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

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All-Mennonite Conference Discusses Relation to State

By C. J. Rempel

An important all-Mennonite Peace Conference was held in Chicago on November 15 and 16 under the topic "Christian Responsibility to the State." Fifty-five representatives from the various Mennonite and Brethren in Christ conferences in the U.S.A. and Canada were present to discuss and to exchange thoughts on this general theme, which is gaining new prominence because of the complexity of our present world situation.

The Canadian M.B. Conference Peace Committee appointed Rev. John A. Toews, president of the M.B. Bible College, and C. J. Rempel, of Kitchener, Ontario, to represent our Conference. The former brought a ten-minute message following one of the major talks, while the latter served as recording secretary for one of the discussion groups.

Mennonite Scholars Analyze Topic

Some excellent papers that had a bearing on this topic were read. Dr. Leonard J. Franz, president of Tabor College, brought the first main address, delivering an address on the topic, "The Nature of the State and its Place in God's Program." John Howard Yoder, who recently returned from Europe after many years of MCC service and study in various European universities, brought an address on the topic "The Nature of the Church's Responsibility in the World." Dr. H. S. Bender of Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana, read a paper on "An Historical Review of the Anabaptist-Mennonite Position and Practice from 1525 to the Present Period." Elmer Neufeld, at present studying in the Chicago University, brought a report on "What Shall be the Christian Witness to the Government", while the final address was delivered by C. N. Hostetter, president of Messiah College, Grant-ham, Pennsylvania, on the topic "What is the Obligation of the Church to Proclaim the Righteousness of God?"

It was a real blessing and a rare privilege to fellowship and discuss problems of mutual concern with many of the leading educators in

the field of peace education. In addition to those mentioned, there were other participants well-known in Mennonite circles: J. Winfield Fretz and Harley J. Stucky of Bethel College; E. J. Swalm, Duntroon, Ontario; Guy Hershberger, and J. Lawrence Burkholder of Goshen College and others.

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Vancouver Man Dies in Fall

Chilliwack, B.C. — A Vancouver contractor, Aaron Ewart, plunged 500 feet down a sheer cliff to his death on Saturday, November 23. The accident occurred 20 miles south of here while he and a friend, John Ratzlaff of Yarrow, B.C., were on a hunting expedition.

The body of the accident victim, was found after an intensive search of the area by a rescue team that first ventured out on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Ratzlaff, who is a school teacher at Yarrow, related that the mishap occurred late Saturday night after they had halted on a small ledge to debate whether to camp out for the night or try to get home. Mr. Ewart elected to try the perilous descent, while Mr. Ratzlaff decided to stay for the night. After fastening his rope around a stump Mr. Ewart started to go down. He had just started when he slipped and fell 500 feet down the sheer rock face of the cliff.

Mr. Ratzlaff fastened himself to a nearby tree with the sling of his

rifle and spent a cold, wet night on the spot, wracked by cramps. At dawn he made his way down the cliff, but was unable to locate his friend, so he hastened to notify the Chilliwack RCMP, who immediately organized a search party.

First M.B. Service in Edmonton

Edmonton, Alta. — Sunday, Nov. 3, 1957, marked another milestone in the history of the M.B. Church in Alberta. A small group of 31 people gathered on that day at the home of Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Sawatsky for the first M.B. Church service in the city of Edmonton.

A short sing-song conducted by

the song director, Mr. W. G. Schmidt, opened the service. During the testimony meeting which followed we felt the Spirit of God uniting us as we shared our experiences and learned to know each other better.

Rev. B. W. Sawatsky based his personal testimony and message on Isaiah chapter six. We, too, like Isaiah, feel too unclean to spread the gospel, but God can and will cleanse us, making us into vessels which he can use, if we will but let Him.

A period of informal conversation followed during which a delicious lunch was served by the ladies.

We are planning to have regular services every Sunday morning. God has led us this far, and we pray that He will continue to bless us.

Importance of Literature Growing

Winnipeg, Man.—"In the light of literacy developments in the world today, and in the light of the literary vacuum on the field and the progress of Communism and false cults, such as Jehovah's Witnesses and Seventh Day Adventists, we need to give our literature program a status comparable with the other major divisions or departments of our foreign mission work," stated A. J. Metzler, publishing agent of the Mennonite Publishing House, Scottdale, Pa., in an interview with the Mennonite Observer. "In Japan, for example, a survey taken two years ago showed that the Communists had published 2,000 different titles—books, pamphlets, magazines, etc."

Mr. Metzler recently returned from a tour of mission fields to make a survey of mission litera-

ture needs. He was sponsored by the Mennonite Publishing House, the Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities, Mennonite Central Committee, and the Eastern Lancaster Mennonite Board of Missions. During his tour he stopped off for varying periods of time in Lebanon, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanganyika, Pakistan, India, Indonesia, Singapore, Viet Nam, Hong Kong, Formosa, Japan, and Korea.

Agape Verlag in Switzerland

During his stopover in Europe Mr. Metzler visited the Agape Verlag in Switzerland, which was set up by the Mennonite Publishing House in co-operation with MCC to provide summer vacation Bible school materials for European

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Pictured here is the faculty and student body of the Fernheim Bible School and Theological Institute of the South American Mennonite Brethren Conference. This is the group which had been studying together during the four previous months and which concluded its work with a school closing and program Oct. 6.

EDITORIAL

A Christian on the Road

Next week is Safe-Driving Week in Canada. Before the week begins, and during the week, newspaper and magazine readers and those listening to the radio and watching TV will be subjected to a barrage of hints for safe driving and safe walking. As Christians we shouldn't really need all these reminders—but we do. It might even be a good idea for a minister to preach a sermon on the Christian's behaviour on the road.

The Canadian Highway Safety Conference states, "Tell any motorist or pedestrian he's inconsistent and he'll either clobber you, or head for a dictionary and then clobber you." As non-resistant Mennonites we might not go to those extremes physically—but we certainly do react that way inwardly and vocally. By far the greatest majority of us think we are safe drivers—and we certainly know how to walk safely. Yet the number of accidents involving Christians tells a different story.

Let's first measure our behaviour according to the standards suggested by the Highway Safety Conference—and then according to Scriptural standards. If you are a pedestrian, temporary or permanent, do you amble across an intersection, holding up traffic waiting to move, or stroll across between intersections daring motorists to hit you, or stand off the curb as you wait for a light to change to green, or cross at an intersection against the red signal on a chance that the approaching traffic will have to let you pass?

But you drive a car and don't walk. When you are behind the wheel, do you always signal a turn, get into the proper lane for the turn you intend to make, stop or slow down to allow another to leave the curb or join a line of traffic, wait for the light to turn green before resuming your drive or stop as soon as the amber shows on approaching an intersection with traffic lights? Or do you push your car through a line of pedestrians crossing on a green light, or edge out beyond the marked stop line at an intersection; or drive within inches of the rear bumper of the car ahead, or jockey for position in heavy traffic?

You say the Bible hasn't anything to say on safe driving? It is true that the Roman's fastest vehicle on land was a chariot. Yet the Apostle Paul has some timely advice for both pedestrians and drivers. In describing the true nature and expression of the love of Christ in our hearts, he writes a pointed commentary on how we are to act. Quoting from Moffatt's translation, we find that "love is very patient" (even when the light is green already and the fellow ahead is still asleep—when the stream of cars seems unending and a mad dash through the traffic seems advisable—or when you are turning a corner and the light is in your favor but the stream of pedestrians reminds you of a column of ants). Love is also "very kind" (which may mean decelerating from 50 to 0 to let a parked car into the line of traffic, or a hurrying worker cross the street during rush hour). Love "makes no parade" (in spite of 250 horsepower under the hood and friends in the car that need to be impressed—and in spite of the car's ability to go from stop to full speed in record time and in a shower of gravel).

We are also reminded that "love is never rude" (such as purposely dawdling to "teach that speedster a lesson", speeding up when someone wants to pass, or strolling across the road at a snail's pace to purposely irritate approaching drivers). Love "is never selfish" (even if "I have the right of way"—which could be our famous last words—and even if walking on the roadway is easier on the feet despite heavy traffic). Finally, love "is never irritated, never resentful." Watch that horn, brother, even if a stray dog—or passing child—threatens to run into your lane of traffic. The shock may cause them to do what you feared they would. Put a vise on your tongue—your children with you may repeat what you said when the minister comes, or they might follow your example (which is a more serious result). What if someone does something that deserves two years in the penitentiary—it's the policeman's duty to apprehend him and your duty not to become irritated.

Last year 3,200 people died in traffic accidents in Canada. The injured totalled 73,600, while the economic loss was over \$300,000,000. The greatest single killer of Canadians between the ages of three and 40 was traffic.

Yes, Christians need to take part in national Safe-Driving Week, too, for they are included in these figures.

DEVOTIONAL

"A Good Thing"

By Henry W. Dueck*

We pride ourselves on the good things in our possession and constantly strive for those beyond our reach, hoping to gain them. These good things, however, give us only temporary joy and satisfaction.

Among the many things denoted as good in the Bible, the established heart is mentioned in the letter to the Hebrews. There the writer maintains, in chapter 13, verse 9, that "...it is a good thing that the heart be established..." We cherish the promises of God's written Word and are living in expectancy of the joy and blessings that await us. We are, however, inconsistent if we joyfully accept these promises and carelessly disregard the establishing of our hearts.

The Hebrews, to whom these words were directed, were in great danger of forsaking their faith in Christ and returning to the Old Testament ceremonies of law and sacrifice. They were easily persuaded by the false teachers because of their unstable hearts. There was also another reason for their wavering. In chapter five the writer reproached them for their incapability to digest the meat of the Word. They had been content and satisfied with the milk of the Word and were now in very real danger.

