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

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The Home Missions Committee of the M.B. churches in Ontario met at the home of the John Ungers in Hamilton, Ont., recently. In addition to other plans, the M.B. Conference intends to buy a lot in the Hamilton area as a site for a future church building. Those who participate in this work rejoice over the move, for, although they have no complaint over the large, modern school they are now using, they feel that a house of worship would further the work greatly. The John Ungers supervise the Sunday school work and services in the Lake Ave. school. Posing for the picture are Rev. Henry Penner, pastor of the St. Catharines M.B. Church and chairman of the committee; Rev. J. J. Toews, pastor of the Kitchener M.B. Church; John Andres, St. Catharines; Peter Rempel, Kitchener; and Ernie Dyck, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

(Photo by Martha Janzen.)

United Evangelistic Campaign Successful

Winkler, Man. — The united evangelistic campaign of the Mennonite Brethren, Rudnerweide, and Berghaler Mennonite churches proved very successful. Rev. Peter Wiebe, pastor of the Yellow Creek Mennonite Church at Goshen, Indiana, spoke at the series of meetings held from Nov. 16 to 23 in the high school auditorium here.

Held in English, the services attracted a capacity congregation almost every night, with many turned away on the last evening. The choirs from the three churches served by singing the gospel, while the ministers of the three participating churches chaired the meetings: Rev. J. M. Pauls, Rev. Isaac Friesen, and Rev. J. H. Quiring. There were many conversions, especially among the young people and children.

"We can live a victorious life for Christ, but the life of victory depends upon a right beginning. In Christ we are a new creation," stated Rev. Wiebe at one of his services. A forceful speaker, he punctuated his messages with pungent sayings and illuminating illustrations.

Today we have a hard-going church because we have easy-going members, he maintained as he challenged the Christians to be active for Christ. We must use all our talents for Christ. At another time he said, "As Christians, we should be the most attractive people."

Other quotations that hit home are:

"Are you looking for a perfect church? You would not feel at home in one if you found it. You would be the only imperfect person in it."

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Mission Festival at Newton Siding

By Abe Dyck Jr.

Newton Siding, Man. — The semi-annual Mission Festival of the Elm Creek and Newton Siding M.B. churches was held in the M.B. church here on November 18. The guest speakers were Rev. John Schmidt, director of the Gospel Light Hour and city missionary

in Winnipeg, and Brother Joe Wiebe, resident home missionary at Ashern, Man.

In his opening message Brother Wiebe related some of the highlights of his ministry at Ashern during the ten years of their missionary activity there. How wonderfully the Lord has supplied the needs of this mission, even during the moving of the church and mission house into Ashern this summer. He reported that other communities are also being served now, with Brother Wiebe bringing the gospel to these people who have been waiting for someone to come and tell them the good news of salvation.

Brother Schmidt based his first message on Romans 10:14-15, stressing the need for more workers and more helping hands, both as folded in prayer and as stretched out in giving. Both missionaries related incidents from their work, revealing how God has used His Word to lead men to Christ.

In the afternoon, Brother Schmidt used John 4 as the basis for his message. Through the leading of the Spirit, both men had picked the same chapter and stressed many of the same thoughts. The burden of each message was,

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"The Holy Must", in the life of the Christian. So many take a passive attitude toward mission work, being satisfied to be saved. They have no holy "must" compelling them to seek the lost.

Christians were strengthened and moved by God to give generously to mission work. So easily we fall asleep on the job of praying and giving for missions. May God bless the work of these two men. May we all be more anxious to bring men to Christ, each one being a missionary, a personal worker, wherever God may lead.

Approve Limited Participation

Civil Defence Issue at Peace Conference

By C. J. Rempel

A momentous decision was made at the 21st annual session of the Conference of Historic Peace Churches held in the Mennonite Brethren Church in Kitchener, Ontario, Saturday, October 17. A resolution was unanimously passed that the Conference accept a limited participation in the Civil Defence program by way of a church directed co-operating program and that the Conference of Historic Peace Churches send several mature members to the Civil Defence College at Arnprior, Ontario, for a training period. The full resolution as accepted unanimously by the 413 registered delegates and visitors from various parts of Ontario was as follows:

"Since it is becoming increasingly evident that Civil Defence in Can-

ada will be a permanent movement necessitating a clarification as to the participation of the members of the Conference of Historic Peace Churches, the Executive of this Conference recommends that we provide for a co-operating church-directed program in those specific areas of Civil Defence in which we can conscientiously serve in accordance with our understanding of discipleship as founded in Scripture, (but without direct affiliation to the full program and all its phases) and that we favour the sending to the Civil Defence College at Arnprior, Ontario, of several mature persons for a training period who could then be available to our constituency for further implementation of the program."

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EDITORIAL

DEVOTIONAL

"I Am The Bread of Life"

By Henry Konrad*

When Drawing Conclusions

Irreparable damage has often been done to the cause of Christ by Christians who act after making decisions based upon wrong conclusions. Non-Christians have been alienated by unloving criticism based upon unjustified conclusions. Weak Christians have been stunted in their growth by hasty conclusions based upon insufficient evidence. Christian workers have seen themselves shunted to the sidelines because of unproven charges, sometimes the result of malicious gossip.

Much harm is done when people judge others upon the basis of hearsay. All of us are guilty of this at one time or another and need to be on guard against this procedure. "Usually reliable sources" have a way of letting the story grow unwittingly. Exhaustive tests have proved that even eye-witnesses will not remember all the facts when they get excited. In the re-telling of the events, their experiences and reading previous and subsequent to the event always colour their story. How much more is this true with people who do not have a trained memory, with people who become excited easily, and with immature witnesses (such as children), who, often unconsciously, colour and exaggerate an account to increase the effect. We may hear it from our best friend, from our relatives, even from our children, but hearsay is always unreliable to a certain degree.

Wrong conclusions are often reached when people generalize after receiving but very scanty and partial evidence. This is true when young people make statements about their denomination based only upon the evidence in their congregation, or when they generalize about the missionary program of their church without first acquainting themselves thoroughly with what is being done. It is also done when we judge and condemn other people with but a few isolated instances as basis. We must take the total person into consideration, with his environmental difficulties, his special personality problems, his inner desires, and his underlying motivation—and not condemn too harshly after some isolated aberrations. People who are under tension or who have desires and drives they themselves cannot explain (especially during the adolescent years) are apt to do unpredictable things not in keeping with their basic desires to do right. The experiences of those who fled from Russia illustrate this abundantly.

The Old Testament law demanded that a judgment upon a person be based on two or three reliable witnesses. The same principle is repeated by the Apostle Paul when he outlines the action to be taken when a bishop is charged with sin. Today we often forget this basic principle of justice and, led astray by our prejudices, family jealousies, the evidence of unreliable witnesses, and the fabrications of people out of fellowship with God, we judge and condemn, criticize and censure. This is all the more reprehensible when such action is taken by people in responsible positions. When the Holy Spirit leads, he leads into a thorough and comprehensive examination of all the evidence, of the circumstances leading up to the event, and into the nature of the institution or person involved.

If the facts should be negative, when action is condemnatory, then love and forgiveness must still prevail, as evidenced in the life of Jesus and Stephen. Harsh and unconciliatory action, without a real effort to understand and help those concerned, can produce fruits that will be regretted even in eternity.

The true disciple is always looking for a way to help others. That is not done by judging and condemning. It is done by loving and forgiving.

God's Total Answer

Does the Bible have the answers to the great issues before the world today? Implying that it does, one nationally-known daily newspaper a few months ago considered various major problems along with Scripture portions reprinted without comment.

On the basis of experience, Christians by the thousands would testify

that the Bible has indeed had the answers for which they have searched, both with respect to the problems of their former lives and with reference to the problems they now meet as Christians. Notwithstanding this important fact, the Bible passages quoted in the newspaper feature already mentioned seem to lack real relevance.

Why should this be? One major reason is worth noting. The basic

A few months ago a professor at the University of Manitoba told his students: "The older I get, the more fully I become convinced that what people are really seeking in life are not the immediate pleasures of life, but rather GOD."

In essence the above statement is merely another way of saying, that all the temporal pleasures, all the worldly gain and all the social prestige cannot, and does not satisfy the innermost desires of the human heart. Where then can a person find satisfaction? Many today are seeking it but are not finding it. But why?

One day Jesus saw a great multitude of people coming to him. With a heart of compassion he observed the thousands who gathered. He saw their empty hearts and their hungering souls and then performed one of his greatest miracles, the feeding of the 5,000. With some difficulty he managed to separate himself from that multitude only to find himself surrounded by the same crowd the following day.

What motivated the people to look for Jesus? Were they now fully convinced that Christ alone could satisfy? Had they come to yield themselves to their new Lord? Or were there other reasons for their earnest desire to see Jesus? The people obviously were greatly impressed by the miracle. Unfortunately they were more impressed by the product of the miracle than by the one who performed it. In brief, they were, in their search for Jesus, looking for something rather than Someone. They

problems of our nation, like the problems of individual men and women, cannot be solved with piecemeal answers. The need of our nation is the kind of righteousness which flows from the fear of God and the desire to submit to His total will. The need of the individual is for faith in Jesus Christ as the One who cleanses from sin and who opens the way to a whole new pattern of life based on the provision of the cross and acknowledgment of His lordship.

God has the answers for individuals and for nations. They will always work — but they are total answers for the total life. The answer of the Bible is not an adjustment here and there, but a whole new life — a new allegiance, a new set of desires, a new purpose. Those who come to the Bible shopping for piecemeal answers, who approach the Word of God as a gourmet at a smorgasbord, are inevitably doomed to disappointment.

Editor William Culbertson,
in Moody Monthly.

wanted the benefits that Christ could give and made the plea, "Lord evermore give us this bread".

