Mission to Lepers, gave us an overall glimpse of work among the afflicted. It was noted that in India, one of the sore spots of the world in regard to leprosy, only about 5% of its millions are being helped.

World conditions have also been an object of much prayer. At a time like this the question of our Christian principles comes up. Rev. D. Janzen at a meeting in the boys residence on Tuesday night, spoke to them on "Non-resistance". The question which was discussed was whether or not Mennonites should accept non-combatant service.

—Anne Neufeld.

Organ Purchase New Project of Alumni

Hepburn, Sask. — The Alumni Association of the Bethany Bible Institute accepted an ambitious project for 1956-57 at its annual Homecoming on November 12. The 30th Anniversary project is an organ.

Already \$800 has been raised in cash and pledges for the purchase of an organ for the school chapel, with the total project expected to need \$2,500. This follows last year's successful effort to raise \$400 for a central bell system, \$400 for library furniture and books, and \$200 for sidewalks on the campus.

Wes Willms of Dalmeny, president of the alumni, was chairman at the Alumni Association business and fellowship meeting, held the evening of the Homecoming. He was re-elected for the coming year, with Elmer Andres and Milfred Wall the other two members of the executive.

A continuous project of the alumni is the sending of subscriptions to the *Evangelical Christian* to all former students now out on the mission field. Taped messages from the homeland have also been sent out to them, which they return with their news, songs and comments recorded on them. These tapes have always proved an interesting feature of the Homecoming Day.

The evening's fellowship included special singing, testimonies, and a short message by the principal of Bethany, Rev. J. H. Epp.

Missionary Conference Sponsored by Bible School

Herbert, Sask. — A great blessing was received by the many who attended the Missionary Conference sponsored by the Herbert Bible School from November 8 to 10. Services were held both in the M.B. church and in the M.B. conference auditorium.

Rev. J. Kasper, missionary to Africa and former student and teacher at the school, addressed the services in his home church. Miss Nettie Berg, missionary to the Belgian Congo, used very good slides to show what God is accomplishing through His faithful servants in the Belgian Congo. H. Klassen of the Wycliffe Bible Translators also spoke.

The president of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association, Dr. Reisinger, addressed soul-searching messages to those attending the three-day conference.

At the final service, graduates completing the nine-month course last June received their diplomas. Rev. E. J. Lautermilch and Rev. R. H. Janzen led the service.

Those who attended the conference left with the conviction that in order to fulfill the Lord's last commission, the whole church membership must be wholly consecrated to Christ.

MAJOR EXPANSION PROGRAM APPROVED BY CVO

Altona, Man. — Shareholders of Co-op. Vegetable Oils Ltd. approved an expansion project that entailed the erection of a \$275,000 solvent extraction plant at Altona next summer. Meeting in the Altona Collegiate Auditorium on November 10, the shareholders also heard that the net earnings of the company for the year ending July, 1956, were almost \$65,000.

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By L. V. Davidson. 127 pp.

Ruth Steinberger was sent to Beulah House because her mother wanted to be rid of her. This made her a rebel. She remained a rebel in spite of becoming a Christian—until one Easter when she was able to forgive. Ultimately she goes to the mission field to join her fiancé.

Three in a Tent

By Dorothy Marsh. 127 pp.

When three girls erected a tent in a mission to hop-pickers, they knew little about it. The odds seemed heavy, but in adversity they discovered their friends and the work for the Master went on.

Fires in Montana

By Jane Rogers. 123 pp.

Mrs. Broughten and Susan came to Montana to enjoy themselves. But a storm, then a forest fire, and Lou's testimony changed their lives.

Australian Adventure

By Lydia S. Elliott. 120 pp.

Jenny's brother went to school when she wanted to go. But staying at home brought adventures in plenty on her parents' sheep-station. She learns that pain and unhappiness, when borne with trust and patience, can bring blessings in their train.

Marion's Venture

By Dorothy Marsh. 120 pp.

Marion's venture is a chicken farm, an inheritance from her Aunt Alice; and sharing her venture with her is her friend Elizabeth. Together they finally start on a new venture—an abundant Christian life.

Myrtle's Guest

By Jane Rogers. 128 pp.

Myrtle worked as a maid in a guest-home that served luxuries gained on the black market while her baby sister was ill through lack of food. She was resentful—until the Greens told her of Jesus Christ.

One Too Many

By Peggie C. Moody. 126 pp.

To be unwanted in a dorm—find someone your enemy because you are a Christian—have to do detective work for your enemy—all these things make Pen's life unusually interesting.

Pat's New Life

By Dorothy Marsh. 126 pp.

Pat has to learn that only in discipleship of the Lord Jesus is there peace and satisfaction.

Young Elizabeth Green

By Constance Savery. 128 pp.

A governess at 15 brought lots of trouble, until the wild Deverils began to share Elizabeth's Christian faith.

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Revival Meetings at Mission Station

By Hilda Janzen

Abbotsford, B.C. — A week of nightly prayer meetings preceded the revival meetings at the County Line Mission Station during the week of November 4 — 9. Rev. A. H. Wieler was the guest speaker, while the musical selections were rendered by various groups from the M.B. Bible Institute at Clearbrook, the M.E.I., and the Abbotsford M.B. Church. The meetings were well attended and a number of souls accepted Christ as their personal Saviour.