There are possibly two great dangers facing Christendom today. The beautifully disguised false religions seek to devour the true believers in Christ, while our complacency about our spiritual growth and development is proving to be a pitfall. Consequently it becomes necessary even today to repeat, "...it is a good thing that the heart be established...", lest we, too, be carried away by "every wind of doctrine."

Sometimes heretical teachings appear so similar to the truth that they can be detected only by the established and mature Christian. One must know the Bible well to be able to see their error. One teacher of a strange heresy made this remark, "Your people are easily led away from your faith because they do not know what they believe."

The other danger is our complacency. We have become completely satisfied with our "spirituality", but do not realize our immaturity. This stunted condition has not resulted from insufficient time to grow, but is due to an unbalanced diet—spiritual malnutrition.

"Milk Christians" boast of spiritual broad-mindedness. They can visit all churches and select the best available food, they say, but they fail to realize that they are constantly feeding on appetizers and desserts. They are thrilled if the preachers choose to develop some evangelistic theme, but are

simply bored, or even dissatisfied, if he chooses for his topic some phase of deeper spiritual life and the great responsibilities of Christians. You seldom find them at Bible study, for their favorite foods are not served there.

The basis for an established heart is, of course, the new birth. Through this experience we have become members of that mysterious organism, the body of Christ. We now live, work and grow together for the purpose of edifying this body and glorifying God. But when this basis has been laid we must stimulate our appetites for the "meat of the Word", and not be content with the milk diet.

The development of our spiritual life will be in direct relation to our intelligent study of God's Word and fellowship with Him and His children. In this way we become mature. The test of our stability will naturally be seen in our consistent Christian living and in our responsible attitude towards our own church.

Let us therefore strive unto maturity in Christ, and not be carried about by "every wind of doctrine", nor be content with a spiritual "milk" diet, for it is "a good thing that the heart be established."

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Occupation with others brings distraction, with self it brings distress, but with Christ it brings delight.

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College Graduate Ordained at Kelstern

Kelstern, Sask.—The Mennonite Brethren Church here experienced a day of rich spiritual blessings on Sunday, November 3, when Brother Henry Dueck, a 1956 graduate of the M. B. Bible College, was ordained into the ministry.

After the morning prayer period, led by Brother Dave Klassen, Rev. Jacob Dueck of Coaldale, Alta., the father of Brother Dueck, delivered the morning message, which was based on II Cor. 6:1-2. The choir sang several songs at the morning worship service.

The afternoon service was set apart for the ordination of the young pastor of the church, Brother Dueck and his wife. Brother John Redekop, leader of the church, opened the service, reading Psalm 118: 24-29 and leading in prayer. A double quartet sang at this time.

Message in German

Rev. Nick Willems of Woodrow, Sask., then spoke to the church in the German language, taking Numbers 16:1-19 as his text. He pointed out that the rebellion of Korah and his company was brought on by envy, a spirit of dissatisfaction, and an unwillingness to submit to God and those appointed as leaders by Him. Brother Willems stated that after we have submitted to God and He has saved us, we should maintain this attitude of submission throughout the Christian life. He also emphasized the necessity of submission to the brethren, as described in Hebrews 12: 7 and 17. Pastors are a gift of God to His church (Eph. 4:11), and have been chosen by God. The speaker mentioned that the brethren of this district felt assured that Brother and Sister Dueck were called of God into this special field of service.

Following the message a male quartet sang, "Mach mich reiner," and Sister Herman Ohlman recited a poem. Rev. E. J. Lautermilch, pastor of the Swift Current M. B. Church and moderator of the M. B. churches in Southern Saskatchewan, directed his message especially to the young couple concerned. In his introductory remarks he said that the internal call into the ministry must come from God, while the external call comes from the church. If God calls, he qualifies, supports and rewards.

Qualifications Listed

Rev. Lautermilch listed the characteristics of a minister, stating that a minister must be: 1) endowed with the power of the Holy Spirit 2) humble 3) steadfast 4) blameless 5) patient 6) vigilant 7) studious. He also stated that the duties of a minister are to preach the Word, administer church rites, care for the flock, and to exercise discipline.

Rev. C. C. Penner of Swift Current led in the ordination ceremony. Brother Penner, Brother N. Willems, and Brother E. J. Lautermilch prayed God's blessing upon the couple.

Most of the ministers and deacons of the M. B. churches in the district were present, and these brethren were given an opportunity to express their congratulations and wish the couple God's blessing. The father of Brother Henry Dueck, Rev. J. Dueck, and the father of Sister Dueck, Mr. B. F. Redekop, also made a few remarks.

After the closing of the service fellowship was enjoyed at a lunch served by the members of the Elim M. B. Church.

Conference Reports at Church

Vineland, Ont. — Rev. David Neumann, principal of Eden Christian College, was the speaker in the M.B. church here on Sunday, Nov. 10.

Using John 14: 27 as his text, he showed us first of all the type of peace the world has to offer — it cannot drive out fear. But peace

from God and with God is possible to all who accept Christ. That peace is everlasting. With these words echoing in our hearts we entered into the busy week. Again and again during that week we had reason to re-enter our house of worship.

Monday night the choir gathered for an extra session of practice.

World Conference Report

The night following that we were happy to have C. J. Rempel of Kitchener in our midst. He reported on the World Conference at Karlsruhe and of course showed us many interesting pictures. All who have any experience with a camera were delighted with the excellent shots he displayed. On the St. Lawrence River the brown hull of a ship loomed out of the fog; a small boat, perfectly centered, was bathed in the golden light of the setting sun. The English countryside created an atmosphere of peace and quietness; the streets of rubble and ruined buildings in the Soviet section, Berlin, had quite another effect. Pictures of the conference and of our missionaries were very interesting too.

Wednesday night saw many of us in church again, to hear reports on the two recent conferences, the one held in B.C. and the other in Kitchener. Mr. A. A. Dyck report-

ed on the first and Walter Janzen on the latter.

Choir Program

Thursday night may have been the one free evening of the week for many, for Friday night saw our church filled again to hear our choir render many beautiful songs. Ernie Reimer is the choir leader. Elsie Dyck is pianist. On Sunday night, Nov. 17, the choir travelled to Ingersoll to present a program in the Baptist church there.

And so the round of duties, responsibilities and activities never ceases. If the peace of God pervades our hearts, our very being, all these things become rich and meaningful.

Aids in Religious Education

Lindbrook, Alta. — We are thankful to God that He has answered prayer and that religious instruction has been started in the Tofield School from Grades one to nine. A 35-minute class will be held every Tuesday.

The Mennonite Brethren Church here was willing to participate in the instruction, and agreed that they would supply two teachers, Mr. Dick Thiessen and Mr. Peter Warkentin.

Joint Baptism in Winnipeg

By D. D. Duerksen

Winnipeg, Man. — The Gospel Light Mennonite Brethren Church and the South End M.B. Church held a joint baptismal service on Sunday, November 3, at the South End Church. Two candidates from the Gospel Light M.B. Church and eight candidates from the South End M.B. Church followed the Lord in baptism.

Rev. John M. Schmidt and Rev. J. P. Neufeld officiated at the bilingual service, Rev. Neufeld performing the baptism. Throughout the service the combined choirs of the two churches served with songs.

Basing his brief message in the German language on 1. Peter 3:18-22, Rev. Neufeld emphasized that

baptism was a sign that the sin question had been settled once and for all. The believer following the Lord in baptism testifies to a good conscience towards God.

Rev. John Schmidt based his English message on Acts 8:35-40. In speaking on the meaning of baptism, Rev. Schmidt pointed out that baptism was the outward expression of an inward experience, a step in obedience, and the confirmation of a new covenant with God. Faith, repentance, regeneration, and a desire to follow the Lord in close obedience were emphasized as the qualifications for baptism. Rev. Schmidt concluded his message by stating that greater power to wit-

ness and the entrance into fellowship with believers were some of the blessings accompanying baptism.

After the baptism had been performed, the candidates were received into the Church by officiating ministers. A communion service in which the ministers and deacons of both churches served followed.

The atmosphere of the whole evening was one of joyful fellowship, and in a small measure this fellowship of the two churches at this bilingual service foreshadowed the eternal fellowship of all true believers before the throne of God at the time when the artificial barriers that often divide us here will have fallen forever.



A joint baptismal service of the South End M.B. Church and the Gospel Light M.B. Church was held recently in the South End M.B. church. On this picture are the baptismal candidates from South End M.B. Church with their pastor. From left to right they are: Victor Schmidt, Marianne Thiessen, Elizabeth Reimer, Walter Loewen, Rev. J. P. Neufeld, Walter Doerksen, Hedy Heese, Marilyn Thiessen, and Willy Thiessen. Not on the picture are Doris Penner and Shirley Walkof, the baptismal candidates from the Gospel Light M.B. Church.

Missionary Welcomed Home

Matsqui, B.C. — A missionary who left for India seven years ago as a single man returned recently for his first furlough—a married man.

The Matsqui M.B. Church arranged for a special service on November 24 to welcome home Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goertzen, who have served in the United Provinces of India.

Praise and thanksgiving were offered to God at the service for His gracious leading and protection of the missionary couple. Repeatedly Brother Goertzen gave God the glory for answered prayer and thanked the children of God for their faithfulness in supporting the Lord's servants.

"Seven years ago on November 1 I had the joy of leaving home for India," Brother Goertzen said. During these seven years of work in the United Provinces of India the missionaries were ill less than one day. They served at several stations, doing evangelistic work, working in a dispensary and teach-

ing in a Bible school. "The blessed part," stated Brother Goertzen, "was to see how the natives received the Word of God and how they rejoiced in their Saviour after receiving Him into their life."

In February of this year Brother Goertzen was married to a co-worker on the mission field. Since that time Brother and Sister Goertzen have been working at Jhansi, India, directing a phase of the work of the Light of Life Bible correspondence course. This course is designed to meet the need of the many true searchers among the Hindu people. Approximately 1,000 persons were reported doing lessons monthly in the course on the Gospel of John. Another course in the Book of Acts is also given. God blessed the work of the Goertzens in bringing lost souls the message of the God of love. They are serving under the Evangelical Alliance Mission.