In answer to that plea Jesus made one of his profoundest claims, "I am the bread of life". The implications are clear. If men and women want satisfaction it is not enough to receive something from Christ; they must receive Christ himself. Here the Jews stumbled over that "stumbling block" because they were unwilling to pay the price of surrender. There can be no coming to Christ, no receiving of Christ, no partaking of Christ without a wholehearted giving of oneself to Him.

Through the ages human nature has not changed; throughout the ages the desires of the human heart have not changed. Basically, man is still empty and dissatisfied until he comes into fellowship with God through Jesus Christ. Christ is still the answer to the problems of man. He, also today, is the Bread of Life.

Jesus Christ can satisfy every basic need of man. Man desires forgiveness; in Christ we have the forgiveness of our sins. Man has a desire for companionship: Christ has promised to sup with those who open their hearts to Him. Man needs security in this life: Christ has promised never to leave nor forsake His own. Nowhere else—only in Christ—can man find full satisfaction. He is the Bread of Life.

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Brandon Hears Elmwood Choir Sing

By Otto Funk

Brandon, Man. — The 60-voice choir of the Elmwood Mennonite Brethren Church in Winnipeg, directed by Helmut Janzen, sang the oratorio, "Christ and His Soldiers", in the First Baptist church here on Sunday afternoon, November 25. More than 300 people had come to hear the fine rendition, sponsored by the Gospel Light Mission here.

Two sceni-cruiser buses transported the large choir of young people the nearly 150 miles for this presentation. For the morning service half of the choir travelled to the Justice M.B. church where the choir sang and Rev. I. W. Redekopp, delivered the message. The other half of the choir passed through Brandon to the Alexander M.B. church, where Leslie Stobbe spoke. After the service, the churches hosted the groups at a fine lunch before they proceeded to Brandon.

The singing of "Christ and His Soldiers" was a spiritual inspiration and challenge to the Christians in Brandon. Beginning with the birth of Christ, the oratorio portrays the death and resurrection of Jesus and ends with the reward of the Christians in eternity. A reverent and

prayerful mood prevailed throughout the congregation and many a Christian warrior who had become faint in the battle against sin was encouraged by the words and music. Soloists were Rita Stobbe, soprano; John Pauls, tenor; Adeline Willems, alto; and John Regehr, bass.

The choir was welcomed in Brandon by Lawrence Warkentin, the resident home missionary of the Gospel Light Mission. Rev. I. W. Redekopp, pastor of the Elmwood M.B. Church, delivered a short and pointed talk on Romans 1:16. He emphasized that we should not be ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, or the love of Christ, for it is the "power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth".

The group at the mission considered it a real privilege to have this choir in their midst. The young ladies had prepared a lunch for the choir after the afternoon's performance, which was served at the mission (the Forester's Hall). The hearty appetites, and the vote of thanks by Rev. Redekopp, were ample proof that the singers enjoyed it.

AMUS Opens Door to Women Members

By Jake Letkeman

Winnipeg, Man. — Ladies are now welcome in the formerly exclusively male Association of Mennonite University Students. A motion that proposed the elimination of the word "male" from the membership clause of the constitution was accepted by AMUS at its second general meeting of this winter. The group met in the Bethel Mennonite church at 9 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 18.

Features at this meeting were the public speaking contest and the debate on the role of women in Mennonite society. Three speakers participated in the second round of the public speaking contest.

The debate, with the topic, "Resolved, that Mennonite women should assume a more active role in society", aroused a lot of interest. The affirmative argued that by assuming a proper place in the home, the woman was fulfilling an important social function. Since, however, women have talents and abilities they should also be more aggressive outside of the home. Why, they asked, should we not have women Sunday school superintendents and successful women authors? Why should the woman's role be a passive one and not a more aggressive one?

The negative team replied that they would differentiate between December 1. The organization of

unmarried women and mothers. They felt that the mother did not have time for many activities outside of the home. She required much time to exert the utmost positive influence upon her family in the home. However, they could see how a more active social life before marriage could better prepare a future mother for her proper role.

In the general discussion which followed, attention was drawn to the fact that Mennonite women in the past had made no insignificant contribution to society, even though it had been primarily exerted through the home.

Alumni Sponsors Drama and Discussion Groups

Abbotsford, B.C. — The Mennonite Educational Institute Alumni is again sponsoring two specialized activity groups among its members.

The Drama Club organized several weeks ago at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stobbe, with John Redekopp elected president of the group and Vernon Stobbe elected chairman. This group annually produces a drama in the interests of the MEI Alumni fund.

The discussion group will have its first meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Redekopp on

the group will be undertaken in addition to the discussion of the topic, "Agonizing Adjustments After MEI."

"The purpose of this group is to provide a forum for the free exchange of ideas on topics of common concern," writes one of the members in the Alumni Recall. "It will be, it is hoped, one of the few assemblies where dissenters and their views will find hospitality and respect."

Present Cantata in Vineland

Former choir members joined with the M.B. church choir of Vineland, Ont., to render the "Zions Cantata" on Sunday evening, Nov. 25. Ernie Reimer conducted the choir and Martha Wall was at the piano.

Mr. Geo. Reimer, Ernie's father, and also a choir director for many years, made the opening. He read Ps. 65:1-5 and then showed us three different meanings of the word "Zion". The Jews, especially during the time of the captivity, longed for Zion. All believers of the present age constitute the church, or Zion. And the New Jerusalem of which we read in Revelation is also Zion.

Many guests from Virgil and St. Catharines were present to hear the wonderful presentation of the Cantata with us. The sixty choir members were attractively dressed; the girls wore white blouses and dark skirts, the men were minus their suit coats and all wore black bow ties.

The "Zions Cantata" is compris-

ed of 21 songs, interspersed by numerous solos, duets and trios. An offering was taken; with it a tape recorder is to be purchased. Unfortunately the tape recorder was not already there to record the many fine selections sung.

Rev. H. Wiebe spoke for a few minutes on Ps. 126 and prayed.

B. C. Disaster Service Organizing

Abbotsford, B.C. — W. A. Wiebe of Abbotsford and A. A. Wiens of Yarrow have been named the chairman of disaster services committees in their areas, with representatives from churches in the area as committee members. This action followed addresses by Harry Martens, assistant to the president at Bethel College in Abbotsford and Greendale. He has been active last summer in advising on the formation of disaster service units in various parts of the United States.

Churches at Abbotsford, Aldergrove, Arnold, North Clearbrook, Matsqui and Mission City will each elect one representative to serve on the committee led by W. A. Wiebe. Churches in the Yarrow-Greendale-Chilliwack area will co-operate in the committee led by A. A. Wiens in choosing a chairman for the MDS unit in their area.

The committee in the Abbotsford area met on November 26 for further planning and organization. Churches in Vancouver, New Westminster and Strawberry Hill may be part of the Abbotsford organization until they are ready to form their own.

Relief To Hungarian Refugees

Our hearts go out to those millions of Hungarians suffering from war within their country and to those thousands of Hungarians who have managed to flee across icy rivers and frozen terrain to freedom in Austria.

According to latest reports more than 80,000 Hungarians have fled into Austria. Eight Mennonite Central Committee workers who have been serving in Vienna, Austria, with our relief and Pax Services program, are now giving full attention to the needs of these refugees. MCC workers are co-operating with other relief agencies in supplying these unfortunate people with necessary food, clothing and other items.

Hungarian refugees have been invited to come to the United States and various countries of Europe. The Netherlands has received at least 1300 Hungarians. MCC offered to take care of some of these refugees at the peace conference center at Heerewegen.

Dutch authorities decided that the university students among the refugees should be housed at Heerewegen. There are now 64 Hungarian students living in the Heerewegen MCC center.

Because of this present special need and because of the serious shortage of funds in the relief program, MCC appeals for cash contributions designated for Hungarian relief. All contributions should be channeled through your conference relief and service office. MCC also requests contributions of new and good used clothing, yardage material, bedding, soap and other such items designated for Hungarian relief.

In this time of great need MCC intends to do everything possible to help these unfortunate Hungarians. We request your prayer support as we endeavor to meet this need "in the name of Christ."

Relief Section
Mennonite Central Committee

HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE

Dr. Schmidt Speaks in North Clearbrook

North Clearbrook, B.C. — Dr. John Schmidt, MCC doctor at the leper project in Paraguay, gave a very interesting report of his work in the MEI auditorium here on November 21. His report included the work among the Mennonite colonies and the mission work among the Indians. He also spoke about the leper work and the care for people afflicted with this disease. Dr. Schmidt showed a number of slides in conjunction with his report.

Extension to Home for Aged in Rosthern

Rosthern, Sask. — An extension increasing the bed capacity from 16 to 25 and costing about \$16,000 is to be added to the Home for the Aged here. The extension would also improve the kitchen and dining room facilities, which are now inadequate.

Move to Rosthern

Hague Ferry, Sask. — The Hague Ferry Sunday school has certainly felt the drop in attendance since the Peter M. Hamm family has moved to Rosthern, Sask. Seven of their children attended here quite regularly. They were attentive pupils and they have been missed since they are gone.

Banquet for Girls' Choir

Abbotsford, B.C. — The girls' choir of the Abbotsford Mennonite Brethren Church have had their first annual banquet in the church hall. A fine dinner was prepared for us by some of the mothers. The theme for the evening was "Music", and it was carried throughout the decorations as well as in the program later. The speaker for the evening was Miss Frieda Janzen, a missionary for Africa, who gave us a short talk on important women of the Bible.

High Schoolers at Bible Camp

Abbotsford, B.C. — A number of the Abbotsford Senior High School "Inter School Christian Fellowship" members enjoyed a wonderful week-end at the Firs Bible Camp in Bellingham, Wash., together with I.S.C.F. members from all the Fraser Valley and Vancouver. The theme for the week-end was "How to keep alive and REALLY live!", the speaker being the Rev. Birch from Vancouver, B.C.

