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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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This is the Board of Directors of the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, which met in Winnipeg on Feb. 7 and 8. They are, left to right, Rev. I. T. Ewert, Kitchener, Ont.; Mr. C. A. DeFehr, Winnipeg, treasurer; Dr. A. H. Unruh, Winnipeg; Rev. H. P. Toews, Winnipeg; Mr. H. Dick, Winnipeg, chairman; Rev. J. A. Toews, president of the college; Rev. P. J. Doerksen, Linden Alta.; Rev. Herman Voth, Aldergrove, B.C.; Rev. E. J. Lautermilch, Herbert, Sask.; and Rev. Henry Baerg, Dalmeny, Sask.

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Two New Instructors Appointed

Winnipeg, Man. — The Board of Directors of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College announced the appointment of two new instructors after their annual winter session at the college on February 8 and 9.

Slated to join the faculty of the college for the beginning of the 1957-58 term are Dr. Frank C. Peters and Mr. Victor Martens. Both are studying at the present time.

The board also announced that Rev. H. Regehr, who transferred to the M. B. Collegiate Institute last year but continued instructing German at the college, will now devote his whole energy to the high school. Rev. J. H. Quiring, who has been coming in from Winkler for one day of instruction, has also asked for his release so that he can devote more time to his pastorate at the M. B. Church at Winkler.

Dr. Unruh at Sessions

Board members present for the sessions can be seen on the picture above. They represent the various provincial conferences on the board. The board was especially happy that Dr. A. H. Unruh, honorary member of the board, could attend the sessions to assist in the deliberations. He was the first president of the M. B. Bible Col-

lege after many years as principal of the Winkler Bible School.

Reports were presented to the board by Mr. Herman Dick, chairman; Rev. J. A. Toews, president of the college; Rev. D. Ewert, registrar; and Mr. Herbert Giesbrecht, librarian. At the present time

there is an enrollment of 109. Of these, 105 are members of the M. B. Church and four are from other denominations. Three foreign students, two from Paraguay and one from Japan, are present. Thirty-five students are pursuing the Th. B. course, 54 the B.R.E. course, 15 the Sacred Music Course, and 5 the General Bible Course. (Continued on page 4-2)

Pre-Rally Successful in Winnipeg

Winnipeg, Man. — A Pre-Rally service to stimulate interest in the two-week deeper life campaign to be held in Winnipeg from May 4 to 19 was held in the Civic Auditorium on Sunday, February 17, at 2:45 p.m.

A congregation of more than 3,000 heard Rev. Theodore Epp of the Back to the Bible Broadcast give a stirring plea for complete devotion to Christ. He stated that some Christians were occupied with the world, others with self, and some with Christ. Only those completely occupied with Christ, and who have renounced the world and self, count for God in the campaign to wrest the souls of men from the clutches of Satan. Denouncing modern "easy-going Christianity" as an enemy of true devotion to Christ, he asked those present to advance from a mere intellectual assent to an ap-

propriation of Christ as Saviour and Lord. Speaking bluntly and fearlessly, Rev. Epp stated that when Christian workers needed a "15-minute talk to blow them up" they were still occupied with self and not willing to let God have all the glory. His only desire in the forthcoming campaign was to see God glorified—not any man or any organization.

Rev. Epp will be the main speaker at the two-week Deeper Life Campaign in May. He will be assisted by Rev. J. B. Toews, deputation secretary of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions, and by Rev. G. Christian Weiss and Rev. Richard DeWolfe of the Back to the Bible Broadcast. The final week of services will be evangelistic in character and will be held in the Civic Auditorium.

The campaign will be sponsored (Continued on page 9-4)

Eight Ministers Participate in Bible Conference

Leamington, Ont. — Eight ministers participated in the annual Bible Conference held in the Mennonite Brethren church here from February 2 to 3. Good attendance marked all services, with a capacity congregation on Sunday morning.

The portion of Scripture under discussion was Colossians chapter three. Taking part in the discussion were Rev. A. H. Redekop and Rev. D. D. Duerksen of St. Catharines, Rev. F. Wiens, Rev. Dick, Rev. D. Klassen, and Rev. J. Penner of the Virgil M. B. Church, and Rev. D. D. Derksen and Rev. I. Tiessen of Leamington.

Applying the truths of the Word to the practical aspects of the believer's behaviour, the ministers pointed out that the Christians must leave worldly things behind and strive for spiritual goals. In doing so, the believer will put on love, kindness, and meekness. He will be true to his fellow-man, practising forbearance and forgiveness. Even as the ripples in the water spread out when a stone is thrown into a quiet section, so the love of a believer must increase in an ever-widening outreach.

It was also pointed out that the prohibition and admonitions of Paul were not irrelevant, but that they gave a guide to follow, even as a boat needs a guide to go through tumultuous waters.

EDITORIAL

DEVOTIONAL

"Without The Camp"

By Max Woerlen

"Let us go forth therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach. For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come" (Hebrews 13:13-14).

In a day of "easy-believism" this verse comes to shock and to haunt the disciple of Christ. It portrays a way of life that we would much rather talk about than live out. But the disciple of Christ will seek to live as His Master did, so we do well to consider this verse.

The expression, "without the camp", is used several times in the Bible, yet it occurs mostly in the Old Testament in connection with God's nation, the Israelites. After the exodus God made a covenant with his people at Mt. Sinai. Thereafter the Scriptures describe God as dwelling among His people "within the camp" of the Israelites. Because of this the people had to separate themselves from everything that was in any way connected with sin or defilement. So also the remainders from the burnt offerings had to be taken without the camp and burnt there. The lepers also and those who were stoned had to be brought "without the camp" so that those in the camp, where God dwells, would not be defiled (Numbers 5:3).

The situation is reversed in Exodus 33:7, where God tells Moses to pitch the Tabernacle "without the camp" because of Israel's sin. They had not kept the covenant they had made with God and thus God's dwelling could not be in

their midst. Thus all those who were seeking God had to go "without the camp".

Today our relationship with God is somewhat similar. God does not dwell among the nations, but He has initiated the church of true believers, in whom He dwells and who are a camp of their own among the nations. Christ, in His highpriestly prayer, states that the believers are in the world, but not of the world. Yet for the church and the believer today there is the same danger as for Israel at Mt. Sinai—to let the world come into the camp, or to go as individual believer and live in the camp of the world.

Everyone knows the difficulties in trying not to identify himself with the world. Yet whether consciously or unconsciously, we must realize that we cannot meet God in an environment where pride and selfishness reign. Therefore we have to go "without the camp" of the world to the cross of Calvary, far away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Christ Himself died on lonely Calvary, there to complete the act of justification.

Let us therefore go to Him "without the camp" of the world at all times, whether it be to meet Him in prayer or worship or to praise and thank Him continually. It will mean bearing His reproach because of the testimony that we give. This will not be hard, however, if we remember that "Here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come."

To Achieve Greater Scope and Effectiveness

Gospel radio programs have seen a phenomenal increase in number during the last 15 years. More and more denominations, churches, schools, and independent groups have entered the field to exploit this modern medium for a rapid dissemination of the Gospel. Literally thousands have been won to Christ either through the programs themselves, or gone to church and found Christ there because their interest had been aroused through Gospel radio programs.

Commendable as this upsurge in Gospel broadcasting is, it has not been accomplished without a certain amount of waste of the Lord's money through duplication and through poor programming. Some evangelical groups have thought that anything would do—as long as the Gospel was preached. But today's listeners have such a variety of programs to choose from—including television—that every effort must be made to present programs of the highest calibre. This demands training and a united effort.

Mennonites in Canada have been caught in the rush to get the Gospel on the air. Within the last twelve years more than a dozen half-hour radio programs over more than 15 stations have begun broadcasting the Word of life. Churches, schools, missions and independent groups are producing programs in every province where Mennonites are resident—and in areas where Mennonites will help to share in the support.

What has been the result spiritually? Though the number does not run into the thousands, there have been those who have accepted Christ. Others have been revived and renewed. Countless others have gained a new respect for Mennonites, making contacts for mission work easier and opening doors to a personal presentation of the Gospel. And those participating in the broadcasts have certainly not received the least of the blessing. There is no doubt that it has been worth the effort.

But what have been the results financially? In spite of the volume of independent radio broadcasts soliciting the support of their listeners, the response to Mennonite broadcasts has been rather good financially. Not only has broadcast time been paid for, but rather large outlays for equipment have been possible. Today almost every group has its own expensive recording equipment and some even have studio facilities.

Despite the success of these efforts in the field of radio, doubts have arisen in the minds of many whether a closer co-operation would not have prevented the large amount of duplication in equipment and increased the quality of the broadcasts. Other denominations, such as the (Old) Mennonites, the Christian Reformed Church, the Lutheran Church, and others, have come to the conclusion that a united effort was necessary. The (Old) Mennonites, for instance, have one radio authority with a central office. This oversees the production of The Mennonite Hour in English over many stations and has initiated programs to assist missionaries on the field. Thus they produce programs in the Navajo and Spanish, cooperate in the production of a French program—and are planning to start programs in Japanese and Italian.

It seems to us that the time has come that a national body, on a Canadian Conference level, should appoint a radio commission to study our present set-up, explore ways of increasing the effectiveness of present radio programs and seek for areas in which Mennonite radio programs could bring the Gospel to presently unreached—or inadequately reached—areas. One of the recommendations of this commission might be a national radio conference, where programming, techniques in the production of programs, vocal and musical problems could be touched upon. Another recommendation might be the production of a radio program—or the sponsoring of an existing program—in areas not Mennonite but needy, such as parts of the interior of British Columbia, areas in the prairie provinces, and the Quebec-Maritime area. They could also outline how we could have a part in mission radio in South America, the Middle East, Africa, Europe and the Orient.

