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

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Four-Day Missionary Conference

By Agnes Langemann

Coaldale, Alta. — Thursday, Feb. 28, marked the beginning of four days of great importance to students at the Coaldale Bible School and to believers in this district.

The closing banquet of the Bible school was held on Thursday, Feb. 28. It marked the end of the first semester of school, with the second semester beginning on Monday, March 4. It also was the beginning of the Missionary Conference.

On Friday Rev. David Nightingale, M. B. missionary at HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, spoke at both the morning and afternoon services. The evening service was of special blessing, with three fields' represented on the program. Miss Ruth Wiens, M. B. missionary to Japan, gave a report on the work done by means of slides. Miss Nettie Berg, who will soon leave again for the mission field in the Belgian Congo, read a short biography of an African Christian. Following this the film, "Martyred Men", was shown.

Produced by the father of one of the five missionaries who so freely laid down their life in the



These men were elected to head the Manitoba Mennonite Disaster Service at the meeting of the executive council after the general meeting in Rosenort, Man., on Feb. 22. At the left is the co-ordinator, Jake Loewen, Rosenort. Next to him is Rev. W. M. Enns, Winkler, chairman; Mr. Wilbert Loewen, Winnipeg, vice-chairman; and Mr. J. M. Wiens, Morden, Manitoba, secretary. A fieldman is also to be appointed by the executive council, while each church has been asked to elect a contact man and send his name and address to Mr. Wiens, Morden.

Lord's service in Ecuador, the film stirred our hearts as we saw the martyr deaths of these men, their love for undying souls and for God.

The following services were ones of continued blessing. A high point was the presentation of the play, "Thou That Judgest", written by Rev. Hugo Jantz, now at HCJB, Quito, and presented here on Sunday afternoon, March 3. The play portrayed the seriousness of the sin of thoughtlessness and merciless judgment of our fellow Christians.

We realize that the Lord has been speaking in an especially earnest manner in the past days and are confident that all of God's children have been drawn closer to Him.

Youth Struck By Car

Black Creek, B.C. — Peter Hildebrand, 16, was hit by a car on Feb. 23 while riding his bicycle here. He was rushed to hospital, but failed to regain consciousness, passing away to be with the Lord four days later.

Funeral services were held from the Mennonite Brethren church here on March 3.

Peter Hildebrand was born on September 7, 1941, at Friesland, Paraguay, to Mr. and Mrs. Isaak Hildebrand. He was saved, baptized and joined the M. B. Church there in 1955. That year his parents came to Black Creek, B.C., with their family.

He is survived by his parents, four sisters and two brothers.

ACCIDENT CLAIMS TWO LIVES

Coaldale, Alta. — An automobile accident on Saturday, March 2, claimed the lives of two Coaldale men. Dead are Peter Janz, son of Rev. B. B. Janz and the late Mrs. Janz, and Norman Wiebe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wiebe, all of Coaldale.

The accident occurred near Taber, Alta., some miles east of Coaldale. It is believed that the car, driven at a high rate of speed,

went out of control, missed a turn and subsequently hit a steel post at a nearby service station. Both men were thrown clear of the almost entirely crushed vehicle. They were rushed to hospital, but neither regained consciousness. The two men were the only occupants of the car.

This tragic accident has gripped the hearts of residents here as once again it is realized that indeed there is only one step between us and eternity. We have been reminded to "Prepare to meet thy God".

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES AT GROSSWEIDE

Plum Coulee, Man. — Meetings of evangelistic nature were held in the Grossweide Mennonite Brethren church from Friday, February 22 to Sunday, February 24. Rev. Dietrich Klassen of Virgil, Ontario, was the guest speaker.

"Building for Eternity" Theme at Convention

By D. K. Schellenberg

Steinbach, Man. — Steinbach's fourth annual Sunday School Convention got off to a good start on Thursday, Feb. 28, with the first session at 7:30 p.m.

Main speakers for this year's convention were Dr. Clarence Fast, director of the Greater Chicago Sunday School Association; Dr. Mary Royer of Goshen College; and Dr. J. W. Schmidt, president of Grace Bible Institute. Others participating in the workshops were: Rev. B. D. Reimer, Rev. Archie Penner, Rev. H. G. Rempel, and Mrs. George Dugard.

"We have a problem," announced Dr. Fast in his first talk on the subject, "It's Time to Re-think Sunday School". "The problem is that we as Christians have made the Sunday school too cheap. We have belittled the Sunday school. We need to put the SCHOOL back in Sunday school."

Workshop sessions began on Friday afternoon. In the workshop on extension Sunday schools Dr. Schmidt challenged us to break loose from the home church and go to neglected areas and start new

Rev. John Guenther of Altona and Rev. Victor Toews of the M. B. Bible College also served us in a special series of Bible studies from March 1 to March 3, with meetings Friday evening, Saturday morning and evening and Sunday morning and afternoon.

"The message of Christ that John was commanded to write to the angels of the seven churches" (Rev. 1-3 inclusive) was the subject of study.

It was pointed out that each of the seven letters had a similarity in that they were addressed in the opening to "the angel of the church" and that it closed with the reminder, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

The ministers also drew to our attention that Jesus Christ and his teachings were ever "up-to-date" and that it would prove profitable to us to hear what Christ has to say to us through His Word.



Dr. J. W. Schmidt

may also be that we are on the wrong side. We should let down our net on the other side. After the disciples had let down their net on the right side, "... they were not able to draw it for the multitude of the fishes" (John 21:6). (Continued on page 4-3)

EDITORIAL

DEVOTIONAL

"There Was No Deliverer"

By John M. Schmidt *

The four words quoted above sum up the tragic end of a people who "dwelt carelessly" (Judges 18:7,27,28). They point up the peril of complacency, there manifested in the everyday life of a Gentile people—and today so often seen in the life of a Christian.

The people described in our text lived adjoining the tribe of Dan. They are described as living "carelessly after the manner of the Zidonians, quiet and secure, and there was no magistrate in the land that might put them to shame in anything. . . they were far from the Zidonians and had no business with any man." Though knowing that their neighbour, Israel, had utterly destroyed the tribes living next to them, they lived carelessly, without a guard or watchman. An independent little group, they did not care to have any trade or social relations with others. Did not their rich valley produce all the commodities necessary for a luxurious life?

Then it happened. When the tribe of Dan needed land they sent out spies, who found this secure little paradise. In one quick raid they wiped out the inhabitants. For the people of Laish "there was no deliverer".

We do not wish to commend Dan for their action, but this story points up the danger of the careless attitude that leads to a false sense of security—to spiritual complacency.

There are many professing Christians today who live as if they were beyond the gunshot of the enemy. They have no fear of falling into temptation; they seemingly do not find it needful to be on guard against the enemy. You would almost think that the "devil is dead"—or at least not within range. They are "careless after the manner of the Zidonians" (the people of this world): careless about their prayer life, careless about going to church (and when they get there they listen carelessly). To these people God has spoken through Isaiah: "Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasure, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart I am, and none else beside me: therefore shall evil come upon thee, thou shalt not know from whence it riseth, and mischief shall fall upon thee, thou shalt not be able to put it off, and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly which thou shalt not know."

Another striking feature about the people of Laish is that "there was no magistrate in the land". These people did not wish to be under any control or discipline.

Many Christians are like that today. They strive against the authority of the church, for they dislike the discipline that is exercised there. Their ideal is freedom—yes, even freedom from the authority and admonition of the Word of God.

Not only were they careless and without discipline, they "had no business with any man". How true this is of many professing Christians today. They have no concern or but little concern for the souls of others. They live unto themselves, work for themselves, do business for themselves. They are so narrow and self-centred that they seem to think that heaven was made only for them. They have never thought of the fact that if God would be so narrow-minded, so small-hearted as they are, they themselves would not even be in His fold.

For the people of Laish "there was no deliverer". The enemy overtook them so suddenly that they could gain no ally to help them. But we do have a deliverer. The Lord Jesus Christ is willing to deliver you from your complacency, your rebellious heart and your intolerant attitude. He is willing to deliver you from the power of Satan—for it is he who is creating that condition in your heart. You yourself will be to blame if the enemy comes suddenly and "there is no deliverer".

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Teaching Stewardship

"Never in my life," said a minister of another group recently to one of our ministers, "have I received so much personal blessing and seen so much evidence of blessing to my congregation as came from a series of sermons which I have preached on stewardship."

This man finally got around to one of the important doctrines of the Scriptures. Some of us are doing likewise. But many teachers and preachers have not yet got to this subject. Perhaps they consider it of minor importance. And so they and their people miss the great blessing which comes to those who practice the stewardship which is God's plan for His children.

The teaching of stewardship must make it comprehend the full surrender of all of life. Too many think it involves only the giving of money and the securing of church finances. A real steward sees that everything is of God, and that His servants must look upon everything that they are and have as a trust: time and talent, opportunity and privilege, life itself, as well as money and property.

Therefore the teaching of stewardship deals basically with spiritual motivation. It deals with right relationships to God. It makes the stewardship of things an expression of a heart and a mind and a will that is fully committed to God.

But it does not stop with these basic things. It goes on to the specifics which not every consecrated Christian may have thought of. It helps to apply the stewardship of life to the details of a program of living. It does not shrink from pointing out with all the fullness that the Scripture used, what God calls for in the sharing of what He has blessed us with. It develops a program of action which the church can use to more fully discharge its responsibility. It helps to turn purpose and intention into performance.

We have come to the place in the Mennonite Church where we need this kind of teaching. We do believe in the principle of stewardship. Though some of us need still stronger motivation, many really want to be fully on the altar, and to give of time and money and talent according to the Lord's expectations and the needs of the world. The increase in giving in the church is very encouraging.