Organize Young People

Abbotsford, B.C. — A young people's organization has now been

started in the Abbotsford Mennonite Brethren Church. Executive members consist of John Redekop as president, Pete Rempel, Dick Fast, Winnifred Pauls, Vi Doerksen, Ann Janzen, and Rudy A. Kroeker. The devotional will be based on the study of Mark.

Second Baptism at Calgary

Calgary, Alta. — The second baptism this year for the M.B. Church here was held on Sunday, November 11. The Bridgeland Baptist Church again let us use their church for this occasion.

Two ladies followed the Lord and received baptism. Rev. J. J. Siemens of Coaldale had been invited to serve at this occasion. The group is thankful to the Lord for the evidences of the working of His Spirit in their midst.

Winkler Bible School Group Visits Justice

Justice, Man. — A program of songs, testimonies and sermon was presented in the Justice M. B. church by students and teachers of the Winkler Bible School on the evening of November 18.

The choir, under the direction of Mr. J. Boldt, sang a number of inspirational songs, several students testified to the power of Christ in their lives, and Rev. D. K. Duerksen spoke to the congregation of the genuine joy found in Christ Jesus. His message was based on John 15:11.

Monday evening, November 19, Rev. Joe Wiebe, missionary at Ashern, Manitoba gave an illustrated report here on his work at Ashern.

Memorial Day Service

Leamington, Ont. — On November 25 many Christian churches held memorial services for those who passed away during the past year. At the Leamington M.B. Church four have gone to be with the Lord: Rev. J. Kroeker, who died almost a year ago, Mr. H. Wiebe, Richard Rosenfeld, who died a few days after birth, and Mrs. Froese, who reached the age of 89 before she went to be with her Saviour.

"Teach us to number our days," the Psalmist wrote, and we need to pray that today also.

Leona Wiebe Wins Governor- General's Medal

Coaldale, Alta. — Miss Leona Wiebe, a student at the Alberta Mennonite High School, has received the Governor-General's Medal for outstanding academic achievements in grade nine during the

1955-56 school year. She had the highest marks in the Lethbridge School Division.

The presentation of the medal was made by Mr. Miller, superintendent of schools for the Lethbridge High School Division, at a special program in honor of Miss Wiebe on Nov. 1. In recognition of her achievement, she was presented with a pen set from the Alberta Teacher's Association by Mr. Robbins.

They Hope For Oil

Altona, Man. — One man and his family are anxiously watching the operation of a 106-foot oil derrick on their farm near here, hoping that oil will be found. So do the other farmers living in the district.

When the members of the 16-man Hunter Drilling Co. crew arrived with the massive equipment, the John J. Klassens were as surprised an everyone else. According to the lease held by W. L. Griffith of Calgary, Alta., the Klassens are entitled to 12½ per cent of the oil should some be discovered.

Except for several brief delays, the crew has been working 24 hours a day. Upon reaching the 320-foot level the crew cemented in some casings, so that if oil were struck, it would not flood the land. The crew plans to drill to the 1,500 or 2,000 foot level.

Evangelistic Meetings at Kronsart

Kronsart, Man. — Rev. A. J. Froese of Boissevain completed a series of evangelistic meetings in the M.B. church here on Wednesday, Nov. 21.

Bro. Froese served us for four days, beginning Sunday night and continuing with evening services through to Wednesday night. The services were moderately well attended. During the day Brother Froese and Rev. A. A. Hyde, our local pastor, made house visitations.

The messages were very challenging and the believers were strengthened in the Faith. Rev. Froese was a blessing here.

Author to Lead Stewardship Workshop

Altona, Man. — The author of the book, "The Challenge of Christian Stewardship", which has been widely acclaimed as an outstanding contribution in that field, will speak at a workshop planned by the Manitoba Youth Organization for December 27-29 in Altona.

Rev. Milo Kauffman is a member of the faculty at Hesston College, Hesston, Kans., and has done extensive research on the subject of stewardship in preparation for the

Conrad Grebel lectures, which he delivered in the (Old) Mennonite Church several years ago. A previous visit to Manitoba by Rev. Kauffman took place when he addressed the Young People's Union retreat at Camp Arnes on Lake Winnipeg, August 8-15.

It is expected that Rev. Kauffman will address the workshop five or six times, the first session of which is scheduled for the evening of December 27 and the last one for the afternoon of December 29. Discussions will follow the messages.

The workshop will be conducted in the Altona Bergthaler Mennonite church. Advance registration is required and will be received by Gerhard Ens, secretary of the Manitoba Youth Organization, Grétna, Manitoba. Rev. Henry Funk, pastor of the St. Vital Mennonite Mission, is the new president of the Manitoba Youth Organization.

MORE ABOUT

United Evangelistic Campaign Successful

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"Every Christian has the Spirit of God. You cannot have more of the Spirit, but you can let the Spirit of God have more of you."

"We will have dry sermons in church just as long as we have dry listeners."

"Charles Darwin is said to have used expressions, I think, I suppose, we think, etc., 700 times in his book on the theory of the evolution of the species. In the Bible, Paul says, 'I know'. Job stated, 'I know that my Redeemer liveth.'"

"Archimedes lived about 200 B.C. When he discovered the lever system, he was so excited that he said, 'If I were given a lever long enough, I could move the whole world.' Well, Archimedes could not move the world, but Jesus has revolutionized the world."

"Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, but there were so many people in the way that he had to climb a tree in order to get a glimpse of the passing Saviour. Sometimes Christians who are close to the Lord keep others away from Him because they criticize and do not act as Christians. Zacchaeus received Jesus in haste and with joy. However, the Pharisees murmured—he had opposition. They watched Zacchaeus at a distance. Today we have too much of spectatoritis, that is, we are watching and letting others do it in the kingdom of God."

"William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, heard an infidel at a street corner in Detroit say, 'If I believed what these Christians believe, I would go up and down the streets and tell the people about it.'"

THEIR DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN

On one of Hamilton's main streets near the waterfront, is a building bearing the sign: Hamilton Harbour Rescue Mission Inc. Its doors are always open to the needy, to the down-and-out.

When we entered the hall one evening last week, a kindly-looking grey-haired man greeted us and gave us a hymnary. This was a new experience for me and I paused a moment to look around the well-lit hall. At one side, near the front, I saw a number of my friends, young people from the Vineland M.B. church. Some of them are student nurses and some attend Teacher's College in the city. Several young men had come from Vineland and together they were going to supply the music for that evening's service. But on the other side of the room a much different picture greeted my eye.

Variety of Men Enter Door

Invariably one asks oneself the question: how do these men get so low? Do they not have homes, or jobs? What do they make their aim in life? Some appeared to be quite young. The deeply-lined faces, crouching posture and white hair of the others gave evidence of many hours of toil. Many years of sin also? Again, some were respectably dressed and seemed quite interested in the evening's proceedings.

From time to time the door would open to admit yet another man, and quietly and efficiently, the elderly usher would hand him a book and point him to a chair.

Mr. Mayland Martin, assistant superintendent of the mission, welcomed the group, made some opening remarks and prayed. We had a time of singing and a time for testimonies. Several men who had found Christ at the mission urged the others to do so also. One man told us that Christ had freed him from the power of drink.

The theme for the evening was: The Love of God. This was brought out in the Scripture reading from 1 John 4:8-15, in the solo by Ernie Reimer, and also in Mr. John Unger's message from Rom. 5:6-12. John Unger, the M.B. home missionary in Hamilton, spoke clearly on God's plan of salvation. At the close of his message he gave the altar call, but no one responded at the time.

Night Lodging Available

After the service the men are welcome to remain for a bowl of hot soup, coffee and rolls. A shower and a bed is also available for those who have nowhere else to go. Usually quite a number of men stay.



The Hamilton Harbour Rescue Mission Inc. reaches out to those who are in need physically and spiritually. At the left a group from the Vineland M.B. Church is singing, with Martha Wall at the piano. In the picture to the right the men are enjoying a bowl of soup, coffee and rolls. Serving are Mary Wiebe and Martha Wall. Below some men are registering for a night's lodging. If they stay for the night they also receive breakfast—and attend a morning service. (Photos by Martha Janzen.)

They enter their names into a book at which time they are given a towel and other essentials, and a card with a number. A shelf (for their belongings) and a bed, both bearing that same number, belong to them for the night. There is no charge for this. The next morning they are served breakfast, and they naturally also attend morning service.

Interdenominational, but Mennonite Superintendent

The mission was officially opened last March, 1956. Mr. Enos Beringer, a Mennonite, is the superintendent of the work and also the one responsible for its existence here in Hamilton. The work is interdenominational. In the board of directors, which is comprised of five men, four denominations are represented. Church services are conducted twice daily — in the morning and also at night — and evangelical organizations are always



welcome to serve. Especially welcome are also material contributions.

The Harbour Rescue Mission reminds us of the song: "Throw out the life line — someone is sinking today". Their door is always open: to rescue and to save.

appointment. To our great pleasure the sun was out and we reveled in the beauty of sunny skies, blue waters, the green of trees, and the profusion of flowers that grew in every yard we passed. Now we knew why the settlers liked Black Creek.

Two Days at Bible School

Besides the three day mission conference in the West Abbotsford church and the one night opportunities in other places, we had a full two days with the students of Bethel Bible School at West Abbotsford.

All through our trip we have been aware of the fine work done by the so-called lay preachers and their wives. Again and again we learned of sons and daughters of these preacher's homes who are out in foreign lands or in difficult posts. We learned with interest of work being done in the northern part of the province where "Old Colony" Mennonites returning from Mexico are settling down. Slowly doors are opening there.