There still remains much to be done in the field of radio. But we need a united effort to be effective.

Unshouldered Burden

By Jack Kytle

Sweeping personnel changes were taking place at the company for which he worked. He was tortured by the fear of losing his job. Evenings, he brought his worries home, talking of them constantly in the presence of wife and children. He cast gloom over the dinner table, brooded until bedtime, then retired to toss in broken sleep.

After a few days, his pessimism made deep inroads into his family's happiness. His home-coming smothered laughter.

He realized what he had done, but in dark foreboding, he convinced himself he had to share his burdens. And he felt compelled to unshoulder them upon those he loved, and who loved him—where he would have understanding.

One evening, though, as he turned into the walkway of his home, he thought, "I wish for once I could leave my worries outside the

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Third Meeting of Mennonite Aid Societies

Bluffton, Ohio. — The third meeting of the Association of Mennonite Aid Societies has been called for March 7 and 8 in the Atlantic Hotel, Chicago. It is hoped that there will be a full representation of Mennonite Aid Societies.

Devotional periods during the two-day conference will be led by Elmer Ediger, executive secretary of the General Conference Board of Christian Service. Other items on the program include the presentation of all the by-laws and work of the Association by Wm. Snyder, assistant executive secretary of the MCC; a talk on the Mennonite Indemnity, Inc., a risk-sharing company being organized by Elvan Souder; a discussion of blessings from the Christian Mutual Aid Plan to be led by Harold Swartzendruber, secretary of Mennonite Aid Inc., and participated in by J. K. Redekop of Mennonite Aid Society, Mountain Lake, Minn., Ralph Hernley, president of Mennonite Aid Inc., John Burkholder of Mennonite Automobile Aid Inc., and Wayne

W. Martin, assistant secretary of The Goodville Mutual Casualty Company. A panel of experts, with J. W. Fretz, professor of Sociology of Bethel College as chairman, will also discuss current insurance problems; Wayne W. Martin will outline Flood Insurance; and a discussion will be held on securing approval of Mennonite insurance policies by lending agencies, led by Harold J. Schmidt, sec.-treasurer of Mennonite Aid Union.

RAINS IMPROVE CROP PROSPECTS

Parana, Brazil. — General rains during the month of January have improved crop prospects very much after the dry period from September to the end of the year. The rice crop looks promising, while the pastures have recovered quickly. There is a good market for butter, although more dairy cattle are needed to raise production.

Spiritually the group here has been blessed. Rev. Henry Born visited the group for a few days to serve with Bible studies. The choir had the privilege of traveling to Clevelandia to serve there on Sunday, January 27.

Doctor Guest Speaker at Leamington

By F. Reimer

Leamington, Ont. — Dr. Leslie Archer of Windsor, Ont., was the guest speaker at the Mennonite Brethren church here on Sunday night, February 10. Dr. Archer and his wife, who is also a doctor, have answered the call of the Lord and are going to Ecuador as medical missionaries at the Rimmer Memorial Hospital, Quito, Ecuador.

Warning Christians not to be earthly-minded, Dr. Archer delivered a challenging and most inspiring message on the story of the rich, but foolish man described in Luke 12. The speaker took a fearless stand for the truths of the Gospel and pointed out that Christians need to allow their Saviour to become Lord in their lives also. His message was a clear call for salvation and consecration. Dr. Archer also gave a clear and heart-warming testimony of how the Lord had led them to decide for this missionary work.

Dr. Archer also showed a most unique film, "Medicine the Magnet", to the attentive audience. This film shows the effective and marvellous work of the Rimmer Memorial Hospital. It also shows the rugged and beautiful mountain scenery of Ecuador, which creates many problems in transportation and communication. In the film it was pointed out that the hospital serves as a magnet to attract many sick and needy people who

find healing for their body and healing for their souls as well.

The Rimmer Memorial Hospital is a \$200,000, completely furnished, modern hospital in Quito, the capital city of Ecuador. Made possible through the gifts of interested friends in America, the hospital was officially opened on October 12, 1955. It is operated under the World Radio Missionary Fellowship Inc.

The largest ministry of the World Radio Missionary Fellowship Inc. is, however, the radio station HCJB, founded in 1931 and now broadcasting from six transmitters on long and short wave. Two of these transmitters have a 50,000-watt capacity. Releasing programs on a nearly 24-hour schedule in 11 languages, HCJB serves Ecuador, all of Latin America, and most of the world through its short-wave broadcasting. Each month a total of 2,400 programs are released, at a daily direct operating expense of \$1,200. A total staff of 160 persons are needed to carry on this great work, with five Mennonite Brethren missionaries serving with German broadcasts.

Church groups who are interested in seeing the film, "Medicine the Magnet", or the film depicting the work of HCJB, should write to HCJB Canadian Headquarters, 189 High Park Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

Peter J. Dyck to Head MCC Russian Mennonite Affairs

Akron Pa. (MCC) — Peter J. Dyck, pastor of Eden Mennonite Church at Moundridge, Kans., has been named to a newly-created position to direct Mennonite Central Committee East-West relations.

An additional part of his assignment will be to serve as director of the MCC European program.

This appointment is an outgrowth of recommendations by the MCC delegation to Russia last October, which suggested a continuing program of visits and associations between North American

Mennonites and Mennonites and Baptists of Russia.

The broad assignment given the East-West program is to gather and correlate information regarding Mennonites in the Soviet Union and to coordinate MCC efforts with other agencies also interested in East-West matters. Every channel of possible exchange and contact with Mennonites in the Soviet Union is to be explored.

Many Decisions on Last Day

Clearbrook, B.C. — More than two months of noon-hour prayer meetings culminated in a spiritual emphasis week at the Mennonite Educational Institute here and resulted in many dedications and first-time decisions for Christ.

Rev. H. H. Epp, pastor of the Blaine, Wash., M. B. Church, served at the school during the special services from February 4 to 8. During the forenoon he spoke to the high school students and counselled with them, while in the afternoon he spoke in the junior high school and counselled with them. Students could miss classes if they desired counselling. At evening meetings in the large auditorium, he spoke on "Samson", "A Four-fold Appointment", "Christ, Our First Love", "Remember Lot's Wife", and "The Wages of Sin, and the Gift of God".

Poor weather threatened to cut down the attendance at the public meetings, but the weather improved and large numbers came to hear the messages. The concert choir, a girls' trio, and a male quartet from the MEI, as well as a quartet from the Bible school, provided the music.

Rev. Epp's first messages were directed toward Christians. This led to soul-searching on the part of Christians. Later he appealed more and more to the unsaved. By Friday afternoon there were so many inquirers, that Rev. A. H. Wieler, principal of the nearby Bible school, was called to help with the counselling. The testimony meeting at 2:45 revealed some of the fruit. A testimony meeting at the evening's service again saw many praise the Lord for what He had done in their heart. Again many sought the Lord and found peace.

Last year a similar week of services had equally positive results, proving that when His people pray, God still is able to lead young and old to a saving knowledge of Himself.



Dyck is an experienced MCC worker, having served in the European program from 1941-49. Following World War II he was assistant to the late C. F. Klassen, helping European refugees migrate to Paraguay.

He attended the University of Saskatchewan, Goshen College and Seminary, Bethel College and Mennonite Biblical Seminary. He served the Eden Church the past seven years. He was born in Russia.

His wife, Elfrieda Klassen Dyck, and daughters, Ruth, Elizabeth and Rebecca Ann, will accompany him to Europe. Departure is planned for the coming summer.

HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE

VISITS SON IN REGINA

Regina, Sask. — Rev Dietrich Klassen of Virgil, Ont., visited his son, Helmut, and family during the weekend of February 9-10. Helmut Klassen is the pastor of the Regina M. B. Church and recent graduate of the M. B. Bible College.

Rev. Klassen delivered the message at the morning worship service of the M. B. church and led the congregation in the Lord's Supper following the regular morning worship service.

He left for Winnipeg after his visit to attend the Ministers' Course offered at the M. B. Bible College.

DIES AFTER AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

St. Catharines, Ont. — One person is dead and another in hospital as the result of an automobile accident here on Saturday, February 16.

Mrs. Jacob Enns (nee Elizabeth Penner) died as the result of injuries received in the accident, while her husband is in hospital suffering from injuries received in the collision.

NOW ONLY CLEARBROOK

Clearbrook, B.C. — Beginning with February 23, the post office address here will be only Clearbrook. Until now the postal designation has been North Clearbrook.

ELMWOOD CHOIR SINGS AT PROPHETIC CONFERENCE

Winnipeg, Man. — The choir of the Elmwood M. B. Church sang at the Prophetic Conference held by the American Association for Jewish Evangelism in the Grant Memorial Baptist church. The conference was held from February 10 to 17, with the choir singing on Saturday night, Feb. 16. Helmut Janzen is the choir director.

WINKLER BIBLE SCHOOL AT SPRINGSTEIN

Springstein, Man. — A lovely scene unfolded itself in Springstein on Sunday morning, February 17. The air was full of large, downy flakes of snow, silently and lazily floating down from above to embellish the ground with a sparkling whiteness.

The mood created was appropriate, as the Winkler Bible School was coming for a visit that morning to the M. B. church here. The 40-voice choir opened with the song, "Lobe den Herrn", and for the rest of the forenoon their singing—mixed choir, girls' choir, men's choir, solo, duet, trio, quar-

ter—delighted everyone present. Interspersed between the singing was an opening Scripture reading, some testimonies, some poems, a story for the children, and finally, a message from Rev. D. K. Duerksen, based on I Corinthians 1:18-25.

All students present introduced themselves to provide for greater informality and to reveal the representative student body.