What we need now is help toward better management of our giving. A Sunday offering in response to this appeal and that, is no longer a good plan. For there are more worthy causes than there are Sundays. We too often give on an emotional impulse rather than to causes which have been carefully considered and approved for certain amounts. We have to use too much time and effort in going around making appeals and soliciting responses. We are not applying, by and large, the same careful planning to the Lord's business that we apply to our own. And our people are continually missing the blessing of giving in proportion as the Lord has prospered them. We still seem to be far from a tithing church, to say nothing of what we ought to give above the tenth.

These are not things to scold anybody about. On the whole we have done about what we have been taught to do. We do need a better financial system. This many, especially our laymen, are clamoring for. The minister and the Sunday school teachers and the local church organizations are the key to the advance in stewardship that is now before us. There must be teaching: spiritual, scriptural, sensible, insistent, persistent, tactful teaching on stewardship, and particularly on better methods of giving and of financing our various church programs. This is one of the great needs of the hour. There are needed a thousand helpers to emphasize and clarify and apply and administer.

This business of stewardship requires our best attention, for it can be the means of great blessing.

—Paul Erb.

Editorial in *Gospel Herald*.

PROGRAM ANNOUNCED FOR CONFERENCE OF MENNONITES

Winnipeg, Man. — The program for the 55th sessions of the Canadian Conference of Mennonites, to be held from June 28 to July 4 in Winkler, Man., has been announced by Rev. G. Lohrenz, business committee chairman.

Theme for the annual conference will be "Give an account of thy stewardship" (Luke 16:2). Rev. C. J. Dyck will speak on the conference theme on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. The conference sermon will be delivered by Rev. J. J. Thiessen, conference moderator.

The ministers' conference will be held on Saturday, with Rev. H. Poettcker and Rev. H. Klassen speaking on "The Minister in Stewardship Education" and "The Minister and the Sunday School", respectively.

Business sessions at the conference will begin on Saturday. Mass mission meetings will highlight Sunday's services in the Brunk tent, to be erected in the district in anticipation of evangelistic meetings following the conference.

Annual Bible School Get-Together

Chilliwack, B.C. — The M. B. Bible Institute at North Clearbrook was host to the East Chilliwack Bible School and the Bethany Bible School at West Abbotsford on Thursday, February 21, for their annual get-together.

Rev. Wieler, principal of the M. B. Bible Institute, was chairman

at the afternoon proceedings. A male chorus (MBBI), a ladies' sextet (Bethany), and a ladies' trio and male quartet (East Chilliwack), served in song. A volunteer from each class of the three schools gave a testimony. Messages were presented by Mr. E. Enns of the Bethany Bible School and by Mr. J. Kasdorf of the East Chilliwack Bible School.

Both speakers pointed out that our lives are vessels which need to be cleansed and filled in order to be used of our Master.

Following this brief time of fellowship, all participated in preparing a radio program, broadcast over KPUG, Bellingham, every Thursday evening and over CHWK, Chilliwack, on Sunday at 5:30 p.m. Refreshments were later served and enjoyed by all.

The East Chilliwack Bible School presented a program in the East Chilliwack M. B. church on Sunday, Feb. 24. Included in the program were a panel discussion on "The Importance of Bible Study Before Entering a Vocation"; a poem recited by David Dirks; a play, "House Cleaning"; a personal testimony by Agnes Wiebe; and selections by the ladies' trio, a male quartet, and the choir.

Mr. Henry Wiens, a local Bible School Board member, brought the service to a close by reading the words of the Saviour, "Follow me." Again, the question of obedience was presented.

PASTOR AT ABERDEEN

Dalmeny, Sask. — Rev. George Dyck, pastor of the M. B. Church here, served at the Aberdeen M. B. church on Sunday, February 24.

Results from Regular Schedule of Services

By J. Schellenberg

Beechy, Sask. — Now that winter and its bitter cold are on the decline, one looks forward to the possibility of greater activity along all lines of work. Not that the winter has been dull or inactive, but too often weather and emotions go hand in hand.

The local scene has been quite active. The parsonage was finished early in the winter and the Clifford Nickels moved in even before it was all painted. The festivities of the year-end were followed by church elections. The leader of the church, Mr. J. Wiens, and the superintendent of the Sunday school, Mr. J. Schellenberg, remained the same, although a number of changes took place in the Sunday school teaching personnel.

With the installation of an automatic oil-fired forced air system in the church, we are assured of comfort. Consequently more services

are being scheduled. Thus on Saturday night the choir meets, on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. we have Sunday school, followed by the church worship service at 11 a.m.

The first and third Sundays of each month are set aside for Young People's night, while a Songfest fills in on the second and third Sundays. The Sunday school teachers meet once every three months for fellowship and discussion.

The first fruits of our recent efforts have been recorded already. A week ago a young man and lady approached the Young People's leader requesting a personal talk. When they left the home both professed salvation through faith. Truly, the "Bank of Heaven" pays rich dividends.

At present our leader and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wiens, are in Ontario for a three-week vacation.



Dedication of this new "Gemeindehaus" (church building) in Neuwied, Germany, is set for Sunday, March 17. This date is in the midst of a series of evangelistic meetings from March 10 to 21 to be conducted by H. H. Janzen. Brethren Janzen and Cornelius Wall will speak on dedication Sunday. Rev. J. W. Vogt is pastor.

India's New Andhra Pradesh

By Ted Fast

Late in 1956 Hyderabad state in India, in which the M. B. Conference ministers, was affected by reorganization. This brief account describes how and why changes have been effected. This information will be of interest to churches who correspond with our missionaries. Readers may also wish to note these changes of addresses in the new Prayer Guide.

For many years in the land of India there have been large areas or states controlled and owned by various princes. Even during British rule, these men were the heads of their particular areas. Since India gained its independence, an effort has been made to consolidate these areas and bring them under the influence of the central government.

Hyderabad, which formerly was a large independent state under the monarchy of Nizam, also came under this plan. This large state, although governed by Moslems, is Hindu in religion, and their native language is Telegu. This area is separated from another large area of Telegu-speaking people by the Krishna River. This area lies east and south of Hyderabad.

In regrouping areas to form larger states the central government has initiated a plan whereby an area with a majority of people speaking one language can be formed into one state. This plan has been carried through. Now the historic Hyderabad state has been joined by the area east and south of Hyderabad up to Madras city formerly called Andhra. Thus this total unit is now called Andhra Pradesh. This was formally inaugurated on November 1, 1956.

So the addresses of the various

mission stations should read as follows:

Mennonite Brethren Mission,
Deverakonda,
Nalgonda District,
Andhra Pradesh, India.

Mennonite Brethren Mission,
Shamshabad or Hughestown,
Hyderabad District,
Andhra Pradesh, India.

Mennonite Brethren Mission,
remaining stations,
Mahbubnagar District,
Andhra Pradesh, India.

MENNONITE HEADS MANITOBA CREDIT UNION LEAGUE

Winnipeg, Man. — J. M. Froese of Winkler, Man., was elected president of the Credit Union League of Manitoba at their annual two-day convention in Winnipeg. The league represents 156 credit unions in Manitoba with a total membership of 50,000. Reports showed that total assets of league members amount to \$15,000,000.

The convention decided that the league should purchase or build its own centre at a cost not to exceed \$75,000 to be ready for occupancy January 1, 1958.

When in His mercy God leads a soul in the higher paths of sanctification, He ever begins by stripping it of all self-confidence, and to this end He allows our own schemes to fail, our judgment to mislead us. We grope and totter and make countless mistakes until we learn wholly to mistrust ourselves and to put all our confidence in Him. —Grou.

RENT CAMP FOR THREE-DAY RETREAT

Clearbrook, B.C. — The nearly 100 youth workers of the M. B. Church in British Columbia that gathered in the M. B. church here on Feb. 17 for a conference were told that the Fraser Valley Pentecostal camp has been rented for a three-day weekend retreat, August 23-25, for young people.

Plans were also finalized at the meeting for the inter-church Bible contest on the book of Mark. Eliminations in the various churches will begin during the Easter week. The four teams, each consisting of four contestants, that reach the final round will meet at the youth rally in August.

Club work in the churches was discussed in its various aspects, with Harold Ratzlaff and Wesley Classen of Vancouver reporting on the club work of the Pacific Grace Mission. Helen Brown, primary consultant for the Chilliwack School Board, outlined the scope of club activities in the Pioneer Camps of IVCF.

Rev. Wm. Neufeld delivered a message on "The Need for a Systematic Program of Education for Our Youth", while Rev. A. H. Wieler gave a devotional message.

Henry Unger, provincial youth leader, was chairman of both the afternoon and evening sessions.

JOYOUS NEWS FOR ONTARIO MOTHER

Leamington, Ont. — God has answered the fervent prayer of Mrs. Katherina Hochalter, her children, and the prayers of many in the M. B. Church here.

Fifteen years ago Mrs. Hochalter was separated from her husband. Last week she received the joyous news that her husband is still alive and healthy in Russia. Mrs. Hochalter has their three children with her here.

Tentative Convention Program Announced

Coaldale, Alta. — The tentative program for the national Sunday School Convention of the M. B. Church in Canada, to be held at Herbert, Sask., from April 26 to 28, has been announced in the Sunday School Instructor by the Canadian M. B. Sunday School Committee.

The tentative program as announced is:

Friday Morning, April 26

Message: "Building the Church Through Adequate Sunday Schools", by Dr. Paul Lederach.