Our last meetings were in the Okanagan Valley with two of the smaller churches at Oliver and Kelowna. The warmth of the welcome we received, the keen interest shown in our messages made us feel doubly repaid for including these two places in our itinerary.

Mennonite Weekly Review.

Many Changes in Fraser Valley

By Mrs. Christena H. Duerksen, Missionary to India

"Twenty years ago, somewhere in this vicinity, we had a service in a barn. I remember that a nervous hen flopped her way out over the heads of the people," I said.

"Yes," laughed the minister. Pointing to a building across the highway and only a short distance from the church, he said, "There's your barn. Almost everyone in our new settlement was there. You were some of the first missionaries to visit us."

It has been the privilege of Rev. Duerksen and myself to tour the churches of our Mennonite people in British Columbia in the interest of missions. Where 20 years ago there was only one church building in the Fraser River valley—the one at Sardis now called Greendale—today there are 11 church buildings. Another group is meeting in the basement over which the church is to be built as

soon as sufficient funds have been gathered. One organized group meets in a church at Black Creek on Vancouver Island and two churches are found in the Okanagan Valley.

Why Settlers Chose Black Creek

The church most difficult to reach was perhaps the Black Creek church on the island. Large ferry boats make the two and a half hour trip to the island several times a day. From Nanaimo we traveled along the coast for several hours in order to reach the Mennonite settlement. To the left of the road were summer cottages and camp sites. To the right we saw miles and miles of pine forests. Rain came down steadily but that evening the little church was comfortably filled and interest was keen.

Early the next day we hurried back to get the ferry at 11:00 o'clock in order to reach our next



THE Young Observers



Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

As Christmas comes closer we hear more and more about gifts. We are all busy thinking about the different gifts we want and about those we are going to give away. Often because we are so busy we forget about the wonderful gifts God has given us. Most of us think that only things like food, toys, and articles of clothing are gifts. Whenever you receive one of these gifts you are told to say thank you. Have you ever thought of being able to walk, talk, sing, see, and hear, as gifts of God? We take these things for granted, do we not? We live from one day to the next without thanking God for our eyes and ears. We never bother to thank God for our good legs and arms.

Visiting in the hospital or seeing people who are crippled or blind often reminds us to be thankful. Sometimes even seeing these things doesn't help us to be thankful, so God has to help us. He sometimes lets us get ill and thus remind us that we need to be thankful.

If we would forget to say thank you to those who give us gifts, they would soon stop giving us them.

Should we then forget to thank Him who has given us everything? The Apostle Paul reminds us to give "thanks always for all things unto God."

Aunt Selma.

The Roller Skating Accident

At last Helen got what she wanted! There on the birthday table were a pair of bright, shiny roller skates. Her eyes shone as she picked them up and examined them. Now she had her very own skates. She wouldn't have to borrow them from her friends anymore.

From that day on Helen and the roller skates were inseparable. She just couldn't bear to leave them on the shelf. Back and forth she skated on the sidewalk in front of their house. She turned this way and that way, weaving in and out among the pedestrians walking along the sidewalk. Faster and faster she went, until one day she achieved what she wanted. She was the best roller skater on the street, and the envy of all the other children as she rolled gracefully down the street, weaving and turning.

Helen learned to skate very well, but what happened to her school-work? That's what the teacher asked herself—and that's what the parents asked Helen. She just didn't seem to make the marks she used to. Finally the day came when she came home with a report card showing F in arithmetic. Mother looked unhappy when she saw that, and father became very angry.

"No more skating for my little girl until she does better school-work, understand?" he told a crestfallen Helen. Some tears squeezed

their way out of Helen's eyes and trickled down her cheek. No more roller skating! She just couldn't bear to think of it.

Supper was eaten in almost complete silence. Helen didn't particularly like the soup, even though it was her favourite one. After supper she helped mother with the dishes. Finally she could go to her room. Throwing herself down upon the bed she let the tears come. She heard the door close and her father's heavy steps going down the sidewalk to the street. He must be going out on business, she thought. She only hoped her father would not hear that she had skipped Sunday school last Sunday so she could skate at home. And she sincerely hoped he wouldn't hear that she had missed the Good News Club classes during the last several weeks.

Just then her mother called, "Helen, I've got to go to the butcher and to the baker. You'll be home, so will you open the door for me when I get back?"

"I'm not staying here alone," Helen sulked defiantly to herself as her mother left. She looked out of the window and saw mother turning around the corner. With the coast clear, she jumped off the bed, took the key from its hook, and grabbed her skates. She ran down the stairs into the yard. "They'll not mind if I play in the yard," she thought to herself.

It was actually a little boring to go skating back and forth alone in the yard. There were no children here to admire her. Then she thought of something. There at the

end of the yard was a low pipe. If she would swing on it several times and then let go, she would have lots of speed to shoot across the yard. That should be fun. Excited about the prospect, Helen grabbed the pipe, swung back and forth several times, and shot across the yard. She had never gone so fast before. She hurried back. Back and forth, back and forth, she swung, and then...

When Helen regained consciousness she was lying in bed, the doctor bending over her. The neighbour lady had heard a scream and a thud. When she saw Helen she called the doctor.

"We are going to have to put a plaster cast on that broken leg of yours," he said kindly. Helen's head ached so much she didn't care what he did.

The next days were awful ones for Helen. The worst of it was not that she couldn't go skating for a while now. Neither were the pains in her leg and her head so bad. The weight upon her conscience was the terrible thing. When she saw mother's strained look and father's sorrowful eyes, she could have cried. The burden of sin upon her heart became heavier and heavier.

Often Helen had heard the voice of conscience within her saying, "You shouldn't be thinking only about your roller skates and the praise of your playmates." She had never listened to this. Now her sin loomed up like a huge mountain that threatened to crush her. And when her mother stroked her brow, or father brought some oranges and cake late in the evening, she felt so

bad she didn't know what to do.

For eight days this went on, until the next Sunday. When her parents went for the church service, her mother left her a Bible on the table beside the bed. Helen could also see her roller skates in the cupboard, one strap broken and a wheel gone.

She paged around in the Bible, reading a bit here and there. But these little bits were enough to convince her that God did not overlook sin. He saw everything—even the things she had done secretly. Suddenly her sins started coming back to her: her skipping out on Sunday school; the lie about the forgotten homework; the ten pennies kept back when she returned from shopping; the time she slapped little Susan in anger... The memory of her sins almost overwhelmed her.

It was a good thing that mother came home early. Helen was so overwhelmed with her sin that she told her mother all about it. Then her mother, who had listened quietly to the long list of misdeeds, opened the Bible and read the story of the sheep that went astray. Finally the shepherd had found it and brought it home, bruised and bleeding.

It wasn't easy for Helen to confess her sins to the Lord Jesus and ask Him for forgiveness. But it was worth it all, for she had such joy afterwards that she could have jumped—only the cast on her leg wouldn't let her.

The broken leg healed again and was almost forgotten in time. But the lesson Helen learned at that time was never forgotten.



Child of Despair

Passan, Abdul or Metre — He is the victim of a small land divided, and his home in Israel was confiscated. This child has lived eight of his ten years in a refugee camp in the desert of Jordan. He has received his food ration from the United Nations Relief, his clothes from Mennonite Central Committee. He has breathed an atmosphere of hatred and bitterness. — The despair is in his eyes as he waits-waits because there is nothing he can do about his present or his future here in this stretch of desert where a star once illuminated the miracle of love incarnate. Touch this child by sharing through the Mennonite Central Committee.

The School of God *By Peggy Arbogast*

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(18th Installment)

Keith's peace of mind was quickly restored as he endeavored to comfort Janet. Little did either of them realize the real cause of Ruth's actions, nor the fact that they were more deeply rooted than Keith and Janet suspected.

Although Ruth had remained for quite awhile ignorant of the gossip which was going on concerning her family, the little bit she had overheard that night had been sufficient for her keen mind to form a fairly accurate picture of the situation as a whole.

Ruth alone knew how much both Janet and Keith meant to her. She alone knew just how much she longed for the comfort of their love and friendship at this time. Her love, however, made her unselfish. Having witnessed the results of gossip during boarding school days, Ruth realized that should their friendship be noticed that both Keith and Janet would be included in the slander which was so maliciously being passed about. She knew that both of them would remain obstinate if the real reason were disclosed, so she attempted to hide it beneath an assumed attitude of crossness. Little did she know what this was to cost her.

As she left the church, Ruth struggled to control the tears which insisted upon coming. She did not want anyone to know her real feelings. She hastened across the road and into the house. The living room was dark. Ruth hurried into it, and after placing her Bible upon a small table, sat down by the window, determined to gain control of her emotions before meeting the rest of her family.

Suddenly as she gazed without interest out of the window, she saw Janet and Keith come out of the church and walk off in the direction of Janet's home. Ruth heaved an audible sigh. "I guess I was silly to think he cared," she thought. "He never said anything. But somehow I thought he did. I've been a goose. I thought I was independent, but here I've gone and fallen in love with the minister. The people would really have something to talk about if they knew that, but they won't have it—ever. Janet will make an ideal minister's wife." Her thoughts raced on and on until suddenly Betty called down the stair.

"Ruth, aren't you ever coming up? Connie's been asleep for ages."
"All right, Betty, I'll be right up," was the listless response. Shortly Ruth arose and quietly

mounted the stairs. In a very few minutes she climbed wearily into the cot which had been placed in Connie's room so she could be within her sister's call.

Downstairs, Ruth's Bible still lay upon the table where she had placed it upon arriving home from prayer meeting. For the first evening since she had entered the School of God, Ruth had neglected to read her Text Book before retiring.

CHAPTER 14

On Thursday morning Ruth overslept. She had forgotten to wind her alarm clock Wednesday night. Sitting up in bed with a start, she was surprised to find that it was a whole hour later than the time when she usually arose. Hastily she awoke Bob, Betty and her father, and after scrambling into her clothes, dashed downstairs to prepare their breakfast.