RECEIVE VISIT FROM BIBLE SCHOOL

Horndean, Man. — There is a saying, "One good turn deserves another." That is precisely what happened here. Our choir was out on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 17, to serve, and the evening of the same day, the Winkler Bible School choir paid us a visit.

We certainly appreciated and enjoyed the fine singing and the other items. Mr. John Boldt, chairman of the evening, directed the choir and delivered the message before the closing song. The hymns, old and new, included "Lobe den Herrn", "So weit erglänzt der Sonnenschein", "O Worship the King", "How Great Thou Art", "It Took a Miracle", "Trim Your Lamps". These fine numbers were interspersed by two poems, three testimonies, a story for the children by Louise Thiessen, a ladies trio, and a male quartet. A duet by Helga Pauls and Esther Stoesz was also on the program. Miss Stoesz is a local girl, and she teaches a class in Sunday school here. The ladies' choir sang "Showers of Blessings".

The local ladies served lunch to the choristers before they left.

We appreciate visits like this. May the Lord bless the students as they continue their studies.

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### MORE ABOUT

## Two New Instructors Appointed

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### To Strengthen Faculty

Dr. Frank C. Peters will strengthen both the theology and psychology departments at the M. B. Bible College. The son of Rev. C. C. Peters, who is currently serving in South America, he has lived for many years in British Columbia, first in Agassiz and then at Abbotsford.

Graduating with an A.B. degree from Tabor College in 1947, he gained his Th. B. at Tabor in 1948, an M.S. at Kansas State Teachers College that year, and the B.D. at the University of Western Ontario in 1951. Victoria University

granted him the Th. M. degree and the Central Baptist Seminary at Kansas City conferred the Th. D. degree upon him. He is a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Kansas at Lawrence, Kans.



Dr. Peters has taught at the Elim Bible School, Yarrow, B.C., for one year, lectured in psychology and served as student counsellor at Waterloo College from 1949-52, served as pastor at the Kitchener M. B. Church from 1949 to 1954, and been president of Tabor College from 1954 to 1956. At the present time he is pastoring a small church while attending the university.

### Will Teach Voice

Mr. Victor Martens is at home in Yarrow, B.C., where he obtained his elementary school and part of his high school education. He is a graduate of the Mennonite Educational Institute of Clearbrook, B.C. He entered the M. B. Bible College in 1951 and graduated in 1955 from



the Sacred Music Course. He also gained his A.M.M. in voice that spring, having studied with Gladys Whitehead.

In 1955 Mr. Martens went to Germany with his family to study at the Nordwestdeutsche Musikakademie at Detmold. He will return this fall to teach voice at the college.

An outstanding tenor soloist even before he left for his studies in Germany, Mr. Martens was tenor

soloist for the college's performances of the "Messiah" and "Die Weihnachtshistorie". During his second year at college he won the Tudor Bowl at the Manitoba Music Festival.

## Dedication Set for Neuwied Church

Neuwied, Germany. — Dedication of the recently purchased combination parsonage and meeting-house of the M. B. Church here has been set for March 17. Rev. H. H. Janzen will be the main speaker. Others expected to be present are Rev. C. Wall, the M. B. missionaries in Germany, MCC workers and representatives of other missions active in Europe.

A week of evangelistic services directed by Rev. H. H. Janzen will be held during the week preceding the dedication, Rev. J. W. Vogt reports. At the present time voluntary workers from the church are renovating the interior of the church auditorium.

Attendance at the new location is quite good for this time of year. Rev. Vogt states that it is a real joy not to be disturbed by drinking in the next room. Already four have expressed a desire to be baptized. A special need in the church at the present time is song books, with about 50 needed. Rev. Vogt suggests that some young people's group or other organization might want to share in the work by buying these German "Gesangbuch" hymnals for the church there, since the church there cannot get them at this time because of financial commitments in buying the new church home.

### TOBOGGANING OUTING AT HORNDEAN

Horndean, Man. — Appetites were keen last Saturday afternoon, after about an hour of tobogganing and bumping!

The social committee members had planned and prepared an outdoor event for Saturday afternoon. About 20 teeners and young people gathered at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hiebert, 5 miles north-west of Horndean. The deep canal was the scene of much tobogganing activity. One girl had even brought her modern 'flying saucer' for sliding.

An hour and a half was enough time to whet the appetites and to chill the toes and the noses. We were welcomed into the warm dining-room, where we took time to sing. Pastor Quiring read a portion of Scripture and pointed out the importance of Christian living in all our activities—every day of the week. After prayer, hot-dogs were served. Cakes, cookies and hot cocoa were on the menu, too.

# The Harvest

(A True Story)

By Jack Kytle

The tall, dark-haired young man walked with sure steps down the aisle, shoulders straight, head lifted. As he reached the base of the pulpit, the young pastor took his hand, holding it in firm grasp.

There were those in the congregation who realized the greatness of this moment. For both young men, it was the moment of victory, the long-delayed harvesttime.

There were those who knew how long it had taken for the harvest to flower. They knew of the many obstacles and discouragements the two had faced and fought together. Some of them, knowing the young minister's concern, had asked him, "Haven't you done all you can?"

"No," he had replied, "I'm going to keep working and praying. If I do the best I can—if I keep on plowing and planting seed—God will work things out."

The two young men were life-long friends.

In boyhood, they had joined the church together. One, some years later, became a minister. The other gradually drifted away from regular church attendance. Soon after graduation from high school, he had begun associating with a so-called "gay set". And it was not long before he began avoiding meetings with his once-close friend.

For a very few years he lived what he and his "gay set" called "the high life". Apparently he was free of care. He was flattered by the boisterous companions he had chosen, because he had come into a good job and had money to spend. They encouraged his wastefulness and led him to believe their parties would be drab affairs without him.

As he lived "the high life", his friend, remembering the past, knew there was good to salvage, if only the good could be reclaimed. Time and again he went to see the friend of boyhood.

"I hope you'll soon come back to church," he would say. "I miss you there. Why don't we go together next Sunday?"

And the friend would make evasive promises, which were not kept.

Then one day he failed to show up at his job. He didn't even report his whereabouts, or why he had to be absent. The "high life" slowly but with insidious thoroughness, had lowered upon him, and was now ready to claim its toll.

Whiskey had shackled him. He had reached the point where temptation to drink overwhelmed him, where one drink started a raging

fire, almost impossible to quench. At last his job was gone; in his clouded thinking, it had lost all importance. After a few weeks his savings were exhausted.

Many times in those despairing days he thought of his boyhood friend. But now he was ashamed to call upon him for help. Yet he had begun fighting his tormentor. For the first time in years, he prayed. He did not ask for help without effort of his own, but for strength and courage to help himself, to regain a way of life he had thrown away.

He prayed, too, that he might re-establish a friendship that had now become very dear to him. He prayed with faith, because faith had never been lost. Then one day, a knock sounded at the door. He opened it to find the young minister.

They talked a long while, prayed together a long while. The young minister helped his friend to find a small job, which cared for food costs and room rent. Fighting desperately to regain a hold on life, the friend began attending church again. But whisky fought back to hold the grip it had gained upon him.

He fell before it, once, twice, then three and four times. Each time it held him down for days, crushing in its evil power. Then when he would somehow manage to climb up again, tortured by illness and remorse, he would protest to the young minister, "I'm not worth what you are doing."

And the minister would reply, "You're gaining. Pray and pray, and then pray again. Hold fast to God, because He's still beside you."

It was after these falls back into drink that those who knew, who had long known both young men, asked the pastor, "Haven't you done all you can?"

"No," he would reply quickly. "With God's help, he's going to make it. And I'm going to keep on planting seed. One day it will take hold."

It did. Then at last there came the Sunday morning when the two friends stood in front of the pulpit, hands clasped, faces radiant. The time of harvest had come, the flowering of numberless prayers, of many an effort.

And those of the congregation who knew of the struggle, who had been assailed by doubt, had their own victory—the realization that if Christians keep planting the seed of prayer, faith and love, refusing to become discouraged in the face of powerful obstacles, there will come, at last, wonderful harvests.

It has been more than ten years

since the two young friends stood reunited before the congregation. Victory was complete. Any doubts have long since disappeared, because the young man saved from drink and its ruin has never wavered since that Sunday morning.

Faith high as a banner, back again in the job that he lost, the young man who once moved away from God has come back; who once gave his time and money to pursuit of a deceiving "gay life", now gives them in an unrelenting fight against the evil that almost destroyed him.

—Gospel Herald.

## The Bible Today

A missionary speaking of the little church of San Antonio in the Beni in Bolivia writes: "I doubt if you will find anywhere else in Bolivia a group that learns so much of the Scripture by heart. They memorize it by chapters, not merely verses. There is a lad here of five and a half years who can recite perfectly a number of chapters, besides numerous texts. I had read of someone who had memorized the Sermon on the Mount and then recited it in

church. I suggested to one of the young ladies in this group that she try to do the same; this was on a Thursday. On the following Sunday she repeated in the Sunday school the three chapters 5, 6 and 7 of St. Matthew, almost without mistake, and then repeated them at the evening service. She has also memorized the whole of the Epistle of James."

Commenting on the value of committing the Bible to heart, Wilfred T. Grenfell once wrote:

"To me the memorizing of Scripture has been an unending help in doubt, anxiety, sorrow and all the countless vicissitudes and problems of life. I believe in it enough to have devoted many, many hours of stowing away passages where I can neither leave them behind me or be unable to get to them. The Word of God is the Christian's best weapon, and must be with him always.

Facing death alone on a floating piece of ice on a frozen ocean, the comradeship it afforded me supplied all I needed. It stood by me like the truest of true friends that it is. With my whole soul I commend to others the giving of some little time each day to secure the immense returns it offers and insures."