After the service the ladies of the church served a fellowship lunch.

MORE ABOUT

All-Mennonite Conference

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Group Discussions

Following each major talk, the 55 representatives were divided into three groups to further discuss the presented messages. Following the discussions a general plenary meeting would be held where the recording secretaries would report on the general discussion. The Findings Committee under the chairmanship of Robert Kreider, Dean of Bluffton College, then finalized the statement and reported on the generally accepted common ground and some areas in which opinions differed somewhat. One of the areas in which a difference of opinion was evident was in the actual participation in government and politics.

Some representatives felt strongly that politics should be considered on the same basis as a business, and that the motive for becoming a Christian business man should also lead us to enter municipal affairs or other branches of service. Against this there was equally strong feeling among many of the delegates that because of the nature of the state and the political situation these would not be areas in which Christians should serve.

In "Sky Chapel"

The conference was held in the Chicago Tempel, which is the First Methodist Church on Clark near Washington Street in the heart of Chicago. The facilities were excellent for a conference of this type. The church advertises the highest "Sky Chapel" in the world — 350 feet above street level.

Among the Mennonite Brethren

representatives were: Leonard J. Franz, president of Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas; Dan E. Friesen, moderator of the Mennonite Brethren Conference of North America, Reedley, California; Waldo Hiebert, pastor of the Hillsboro M.B. Church, Hillsboro, Kansas; and Joel E. Wiebe, instructor at the M.B. Seminary, Fresno, California.

MORE ABOUT

Importance of Literature Growing

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countries. These materials have been translated and adapted for use in German, Italian and French. Mr. Metzler said that the German and French materials should be completely ready in early 1959. Mr. Kenneth Hiebert and his wife of Mountain Lake, Minn., are managing the Agape Verlag, which eventually is to be controlled and operated by European Mennonites. At the present time plans are being made to set up a counselling committee. "There is a place for a co-operative Mennonite publishing venture in Europe," he said.

Publishing efforts are quite well developed on the (Old) Mennonite mission field in Tanganyika, Mr. Metzler stated. In India the (Old) Mennonites are co-operating with several other missions to produce summer vacation Bible school material in Hindi. There is, however, a "woeful lack of teaching materials in India," Mr. Metzler declared.

Distribution is Bottleneck

"The bottle-neck in the mission literature program is distribution," he maintained. Up until now missionaries could devote only their

spare time to the literature ministry. At that they were not trained for this work. Sometimes a missionary would publish a booklet in a small edition, hand a few copies to some friends, and keep the rest for personal distribution. Mass distribution through bookstores is needed.

In a report published in the Gospel Herald, Mr. Metzler elaborated on this problem, stating, "... not only in our own mission program abroad, but to a large extent we find in other mission agencies and fields (that) Christian literature has been an incidental thing carried on largely on marginal time by folks with other assignments. In most cases these folks have had neither training nor experience to set up and carry on strong publishing programs. Consequently, our missions and young churches around the world have only a fraction of the Christian literature to carry on their great task that we have in the homeland."

Use Commercial Publishers

Replying to a question concerning the establishment of printing plants on mission fields, Mr. Metzler said, "Printing plants should be set up only as a last resort if commercial printing is not available." The high cost of sending trained personnel to the field, of adequate supervision and training of nationals, and the high cost of printing equipment made the use of commercial printing establishments on the field more economical and feasible. Today several missions are closing down printing plants that have been in continuous operation for many years, but which now prove economically unstable.

"If there is one place where we should co-operate, it is in the publishing of mission literature," Mr. Metzler declared. Not only does a multiplicity of publishers confuse the nationals, but it is economically wasteful.

"In view of today's emphasis on indigenous churches and the progress of nationalism, we need to help the indigenous churches to build up an effective literature publishing program," Mr. Metzler stated. "If literature is half as important at home as we think it is, by the same token it will be important on the field."

"He Leadeth"

This is the testimony of the Mennonite Brethren churches in Ontario, but it is also the title of a book published for the 25th anniversary of the Ontario Mennonite Brethren Conference.

This book, available in both English and German, is the story of the Mennonite Brethren Church in Ontario from 1924 to 1957 and includes descriptions of the organization and growth of the various churches. It traces the development of these

churches into a provincial conference and the growth of this conference to its present membership of approximately 2,000.

Included in this story is the founding and growth of the Bethesda Home, a mental hospital, and the growth of missionary and educational efforts in the conference. Many photographic illustrations accompany the articles.

Since many outside of Ontario will be interested in this book, possibly because they lived there at one time or have relatives there, the conference has made the anniversary book available for \$1.35. You may also want this 100-page book for your church or school library. When ordering, please give full name and address and state in which language it is desired. See advertisement on page 12 for further particulars.

Change Church Leadership

Prairie View, Sask. — The Bethania Mennonite Brethren Church of Beaver Flat, Sask., has held its annual meeting and made a change in its leadership. In the future all correspondence pertaining to the church should be addressed to: Mr. P. P. Dyck, Prairie View, Sask.

One Dead in Accident

Regina, Sask. — An accident on the highway between Moose Jaw and Montlake resulted in the death of a mother of eight and the hospitalization of the driver of the other car.

Jacob Welk of Gouldtown, Sask., is in hospital in Moose Jaw after driving into the rear of a truck on the highway. The name of the mother of eight killed in the accident has not been given.

Future Subscribers

Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Dueck (nee Alvina Dyck) of St. Catharines, Ont., are happy to announce the birth of a daughter, Donna Gwen, on November 19, 1957.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jake G. Peters of Winnipeg, Man., on November 11, a son, Kenneth Wayne.

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Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

Pray for Colombian Students

Prayer is requested for the matter of the 32 Colombian children who have come from the Choco to the Valle to attend our school in La-Cumbre. The state church of Colombia is trying to prevail upon its own government to force these children to go back to the Choco.

Sister Lillian Schafer has returned to America for furlough following her second term of service in Colombia. She arrived in Hillsboro on November 3.

Conversions in Belgian Congo

Brother Clyde A. Shannon at Kajiji, Belgian Congo, writes that part of August and much of September were spent in Gospel work in surrounding villages, and that God's blessings upon the work were evident. In one village 24 persons made a profession of faith, including the chief who asked forgiveness for poisoning seven persons. In another village which had been entirely closed to the Gospel, the Kajiji pastor had the opportunity of conducting the first service ever held there. In this village the chief, once an active Christian, asked forgiveness for bigamy and his many sins and an elder of the village made a profession of faith.

On Furlough

Sister Martha Willems arrived at her home near Hillsboro on October 30. She has returned for furlough following her first term of missionary service on the Belgian Congo field.

Dismantling Army Barracks

In Japan our missionaries and national Christians are now dismantling acquired U.S. Army barracks. This material will be used by our brethren in Japan for the construction of Mennonite Brethren Church buildings.

Dedications at Orphanage

From Brazil our missionaries write the good news that that land is open for the Gospel. They also write that three of the young people in the orphanage at Curitiba have expressed their desire for complete dedication for Christian work. One of these is already an effective Sunday School worker.

German Correspondence Course

In the Ecuador work, the Board of Foreign Missions has approved the use of a correspondence course given in the German language by H.C.J.B. at Quito, Ecuador. The translation of this course is to be worked over and then also used for European audiences.

Work in Indonesia

Although we are out of touch with the mainland of China, there is nevertheless a great work among the Chinese in Indonesia. Brother Lim Khi Thin writes as of October 13, that he is out almost every day

preaching at various places. He also requests that much prayer be made in behalf of the Christians in order that they may remain steadfast and true unto the Lord Jesus Christ Whom they have accepted as personal Savior.

Visit Oklahoma Stations

Lawton View and Indianoma Missions in Oklahoma were visited by Brother and Sister A. R. Ebel of Tabor College. Brother Ebel gave several chalk-talk programs with a Christian message and emphasis. Since these churches do not often have the opportunity of such a program, the visit was highly appreciated.

Tract Brings Conviction

From Paraguay Brother Albert Enns writes that the Gospel work is continuing in the city of Asuncion. He also reports that the Lord is honoring His promise in that His Word will not return void. Recently a man to whom he had given a tract a long time ago confided to Brother Enns that he was under deep conviction and desired peace of heart. After Brother Enns had opened to him the Word of God and pointed him to Christ, the man accepted Him as personal Savior. This is another example of the power of the Gospel as it is quickened by the Holy Spirit.

Vacation Bible School is again planned for the work in Asuncion, Brother Albert Enns writes from Paraguay. Brother J. H. Franz reports from the Chaco of Paraguay that Brother Dietrich Lepp has finished a short theological course in the Filadelfia Bible School during his furlough. Brother and Sister J. Klassen and Brother David Hein have served on the Laguna Ipuna station during the Lepp's furlough. A church building for the Indians was built at Laguna Ipuna during the furlough time. It seats around 500 persons, and the Indians themselves are very happy and thankful that from now on they can worship inside a building instead of outdoors. The dedication of this new church for the Indians at Languna Ipuna was held on October 13. On the afternoon of the dedication Sunday, 20 Indians were baptized and admitted to the Mennonite Brethren Church.

Mennonite Brethren Board of Welfare

The welcome and installation for Brother and Sister Hans Kasdorf at Blumenau, Brazil, originally planned for October 6, was held on October 20. The installation of Brother Kasdorf into the ministry of the Blumenau Mennonite Brethren Church was a great event for the congregation. The young people had decorated the sanctuary appropriately with flowers and greens. The congregation anticipates a bap-

tism and reception of new members shortly.

Brother G. H. Sukkau planned to minister to and fellowship with some of the Mennonite Brethren churches in Brazil during November. He planned to leave Fernheim, Paraguay, around October 25 and return early in December. Among the churches he planned to visit were Sao Paulo, Witmarsum, those around Curitiba and Blumenau. Pray that this ministry may be fruitful.