Workshops:

1. Election of S.S. Workers—Rev. A. A. Kroeker.

2. Principles of Promotion for the S.S. Pupils.

3. Leading the Child to Christ.

4. Opening the Soul of the Child for the Reality of God—Nettie Kroeker.

Friday Afternoon

Message: "The Advantages and Shortcomings of Scripture Press Materials in the M. B. Sunday Schools", by Rev. A. A. Kroeker.

Workshops:

1. Teaching in the Sunday School for the Purpose of Transferring Values—Rev. Arthur Flaming.

2. Establishing the Individual Through Counselling—Rev. A. Regier.

3. A practical Program for Learning Songs in the Sunday School—John Boldt.

4. Training for Stewardship in the Sunday School—Rev. Ed. Lautermilch.

Friday Evening

Message: "Building the Sunday School Through Sound Principles of the Curriculum", by Dr. Paul Lederach.

Features:

1. A skit by the Herbert group.
2. Answering questions with a panel.

Saturday Morning, April 27.

Message: "Building the Sunday School Through Spiritual Power", Dr. Paul Lederach.

Workshops:

1. Building the Church Through the Home Department of the Sunday School—Nettie Kroeker.

2. Building Lives Through the Experience of Salvation—Rev. Arthur Flaming.

3. Through Overcoming the Sense of Inferiority—Rev. A. Regier.

4. Building a Sunday School Through Recreation as a Means of Training Characters—Rev. R. Janzen.

Saturday Afternoon

Message: "Stable Principles in an Unstable World for Mennonites", Dr. Paul Lederach.

Workshops:

1. Confidential Information that Children Should Receive in the Home—Rev. I. W. Redekopp.

2. Die Prinzipien eines chronologischen Ganges im neuen und alten Sonntagsschulmaterial — Rev. B. B. Fast.

3. Building the Home Solidarity Through Family Activities — Rev. Arthur Flaming.

4. Appreciation of Good Music, a Must for the Sunday School Worker—John Boldt.

Saturday Evening

Message: "Maintaining the Life of the Church Through Growth", by Dr. Paul Lederach.

Sunday Morning, April 28.

Message: The Local Church in Charge. Rev. A. Regier and Rev. Arthur Flaming.

Sunday Afternoon

Message: "The Sainly Habit of Attending God's House", by Rev. Arthur Flaming.

Workshops:

1. Teaching Reverence for the Things of God—Miss Nettie Kroeker.

2. Teaching Respect for Parents and Older People—Rev. A. Goertz.

3. The Outreach of the Sunday School—Rev. A. Regier.

4. The Outreach of the Sunday School Through Missions—Rev. Paul Wiebe.

MORE ABOUT

"Building for Eternity"

(Continued from page 1-4)

"The adult department should have the best teachers," stated Rev. H. G. Rempel in his workshop on "Adults". He maintained that the teacher must study the Word, live the Word, and teach the Word.

The inspirational message on Friday night was on "The Divine Standard" and was delivered by Dr. J. W. Schmidt. He insisted that we cannot meet the divine standard merely by being a little better than the next teacher. The divine standard is given in Colossians 1:28, where Paul writes that his aim is to "... present every man PERFECT in Christ."

"How important is the Sunday school?" asked Dr. Clarence Fast Saturday night. He dealt with it under four sub-headings: The Concern of Civic Leaders; Biblical Commands; Needs of Today; and the Commission of Jesus. Among



Dr. Clarence E. Fast

the letters received by him from civic leaders were many testimonials to the great need for Sunday schools. Among others, he quoted from J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, who made a statement to the effect that the Word of God must be taught, learned and practised if America is to survive.

"We should teach missions in every class, just like salvation, and

make an application," maintained Rev. B. D. Reimer in the workshop on "Missions in the Sunday School". In the course of his talk he emphasized teaching of stewardship, letter writing, and personal knowledge of missionaries, among others, as aids to boosting mission interest in Sunday schools. He asked, "What would Christ teach if He had your class?"



Dr. Mary Royer

An estimated 700 people filled the spacious EMB church auditorium and balcony at the final meeting on Sunday afternoon. Keen interest was shown in the question and answer period, a yearly feature at the convention.

Although Dr. Schmidt had not known the convention theme, he had chosen it as his subject for the final message. Basing his talk on I Cor. 3:10-17, he spoke on "Building for Eternity". He stated that gold stands for Christian character, silver, the giving of our means, and precious stones, the souls won for Christ. These are permanent materials with which we should build. They will stand the test of fire.

A surprise element at the Sunday afternoon service was the calling of John Peters to the platform. It is safe to say that if it had not been for him, and others like him, we would yet be waiting for the first Sunday school convention. This afternoon the fruits of his untiring zeal for the cause of Sunday schools could be seen in the fourth convention. As a result of their decision to embark for missionary service in Europe, his name was not on the program. So it was fitting that he be accorded the privilege of addressing the final audience. He expressed his joy at seeing the work going on and requested prayer for them as they leave.

Special musical items throughout the convention were brought by church choirs, duets, solos, and the Steinbach Bible Institute quartet. Congregational singing was led by Geoffrey Wiebe. Outlines of the 23 workshops were available in handy note-book form.

Yes, the Sunday school is worthy of our best, for we are "Building for Eternity".

The Wonder of God's Grace

By Susie Brucks

Kipungu, Belgian Congo.—Greetings with Luke 4:22: "And all bare witness and wondered at the words of grace which proceeded out of his mouth."

WONDER. Let us wonder not only at His Word, but also at His works among us here in dark Africa.

Beautiful, colorful Africa. It is the rainy season and the trees and grass are a bright green. The Bougainvillea bushes are gorgeous in their bright red and lilac colours. There are huge bushes of roses blooming almost throughout the whole year. Along the sidewalk we have tiny white flowers in clusters looking up at us while we hurry to our work. There are also large trees covered with yellow blossoms—beautiful. Among these flowers the stately palm trees wave their heads in the slight tropical breeze. They bear the richest, oily fruit. We had some for dinner; it is orange in colour when ripe.

Wonder at the beauty in God's nature.

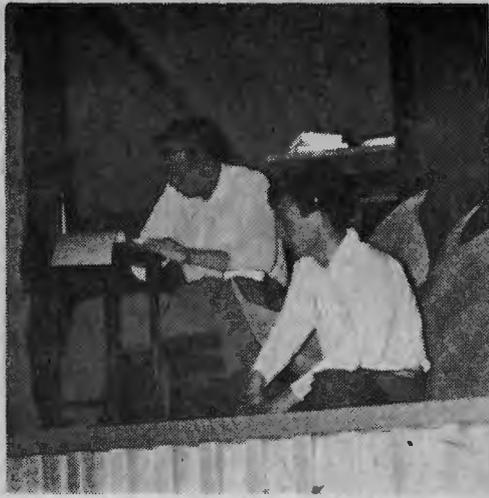
Crickets are Delicacies

Then there are many small and large animals. It is evening and the crickets have come out of their holes for their love-parties, calling to each other. Soon we will see little fires all over the country, with people hunting the big fat crickets as delicacies for their meals. The big bright moon is high in the sky.

I can hear the drums beating in the nearby villages. They are either calling for a heathen dance or they are remembering someone who died not so long ago. On such bright nights it is hard for the Africans to go to sleep. I have to go and see my patients yet before going to bed.

Trouble At Night

I went. Sure enough, there was trouble. When I came there I saw four men working. I could not make out what they were doing, but when I came closer I saw that they were making a hammock to carry someone. Upon asking them, they said that their mother here in the compound was very ill and wanted to be carried back to the village. Why? Because she did not want our medicines. She had come here a week ago to help her daughter, who is hoping for a new baby, and took ill herself. So we had to persuade them to stay, give her medicine, and quieten the other patients. This morning I was there to see her—and this mother had slept well. This is a picture of some of these beautiful full-moon nights. Satan uses them.



A feature of the Missionary Conference at the M. B. Bible College was the presentation of "One Jungle Night" on Saturday night, Feb. 23. The play, written by three members of the Africa Prayer Band, portrayed some of the difficulties of the missionary on the field and contained a stirring plea for more support of the missionaries by the churches at home. Aided by background music taped on the mission field and by effective staging, the cast was able to transmit the message. A short message by the "missionary" climaxed the portrayal.

At the left the missionary and his interpreter are seen busily engaged in translation work—a painstaking job hampered by lack of vocabulary in some languages. At the right the missionary, Rudy Heidebrecht, is treating a wounded native. He is assisted by the interpreter and helper, Takashi Niwa, and is closely observed by one of the natives and the witchdoctor, George Schroeder.

Wonderful View

Those of us living here on Kipungu mountain can see far into the country. Towards the east we have Kikobo village, a leper village. Towards the south we can see several villages peeping out of the Congo forest and valleys. First we can see Kipungu village on a little hill in a valley, then the big Kanika village with a state guesthouse (also on a little hill). And there is Kiyong village to one side. Then about 20 Kilometers away on a ridge of mountains we see our government post — Pay-Kongila, with its hospital unit. We can also see the Catholic mission some 30 kilometers away and some company posts. The scene to the south is beautiful. The Kipungu mountain stretches towards the west. Deep in the valley and surrounded by deep forest, are four or five villages. This is the territory of the sleeping-sickness fly. Many people died there some years ago. On the north side we have hills and plains.

It is all so beautiful. Wonders of God's creation!

Receptive People

As there are different flowers and trees, so there are different people. We live among the Bambala, the Basuku, and the Bakwesu people. The Basuku are very primitive and were moved into this territory by the state. Whenever they come to our dispensary for help we know immediately who they are without being told. They are often undernourished. We have two families here now; words fail to describe them. They have lice, bedbugs, itch on their skin, worms internally, probably several kinds in the intestines, others in the bloodstream, and in the lymph stream. Yet wonder at this: when we have services with them in the morning or in the evening, they

are the most open people for the gospel. One family told me that the mother had received the baptism of death, so she counted herself a Christian. She had been very sick and the Roman Catholic priest had baptized her. What a disappointment. We have the opportunity of showing them the right way.