## A Food-Processing Plant for Relief

By Ira J. Buckwalter  
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Missions and Charities

During World War II an extensive meat-canning program for foreign relief was carried on by a Lancaster Conference committee using the facilities provided by the Glicks near Smoketown, Pa.

Later that committee was succeeded by a material aid committee elected by the mission Board and more recently the functions of that committee have been incorporated into a Relief and Service Committee which is to serve in the area of disaster relief and material aid.

This mission board committee will also serve to coordinate the interests of other Mennonite Central Committee constituency groups in these areas of service.

The Relief and Service Committee is organized with a coordinator for disaster service and a coordinator for material aid appeals. In each congregation a local contact man has been appointed. These local representatives have met in each bishop district and elected a district chairman. These contact men and district chairmen will serve to inform the church of needs and organize labor for work projects or contributions of material aid supplies.

A number of material aid projects have been sponsored in recent years, the most recent being the shipment of twenty Brown

Swiss heifers to Greece.

In 1954 an extensive meat-canning project was sponsored using the facilities of the MCC portable canner. Since this equipment usually operates in the Midwest and has a full schedule, it is difficult to arrange for its use here in our area.

Because of the continuing need and the frequent availability of surplus foods it was felt that a food-processing facility in the eastern Pennsylvania area could fill a necessary function in the total witness of the church. It also seems quite clear that the size of the local constituency and the interest in this type of work would justify such a permanent processing plant.

The Joint Mission and Bishop Boards agreed to this and authorized this facility near Akron on the same lot with the MCC warehouse which is owned by the Mission Board.

A 40 ft. by 70 ft. cement-block building was erected and operations began January 23. Facilities for canning and dehydrating foodstuffs are being provided and installed.

The project will be directed by the Relief and Service Committee through material aid coordinator Henry Shenk of Manheim, Pa.

The approach to the church for funds will be directed by the Mission Board office. The district

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## THE Young Observers

### Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Do you know of any boys and girls who never speak to their parents? You would think of them as very strange children, wouldn't you. But do you know there are many children and also men and women who never speak to their Heavenly Father.

What would you think of a boy who never said "thank you" whenever he received something from his father? What would you think of a girl who never said to her mother, "I love you" and "thank you for being so good to me"? What do you think parents would think of such children? We would say these children were very selfish. Often we are just like these children to our Father in heaven Who loves us and has been so good to us.

How often do we say thank you to God for His Word, the Bible, for giving us all the things we need and helping us when we are in trouble? Many times we come to God only when we need something. Is that the right thing to do? We must also remember to talk to God when we are happy and having a wonderful time.

In the story of the ten lepers who were healed by Jesus only one came back to say, "Thank you", to Jesus.

Who are we going to be like? The nine who didn't return—or the one who came back?

Aunt Selma

## Tropical Troubles

Crash! A large-sized stone whizzed through the door of the dispensary and played havoc with an almost empty bottle of cough mixture. Glass scattered all over the floor. Samson rushed to the door, to deal with the thrower, and barely had time to duck as another stone whizzed harmlessly over his head, to make a not-inconsiderable dent in the mud-brick wall at the far end of the dispensary.

What he saw made Samson throw all his weight against the door, lock it, and put his 170 pounds to reinforce the lock. In that one split second he had seen an African youth, dressed entirely in a loin cloth, with a stone in one hand and a panga—a great harvesting knife, not unlike a young scythe blade—held menacingly in the other. Samson's actions had not been slowed down by the fact that there was foam at the lad's lips, and a wild glitter in his eye.

"Ya-yagwe! help!" he called, as the knife bit into the wood of the door.

I was in the ward some hundred yards away, doing what promised to be the last dressing to Mbuli's operation wound, and listening to his grandfather, who was now almost part of the furniture. For the umpteenth time he was giving me a running commentary on all his sicknesses over some half-century of misery.

Hearing Samson's yell, following the crash, I put down my dressing forceps and went into the courtyard to investigate. From my position the white-washed dispensary

looked perfectly normal. The tomato gardens on its easterly side were a credit to James, and I noticed that Elisha, the carpenter, had forgotten to take away his ladder after a new beam had been fitted, following a celebration by the white ant community. Then I heard "thump" and "O-e-e-e-o-o-o, help"—from Samson and a queer sound, a cross between a chuckle and a groan. I walked round the side of the dispensary in time to see Samson's wild-looking assailant, with his feet against the door, making frantic efforts to withdraw the knife.

For a couple of seconds I stood spell-bound, watching, fascinated. Scared faces peered through the door of the pathology laboratory, and through the window of the kitchen. Two small boys who were up to no good near the sugar store scuttled screaming into the ward, and disappeared underneath the most convenient beds. At that moment the knife parted company with the door. The frenzied African let out a yell and made for me. I threw my stethoscope at him, and weaponless, bolted round the dispensary. He came after me at full speed, and for a time we peered at one another along the wall.

"Look out, Bwana," came a voice. "He's running round the other way. He'll come round behind you."

With a yell he appeared not ten feet away, brandishing his knife. I have seldom moved faster! Coming round the corner suddenly I saw the ladder. I dragged it out

from the wall as I ran. There was a dull thud behind me, and the ladder crashed into the tomato vines. From the relative safety of my position round the corner, I looked, and saw my assailant staggering about with both hands clasped to his face. He had run head first into the ladder. At his feet was the knife. I made one flying dive at this, grabbed it, and flung it over the fence. Things were on a different basis now, and while the lad was obviously dangerous, I felt the situation was almost under control.

Suddenly he was conscious that I was standing before him. With a snarl, he sprang at me. Once again the ladder played its valuable part. He caught one of his feet between the rungs, staggered and fell headlong. I took the opportunity of sitting on his chest, and called out for Samson. It was amazing how courageous everybody was in the shortest space of time. Samson held his knees, and, together with about thirty others who crowded close—but not too close—I was able to view my latest patient. He was covered—literally covered—with ulcers, or blackberry-like warty growths. The angles of his mouth were horrible to look at. I cleared my throat, and in my best lecture-hall manner, said: "This is one of the most typical cases of a disease known as framboesia, or yaws. Spelt Y-A-W-S. It is a disease caused by a small creature that, under the microscope, looks like a very small piece of twisted cord or string. These ulcers and warty-looking things..."

Daudi appeared with a syringe in his hand. "Morphia, sir," he said. "Thank you, Daudi," I replied, injecting it, as best I could, into the struggling victim, who almost heaved Samson off his feet.

"Oh, Daudi, load the large syringe with NAB, please. I want to inject it into a vein."

On the lad's legs were three ulcers, each as big as the palm of your hand. On his back were others, only a little smaller. Shifting my position a little, so that he could not claw at me with his hands, I said: "Listen. In one month's time, after four injections, and several bottles of medicine, this lad will be quite normal and have only the slightest traces of ulcers and swellings."

Samson laughed a little incredulously. "Yah, Bwana, we cannot believe that, surely."

He moved his hand in a deprecating fashion, thus giving our patient the chance to free his leg. Samson received a powerful and well-placed kick which made things interesting for some four or five minutes. Then as he lay there, in the glaring sunlight, being held rather grimly by half a dozen stalwarts, I gave his first injection. Daudi cleaned up his arm, and slowly the yellow arsenic solution was run into his bloodstream. He muttered horribly and spat at me. Daudi's wife thoughtfully dropped an old cloth over his face. I pushed home the plunger of the syringe.

The morphia was having its effect, and we carried the lad into a small room, and laid him on a native mat. In a short time he was asleep. A considerable number of people, hearing all the doings, had arrived. Turning to them I said:

"This disease is very dangerous, and the germs are carried from one to another very easily. It is necessary for all those who touched him to wash themselves very carefully, and rub on this med-

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When their Daddies and Mommies attended a Sunday school teachers' course in Hampshire, Ont., these three children also came—and served as object lessons. Their names are, left to right, David Gowanlock, Joan Lacombe, and Kenneth John Epp, the son of Rev. and Mrs. John Epp, who are home missionaries there.

## The School of God By Peggy Arbogast

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(29th Installment)

Keith finished reading the chapter and they prayed around, everyone but Betty taking part. There was more than one tear shed as they listened to Connie thanking the Lord that he was going to bring their father home for Christmas.

They had hardly left the room when the front doorbell rang sharply. Bob hastened to answer it and returned followed by Kitty. He carried a large potted Poinsettia which the girl had brought. "I thought Connie might enjoy it," she explained. "It's so bright and cheerful."

Ruth thanked her warmly and followed Bob as he carried it up to the child's room. The others hastened to urge Kitty to stay and help them in their plans for Christmas Eve. Bob put the plant down with an elaborate bow and then hurried off to work. Ruth lingered for a few minutes with her little sister.

"Feeling better tonight, Honey?" she asked as she seated herself upon the bed.

"I'm soon going to be all better. There isn't anymore sickness in heaven is there?" asked the child.

Ruth tried to smile as she wiped away a tear. It was the first indication that the child had given that she knew she was soon to die.

"No, dear," she responded rather shakily. "There will be no more sickness for you there. It says in the Word, 'and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.'"

The child lay still for a moment after Ruth had finished, then noticing the tears in her sister's eyes she said, "Why Ruthie, you're crying. Please don't. I'm so happy. I want to go."

Ruth smiled through her tears, then the child began to speak again. "Ruth, don't some people give flowers as a gift at graduation?"

The older girl nodded, wondering what was in the child's mind. "Well then," continued Connie, "the flowers on this plant that Kitty brought are my graduation flowers."

Ruth still did not understand what the child meant, but she did not wait long for an explanation.

"When Paster Keith was reading tonight, I thought that all these people were there because it's go-

ing to be my graduation day. One time, Ruth, you said that I was many classes ahead of you in the School of God. Well I knew tonight when the Pastor was reading about Paul, that I've finished my course in the School of God. Our Teacher doesn't have any more lessons planned for me and when you finish a course in a school, you graduate. I'm going to be graduated from the School of God right into Heaven."