A new folder entitled "unto the Household of Faith" presents important information about the Mennonite Brethren Churches in South America. Largely pictures, illustrations and statistics, the folder describes the work we do together with our South American brotherhood through the Board of General Welfare. Enough copies have been mailed to leading ministers of Mennonite Brethren Churches in Canada so that one folder is available for each home in the congregation.

Elected to the Board at the General Conference to fill the vacancies created by the resignation of the brethren P. C. Hiebert and B. B. Janz were the Brethren A.

A. Wiens of Yarrow and Clarence Hiebert of North Enid. Re-elected to membership in the Board were the Brethren B. C. Schellenberg of Main Centre, O. B. Reimer of Reedley and Waldo D. Hiebert of Hillsboro, Conference representative to MCC. The Board has been organized as follows: Waldo D. Hiebert, chairman; C. J. Rempel, vice-chairman; M. A. Kroeker, secretary-treasurer; C. A. DeFehr, treasurer for Canada.

The strong interest in the Fernheim Bible School and Conference Theological Institute evidenced itself at the closing exercises on Sunday, October 6. In spite of a storm and great heat, a congregation estimated at 1,000 persons may have been present. At this occasion students were graduated from the Bible School and Theological Institute courses. Brother C. C. Peters addressed the graduates. In a report of this program, Brother Peter Klassen concludes with an expression of deep gratitude for the gifts and help which make such Christian training possible. Without help from the North American brotherhood, the Bible schools in South America would be unthinkable, he writes.

Four Generations Represented



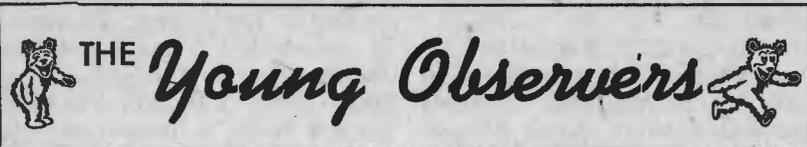
It is always God's grace when a four-generation picture such as the above can be taken. Shown are Rev. D. D. Derksen of Boissevain, his daughter, Mrs. D. J. Reimer of Morden, his grandson, Dave Reimer of Morden, and great-grandson, Robert Reimer.

Rev. Derksen is a well-known minister, evangelist and Bible teacher in Mennonite Brethren circles in Manitoba and across Canada. Before his emigration from Russia in 1927 he served as traveling minister and evangelist, taking part in a wide-spread revival that broke out following the First World War.

Born in South Russia in 1881, Rev. Derksen completed public school in his home village, Fischau, and attended the "Zentralschule" in

Orloff. He was married to the former Susanna Adrian at the age of 21. He was not a believer as yet, although his wife was. Several years later he accepted the Lord as his Saviour, and was ordained into the ministry at the age of 25. After attending Bible school in Berlin in 1909 he returned to Russia, where he soon joined the Mennonite Brethren Church. Since 1928 he has lived at Boissevain, Man., and served the church as leading minister until last year. His wife passed away in 1956.

Mrs. D. J. Reimer is the wife of a prosperous Morden, Man., businessman who is active in the Mennonite Brethren Church there. Their son Dave operates the Dave Reimer Photo Studio in Morden and is also active in the local M.B. Church.



Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

In the sight of God it is not important how great a person you become in this world. Neither does he judge you by how much money, how much land, and how famous you get. God judges us on how faithful we are to Him. If we are faithful where God has put us we will receive the same reward as others who may seem to be doing greater things.

The story is told of a tiny blue violet that bloomed in the shade of a deep forest. High above her towered the branches of a gnarled old oak tree.

"Are you not ashamed of yourself, little flower," exclaimed the oak one day, "when you see how big I am? You fill such a small space, while my branches spread far out in every direction."

"No," replied the violet. "We are both just what God has made us. And to each of us He has given a gift; fragrance to me and strength to you."

"Where will your sweetness be a few days from now?" asked the oak scornfully. "You will die, and your grave will not lift the ground higher by a blade of grass. But I shall live on for years—perhaps even for centuries. And when I am cut down, I may be built into a mighty ship to carry men over the sea; or perhaps I shall be fashioned into a coffin that will hold the body of a prince or a king. Ah, little violet, what is your lot in comparison to mine?"

"It is true," replied the flower humbly, "that I am small and frail and that I shall not live long. But if I live fragrantly, I shall fulfil the purpose of my Creator."

The little violet was right. It wasn't necessary for her purpose to be big and strong, she could give off a sweet fragrance as a small flower. She need not tower high above the other trees to fulfil God's purpose for her. Nor need you be a grown-up to spread abroad the "fragrance" of knowing Jesus as personal Saviour. As you live for Him, please Him in all that you do, you will be fulfilling your purpose just as much as the missionary on the foreign field and the minister in a big church.

Aunt Selma.

White Fur Moccasins

"But I have no money," Peggy groaned, stopping with a worried look on her face. The activity in her pocket belied her words, for in her hand she held a crumpled five dollar bill. It was so tightly clenched in her fist that nothing but an emergency could have brought it out. No, she just couldn't give up her white fur moccasins. They had even been set aside for her at the trading post.

But Nanuk had no Bible!

The little brown-skinned Eskimo girl stood there in front of Peggy, puzzled by the changing expressions on Peggy's face and the worried look. Why was she so downcast? ...

"It's my very own money, my crab money," Peggy murmured, thinking back ...

It had been hard work earning this money. She and her four friends had gone crabbing with her Uncle Bob while on their way up to Alaska from Seattle. Pulling the crabs into the boat was no easy task. She herself had been pinched in more than one place by the pincers on the crab's feet. When they returned and sold the crabs

Uncle Bob had distributed the money. Each had received four dollars and fifty cents.

Peggy had known right away what she was going to buy with it. White fur moccasins with red bead embroidery. She just had to have them. She had actually wanted to buy them in the little Alaskan town where Uncle Bob had his orphanage, but had been unable to do so. Even though the adventurous boat-ride had ended there, the orphanage offered many new and exciting adventures. Every day there were new and highly interesting experiences.

The orphanage was filled with little, brown-skinned, dark-eyed Indian children. Surrounding it were the white-capped mountains, and on the seashore the mysterious bays, caves and large rocks. But most exciting of all were the bears—lots of them. Every day large numbers of them, both large and small, went fishing at the foot of the waterfalls. One swoop of the paw and a fish landed on the shore, there to be devoured quickly.

The high-point of Peggy's visit was reached when Uncle Jack

asked, "Who wants to fly north with me?" You can imagine how excited Peggy and her friends were. A flight in an airplane! No one would say no to that!

The girls had now been nearly a week at the "top of the world" on the Bering Sea. They would stay here until Uncle Jack had finished caring for the ill Eskimos, and until he had treated all those who had minor ailments. Meanwhile, the four girls were enjoying their stay in the Eskimo village immensely.

Upon their arrival at the village the girls became acquainted with Nanuk, a little Eskimo girl. A firm friendship was established, even though they couldn't understand each other too well. Nanuk had taken them for one trip after another into the village and surrounding country. One exciting adventure followed the other, so that the days seemed too short.

Today Peggy had finally screwed up enough courage to tell her new friend about Jesus the Saviour. Uncle Jack helped her. Nanuk had never yet heard of the Saviour, and her large eyes filled with tears as she heard the story of Jesus' death on the cross. For her too? Had he died for little Eskimo girls, too? When told that He loved everyone, even Eskimo children, she wanted to know more about Him. But she had no Bible ...

The battle raged in Peggy's heart. "No, I can't do it. No! My white fur moccasins! Everyone will admire them when I come home. I just have to get them ..."

White fur moccasins—or a Bible for Nanuk? Which would it be? She looked at Nanuk again, and in her mind's eye saw the village of the Eskimos. A whole village without a Bible! Suddenly her hand came out of her pocket. Quickly she thrust the money at the surprised Nanuk and said, "Here, buy a Bible with this. I was going to get myself some white fur moccasins, but I don't need them. You need a Bible so you can learn more about Jesus."

Two days later Uncle Jack was ready to leave. The girls were walking to the plane, when suddenly a little Eskimo girl came running up. She thrust a parcel into Peggy's hands and said, "You sacrificed white fur moccasins so that I can have a Bible. Here are my moccasins. My mother can make another pair."

The Dress

"Oh, what a pretty dress," shouted Susie and Anne as Helen came into the room, giving each other meaningful glances and snickering. "It couldn't be more colourful," Sylvia whispered. All of the girls who had arrived for Barbara's birthday party turned to stare at the newcomer.

Doris also looked to see who had come in, and burst out laughing. "You should attend a fashion show with that dress," she giggled.

"You can go there right away, for all I care," Helen snapped, turning to take a long look at the presents piled on the table.

"How kind of you to turn so that we can see you from the back, too," Doris said, and nearly doubled up with laughter.

Helen really was quite a sight, especially among the neatly dressed girls. She was wearing a blue hand-knit dress that had strips of every imaginable color.

"She's got twenty-five colours in the dress already. All she needs now is purple," Doris said, still laughing heartily. She was just going to ask, "Shall I give her my purple sweater to put on, too?" when suddenly she remembered that she had resolved not to anger anyone any more. And here she had done it again. But why did Helen have to wear such an unusual dress? Yes, why? She decided that she would have to find out.

"Helen, come and take the best seat," Doris told Helen. "There, next to the strawberry shortcake."

"No, that's where I want to sit," shouted Sylvia, and ran to the coffee-table. The others followed, and the strawberry shortcake was soon more important than Helen's dress.

Only Doris and Helen hesitated a bit. "I didn't really want to make you angry," Doris whispered. "But why did you put on such a dress? Do you think it looks pretty?"