Spiritual Results

We had a surprise the day before yesterday. A heathen mother came from the village, presenting us with three chickens. At first I did not recognize her, but then I remembered her. Her name is Milonga and she was here about a year ago, very, very ill. She stayed with us for about three months. The state doctor had no hope for her recovery. She was full of infection and seemingly no medicine would help her. We kept on treating, helping and interceding for her at the Throne of Mercy. We tried to teach and show her the way of life, but it seemed in vain. After some time the Lord helped her and made her well through our service. And now she believes that she is a child of God. She says that the village people laugh at her and make fun at her when she tells them what God has done for her, but she is happy. She gave one chicken in church as an offering. Today she went back to her village again.

Wonderful work of God in a heathen heart.

Native Christians Are Testimony

Wonder also about our teachers and evangelists. They, too, come from raw heathendom. They have not had Christian parents nor a Christian background, yet a number of them are a living testimony. Take Yosef, our evangelist, and his family. They came here as a sick family, runaways from God. And now two of his children are church members and he and the family are

a testimony to the grace of God. Let us pray more for them.

Then wonder at our nurses; five of them. I could be proud of them, but it is not my work, only the work of God through us. Just look at Henriette. She has grey hair already, but she is always smiling. She was a heathen, sick woman, when she first came here—and now she is walking in the light. Wonder and marvel at this—the work of the Lord in the hearts and lives of lost sinners here in Africa.

Now for the last "wonder" for today. Wonder at our missionaries' children. We have seven of them on this station. Robert Martens is at school at Belle Vue, Kajiji. The others are playing under the huge mango tree in our yard. The last one is still with her Mamma. She is Elizabeth Kathlyn Martens. A cute little white baby with dark eyes, fair and beautiful—a gift from God. Let us wonder at this all: "Wonderful are Thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well."

Founder of HCJB Honored

Chicago. — The founder of "Voice of the Andes" radio station HCJB in Quito, Ecuador, was honored as Moody Bible Institute's alumnus of the year. Dr. Clarence W. Jones, a 1921 graduate of Moody, received the missionary school's Thomas S. Smith trophy before more than 2,500 in the Moody Memorial church. Dr. Jones started the gospel radio station in Ecuador 25 years ago, when short wave was new in radio. From one small transmitter HCJB has grown to be the largest Protestant broadcasting station in the world. There are now eight transmitters broadcasting a combined total of 31 hours every day except Monday, in nine languages, reaching out to every country in the world.

THE Young Observers

Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Tony was a little shepherd boy who looked after his grandfather's sheep. He and his grandfather lived alone in a little house up in the mountains. Grandfather taught Tony to read, so that later when grandfather could not see, Tony would be able to read the Bible to him.

Tony loved the story of the Good Shepherd best of all. He would often think of how sad he was when his sheep did not listen to him. How much more sad is the Good Shepherd when boys and girls who are His sheep will not listen to Him.

One day while up in the hills Tony was making a slingshot just like David's. He needed one thing for it—and that was at home. He ran home quickly to get it. Grandfather had warned him not to leave his sheep alone, but Tony thought that nothing could happen in such a short while. When he came back and counted the sheep, however, Tony discovered that four sheep were missing. Oh, how unhappy Tony was! He knew he should never have been disobedient.

Tony ran from one hill to the next, but he could not find his lost sheep. What should he do now? He decided to go home and tell his grandfather how disobedient he had been and how God had punished him. Grandfather did not scold, but forgave him.

Grandfather told him where the sheep probably were and told Tony to go quickly and get them, for the sky was getting dark with heavy clouds. Tony ran away quickly, but the snow began to fall before very long.

Tony stayed away much longer than he should have and grandfather became worried. He prayed that the Good Shepherd would take care of his little Tony. Much later grandfather had to get the neighbours to go and look for the little shepherd boy. The neighbours, with the help of Tony's faithful dog, found him in a hole, covered with snow. Tony was cold and half frozen, but the Good Shepherd had taken care of him and after a night's rest he was well again.

The Good Shepherd is the Lord Jesus, boys and girls, and He takes care of his sheep, even though they sometimes do not follow the way they should.

Aunt Selma.

"I Am Ready"

Mrs. M. Wall

It was Saturday morning. Daddy was at work and Mother was busily cleaning up. Dianne and Kenneth were not getting along too well, for Kenneth was doing a bit of extra teasing and Dianne did not like it.

It all started like this: "Kenneth, look at this nice box. I'm saving it for my doll when we move again." (Dianne remembered that they had moved four times already.)

Kenneth thought that this was a good joke and said, "Well, I think I'll use that box right now and you can get another one when we move again."

At this moment Mother stepped on the scene.

"Children," she said, "I often think that the Lord Jesus will come soon, and then we will not have to move any more."

"But Mommie, I want to keep this box to take my doll in when He comes," Dianne declared.

"No, no, Dianne," Mother ex-

plained, "when Jesus comes we will leave all this here."

Dianne's face had become very serious now. She looked at her mother: "Mommie, how shall I get ready? How shall I get ready? I want to be ready when Jesus comes."

Mother couldn't let this moment pass by unnoticed. She took her little girl by the hand and together they went into the parlor. There she took the family Bible and, breathing a silent prayer for wisdom to guide this little one to accept the Lord Jesus as her Saviour, she said, "Dianne, God's Word tells us that we are sinners; we are like the lost sheep who went away from the Shepherd. Let's read Isaiah 53:6, 'All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.'"

"You see, Dianne, we would all have to die as sinners, yet God loved us so very much that He

sent His Son, Jesus Christ, into this world. We read in John 3:16: 'For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'

"Jesus came to die on the cross for us. There He bled and died for our sins. You know how He arose on Easter Sunday and then went back to His heavenly home. Now Jesus is praying for you; He wants to forgive your sins and make you His child and give you a new life in Him. Then you will be ready when He comes to get us."

"How can Jesus come into my heart, Mommie?" Dianne asked.

"God's Word tells us that we shall trust the Lord Jesus. We read in Acts 16:31: 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.' Let's pray now and ask Him to wash away your sin and make you His very own," said Mother.

"Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for dying on the cross for me. Thank you for the Bible that tells me that you love me very much. Please wash me all clean with your blood and make me your child. Thank you very much. Amen."

That afternoon Dianne was listening to the "Back to the Bible" broadcast. When Rev. Epp asked the question, "Will you be ready when Jesus comes?", Mother heard her little daughter say, "Yes, I am ready now."

In religion, as in every other profession, practicing is the great thing. Lawyers practice law, doctors practice medicine, and ministers must practice what they preach. So, too, Christians must practice their religion. —Jacobus.



These are two scenes from the distribution of Christmas bundles by MCC personnel in various parts of the world. The top picture is from the orphanage Hi Mang Bo Yuk Won at Yong Chun, South Korea. The straw-roofed building is where the children live. The man holding a baby is a Christian student interpreter who volunteered to help.

The picture at lower right shows the well children at a leprosarium in Vietnam who received Christmas bundles. In the foreground left to right, are a Raday helper, a missionary, Harry, and in the background, Margaret Janzen.



BIBLE FATHERS

How well do you know famous Bible fathers? How many can you fill out without referring to your Bible? Use your Bible for those you do not know,

1. Who was the father of the first king of Israel?
2. What Hebrew father saw his son become "The most powerful man in Egypt?"
3. Who said when his son died, "Would God I had died for thee?"
4. What Hebrew had twin sons?
5. Who was the first father mentioned in the Bible?
6. Who wrote, when asked the name of his son, "His name is John"?
7. Who saved the lives of his children when everyone else was drowned?
8. What Bethlehem farmer sent his youngest son on an errand to the battlefield and it resulted in his becoming a big hero?
9. Who was the father of the man who was David's closest friend?
10. What father required a man to work for him seven years in order to marry his daughter?

The School of God By Peggy Arbogast

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(Conclusion)

He fingered the Bible wonderingly. "This too, for him and from the children he thought didn't care?" As he fingered it, the Bible fell open to the page where Ruth had placed the marker. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved: and thy house," he read as he tenderly lifted the bookmark in his hand. What a message for the sin-sick soul was in that bookmark. Somehow he knew the hours of labor that it had meant for the child's hands as she had worked the message in cross stitch. He knew too, that it was also worked in love. "Yes," he thought, the children had believed. "They were saved." "And thy house"—a ray of hope came to his burdened heart. "Could that message possibly mean him?" He was part of that house. Could he, too, be saved if he believed? Was it possible it was not too late?

Hungrily he turned his eye upon the printed page. The Spirit of God directed his eyes until they began to read at verse thirty-seven of chapter six. "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me, and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I shall lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day."

The man stopped—he had read enough. Sobs shook his body as he fell to his knees, still clutching the open Book tightly in his hands. "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Oh, blessed words! Just as he had been assured by his children's gifts, of their love and welcome for him, even so these words assured him of a welcome at the Father's Throne if he came by the appointed way. He would not be cast out. "And this is the will of him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son and believeth on him, may have everlasting life." "Oh, God, I see Thy Son; I believe," cried the man. "The blood of Thy Son avails even for me. Oh, wash me in it tonight. Forgive my sins, and make me a new man."

The voices of the carolers had ceased altogether now, but the man did not know this. Neither did he hear the quietly approaching footsteps as Betty, Bob, Ruth and Keith returned together over the snow. Betty was the first one

to notice the light in their living room. She grasped Bob's arm and pointed excitedly. Ruth and Keith allowed their gazes to follow her finger too. No one said anything, but everyone hastened their steps as there came to the mind of each one the prayer of Connie that had ascended daily for so many weeks. "Dear Father, I thank Thee that Thou art going to save my Daddy and bring him home in time for Thy Birthday."