The mission work at County Line is in charge of Mr. and Mrs. John Esau. For several years Sunday services have been conducted in the little chapel. Between 80 and 90 children gather for the Sunday school service, which is followed by a worship service. The young people teaching in the Sunday school classes are members of the Matsqui, Aldergrove, and South Abbotsford churches. There are also some local Christians helping in the work.

Interweek activities include boys' and girls' clubs on Tuesday nights, prayer meetings in the homes on Wednesday nights, and visiting the old folks home in Fort Langley on Thursday nights. During parts of the year choir work is also carried on.

We thank God that souls have been won for His kingdom.

College to Present "Weihnachtshistorie"

Winnipeg, Man. — The Canadian Mennonite Bible College Choir is preparing a presentation of "Die Weihnachtshistorie" (Christmas History), a Christmas oratorio by Heinrich Schuetz, a seventeenth century composer. This musical work is based upon Luke 2:1-21, Matthew 2:1-23, and Luke 2:40, and is scored for instrumental ensemble, chorus and soloists. The evangelist,

sung by a tenor soloist, narrates the story.

The oratorio has a genuine Christmas spirit which the composer has intentionally sought to preserve and express. He achieved this by limiting it to a style of composition which seeks to add significance and meaning to the text. In doing so, Schuetz did not seek to display his musical genius, although it is unmistakably evident, but used all his creative ability and experience of a full life-time of composition to create a musical setting of the Biblical story of Christ's birth which matched it in spirit and simplicity. The music thus becomes the servant of the words. This is the key to the listener's appreciation of this work. His appreciation should not be dependent upon the sound of the music alone, but upon the particular significance it gives to the words.

This oratorio will form the first half of the College's annual Christmas concert which is to be given in the College Chapel on Saturday, December 8, and Sunday, December 9, at 7:30 p.m. The second half of the program will consist of familiar Christmas hymns and carols. An instrumental ensemble will accompany the choir.

Topics Announced for Study Conference

Winnipeg, Man. — The topics for the introductory study conference of the M.B. Church to be held in Winnipeg, Man., from December 12-16 have been announced. This introductory study conference is being convened by the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the General Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches in North America.

The list of papers to be presented is: "The Scriptural Concept of the Church and its Implications for the Organizational and Structural Functions" for the Mennonite Brethren Church", by both Rev. B. J. Braun and Rev. J. H. Quiring; "The Biblical Teaching on Sanc-

tification", by Rev. Waldo Wiebe; "The Baptism and Infilling of the Holy Spirit", by Dr. G. W. Peters; "The Gifts of the Holy Spirit to the Believers", by Rev. J. J. Toews; "The Scriptural Teaching on the Preservation of the Believer", by Rev. David Ewert; and "The Scriptural Principles of a Separated Life", by Dr. Lando Hiebert.

Three devotional messages will be delivered during the course of the conference. Dr. A. H. Unruh will speak on, "Grundzuege der Theologie der Mennoniten-Bruedergemeinde"; Rev. D. Pankratz will speak on, "Grundzuege im Charakter der Glaubensstellung unserer Vaeter"; while Dr. P. R. Lange will speak on a topic of his own choice.

Our beliefs determine the nature of Christian experience; our beliefs and experiences thereof determine the principles and guides used in life; our beliefs and experience determine our practice; and our practice in turn affects our beliefs and standards.

LEAVES TO STUDY AT ONTARIO HOSPITAL

Abbotsford, B.C. — Miss Anne Friesen, R.N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Friesen, left last week for Ontario Hospital, London, Ont., to take a three-month course in psychiatric nursing. She stopped off in Manitoba to see the M.B. Bible College and visit with relatives in Winnipeg and vicinity.

On the Horizon

November 24—The annual "Hochschulabend" of the M.B. Collegiate Institute in Winnipeg will be held in the lower auditorium of the Elmwood M.B. church. The program begins at 8 p.m. The general meeting of the school society will be held during the afternoon, beginning at 2 p.m.

November 25—The choir of the Elmwood M.B. Church, Winnipeg, will present the cantata, "Christ and His Soldiers", in Brandon, Sun-

day afternoon, Nov. 25.

November 30 to December 1 — The provincial Ministers' and Deacon's Conference of B.C. will meet in the Chilliwack M.B. church. Rev. A. H. Unruh will be the guest speaker.

December 1 — The Oratorio Choir of the M.B. Bible College will present the first part of the "Messiah" in the Elmwood M.B. church, beginning at 8 p.m.

December 2—Evangelistic services will begin in the Elmwood M.B. church. Rev. J. J. Toews, Kitchener, Ont., will be the evangelist.

December 8 and 9 — The "Weihnachtshistorie" by Heinrich Schuetz will be presented by the choir of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College in the college chapel at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

December 9 — The Deklamatorium, "Siehe, dein Koenig kommt", will be presented in the South End M.B. church, Winnipeg, on the evening of December 9 by the Mennonite Society for the Nurture of the German Language.

December 15 — The choir of the Elmwood M.B. Church will sing the cantata, "Christ and His Soldiers", in the Elmwood M.B. church, 155 Kelvin St.

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