"Do I think it looks pretty?" Helen repeated slowly. "If you really want to know, I cried all evening last night because I was to wear this horrible dress today. But we are five children at home and we don't have much money. We have an old aunt who loves knitting, and mother is always happy when she receives something from her. What she knits always wears well. I am sure I can wear this dress for years."

"You poor thing," Doris murmured in sympathy. "But can't you somehow singe it or tear it by 'accident'?"

"Yes, I could," Helen said softly, "but if you could see the tears in my mother's eyes when you tell her to get you a nicer dress... then you would put on even this horrible dress, too. Don't you think so?"

Doris could only nod with her head. She was thinking what a wonderful girl Helen was—and remembering how she almost made a greater spectacle out of her by asking her to put on the purple sweater.

Doris and Helen went to the table arm in arm, and if anyone as much as gave Helen a funny look Doris would pounce on the girl. Doris now was not only seeing the horrible dress—she saw the wonderful girl in the dress.

FROM HERE TO THE PINNACLES

By Elizabeth Schroeter

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(37th Installment)

"They have some horses waiting for him there," someone else said.

"There he is!" shouted a boy. "I can see the carriage and the horses!"

Everyone looked in the direction of Gnadental.

Liesbeth could see the vehicle.

"I think it's pulled by four black horses," Franz said excitedly.

Slowly the conveyance with the distinguished caller moved through the Anwohner section. Liesbeth stared in its direction. Then she smiled. At last she could see four black geldings guided by an attendant in uniform. "I am awed," she said. "The archbishop is sitting on a high throne high up on an equipage. Look at his clothes. Aren't they handsome?"

Franz agreed.

On the bishop's head there was a peculiar headdress or mitre similar to a white shawl. A jeweled cross reposed at the top. A design, with a face, rested above the priest's forehead. He had shoulder-length hair in the back and was wearing long whiskers. His black attire with bell-shaped sleeves, which showed several white stripes of silk in the widest part, was becoming to the church dignitary. On chains around his neck he wore what looked like a charm with a face in its center and a beautiful crucifix with about eight large sparkling jewels. "They must be diamonds," Liesbeth said to herself. In his left hand he held a long staff with a small cross at the top.

She wished that the priest would look in her direction. Although occasionally he bowed his head, he seemed entirely uninterested in the people to the right and left of him. He looked steadily ahead of the team.

Later that afternoon Liesbeth heard that the archbishop had greeted the Dorf Schulze warmly and had accepted the bread and salt offered him. That was a sign that he was charitably inclined toward the village.

"What do the Russian Orthodox people believe?" Liesbeth asked at the dinner table later in the day.

"They are Christians," replied Vater. "Their faith was approved by a church council around A.D. 400 and has never been changed since then."

"Are there many people belonging to that church?" Liesbeth asked.

No one knew the answer, but

Vater surmised that there must be around a hundred million members in eastern Europe alone.

"If I were a minister, I would look at the people around me once in a while," Liesbeth said.

"I don't see why the priest should have bothered to turn his neck to look at you; he'll never pass this way again," David opined.

Franz, David and all boys and servants in Margenau the following Friday scrubbed and brushed their horses. The black mare was old and her back had caved in long before Franz had ever known her. But to him she looked well and strong, and her fur was soft. If the general should pick her, it was all right with Franz. The government was entitled to the best he had to offer.

Saturday morning the villagers gave the street one more harrowing and made sure that everything was in order. Sunday clothes and freshly combed hair were in evidence in Liesbeth's home. Franz was waiting in his driveway for neighbors to take their animals to the street. He had not long to wait. Soon one villager after another led his brushed and scrubbed horses down the driveway. Immediately Franz ran back to the barn, gave the mare one last brushing and proudly led her to the street. Across the way in Helena's yard were ten or twelve beautiful, strong-muscled carriage and farm horses. They were the product of careful crossing of Don Cossack animals with West Frisian breeds. Franz watched the mare carefully. Whenever she started to drop her head toward the ground, he jerked the leather strap in his hand and made her stand up straight.

Suddenly the news flashed through the crowds assembled in the driveways and on the street walks, that the general was approaching the village. A sentry had spotted the royal entourage and spread the exciting news to the other villagers. The royal carriages were approaching Margenau from the east. Within moments of the tidings all heads were turned toward Gnadental. Liesbeth stood inside the fence near the cattle road at a point where she would be able to see the approaching vehicles a few minutes sooner than at any other spot on the premises.

She rejoiced when in the distance she saw the stately coaches enter Margenau. There were three of them. Each had a coachman in front and two officers in the back

seat. A soldier on horseback was winding between and around the vehicles. Slowly the royal party approached the cattle road. The bewhiskered general was seated in the center Droschke. Liesbeth thought he resembled the czar. He wore a straight, stiff, white collar, its ends joined or hidden by a four-pronged star. Underneath white shoulder straps were fastened narrow, straight, broad and slightly ruffled strips of white silk. They crossed each other on the chest that was covered with medals and ribbons. Unlike the bishop, the general smiled at the villagers and their children. When he reached Liesbeth's yard, he looked at the horses in Helena's driveway and said something about them to the officer seated near him.

The general and his soldiers paid no attention to Franz or to the black mare beside him. They rode on until they reached the church end of the village. Liesbeth could not tell what was taking place there, but she was told, later in the day, that at one end of the village its leaders had offered the soldier bread and salt and that he had touched them with his fingertips. The general was greatly pleased with the village horses and requisitioned a number of them. Franz was disappointed that the officer had not even looked at his scrubbed and brushed black mare, but in a sense he was glad that he did not have to give her up.

"Which one did you like better, the archbishop or the general?" he asked Liesbeth, David and Mutter when they were seated around the Kleine Stube table that afternoon.

"I liked them both," said David.

"So did I," Liesbeth said. "They were so distinguished-looking and so educated. Their clothing and carriages were exquisite. On the other hand, though, I liked neither one of them. They were so aloof, so far above us that actually we had no contact with them."

"How about you, Mutter?" Franz asked.

"I don't know," she said. "I am not opposed to them, but actually I didn't like either one of them. The general wanted horses for the next war, and the archbishop is a swaying constituent of a government that has just finished a war and is preparing for another conflict. If the two men were as much concerned about preparing for peace as they are about making ready for war, I would like both of them much better."

Her conscience did not permit her to approve of the two callers because they typified a warring nation. Little did she realize that in a few days, in her own home, she would have an honored visitor who stood for peace, and of whom she would heartily approve.

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

Peace!

"Peace be with you!" was the greeting of Uncle Peter Regehr, the

pastor of the Mennonite Brethren of Margenau, when one June afternoon he entered the Grosze Stube.

"God bless you!" Vater replied, as he shook hands with the minister and kissed him.

Uncle Regehr shook hands with Mutter, Anna and Liesbeth, saying, "Peace!" to each of them. Like the Hebrews of old who had hailed each other with "Peace!" the men of the Mennonite Brethren church saluted each other the same way, indicating that they brought amity and sought tranquillity in their own hearts and communities and in those of the people around them.

Since Uncle Regehr's visit to Liesbeth's house was his annual pastoral call, and it was customary that every member of the family should be present, Mutter sent Liesbeth out to the foregarden to get Franz, who was hoeing weeds, and the twins, who were playing in the shade under a lilac bush. David was working that summer and was not at home.

As Liesbeth walked out, she could see Mutter putting a shawl over her head and tying it underneath her chin. She knew that there would be prayer sometime during the pastor's visit, and Mutter never prayed without a head covering.

Liesbeth returned first, followed by the others, and Uncle Regehr shook hands with them as they entered the room. The twins took seat near Mutter on the Ruhbank, and Franz found a chair near the furnace wall.

The minister asked Franz whether he was going to school next fall. He thought he would, but Mutter quickly explained that he would not be six until after Christmas and that she was going to keep him home another year or two because recently he had lost so much blood.

Then Uncle Regehr asked the twins whether they had been in Sunday school the previous Sunday. Katja, grinning all over her round, chubby face, nodded several times.

Without cracking a smile, Mascha nodded only once. She was somewhat awed and completely silenced by the presence of the minister whom she had seen in the meeting place and listened to on Sundays. For her that little gathering in the Grosze Stube was a church worship. Everyone in the room sat still and listened. On the basis of previous visits, they expected that sooner or later someone would hand the minister the large family Bible. He would read a passage; they would sing a hymn, and then they would all kneel on the floor, everyone in the room praying in the order of their ages, from the oldest to the youngest. The children did not worry about their prayers; they had memorized them when they had learned to talk. They would use them until they were converted. After conversion they would have to make up their own prayers.

(To be continued)

Continuous Efforts Improve Schools

(This is the historical preamble to the Brief prepared by the Manitoba Mennonite Educational Committee for the Manitoba Royal Commission on Education. Public presentation of the brief took place on November 18.—Ed.)

When the first Mennonites came to Manitoba they were promised complete freedom in the education of their children in their own schools. This concession was made in Clause 10 of Mr. John Lowe's letter of July 23, 1873, which reads,

"The fullest privilege of exercising their religious principles is by law afforded to the Mennonites, without any kind of molestation or restriction whatever; and the same privilege extends to the education of their children in school."

Accordingly upon their arrival the Mennonites set up their own school system after the pattern which had existed in Russia. In the course of time each village built its own school house.

The early Mennonites very definitely regarded education as the special function of the church. The purpose of the school was to prepare the child for church membership and the simple duties of farm life. The children were to be brought up as devout Christians, humble and sincere in what they professed to be. They were taught to be obedient to parents and church, and to become peace-loving citizens of the land. The school was concerned more with changing the behaviour of the individuals than with giving useful information and understanding.

Up until the early eighties one could find nothing but private schools in the Mennonite settlements of Manitoba. In those first ten years of pioneer life the Government of Manitoba left the Mennonites completely to themselves in matters of education. But then as time went on the government tried to persuade them to come out of their isolation and seek closer cooperation with the provincial school authorities.