Silently they entered the house and on tiptoe they proceeded to the living room. "Daddy," burst from Betty's lips as the dark clouds of rebellion, which had filled her life for so long, vanished instantly before the sight of her father kneeling in prayer. As she crossed the room, she too, seemed to see the star beckoning her to come—to the manger—to the Cross. Mr. Arnold opened his arms to the girl. "Oh, Daddy," she sobbed. "I've fought against the Lord for a long time, but I can't hold out any longer. I want to be a Christian too."

It was Betty who sat close by her father and told him of Connie's death, and that it had been the child's idea that they plan this Christmas celebration. She did not omit the child's prayers for him. Bob sat upon the other side of his father and added a word now and then.

Across the room sat Keith and Ruth. The girl was so full of praise and joy that for a while she could say nothing. Then she turned to her lover. "Oh what if I'd never come home?" she cried.

Keith smiled tenderly as he clasped her hand. "There are no 'what ifs' in a life that is controlled by the Son of God," he answered. "The Lord knew all about this when He brought you home last April. Although then you saw only the laying aside of your hopes and dreams, He knew that all of this was going to happen. You entered the School of God fearfully, wondering what it was going to mean, wondering what lessons were in store for you. But you also entered it willingly—ready to be moulded by those lessons, ready to be made meet for the Master's use. And our Teacher has been working all of this time. Sometimes the lessons were so difficult that you couldn't see beyond them. But all of these joys, dear heart, are just the fruit which our Teacher is now ready to permit His willing pupil to behold."

CHAPTER XXIII

It was springtime in Briarwood. Once more the song of the birds arose in praise of their Maker. Just in the last few days the heavy buds upon the trees had burst open. Violets and daffodils were peeping forth here and there. Everywhere it seemed that spring was in the air.

At the town church there was added happiness to that which this season of the year just naturally brings. It was springtime in Briarwood. It was also wedding-time in Briarwood. On this day of days, to the young couple so soon to be united, the sky had never seemed so blue. The grass had never appeared so green. The sun had never shone so brightly. The air had never been so fresh, so fragrant with the odor of early blossoms.

As the hour appointed for the wedding drew near, the church was crowded to capacity. There was not a person in town who did not come to behold this joyous event. Miss Nellie Bleigh had been the first to arrive. She had been there even before the church was opened. She was resplendent in a new dress and hat purchased for the occasion.

The buzzing of many voices ceased as a girl arose in the choir loft. Dressed entirely in yellow, she reminded one of the gay daffodils that were seen in beautiful vases about the church. There was silence throughout the building as the girl stood up to sing. Never had Nancy Wright's voice sounded more lovely than that afternoon as the sweet strains of a familiar hymn were carried to every listening ear and heart.

Following her song, the congregation strained necks and eyes to catch the first glimpse of the bride as the beginning notes of the wedding march were played. Miss Nellie almost tumbled into the aisle, so far did she lean forward.

Janet Gray Blake, Dr. Blake's bride of a month, came first as matron of honor. She was dressed in a gown of lavender, which formed a pleasing contrast to her golden hair and the soft yellow of the roses which she carried. Following her came the two bridesmaids. A vision in yellow were Barbara Hand and Joyce Brown. Then came the one for whom all eyes were seeking—the bride. Straight and tall, walked Mr. Arnold by his daughter's side. There was a look of peace and contentment upon his face as he smiled down at the lovely girl whose arm he held. Never had Ruth been more attractive. Her face radiated the joy of a heart living close to the Saviour. The brown eyes shone, and the pink cheeks glowed. There were sighs of delight as the people beheld her.

At the altar stood Keith, waiting

for his bride. His eyes had been upon her from the time she had entered, and his tender smile, while visible to all, was for her heart alone. At his side stood the faithful Ted. His eyes were upon Janet and he smiled upon his wife as she led the procession. Waiting to conduct the ceremony stood the tall silver-haired Dean of the Bible Institute of Dansbury. He too, smiled as he beheld the lovely bride. In his mind he was seeing her as she had come to his office just one year ago today, to tell him that she must leave the Institute. He had heard occasionally after that of the deep trials she had been called upon to bear, but he had been mindful too, of the growth that they would produce. Now as he looked into her face, he saw that the growth was manifest even in her appearance. Another soul was being moulded and shaped by the Hand of the Master Teacher as she attended His classes in the School of God. He knew that there would be more hard lessons out on the mission field, but he was not afraid of the effect that they would have upon the pupil, nor upon Keith.

Dean Edward's reverie was suddenly brought to an end, for Ruth stood before him with uplifted face waiting for him to begin. The ceremony was brief but impressive. Following the benediction the beloved Dean grasped their hands. "God bless you two schoolmates, united now by His Hand," he cried. "May you go forth from here today with continued willingness to learn together the lessons which He will yet teach you in His School."

With these words ringing in their ears the bride and groom went joyously down the aisle. Pleasantly they greeted the long line of folks who came to offer congratulations and to kiss the bride. At last it was over and they started down the church steps. Cameras clicked as they came. There were showers of rice and confetti as they dashed across the street.

The reception was very small. Only Aunt Sally, Dean Edwards, the bridal party, and Ruth's family were present. They had said their goodbyes to the others at the church. Following supper they gathered in the living room and lifted their voices in glad some song. Hymn after hymn of praise went forth. Then there were brief testimonies. The happy gathering was closed by a season of fervent prayer for the two missionaries who in a few minutes were to start forth to the field where their God had called them. They all stood on the lawn and watched as the young couple drove slowly down the road, waving goodbye as they went. Dean Edward's silvery head towered above the others and

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Variety of Opportunities in Tokyo



This is a group of Japanese youngsters who attend Sunday school in a garage, which was started by MCC Japanese helpers.

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — Tokyo, Japan, makes fewer appearances in newspaper and magazine headlines today than it did during and following World War II.

But the need for Christian help is still very evident and Mennonite Central Committee is still active in Tokyo.

Most MCC work is presently being done by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wingert of Upland, California, who handle relief operations, and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gingerich of Goshen, Indiana, who are engaged in writing and lecturing on peace principles.

A corps of Japanese youth also contribute prominently to the program in Tokyo.

Relief operations are welcomed by needy Japanese. Countless examples of conversions and rehabilitations can be reported as a result of food and clothing distributions among the "ragpickers".

"Ragpickers" are a poor and homeless group of people who subsist, on revenue from rags or paper which they collect on streets. Servings of warm milk are provided on a regular schedule. The Christian message of hope is presented to them.



These are two Tokyo "ragpickers". They walk about Tokyo streets all day to collect rags and paper which are sold for their subsistence. They do not attempt to save what little money they earn.

Through this service have come reports of conversions to Christianity. Some have been persuaded to find homes. One man was delivered from a suicide attempt.

Warm milk is served daily to hundreds of day laborers. These are jobless men and women who go daily to one of the two city employment centers in the hope of getting a day's work.

Their jobs include street cleaning and other manual tasks. They earn less than a dollar a day. A woman may work all day cleaning a street, carrying her baby on her back.

Scores of Tokyo youth find fellowship and counsel at the MCC house. Among attractions are the annual MCC open house and the traditional MCC international dinner.

Many of these youth become so attached to the spirit of MCC that they stay to assist in the work. As a result a number have gone to the United States for college training.

MCC workers provide weekly Bible classes and a Sunday school in a garage has been started. From these efforts emerge a number of conversions, baptisms and commitments to lifetime Christian service.

Here is a sample of the Tokyo ministry as written by relief worker Wingert:

"One of the practices of the MCC center is to rehabilitate needy persons. One day a mother and three children were found crying in a street. They had no food, no water and no light in their house because the husband lost his job.

"They thought of suicide. It was MCC's privilege to invite them to its table, do the family laundry, supply clothing and find employment for the husband.

"It was thrilling to place a Bible into their hands for the first time. Today the family is rehabilitated, living in a better house and having a good income. Best of all, they are taking a deep interest in Christianity and come to the MCC center at every opportunity for devotions and Bible study."

The Gingerichs have been in Japan two years visiting Japanese schools and universities, churches, Mennonite missions and other groups and institutions. He seeks to present the Mennonite peace position through lectures and literature.

There is a rather openminded response to the lectures. Japanese students apparently ask questions freely on such an issue.

The MCC Tokyo center also serves as a hostel and travel service for missionaries, travelers and MCC workers returning or going to other countries.

ities in farming, maintenance, transportation, recreational and club leadership (or a combination) for men with some training or natural ability.

Homes for youngsters where these qualifications are needed include: Ailsa Craig Boys Farm, Ont.; Wiltwyck School for Boys, Esopus, N.Y.; Boys Village, Smithville, Ohio; and Junior Village, Washington, D.C.

Openings for mature and stable men as psychiatric aides are offered in the three MCC-operated mental hospitals to help people regain their emotional fitness.

If you are qualified as a teacher, you will be challenged with the opportunities for service and adventure in the fishing cove communities of Newfoundland, a Canadian island province in the Atlantic Ocean northeast of Maine.

At least 20 healthy men are needed as normal control patients in medical research at National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md. This multi-million dollar research center is operated by the United States Public Health Service and is making a noteworthy contribution to the prevention and cure of many prevalent dreaded diseases.

Men are needed in California migrant camps who can supervise recreation and crafts and work with the general camp program. A well-qualified teacher also is needed.

Denver, Colorado, offers perpetual openings for men in hospital work.