Everyone had to hurry so while eating that there was little time for conversation at the table. Ruth did not eat with the rest, but waited upon them in order to help them finish on time.

After the twins left for school and Mr. Arnold for work, Ruth prepared Connie's breakfast. The child had still been sleeping when she had come downstairs.

"I don't want any breakfast this morning," said Connie when Ruth entered with the tray. "I'm so tired."

"But Connie, dear, you'll never get well and strong if you don't eat," protested Ruth. Her voice lacked the patience and gentleness which were usually present. Connie, who had taken a sudden turn for the worse during the night, was so weak and tired that she did not notice the difference. She did not even smile, when a few minutes later, Dr. Blake arrived.

That morning was the beginning of a period of the most difficult days the Arnolds had ever faced. Betty in the face of the cruel tide of gossip grew more hardened and resentful than ever. She only continued at school until graduation because of a certain sternness which Bob was able to muster every time she suggested quitting. Bob himself, felt the shunning which they received, no less than his twin sister. But while Betty thought only of herself and her own misfortunes, Bob, with a wisdom and foresight above his years, realized that it might be a matter of necessity in a very short while that he possess a high school diploma. So with his eyes on the future, Bob gritted his

teeth and studied hard during those last few weeks of school.

Ruth had no time for thoughts of the future. Her days were filled with endless tasks, the drudgery of household duties, and the agonizing hours of fighting and watching by the bedside of little Connie. From early morning until late at night she was cooking, washing, ironing, mending and cleaning, doing her work bit by bit as she could for brief periods leave Connie. Her calmness and serenity were gone. She rarely smiled. She grew nervous and jumpy. When night came, she was so exhausted she scarcely knew what she was reading when she opened the Bible. When she knelt to pray, she could only mumble a few words before sleep would overtake her. In the morning when she awoke, her thoughts went immediately to the large number of tasks which awaited her, and she arose to rush at them with a nervous energy which would not permit her to first have her time of quiet, intimate fellowship with her Lord.

Connie lay tossing and restless with fever — many times not even recognizing the members of her family.

Mr. Arnold missed the pleasant evenings Ruth had always planned when she first came home. More and more he came home late, and his footsteps were wavering and tottering. Betty and Bob ignored him or showed their disapproval. Ruth in her anxiety for Connie forgot him.

At last came the day of the twin's graduation. On the same evening, many miles away, Barbara, Joyce and Nancy were being graduated from the Bible Institute. Ruth was so absorbed in her work that she did not even realize that this was the day toward which she had just a few months before been looking with joyous expectation.

Betty and Bob left the house with sober faces. It was not a pleasant experience to be graduated from high school without anyone from home there. Aunt Sally had offered to stay with Connie so Ruth could go, but Ruth had refused to leave Connie. Dr. Blake had supported Ruth in her stand. "I think Miss Arnold had better remain here tonight," he had said to Aunt Sally when Ruth was not in the room. His face was grim and serious.

Aunt Sally a few minutes later reported the situation to Keith. That night Keith sat at the Graduation with a smiling face, which successfully hid from the world the heart which was aching for the girl whom he had come to love.

Ruth's face as she tended Connie was white and set. The doctor had said he would be back after his calls were over. If there were any noticeable change before that time, Ruth was instructed to call him immediately.

The silence in the house was nerve-racking. Mr. Arnold had not yet come home, the twins had left, and Connie was sleeping. It would have been an ideal time for talking with her Lord, but Ruth instead spent the time in brooding. She sat by the open window in Connie's room trying to get relief from the oppressive heat of the June day. Outside the world seemed as still and eerie as inside the house.

Ruth sighed and placed her head in her hands. She did not cry. Far better it would have been if she had. But the sweet relief which tears bring to pent up emotions was not to be her portion that evening.

Outside, thick dark thunder clouds were gathering. Soon a terrific downpour would bring relief after the stifling heat which had enveloped the town for several days. There were many dark clouds on the horizon of Ruth's life, but they simply mocked as her poor pent up soul pled for relief. The storm in her heart did not break. The ache continued without abatement.

A strong wind arose, causing a great clatter as it banged shutters, windows and doors. Ruth hurriedly lowered the window, lest the strong air should reach the sick child. The first large drops of the storm were beginning to fall before Dr. Blake arrived. Ruth opened the door for him to enter. As she did, the wind caught it from her hands and it banged shut with a terrific clatter. The girl jumped.

Dr. Black looked at Ruth with some concern. "Developing nerves, Miss Arnold?" he asked gently as he followed her up the stairs.

Ruth nodded. "Yes. Anyway, the slightest thing makes me want to scream and throw things."

Dr. Blake opened his mouth to give the girl a comforting reply but they had reached the sick room by this time and Connie had been awakened by the noise of the banging door. The doctor's eye was quick to note that a stiff battle was in store for them. As he began to work, he sent a quick prayer to His Heavenly Father, asking that he might be kept cool and steady, that Ruth's troubled soul might be calmed and that if it were His Will, the child's life might be spared.

The moments passed like hours as side by side the two young people worked. As often happens in times of emergency, Ruth's overwrought nerves seemed calmed for the occasion. With coolness and accuracy she carried out the doctor's instructions.

Neither of them noticed when Mr. Arnold with faltering steps, climbed the stairs. So intent were they upon their task that they did not see his face as he peered into Connie's room. They did not hear him mutter as he stumbled away again, "No, they don't want me. No time for their father. Well, I won't bother them anymore."

(To be continued)

Two Canadians Help in Nepal

Via Brick and Mortar

By Eugene Gauger MCC Information Service

The Kingdom of Nepal, the land of Buddha's birth and a strong Hindu country, has opened its doors to Christianity.

The Christian Church is represented with an organized mission for the first time in the long and war-filled history of the proud but underdeveloped little nation of 8,596,000 persons. Nepal is about the size of Florida or Wisconsin, with four times as many people.

Nepal is sandwiched (geographically and culturally) between the teeming country of India and the towering terrain of Tibet. The mighty Himalaya mountains form a wall-like northern border of Nepal where high and majestic Mount Everest rules in regal splendor.

Three Mennonite Central Committee men—two Paxmen and a relief worker—have become members of a staff of Christians who are laying foundations for a Christian communion in this Hindu-Buddhist-Moslem country.

The three men are Rudolph Friesen (Marquette, Man.) who has been a relief worker in India the past year and a half, Otto Horst of Clear Springs, Md., and Earl Schmidt of Rosthern, Sask., both of whom were in Pax Germany the past year.

They are helping construct hospitals as part of a medical and educational project by the United Christian Mission composed of more than 50 workers from nine denominations representing eight nationalities, half of them being Nepali and Indian.

How Birds Helped

Before 1950 very few foreigners were allowed into Nepal and those who did enter had very few privileges. A new king, Maharajah Tribhubana Bir, came to power in 1950 and revised the government. The new policy included a friendly attitude toward the entrance of foreigners into the country.

About that time Dr. R. L. Fleming, a biologist teaching in Woodstock School in northern India, and his wife made an excursion into Nepal seeking a particular species of bird for a Chicago museum.

The great need for medical aid so impressed them (Mrs. Fleming is a medical doctor) that they took some time to give medical help.

This need prompted the Flemings to organize a medical mission in 1954 which evolved into the present United Christian Mission. Some Indian Christian seminarians had also done some evangelistic work in Nepal before the Mission was formed.

Medicine, Education

The MCC men will help with the construction of two hospitals at Tansen and Bhadgaon. An old palace has been made into a 50-bed hospital at the capital city of Katmandu, which has a population of 175,000. A number of dispensaries are nearby.

An educational program for village children is also in the making. About 98 per cent of the people of Nepal do not read or write.

The bulk of evangelism is expected to be done by Indian and Nepali Christians. The country's new king, Mahendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev, recently paid a visit to the Katmandu hospital and the Royal Princesses organized a group of women to furnish regular help in the hospital.

Financial support, personnel and equipment for the mission come from Christians in North America, Europe and India.

Religious Roots

The chronicle of Nepal's history is centered in a small fertile valley

known as Nepal where the capital city is now located. Records show that there have been centuries of intermittent warfare between the Hindu princes in that area, Tibet and Mongolia.

The rise of Buddhism and Islam also contributed to ill-will, because religion is seemingly at the roots of Nepal life.

While the country seems to be somewhat underdeveloped today, it is possible that a rather advanced economy prevailed at one time. Several centuries before the birth of Christ a Chinese traveler, Hiuen Tsang, reported: "The people are savages; fond of bathing, drama astrology and bloody sacrifices; using irrigation; and are prosperous with well-organized commerce."

For centuries the country was divided into numerous hill clans and small principalities inhabited by the Mongol-Hindu strain of people, although most Nepali today apparently favor Indians in appearance more than Mongolians.

Ancient Hinduism is the main religion of Nepal today, although the country is still accented with some 2700 Buddhist shrines lavishly decorated with Nepali art, the remaining monuments of early missionary work of Buddha.

MORE ABOUT Civil Defence

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The resolution was drafted after a special committee had studied the program, counselled with local Civil Defence authorities as well as representatives from Ottawa and Toronto and taken a trip to the Civil Defence College. Mr. Elven Shantz reported on this trip to the College and gave his impressions, following which the motion was adopted.

The regional Civil Defence co-ordinator, Mr. J. J. Murray of Kitchener, Ontario, was in the audience during the discussion and expressed his great delight and congratulations to the Mennonite people for the stand they had taken. He assured the group of full co-operation and that nothing would be expected of them which they could not conscientiously approve.

One of the largest Conferences Since War

This year's annual Conference was one of the largest since the close of the war. The registration was the heaviest in years and the church was over-crowded for the afternoon and evening sessions.