The majority of Mennonites feared that if they changed from the private to the public school system they would be in danger of losing their rights to instruct religion and German. In the early eighties, however, a few districts did form public schools. The first school inspectors were Jacob Friesen, Wilhelm Rempel and H. H. Ewert.

In 1901 Inspector Ewert said of the Mennonite public schools in a report to the Department of Education:

"Comparing the state of education among the Mennonites today with that of about eight years ago, when special steps were taken to induce them to adopt the Public

School system and improve their schools, it is gratifying to observe that great progress has been made. The number of schools that have come under government control has more than trebled; the standard of teachers has been immensely raised; the schools are much farther advanced; very much of the prejudice against the English language has disappeared, and a large number of people entertain much more liberal views in regard to education."

The teachers' conventions which Professor H. H. Ewert organized and the teacher-training courses offered in summer at Gretna, Altona and Morden helped much to raise the educational status of the Mennonite schools. However, the greatest contributing factor to the improvement of Mennonite education proved to be the Mennonite Normal School which was opened in 1889 at Gretna. H. H. Ewert, who became principal in 1890, taught the upper grades, offered a teacher-training course, inspected the schools and sought to convince the people to form district schools.

The Laurier-Greenway compromise of 1896 did much to bring the Mennonites in closer contact with the provincial school authorities. The compromise permitted the teaching of religion and made possible a bilingual system of instruction. Professor C. B. Sissons in his book, "Bi-Lingual Schools in Canada", says of the Mennonite schools:

"As a matter of fact, among the Germans of Southern Manitoba in 1912, were found real Bi-Lingual schools, that is, schools in which the pupils learned to read, write and speak two languages."

With the passing of the School Attendance Act in 1916, the bilingual system of schools came to an abrupt end, and Mennonite education suffered a serious set-back. The result was that some seven thousand Mennonites emigrated in the mid-twenties.

Three major factors contributed to raising the standards of Mennonite education after the exodus of Mennonites to Mexico and South America. Firstly, the "Russian Mennonites" who immigrated to Manitoba at this time were actively interested in education. Many of these immigrants were well educated and were desirous of continuing their education. They did not have any serious objection to the public school system. Secondly, through the patience and wisdom of Inspector G. G. Neufeld the Mennonites who had cherished the bilingual schools once more became enthused in the public school system and the furtherance of education. Thirdly, H. H. Ewert continued to educate and train teach-

ers at the Mennonite Collegiate Institute at Gretna. Dr. W. A. McIntyre, principal of the normal school in Winnipeg, wrote of the influence of H. H. Ewert upon his people as follows:

"There has been no one in the province actively interested in education that has exercised a wiser and more gracious influence. Of him, as of the great Pestalozzi, might be written the words: 'Everything for others; nothing for himself; blessed be his name.' He was scholarly, broad in his sympathies, progressive in his attitudes, capable in every way of directing the work that engrossed his life. And his task was not an easy one. Coming here over forty-three years ago at the request of the government and the Mennonite people, he had to meet the needs of a community that had yet to learn the customs and the language of the country of their adoption. How well he has succeeded will be appreciated by anybody who visits the great districts in which the Mennonite people have settled. Away back in 1877, Lord Dufferin made reference to the Mennonite people in a eulogistic address delivered in Winnipeg. That his dreams have been realized is largely owing to the patient, far-seeing effort of this teacher of teachers—the true missionary. It is few men who can serve so long and retain the wholehearted respect and esteem of his students and also the goodwill and confidence of the general public. His people at a great demonstration have shown their gratitude. The least we can do is to join with them in silent sympathy. The work he has done will last forever, for in those who have learned from him 'The dead yet speaketh.'"

Thus it was that the Mennonite public schools were started well on their way to their present status. Today the public schools in the Mennonite area, which now extends far beyond its original boundaries, are almost without exception staffed by Mennonite teachers. Interest in education has steadily increased to the point where we now have our high schools in the area filled with students desirous of improving their education. Graduates from these schools have continued their studies in a great number of fields, thereby contributing positively to the welfare of the Canadian people. A large number have been imbued with "the true missionary spirit" in the field of education.

But it is not the children only who are conscious of the value of an education. Parents, ministers trustees, all feel the necessity of providing the very best possible opportunity for each individual child. This presents a great obligation to the people responsible for the improvement of education.

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RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Mennonites Attend Sunday School Conventions

One hundred and forty-three Mennonites attended the twin Sunday School Conventions in Los Angeles and Grand Rapids, statistics released by convention headquarters reveal.

At the Los Angeles convention 58 Mennonite Brethren were present, while 8 took part in the Grand Rapids, Michigan, convention. On the other hand, the majority of the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren participants were present at Grand Rapids — thirty-three — and only three attended the Los Angeles convention. Twenty-two (Old) Mennonites attended the Grand Rapids convention.

In all, over 7,000 Sunday school workers had registered for the twin conventions. Of these 3,263 were registered at the Los Angeles convention and 3,837 at the Grand Rapids convention. Next year's national convention will be held at Des Moines, Iowa from October 8 to 10, 1958.

One church saw to it that its workers turned out in full force at the Grand Rapids convention. Rev. N. A. Wiens, pastor, and Herb Corum, S.S. superintendent, of a church in Kalamazoo, Mich., came to the convention with 120 Sunday school workers, traveling a distance of 50 miles. * * *

5,000-Year-Old Egyptian Tombs Found Along Nile

A series of Egyptian tombs, a number of which date back 5,000 years, has been uncovered by workmen digging a ditch along the Nile River 15 miles south of Cairo. According to archeological experts, the tombs may be the most important historical find since the discovery of Cheops' solar boat near the great pyramids three years ago.

Thus far, 2,200 tombs have been unearthed, many of which are constructed of the limestone common to the first dynasty instead of the mud bricks used in the second dynasty. Experts also consider the find important because it's the first of its kind in the Cairo area. * * *

Auca Indians Destroy New Mission Building

Another attempt to reach the fierce Auca Indians of Ecuador has ended in failure, leaving a half finished mission building wrecked and ruined. The cunning savages left more lances, a sinister warning that last year's massacre of five young missionaries would be the fate of other outsiders who might make further attempts to reach the tribe. This time there was no loss of

life because Missionary Dr. Wilfred Tidmarsh who had established another beachhead much nearer the Auca territory, was away from the area. He had broken his leg last September. Further work had been suspended pending his return. Now the new building has been abandoned.

Nevertheless, attempts to reach the original friendly Indians at "Terminal City" are continuing. They are still accepting — and returning — gifts sent to them via the "bucket drop" method devised by martyred Nate Saint. Missionaries believe that the friendly Aucas did not partake of the latest raid, and may not even know that it had taken place.

CANADASCOPE

Loan Allocation Snapped Up

Almost the entire amount of the \$50,000,000 made available by the Diefenbaker government for mortgage loans on new houses in the lower income price brackets has been taken up. It is expected that the last of the money will be allocated in two or three weeks. * * *

Landslides Hit Prince Rupert

Two landslides caused death and destruction in Prince Rupert, B.C., on November 22. Telephone, telegraph, road and rail communications were cut off, as the city was still suffering from two days of rain and snow storms.

One 300-foot landslide swept three homes into a creek at the edge of the city limits at noon on November 22. It tore a 1,000-foot long swathe out of Mount Hays and buried the homes in the rain-swollen creek beneath hundreds of tons of mud, rock and trees. The other landslide occurred at nearly the same time and in the same area.

Amateur radio operators were the only ones that could send out the news of the disaster. At last reports six had died under the landslides, while others were injured. * * *

No Tariff Concessions to Britain

The Canadian trade mission now in Great Britain has placed substantial orders with British firms. Led by Trade Minister Hon. Gordon Churchill, the delegation drew up a list of 105 items that could help to increase British trade with Canada and decrease United States exports to Canada.

When asked if Canada would provide special tariff concessions to encourage deals, Mr. Churchill em-

phasized that this was not the mission's purpose. Tariffs were a matter of government policy. The 50-man mission would deal through "normal commercial channels." * * *

Unemployment Not Serious Says Government

"A much darker picture of the unemployment picture is being painted than is justified," declared Arthur Maloney, parliamentary assistant to Hon. Michael Starr, labor minister, in an address at a Progressive Conservative constituency meeting in Toronto. He charged that the Liberal opposition in the Commons is trying to make political capital out of unemployment.

Earlier in Toronto, Hon. Donald Fleming, finance minister, denied that there is an unemployment emergency.

Farm Loan Board Report 1957

The Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the Canadian Farm Loan Board for the year ended March 31, 1957, has recently been issued.

The Board is an agency of the Government of Canada, established for the purpose of making long-term first mortgage loans to Canadian farmers for all general farm purposes. Funds for lending are borrowed from the Government of Canada at current interest rates and are lent to farmers for periods up to thirty years at a rate sufficient to provide for administration costs and the cost of funds. The present interest rate is 5 per cent.

During the year the Board approved 2,921 loans for a total of \$13,978,700 as compared with 2,007 loans for \$8,309,650 in the preceding year. This was the largest amount approved for loans in any one year since the Board commenced lending in 1929. The average loan was \$4,785 as compared with \$4,040 in the previous year. Ap-

Former B.C. Cabinet Minister Charged

Former Forest Minister Robert E. Sommers of British Columbia was arrested in his Victoria home last week and flown to Vancouver to face charges of conspiring to accept bribes. Three other men, forest industry leaders, were also arrested and arraigned on charges to conspire to give bribes.

The warrants for the arrest of the men were issued on order of B.C.'s attorney-general Hon. Robert Bonner.

The court case arises out of charges by a Vancouver lawyer, Mr. Sturdy, that Mr. Sommers had accepted bribes in the allocation of forest management licenses. These were originally made in 1955.

proximately 58.5 per cent of the total amount was approved to buy land and pay land-secured debt as compared with 49.6 per cent for these purposes in the preceding year.