One man preferably trained in animal husbandry is needed to be in charge of an animal center for Heifer Project Inc. in California. He should also have ability in public relations.

"Show Thyself a Man"

When King David, that brave man of God, was ready to die he called his son Solomon and gave him the following advice: "Be thou strong therefore, and show thyself a man."

The willingness to help others is a sign of strength and manhood. You have much to offer—do not sell yourself short.

(Although they are not listed here, there are also many service opportunities for women in the voluntary service program.)

Write for further information: MCC Voluntary Service, Akron, Pa.

Some women of Kenya who have been told that they must renounce their Christian faith or die have made arrangements for their funerals and calmly continued to assert their faith. One old woman, living in an isolated hut on the edge of the forest, responding to an expression of concern for her safety, answered, "I am not alone, for Jesus is with me."

—Dorothy Asch.

Wanted: MEN

Christ chose 12 men to assist Him in His earthly ministry. They were commissioned to continue the important task which He began.

Today the Church needs men. Sometimes (fortunately for the Church) women have shouldered responsibilities which should have been carried by men.

The voluntary service program of Mennonite Central Committee challenges men to consider entering the "volunteer" type of service through the Church.

Financial Arrangement

The voluntary service financial arrangement challenges the best that is in you. It offers full maintenance, travel from your home to work and home again, plus \$10 a month the first year and \$20 the second.

Accepting this type of financial arrangement in a materialistic society requires real dedication and represents a good Christian testimony.

Hundreds of volunteers have

found their lives, and the lives of persons they serve, enriched by putting financial considerations second and service to God and man first.

By the way, many volunteers discover this amount of money goes farther than they thought possible. In fact few volunteers consider this a sacrifice, because ordinarily they feel the benefits of experience and service far outweigh whatever may have been contributed by them.

So, men, you are in a position to give yourself in service.

Waiting for your assistance are underprivileged boys, dependent and unwanted children, frustrated sufferers of racial prejudice, weary migrants, the mentally ill, hospitalized persons, victims of natural disasters, unschooled youth and many others.

Where Men Are Needed

Here are some projects needing men immediately:

There are numerous opportuni-

THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

Little Church Groups Seem To Be Making Biggest Gains

Hard-hitting little church groups are getting more spectacular results in the current religious upsurge in America than the big, traditional denominations, according to the Rev. Dr. F. Epling Reinhartz, president of the National Lutheran Council. Dr. Reinhartz was the keynote speaker at the annual meeting of the Council, which represents eight Lutheran denominations with about five million members. He said that statistical studies of the "truly phenomenal" church growth of recent years show that "leaders of the advance, proportionately considered, are the Pentecostal and kindred groups". These are the newer, more informal-type denominations, he said.

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Urges Private Schools for Baptists

Washington, D.C. — Senator Robert Kerr (D.-Okla.), told the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association that Southern Baptists ought to set up their own parochial schools. He said such schools are necessary to give elementary and high school education a greater Christian emphasis.

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Presbyterians to Double Benevolence

Cleveland, Ohio. — The Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. will seek to double the contributions for its benevolence program in the next five years. This year's goal is 25 million dollars. By 1962 they hope to make the goal twice as large, 50 million dollars. They consider the present benevolence program "inadequate for the jet age".

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Set Long Range Goal

Fort Worth, Texas. — The Baptist General Convention of Texas will seek to baptize 265,000 converts during the next three years and start 3,500 new churches in the next seven years. Both goals, unprecedented in the Convention's history, were announced at its 19th annual evangelistic conference in Fort Worth. Evangelist Billy Graham was the featured speaker at the conference.

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Bibles to Manchuria

Hong Kong. — The World Council of Churches has sent two thousand copies of the Bible to refugees in Manchuria in the past year. The Bibles are sent at the rate of fifty per week, and are always promptly acknowledged by the addressees.

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Philippine Campaign

Manila. — Final reports reaching America following the close of the three-week gospel crusade show

that 5,411 people accepted Christ out of an estimated attendance of 140,000. Fifty-five Protestant churches of various denominations united for the crusade which was called the most ambitious effort of its kind ever launched in the Philippines. Dr. Bob Pierce of Portland, Oregon, was the principal speaker.

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CANADASCOPE

Immigrants and More Immigrants to Canada

The Air Bridge of Canada, a vast trans-atlantic airlift embracing 350 chartered flights for British and French immigrants during the spring and summer months, has been announced by the Canadian government. Within two weeks the aircraft will start flying the immigrants—expected to be mostly British—directly to Toronto, Winnipeg, Edmonton and Vancouver. With an average airload of 70 persons, the number would total almost 25,000.

The immigration department has also announced arrangements for the movement of Hungarian refugees to Canada. As a result of the arrangements, the number of Hungarians who will settle in this country will exceed the 28,000 the government has committed Canada to take.

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Baby Export Okayed

The Catholic Home-Finding Council of Manitoba gave its approval early this week to send 25 Catholic children for adoption to Minnesota. An overflow of about 25 Catholic babies which welfare authorities have not been able to place within the province are involved.

Manitoba law requires that children for adoption be placed in homes of the same religious background as their parents.

The most difficult placement in Manitoba is of children of Catholic parentage. For every child of Protestant background awaiting adoption there may be 20 applicants, while for each Catholic child there are only a handful.

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Lower Prices to Compete

Prairie farmers will apparently have to accept a lower price for their wheat in order to sell flour on certain export markets. A plan, introduced by the Canadian wheat board Friday, allows for an "adjustment" in the price of wheat to millers which will enable them to reduce the price of Canadian flour sold to a large number of countries.

With the board selling quantities of wheat at a reduced price, producers can expect lower final returns for their product.

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Less Engineers Graduating

The number of engineers who graduated from Canadian universities dropped by 50 per cent from 1950 to 1956. This was coupled with a 30 per cent decline in the immigration of professional people to Canada, and a 100 per cent increase in the rate at which Canadian engineers have left to work in the United States. These facts were brought out by S. H. Deeks, executive director of the Industrial Foundation on Education in a talk to the Canadian Aeronautical Institute. He also said that engineers were emigrating to the United States at a rate almost one-third of that at which they graduated in Canada.

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THE WORLD TODAY

Revolt in Indonesia

A bloodless revolt has split Indonesia, with the rebels announcing the seizure of East Indonesia from the central government at Jakarta, the country's capital. Greater autonomy appeared to be the chief demand of the rebels headed by Lt. Col. Ventje Sumual, former aide to Indonesian President Sukarno. The bloodless coup followed the pattern set by dissident officers opposed to the central government who seized control in much of Sumatra at Christmas.

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Burns, Israel Come to Terms

Gen. E. L. M. Burns, commander of the United Nations Emergency Force, announced on Monday that agreement had been reached with Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan, Israeli Chief of Staff, on the method and timing for Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza and Gulf of Aqaba areas. The agreement followed Premier David Ben-Gurion's order that the Israeli army proceed with "full speed from the Gaza Strip and the Gulf of Aqaba areas."

Meanwhile bitter demonstrations erupted in Jerusalem soon after Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion ordered withdrawal of Israeli troops from Egypt. Hundreds of demonstrators marched through the streets demanding the resignation of the government and cancellation of the order to withdraw.

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Rains Refresh Texans

Texas is turning green—after seven or more years of soil-scorch-

ing drought. Texas has had the wettest February in history—with days on end of drizzle and fog, with now and then a brisk shower.

The face of the country has been transformed, Cattle and sheep and goats are actually grazing again in many parts of Texas.

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Farewell For Ennses

Abbotsford, B.C. — After prayer meeting on Wednesday, February 27, a farewell was held in the Abbotsford Mennonite Brethren church in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Enns and their four children.

The family is moving to Fresno, California, where Mr. Enns is going to attend the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary.

Rev. H. H. Nikkel was in charge of the service. His farewell message was based on Hebrews 13: 20, 21. His prayer for them was that the God of peace might make them perfect in every good work to do His will. Rev. J. Redekop based his farewell words on Psalm 37: 4, 5.

With keen interest we followed Mr. Enns' farewell testimony as to how the Lord had been leading them of late. After this Mr. Enns was presented with a brief case.

During the course of the service the Junior Girls Choir, under the direction of Miss Viola Doerkson sang three songs.

After the service refreshments were served in the church basement.

The Enns family will be greatly missed. Both Mr. and Mrs. Enns were very active in church work.

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Eight Baptized at Elmwood

Winnipeg, Man. — Eight believers were baptized and received into the Elmwood M. B. Church on Sunday evening, March 3. Rev. I. W. Redekopp performed the baptismal rite.

Preceding the baptismal service Rev. H. Regehr had spoken to the church on how to improve the spiritual life in the church. He pointed out the need for spiritual leadership, unity among the workers and in the membership, sound preaching of the Word, confession of sin as a corporate membership where necessary, and a proper attitude toward separation from the world.

The baptismal candidates were received into the church after the baptism and the church partook of the Lord's Supper.

Those baptized were: Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Boschman, Frank Janzen, John Rademacher, Richard Krohn, Richard Shier, Harry Wall, and Gertrude Voth.



Surplus Foods

United States government surplus foods are being used by MCC and other voluntary agencies for overseas distribution.

MCC has used these commodities the past three years. Shipping and distribution is possible by financial contributions of Mennonite people. At the present time a dollar specified for surplus foods sends abroad commodities valued at \$20-\$25.

Surplus foods available at the present time include nonfat dry milk solids, cheese, wheat or flour, corn or cornmeal and beans.

During the past fiscal year MCC shipped a total of 3,049,031 net pounds or 1524½ tons. This was 570 tons more than was shipped in 1955 and 1204 tons more than was shipped in 1954.