And before the first streaks of dawn had tinted the eastern sky, that little soul, washed white in the blood of Jesus, wended its way upward to the Father's House. She had spent her last evening upon earth surrounded by the friends she loved so well. She had never graduated from any earthly school, but there had been friends and flowers to help her celebrate her graduation into Glory.

### CHAPTER XXII

On Saturday afternoon immediately after their return from Connie's funeral, Ruth began to continue their interrupted preparations for Christmas. Betty looked at her askance. "Why Ruth," she cried in amazement. "How can you do such a thing? I've always considered you a model of propriety, but this is dreadful. Have you no respect for the dead?"

Ruth's smile successfully hid the ache in her heart, for she felt the loss of their little sister even more than the others. "Connie is not dead. That was just her body—an empty shell that we laid away. Even now she is rejoicing in Heaven. She'll celebrate this Christmas there, and she would want us to continue with our plans here," she replied calmly.

"But Christmas is such a gay time. When one speaks of Christmas I always think of the song and the dance, parties and things like that," protested Betty.

"That is not the sort of Christmas that Connie and I have been planning," returned Ruth quietly. "We have been planning not a gay Christmas, but a joyous one. There is a difference you know. True, for many, Christmas does mean the song and the dance, but not for me. Oh, the song is there—but it's the song of the Saviour Who came to this sin-cursed earth to give His life a ransom for our souls. That was the greatest gift that was ever given. Each year on His Birthday we give gifts to others. This is a good custom and I believe in it, but oh how much

more important it is to give Him the gift of ourselves."

"That is just the way I've been thinking of it," interrupted Bob, who up to this point had been a silent listener to their conversation. "And you know, speaking of songs, there isn't one of the old carols that we could sing that would be disrespectful to Connie."

"Of course there isn't," continued Ruth. "Why is it that we sing 'Joy to the World'—because 'the Lord has come.' And because He has, we can be joyful—even now, for we know that Connie is with our Lord. Oh, if the Lord Jesus hadn't come we would have reason to cease our celebrations. But He has come, and as Christians we must carol forth this message of joy to those who know it not."

So in spite of Betty's objections, the Arnold's plans for Christmas continued. The next morning they were in their places at the Church service. Throughout the service Ruth was conscious of the presence of the Holy Spirit such as she had never felt before in that church. There were many more Bibles present than there usually were and the girl noticed that they were being used. Keith preached in the power of the Spirit and the congregation forgot the hustle and the bustle of the outside world as they followed Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem—as they listened to the story of the birth of the Babe—of the birth of the One Who was born to die.

At the close of the service the first one to hasten down the aisle to Ruth was none other than Miss Nellie Bleigh. She was wiping her eyes energetically with a stiff white handkerchief. "Miss Arnold," she gulped as Ruth paused, waiting for her to speak, "I wanted to tell you that I never enjoyed a funeral so much as I did your sister's. It didn't seem like any other I was ever to and well, I—I," she stammered in embarrassment, then continued again in haste. "I accepted Christ as my Saviour when I went home." The woman left and hurried down the aisle before the surprised girl could say a word.

When Miss Nellie had first begun to speak, Ruth had been seized with a wild desire to giggle. The woman was just the type to "enjoy a funeral". It was a well known fact that there was never any funeral in that town but what was graced with Miss Nellie's stiffly starched presence. The more the weeping on the part of the relatives and close friends of the deceased, the more Miss Nellie "enjoyed it", for the more she had to gossip about when it was over. But yesterday had been different. There had been tears, yes, but there had been smiles through the tears. She had never heard a funeral message such as the one Keith had brought. It had been a mes-

sage to the living dead—those dead in trespasses and sins. He had closed by telling the beautiful story of Connie's faith, not omitting her last sentences which expressed her joy at being graduated into Glory. So Miss Nellie, who had come to witness sadness and death had gone home with joy and peace in her heart, having found life—eternal life, at a funeral.

Bob, too, had heard her words to Ruth, for he had been standing close by his sister when Miss Nellie approached. Ruth turned to him and whispered, "The dear old soul. It must have been very hard for her to come and tell me that." The boy nodded in agreement and the two left together. They went to Aunt Sally's for dinner that day, and at the table Keith told them of others who had related to him that they had been brought from death unto life as the Word of God had been given forth at Connie's funeral.

Ruth looked up with a radiant face. "Do you know what that makes me think of?" she asked. The others waited for her to explain. "Do you remember when Samson died how he tore down the pillars, killing more in his death than he had in his life? Connie's life because of her frail health was very sheltered. She did not get out and meet many people. She had very little chance to speak to others of her Saviour. Samson with all his strength brought more to destruction in his death than he had in his life. Connie, with all her weakness, brought more to life through her death than she could if she had continued to live."

Early on Monday morning it began to snow. The storm lasted all day and well into the night. Tuesday, Christmas Eve, dawned clear and bitterly cold. The whole town was covered with a beautiful blanket of white. In the early afternoon Keith and Bob went for a tramp in the woods, promising to bring back some trees suitable for trimming. They returned at supper time with two small but wonderfully shaped trees, one for the Arnold's and one for Aunt Sally. They were cold and hungry, but very happy in the fellowship they had enjoyed together. Ruth had a steaming supper ready for them, which they devoured heartily.

It did not take them very long to trim the Arnold's tree. "I like to see the tree that God made, rather than the decorations that man made," explained Ruth, and the others agreed with her. So they placed a large silver star at top, then a string of all-blue lights, and a few strands of silvery tinsel.

Keith stood back to see the effect. "Beautiful," he cried.

(To be continued)

## Wheat Main Crop at Bage, Brazil

**Bage, Brazil.** — Shortly after Christmas farmers here completed harvesting their wheat. The yield was quite good generally, with the average about 18 bushels per acre. Price for the wheat this year has been raised by the government to three dollars per bushel.

Mennonites in this area have gone into wheat production in a big way. It was not unusual for a farmer to harvest 6,000 bushels, with one family's crop totalling 18,000 bushels this year. To harvest wheat in this quantity demands a high degree of mechanization. At present farmers here own 30 combines, which cost them about \$5,000 each if purchased from the government and \$10,000 if purchased privately. When the wheat is ready to harvest, there is not much quibbling about where to buy a combine—as long as the farmer gets one.

The settlement here has existed only since 1949. During this time they have raised the standard of living so much, that they could not be called poor anymore. They are able to provide for themselves, even though they will have to borrow money when purchasing new tracts of land.

The church here is reaping the benefits of this prosperity. Three per cent of the church member's income flows into the church treasury—with most members participating gladly. Much can be done through the wise stewardship of the church treasury. Mission interest is increasing, although up to now most of the efforts have been directed to building up the church, schools, and the mission among their neighbours. However, a sizable sum has already been allocated to foreign missions and there are good prospects that foreign mission interest will increase.

Increasing production of wheat has created two problems. One is a growing shortage of land. People are driving as far as 75 miles to seed and harvest their land, with members of the family often away for several weeks during this time. At the present time negotiations are in progress for a 9,000-acre tract of land, costing about 50 dollars an acre. Since a large portion of the purchase price will have to be borrowed, the attitudes of the government and lending institutions are important—and these are supporting the farmer, with money available at low interest rates.

Disposal of wheat also creates problems. Since the production of wheat has increased phenomenally, storage and handling facilities have not been able to keep pace. Some farmers have still not been paid for their last year's crop. This year a co-operative has been formed to market the wheat, which tot-

als about 250,000 bushels. The farmer now is paid for the wheat as soon as he delivers it. Already half of it has been sold, with negotiations going on for the sale of the rest.

There is a large market for wheat in Brazil, since the country still imports large quantities of flour. But the sale of Brazilian wheat is made difficult through the high price the government has put on it. Wheat can be imported for half the price of locally-grown wheat. At the present time the government is still supporting the farmer, but wheat producers in Brazil will have to decrease production costs to compete with other wheat-producing areas of the world.

### A PROCESSING PLANT FOR RELIEF

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chairman and congregation contact man will be called on to arrange for groups from the various congregations to help in carrying out the food-processing projects that are undertaken. Their help and support of the appeal for the necessary funds will also be appreciated.

We believe the Lord has led in arranging for this new area of outreach and that He will bless the service of those who labor in the name of Christ.

### MORE ABOUT

#### Unshouldered Burden

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house." The thought, as if urged by a powerful force, became a prayer, "God, give me the strength of heart to overcome this pessimism, this self-pity. Help me to make my family happy again."

As he reached the flight of steps leading to the doorway, he told himself, "I'm going to leave all my fears and doubts here on these steps tonight. In the morning, I'll pick them up."

That evening, he strove to be cheerful in his talk with wife and children. He tried his very best to push himself and his problems from his mind, talking instead of family interests, school, play, and happenings in the neighborhood. And as he did, happiness began venturing back into his home.

Next morning, when he paused on the steps to pick up his worries of the night before, he was surprised to discover that hardly a one of them was left. Some that had seemed so pressing the night before had completely disappeared.

That was months ago. His fears over the personnel changes proved groundless, because they did not

affect him. Since then, he has gained a promotion.

But he still calls the flight of steps his "Prayer Steps". If worries of any kind assail him now, he leaves them every evening upon the steps in the keeping of God, praying earnestly for the faith and courage to overcome them. His home-comings no longer darken the joy in his home. Laughter is back. And he has found, as time passes, that the problems he picks up mornings are ever lighter.

—Gospel Herald.

### TROPICAL TROUBLES

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icine." I held up a pot of ointment.

Our ablutions and rubbings were watched with the greatest of interest and comment.

I whispered to Daudi, "What a chance. Behold, I will tell them part of the story. You pick up the thread and tell them the Words of Life."