At March 31, 1957, there were outstanding 20,372 first mortgage loans and 1,841 second mortgage loans for a total of \$53,748,364, an increase of \$8,790,228 over the previous year. Collection experience was satisfactory and 90.5 per cent of the total due for interest during the year had been paid by the end of the year. A total of \$4,522,383 of principal was repaid during the year, of which over 57 per cent was received in payment of principal not due. At the end of the year approximately 87 per cent of all first mortgage loans were in good standing.

Board officials report that although 1956-57 was a record year for demand and volume of loans, experience in the first six months to September 30 of the current year shows a 60 per cent increase in loans approved as compared with the corresponding period in 1956-57.

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German Psychiatrist Prepares for Paraguay

Dr. Marlene Ulrich Haenel, a Prussian-born refugee from East Germany, is spending a few months becoming acquainted with North American psychiatric hospitals before going to the Chaco of Paraguay to initiate a mental health program in April.

She practiced at Bad Godesberg, Germany, in refugee camps. The arrangements were through the Deutsche Institute fuer Aertzliche Mission, a Christian organization which assists in placement of professional people in positions in foreign countries.

Dr. Haenel will be accompanied to Paraguay by her daughters Monika, 15, and Angelika, 7. Her husband, Werner Haenel, was formerly a lawyer at Breslau and was exiled in Russia in 1950.

Assisting with Dr. Haenel's orientation and the formation of the program in Paraguay will be Elisabeth Janzen RN of Kitchener, Ont. She is an experienced mental health nurse and will direct nurses' training in Paraguay.

Fire Destroys Homes and Spirits

Fires are common in the poor sections of Korean cities. The already-poor residents are left homeless and deeply depressed.

Workers in Seoul write that they gathered with thousands of people to watch the flames soar and the homes crumble. With interpreter Mrs. Choi they walked around and spoke to some of the panic-stricken refugees.

They found a two-year-old girl carrying her baby sister on her back, crying desperately and wondering if her other sisters and brothers survived.

Many people were crying, shouting and searching for their families. The fire raged for an hour and a half before the American army succeeded in extinguishing it. More than a thousand persons were left homeless and the next morning they were still at the site, exhausted and frightened.

Relief was given to these people. Even greater was the need for love and friendship to help restore their confidence in living.

Apartments and Churches Constructed

Here is a birds-eye picture of current projects of Pax Services in Germany, where 42 of 94 MCC Paxmen are serving:

Bechterdissen - Apartment hous-

es for 20 more refugee families are being constructed this year.

Enkenbach - Services are being conducted in the newly-built Mennonite church. In addition to a completed housing project, four more houses for 16 families are being built. European Pax Services is headquartered here.

Krefeld - The newest project in Germany is assistance in the construction of a four-story Mennonite church center.

Wedel - A new Mennonite church in this north German city has been completed.

Berlin - Two Paxmen are giving recreational and educational help in refugee camps where more than 500 persons daily cross from East Germany.

Espelkamp - Two Paxmen are performing maintenance duty and social work in this refugee community.

Bad Duerkheim - One Paxman does the maintenance work in the MCC children's home.

Peace Centre Hums With Activity

"New beginnings are always fun and these we met immediately in new culture, language, work, customs, country and people," writes Margaret Lapp (Perkasie, Pa.) from her new assignment at Heerewegen, Netherlands.

Her first weeks in the Netherlands were spent becoming familiar with the international peace center at Heerewegen and meeting Dutch Mennonites with whom she is to work.

As co-hostess at the center Miss Lapp helps plan menus, serves at teas and coffees and aids private and conference guests who go to the center for relaxation or business. Another phase of her work is counseling vocational trainees and exchange students, who are now making applications for 1958-9.

She reports "a high spot for the month was a trip to the Doopsgezinde youth group, who are 'on the ball,' as Americans would say. Their youth publication The Hookstein is up and coming; they sponsor vacation camps in the summer; stimulate activity in local congregations; plan youth workshops to train local leaders; and support a full-time youth leader.

She concludes her report, "I have learned with new meaning the experience of sharing warm Christian love and spirit when we cannot yet understand the 'word' language."

Sanctuary Being Readied

The second floor of the spacious building, recently purchased in Vienna for a Mennonite center, is being remodeled into a sanctuary for the congregation.

Alfred Miller (Freeman, S.D.) is doing the carpenter work. The congregation now meets every two

weeks in the YMCA. Attendance ranges from 40 to 150 persons. Ernst Wyss of Switzerland is pastor.

The first floor of the building is used as living quarters and the work of the MCC material aid distribution program. The third floor eventually will be made into an apartment for the Wyss family.

Voluntary Service Not a "Job"

Winnipeg, Man. - "I never thought of my work as a job," said Miss Susan Krahn of Rosenfeld, Man., in describing her work as a Pax matron in Germany. "One of the greatest blessings was that we were not paid for it. If I had been paid for it I would have refused to do some of the work. Now I did it as a service to the Lord."

Miss Krahn returned six weeks ago after two years as a "house-mother" to Pax boys in Europe. Her first position was at Backnang, Germany, where she made a "home" for 16 men constructing refugee housing. During the last nine months she served at Vienna, Austria, where she looked after 12 to 15 Pax boys.

Home Making a Challenge

"One of the biggest challenges of my work was the home-making angle," Miss Krahn stated when interviewed by the Mennonite Observer. "When I first came I did not know exactly where the challenge in this work lay, but I found it in being a housemother." Most of the Pax boys, who are doing alternative service under the MCC, are young fellows away from home for the first time. To provide them with a home atmosphere is vitally important for their well-being.

Miss Krahn is a teacher by profession, as are her father, Mr. Peter Krahn, and several other members of the family. Her teaching experience includes several years of instruction at the Mennonite Educational Institute at Clearbrook, B. C. Thus this work was new in a way, yet it proved to be a rich and blessed experience.

The Pax units are making a definite contribution to the community wherein they are serving, Miss Krahn stated. They are giving tangible evidence that Americans care for them, which is greatly appreciated. This practical assistance has somehow opened the heart of many to the spiritual witness. Even those Europeans working with the Pax boys are being influenced. One of the "Meister" was transformed from a grumbling, scolding supervisor to one who achieved his ends by praise and commendation.

Organize Community Activities

The Pax units try to organize community activities in the refugee settlements where they are con-

structing houses. These centre mostly around the church, and include young people's services, Sunday school work, and choir work.

After a trip to visit her sister, Mrs. Victor Thiessen, in Abbotsford, B. C., and after a visa arrives, Miss Krahn will go to Akron, Pa., to serve as matron at the MCC headquarters there until next summer.

Talking with Miss Krahn one received the impression that Voluntary Service and Pax service were not only adventuresome, but also rewarding for one's spiritual life. It is to be hoped that more young people will enter Voluntary Service under the MCC and thus give a witness in areas that otherwise might not receive a testimony to a living Saviour.

NEW Sugar Creek Gang BOOKS

For more than ten years boys and girls have avidly read stories concerning the Sugar Creek Gang. Superbly written by a fine writer, Paul Hutchens, they portray life on Sugar Creek. The many adventures of the gang, including boys with such descriptive titles as Poetry, Dragonfly, Shorty Long, and Little Jim, keep children interested, while the Scriptural teaching and moral instruction aid in the growth of their spiritual life.

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BIBLE INSTITUTES

Bethany Bible Institute

Hepburn, Sask. — Bethany Bible Institute, with an enrollment of 84 students this fall, is a happy family. Since Herbert Bible School temporarily closed, many students from Southern Saskatchewan have helped to increase our enrollment. To organize the student body into the various activities, committees have been elected for the following: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, the Year Book, Recreation, and the Student Council. Furthermore, each Wednesday morning Chapel is conducted by the students themselves. Traditionally this Student Chapel has become the responsibility of the senior class.

Anyone who has attended one semester automatically becomes an alumni member. It is with eager anticipation that we wait for our Annual Homecoming Day, where past and present students meet. Each year the Alumni Association makes a definite project. Building a foundation for our school, completing the chapel room, furnishing the library and adding \$200 worth of books for several years, cementing a 13 ft. deep cistern, installing a bell system, and buying a much-needed recorder have been some of the activities within the past few years. Much of the present we owe to past Bethany students.

Homecoming Day was a memorable occasion. Many alumni members, as well as guests appeared. Indeed, a goodly number arrived for the morning classes. At 2:30 p.m. we all gathered for a fellowship meeting, and truly, it was a blessed time of fellowship remembering past blessings. We cannot help but say, "The Lord has been good to us."

Alumni Presents Organ

The main item on the evening's business meeting was the presentation by the alumni president, Mr. Wesley Willems, to Bethany's principal, Rev. Jake Epp, of the Hammond Spinet Organ. Dedicatory remarks were made by Mr. P. J. Wiebe, and Mr. Jake Schroeder offered thanks to God for entrusting the school with this instrument, and dedicated it to the Master's service.

Having completed last year's project, another was drawn up and accepted, making its objective \$1,250. That same evening one-half this objective was received in the offering and in pledges.

Another important item of the evening was the election of a new president in which Mr. Wesley Willems was succeeded by Mr. Walter Toews.

November 11 was a Dominion Remembrance Day here at Bethany. We too stopped for a minute of silent prayer in which we remembered those who have laid down



The Bethany Bible Institute Alumni Association presented a Hammond Spinet organ to the school at its annual Homecoming Day. Here Mr. Wesley Willems, last year's alumni president, makes the formal presentation of the organ to Rev. J. H. Epp, principal of Bethany Bible Institute.

their lives for God's work, the John Dycks, and prayed for those of our alumni still active on God's battle field.

The last song sung by the Chorus Choir was the wonderful piece, "The Lord's My Shepherd," following which a few words by Rev. J. H. Epp directed our thoughts to Ps. 43:34.

After dismissal the lunch gave friends and old classmates a time to discuss the events of the day.