The net pounds of surplus food shipments in 1956 were: Korea 1,236,588; Germany 584,772; India 320,000; France 306,113; Jordan 180,015; Indonesia 160,000; Taiwan 120,075; Vietnam 80,000 and Austria 61,468.

Rice was the biggest single commodity shipment the past year at approximately 1,340,000 pounds. Next were milk 622,000 pounds; wheat 246,000; butteroil 240,000; cheese 210,000; butter 180,000; beans 160,000; and cottonseed oil 50,000.

Surplus food shipments as well as other material aid shipments are handled in the Akron Relief and Foreign Services office by Dale Mueller (Freeman, S.D.).

To Introduce Irrigation

Plans are underway to introduce irrigation this year in the Panayitsa valley of northern Greece where a Pax Services unit is engaged in agricultural rehabilitation work.

It is hoped canning facilities can be expanded this year to accommodate commercial canning for the villagers for the first time. The use of tin cans was introduced last year and the total output of canned vegetables, fruits and meats was about quadrupled over the previous year when glass jars were used. Arlin Hunsberger (Telford, Pa.) directs this project.

Workers also hope to improve dairy profits by 20 per cent. About 40 gallons of milk a day are marketed from the cows shipped a year ago by Lancaster Conference Mennonites.

Three new incubators arrived in Greece in February. A shipment of hatching eggs to Paxmen was made by Heifer Project Inc. arranged by a Congregational Church in

Bridgewater, Mass.

Workers expect to place 7000 chicks in the Tsakones area, where a second Pax Services unit is located. James Lambright (Lagrange, Ind.) and John Wenger (Wayland, Ia.) are in charge of this project.

The Greek office of agriculture expresses appreciation for these projects by giving financial support of two interpreters for the 12 Paxmen in the Panayitsa and Tsakones projects.

New Barracks Completed

Distributions of food and clothing have been made in the Banmethuot area of Vietnam in addition to mobile medical clinic service.

Harry Lefever (Lancaster, Pa.) reports distributions recently in Banmethuot hospital and another in a tribes village. In the latter project, one of the national pastors made a list of poor families in the village to whom gifts of clothing and food were given.

A new barracks for both Vietnamese and American workers has been completed at Banmethuot.

Dr. and Mrs. Willard Krabill, who direct the medical program, returned for a trip through Malaya and Thailand where they visited leprosy hospitals to gain further information on treatments to be made at Banmethuot.

Clothing Appreciated

Warm winter clothing and warm bedding are popular relief items in Korea this winter. Style and color are secondary.

THE SCHOOL OF GOD

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gleamed brightly in the gathering dusk.

Ruth turned to her husband. "Keith," she whispered. "A year ago today, I thought that I'd never be able to go to Tennessee. Yet Barbara, Joyce, and Nancy were still expecting to leave in a few months for the fields where the Lord had called them. A year has passed. They are still here. The war has prevented them from sailing. The obstacles which loomed so large in my life have all been removed, and here I am the first of the group to realize the fulfillment of my call."

Keith nodded. "Sometimes, when the lessons in the School of God are difficult, we think we'll never see the end, then suddenly before we know it, that lesson has passed and we're ready for the next one."

"I wonder what my next one will be?" mused the bride.

"Our next, you mean," corrected her husband. "Don't you forget we are 'schoolmates united'. From now on we shall meet our lessons together."

"Yes," answered Ruth, and as she nestled close to Keith, she recited softly,

Relief worker Joe Smucker (Goshen, Ind.) writes, "Mothers welcome the baby caps and mittens and other infant wear for the babies on their backs. At mass distributions simple toys, scarfs or gloves for children usually spell the difference between a sullen crowd or a crowd filled with good humor and thankfulness."

Weekly rice distributions have been made to the destitute populace of Taegu in cooperation with the city welfare office. Families representing some 3550 persons have received a ration of rice amounting to about half an average person's ration for 14 days.

Mental Health Services

James Mason of Fort Wayne, Ind., has been named patient activities director at Brook Lane Farm, Hagerstown, Ind. He had previous experience in the Veterans Administration Hospital at Fort Wayne. He also taught public school in Missouri and Virginia. A member of the Church of the Brethren, he served in Civilian Public Service in Puerto Rico. He studied at McPherson (Kans.) College, Bridgewater (Va.) College and received an occupational therapy certificate from Richmond (Va.) Professional Institute. The Masons have two daughters, Andrea Jane, 3, and Patrice Joan, 1.

Anna Belle Plenert, R.N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Plenert of Hillsboro, Kans., has begun service at Kings View Homes, Reedley, Calif., in the voluntary service program.

"We are schoolmates in the School of God,

With many lessons to learn.

Each one is planned by Him above
And sent to us in turn."

THE END

NEW STORY: Beginning next week, we will serialize the inspiring, heartwarming autobiography of Elizabeth A. Schroeter, now of Reedley, California. It is the narrative account of a little Mennonite girl growing up in the Ukraine, whose family comes to America in time to escape the Russian Revolution, and whose ambitions to acquire an education are realized in spite of many physical, financial and religious handicaps. Dr. Schroeter says in the Foreword:

"The story is based on true incidents engraved on a somewhat better than average memory or recorded in my diaries that started at the age of seven and continued almost to the present time. . . Despite an endeavor to tell the episodes as nearly as they took place, the ceremonies as exactly as they were practiced and the scenes as actually as they existed, some changes had to be made in order to present the material in a coherent and readable manner."

Testimonies of God's Grace

The Monk Who Lived Again
By B. H. Pearson. 178 pp.

This book tells how one New Year's morning, a babe was born in a cultured and deeply religious home in the far Andes, how the babe grew to boyhood and manhood, was educated for the priesthood, looked to find God in the shelter of the Roman Catholic Church, and found only evil and hypocrisy; how he tried to abandon God and rejected faith, but how his hunger for God and for peace haunted and hunted him, and how at last he found both in Christ his Saviour.

Price \$2.00

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When Iron Gates Yield

By Geoffrey T. Bull. 254 pp.

The author says of this fine book:

"As to the content—it is divided into two parts. The first covers the tense period of January to October 1950, when the Tibetan interior was the focal point of a great spiritual struggle and a hotbed of intrigue. It records something of God's ways with me in my life and work alone amongst the Tibetans at that time. . . The second part gives a fairly detailed account of my arrest and subsequent three years and two months of captivity spent in the prisons and detention centres of the People's Government of China, where I was subjected to their notorious system of "brainwashing".

The deliverance of Geoffrey Bull from a Chinese prison was miraculous. His story is one of endurance founded on faith in God's purpose and the power of prayer.

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The Headhunter's Bride

By B. H. Pearson. 223 pp.

B. H. Pearson has turned his genius for transporting his readers to faraway places to writing a story well-timed to appear at this dramatic hour in Formosa's history.

This story, transpiring during the Japanese occupation of Formosa, reveals the power of Christ as it transforms lives, and keeps men faithful unto death. It is a story of tragedy—but also of victory, of the victory of the Cross. Once you have picked it up, you will not put it down until you have read it all.

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COLLEGES

CANADIAN MENNONITE BIBLE COLLEGE

On Saturday, February 16, the girls of the Manitoba Home for Delinquent Girls were invited to a skating party and supper at our College. The girls entered wholeheartedly into the program provided by the students and expressed appreciation for the invitation extended to them. As a result it is possible that future opportunities to witness to this group may be opened to us.

Recently the following missionaries have visited our college. Mr. Orlando Waltner of India; Mr. G. Neufeld from the Congo; and Miss Vernelle Yoder from Colombia. These missionaries have taken time to counsel with us and have helped to inspire us with a greater zeal for our mission work.

On February 22 we had our annual Prayer Day at our College. The afternoon and evening of this day were used to remember the many prayer needs in our Conference, on our mission field at home and abroad, in our churches and also in our own college. Pres. I. I. Friesen in giving the closing remarks stated that the day had helped to deepen our spiritual fellowship, to increase our vision of the greatness of the field for which we have a responsibility and the necessity of renewed dedication of ourselves to Christ as Lord who directs us in His service.

GOSHEN COLLEGE

New courses of study in social work and agriculture will be offered at Goshen College beginning with the first semester of the 1957-58 school year. The pre-professional social work curriculum will prepare students to enter graduate schools of social work or to fill certain social work positions after receiving the B.A. degree. These new courses will be of special interest and value to those in the "helping" profession and to persons entering I-W, voluntary service, relief, or mission work.

The conviction for the need of expressing Christian concern through the profession of social work has arisen from the experience of youth in C.P.S., V.S., and I-W. This growing interest has stimulated planning for an undergraduate program of social work at Goshen College.

In addition to Introduction to Social Work now being offered, other social work courses listed are Services to Individuals, Group Processes and Leadership, and a Social Work Seminar. The seminar will include among other things actual experience in a social

agency setting. Lester Glick, a trained social worker holding the M.A.S.A. degree from Ohio State University, is scheduled to teach these courses next year. Before coming to Goshen, he was head of Boys Village Inc., Smithville, Ohio.

Grants Received

Goshen College recently received two grants totalling \$49,800 from Lilly Endowment Inc., Indianapolis. A grant of \$30,000 for the department of religion will be used to finance a theological workshop on the campus during August of 1958, to release faculty members of the department of religion from teaching duties to reorganize the religion curriculum, and to purchase library books, periodicals and maps. At the 1958 workshop, the entire faculty will discuss means of making the total educational program of Goshen College contribute more adequately to the basic religious objectives of the institution.

A second grant amounting to \$19,800 designated for the improvement of the educational program of the college will be used to experiment with new methods of teaching the large general education classes in history and literature. Application for the grant was made last January.