Daudi looked at me and smiled. "Bwana," he said, "there are many people who would not touch an infectious man. Why did you do it?"

"Daudi, if we can help him to know the Lord Jesus Christ through ridding him of his foul disease, well, it is worth a bit of a risk."

Standing under the shade of the pomegranate tree, I turned to the crowd.

"There was a man like our friend today, whose name was 'Many Devils'. Now, he was so strong that he broke chains as you would break string. No one ventured near the place where he lived until one day Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came that way. Out rushed 'Many Devils', and Jesus faced this strong man."

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## Books

By O. Hallesby

### Why I Am a Christian

This book is for those doubters who are in distress because of their doubt. They are tired of painful uncertainty. They long for the peaceful rest which calm and impregnable assurance affords. The author does not attempt to argue with those who try to calm their conscience with skepticism. They don't want faith. But for sincere seekers, this book will be a real help.

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The author contends that the great danger confronting Christianity is the blending and confounding of Christianity with pagan religion. This book is not intended as a theoretical reckoning between heathenism and Christianity, but as an attempt to afford guidance to those who would know the difference between religion and Christianity.

### The Christian Life

This is the fifth in the series written by the author and is as powerful as the rest. It contains discussions on "Sin and the Sense of Sin", "Through Death to Life", "When the Gardener Prunes the Vines", "Evangelistic Preaching" and "The Inner Power in Missionary Work", among the 11 chapters.

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## THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

### Israeli Authorities Arrest Coptic Leader

The head of the Coptic Orthodox Church in Israel has been arrested by Israeli authorities on charges of espionage on behalf of Egypt. The 45-year-old Egyptian-born priest was taken into custody as he crossed into Israeli territory, from the old city of Jerusalem to the new. He has been head of the Coptic monastery in Jaffa since 1948 and has made several visits to Egypt. The Coptic Church, over 1500 years old, is the largest Christian body in Egypt, with some two-and-one-half million members.

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### To Help Farmers

**NEW YORK.** — The Heifer Project, an intercreedal agency for helping needy people in foreign lands, plans to ship approximately 1500 cattle, 900 goats, 2,000 sheep and 400 pigs during 1957 to 24 different countries. In addition it will send overseas some 187,000 chicks, 2,000 hatching eggs, 155 rabbits and seven packages of bees to help the farmers of other lands get on their feet. Mennonite Central Committee participates in these projects.

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### Enrollment Up

**WASHINGTON.** — Enrollment in the nation's theological seminaries and schools of religious education has passed the 30,000 mark, showing an increase of 2.3 per cent over last year; but there is a decline of 5.5 per cent in the number of first-year students enrolling for ministerial training. General enrollment in all colleges and universities is up ten per cent over last year.

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### More Crimes Than Ever

**WASHINGTON.** — J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, reports that more major crimes were committed in the U.S. in 1956 than in any previous year. During the past 12 months there were 2,534,000 major crimes, an increase of over 11 per cent over last year's record. Robbery was the only category of major crimes in which there was a slight decline.

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### Snow Plow Earns For God

**CLEVELAND, OHIO.** — A Baptist layman has put a snow plow into service for God. When heavy snows blanket the city and most everyone is complaining about the miserable weather, Marcellus Chapman gets busy with his plow. He cleans off the sidewalk along the whole street, then solicits business from individual families. When asked about his fee, he always answers, "I'm not asking anything for myself; just give what

you can for the work of the Lord." The donations, ranging from one to ten dollars, total as much as \$200 in a heavy storm. All of it goes into a special fund which Mr. Chapman uses to help needy families, to purchase Bibles for service-men and flowers for hospital patients. Usually he does his snow-plowing in the forenoon, coming home for lunch, then changing clothes and reporting for work in the maintenance department of the American Steel and Wire Company.

## CANADASCOPE

### Water Study for Pembina Slated

A government-backed study of methods of solving a water shortage in the Pembina Triangle south and east of Winnipeg was approved by the Manitoba Legislature. The house called on the government to aid in the study and, when a feasible solution is found, to discuss financing with the federal government and other interested parties.

## THE WORLD TODAY

### Arab Nation Gets Arms

The U.S. has agreed to sell Saudi Arabia \$50,000,000 worth of military equipment and is studying requests for about \$60,000,000 worth of arms from other Middle Eastern Arab nations. The Iraqis have asked for military equipment for their army of 50,000 men and for F-86 Sabre jet fighters, tanks, and an eye-watering \$750,000 worth of tear gas.

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### 70 Burn in Fire

Fire turned an old folks home into a blazing death oven in minutes in Warrenton, Missouri, on Sunday, February 17, killing at least 70 persons.

One eye-witness said it seemed the entire two-and-a-half story brick building was aflame in three or four minutes. Another said it couldn't have been more than 15 minutes.

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### Israel Chooses to Hold On

Israeli Foreign Minister Golda Meir said on February 17 that Israel may have to choose between "suffering or death" if the United Nations imposes economic sanctions against her for refusing to withdraw troops from positions along the Gulf of Aqaba and the Gaza Strip.

Israel thus far has refused to bow to pressure from the United

### Canada Suggests Expansion of UN Forces

Far-reaching Canadian proposals, involving the possible addition of naval or air components to the United Nations Emergency Force in the Middle East, are under discussion in New York. Under the new Canadian proposals, the UN would maintain either air or sea patrols, or both, to meet Israel's insistence upon freedom of navigation through the Gulf of Aqaba.

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### Northern B.C. Development Mooted

A plan that could lead to the development of a large portion of British Columbia's northland has been presented to the B.C. government by Axel L. Wenner-Gren, 75-year-old Swedish financier. In effect, he has offered to build a 400-mile monorail railway in return for first chance at staking minerals, timber stands and hydro-electric power developments in the area, which is more than one-tenth of the entire province. Survey contracts of more than \$3,000,000 have been let already. As an illustration of good faith, Wenner-Gren deposited \$500,000 with the B.C. government.

Nations and the United States to withdraw her forces behind the 1948 Armistice line.

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### New York Police Shocked Over Crime Increase

New York Police Commissioner Stephen Kennedy has reported a "shocking" increase in the arrest of young people in the largest U.S. city.

There was a 32.5 per cent increase in arrests of those under 16 and a 12.7 per cent rise of those between 16 and 20 in 1956 as compared to 1955.

The Commissioner said that the problem of crime and delinquency among minors "is not for the police alone". He added:

"Neither the police nor any other criminal law enforcement agency has ever been able to build character, or develop all the desirable habits, attitudes, interests, and ideals necessary for worthwhile life in the community, either for youths or adults.

"Obviously, the home, church or synagogue, school and other community agencies . . . must assume a fair share of this conceded enormous responsibility."

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### U.S. Worries Over NATO Arms Cuts

U.S. Military chiefs are worrying over the reduction of British and French armed forces in NATO in order to cut down defence costs. They feel that these deal serious blows to the effectiveness of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

### POULTRY PLANT OPENED IN WINKLER

**Winkler, Man.** — A modern \$80,000 poultry producing plant erected by the Winkler Co-operative Creamery Ltd. was officially opened on Saturday, February 9. Prior to the cutting of the ribbon, Hon. J. G. Gardiner, federal minister of agriculture, addressed the audience in the local school auditorium. He then led a tour of inspection of the new plant.

When working to capacity, the plant will employ 30 persons and will handle over 200 birds an hour. Mr. Eugene Giesbrecht, manager of the plant, expects to be on a year-round operation before long.

### Evangelistic Effort in Port Rowan

**Port Rowan, Ont.** — The new Community Centre here was the scene of a special evangelistic meeting on Sunday evening, February 16.

Young people of the Mennonite Brethren Church, together with the whole church and neighbouring churches, presented the program. Preparatory work had been done by holding special sessions of instruction and prayer for the work of God's Spirit in the community.

Rev. Isaac Tiessen of Leamington served as guest speaker on the program, which also included a story for the children, singing by the choir, and testimonies.

The Lord blessed these efforts with a good attendance and the salvation of one soul. His Word does not return void.

This was the second service of its kind in Port Rowan.

### PRE-RALLY SUCCESSFUL

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by the Christian Business Men's Committee, the Pastors Evangelical Fellowship and Youth for Christ.

Rev. G. Splinter, pastor of Grant Memorial Baptist Church, served as chairman of the rally in the auditorium on Sunday. Mr. Corny Balzer directed the mass choir, while Mr. Helmut Janzen led the congregational singing. They are choir leaders of the North Kildonan M. B. Church and the Elmwood M.B. Church choirs respectively. A men's quartet from the M. B. Bible College, composed of Rudy Wiebe, Rudy Baerg, Jake Dueck and Roland Sawatzky, sang twice. Rev. Eveland of the Fellowship Chapel (EMB) read the Scripture reading, Mr. D. E. Redekop, chairman of CBMC, led in prayer, while Rev. J. P. Neufeld of the South End M. B. Church pronounced the benediction.

## Weddings

### THIESSEN—HIEBERT

A wedding of wide interest took place in the Kitchener Mennonite Brethren church on Saturday, December 29, 1956, when Annette Hiebert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Hiebert, Kitchener, Ontario, was married to Mr. Victor Thiessen, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Thiessen of Namaka, Alberta. The pastor of the church, Rev. J. J. Toews, officiated at this impressive ceremony.



Attendants were Miss Elsie Thiessen, sister of the bridegroom as maid of honour and Mr. Henry Warkentin as best man, with Victor Hiebert, brother of the bride, and Peter Isaac serving as ushers. Miss Joyce Redekop, St. Catharines, Ontario, was pianist and Mr. Henry Goertzen of Virgil was soloist.

After a brief honeymoon, the couple settled down on a farm at Namaka, Alberta. The groom is a 1956 graduate of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College of Winnipeg, Manitoba, where the bride also attended.