COLLEGES

Goshen College

The speech, "You And World Peace," won first place for Harold Bock, Nappanee, Indiana, in the annual Peace Oratorical Contest, Nov. 15. Anne Krabill, Louisville, Ohio, placed second with "Peace I Leave With You."

Dean and Mrs. H. S. Bender awarded cash prizes to the winners, who are now eligible to participate in the Indiana state peace oratorical contest held in the spring.

Richard W. Yoder, Assistant Dean of Men, was ordained to the Christian ministry at the North Main Street Mennonite Church, Nappanee, Indiana, Sunday, Nov. 17.

Mr. Yoder, who has been serving as assistant pastor at the North Main Street Church since August 1956, graduated from Goshen College in 1955. He received the Th.B. degree from the Goshen College Biblical Seminary the following year.

J. C. Wenger, professor of theology, delivered the ordination sermon and gave the charge. Homer North, pastor and bishop of the North Main Street Church, ordained Mr. Yoder.

The annual Homecoming was celebrated Nov. 28-29. J. Lawrence Burkholder delivered the Thanksgiving banquet. Homecomers, stud-

ents and faculty enjoyed an after-dinner program with G. Caskey as toastmaster. The Collegiate and A Cappella Choruses under the direction of Ralph Wade combined to present a program Thursday evening.

A high-light of Friday's activities was a chapel address by Ernest E. Miller. Homecoming basketball games were played Friday afternoon. The Serenader's Male Quartet, from Chicago, presented a concert Friday evening as the third number of the Lecture-Music series.

Tabor College

Send Representatives Conference

The Tabor College student body recently voted to send four representatives to the November 22-23 organizational meeting of the Conference of Christian Colleges. The conference, planned as an annual event, will convene at the Westminster Hotel in Winona Lake, Ind.

At a preliminary planning session for this convention last spring, the conference was organized to include "those colleges which want to glorify and honor Jesus Christ through their schools, and particularly through student activities." The goals of the conference are to foster understanding and cooperation among the colleges and to stimulate individual campus improvement.

The three students who will represent Tabor are John Heidebrecht, president of the Student Council; Bruce Flaming, treasurer of the Council; and David Wiebe, editor of the View, student newspaper. They will be accompanied by Dean S. L. Loewen, council adviser.

Sessions of the conference will consist largely of discussion groups, led by student leaders; on such matters of common concern as student government, social activities, Christian service, financial problems, and publications.

American Education Week Speaker

A guest speaker on the Tabor College campus during American Education Week was Dr. William Berger, professor of history and political science at the College of Emporia.

Speaking on the subject "What the Centuries Have to Say to the Hours," he said, "The experience of great powers throughout history teaches us that we have the choice of either leading or dominating the world—but if we choose to dominate we are doomed to fall.

"The centuries tell our hour of the futility of dividing the world into master and slave; of the futility of equating power with morality. Moral leadership is a necessary adjunct to the concept of power. It remains for college students to interpret the message of the centuries to our time," he concluded.

HIGH SCHOOLS

Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute

Two months of the 1957-58 school year are history. Judging from what we have experienced during these two months we feel we have every reason to look forward to a most pleasant and successful school year. An atmosphere of enthusiasm and determination seems to be prevalent.

The student council, whose purpose it has been to foster a spirit of unity between teachers and students, has, with the help and advice of the teachers, provided for us a catalogue of activities which, I think, will keep us both busy and happy for the rest of the year. I will endeavor to give a brief synopsis of what has been done and what is being planned.

The continuation of the school paper, THE BUGLE, promotes a better understanding between the various classes, since it keeps them informed of each other's activities during the periods of segregation. Published once a month, it affords us an opportunity to give expression to our sentiments and wishes. It is educational to the extent that it impels us to write original essays, poems and reports.

It was decided that a film be shown to the student body the second Friday of every month. To date we have seen two films, a nature film: "The Living Desert", and a historical film "The Life of Emil Zola." These films were both educational and inspirational. We are looking forward to seeing the others, trusting that the choices made will be as good or better.

The class literaries constitute another important part of our school life. These are designed to give entertainment on an intellectual level, and also to give the students an opportunity to express themselves and develop their talents. Furthermore, they are to inspire us to competition. The Grade XII class successfully opened this year's series of programs with the drama, "Aus dem Menschenleben." Special music, songs, and a brief talk on schools in Germany, given by a student who had only recently arrived here from Germany, added to the entertainment of the afternoon.

Sports facilities have been greatly improved for us this year. Our backyard has been hard-topped, thus providing an extra volley-ball court and a combination basket-ball — tennis court. This has certainly helped our situation and given sports in our school an additional incentive.

The music committee is a new innovation to our school this year. Its purpose is to promote musical activities in the school. Several singing groups have already been formed, such as duets, octets and

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Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute

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quartets, which have been given opportunities to perform at school functions. They are also used at the school prayer meetings and other school activities. An orchestra of about fifteen members is practicing diligently. The incentive to its creation came directly from the music committee. The committee is also planning a Musical Talent Program for January. The winning contestants will then get an opportunity to perform for the public at some future date.

The above musical groups will also have an opportunity to perform for the public on a radio program which has been arranged for December 14. This is your invitation to tune your radio to CFAM, Altona, at 4:30 p.m., December 14, to enjoy, we hope, the contributions that will be made.

However, of all the activities mentioned, we feel that the Religious Emphasis Week, which we enjoyed during the week of November 18-22, was the greatest of them all. Our speakers were Rev. Henry Regehr, our religion teacher, and Dr. F. C. Peters, from the M.B. Bible College. Our hearts were thrilled by the inspiring and challenging

messages. The central theme was "Discipleship". God spoke to us in a most convincing manner. Over fifty decisions were made to follow the call to discipleship, of these a goodly number were first-time decisions. Our prayer is that these decisions might lead to a life of consecrated service.

In closing, we would invite you all to pray for our school that it might be the source of many disciples for Christ.

On the Horizon

November 29—A film entitled "Preacher's Kid" will be shown at Student Night at the M.B. Bible College (7:30 p.m.).

November 30 — The Conference of the Historic Peace Churches in Ontario will meet at the Eden Christian College auditorium, Virgil, Ont.

November 30—The annual meeting of the Mennonite Disaster Service of Manitoba will be held in the Evangelical Mennonite church at Rosenort, Man., on Saturday, November 30, at 2

December 6—Students of the M. B. Bible College will present the drama "David Livingstone" in the auditorium of the college at 7:30 p.m.

December 8—The Oratorio Choir of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College will sing the first part of "The Messiah" on Sunday evening, December 8, in the North Kildonan M.B. church.

December 13 and 14—Students of the M.B. Bible College will present a program of Christmas carols in the chapel of the college. The program will be the same both evenings.

Christ Wins Over Evil Spirits

By Jacob Bergen*

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities; against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Eph. 6:12).

This fact has been brought to our attention very forcibly once again through the conversion of a soul from among the native people here. Edwin Douglas, 32, recently received Christ as his Saviour from sin. We rejoice with the angels of heaven, especially when we realize from what the Lord saved him.

As an adopted child he never learned to know the love of mother and father in home life. His adoptive-mother brought him up in an environment which was a mixture of heathen custom, superstition, and nominal Christianity, but the former influence seems to have been much stronger than the latter. He grew up with a strong inclination towards superstition and a rather high opinion of himself as compared with others. These tendencies were strengthened when a certain group in his village opposed his ambitious plans for constructing a sawmill and a boat-building shop. The opposition became so strong that it took the form of evil-spirit activity. Here is how it works.

Superstition Practised

A group, or an individual, may obtain some article belonging to the hated person. He may then invoke a curse upon his enemy, causing sickness, ill-fortune, or even death, by blowing upon the article and uttering his evil wish. A certain bird of the coastal areas is said to be the carrier of the evil spirit. For this reason if any person sees this bird, ill-fortune is sure to follow. This belief is rooted so firmly in the minds of the older native people that it works every time.

Apparently the curse was used against Edwin, because he awoke one morning with a terribly tight feeling around his throat—a sort of choking sensation. He could also feel a blowing towards himself. Immediately he roused the rest of the household and they left the village at 5 o'clock in the morning without a word to anyone. It was several days later that he came to our house in Port Edward in a terribly anxious state. At that time we did not realize all that was involved, but we let him talk for two hours with hardly any comment. He came back repeatedly telling more and more of his secret fears each time he came. Underneath was a desire to be free from the gnawing fear that troubled him.

A Visit to a Fortune-Teller

Once he told how he had visited an Egyptian woman in Prince Rupert, a fortune-teller, who had come here especially to help him (so she said). She told him his fortune (or

ill-fortune) after hearing his story, and gave him a charm in exchange for about \$200! We pointed out to him the story of King Saul in the Bible and that God strictly forbade his people to communicate with spirit-mediums. He admitted later, that he used the charm against his enemy. The man became violently ill, and though the doctors examined and even operated on him, they could find nothing.

Last year while out logging, the spirit-carrying bird flew past him and even bumped into him. Sure enough, not long afterward he fell in love with a young girl, but the affair turned out all wrong, bringing unhappiness and more sickness.

Comes to Know Christ

In turmoil of mind and heart, he came to our Sunday school one Sunday morning. Pouring out his heart to one of our faithful Sunday school teachers, he suddenly realized his spiritual need and repented, receiving Christ as Saviour.

How our hearts rejoice to hear his earnest petitions on prayer meeting nights that God will enlighten and save his mother, relatives and his people still bound in sin and fear.

Will you pray for Edwin's growth in the Lord? We are prone to dismiss the Indian customs as, 'mere superstition', but the more we learn of them the more we are convinced they are based on actual demon activity. It is surprising to what extent these people are still bound by Satan. At the same time they may even profess to be born-again Christians attempting to serve both God and Satan. From this power, only Jesus Christ can and does deliver, praise His Name.

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