MENNONITE BROTHERS BIBLICAL SEMINARY

Students at the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary were delighted with a chapel talk by Rev. Nick Willems, a fellowstudent (Sask., Canada), in which he told of his Christmas holiday trip into Mexico to see Missionary Dan Wirsche. Mr. Willems made observations regarding the economic and spiritual status of the people and noted in particular the progress of the work at the Patos station, where a number of M. B. missionaries are working. The Bible school has about 20 students enrolled and the church numbers more than 40 members. A heavy building program is also under way. Mr. Willems found occasion to visit the Old Mennonites and an Indian tribe in the vicinity.

A recent visitor to the chapel hour at the Seminary was Henry Unrau, regional director of the Canadian Sunday School Mission in British Columbia. In a message to the students he emphasized the precautions a minister might take so as not to tire in the work nor of the work of the ministry.

Missionary Leslie Buhler from the India field shared his personal testimony with the students and spoke briefly on Isaiah 6.

Two Seminary students, Richard Gerbrandt and Vernon Jantzen, assisted in the weekly devotional hour at the MCC workers' unit in

Reedley. Professor Henry Harder led in the Scripture meditation.

President Braun returned from a four-day Bible conference at Hepburn, Saskatchewan. He reported of blessings and noted that, since the weather and road conditions were favorable, the attendance had been good. He left Feb. 22 for a week-end Bible Conference in Los Angeles M. B. church where Peter Klassen is the present pastor.

BIBLE INSTITUTES

MENNONITE BROTHERS BIBLE INSTITUTE North Clearbrook, B.C.

On February 17 two teachers and a group of MBBI students travelled to McConnel Creek to present a program. A mixed double octet directed by Mr. H. P. Neufeldt provided the vocal music. A quartet and duet, the latter comprised of Margaret Wiebe and Anne Klassen sang several beautiful hymns. Anne Bergman told the children a story and Rev. H. H. Nikkel delivered a heartwarming evangelistic message. After the service the students and teachers were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Dyck (pastor of the WCCM Chapel at McConnel Creek) for a light lunch.

This past week we were privileged to hear 2 guest speakers in our chapel services. On Tuesday morning Rev. and Mrs. C. N. Hiebert spoke to the student body. Rev. Hiebert first delivered a short message. He enumerated ten reasons why God was able to use Stephen, the first martyr in the early Christian Church. After the challenging message, the couple gave the students a report of their work in Paraguay in 1947-48. The work consisted mainly of pioneer work among the refugees who had left war-torn Europe during and shortly after World War II. Mrs. Hiebert worked with the orphans while her husband conducted Bible study classes. Then they also briefly related of their work in Germany, telling us of the great need existing in Europe today. The people are open for the Word of God and have a real craving for the simple gospel truths.

Thursday morning Rev. E. Erickson spoke to us from God's Word on "The Secret of Success". The text for his message was Joshua 1:8-9. He pointed out the great need for studying the Bible; exhorted us as Christians to "Stand up for God", and then he challenged us to serve God. Rev. Erickson has done fairly extensive evangelistic work in almost every European country. He, too, told of the pathetic religious conditions existing in many countries. In France for instance, some thirty-

five million people have never once crossed the threshold of a church. Similar conditions are prevalent in many other European countries.

Victor Guenther.

GRACE BIBLE INSTITUTE OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Miss Anna Regier, instructor in Christian Education, spoke at several of the workshop sessions in connection with the Sunday school convention at Mountain Lake, Minnesota, February 18-19. The convention was sponsored at the Bethel Mennonite church, with eleven local Sunday schools cooperating.

Two representatives from the Mennonite Central Committee spoke in chapel recently. "The Compelling Love of Christ" was presented as the motivation for service. A brief explanation on the opportunities in the Mennonite Central Committee were also presented.

Mrs. Einar Steffarud, flannel-graph artist and visiting instructor, from Des Moines, Iowa, gave special instruction to students of the Christian Education class February 25 to March 1. Her teaching demonstrations centered primarily in painting flannel-graph backgrounds. This marked her sixth visit to the school.

Dr. D. R. Reisinger, president of the Evangelical Teachers Training Association, lectured in classes and Tuesday chapel, March 4-5. The burden of his message centered on Christian education. More than forty Bible colleges, seminaries and Bible institutes (including Grace Bible Institute) are now members of the association.

Dr. Joseph W. Schmidt, president of Grace Bible Institute, Omaha, Nebraska, spoke at the 4th annual Sunday School Convention, February 28 to March 3, in Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada. This convention was sponsored by various churches in the Steinbach area in conjunction with the Steinbach Bible Institute.

Enlarging the Tent

Two new buildings have been added to the campus of the Steinbach Bible Institute during this winter.

The first one is a two-storey frame building 28x32 feet. The building was moved onto the campus by Harms Construction gratuitously. The other building is a shop 30x40 feet and is constructed out of brick.

The Steinbach Bible Institute was the scene of mental relaxation and spiritual blessings, when faculty and students came together for a social. One of the highlights of the event was the showing of the film, "Regions Beyond". When the principal em-

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phasized the importance of a dedication to the Lord, several students responded favourably.

Mr. Henry Warner, a missionary to the West Indies, challenged the Institute on February 21 with the statement: "I must work the works



This is the 28x32 feet dwelling added to the buildings at the Steinbach Bible Institute, Steinbach, Man. The Harms Construction Co. moved it to the site gratuitously.

of Him that sent Me." Among other things, he said that we have but a few more years left in which to finish the task given to the Church. To substantiate his belief

he cited two reasons: 1) There are so many false cults in the foreign field. They are there, where the missionary has never been. 2) The luke-warm spirit toward the mission projects. This indifference, he stated, was not only in the churches, but also in many Bible schools.

Ben Hoepfner.

Week of Services at Horndean

By Cleopatra Heinrichs

Horndean, Man. — There are times when we cry out as did the Psalmist: "Wilt thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee?" (Psalm 85:6). For some weeks prior to Feb. 24 intercession had been made at home and at our prayer-meetings on behalf of the revival services to be held from February 24 to March 1. At the close of the meetings we could say, "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich . . ." (Prov. 10:22).

The Lord blessed us with propitious weather conditions. Attendance was very good, despite one stormy night. Preceding each service a short time was spent in prayer in the basement. We were thrilled from night to night as Rev. M. Loge brought to us the Bible messages.

At the first three evening services Rev. Loge dealt with the three

Christian graces, faith, hope, and love, according to I Cor. 13. Then followed one message on "Being Filled With the Holy Spirit", directed especially to Christians. The two final messages were directed more to the unsaved. Hearts were touched and the Christians were strengthened and edified.

Rev. Loge also told a story to the boys and girls every evening. For the special singing, the male quartet served on Sunday night and the choir sang each week night, aided by a ladies' trio and a male duet.

Truly, all our hearts rejoice in the Lord for His goodness.

Ladies Visit Old Folks Home

Lena, Man. — The ladies of the Lena M. B. Church visited the Morden Old Folks Home on February 28, rendering songs and readings in an effort to witness for God and provide a blessing to the aged. Some of the brethren went along as drivers of the five cars.

After fellowship and visitation, a lunch was served prepared by the ladies at home and taken along for the occasion. May the Lord bless these efforts to show to all people, regardless of age or creed, the love of Christ.

Rev. Wm. Falk Speaks at Coaldale

Coaldale, Alta. — Rev. Wm. Falk, pastor of the North Kildonan, Man., M. B. Church, was the guest speaker at three days of evangelistic meetings in the M. B. church here.

On Sunday Rev. Falk spoke at both morning and evening services. Another guest speaker was Rev. G. Thielman, presently city missionary at Calgary and formerly an MCC worker in Japan.

At the Monday night service Rev. Falk's text was taken from Judges. He described the unintentional warning given by Samson, whose life was potentially so great, yet who failed so miserably to fulfill God's plan for him.

On Tuesday the topic of his sermon was "The Holy Spirit".

All three days were ones of self-examination and blessing for God's children.

SIX BAPTIZED AT WINKLER

By Margaret Harder

Winkler, Man. — Six young people followed the Lord in baptism on Sunday night, February 24, in the Mennonite Brethren church here. The six candidates baptized by Rev. J. H. Quiring were: Eileen Janzen, Grace Brown, Evelyn Dyck, Deanna Friesen, Ronald Peters, and John Letkeman.

On the preceding Wednesday night the congregation gathered to hear the testimonies given by the candidates. They spoke of the different ways and means in which the Lord made them conscious of their sinfulness. But all witnessed alike of the peace which came to them after they prayed in faith for forgiveness of sin.

The guest speaker at the baptismal service was Rev. Dietrich Klassen of Virgil, Ont. Speaking on Mark 16:15 and 16, he emphasized the facts that baptism was a command of Christ and so a very definite part of the gospel message, that baptism was a renewal of our covenant with God, a prayer for future guidance, and public testimony of that which had miraculously been done in us by Christ. Following the sermon and baptism, the six young people were received as members into the local church.

At that evening Dr. and Mrs. Ben Froese were also welcomed as members here. They recently moved here from Steinbach.

On the Horizon

March 14 and 16. — The drama, "The Carpenter", will be presented in the Eden Christian College auditorium, Virgil, Ont., on Thursday and Saturday night.

March 15-17. — Conference on adult activities at Kitchener, Ont. Nelson Kauffman and Boyd Nelson will speak.

March 17 — The choir of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College will sing Mendelssohn's oratorio "Paulus" in the First Mennonite church, corner Notre Dame and Alverstone, at 7 p.m. There will be orchestral accompaniment.

March 22 to 24. — The Mennonite Youth Organization of Saskatchewan will have its annual conference in Saskatoon. Henry Poettcker, Winnipeg, will be the guest speaker.

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

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