The main speaker of the day was Bishop A. J. Metzler, manager of the Mennonite Publishing House, Scottsdale, Pennsylvania, who spoke on the topics, "Peace and Its Conflicts", "Peace — Three Dimensional" and "Peace In a Christian

Setting". Supporting speakers were Bishop Edward Gilmore, Lowbans, Ontario, who had charge of the devotional periods for all three sessions; Alden Bohn, director of the Ailsa Craig Boy's Farm who spoke on "Restoring Confidence in Youth"; Rev. H. H. Janzen, Winnipeg, Manitoba who spoke on "The Call of the Gospel in Europe"; Rev. J. J. Toews of Kitchener who spoke on "God and His Enemies" and Burton Hill of Galt, Ontario, who spoke on the topic, "Peace Testimony of the Quakers."

The music was provided by the Mennonite schools and colleges of Ontario with five schools sending groups of singers who contributed a warm touch to the Conference. The congregational singing was under the direction of Paul Martin, Hawksville, Ontario; David Wiens, and John Wall of Kitchener, Ont.

The moderator of the Conference, Bishop E. J. Swalm of Duntroon, Ont., welcomed the large delegation and pointed out that this was probably the largest participation in many years. He expressed a hope that the peace testimony would remain as part of our Christ-centred teaching. His remarks were followed by a few comments on the part of the vice-chairman, Rev. John Wichert of Vineland, Ontario.

Report Grant of \$14,000 to Ailsa Craig

The secretary led the Conference in the business sessions, the highlight of which was the announce-

ment that the provincial government had made a grant to the Ailsa Craig Boy's Farm of approximately \$14,000. Since the Conference of Historic Peace Churches has underwritten this project as one of its programs, it was encouraging to know that the farm is now debt free. It was also announced to the Conference that their delegate to the Mennonite World Conference, which is to be held in Karlsruhe, Germany in August, 1957 will be their secretary, C. J. Rempel.

The Conference again approved a "pulpit exchange" which proved successful several years ago. The churches are encouraged to cooperate by bringing in a guest speaker who will present a message on the topic of "Peace". Many congregations are expected to participate. The assigning of speakers is done by the executive of the Conference.

Meals were served by the ladies auxiliary of the host church with the guests being served in the newly-completed Sunday School building. Approximately 300 were served during the noon meal.

The entire executive was re-elected, with Bishop E. J. Swalm (Tunkers), Duntroon, Ont., chairman; John Wichert (General Conference), Vineland, vice-chairman; C. J. Rempel (Mennonite Brethren), Kitchener, secretary; Fred Haslam (Quaker), Toronto, assistant secretary; Oscar Snyder (Old Mennonite), Elmira, treasurer.

CIVIL DEFENCE OFFICIALS HAPPY ABOUT DECISION

Kitchener, Ont. — The action of the Ontario Conference of Historic Peace Churches in endorsing limited participation in civil defence has been hailed as "undoubtedly one of the biggest steps forward by civil defence in the last few years." This was the comment of Maj. W. F. A. Preston, chief CD instructor for Ontario in a telephone conversation with the Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

"On behalf of the co-ordinator, Edgar F. Bevis, I congratulate the Mennonites on their decision. I can assure them of the fullest co-operation of the organized municipalities and regions throughout the province," he stated.

Civil defence authorities have assured the Mennonites that they will operate individually. They will only maintain liaison with the CD headquarters. A key factor in the acceptance of participation in the civil defence program was this privilege of individual participation, and the fact that civil defence is organized under the Department of National Health and Welfare.

Development of the civil defence program has been handed to a committee headed by Bishop Jesse B. Martin, Waterloo. Secretary is Elven B. Shantz, Kitchener.

THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

New Spanish Magazine To Be Called 'VERBO'

Verbo will be the name of the new Spanish language evangelical monthly to appear soon on Latin American newsstands. This announcement was made by coordinator Paul Sheetz, of the Evangelical Alliance Mission. Headquarters are being established in Buenos Aires. This name, which means "word", was selected to avoid legal entanglements with magazines having names similar to Vida, the title previously adopted. No definite publication date has been announced for the first issue, Sheetz reported, but it is expected to be early next year.

Verbo is to be a popular style magazine, aimed at the man on the street. While it will have a strictly evangelical orientation, it will not be a religious magazine in the usual sense, but rather will present a rounded out presentation of world happenings and life in general in a format and writing style designed to appeal to readers of all classes. The gospel message will be definite and attractive, explained Editor Alejandro Clifford, of Argentina, who is pushing ahead with the preparation of material for coming issues.

Jose Bongarra, Verbo's Argentine business manager, now on a tour of Latin countries for the purpose of organizing the regional work of writing, advertising and distribution, reports enthusiasm everywhere among Christian leaders and a definite promise of collaboration on the part of commercial advertising and distribution agencies. He indicates that plans call for a forty-eight-page publication, amply illustrated and with much color, to sell for 15 American cents. "We could easily sell out 200,000 the first issue," he estimates, "but we would need at least \$100,000 capital to start on this scale." (ERA)

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Shortage of Ministers

The protestant churches of the United States are facing a critical shortage of 25,000 ministers. More than 15,000 pulpits are vacant and 10,000 other crucial posts are unfilled, according to a report given at the Biennial Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America.

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Hopis Object to Draft

The Hopi Indians of northern Arizona, according to the Reporter, object to the draft law which requires their young men to go to war. The Hopi chief said, "Hopis never participate in or aid any war effort. It is up to the Hopi and other religions to not war. I am very happy that a few even with very small number have refused

to go to war. Though they have been placed in Washington prisons they are faithful ones, they are the ones who are holding this life's plan, they are the ones who are in right with Maasau. All these war efforts are contrary to the teachings of our great spirit. So it is better to be right with him than to follow the majority who are only running after something they have created by and for themselves, something that will destroy them in the end."

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CANADASCOPE

Oil Shortage Could Affect Imports

Britain's oil crisis may affect the future flow of imports to Canada from the United Kingdom. This was reportedly told a Canadian Chamber of Commerce delegation by Prime Minister St. Laurent. He reportedly said that Canada had hoped for an increase in imports from Britain, but that the oil shortage would probably slow down the improvement in the condition.

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Diphtheria Scares Winnipeg Residents

The 39th diphtheria case has been discovered in Winnipeg and several more carriers have been found. Carriers have contracted the disease, but show no ill effects. All over the city school children are being immunized, while clinics in the city were swamped by hundreds of people seeking immunization for their children.

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Government Aid for Hungarians

It was learned in Ottawa on Monday that Canada would provide up to \$1,000,000 for relief work. Originally, it had been announced that \$100,000 for direct relief and \$100,000 for the Canadian Red Cross would be provided for Hungarian relief.

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Blasting Highway Through Rockies

About 2,000 men are working around the clock in the Banff and Yoho national parks in order to meet the 1960 deadline for the completion of the trans-Canada highway. Blast by blast, rock is blown loose and dumped into gorges, valleys and lakes to make a roadbed. The cost is borne entirely by the federal government in the national parks areas—and it is high. In Banff and Yoho, it will average about \$300,000 a mile, including bridges and final paving.

By 1960, when the trans-Canada highway section from Banff to Revelstoke, through the Kicking Horse and Rogers passes is completed, the narrow, winding grav-

elled road will be replaced by a highway wide enough for two lanes in each direction that will provide a scenic, safe and fast motor route through the Rockies.

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THE WORLD TODAY

NATO Proved Not the Total Answer

The parliamentary delegations of the 15 North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries, whose annual conference in Paris this week was planned long before the recent crisis in the Middle East, has been entirely dominated by a new awareness of the vulnerability of the Western Alliance. Having come within the last seven years to take NATO for granted as the cornerstone of their foreign and military policies, they suddenly discovered that in a major crisis directly affecting all member countries, the Alliance has virtually ceased to function as a collective body, writes Nor Beloff for OFNS.

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Foreigners Ordered Out of Egypt

Twelve Swiss diplomats began on Saturday the herculean task of seeing that 69,000 people which Egypt wants to get rid of will be evacuated in an orderly manner. Forty-eight thousand Jews, 13,000 British subjects, and 6,000 French citizens have received orders to leave the country. Their property has been seized.

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Syria Getting Russian Armaments

Arab diplomatic sources have told western newsmen that Syria is receiving large quantities of Russian arms, including tanks, jet fighters and bombers. They said the arms were arriving at the Mediterranean port of Latakia and at several Syrian airfields manned by Soviet pilots and technicians training Syrian Army personnel. Most of the Soviet technicians who left Egypt during hostilities there, reached Damascus and began training Syrians in the use of Soviet and Czechoslovak arms and aircraft.

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Imre Nagy Hustled Into Romania

Ex-premier Imre Nagy of Hungary was deported with a group of his followers to neighboring Communist Romania, after he was grabbed out of Premier Janos Kadar's office by Soviet troops. The capture of Mr. Nagy by the Communists occurred in spite of promises earlier to the Yugoslav Embassy that he would be given safe conduct to his home. Sources say that Soviet troops went into the parliament buildings while Mr. Nagy was negotiating with Kadar about the formation of a coalition government and seized the former premier.

Rations for Feeder Calves

According to Dr. F. Whiting of the Lethbridge Experimental Farm Canada Department of Agriculture, the most economical ration of grain to hay for fattening feeder calves, is a ration composed of slightly more grain than hay by weight when grain is not more than twice the cost of hay per pound. Actually the ratio of grain to hay selected for a ration should depend on relative prices, qualities and quantities of hay and grain available.