## Obituaries

### INFANT, ROBERT CHARLES MARTENS, PASSES

Laird, Sask. — Friends and relatives gathered in the Laird M. B. church on Tuesday, January 29, to pay their last respects as the body of little Robert Charles Martens was viewed for the last time and laid to rest.

Rev. Nick Janz opened the solemn service, after which the quartet sang. Rev. Janz then spoke to the bereaved, giving them assurance that their son had merely gone on ahead and was now in the presence of Jesus Christ. Following the reading of the obituary, the quartet sang, "Asleep in Jesus". While "Abide With Me" was

being played, the body was viewed. It was then taken to the Laird cemetery for interment.

Robert Charles was born on January 3, 1957, to Dave and Frieda Martens. He passed away quietly on January 26. His parents and brothers enjoyed only ten short days with him at home, but already he had won a place in their hearts and they were closely attached to him. Yet God took him to Himself. He is greatly missed by his parents and three brothers, Howard, Paul and Allan.



### HUNGARIAN REFUGEES

Approximately 150 Hungarians are staying temporarily in the three MCC-operated refugee homes in Austria.

Reports from one of the camps indicate the Hungarian guests express a mixture of elation and despondency when news arrives regarding their immigration to a selected nation. Some are accepted and some rejected. If rejected they apply for immigration to a different nation.

Sermons have been given in the refugee homes by a Hungarian minister. John Duerksen, pastor of European Pax Services, also ministered to the refugees. Paxmen organize ensembles to sing for the refugees.

English classes are provided since many expect to immigrate to English-speaking nations. In one refugee home the Hungarians learned to use English in singing hymns and reciting the Lord's Prayer, used in daily devotions.

Leather crafts have become a popular time-consumer for many refugees as many are artistic and creative, workers report. Women are occupied with knitting.

Dean Hartman (Wakarusa, Ind.) in one of the refugee homes writes: "We pray that the spiritual messages we have given may go with them to their new homes and that these homes will be founded 'in the name of Christ'."

### VOCATIONAL TRAINEES

Vocational trainees from five nations, spending a year in Mennonite homes and occupations, have gone to their places of residence for their final six months in America:

**California** — Marlies Knels of Germany, Kings View Homes at Reedley; Heinz Landes of Germany, Henry R. Martens at Reedley.

**Illinois** — Jantje Hoving of the Netherlands, John E. Kaufman at Tiskilwa; Johannes Sprunck of Germany, Oliver B. Yoder at Eureka.

**Indiana** — Erika Friesen of Germany, Howard E. Baumpartner at Berne; Lenamarie Funck of Germany, Donald Klopfenstein at Grabbill; Irmgard Quapp of Germany, Ralph Gerig at New Haven; Peter Sawatzky of Germany, August Nagel at Berne; Ilse Franzen of Germany, Nelson Springer at Goshen.

**Iowa** — Jacoba de Vries of the Netherlands, Leroy V. Miller at Kalona.

**Kansas** — Karin Bergtholdt of Germany, Bethel Deaconess Hospital at Newton; Jean-Pierre Claude of Switzerland, Prairie View Hospital at Newton; Elizabeth Dirkmaat of the Netherlands, Prairie View Hospital at Newton; Afifeh Rumman of Jordan, Bethel Deaconess Hospital at Newton; Helmut Suckau of Germany, Heston Manufacturing Co. at Heston.

**Maryland** — Martha van Borsum Wallkes of the Netherlands, Brook Lane Farm at Hagerstown.

**Minnesota** — Peter Penner of Germany, Harlan Henry Franz at Mountain Lake.

**Nebraska** — Reinhard Regier of Germany, Henry Hirschler at Jansen.

**Ohio** — Elizabeth Bonnstra of the Netherlands, Dr. Paul E. Hoolley at DeGraff; Popko de Jonge of the Netherlands, Ray C. Steiner at Sterling; Harald Schmidt of Paraguay, Erie Sauder at Archbold; Hilly Smelt of the Netherlands, A. J. Troyer at Smithville.

**Oklahoma** — Waldemar Eger of Germany, John C. Vogt of Cordell.

**Pennsylvania** — Edith Margarete Foth of Germany, Dr. Stanley S. Stauffer at Emmaus; Hans Guenter Krueger of Germany, Matthew Kolb at Royersford; Andre Wenger of Switzerland, Union National Bank and Trust Co. at Souderton.

**South Dakota** — Catharina Postma of the Netherlands, Dr. Irvin I. Kaufman at Freeman.

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**West Coast** regional office and clothing depot, Box 168, Reedley, Calif.

**Canadian** regional office, 10 Union Street East, Waterloo, Ont. Clothing depot, 189½ King Street East, Kitchener, Ont.

MCC administrative offices are at Akron, Pa., and another clothing depot is at Ephrata, Pa.

### DISASTER SERVICE

Flooded areas in Kentucky, West Virginia and Virginia are not in as bad a condition as anticipated, so Mennonite Disaster Service units will not be dispatched there.

This is the conclusion reported by Ivan Martin of New Holland, Pa., and Lewis Britsch of Archbold, Ohio, who scouted for MDS at Bristol, Va., where temporary Red Cross headquarters are set up.

However the Eastern Ohio unit was asked to dispatch workmen to Hazard, Ky., where some eastern Ohio churches have had mission work. Units in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Delaware and Virginia (not organized) had been alerted for possible service.

### REDUCED AIR FARE

The first break toward reduced fares for clergymen in air travel was made when the Civil Aeronautics Board made such an authorization to Bonanza Airlines (serving Arizona, California, New Mexico and Nevada), according to the Washington Religious Review.

Reduced fares will be possible only if there is space, according to the Act passed by Congress last August 1. The Act also stipulates that individual airlines must request from CAB authorization to provide reduced fares for the clergy.

No big airline has submitted clergy tariffs to date. Menno Travel Service believes reduced fares in air travel as a general practice is still some distance away.

## Second Thoughts on the DEAD SEA SCROLLS

By F. F. Bruce

At last the public can read an authoritative book on the important Dead Sea Scrolls. In this book the careful and learned Professor of Biblical History and Literature in the University of Sheffield, England, has sifted all the evidence at present available, good, bad and indifferent, and has given us the fruit of his own insight into the interpretation of the light these discoveries cast upon the Word of God. This eminently readable and thoroughly reliable account of these outstanding discoveries contains chapters on: The First Discoveries; Later Discoveries; Dating the Finds; The Scrolls and the Old Testament; Biblical Interpretation and the Messianic Hope; The Teacher of Righteousness and His Enemies; Qumran and Christianity.

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## COLLEGES

### CANADIAN MENNONITE BIBLE COLLEGE

Special ministers and Christian workers courses are being offered for the first time this year at CMBC. The courses began on Feb. 11 and will continue for two weeks. Nine men, four from Manitoba, two from British Columbia, two from Saskatchewan and one from Alberta are at present in attendance. The courses being offered by our college instructors are Homiletics, Church History, Life of Christ, Devotional Life, and Ethics.

Upon request the CMBC choir sang a few selections at the Prophecy Conference sponsored by the mission to the Jews, being held in the Grant Memorial Church in Winnipeg.

On March 17 our choir will render this year's first presentation of Mendessohn's oratorio, "St. Paul". In previous years only the first part of this oratorio has been sung, whereas this year part two is being added. The oratorio will be sung with orchestral accompaniment.

### GOSHEN COLLEGE

The 110-voice combined A Cappella and Collegiate Choruses sang Handel's Dettingen Te Deum under the direction of Dwight Weldy, Sunday evening, Feb. 17.

The text of the Te Deum dates from the fifth century. One of the greatest hymns to come down to us from the early Christian church,

it was a morning hymn in which the congregation worshipped God in exalted response to the message of His Word. Handel's setting of this great hymn uses the chorus and the melodies in much the same way as did the Messiah, written two years earlier.

Viola Good, dean of women, is on leave this semester to study at Columbia University. While in New York, Miss Good also plans to enroll in a Bible study course at the New York Biblical Seminary.

Verna Zimmerman, assistant director of the school of nursing, on educational leave for this semester, is also a student at Columbia University. Miss Zimmerman is taking advanced work in nursing education at the Teachers College. Mrs. Frances Kreuter, one of the outstanding persons in the field of nursing today, is Miss Zimmerman's advisor during her period of study.

Dr. H. Harold Hartzler, professor of mathematics, was recently re-elected for a third term of office as president of the National American Scientific Affiliation. The A.S.A., organized in 1941 by a group of Christian men of science, is devoted to the study and activity necessary to the logical presentation of the compatibility of science and the Christian faith. Their work includes the publication of a quarterly Journal and books and pamphlets and the conducting of annual conventions throughout the country. Previous to his assignment to the office of president of the A.S.A., Dr. Hartzler served for 4 years as secretary-treasurer.

agency. The Sunday school is the greatest aid in conserving the efforts of evangelism the church has. In fact, unless the converts to Christianity are integrated into the Sunday school and church life they are soon lost to the church.

Mr. Shrader admitted that great advances had been made in Sunday schools during the last ten years, but he left one with the impression that he could find few churches where they were doing any better. Where did Mr. Shrader look? Wherever it was he missed several things.

#### More Attending Sunday School

First of all, more people are going to Sunday school today than ever before. We know there is increased population, but much of this increase is due to an improved program even if Mr. Shrader says increased attendance does not mean improved quality.

More men are going to Sunday school today and more men are taking an active part in the leadership of the Sunday school. It is not impossible to find men working in every department of the Sunday school, nursery included, and why not?

In many respects Mr. Shrader's article is about twenty years late. Much that he said would have been more applicable in 1936 when Sunday school attendance and interest hit a proportionate low.