In an experiment of this nature on the Lethbridge Experimental Farm, good quality feeder calves were fed from 500 to 900 pounds body weight on three rations that differed in the ration of grain to hay. The proportions of grain to hay by weight in the three rations were 1 to 2, 1 to 1, and 2 to 1, and these proportions were maintained throughout the experiment after an adjustment period of approximately two weeks. The hay used was a mixture of two-thirds alfalfa and one-third crested wheat grass and the grain ration was composed of 35 per cent barley, 35 per cent oats, 15 per cent dried molasses beet pulp, 10 per cent linseed oil-meal and 5 per cent beet molasses.

Calves received the ration of one part by weight of grain to two parts hay, gained an average of 1.6 pounds daily on a total of 990 pounds of feed per 100 pounds of gain. This group dressed an average of 55 per cent and averaged B for carcass grade.

The second group, receiving equal amounts of grain and hay, gained 1.8 pounds daily on a total of 880 pound of feed per 100 pound of gain, dressed 57 per cent and had an average of A for carcass grade.

The third group with two parts grain to one part hay gained 2.0 pounds daily on a total of 798 pounds of feed per 100 pounds of gain, dressed 58 per cent and averaged A for carcass grade.

Considering feed cost, when the price per pound of grain is twice that of hay the actual feed costs for all three groups would be approximately the same. However, to compensate for the loss from a longer feeding period and the lower dressing percentage and carcass grade of the group fed the lowest proportion of grain (1 to 2), the price of grain would have to be at least three times that of hay.

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Weddings

GOERTZEN — KLASSEN

Erna Klassen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Klassen of East Chilliwack, British Columbia, and Garry Goertzen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Goertzen, Chilliwack, B.C., were married on September 17 in the East Chilliwack M.B. church. Rev. G. Peters officiated.

Guests at the wedding had come from as far away as Sunnyslope and Swallow, Alberta.



Mr. and Mrs. John Wall were married a few weeks ago in the St. Catharines M.B. church, Rev. H. Penner officiating. The bride was Elizabeth Boldt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Boldt of St. Catharines, Ont. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wall from Virgil, Ont. The young couple is residing in St. Catharines. (Photo by George G. Epp.)

Correction

In the Siebert—Janzen wedding report in the Nov. 9 issue, it was incorrectly reported that Jack Siebert had in recent years come from Europe. Mr. Siebert is a Canadian.



AUSTRIA

MCC relief supplies are being distributed to Hungarian refugees in Austria while efforts are underway to send supplies into Hungary via the International Red Cross, reports Irene Bishop (Perkasie, Pa.) from Vienna, Austria.

Miss Bishop has requested funds so the Vienna unit can be helpful to refugees in other ways than only through gifts of food and clothing. Apparently there is a sufficient supply of relief goods for the present refugees in Austria.

Money has been cabled to Vienna from Akron.

Due to the shortage of funds for operating the relief program and because of this special request,

MCC will be pleased to receive cash contributions for relief to Hungary and for the general relief program. Contributions should be channeled through respective conference offices.

Greater needs will arise if full-scale distributions can be made in Hungary.

The Christian Church in Austria is making a united effort to assist Hungarian brothers. Most denominations there organized relief committees and are channeling their services and contributions through Evangelisches Hilfswerk (Lutheran relief agency).

These church committees discussed the possibility (and MCC would like to help) of providing refugees with employment, free post cards and telegraph service, some pocket money, church services in their language and ministers to serve them.

Many refugee men already are working. Many families have been received into other nations. Miss Bishop said the refugees appear to be very open to the gospel. She and her coworker, Clarence Sakimura (Grantham, Pa.), solicit the prayers of North American Christians.

JORDAN

Some of the MCC relief workers have returned to their posts in Jordan after a temporary absence in Beirut, Lebanon, according to a communication from area director Ernest Lehman (Wakarusa, Ind.).

It was believed that those with institutional responsibilities would return but that the material aid workers would not return to Jordan immediately. The MCC group quartered outside the city, so apparently would have been away from the recent Beirut political demonstrations.

VIETNAM

Negotiations are underway for a mobile medical clinic to be operated in a new district near Banmethuot where there is a concentration of some 25,000 persons in a dozen tribal villages.

The provincial governor and health officials invited the MCC team to consider this area in addition to their services at Banmethuot.

The Banmethuot unit reports 180 more treatments given in the two clinics over the previous month. They have begun the use of suppressive drugs instead of DDT to control malaria. This is a trend in Southeast Asia due to the growing resistance of mosquitos to DDT.

1-W MISSION

Jerry Newcomer, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Newcomer of Seville, Ohio began 1-W service in the Ypsilanti (Mich.) State Hospital in the newly-organized 1-W Mission plan.

He will work on a voluntary service basis and will turn his wages

over to his conference mission board to help support a missionary couple. There are more openings in this 1-W Mission plan.

BOYS VILLAGE

Two Ohio men have joined the voluntary service unit at Boys Village, Smithville, Ohio. They are William Helmuth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Helmuth of Louisville, and Richard Miller, son of Mrs. Orpha Miller. Both are members of Beech Mennonite Church.

PAX GERMANY

Five recruits for Pax Services are entering refugee housebuilding projects in Germany. They are:

Arthur P. Driedger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob P. Driedger of Wheatley, Ont., member of Essex County United Mennonite Church; David A. Herschberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Annanias B. Herschberger of Arthur, Ill., member of Menno Miller District Old Order Amish Mennonite Church; Reynold Kipfer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nurius Kipfer of Kitchener, Ont., member of First Mennonite Church; Wayne E. Schertz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Schertz of Flanagan, Ill., member of Waldo Mennonite Church; and Roger Von Gunten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Von Gunten of Berne, Ind., member of First Mennonite Church.

OTHER PERSONNEL

Elmira Kliever (Mountain Lake, Minn.) returned to Kaiserslautern, Germany, for a second term of service. She served three years in Germany before working at the Akron headquarters the past nine months.

Harold Voth (Newton, Kans.) moved the MCC agricultural experimental station in Mexico from Cuauhtemoc to Santa Clara. He experiments with crops and farming techniques to aid Mennonite farmers in the area.

BIBLE SCHOOL IN GERMANY

A summer Bible school was conducted in the Enkenbach refugee settlement in southern Germany last summer by the Pax Services program.

More than 50 children from ages 5-14 attended. Local teachers served. They used material from the Agape Publishing firm in Basel, Switzerland.

Scholarship Won by Former MCI Student

Altona, Man. — Miss Betty Peters of Lena, Man., has been awarded the Manitoba School Trustees Association scholarship of \$300 cash. A former student at the Mennonite Collegiate Institute at Gretna, she received the scholarship given annually to the Normal school student who has scored highest marks in English literature and composition in Grade 12.

Program Helps for Christmas

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Mennonite Community Cookbook By Mary E. Showalter. 494 pp

Here are 1,100 mouthwatering recipes from old Mennonite cookbooks; brought up to date with standard measures and directions. Simple but wonderful country cookery contributed by Mennonite families all over the United States and Canada \$3.50 With thumb index \$4.50

Altona Women's Institute Cook Book. 117 pp.

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BIBLE INSTITUTES

EAST CHILLIWACK BIBLE SCHOOL

Choir at Sunday School Conference

The choir of the East Chilliwack Bible School sang at the Sunday School Conference on the evening of Nov. 19 in the Chilliwack M.B. church. Dr. A. H. Unruh and Rev. J. F. Redekop were the guest speakers. While Dr. Unruh reviewed the history of the M.B. Church, Rev. Redekop stressed methods of personal Bible study for the Sunday school teacher.

Brother Jack Driedger, a missionary in Nigeria, Africa, conducted the chapel service on Thursday, Nov. 22. Basing his message on Romans 8:14-15, he stressed the ABC's of the Christian life. These were; adoption, belief in God's promises, and consecration. He emphasized the peace that is ours as sons of God. We no longer need to look at the past—our sins; nor to the future—it is in God's hands; nor about us—at the distress and turmoil of sin; but simply "turn your eyes upon Jesus", trusting Him implicitly.

He briefly related his personal call to the mission field. In respect to God's call, he said, "If we once felt the call of God in our lives, let us not doubt it as time goes on. God respects our promises. Are we keeping them?"

Among other extra-curricular activities, the school is now preparing a program to be presented at the Sharon Mennonite Collegiate, Yarrow, B.C., on Friday evening, November 30.

MENNONITE BROTHERS BIBLE INSTITUTE

Calvin Buhler, former student of the Mennonite Brethren Bible Institute, was guest speaker during a recent chapel service at the school. The Buhlers are in charge of a West Coast Children's Mission gospel chapel at Vanderhoof. Mr. Buhler presented the challenge of the Northland. He made students conscious of their sacred obligation as well as privilege to evangelize the north. On November 13 Miss Agatha Martens from Vancouver was guest at a chapel service. Miss Martens spoke in the interest of the Child Evangelism Fellowship Association. She appealed to the young people to bring the gospel to the unreached children of our own immediate surroundings.

Many blessings are derived from the extensive program of practical work carried on by the students. Clubs are held at the various districts in which mission chapels have been built. Tuesday and Thursday evenings, students teach clubs at County Line, McConnell Creek, Nicomen and Columbia Val-

ley. One period on Friday afternoons is set aside for various groups to visit the homes of the aged and the sick. Comfort and cheer is brought to these homes through the reading of a portion of Scripture, prayer and several numbers in song. In this way students are able to put to practical application the knowledge received at the institute.

Rev. Redekop, one of our instructors, visited Saskatchewan recently to serve at the ministerial conference. Sunday the institute family presented a program in the Clearbrook Mennonite Brethren Church. The program was designed to portray school life. The school choir and special groups rendered several songs. Two of the graduating students, Leonard Derksen and Victor Gunther, gave short talks on their respective themes: "The life and work of William Carey," and "The Importance of Christian Evidences."

Esther Kroker, also a graduating student, gave the historical background and occasion of the writing of the beautiful hymn "He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought." Rev. H. H. Nikkel, an instructor, brought the message of the evening.