He says, "the reputation of the church school across the country is pretty low," whereas, the reputation of the Sunday school is going up and has been for several years.

What does he mean when he says "the people know that the good 'old Sunday school broke about as many people as it built?"

#### Faces Bright Future

No other organization has done so much, for so many, with so little, and today we see that little growing in personnel, in facilities and equipment and even in finances. The Sunday school has not faced a brighter future this century.

In some areas during the past decade and a half the Sunday school has actually taken the lead. A striking example of this is in visual education: from the flannelgraph board and other forms of non-projected visuals to the filmstrip and motion picture the Sunday school has led. Today business houses and sales organizations are using methods of presentation akin to those used in Sunday schools a decade and more ago.

Today Sunday school is on the march. Great gains have been made and greater gains are coming. Why? Here are a few of the biggest reasons. Improved curriculum is already available and in use in many if not most evangel-

ical Sunday schools. Hundreds of Sunday school conventions are being held each year in all parts of the country. Here thousands of teachers and potential Sunday school workers have been challenged to attempt bigger things for God. They have returned to their local churches where many have enrolled in teacher training classes and as a result their teaching has improved. This added interest on the part of the teacher has brought a greater response from the pupils.

We are not ready to sing the "Hallelujah Chorus", we need awakened pastors, and this means awakened seminaries and especially seminary leaders who determine the curriculum for our future preachers. We need awakened parents too, but we are ready to say that as far as many of the people who attend our evangelical Sunday schools our most valuable hour of the week is the one spent in Sunday school.

## New Translations

### The Gospels: An Expanded Translation

By Kenneth S. Wuest.

This expanded translation of the Gospels provides today's reader of the New Testament with the full English equivalent of the Greek text in modern speech. The language of the Gospels is the language of the man in the street, the ordinary language used for trade and daily affairs, not the language of scholars and writers. This expanded translation gives the full force of the original Greek, and enables the English reader to understand better the spirit of the times in which the Gospels were written.

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## Let's Be Fair

By Clate A. Risley

Chicago, Ill. — LIFE Magazine, February 11, 1957, published an article by Wesley Shrader, "Our Troubled Sunday Schools." He attacks the Sunday school as the most wasted hour in the week.

Many of the statements Mr. Shrader makes are true, such as "ministers are often badly informed about what goes on at the Sunday school hour, even in their own churches". But taking the article as a whole it is unfair, unscientific, and behind the times.

My work as Executive Secretary of the National Sunday School Association takes me into all parts of this country. In churches of many denominations I have never seen many of the things Mr. Shrader tells about. To cite extreme illustrations to prove a point is neither fair nor scientific.

#### Sunday Schools Not Perfect

It would be folly to contend that our Sunday schools are perfect.

Far from it, but neither do we feel that average U.S. Protestant Sunday school is nothing more than a glorified baby-sitting service, a place where children listen to grotesque stories and memorize verses, or a Sunday morning social hour characterized by a considerable amount of horseplay.

It is unfortunate that many college students who have been in Sunday school a big share of their lives are not better informed about the Bible and the Christian life, but it is also possible that many of these same young people would not be in college at all if it were not for their experience in Sunday school. How many young people would be in our Christian colleges, seminaries or Bible institutes if these same young people had never been in the Sunday school?

The Sunday school with all its weaknesses still brings more members into the church than any other

# Student Testimonies a Blessing

By Mrs. N. Fehr

Warman, Sask. — Life and progress in our churches is today an evident result of our Bible schools. Warman M. B. Church again had the privilege of listening to testimonies and songs by the Bethany Bible Institute. This time the whole meeting was turned over to the students and our hearts rejoiced to feel the spirit and sincerity in the young people.

Mr. Wilfred Klassen from Glenbush was master of ceremonies. He introduced the various students that had items on the program. Lydia Mandua, who had accepted the Saviour soon after she came to Canada from Poland and Germany, gave a clear testimony of her salvation in the German language. Another testimony was given by Jake Dyck, who surrendered himself completely to Christ while in the Bible school. Certainly the Bible school is profitable in many ways. Some find salvation while there, and others are led into a deeper spiritual life through the prayer meetings arranged.

Miss Helga Loewen reported on the student prayer life in Bethany. Miss Merla Dyck fascinated the children with a practical object lesson with a variety of pencils. She pointed out that unless the pencil was guided it would not write; so we as Christians must be guided by God in order to be of any use.

The group also sang several songs as choir under the direction of a Dalmeny student, Alfred Voth, and a male quartet harmonized their youthful voices. Besides a poem presented by Miss Mary Fehr from Meadow Lake, a senior student, John Braun of Hepburn, gave the message of the evening. He based his thoughts on I John

5:10-13 and with abundant Scripture references presented the theme of the evening, "The Assurance of Salvation". He gave three reasons why Christians often doubted their salvation, namely sin in the Christian's life, lack of prayer and lack of knowledge of the Scriptures. Doubt need not be there for Scripture is clear on assurance through the Holy Spirit, the works of the Christian and the promises of God's keeping power.

In order to become more acquainted with the group of about 19, each gave their name, home town and the years at Hepburn. In return the young people of Warman served a lunch in the basement. It truly was a blessing to have such a visit and will encourage further prayer for our Bible schools.

## Sunday School Convention Planned

Hepburn, Sask. — Full scale plans for a district-wide Sunday School Convention to be held in the Saskatoon Mennonite Brethren church, March 23-24, have just been announced by the Rev. P. J. Wiebe, district S.S. representative.

Main speakers for the occasion are Rev. I. W. Redekopp, pastor of the Elmwood M. B. Church, Winnipeg, Man., and Rev. Henry Baerg, faculty member of the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, Man. Both are members of the Church School Committee of the General Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church.

The convention is aimed at enlisting the wholehearted support of every Mennonite Brethren church in the district. Other churches and mission stations in the area are heartily invited to share the practical Sunday school help which the two convention days will provide.

The main theme for the convention is "Winning the Child for

Christ". Workshops are being planned for every department of the Sunday school and will be conducted by Christian workers from the various churches of the northern district. Further details of the convention program will be released shortly.

## Port Rowan Has Bible Conference

Port Rowan, Ont. — The Mennonite Brethren Church here chose Ephesians 2:11-3:21 as the portion to be discussed during the annual Bible Conference.

The church had the privilege of having five visiting ministers present, two of them from Leamington, two from Virgil, and one from St. Catharines. An abundance of blessings were received during the two days, Saturday and Sunday.

The grace of God in Christ Jesus was especially emphasized. Listeners were reminded of the sinful state of man: dead in sins, enemies of God, living for the God of this world and for the flesh. Then the grace of God intervened in the hearts of those who believed, and they passed from death unto life. The fullness of the blessings in Christ Jesus was also outlined.

## Serve at Morris

Horndean, Man. — A postponement of two weeks ago became a fulfillment on Sunday, Feb. 17, for the choir of the Horndean M. B. mission church. Even the blustery weather could not interfere.

The church choir, about 18 in number, accompanied Pastor and Mrs. Quiring to their Morris charge on Sunday afternoon, to present a short program. To introduce the choristers, Pastor Quiring asked each singer to rise, give his name and a Scripture verse. Most of the songs were in the German language. Hardy Kehler had an object lesson for the children. Other numbers on the program included a girls trio and a poem. Miss Selma Stoesz and Jake Hiebert gave their own personal testimony. Then followed the message by Mr. I. H. Voth, who is also the choir director. Before the choral group left, the ladies of the church served a dainty lunch.

## Rich Blessings Enjoyed at Brandon

By Otto Funk

Brandon, Man. — Miss Nettie Berg, missionary to the Belgian Congo now home on furlough, challenged the young people of the Brandon Mission by portraying through word and picture the rewards of following the call of the Gospel. She spoke to a small, but

interested group on Sunday afternoon.

Using Mark 10:28-30, she showed us how God had given her another mother in Africa and whereas she had no children of her own, out there God had entrusted many children to her care. She pointed out that if we are only willing to forsake, God will reward. The slides revealed to us the extent of the mission work, the need, and the great satisfaction of working in this needy field.

Ron Marr and an accompanying soloist, Miss Alvina Reimer, rendered the message of God in word and song in the evening service. Ron Marr is the organizer for Youth for Christ for Manitoba and greater Winnipeg and he came to Brandon in the interest of organizing high school devotion clubs. Mr. Marr spoke on Ezekiel chapter 3, focusing our attention on the truth that God will require the blood of the wicked from our hands if we do not warn him. Several young people indicated by show of hands that they would allow God to use them in soul winning, and one young girl accepted Christ as her own personal Saviour.

## Future Subscribers

Sandra Lynn Baerg was born to Ike and Margaret Baerg of Regina, Sask., on Thursday, Feb. 7, in the Regina Grey Nun's Hospital.

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Ruth Elaine Buehler was born to Calvin and Tillie Buehler of Vanderhoof, B.C., on February 5, weighing 8 lbs. 5 oz.

## On the Horizon

February 21 to 24 — Annual missionary conference of the M. B. Bible College. All services in the college auditorium, except Sunday night, slated for Elmwood M. B. church. Services begin at 10 a.m. (except Saturday and Sunday), 2 p.m., and 7:30 (except Sunday, when the service begins at 7:00 p.m.).

February 23 and 24 — Northern Saskatchewan Sunday School Convention in the Saskatoon M. B. church. Rev. I. W. Redekopp and Rev. H. Baerg will speak.

February 24 to March 1 — Evangelistic services will be held in the Horndean M. B. mission church. Rev. Melvin Loge of Altona will speak in the English language. Christian friends are invited to attend and to pray.

February 28 to March 3 — Fourth Sunday School Convention of the Steinbach, Man., and district Sunday schools in the EMB church and Emmanuel Mission church.

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