The students of the fourth class, responsible for the Christmas banquet, are busily making plans. The class is beginning to groan under the burden of German speeches in the German class and the sermons to be prepared in the homiletics class.

COLLEGES

CANADIAN MENNONITE BIBLE COLLEGE

"Resolved, that the Genius of Anabaptism has been Replaced by Formalism in our Mennonite Church", was the topic of the debate held in our College Chapel Friday, November 16. The affirmative side, Larry Kehler, and Anne Epp, stated that the Anabaptist view included three major points of emphasis: 1) A new conception of the essence of Christianity as discipleship. 2) A new conception of the church as a brotherhood. 3) A new ethic of love and non-resistance, (Bender).

Included under this were various subpoints such as, missions, on conformity, etc. Our standard of today is not comparable to that of the Anabaptists. Many church members do not even profess to be disciples, the ardor of missions and giving has cooled ("our Conference cannot meet its mission budget"), testimonies are inconsistent ("no church pronounces against charging excessive prices, making exorbitant profits"), and separation from the world has become a sterile withdrawal. Standards of the church in regards to baptism and church

membership, have been lowered. Participation in church services, hymnal singing, and non-resistance is required of the individual because others do it. Lack of brotherly love has resulted in divisions in and among churches. Some tenets of the Anabaptist faith are still claimed to be held by the church but the animating spirit has almost disappeared. "If the genius has largely disappeared, but the church organization, as such, still holds, it must of necessity be formalism."

The winning negative team, Victor Fast and Kathleen Janzen, stated that the minimum essentials of a believer's church include:

- 1) Membership based on personal acceptance of Christ; issuing in a life of discipleship.
- 2) A fellowship of brotherly love

MENNONITE BROTHERS BIBLICAL SEMINARY,

Seminarians Hear Prominent Speakers

Students at the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary have been privileged to hear a variety of speakers in the regular half-hour seminary chapel period lately.

In a joint chapel period with Pacific Bible Institute, students heard Rev. J. B. Toews speak from Acts 1 on "Spiritual Principles" in orientating oneself to the missionary task. "Academic equipment can be without inward spiritual depth," Rev. Toews stated. He laid much stress on the need for identification of character with Christ.

Dr. Bob Cook, president of Youth for Christ, speaking from verses in II Corinthians, emphasized the thought that to be of value, service should come from a heart that was right with God. He made particular mention of holiness, honesty and sorrow for sin.

Rev. Waldo Hiebert, pastor of the Mennonite Brethren Church in Hillsboro, focused attention on "New Frontiers for the Church." New frontiers lie in the area of Christian education, community missions and full discipleship. Sometimes our churches tend towards being too inspirational and not sufficiently informational, Rev. Hiebert stated.

Bishop Palai, a convert from Hinduism, stressed the need of an acquaintance with oriental customs in understanding certain Bible passages.

Missionary Speakers

The struggle of the church toward an indigenous movement in the Belgian Congo was explained by Arnold Priebe of the M.B. mission. Nathan Walton of the China Inland Mission challenged the students with the need for men missionaries. Miss Lillian Doerksen spoke of the Indian multitude and

and discipleship controlled by the Holy Spirit.

3) Authority centered in Jesus Christ as revealed in the Bible.

4) A missionary outreach, with each disciple as an active witness.

The Mennonite Church has been at a low ebb but it is experiencing an awakening. Evidences of new vitality are found in education, in the challenge of our Mennonites (M.C.C., Alternative service, V.S., non-resistance, etc.) and their separation from the world (non-participation in the World Council of Churches, non-membership in secret societies, simplicity in worship and meeting-house structure) indicates "that the genius of Anabaptism has not been replaced by formalism, but rather that a dynamic power has continued this Anabaptist genius."

Anne Neufeld.

the power of the Word of God in that land. Miss Doerksen, worker in the Ramabai Mukti Mission, was introduced by Al Reimer, a second year student.

Pacific Bible Institute Presents First Concert

A variety program of organ, piano, violin and voice made up the first Pacific Bible Institute concert of the year, presented by the music department on November 16. Members of the music faculty as well as several students performed. The delightful variety of music and the proficiency with which the numbers were performed made this program one of the best thus far presented by the school.

A 30-minute version of the opera William Tell, by Rossini, completed the evening's entertainment. Refreshments were served in the hall.

To Help You Study

Galatians: The Charter of Christian Liberty

By Merrill C. Tenney. 193 pp.

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MISSION SALE—NOT A BARGAIN SALE

By Mrs. V. Nickel

Hague Ferry, Sask. — The Hague Ferry Ladies' Aid mission sale and raffle was held in the East Reinfeld school on the evening of November 23. Approximately 125 people gathered for the occasion.

The opening was made by Mr. Jake Miller, who read a portion of Scripture and prayed. The Ladies' Aid, which consists of about 14 ladies, then sang, "Bringen Gaben ein."

Mr. Victor Nickel delivered a timely message on the need for doing mission work in the act of giving to those less fortunate than we are. He emphasized that this was to be a mission sale, not a bargain sale. Mr. Jake Miller sold the articles.

Although this sale was the first of its kind in this district, and although we had asked God to bless this effort, God blessed above what we had expected. The raffle then followed, with first prize going to Arnold Penner, Hepburn, second prize to Jake N. Dyck, Hague, and third prize to Walter Strobbe, Waldheim. After the closing, the lunch was sold.

To our surprise the total sum amounted to \$180. This we consider very good, for most people in this district are quite poor. We could only thank and praise God again for His marvelous undertaking in this effort.

YOUNG PEOPLE PRESENT PLAY

Justice, Man. — A one and one-half hour, three-act play, "Laues und warmes Christentum", was presented in the home church by the young people of the M.B. Church here on the evening of November 22.

Mrs. Agnes Loewen acted the part of the main character, Esther Reid. Others in the cast were: Miss Agnes Loewen, Johnny Loewen, Mr. and

Mrs. Jake Driedger, Miss Betty Driedger, Miss Ruth Loewen, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Harder, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Loewen, Bill Loewen, Walter Driedger, and Peter Pankratz.

Two quartets, a mixed quartet from the Gospel Light Mission in Brandon, and a local male quartet sang during the short intermissions between the scenes.

The same play is to be presented in Boissevain on November 30.

MEI CHOIR ON CBC PARADE OF CHOIRS

Abbotsford, B.C. — The 55-voice concert choir of the Mennonite Educational Institute at North Clearbrook, B.C., accepted an invitation to sing over the CBC's "Parade of Choirs", broadcast from Vancouver on Friday, November 23. The radio program is designed to give recognition and encouragement to choral groups in the Fraser Valley.

Church and Home Program Well Attended

Winnipeg, Man. — Attendance at the annual Church and Home program of the M.B. Collegiate Institute here on Nov. 24 was good, with a vital concern for the school evident. The afternoon session of the society supporting the school was held in the school, while the evening's festivities were located in the lower auditorium of the Elmwood M.B. church.

The maintenance of spiritual values in our times was the primary consideration at the evening service, where the visitors sat at tables during the program. Rev. I. W. Redekopp, pastor of the Elmwood M. B. Church delivered the key address. Other features were a violin duet by Wanda and Martha Konrad with Wilma Toews at the piano, and a song by an alumni quartet. The present needs of the school-chairs, improvements on the grounds, etc.—were outlined by Rev. Wm. Falk, who also stated, "This high school is indispensable

The concert choir, directed by Rev. C. D. Toews and composed of students from grade 12 and 13, sang selections in both the English and German language. Their opening song was the well-known Schubert composition, "Der Lindenbaum", followed by "Oh Happy Day", a song dealing with Christ's return to earth.

The male section of the choir next sang two German folk songs, "Ade, du mein lieb Heimatland", and "Heidenroeslein". The ladies sang three songs: "The Picnic", a Leslie Bell arrangement, "Sandmaennchen", and "Evening Prayer".

The program was highlighted by a selection from Haydn's oratorio, "The Creation". Singing the solo parts were Anne Ewert and Anita Koslowsky (Eve-soprano) and Karl Janzen and John Suderman (Adam-bass). The choir accompanied them. The songsters concluded the program by singing, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Pianist was Louise Rempel.

for our church." The offering totaled nearly \$900.

The afternoon session of the society heard and accepted a proposal to make the school an M.B. Church project. The Manitoba churches will be approached about this early next year.

Spiritual values that are unattainable for the non-Christian are a personal revelation of God in His Word, the experience of salvation, a holy character, and the use of the means of grace, stated Rev. Redekopp in his message on, "The Preservation of Spiritual Values in Our Day". There are many changes going on in our society, with people moving to the city in increasing numbers, more becoming active in professional fields, and the family unit losing in significance. A trend can be seen to transfer the responsibilities of the home to the school, making the schools of increasing importance in preserving our spiritual heritage. Times may change, but spiritual values do not, he maintained.

Informality Proved Key to Enjoyment

Calgary, Alta. — The Harvana Ladies' Missionary Society sponsored their annual tea and mission sale on Monday evening, November 5. It proved to be a very interesting and enjoyable evening.

The novelty of the occasion was the informality. There was no set time for the tea to begin—you came when it suited you. Similarly you could purchase the items you wanted to buy when you desired to do so, since the prices were on the articles.

Much credit is due the hostesses for the attractive display of articles, ranging from children's clothes to exquisite crochet work. To the amazement of the more cautious buyer, the "sold" tags were soon in evidence everywhere, reminding him to get what he wanted quickly. In a very short time every article was sold, with the rest of the evening reserved for the playing of records and informal fellowship around a cup of tea. Undoubtedly the general feeling of those present was that the Missionary Society had done very well not only in the proceeds realized, but also in the atmosphere of fellowship provided.

On the Horizon

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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